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Canada's Ratification

The Paris agreements for admittance of a rearmend West Germany into the North Atlantic Alliance have been ratified by a large majority in the Canadian House of Commons...

In France, the main hurdle was cleared when the Assembly finally gave its approval to all three ratification bills.

In the Federal German Republic, the Upper House (Bundesrat) has now considered the agreement bills and referred them to the Lower House (Bundestag) without giving any final opinion.

In Italy, the Lower House has approved ratification by a large majority. The bill should become law late in February.

The Russians have not been idle, either with threats or promises. They speak of developing the military powers of their satellites...

Summing up the situation, a United Kingdom Office observer says that perhaps the most dangerous tendency is the desire in certain quarters to parley with the Russians before ratifying the agreements.

Ropeway Trade Route

High in the mountains of the little Indian protectorate, Sikkim, engineers are building a 27-mile ropeway to speed up trade between Northern India and Tibet.

Tibet's main trade route and shortest outlet to the sea has long stretched southward across Sikkim to the bustling bazaars of Kalimpong in northeast India.

expected to provide direct communications between the Tibetan capital, Lhasa, and China's far inland provinces of Sinkiang, Tsinghai and Sikang...

This 14,000-foot pass is to be the terminus of the new Sikkim ropeway, reaching northeastward from Sikkim's capital Gangtok.

Meantime long lines of mule and packpony caravans, led by weatherbeaten men in fur caps and quilted coats, wind slowly over the rugged old trail from Lhasa to Kalimpong.

Outstanding among the trade's local specialties, in season, are enormous and delicious apples grown in the wild interior of Sikkim.

New Atomic Problems

The far-reaching and dangerous effects of atomic radiation have been recognized, in part, ever since the explosion of the first atomic bomb put a new power in the hands of men...

Nor is this all. Peace time use of atomic power—which, we are told, will in due time revolutionize the entire industrial economy of the world—faces its own serious problems in the form of atomic waste.

EDITORIAL NOTES

William Butler Yeats, Irish poet and Nobel Prize winner, died this date 1939.

The United States Congress has set aside a special secluded room for quiet. A more valuable convenience for any public body can hardly be imagined, says the Ottawa Citizen.

In recent years, warns an exchange, some of us have forgotten that, as John Stuart Mill pointed out, "the worth of a state, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it."

A recent survey approved by the Council of Foods and Nutrition, American Medical Association (A.M.A.) indicated that men and women over 50 who ate the most meat (3 1/2 pounds or more per week) showed the highest all-round health scores.



Playing Up

The Tangle in Tokyo

On a recent visit to Tokyo Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, surveyed the military prospects of Japan. He could not expect a curious and uncomfortable combination: The premier-ship fell to Mr. Hatoyama, who formed the Liberal party after the war...

Democratic party but it could not overthrow Mr. Yoshida in the Diet without the support of the Socialists. After some remarkable bargaining behind the scenes this support was secured and Mr. Yoshida ejected.

Once installed in office the Hatoyama-Shigemitsu coalition began at once to change itself from a temporary caretaker into a durable ministry, as successor to the Yoshida regime. It has tried to cure the corruption which has discredited the Liberal government; it has announced an "anti-luxury" policy, and, above all, it is attempting to prove that it is not the stooge of the United States.

The new government had hardly begun to cultivate the voters with a show of energy and unity before its two leaders, Mr. Hatoyama and Mr. Shigemitsu, announced what appeared to be two conflicting foreign policies.

What all this means to the future of Japanese foreign policy is far from clear. But so far as American strategy in the Pacific is concerned the important fact in the election is that both the present government and the Liberal party are prepared to undertake Japan's rearmament while the Socialists oppose it.

Tidal Power Survey

While the final decision rests with the Congress and will not be known for some time yet, nevertheless a new interest will, doubtless, be aroused in New Brunswick—as it will in the border State of Maine—in the long projected harnessing of the tides in Passamaquoddy Bay. This to provide extensive supplies of electrical energy for large areas in eastern U. S. A., and the Maritimes.

In the vigorous and costly election campaign already under way foreign observers in Japan can see no assurance of a majority in the next Diet for any party. The Liberals seem unlikely to return to power. The Socialists apparently have no such hope. A Diet divided pretty evenly between the Democratic party, the Liberals and the Socialists would be no surprise, but the Democrats, with all the advantages of office, hope to form another Hatoyama-Shigemitsu government.

If they succeed, and are assigned a reasonably long term of power, they will certainly negotiate from strength with the United States demanding more generous American economic aid in return for increased Japanese armament. For the clearest fact in the tangled politics of Tokyo today is that the Japanese people are increasingly restless in American leading strings—precisely as the Canadian government foresaw when it offered Japan the best possible form of economic aid in profitable joint trade.

In this proposed survey, conceded to take from two to three years to complete, it is a matter of gratification to Canadians in this easternmost part of the Dominion to learn from a statement made in the House of Commons recently, that the Ottawa government will be prepared to do its part in the conduct of the proposed survey and pay its share of the costs of same proportionally with the neighboring Republic.

The Poet's Corner

WHEN YOU ARE OLD When you are old and grey and full of sleep, And nodding by the fire, take down this book, And slowly read, and dream of the soft look Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep; How many loved your moments of glad grace, And loved your beauty with love false or true; But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you, And loved the sorrows of your changing face. And bending down beside the glowing bars, Murmur, a little sadly, how love fled And paced upon the mountains overhead And hid his face amid a crowd of stars. —W. B. Yeats.

Chieftains Wanted

How would you like to become the chieftain of a famous Scottish clan? The jobs of being the heads of a number of well-known Highland clans are going a-begging here, quite an intriguing situation. I gather that new clan chiefs may soon be appointed for the MacGillivray and the Morrisons, and for the Gunns and the MacDonnells of Clanranald. Claims of nine people to the chieftainships are currently being pressed forward and will shortly be considered by the Court of Chivalry of the Lord Lyon King of Arms, who sits in ancient office here in Edinburgh.

Curiously, there has been no chief of the MacGillivray since the beginning of this century, and the Morrisons and the Gunns have been without chieftains for a considerable time. And the MacDonnells of Clanranald have had no head since 1944.

I hear there will be two claimants to the vacant MacDonnald chieftainship, and another two for the chieftainship of the MacGillivray.

The entire question of who is chieftain of which clan has come into the news following the death in Quebec of John William MacTavish, a First World War pensioner, 54-year-old unofficial leader of the Clan MacTavish.

The question of a new chief for the MacTavishes is now being considered by the Lord Lyon King of Arms, Sir Thomas Innes of Learney. The late Clan leader was never recognized officially as such because he failed to make formal application to the Lord Lyon's Court in Edinburgh. He refused his clansmen's offers to defray the

The Age Old Story

For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Texas continues to do everything in a big way. Right now the district attorney of Harris county is investigating one precinct in which 115 per cent of the registered voters cast their ballots.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

It is claimed that fewer than half the high school graduates with the ability to do college work enter college. The statistics don't say how many of those who enter college have not the ability to do college work.—Brantford Expositor.

Babies aren't just the heir of all the ages nowadays and born to a load of world sorrow. They are the young green shoots of what may be a bountiful harvest of understanding between men and women the wide world over, when war is outlawed, when there is world justice, and when happiness and contentment shall be man's lot. This harvest may be gathered because now the world is aware of many of its past idiocies and is at least anxious to do something about them. That's a good working basis. Even statesmen are now thinking "no war" is winning. Today's babies can become well-adjusted adults to produce more generations of right-thinking people.—Vancouver Sun.

Those who spend much time reading miss something once more in books. That was the bull-in-ribbon marker. It was an aid to the enjoyment of reading, and also to the preservation of books. If they be good readers, intent on getting the best out of a book, people normally take several sittings before completing it. The individual who scans through a book at one sitting is rare. Thus it is readers want to mark the place where they left off. Few remember the page without some apparent aid. One can slip a piece of paper, pencil or something else into the book, but this is an unseemly habit and an insult to a fine book. The old ribbon marker was firmly affixed to the binding. It could be placed in the appropriate page and stay there. Quite apart from its utility, it seemed to add something for the lover of books.—Windsor Star.

A beauty shop for women has been established at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. It will operate for those who can walk to it but it will also give bedside service. Apart from good news from the doctor of a welcoming visit from family or friends, nothing could create more morale in a woman than a hair wash, a hair-do with curls or what have you. The person responsible for this beauty hospital aid should just about rate a Royal Red Cross medal because its curative possibilities are unlimited. The little lady, can not get fixed up in the morning, have her preparative nap and, when visitors come in the afternoon and evening, she will be sitting up in bed in her prettiest bed jacket and with her hair a glorious crown for a smiling face. Probably if the world were the mirror they will feel that the wrong person is in bed!—Kitchener Record.

In an overseas newspaper appeared an advertisement for a writer-photographer. It ended tersely: "Genius no handicap." Genius, unless misdirected, never is a handicap to the individual who possesses that rare characteristic. Yet we often think there is about the right proportion of geniuses in the world to ordinary men. We doubt if we would enjoy living in a world full of geniuses. Unless we were one also. Even then it mightn't be too happy or comfortable. Geniuses are unusual people, because of those qualities which set them apart from common folk. Their very genius tends to make them unbalanced (though not crazy) because their unusual characteristics submerge the elements of the ordinary ones. A political observer once commented the worst possible form of government would be that of the geniuses.

For the first time in 44 years, Jamaica is not under the control of William Alexander Bustamante, leader of the island's Labor Party. This week's elections gave 18 seats in the 32-seat House of Representatives to the rival People's National Party, of which Bustamante is a former member. Bustamante retains his own seat and still heads the Bustamante Independent Trade Union, so he still remains a power in Jamaica, but his strength in the House has been shattered for the first time. It was in 1940 that Bustamante broke with the People's National Party, claiming that it had sought to gain control of his union, which he had occupied serving a 15-month jail sentence for organizing a shipping strike. On his release, he formed his own party. His oratory won him the 1944 and 1949 elections against his old party. Though virtual prime minister of the colony, Bustamante, until recently, continued a flamboyant career. Loudly extrovert in manner, voice and dress, he was a man very well remembered wherever he went. Reports from Kingston continued to record violent disagreements with police, with Great Britain, with traders and shippers he felt were not doing the right thing for Jamaican labor. Lately, however, he has been noticeably quieter. The sugar market, too, has slumped and Jamaica's one-crop economy has been hard hit, so hard hit that hundreds of Jamaicans are going to Britain seeking work. The new Government leader, Norman Washington Manley, has pledged he will work for Jamaica's self-government and for foreign investments to bolster the Jamaican economy. This program evidently pleased the Jamaicans more than "Pepperpot" Bustamante's new quackery. The pepper is not as hot as once it was.—Montreal Gazette.

cost of the claim. The Clan MacTavish has been unofficially leaderless for 150 years. I understand that the late Clan leader's brother, Douglas MacTavish, an official of the C.P.R. in Montreal, may possibly become the new chief of the Clan. It will indeed be an intriguing situation if the ancient and historic clan of MacTavish, spread throughout Scotland and the world, is eventually led by a chieftain living in Montreal.

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