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FEWER STUDENTS OF DIVINITY

ALONG with the evidence of presing need for co-operation among the Christian churches comes the announcement, in a report to the Presbyterian General Assembly, that the number of divinity students attending Presbyterian colleges is less than it was forty years ago. In 1881 the number was 28 for every 10,000 Presbyterian families. In 1921 it was only seven.

What has been the cause of the decline? Perhaps there have been several causes. Perhaps one reason is that there are so many more openings for young men of ability and education now than there were forty years ago. Perhaps there is a broader idea of the opportunities for service than there used to be; young men today may feel that the call to service in other fields of activity is quite as real as the call to the ministry or the mission field.

And then there is the question of worldly reward. It is not to be assumed that young men are attracted to the ministry by consideration of salary but even in the ministry men must live, and men with families must have decent salaries to live decently.

EXIT JAZZ

JAZZ has lost its popularity, and its sway will soon be at an end. This is the good news that comes from the convention of the Sheet Music Dealers' Association in Chicago. The old melodies, stirring military marches and a few new sentimental lyrics are the best sellers today, the dealers report.

It was a foregone conclusion that jazz would not last. It lacked the foundation necessary for stability. To call it music was a misnomer. It could be described only as rhythmic noise, comparable in some respects to the sounds produced by savages at their dances and religious ceremonies, but lacking the dignity which may be found even in the beating of tom toms.

The craze which suddenly developed for dancing and singing to the noise of cow bells, sandpaper, police whistles, automobile horns and the other instruments which played so prominent a part in the jazz orchestra, is one of those mysteries of modern civilization which must ever remain inexplicable to the music lover, although psychologists may be able to offer an explanation. The tenseness of modern life, one conjectures, got on the nerves of the people, and they sought relief by breaking loose from restraint. Something of the same sort has occurred in other arts; in painting we find the nightmares known as neo-impressionism, cubism and futurism; in poetry, the insane ravings put out as vers libre. They, too, will pass, as jazz is passing.

Jazz was doomed because it rested on no orderly basis. It was so monstrous that it could not be written. "Smear" was the technical term used by jazz performers to describe their method of working. Jazz exhausted the possibilities of noise, and there is nothing left but to return to melody and harmony. They are eternal, and are adequate to supply the music craving of all normal minds. Syncopation will continue to have a place in music, but the distortion called jazz is doomed.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

A REMARKABLE testimony to the value of public libraries was given recently at the convention of the National Education Association of the United States. The association has a membership of over eighty thousand educators. It represents, undoubtedly, the sane thought of the vast majority of thinking men concerned about education. The association pronouncement on libraries is this:—

"All of the association's activity points to the necessary and inevitable conclusion—a county library or its equivalent, in charge of professional librarians trained to make its work effective, in every country in the United States. To have compulsory education without the free public library is to write an insurance policy and to leave off the signature that makes it protect; it is to build a house without a roof; it is to raise the crop and neglect the harvest; it is unthinkable. The library is destined sooner or later to pass through stages resembling those that have been noted for the public school. Just as every community is now required to maintain a school, every community will eventually be required to maintain a library, to do which, and for like reasons, it will be aided by state and nation because ignorance at any age level or anywhere in the United States strikes at the very existence of democracy."

The world may have reached a stage when mankind on the whole is better informed by far than ever in preceding generations, but also the world has reached a stage where ignorance and partial ignorance and lack of reasoning power are more deadly dangerous to the welfare of mankind than ever before. Education is the battle weapon civilization has against the danger; and we feel sure that the leaders of education are right in their proclamation that public libraries are a vital part of the educational cause.

SUNFLOWERS AND SILAGE

MUCH interest is being taken both in Canada and the United States in the value of sunflowers as a silage crop, particularly in districts where corn is not a reliable crop. The claim is made that sunflowers are a hardier crop than corn, withstanding both drought and frost to a greater degree. Insofar as the claims put forth for sunflowers as a food for cattle are virtually of recent origin, experiments and investigation regarding them are practically in an introductory stage. It is interesting to note, however, that an analysis of sunflower silage fed at an Idaho agricultural experimental station indicated that it compared favorably with corn silage. In Canada also studies of the relative value of sunflowers and corn for silage purposes suggest that in nutrition there is not any great difference, although corn is to be preferred where it can be plentifully and easily grown. Where this is not the case, sunflowers are an excellent substitute.

WHO SAYS THE AGE OF CHIVALRY IS PAST?
—Norris for the George Matthew Adams Service.

OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

Excerpts from the press of Canada, Great Britain and from the leading papers elsewhere for "Ontario" Readers.

VETERANS AND DISARMAMENT

It is to be hoped that the report is true of a proposal to link up all veteran organizations in an effort in every part of the world to ensure world-wide disarmament which will be brought before the Dominion Government by the Great War Veterans' Association at its convention in July If any men can understand the horrors, the awfulness, and the wickedness of war it is surely the veterans who have gone through the worst and most terrible, the most needless and the most futile war in history. Futile that is so far as the mad dreams of the Arch Criminal are concerned. Every veteran association is sure to join in such a movement, some have already placed themselves on record against the burden of armaments; and if the veterans pursue the matter with determination and vigor, they will lead other organizations of every description to follow their lead, and in time prevent wars and establish universal peace.—Kingston Standard.

THE PRICE OF MEAT.

Hon. F. B. Carvell's remark that the public would be interested to know how it is that when the farmers are only getting from six to eight cents a pound for beef, the consumer has to pay from 35 to 40 cents a pound for steak, is a repetition of what people everywhere are saying. There is a general feeling that the price of meat in Canada is unreasonably high; that there is an unjustified slowness in bringing the retail cost down in proportion to the falling prices of other products or to the price which the farmer receives.

The spread is too large, in the opinion of the consumers who have to pay, and it is time that this fact should be recognized. The special committee of the City Council empowered to investigate the bread situation should also be detailed to inquire into the cost of meat. The public is anxious to know the facts, and if the profits made are too large, it is well to have that fact officially established, thus paving the way for an effort to remedy the existing conditions.—Peterborough Examiner.

ANSWERING THE FRONT DOOR BELL.

In the central residential sections of the city the housewife answers the door bell several times a day to peddlers, beggars, agents, or organ grinders. The annoyance is less noticeable in the outlying streets, for people of this sort by nature are too lazy to negotiate considerable distances. Atrociously perfumed packages, pencils, shoe laces and such articles serve as an excuse for an appeal to the sympathies of people who, often enough, are having a dickens of a time clothing children, feeding a family, paying rent and taxes, and otherwise carrying on. In addition to these charity calls, the milkman, newsboy, baker, groceryman and butcher all get one punch daily at the door bell, but they of course are welcome friends and we need them all.

The police should give a lot of the human wreckage in this city the "once over." Some of it may be entitled to pity and support. We suspect that others constitute an imposition and should be taken in hand. The other day we watched a rugged looking old codger grinding an organ and the noise it made was an annoyance to an entire neighborhood. With him was a fine, big specimen of manhood who chewed tobacco earnestly and spat vigorously while he took up the collection. A thousand people have expresed the opinion that he ought to be earning his living like many people more grievously afflicted. At all events he is a sample of robust mendicants that need investigation.—Ottawa Journal.

EASTERN EUROPE "DYING AT THE TOP."

Newspapers in Finland print an appeal from Maxim Gorki for relief for the intellectual leaders of Europe, of whom 5,000 at least are on the verge of starvation. This points to the great danger in which European civilization now finds itself involved.

Gorki is not pleading for the so-called intelligentsia, the leisure-class radicals who got bargained for, but for the scientists, historians, artists, and educators who represent all that is constructive and forward-looking in civilization. When a civilization is reduced by a gigantic cataclysm to a mere struggle for existence, there is no market for information that can not be made immediately useful and no demand for artistic products. As a result, Russian scientists and scientific discoveries are perishing together. Invaluable men, men with the keys to Russia's future in their hands, are dying prosaically of hunger.

But the same state of affairs exists elsewhere than in Bolshevik Russia, and no political faction can be blamed for it. Over all Russia and nearly all Central Europe skilled brainworkers are at a fearful discount. Even in Germany it is difficult to buy laboratory materials or books on modern research; farther east, laboratories and research have well-nigh disappeared. Soon, unless a helping hand is extended from without, there will be no further demand for such things in Poland, Austria, Hungary, Russia, or the Balkans. The men who understood them will be dead.

In certain countries civilization is still actually in danger of extinction as an outcome of the war. Where there is no culture, no intellectual life, where the whole endeavor is to find food enough to go around, it is not civilized life, that is lived but primitive existence that is somehow endured. Few have yet realized what burned-out shells of nations stand in place of many of the states that took up arms in 1914.—New York World.

LAUGH!

Build for yourself a strong box,
Fashion each part with care;
Fit it with hasp and padlock,
Put all your troubles there.
Hide therein all your failures,
And each bitter cup you quaff,
Lock all your heartaches within it,
Then—sit on the lid and laugh.

Tell no one of its contents;
Never its secrets share;
Drop in your cares and worries,
Put all petty jealousies there.
Keep them from sight so completely,
The world will never dream half.
Fasten the top down securely,
Then—sit on the lid and laugh.

J. P. L.

"Author Unknown."

PORT HOPE BAKER CUTS PRICES

Sells His Bread at Peterboro and Cobourg at Ten Cents—Peterboro Council to Investigate

The Peterboro Council has appointed a special committee to investigate the prices being charged for bread. The public of Peterbor have been at a loss to know how bread manufactured in Peterborough sold for twelve cents per loaf, while bread made in Port Hope and sent into Peterboro by express could sell for ten cents per loaf. The inquiry they hope will throw some light on the question.

Port Hope will, no doubt, be quite interested in the result of this investigation. While Port Hope bread (sanitary wrapped) is selling in Peterboro and Cobourg at ten cents per loaf, Port Hopers are obliged to pay twelve cents per loaf and without the sanitary wrapper.

Miller's Worm Powders do not need the after-help of caster oil or any purgative to complete their thoroughness, because they are thorough in themselves. One dose of them, and they will be found palatable by all children, will end the worm trouble by making the stomach and bowels untenable to the parasites. And not only this, but the powders will be certain to exert most beneficial influences in the digestive organs.

WOMAN'S ATTIRE LEADS TO ARREST.

ZION, Ills., June 22.—Mrs. Sarah Johnson, aged 21, of Winthrop Harbor, near Zion, was in Zion jail charged with triple violation of Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva's modest dress ordinance.

Mrs. Johnson was booked on the following counts:—Wearing short sleeves which exposed the arm above the middle of the forearm; wearing a blouse of transparent material; wearing a blouse with neck cut below the junction of the base of the neck and collarbone.

To Chief Becker the young woman said, "When you pay for my clothes you can tell me what to wear."

Miss MacLean's Rink In Third Round

One of the Belleville rinks of lady bowlers who went to Toronto to compete in the Ontario Tournament came through the first day's play yesterday for the Inglis trophy, Miss J. MacLean's rink defeated Mrs. Ecclestonic (Eaton Memorial) by 15 to 10 in the first round and Mrs. Shaw (Kew Beach) by 15 to 10 in the second. Today Miss MacLean plays against Mrs. Page (Lawrence Park.)

Mrs. J. F. Dolan's rink in the Inglis preliminary defeated Mrs. R. W. Eaton's (Eaton Memorial) by 10 to 7, but lost to Mrs. Kennedy of High Park by 14 to 8 in the first round. Mrs. Dolan's bowlers won the first round of the Ellis Trophy from Mrs. Blain (Brompton) by 1 to 11. Today Mrs. Dolan plays Mrs. West of St. Matthew's in the second round.

Miss MacLean and Mrs. Dolan are entered in the doubles against Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. McMullen in the first round.

42-POUND SALMON TROUT

Huge Specimen Caught in Buck Lake Added to Queen's Museum

KINGSTON, June 22—A lake, or salmon trout weighing forty-two pounds has just been added to the Queen's University Museum.

The fish was caught in Buck Lake about four years ago, and is, as far as is known, the largest that was ever taken out of those waters. Mr. George Green was the successful angler, and his tackle consisted of a troll and wire line. It required an hour to land the monster. Mr. Green gave his catch to Mr. A. K. Routley, and it was mounted by Mr. Arthur Purdy. Last week Mr. Routley presented it to Prof. MacClement to be added to the college museum, where it will be known under the more aristocratic title of "Salvelinus Namaycush."

In length the fish measures 48 inches. The next largest of its kind caught in Buck Lake, as far as is known, was a 24-pounder. The ordinary run is from five to eight pounds.

AXLE OF PUMPER BROKE THREW MAN INJURING HIM

Port Hope—Mr. Ernest Bowden, of Newcastle, employed on the C. P. R. section, met with a very serious and painful accident. With a number of men, Mr. Bowden was coming east on pumper and when a short distance this side of Wesleyville, the axle of the pumper broke and they were thrown off. Bowden's left foot was caught in the wheel and the flesh from the sole and side of his foot was torn off to the bone. The injury was very painful and Mr. Bowden will be confined to the hospital here for several weeks and a grafting operation will be necessary.

Carman House Burns

Kingston—The Carman House, Kaladar, was destroyed by fire. About six o'clock smoke was discovered coming from the third story. Mrs. Saul, wife of the proprietor was alone. Mr. Saul being absent on business, returning to find the place in ashes. The loss is about $5,00.

MAN STRUCK BY ENGINE ESCAPES WITH TORN COAT

Brockville—Few people are struck by trains in motion and escape without injury. V. Legault, of 1726 St. James stret, St. Henri, Montreal, is one of the luck ones. As express train No. 21, bound from Montreal to Toronto, was pulling into St. Henri station Legault endeavored to cross the tracks in front of it. He was struck by engine No. 226, driven by Edward Peacock of Montreal, formerly of Brockville, but the only injury sustained was to his clothing, a part of his coat being torn. The bell on the locomotive is said to have ben ringing at the time. Legault evidently tried to beat the train in walking from the south to the north platform.

INDIANS CALL IT "GREAT GOD"

Traveller in Obscure Parts of India Found Natives Worshipping Privy Council

LONDON, June 22.—Lord Justice Scutton, speaking at University College, said one of the threads, and a very odd one which held the different units of the empire together was the judicial committee of the privy council. "If you go into a slummy little street off Whitehall," he proceeded, "you will find an extremely obscure door. You will then go upstairs into not a very clean-looking room, where you will find a horse shoe table, and four or five sometimes rather sleepy old gentlemen sitting round it, being addressed by counsel. (Laughter.) But if you sit and listen you will be amazed at the pageant that passes through that room. Indian communities come to ask the court to decide whether a certain god has a right to pass through the street of a certain Indian town with elephants or not. (Laughter.)

"There comes sometimes the commonwealth of Australia for the settlement of disputes between the states of Australia and the commonwealth at the exact limitations of the jurisdiction of each. There comes very frequently the Dominion of Canada and there came representatives from the Mauritius, Trinidad, the Cape and every colony brings the oldest questions to be decided by that perfectly impartial and trusted tribunal.

"The result is that the privy council is known in the most obscure parts of the Empire, although the people do not know what it is. (Laughter) There is a story that in one of the most obscure parts of India there was found an altar with worship going on. The traveller asked the people whom they were worshipping and they answered:

"'We do not know, but it is the great god, privy council.'" (Laughter.)

MISS JEAN CHOWN IS ON HER WAY HOME

Kingston—Miss Jean Chown, the young Canadian contralto, who won the first prize at the London musical festival recently, made her final London appearance for this season at Claridges, where by special request she sang the song which won her the prize. The musicale was held under the distinguished patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, the Duchess of Norfolk, the Duchess of Somerset and Dame Margaret Lloyd George. Miss Chown is now on her way home, to spend the summer with her parents at "Edgehill," Kingston.

CHEAP MOVIES NOW.

MONTREAL, June 22.—Price cutting reached the theatres here. One of the largest motion picture houses announced a reduction of 25 per cent. in the cost of admission.

ONE-MAN CAR SYSTEM.

SASKATOON, Sask., June 22.—The complete street car system of this city comes under the operation of the one-man car system starting yesterday.

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT SOON

EDMONTON, Alta., June 22.—The announcement of the coming provincial election is expected during the present week. It was stated semi-officially yesterday that the date will not be later than ugust 1.

FIXED RATE FOR EXCHANGE

VANCOUVER, B.C., June 22.—Business men here are asking why, when the American exchange is eleven per cent in Vancouver, and H. H. Stevens, M.P., has been asked by the wholesale and retail sections of the Board of Trade to take the matter up with the Federal Government, with the view of establishing a fixed rate for the Dominion each day or for whatever period of time is found best suited to the situation.

Ask for Divorce.

Divorce will be applied for at the next session of Parliament by Henry James Bristol, Napanee, from his wife, Minnie Jean.

SUGAR HALF CENT OFF.

MONTREAL, June 22.—Another substantial reduction in the price of sugar may be expected this week if merchants pass on the decrease of half a cent a pound made by refiners. All the large whole-sale houses said that they were now prepared to sell at the new price of 9 1-4 cents a pound, with five cents a bag extra for delivery, but the grocery stores explained that they had made reductions last week, and some were doubtful as to whether further concessions would be made. Sugar is now less than half its price last July.

MORE BURDENS FOR TAXPAYERS

Tax Detectives to Help Raise Revenue in America from Tax-Dodgers

WSHINGTON, June 22.—Nearly $500,000,000 will be forced from tax-dodgers during the next fifteen months. Treasury Department officials hope, through a renewal of the nation-wide drive to force correct payment of income, profits and special taxes.

David H. Blair, commissioner of internal revenue, today announced the Government would undertake a renewed campaign against tax-dodgers beginning in July 5. Flying squadrons of tax-detectives will be sent to all big cities, Blair states.

"Special attention will be directed to the collection of the excise tax on sales by manufacturers," he said, "the tax on transportation, the so-called luxury tax, the jewelry tax, the tax on toilet articles and proprietary medicines, and the soft drink and admission taxes.

"Where anything is discovered tending to show wilful evasion or refusal to collect and pay the tax, the policy will be to enter prosecutions and urge the imposition of extreme penalties."

INHERITS PLAYS

Montreal Woman in Will of New York Producer

NEW YORK, June 22—In his will just filled here, Patrick J. O'Connor, known in the theatrical world as Joseph Conyers, his sister Mary, a resident of Montreal, is bequeathed a number of plays and sketches written by him, including "Our New Minister," and "The Two Sisters," both of which enjoyed long and profitable runs on the stage in the United States, when melodrama had the place in the affections of the public now held by the movies. The scenery and properties of the play were also left to his Montreal, relative, who, with her sister Anna, shares in the residuary estate.

To his parents, John and Margaret O'Connor, of Brooklyn, he left his home and orchard at Brightwaters, L. I., where he lived for many years.

O'Connor died on June 26, 1920, and the filing of his will was delayed for almost a year.

NORWEGIAN GOV'T WILL AID AMUNDSEN

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, June 22.—The president of the Storthing has sent a cable message to Roald Amundsen the explorer informing him that the 300,000 kroner which he asked for to refit his ship in order to continue his Artic expedition would be arranged for probably within a few days. The Storthing last summer authorized the Government to provide 500,000 kroner for the expedition.

DECREE WAGE REDUCTION.

Rochester, N.Y., June 22.—A wage reduction of 11.7 per cent was decreed for motormen and conductors employed by the New York State Railways in Rochester, Syracuse and Utica by a unanimous vote given here by the Board of Arbitration, which has been considering the matter for a month. The reduction is from 60 to 53 cents an hour.

Ayrshire Breeders' Plans

Brockville—The Brockville District Ayrshire Breeders' Association has decided to dispense with its annual field day this year and instead to accompany the Dundas-Grenville club on a trip to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, on June 24, when live stock and field husbandry demonstrations will be given. On June 25th the members of the club will visit the Kemptville Agricultural School on the return trip. At Ottawa the farm officials will furnish dinner and at Kemptville the officials of the agricultural school.

New Sudbury Teachers

W. S. Steel, B. A., Orillia, a Queen's graduate, specialist in physical culture, and A. W. Baird, M. A., Renfrew, a Queen's graduate. English and history specialist, have been appointed high school teachers at Sudbury.

At Petawawa Camp

Kingston—Lieut.-Col. Elkins, D. S. O., Royal Canadian Artillery, is commandant at Petawawa camp, and has a staff of qualified instructors and umpires to coach the batteries and to award them marks for the artillery competition of the Canadian Artillery Association.

SQUIRRELS DIE OF STRANGE MALADY.

TORONTO, Ont., June 22.—Many squirrels in High Park, this city, are dying from some strange malady.