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#### FAILURE AT LAUSANNE.

The Associated Press gives a dramatic account of the session of the Lausanne Conference on Sunday which collapsed and left the universal impression that the Conference had failed.

"Never," says the Associated Press correspondent, "in the history of political conferences were such amazing scenes witnessed as marked today's tragic ending of the negotiations, which extended over almost three months. Virtually the whole diplomatic world ran after Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation, trying to induce him to sign the treaty, but Mustafa Kemal's favorite general, with gentle smile, was immovable. He said 'No' to all-Americans, British, French and Italians. The American representatives, Ambassador Child, Joseph C. Grew and Rear Admiral Bristol, called upon him after the break, in an endeavor to save the conference, and Marquis Curzon delayed his departure for half an hour in the hope that Ismet would change his mind, but all in vain.

#### THE VULTURE PRESS.

Canada may congratulate herself that public opinion in political or other affairs is not influenced by any such newspaper as Mayor Curley of Boston declares one of the journals of this city to be. The Journal in question warmly supported his election last fall, but since, in his own words, "begun a series of attacks for the purpose of discrediting my administration, myself, and even the numbers of my household." The attacks were begun when he was absent from the city, and continued with great vigor. On his return he took up the cudgels, not merely in self-defense, but in counter-attack. Asserting that the editor of the offending journal had made demands which could not be granted in justice to the city, Mayor Curley goes on:

"Many firms doing business with the city of Boston have, under one form or another, been compelled to purchase space in this publication upon a contract basis as evidenced by the lists published each Saturday.

"From time to time during the year I was true, as stated to them by the editor or his representatives, that if they failed to advertise in his publication they would be put upon the blacklist so far as future business with the city was concerned.

"During the recent primary campaign for United States senator, the editor of the publication in question waited upon me at the office of the Mayor and demanded that I request Sherman L. Whipple, then candidate for the nomination for the United States Senate, to contribute the sum of \$50,000 for the support of his publication, and upon my refusal, he asked if I would request him to contribute \$25,000. My answer was that I had agreed to support Mr. Whipple without pledge or promise, financially or otherwise, and that under the circumstances I could not submit his proposition to the voters.

"Shortly before Christmas, 1922, the personal representative of the editor in question waited upon me and informed me that it was the purpose of the publication to present a New Year's greeting to the people of Boston and that it would cost me \$1,000 to wish them a Happy New Year. I refused to submit to this holdup. Nevertheless, the greeting appeared in the centre of a page surrounded by the advertisements of contractors, the majority of whom were bidders on city work."

The other Boston papers are not slow to give publicity to this denunciation, since no reputable journal cares to have in the same field a sheet of that character. Boston is a large city, with a much mixed population, and the chances of keeping alive almost any sort of publication for a time are perhaps tempting to unscrupulous persons seeking an easy subsistence. To the extent that they succeed, however, the interests of the public suffer.

In Parliament on Monday two amendments were offered by Progressives to the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. One called for a drastic denunciation of the tariff, and the other "viewed with alarm" the increase in ordinary expenditure and called for all round retrenchment in the attitude of the Government toward these amendments. He described each of them as tantamount to a declaration of want of confidence in the Government. In view of his announcement, and his assertion that to carry either would produce political chaos good for no party, it will be interesting to note how the Progressive and Conservative generally will divide on the issue.

### WHAT'S WHAT



In the United States, where class is not so strictly defined as in old-fashioned England, it is not unusual to find a man who has been a slave and a white man who has been a slave. It is not a new thing to find a man who has been a slave and a white man who has been a slave. It is not a new thing to find a man who has been a slave and a white man who has been a slave.

#### FLANDERS REVISITED

(By Joseph Smith)

At the 10th anniversary dinner of the L'Appuy Club, on Feb. 6, 1923, at Young's Hotel, Boston.

The peoples still in Flanders blow. The nameless dead still sleep below. Where fields were lost and where men here rest the tribes that scorned to fly.

Here Kelt and Goth and Frank were slain. Here died the hosts of Charlemagne; Here England's bowmen fell; Here sleep the soldiers of the League; Here Saratoga's Wild Geese found their bed.

Here Napoleon's valiant dead. There names that man can tell. Here in June's breezes poppies gay in blood-red beauty swing and sway. Sheltering the slaughtered hosts; And when the night comes up her bars To hide the river landscape's scars, The nodding poppies heath the stars. Whisper to weary brothers—

"Have patience, Brothers, you shall see. And live again 'neath nobler skies. Amid the rolling spheres Where Kings and Queens are unmade, Where mothers fear no soldiers' trade And children wander unafraid, Strangers to tears and tears."

"There you shall find the Paraclete; There dwelling Peace shall wait to greet. War's long-forgotten dead, And we shall swing and sway and nod. By all the gods that lead to God, As we no bloom and deck the nod. By men to red war red."

For we red poppies are the sign Of death's defeat, of power divine, Of endless bloom and life, And shattered field, are all in vain; Our banners red wave o'er the slain Triumphant over strife.

#### LIGHTER VEIN.

For Homekeepers. (From the Palo Alto (Cal.) Daily News.)

Who will offer a home to a young lady with means and six high-grade hollers coming fresh? Highest reference. Answer: Homekeeper, box 1848, Times.

#### Add 'Humors of the Law'

(From the Salem Evening News.)

A claim for damages was received from Martin Doyle on account of the backflow of sewage on to his property, through his attorney, Daniel L. Tully.

#### Sarcasm.

Conductor—If you don't like the speed of this train you can get out and walk.

#### UP TO CONGRESS NOW

(Boston Herald.)

Big new bill for the relief of the British Government accepted with unexpected promptness the arrangement made between the American and British debt commissions at the Washington conference. When Stanley Baldwin and his conferees went back home it was feared a rupture had occurred, because when English commissions negotiate abroad they often by cable in an hour or two obtain final authority from their home governments to consummate important deals on the spot and at the time. It seems now that the greatest casualty is the rather undiplomatic revelation of Mr. Baldwin's views of the backwash way some of our politicians deal with international problems.

However, the settlement now is up to these same politicians, and their conferees of broader vision, in our Congress. Once more we are to see if the United States can transact international business with wisdom, celerity and grace. The English system enables that government to close the deal in fifteen minutes. Can Congress do as well in the thirty days that intervene between now and March 4?

On every account the agreement should be ratified. It lengthens the term of payment from 25 years to 62 years on the interest rate on back payments from 5 to 4 1/2 per cent, and on future payments back here it was 10 years and 8 1/2 per cent, thereafter, with annual payments of a half of 1 per cent, to cancel the debt.

That means an end of all talk of repudiation or cancellation. It is the first stone in the great new financial structure that civilization must build if order is to endure, if chaos is to be averted and credit maintained. It is a great achievement. Congress, with only a little display of buncombe, such as appeared yesterday, ought to ratify the arrangement.

### POWER COMPANY DENIES CITY'S RIGHT TO POLES AND WIRES IN NORTH END

The Common Council yesterday received a letter from the New Brunswick Power Company denying any claim by the city to poles and wires in the five North End wards, the denial being based on the claim that any rights of the city in this respect have lapsed and are therefore barred. The letter, which was signed by M. A. Pooler, general manager of the company, was referred to the city solicitor. It was as follows:

"We duly received your letter of the 27th inst., and have to advise you that the company denies that the city has any claim to the poles, wires and posts mentioned in your letter, and also denies that there is any existing contract between the city and the company dealing in any way with this matter.

"The company is advised that whatever (if any) rights the city had under the contract which expired some seven years ago, have lapsed, been waived, and in any event, are barred.

"Notwithstanding the foregoing, the company has no desire unduly to insist upon its legal position and will be glad to discuss the matter at any time suitable to it and endeavor to do so as it is able to arrange an equitable and satisfactory adjustment. Should this meet with your favor the company would appreciate a statement from you as to the poles, wires and posts to which the city claims it has any claim, specifying the location in each case and your advice as to by whom and when you would like to have the matter dealt with."

The Civic Power Commission had requested the city to ascertain what poles and wires in the North End wards were based on the city on the termination of the agreement in 1916. This was what brought the matter to a head.

#### INTERESTING CANADIAN WOMEN.

(Mrs. G. W. Kerby)

For twenty years Mrs. Kerby has been working in the west for the betterment of conditions as they affect women. The legal inequalities first around her interest and support for the pioneer women. She was a member of the board which built the first Y. W. C. A. in Alberta, at Calgary, and is still actively engaged in the work in connection with the Y. W. C. A. Institutions at Banff and Lake Louise, where girls may be accommodated at reasonable cost while enjoying the beauties of the Rocky Mountains. For many years she has been a member of the National Council, and a member of the Canadian Authors' Association, have been the author of several works of fiction as well as articles on various subjects. Her home is in Calgary.

#### ARE YOU IRRITABLE?

The widespread idea that irritability is only a bad habit, and is always to be conquered through merely exercising one's will power, is a mistake. Irritability is a disease, and is a fact to be afflicted with some degree of ill-health, psychic or physical. As the Bostonian physician, Dr. J. C. H. Addington, declares in his book, "Irritability," it is a common reaction of the nervous and the weak. The really healthy, the mentally and physically vigorous, are seldom irritable and never groggy. They are too full of a sense of total deprivation from outdoor exercise.

"In like manner, chronic ill-health, weakness from any cause and at once, if merely as a symptom of nerve fatigue, may be due to a lack of exercise. The really healthy, the mentally and physically vigorous, are seldom irritable and never groggy. They are too full of a sense of total deprivation from outdoor exercise.

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"These results a nerve poisoning and exhaustion that may have grown out of his outstanding. There are numerous chronic workers who need only change their living habits in order to banish their nervous irritability and simultaneously improve their business prospects."

#### A BIT SARCASTIC.

To the Editor of The Boston Herald: It seems to me that we have been very slow in seeing our way out of our present international financial difficulties since France has shown us the way. For instance, France is debtor to us and so far has paid neither principal nor interest. We should demand our interest at once. If France refuses to pay, give her fair warning that if no payment is made by March 1, we will occupy Miquelon. If by May 1 no money is coming, we will occupy St. Pierre and Languey. May 1, if necessary, we can move into Martinique. By the time we have taken Guiana, undoubtedly the French will wake up. Of course, we could annex indefinitely in the Pacific and Africa, only we should not let us the disagreeable word annexation when really what we mean is peaceful occupation.

GEORGE L. THOMPSON.

#### SUCCESSFUL TREAT.

There was a record crowd at the St. John Baptist high tea and sale in the basement of the church last night, and the success of the star features of the evening and the large audience was kept in laughter throughout their performance. Messrs. Robertshaw and Parr appeared and they were warmly greeted as they are old favorites of the followers of the concert at the Seamen's Institute. Others who helped to make the affair a success were: Messrs. Fuller, Jackson, Harry Collins, Fred Trucks, Brownrigg, and Mrs. Oscar Brentnall. Mr. Brownrigg also acted as accompanist during the evening. Mr. Deering occupied the chair.

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### MOTORS And Their Care

Overseas tires should be used when cars are employed to carry excess passengers, when numerous accessories are included, and if easy riding is expected. Otherwise the regular sized tires will not give the service ordinarily expected.

#### A Shine That Lasts.

Metal surfaces can be protected, after the metal is highly polished, by applying several coats of lacquer on celluloid varnish. Apply the lacquer with a camel's hair brush. Be careful that there is no grease on the metal before lacquering.

#### Correct Brake Adjustment.

Bear in mind that the brakes of a car should be adjusted every thirty days. Maintain between the brake-line and the drum, all the way around, a clearance of about 1/4 inch of an inch. Keep the right and left wheel brakes operating with equal pressure.

#### Power in Reverse Gear.

When a car has not power enough to negotiate a hill even in low gear, the driver should shift into reverse gear. The car will climb the grade in this position without much effort, the reason being that reverse speed is of the lowest gear ratio of all transmission speeds.

#### Fuses for Blown Fuses.

Fuses of the electrical system of an automobile blow because too much current flows through them. Any wire or conductor gets warm when electricity flows through it. The causes for too much current are many, but the most common are short circuits, grounds and high voltage.

#### Improper Voltage of Cylinders.

When the cylinders of a car do not fire properly, gasoline is wasted, and the drive cylinder is gradually filled with oil, which will carboline when it again becomes active. Move the engine a little more gas while idling, and open the petcocks to look for flame. If no flame appears out, the cylinder is dead.

#### The Dissected Tire.

A pneumatic tire is made up of six major parts—the tread, which is at the point of contact with the road; the breaker strip, which protects the carcass (the unbreakable cloth if available) around the tube in the form of a central rupture; the cushion, which absorbs shocks; the side wall, which protects the carcass against gravel and water; the carcass, which carries the load; and the bead, which holds the tire in place on the rim.

#### Perfect Braking Power.

The following table shows the proper performance of a car when stopped at different speeds, with the braking power of the automobile 100 per cent—

10 miles per hour	82 feet
15 miles per hour	204 feet
20 miles per hour	370 feet
25 miles per hour	580 feet
30 miles per hour	820 feet
35 miles per hour	1040 feet
40 miles per hour	1260 feet
50 miles per hour	2510 feet

#### First Aid.

When a tire blows out, the necessity of riding on a rim may be prevented by patching the tire or slightly inflating a spare one. Then bind a strip of canvas (use unbreakable cloth if available) around the tube in the form of a bandage. See that the centre of the bandage is opposite the hole in the shoe. A piece of waterproof canvas should be placed between the bandage and the cover when the tube is put back in the casing. Bandaging a tube in this manner prevents any bulge in the tire after it is inflated to the proper air pressure, as the bandage prevents the tube swelling out at the weak spot.

#### An operator must observe all commonly accepted "rules of the road."

A careless motorist is one who leaves his car alone while the engine is running.

Brakes that are unevenly adjusted will throw a vehicle sideways out of its track.

The electric starter should not be operated at short intervals or for too long a period.

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