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WHY NOT?

The manager of the White Star Canadian service, the idea of that line which now go to Portland would make either Saint John or Halifax their western winter terminus if sufficient cargo were available, and that, apart from sentimental or patriotic reasons, the company would rather use either of the Maritime ports than Portland, as ships are handled more cheaply there than at the Maine port.

Why should there be any difficulty about supplying the necessary cargo? Charles M. Hays, when he promoted the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, intended to have a fleet in connection with the railway, and was going to make Saint John his Atlantic port. The whole matter was thoroughly gone into between 1903 and 1908.

The wheat crop of this country, which was about 55,000,000 bushels in 1901, has grown to more than 400,000,000 bushels.

The country's population has increased by seventy-two per cent. in twenty-five years.

The Canadian railways, which carried only 37,000,000 tons of freight in 1901, now carry 106,000,000 tons.

The volume of export and import freight has increased tremendously since the days when the Grand Trunk Pacific was begun. To-day the Government not only owns the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Transcontinental, upon which the late Mr. Hays was to depend for ocean freight, but the Canadian Northern as well. There would be no trouble in finding berthing accommodation for the White Star ships here.

The very fact that the White Star is not only willing to come to Saint John or Halifax, but would prefer a Maritime to a Maine port, should mean an early arrangement to get that business. The export freight rates to Saint John are no higher than those to Portland, and, by using the Transcontinental via Quebec, freight could be hauled to this port quite as cheaply as to Portland. Moreover, as the C. P. R. is able to supply cargo to its fleet here, the Government railways, with all the mileage at their command, should find no difficulty in providing as much cargo as the White Star ships now secure at Portland. So far as imports are concerned, there is a preference in favor of Canadian ports, and the switching of the White Star steamers would be one more step in cutting down the amount of traffic now going through American channels.

What stands in the way?

A PROPHECY.

Notwithstanding the fact that no mention was made of government control or of any change in the present law in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Ontario Legislature, the Toronto Star publishes a London, Ont., despatch predicting that Premier Ferguson will introduce some form of government sale during the present session.

The Star's informant tells an interesting story as to how the change is to be brought about without consulting the electors. He says that Hon. W. P. Nickle, the Attorney-General, may be expected to say in the House that a very large sum has been spent in a vain effort to enforce the Ontario Temperance Act, and that, while he is a temperance man, he sees that there are immense difficulties in the way of enforcing the prohibitory law. With this introduction—the story runs—he will ask for a startling sum to permit of a more vigorous effort at enforcement. The stage thus being set, Premier Ferguson will remark that this confronts the Legislature with a most difficult problem, involving a review of policy on the liquor question. The Premier will ask whether the House is willing to vote the great sum required by the Attorney-General for a more severe enforcement of the existing law, and will point out that the task of raising the money will involve opening new sources of revenue, a duty which must fall upon Hon. Mr. Price, the provincial treasurer.

Then—the words are those of the Star's mysterious informant—"Mr. Price will then make some observations on the possible alternative of raising a little money by a change to provide for the sale of nine per cent. beer and wines in hotels and clubs, and strong liquor under a permit system from government stores. This will be after the manner of the Manitoba permit system. The wets, led by the Toronto Conservative contingent, will hail Mr. Price's proposal as the end meeting the public need. A draft of a bill will be submitted. The bill will carry, and the government having left the matter to the House will be without a guile."

It is said in further explanation that the change will introduce government sale only in constituencies which voted wet in the 1924 plebiscite, and that the whole province will thus be thrown back upon the local option conditions substantially as they were before prohibition, the wets having a chance to

vote wet and the Dries to vote dry, but there will be no vote in any constituency under the local option plan until the Government's new law has had a test of four months, and once a vote has been taken the result will stand unchanged for two years.

Whether this is prophecy, or suggestion, or whether, indeed, it has any foundation remains to be seen. The "news" is represented as having been secured from those in touch with the Government's plans, but that may be doubted. In the House on Wednesday Mr. Homuth asked the Premier whether, in view of the fact that no mention was made in the Speech of any modification of the O. T. A., the House was to understand that the Government had no intention of bringing in legislation to increase the strength of beer or provide for the government sale of liquor.

Premier Ferguson replied that when the Government had any announcement to make on the subject, he would make it to the public and to Mr. Homuth as well.

Mr. Homuth started to ask another question, but the Speaker ruled that he had no right to query the Government as to its intentions on any government business, and the matter was dropped. It should be said that the Star is stoutly opposed to the Ferguson Government, and to government control.

Thunberg, the Finn, is showing his Olympic form at Lake Placid. At the close of yesterday's meeting he had broken the world's record for the mile, beating Jewtraw handsomely in that event and standing even with him on points. With the experience he has had in racing conditions on this continent, which are wholly different from those to which he was accustomed, he is now able to demonstrate his real class.

The anthracite strike, the end of which was unexpectedly announced yesterday, has been a costly venture for all concerned. The public's loss is difficult to estimate, but the miners are said to have suffered \$150,000,000 in wages, and the losses of the coal operators, the railroads and other business interests have been enormous. Incidentally, the anthracite industry has been permanently injured. And after all the warfare the miners are to return to work at the old scale, subject to modification year by year.

There is no guarantee against another strike, and Canadians, with past lessons in mind, should urge upon the national government the necessity for a real all-Canadian fuel policy.

In view of the facts brought out and the suggestions made at yesterday's meeting of the Tourist Association, the outlook for tourist business must be regarded as indeed promising. The report of the committee on ways and means is a highly important one, suggesting as it does the building up of a province-wide organization and the appointment of an organizer for that purpose who would subsequently become manager of the organization. The committee realizes that the work cannot be carried out without sufficient money, but before its recommendations were made its members had satisfied themselves that the greatly increased sum necessary for the purposes in mind can be raised. Those who appreciate the value and the possibilities of the rapidly increasing throughout the province—will certainly agree that the enterprise should be financed on the scale demanded by the results which can be obtained under the right circumstances. Those results would give immense impetus to the province. The Tourist Association should enjoy the highest public support, and it should have financial assistance from the provincial government and from civic bodies throughout New Brunswick. There is no investment in sight which will pay richer dividends.

Odds and Ends

G. K. and Lady Astor

G. K. Chesterton's grind on Lady Astor, in his Weekly, is also a grind on New England:

She wants a new England, more bright and more clean.

Where foul tap-room revelries never are seen.

And after the quarter-staff flies the quart-pot.

For she wants a new England where these things are not.

And our love of old England is vain in her sight.

As the noise of blind drunkards that strive in the night.

And a Puritan purge through the ages that made

A Shaker of Shakespeare, a grave man of Gay

And a Pussyfoot Johnson with Boswell to play.

For she wants a new England, where censors and prizes

Can browbeat our jokes and can bridle our jigs.

The title is apt and the tale is soon told.

She wants a new England, three hundred years old.

Just Fun

CORN grows when put into the ground; corns grow when a bushel of foot is put into a peck of shoe.

THE grape-fruit is a lemon that had a chance and took advantage of it.

THE wife of a merchant is proudly showing visitors a new five-fangled electric ice box which she bought her husband for Mothers' Day.

A DISMAL OUTLOOK.

If I were to wed Marguerite— But oft affection fails; Our love would doubtless waste away Somewhat like tadpoles' tails.

THE hard luck prize goes to the guy who aimed at a star and hit a cheap chorus girl.

WE HAVE observed that you can get more out of a man by slapping his back than by pounding his nose.

THE modern version of an old axiom seems to be "On with the dance, let ankles and hips be unconfin'd."

IN THE way of wearing apparel the modern woman never puts off till tomorrow what she can put off today.

PLAYING Roulette is like telephoning—one never gets his number.

SOME people have Pullman mouths. No lowers and only a few uppers.

FAMOUS DOUBLES.

Who's Who? What's What? That's That. Sing Sing.

"ONE good way to keep chickens out of the garden is to eat canned vegetables."

MARY, I'll feed the canary this morning. The doctor says I need more exercise.

"I've got the dope on you," said the detective as he took the cocaine from the peddler.

THE Ball (angrily)—Are all men fools? The Chain—No, dear. Some are bachelors.

AND THE COWSLIP. The cow stood on the railroad track. A-looking at the sky? Down the track came the Limited—Oh, see the butterfly!

WHEN Stuttering Sam went West he went by freight because he couldn't express himself.

EVERYBODY on a political machine wants to blow the horn; and nobody wants to buy the gas.

Dinner Stories

"TOMMY, why don't you come to our Sunday school?" asked a lady visitor. "Several of your little friends have joined us lately."

Tommy thought a minute and then asked, "Does a red-headed kid by the name of Jimmie Brown go to your school?"

"Yes, indeed," replied the lady. "Well, then," replied Tommy, with an air of interest, "I'll be there next Sunday, you bet. I've been looking for that kid for three weeks, and never knew where to find him."

A SOUTHERN gentleman employs two negroes to work on his rather extensive gardens, which he personally oversees. One morning Sam did not appear.

"Where is Sam, George?" he asked. "In the hospital, sah."

"In the hospital? Why, how in the world did that happen?"

"Well, Sam he been a-tellin' me ev'ry mornin' foh ten years he gwine to lick his wife 'cause of her naggin'."

"Well, yestiddy she done overtook him."

AT A DINNER, when the gentleman retired to the smoking room and one of the guests, a Japanese, remarked with the ladies, one asked him: "Aren't you going to join the gentlemen, Mr. Nagasaki?"

"No. I do not smoke. I do not swear, I do not drink. But, then, I am not a Christian."

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The United States has attempted to settle the outstanding differences between Chili and Peru over their boundary lines.

—From the Baltimore Sun.

Poems That Live

ODE.

We are the music-makers, And we are the dreamers of dreams, Wandering by lone sea-breakers, And sitting by desolate streams; World losers and world forsakers, On whom the pale moon gleams, Yet we are the movers and shakers, Of the world for ever, it seems. With wonderful deathless ditties We build up the world's great cities, And out of a fabulous story We fashion an empire's glory. One man with a dream, at pleasure, Shall go forth and conquer a crown; And three with a new song's measure Can trample an empire down. We, in the ages lying In the buried past of the earth, Built Nineveh with our sighing, And Babel itself with our mirth; And of'erthrew them with prophesying To the old of the new world's worth, For each age is a dream that is dying Or one that is coming to birth. —Arthur O'Shaughnessy.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

WHERE THE ROAD TO PEACE BEGINS.

A committee of educators who examined 48 of the principal books used in teaching history to grade children in the public schools of the United States, reports that ENTIRE SENTIMENTALITY makes up the bulk of the histories and the supplemental history readers.

School histories are not giving our future citizens the chance to form HONEST opinions with reference to war.

American school children are being taught the GLORIES of War—but not its HORRORS.

WHEN are we going to stop EXALTING war?

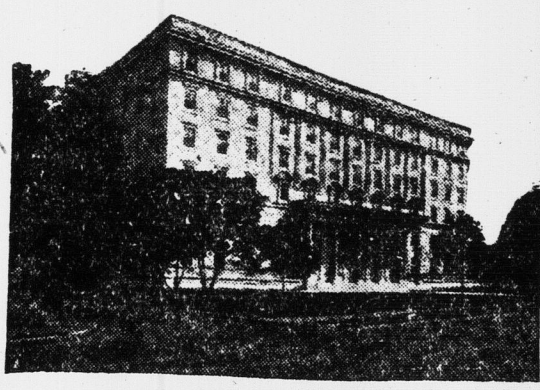
For ages the glamorous of war has dazzled the imagination of mankind. We are told of the "pomp and circumstance of glorious war"; that every soldier carries a field marshal's baton to do a greater thing than give life for his country, etc., and we fail which war has inflicted on the human race.

War is a USELESS RELIC OF MISERY which war has inflicted on the human race.

There may be some excuse for



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PARBAROUS TRIBES

to settle their disputes by force of arms, but that CIVILIZED nations should do so is a disgrace to human nature.

EIGHT years after the end of the war that was to have ended all war, the principal countries of Europe are running deeper and deeper into debt preparing for FUTURE wars.

If all the debts incurred by the participants in the late war are paid—and it takes an optimist to imagine that they will be, then the last payment will come out of the pockets of the GRANDCHILDREN and GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN of the young people of those countries today!

By far the greatest part of this appalling burden which future generations must shoulder, is represented by no valuable property, has fulfilled no useful purpose; it has been WASTED ABSOLUTELY.

In our own country, ONE THIRD of our national income is spent in preparing for future wars. ANOTHER THIRD in paying for past ones, and only one third is left for the government of the country.

SAYS the report of the professors who made the investigation of the school histories:

"War is not innate. It is introduced by OUR concepts and by what WE teach our children."

The road to peace begins at the schoolhouse.

Twenty Years Ago Today

From Times' Files.

MRS. ROBERT MATTHEW, a resident of the Old Ladies' Home, celebrated her 100th birthday.

THE school trustees decided to ask that the school assessment be raised to \$100,000 instead of \$80,000.

TOM DAY, of the North End, arrived home from South Africa where he fought for the empire. Mr. Day was a amateur boxer and held of fights with both fists and rifles.

Other Views

THE BRITISH IN INDIA.

London Daily Telegraph. If it is held by those in authority here that there can be no question of the abandonment of our administrative trust in India within any period that can be foreseen, that view ought to be stated definitely and unmistakably. It ought to be so stated in fairness to Indians and in justice to ourselves. The situation is not met by saying that no such promise as that of the grant of "dominion status" in the near future has ever been held out, or that expressions have been used by ministers which were obviously inconsistent with the intention of holding out such a promise. In the atmosphere in which this affair is debated, it is especially needful that all excuse for misunderstanding should be removed. If our policy is not trusted, the foundations of the prestige upon which our rule in India is based are gone; and the door is opened to mis-trust which is lacking in the announcement of our intentions or of our attitude.

AN UNWORTHY ATTACK.

London Free Press. Henri Bourassa, speaking in the debate on the address now in progress in the House of Commons, took occasion to make an attack on the British authorities, reviving the old nickel controversy. Until checked up by Lt. Hon. Arthur Meighen he was leaving an impression on the house and on the country that Germany was securing its supplies of nickel for armament purposes during the war through Canadian sources. Questioned closely by Mr. Meighen, he admitted that his charges all referred to before the war. If Canada or Great Britain before 1914, when there was little, or no Canadian participation in Empire wars, but a man of his standing and reputation should at least be fair in his arguments.

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A. O. SKINNER

58 KING STREET

had refused to sell nickel to the fatherland, Henri Bourassa would have been one of the first to protest on the ground that it was an unfriendly act. As soon as war was proclaimed, and until Armistice day, the greatest care was taken to see that not one pound of nickel reached Germany. Mr. Bourassa has a perfect right to entertain anti-imperialistic views and to oppose Canadian participation in Empire wars, but a man of his standing and reputation should at least be fair in his arguments.

"THE PERFECT ALIBI." (Emporia Gazette.) Partly long, happy years—forty-one counting a year in the composing room—have we enjoyed the delights of the delights of the newspaper business as reporter, business manager, advertising solicitor, and editor. In all of those years we have been collecting gems, fire from The Iola Register is the perfect excuse, pure crystalline, flawless!

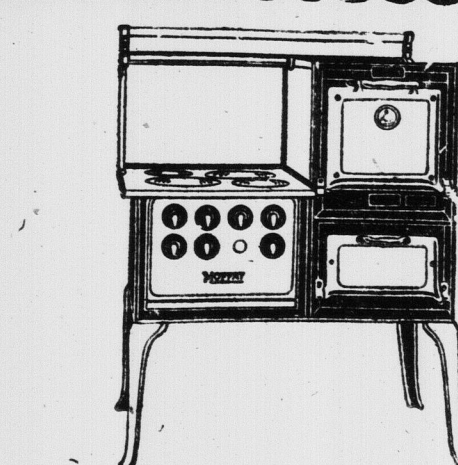
The editor of The Register appreciates the compliment paid him by Governor Pallen in his appointment as a member of the Kansas delegation to the meeting to be held in Des Moines to consider the plight of the farmers, but for three or four reasons he does not expect to attend.

First, he can't spare the money.

Second, he can't spare the time.

Third, he has a previous engagement to attend the Kansas Day Club meeting in Topeka.

And fourth, he doesn't want to go! He doesn't want to go because he can see nothing practical or useful to come out of the meeting. He doesn't believe that any help is to come to the farmer from conventions and blarney speeches and resolutions. If he should go up there and say that, he probably would be mobbed. So he will not go.



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