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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink." MONDAY, NOV 14, 1955

What Does It Matter?

There must be something about the political profession that keeps its practitioners cheerful whichever way elections may happen to go...

In the United States, similar pleasantries are being exchanged as a result of last week's State elections, in which the Democrats made such great gains...

Brant Vs. Atomic Power

Brant may be scarce in these parts; but over in Bradwell, a small Essex village at the mouth of the Blackwater River, it is nothing unusual...

It seems that some time ago the decision was reached to build a powerful atomic generating plant in the favourite haunt of the Brant, with the result that wild-fowl conservationists, sportsmen, and other people who admire the birds...

No one knows at the moment how the battle will end; but, whatever happens, it is somehow good to know that even in this mechanistic age there are people who will stand up for the right of wildfowl to hold on to their ancestral resting places.

An Angry Book

Mr. John T. Flynn, well known American journalist and author, has been looking with angry eyes at the political, social, and economic goings-on in his country for twenty years or more...

Mr. Flynn, however, is not solely concerned with denouncing governments, courts, institutions, and individuals. He has a plan which, if adopted, would yet save the U. S. A. from the scrap-heap...

The most charitable person in the world would find little—if anything—that is constructive about "The Decline of the American Republic", but that does not mean that the book is without value...

EDITORIAL NOTES

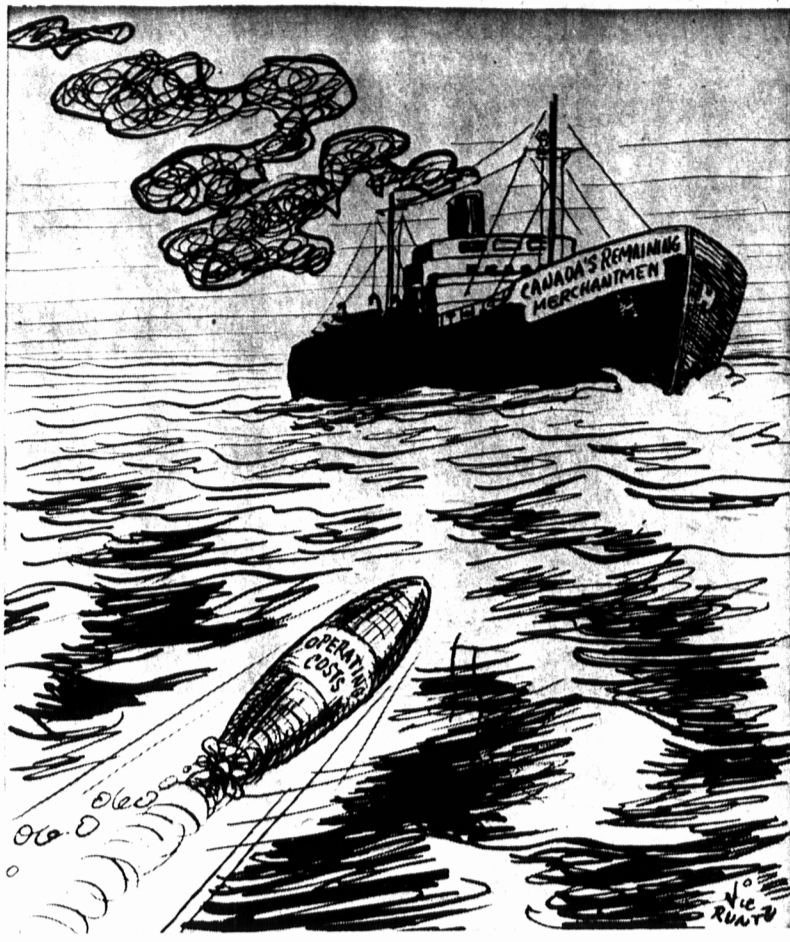
A specialist in research says that one of the major problems facing the heads of large corporations is how to secure the necessary working capital. One doesn't have to be a corporation head to run into that sort of trouble.

The new President of Argentina, General Leonardi, told a news conference that the first task of his government is to clean up the mess left by his predecessor...

Priests of a strange sect in the Far East are threatening to go on strike if they are not permitted one day off in seven. This is worrying the faithful. They ask: "Who will stand before the gods when the priests are away on holiday?"

Most people delight in getting rid of mosquitoes, moths, and their numerous relations. Not so members of a sect in a remote part of Asia. They go to bed before dark because a lamp attracts moths to their death...

The "good old days" receives the following tribute from a Port Arthur exchange: "Forty years ago folks boiled coffee and settled it with an egg; the only Reds known were red flannels, and a boy didn't think he had to have a vehicle in which to pursue happiness..."



TIGHT SPOT

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HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD

Sir, November 5, this date brings to mind a little rhyme learned in other days concerning one, Guy Fawkes and the "Gunpowder Plot", which goes like this: "Please in remember the fifth of November, Gunpowder treason and plot, for I know no reason why Gunpowder treason should ever be forgot..."

Thanksgiving, long past in the great land to our North, but we are still contemplating it here. It matters little, though, the special day as—in Canada and below the border—we have so much to thank God for each and every day.

Autumn, by some called "the greatest show on earth" when the Master Painter's brush touches up trees, shrubs and flowers making a magnificent panorama of brilliant glory all across the land...

In Northern climes such as P.E. Island nature is kind in spreading a blanket of white o'er all her dormant things and keeping them safe and warm; as well as providing a lovely covering o'er the earth...

It was good to get out into the fields in Autumn and help with the garnering in, as it gave one even in childhood a wider perspective just "out in the fields with God". There were so many musts in the days of other years...

Although we have no maple trees around this little vale, we do have many trees which I love. Even the oak—knarled and old, I prize for its symbol of sturdiness and strength; and of course our fair city was named after it...

In the front garden next door, the two white birches are rather sorry looking with their faded and falling leaves, but come spring they will be a joy again with their tender green of leaf. I note our Mexican Dahlia trees are now in bud. They are really a tropical plant—annual—and grow from sections—one tree making many if properly cared for...

bles cane and the leaves or fronds are delicate and lacy. They grow very tall—one outside my side living room window must be over twenty-five feet, and the bloom which comes in late fall, is right at the top. It's somewhat like a single dahlia's bloom, its color mauve or light purple. Sometimes the strong winds of fall cut the plants down on account of their fragility, but without the blossom they lend much of beauty all summer long, and give privacy to a patio while slower shrubs are growing.

The weatherman has been so wrong several times here, as he has predicted rain here since, but old "Sol" continues to be with us. We only had rain once this fall and that for a few hours one night some weeks ago, but it helped clear the air and drive away the smog which was accentuated in this neighborhood by much burning—I assume necessary, but it was most disagreeable. Indian summer seems loath to depart—the clouds which threaten rain in daytime clear in the evening making glorious sunsets, almost as gorgeous as the P. E. I. ones. The last evening I spent in my old home the sunset was indescribably beautiful—a wonderful memory and climax to my visit—I shall carry it with me to the end.

Following my last communication I received a letter from an old friend of my Sunday School days when L. M. Montgomery was our fine teacher. It was addressed just "Oakland"—it was only a few days late in reaching my domicile—which speaks volumes for our Post Office Department here which handles millions of pieces of mail daily. It was wonderful to hear and know that old friends read my efforts! Now I'm weary, so it's time to say "au revoir" for now with just a big Hello! to friends and relatives who live in God's country; my mother used to call it that.

I am, Sir, etc. G. S. GORDON (Mrs. D. J.) Oakland, California.

DULLES COOL

GENEVA (Reuters) — State Secretary Dulles ignored press photographers' appeals to stand next to Foreign Minister Molotov for photographs before a Swiss government luncheon for the Big Four ministers here Thursday. The photographers said the American secretary said "no" and ignored their shouts to stand closer to the Russian minister and talk to him in the garden of the mansion where the luncheon took place.

The Poet's Corner

IN TIME OF "THE BREAKING OF NATIONS"

Only a man harrowing clouds, In a slow, silent walk, With an old horse that stumbles and nods, Half asleep, as they stalk, Only thin smoke without flame From the heaps of couch-grass; Yet this will go onward the same Though Dynasties pass.

The Brown Month

There are those who dread the time of shortening days and the faded browns that mark the eleven-month. Each day the sun rises later, each afternoon dusk seems to drop its curtain not only earlier, but more abruptly.

There are years when November is a hard master, sending cold driving rains and hurling sheets of sleet and showers of bright snow. There are other years when it is mild and sunny. To him who is sensitive to the turning year and Nature's plan of rhythmic cycles there is a spirit in November that can bring peace and rich meaning. The austerities and the somberness, the bare countryside and the chill dawns are an integral part of an ancient master plan.

The Age Old Story

And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.

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Medically Speaking

BY Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. NEW DRUG OVERCOMES IRRITABILITY IN THE AGED Many young American families are encountering old age problems. As a parent, grandparent, or anyone else, for that matter, gets up in years he is likely to become more irritable, apprehensive, quarrelsome and agitated.

Test with reserpine showed that agitation, irritability and quarrelsomeness disappeared uniformly within an average of six to eight hours. Moreover, the patients remained under control during the testing period of from one to six months, most of them on small maintenance doses.

Reports of the tests, conducted among patients and outpatients, at the Mental Health Institute at Cherokee, Iowa, were made to the New York Academy of Sciences, Section of Biology, by Dr. Anthony A. Sainz, former clinical director of the Institute. Daily doses of the drug were administered orally when possible and by injection in other instances.

Dr. Sainz concludes that reserpine "shows an extremely beneficial effect" in senile and arteriosclerotic psychiatric conditions. By tending to decrease emotional response, it eliminates agitation and permits adjustment to stress caused by environment.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

W. S.: Will you please give me some information about shingles? I feel as if I am badly sunburned on one side of my chest. Answer: Shingles is an inflammation of the skin in which there are groups of blisters distributed along the course of one or more of the nerves in the skin. As a rule, it is caused by an infection. The rash should be covered with antiseptic dusting powders, or the blisters coated with paraffin as is used on burns. Neuralgia pain often is present for long time following an attack. The condition should be treated by a physician.

Dostoevsky's Return

Word comes from Moscow that Fedor Dostoevsky is about to be re-established in the Soviet Union as one of Russia's great writers. After many years of official apathy and disfavor the nineteenth-century novelist's fiction will be republished to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of his death. It is a pleasant sensation to find Russia seeking credit for something that deserves great credit. But one wonders what desk-bound Soviet god is the cause of this. What kind of man can turn the Pushkin faucet on with one hand and the Tolstoy faucet off with the other? He himself would make a fine, scheming Dostoevskian character.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

November can be a trying month so far as weather is concerned. We have already had a taste of how bad it can be towards the end of October and few there are who would not willingly exchange a hard, clear frost for the depressing atmosphere of fog and rain. But to speculate on November's weather may be to invite trouble. We can only hope for the best and be prepared if we must, to tolerate the worst. —St. John's News.

Before he left for his holiday in the south of France, Sir Winston Churchill sent to all the members of his former personal staff at No. 10 Downing street, what he described as "a little souvenir" of their association. This took the form of an unusual gift in silver designed by Sir Winston himself and made by Cartier's. The main feature is his famous V-sign, set off in a circle, and engraved with "Winston Churchill" on one leg and the dates of his peace-time premiership "1951-1955" on the other.

At one time the railways had an actual or virtual monopoly on certain classes of the transportation business. In view of this fact, certain restrictions with regard to services and rates were placed upon them, by which restrictions they are still largely bound. But, while the restrictions remain, the monopoly has disappeared. Railways must meet the most severe kind of competition from trucks, buses, private cars and airplanes.

The banana is a difficult but highly profitable crop to cultivate. Production continues practically the whole year round. In the Cameroons, for example, the fruit can be cut up to 60 or 70 times a year, thus requiring a large labor force (six or seven men to the acre), which can be kept occupied throughout the year. The fruit itself forms a staple article of diet for the local population. On the other hand the export banana is a perishable article, requiring very careful handling. Bananas from the Cameroons of the Gros Michel variety are relatively easy to handle, but those from the West Indies (such as the Poyo and Musa Sinensis varieties) are smaller and more fragile. Furthermore the banana makes gross demands on soil and climate. It requires an average annual temperature of 20 degrees centigrade, a very humid climate, fertile soil and the frequent application of fertilizers without which it quickly exhausts the soil. It is also very susceptible to certain serious diseases. —French Information Service.

There has been a discouraging tendency of late for civil servants to speak as though they were cabinet ministers. To be sure, they have been instances of the one person becoming, in due course of time, the other. But while he is a civil servant may often put words into the mouths of the ministers should be maintained that a civil servant must not himself enter into declarations of policy. He may explain existing policy, or he may give information. But while he is a civil servant, he must not begin saying what ought to be done. That is crossing over the line. —Montreal Gazette.

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