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## IMPUTING MOTIVES

The Times has been charged with exercising for questionable purposes an undue influence upon the minds of the people of St. John, to the injury of their interests. Possibly the charge is made by those who have themselves no influence, but would like to have it; and perhaps their motives would bear looking into. As a matter of fact people are not governed by newspapers. The extent of the influence any journal may have depends upon the quality of service it has given and the record it has made. It would not be a very good recommendation for any newspaper if it never had any critics or opponents, and there are no infallible editors. If, however, the people during a period of years become convinced that a newspaper is honest, they will respect, even when they differ from, its views on any particular question. If they believe it is a mere opportunist, that respect will always be lacking. Since the hydro question came before the people, the Times has pursued a straightforward course, and has not deviated from the policy it believes to be in the public interest. That the people believe in the same policy has been clearly demonstrated. They were not misled or fooled or coerced into that belief. They want cheap light and power and freedom from the clutches of a corporation that for years has charged them exorbitant prices for an altogether inefficient service. Criticism or abuse of the Times or Telegraph or Globe will not divert public attention or change public conviction regarding the relations between the power company and the people. The Musquash development has provided a means of getting power at cost, and opens the way to industrial expansion which was impossible while a grasping corporation possessed the power to levy tribute. It is a part of the game of the New Brunswick Power Company and its friends to impute motives, discredit those who demand power at cost, and so disturb the public mind as to enable them to seize the Musquash current or unload their surplus power upon the city at a price far beyond its value. In these unworthy efforts they will fail, as they deserve to fail. The public interest is paramount and must be served.

## THE COAL SITUATION

As a result of the acceptance of a plan of settlement in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Michigan, it is estimated at Washington that within the next week the production of bituminous coal in the United States will reach nine million tons per week. The operators of non-union mines in the anthracite region have largely increased the wages of their 80,000 to 40,000 workers. This is their opportunity for with the union mines closed the demand for coal will ensure a satisfactory profit. The deadlock in the union mines in Pennsylvania still continues, and apparently will continue some time longer, but in the bituminous fields the situation is much improved. The decision of the federal government to appoint a fact-finding commission to investigate the whole industry is apparently having a good effect. The shortage of hard coal apparently will not be made good before winter, and a more extensive use of bituminous would seem to be inevitable. There seems a good prospect of an early settlement of the dispute in Nova Scotia. A good beginning was made yesterday in a conference in which both sides seem to have displayed a desire to come to an amicable agreement. Should this result be achieved and all the bituminous mines in the United States resume work, the only serious difficulty would be the short supply of hard coal. The general outlook has distinctly improved.

## RIGHTS AND OTHER RIGHTS

It would have added force to the protest of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress against sending troops to Nova Scotia if there had also been a protest against calling out the pumpmen and endangering the mines, and also against the utterances of radical leaders who have been preaching rank communism to the miners. On this point some observations by President Harding in his message to Congress last week are both timely and forcible. He said: "Another development is so significant that the hardships of the moment may well be endured to rivet popular attention to necessary settlement. It is fundamental to all freedom that all men have unquestioned rights to lawful pursuits, to work and to live, and choose their own lawful ways of happiness. In these strikes these rights have been denied by assault and violence by armed lawlessness. In many communities the municipal authorities have winked at these violations until liberty is a mockery and the law a matter of community contempt. It is fair to say that the great mass of organized workmen do not approve, but they seem helpless to hinder. These conditions cannot remain in free America. If freedom cannot toll according to their own lawful choosing, all our Constitutional guarantees born of democracy are surrendered to mobocracy and the freedom of a hundred millions

is surrendered to the small minority which would have no law." The mines of Nova Scotia are the property of the people, and when the pumpmen were withdrawn that property was endangered. Moreover, the people of Cape Breton on a former occasion had a taste of riot. There are other interests than those of the miners to be protected, as President Harding has clearly shown.

## MICHAEL COLLINS

The assassin has aimed another blow at the heart of Ireland. The murder of Michael Collins adds another to the list of capital crimes which have been committed in the name of Irish freedom, but which trail the honored name of Michael Collins in the dust. Following the untimely death of Arthur Griffith, Collins was the most outstanding figure in all Ireland, and his passing is a severe blow to the hopes and expectations of its truest friends. Other nations, who may have regarded the turbulence in Ireland as a result of British rule, have looked in amazement during the last year upon the spectacle of Irishmen at each other's throats, in a riot of murder and pillage and wanton destruction. This has gone on until the economic state of the country has become extremely grave, and the results to all the people for a long period cannot be too bad. Michael Collins was for years a bitter foe of England, but when an offer of settlement was made which gave Ireland a larger measure of autonomy than the Home Rulers of former years had ever dreamed of, he urged its acceptance, and from that moment became an unwavering champion of the Irish Free State. As the most influential colleague of Griffith, and the head of the national army he set himself to the task of pacification with boldness and skill. There was no brutality in his methods, for the army has been very lenient with the snipers and bomb throwers and vandals in the rebel forces, who several times sought his life and have at last accomplished their purpose. Collins had no fear of death, but he did fear for Ireland if her people failed to listen to the voice of reason. His voice and that of Griffith, his great friend and fellow-patriot, are now silent, but their influence and example will live in the hearts of true Irishmen, and the work of pacification will go on. A world that is shocked today by this new tragedy of Ireland will not lose faith in the ultimate triumph of the principles for which Collins died. He was a great and splendid figure in recent Irish history, and in years to come his greatness will be honored throughout the land to which he sought to bring lasting peace.

The city commissioners have held two meetings this week, and so far as the record goes there was no reference to the contract for hydro. The citizens are asking for an explanation of this indifference to what is the biggest question before the city at the present time. Do the commissioners fear the mayor, or have they forgotten what they said in the discussion on the Bodell scheme? The people's mandate is upon them. Will they obey it? Let us have a show down. The people mean business.

## AWAKES, FINDS WIFE WITH SKULL BROKEN

Husband, Unable to Explain How Woman Has Been Injured, is Arrested.

New York, Aug. 23.—Not until his wife failed to respond to his casual, waking observations did Edward Francis, a waiter, discover that she lay beside him in bed unconscious from a fractured skull and several broken ribs. This is the story which Francis told Detectives John McDonald and Edward McAuliffe, who questioned him for two hours, and then arrested him on charge of felonious assault. His wife, Mrs. Mamie Francis, forty-two, is in Bellevue Hospital in a serious condition. According to the detectives, Francis said that when he awoke, shortly after eleven o'clock yesterday morning, he addressed his usual morning pleasantries to his wife. When she did not respond he repeated his comments without receiving a reply. He then became suspicious and called in neighbors, who confirmed his observations as to traces of blood about Mrs. Francis's head. After neighbors had treated Mrs. Francis unsuccessfully with ice bags for three hours, it was decided to call an ambulance. Patrolman John Gallagher summoned Dr. Chipman from Bellevue Hospital and the woman was hurried to the hospital, where it was said that her condition was critical. Detectives said they learned that Francis and his wife had been members of a drinking party which lasted until early Sunday morning. Neither Francis nor his guests seemed able to tell the police exactly what happened, though a neighbor is reported to have informed the detectives that during the night she heard a woman scream for help.

# FIFTEEN MINUTES OF RADIO EACH DAY

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Lesson No. 85.

## METHODS OF COUPLING CIRCUITS.

There are numerous ways in which the antenna circuit may be coupled to the detector circuit in radio receiving systems, each way having advantages peculiar to itself and desirable for a certain purpose.

In figure 1 is shown the popular form of loose coupler circuit which employs "magnetic" coupling in the form of inductive coupling where coil "P" is the primary winding and coil "S" is the secondary winding. The coupling between the two coils is readily adjusted by varying the position of the secondary coil with respect to the primary coil, either by rotating it so as to cause the magnetic fields of the two coils to oppose each other or by sliding the secondary out of the field of the primary. It will be noted that inductive coupling requires the use of two separate windings for the two circuits.

In figure 2, a form of magnetic coupling known as "conductive" coupling is shown. This type of coupling is employed in most two and three slide tuning coil circuits. It will be observed that only one winding is required for conductive coupling the portion of the turns from "A" to "G" constituting the primary circuit while the turns from "H" to "I" are included in the detector circuit. As illustrated in the diagram of figure 2, the coupling would be fairly tight and fixed, but if terminal "2" of the detector circuit were connected to a third slider making a three slide tuner of the arrangement, the coupling between the antenna and detector circuits would then be variable and the selectivity of the system would approach that obtainable with the usual form of loose coupler.

Figure 3 represents the very popular single circuit receiver, which, as the name implies, consists of a single circuit and therefore has no coupling system. It is really the equivalent of the usual form of secondary and detector circuit found on most loose couplers, the capacity of the antenna and ground forming the coupling of electrostatic coupling. This form of coupling is in shunt to the coil. The single circuit receiver is of course the simplest to operate and in localities where there are few transmitting stations leaves little to be desired in the form of selective receiving equipment. When the interference is severe it is necessary to resort to a two circuit system with variable coupling features.

Figure 4 shows diagrammatically, an entirely different form of coupling from any so far discussed and a type which is still quite common in amateur sets but is still quite common in commercial equipment. The coupling between the antenna circuit and the detector circuit is achieved by means of condensers, usually variably in form, which gives to this method the name of capacity coupling of electrostatic coupling. This form of coupling is also employed in certain types of regenerative receivers where the feedback is obtained with condensers instead of with coils.

The loose coupler or other device employing inductive coupling probably represents the most flexible arrangement of receiving circuit, permitting easy adjustment of the two circuits individually by means of switches or sliders and mutually by means of the coupling between the circuits.

The extent of the rapid growth of radio in Canada may be judged in some degree by figures given out by the Dominion for the month of June. For this period there were issued by the Dominion a total of 2,680 receiving licenses, a fee of one dollar being charged for each receiving license.

The postmaster of Windsor, (Ont.), issued 468 licenses for the month, thus being the highest, while Toronto held second place with a total of 460.

Some of our cities, like those in Canada, are establishing departments which supervise the installation of receiving sets and collect a fee for this inspection. (All Rights Reserved by United Feature Syndicate. Reproduction Prohibited.)

## RIVER AND TOWN.

"Behold the Tiber, see," the Romans cried, "The Tiber follows from our seven hills. When noble Fort's broad bosom swelling wide Burst on the view, re-kindling thoughts of home."

And thus, when on a famous Saint John's day A noble river to the wondering eyes Of Champlain spread, he cried—"Beyond the bay Behold the stream that flows through Paradise."

Today, beside that river stands a town, A gem embowered, leaf-sheltered from the breeze, A town of fair, and justly-earned renown, New Brunswick's capital, a town of trees.

The gods controlled my footsteps, when I'm known before; For I received, from hearts of Scots descent A Highland welcome, far from Scotland's shore.

## HOP A. THOMSON.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Vulnerable Point. Bobby—Wow! Elsie took a bite out of my apple. Mother—You shouldn't cry so about a little thing like that. Bobby—But it was my Adam's apple. —Houston Post.

## A Deterrent.

According to a correspondent, Russia is sinking to cannibalism. We can't imagine the cat-eat-other-idea going very far if the Russians are as fussy as some people when they find a hair in their food.—Buffalo Express.

## Wanted Positive Answer.

During the trial of a case in a Boston court it became necessary to call to the witness stand a lady's maid. "Where were you at 6:45 on the evening in question?" was the first query put to her by the examining counsel. "Dressing the hair of madame," was the response. "Now," said the attorney, very solemnly, with uplifted finger, "think very carefully before you answer. Was or was not your mistress in the room at the time?"

## Borrowing Dims The Sight.

"Lend me ten until I see you again, old man." "I'd rather not put it just that way." "What do you mean?" "Suppose I lend you ten until I see you again. In the circumstances my vision is apt to be much keener than yours."—Boston Transcript.

## LOCAL NEWS.

The American tourist, who left a deposit of \$30 at Hampton for his appearance to answer a charge of furious driving through Bedford, was fined \$20 and costs before Magistrate Anderson last night. Another American motorist was fined \$10 and costs for speeding.

The monthly meeting of the board of commissioners of Public Utilities will be held tomorrow morning at the Merchants Bank building but on account of the absence of one member and some changes, the business will not be taken up until the fourth Wednesday in September.

The U. S. freight steamer Bennington went ashore on Seal Island at the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, while making her way through dense fog off Cape Sable on Sunday. She refloated about six hours later and started for Halifax where the extent of the damage will be investigated by a diver.

The North End fire department was called out yesterday afternoon and evening to rescue horses. One which had become wedged between a runaway and a house at 660 Main street was liberated with practically no damage. A horse and dump wagon, which had backed over the Newman Brook fill-in, was also rescued.

John H. Tonge, charged with shooting at Mrs. Alice F. Fitzpatrick on the Black River Road, was found not guilty yesterday in the St. John County court by the petit jury trying the case. True bills were found by the grand jury in this case and in three others, as follows: King vs. Sewall, a charge of misbranding of city money; King vs. Fitzpatrick, a charge of arson; and King vs. Delaney, a charge of theft.

Sixty-six children were vaccinated yesterday afternoon at the office of the medical inspector of schools, Dr. Mabel Hamington. She was assisted by Dr. Margaret Parks and Mrs. Armstrong. This brings the total number of vaccinations up to 151. Only seventy-one permits for school entrance have been received to date and the authorities expect some very strenuous days before the opening of the city schools when the rest of those desirous of entering come in for permits.

More than 100 children of the three Protestant Orphan institutions attended the annual picnic of the parish of Simonds, of which Rev. C. W. Follett, M. A., is rector, yesterday afternoon at the Loch Lomond fair grounds. The orphanage children were taken to and from the grounds in cars provided by Rotary Club members. A programme of games and races and a bountiful supper were enjoyed. Rev. Mr. Follett, Dr. J. H. Barton and David Hignett spoke a few words. Mrs. David Hignett and Mr. J. C. words.

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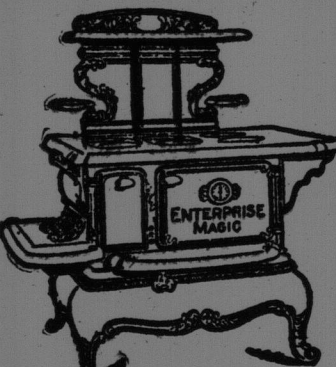
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Lawton were the general convenors for the picnic, which brought in the sum of \$200 for the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage.

The local Red Cross yesterday were appealed to by a man who said he had served overseas with the United States army and was without money. He had been working near Truro, he said, when he received a telegram to the effect that his wife was sick in a certain hospital. This he showed. His case was turned over to G. W. V. A. and the American consular inquiries were made and it was found that the wife had been well and working for some time. It was also recommended by the authorities at the hospital in which she had been that no help should be given, and the society acted on this advice.

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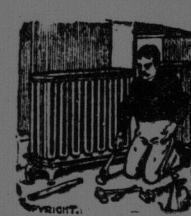
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