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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink".

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A Dangerous Game

Moscow's campaign to lull North American and European businessmen into the belief that it is possible to do business with Stalin is already showing signs of working to the advantage of the Kremlin.

United States Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Canada's Finance Minister Abbott have already warned against a resumption of restrictive trade practices.

Quite apart from the disastrous consequences of American fear of Soviet imports resulting in a general revival of protective tariffs so far as Canada is concerned, in other parts of the world the consequences would be political as well as economic.

The origin of the revived protectionist sentiment in the United States stems from the recently concluded Moscow Economic Conference, attended by a melange of out-and-out Communists, fellow travellers, irrepressible political figures and bona fide business men.

A Balanced Approach

During Mental Health Week the public has been bombarded with information and exhortation in the matter of psychiatric medicine. Emphasis has been on the role of the psychiatric social worker.

There is certainly a place for non-medical care in the treatment of mental illness. In fact the provision of normal environment and interests is generally understood to be an important phase of treatment.

All this, however, should not leave the impression that the task of caring for the mentally ill is simple. The human mind is delicate and complex. Its treatment calls for the most highly qualified specialists that it is possible to obtain.

Party Discipline

The case of Mr. Ross Thatcher, CCF, Moose Jaw, who jumped the party traces in Parliament to suggest a means test for old age pensions and family allowances, raises an interesting point in the practice of disciplining recalcitrant members.

The late Mr. King, recalls the Windsor Star, had a flexible attitude to discipline, but he could be very tough on occasion. Generally, he gave his supporters considerable latitude.

But if a member persisted in defying party policies, Mr. King had a method of dealing with him. Though Mr. King always stated he didn't interfere in constituency affairs and in selection of candidates, somehow or other the word would go out.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Festival stars make their appearance tonight and tomorrow evening in concerts of outstanding entertainment and cultural value.

The United States followed Canada's example in lifting credit restrictions. Almost similar conditions affect the two countries but usually changes can be observed earlier in the U. S.

With the contract let for the building of seven miles of Charlottetown streets, the capital will soon be taking on a new look. It is to be hoped that the principal streets will be completed before the peak of the tourist season.

American T.33 training aircraft built under licence in Canada for the R.C.A.F. will be powered by Rolls Royce Nene jet engines — supplied from Rolls Royce's Derby, Eng., works until the company's new plant in Montreal comes into operation.

Today marks the anniversary of the official end of the war in Europe, 1945, formal ratification having taken place in Berlin of the capitulation accepted on May 7. Himmler, after Hitler's death, had offered surrender to the western powers only but the reply was that the Allies stood together.

All records have been eclipsed by our Musical Festival this year, which has now reached a stage where it competes in popularity even with Old Home Week. The quality and variety of the local talent brought to the fore have been no less remarkable than the enthusiastic public response.

Legion comrades today will pay their last tribute to the late Mr. John Lawlor, South African War veteran whose death was recorded yesterday, and whose funeral takes place this morning. Those who knew him esteemed him as a loyal friend and admirable citizen, a worthy member of that gallant band of volunteers of half a century ago whose ranks are now so sadly depleted.

Edmonton's gain will be Charlottetown's loss in Rev. Mr. Ashford's decision to accept a call to McDougall United Church. In the meantime, however, all our citizens will rejoice in the honour which is to be bestowed upon him this month by his alma mater, Queen's University, in the well merited degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner told the House of Commons he is prepared to recommend to the Federal Cabinet that a floor price for cheese be established if certain details can be settled with producers. He said in an interview later that a floor-price plan or an alternative co-operative marketing scheme was discussed with cheese producers within the last few days and again with Stormont County cheese producers.

H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh was chosen Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh for life on Tuesday. At the time he was addressing one thousand students of the University of Wales of which he is also Chancellor. As the Duke in his black and gold cap and gown walked in solemn procession with college dignitaries up the aisle to the dais to deliver his address, the students began singing at the tops of their voices the lines from a Scottish student song which go: "Why was he born so beautiful, why was he born at all?" The Duke grinned.

Experience with credit restrictions has shown that they are a clumsy instrument, says The Gazette. They not only reduced consumer buying, they practically dried it up. The consumers knew that such severe restrictions could not last, then decided to wait them out. Or should it be forgotten that six by-elections are about to be fought? This is enough to create "a little general election". The Finance Minister has been known to find the cost-of-living much brighter before a general election. Perhaps he can see pronounced improvements before a little general election also. The poor old cost-of-living—it is wonderful what economic errors are committed in its name, and it is even more wonderful how it can be used to cover an escape from the consequences.

Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. L.)

BEETLE INVASION

The first reference to the Colorado Beetle in Prince Edward Island appears in an editorial in The Examiner of March 9, 1883, complaining that the farmers "do not seem to be awake to the fact that one of the most terrible scourges that ever visited the Island is now at their doors, in their midst, in their fields."

"From the evidence gathered last season there is every reason to believe that the enemy is upon us," the editorial states. "It is useless to waste time speculating upon how the beetle got here. With the Straits as a barrier to prevent great and continuous invasions by the great potato bug armies, the Island is so situated as to be able to successfully combat and exterminate the pest, provided vigilant, intelligent effort is put forth."

The Examiner suggested that meetings be called in every neighborhood on the Island, funds subscribed, and drastic measures taken "to destroy the bug by fire on every spot where it shall appear." This, of course, would destroy the crops, "but the dreadful bug, in all its stages of development, would be effectually destroyed also. The owner should be paid for his crop—the worth of which might be determined by valuers. We believe that \$2,000 might easily be raised by subscriptions on each county and that sum—\$6,000—would be amply sufficient to do the work of the coming season."

Note-Taking In The Galleries

(Ottawa Citizen)

A rule against note-taking in the public galleries was rigidly enforced during a recent session of the Alberta legislature, and several persons were stopped from recording the debates of their elected representatives. Objecting to this ban, the Edmonton Journal attributed it to a tradition that grew up in the days when the Commons had reason to fear the king's agents might mark its outspoken members for royal vengeance. In these days, it does seem a hardship that visitors to Parliament or the provincial legislatures should not be free to make a few notes, but apparently this practice is frowned upon all across Canada.

The House of Commons has always been jealous of its privileges, for these were dearly won in centuries-long struggles with the Crown and the Lords. Charles I bequeathed a dramatic scene to history—and finally provoked a revolution that cost him his head—when he came with an armed force to seize five leaders in the House itself. "I see the birds have flown," His Majesty remarked, and Mr. Speaker, pleading that he could only act as directed by the members, begged to be excused from telling where the wanted men had gone.

In Queen Anne's reign, the press reported Commons debates indirectly, but by 1728 it was naming the speakers. It was then threatened with severe punishment by a standing order that condemned this practice as a breach of its privileges. To get around this prohibition, The Gentleman's Magazine began printing debates of the Senate of Lilliput, giving the "senators" outlandish names in the style of Swift. In 1771, the Lord Mayor of London was sent to the Tower for disregarding warrants for the arrest of several printers, among them the celebrated John Wilkes. By persistence, the press soon made good its case for reporting Parliament. Evidently the general public has yet to win this battle.

In Ottawa, note-taking by "strangers in the gallery" is not singled out for specific prohibition, but together with such diversions as knitting, smoking or reading newspapers, it is contrary to the code of conduct for visitors. But policy in all these matters is within the discretion of the Speaker. During the First World War, for example, Arthur Hailey, former Clerk of the House of Commons, recalls that knitting was permitted, because members' wives were usually numerous in the Capital. In the heat of last summer, some American tourists in shirt sleeves were admitted within the precincts of the House. In the official gallery, high-ranking civil servants may take notes.

It would seem that citizens who make a few jottings in the public galleries ought not to be stopped, so long as they create no distraction.

The Age-Old Story

Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for

This One Didn't Get Away



No Solution Yet To Flying Saucer Mystery

Brantford Expositor

It must be with considerable satisfaction that those who received the first seemingly fantastic reports of flying saucers with an open mind now find some "top crass" in the scientific and aeronautical fields coming around to their point of view.

In the beginning, of course, nearly all the "experts" poo-pooed the very notion that there could be real objects matching the descriptions of the fast-moving saucers. The phenomena were variously "explained" away as weather balloons, jet planes, optical or psychological illusions, or just plain fabrications by imaginative liars.

But reports of saucers persisted and most of the accounts were incompatible with any of the orthodox explanations. Reputable witnesses grew in number. Some serious minded investigators became convinced that the saucers were real and said so in magazine articles and even books.

As for the public generally, in an age of marvels most people have been inclined to take the position that almost anything is now possible, so why not flying saucers. The general belief is that they are super-weapons of some sort, or trial, but by what great power they are being tried nobody has very firm opinions. Persistent denials by military authorities in Western countries, particularly the United States, may lead to the conclusion that Russia is the experimenter.

Falling that the saucers (accepting it as true that they do exist) must be from somewhere out in space. The amazing notion that interplanetary visitors are watching this world would have

he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life: thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

The Poet's Corner

FROM ODE IN MAY

Let me go forth, and share The overflowing sun With one wise friend, or one Better than wise, being fair. Where the peewit wheels and dips On heights of bracken and ling, And Earth, unto her leaflet tips, Tingles with the Spring.

What is so sweet and dear As a prosperous morn in May, The confident prime of the day, And the dauntless youth of the year.

When nothing that asks for bliss, Asking aright, is denied, And half of the world a bridegroom is, And half of the world a bride!

—Sir William Watson.

been dismissed as utter fiction a few years ago. Now one or two serious students of the subject cautiously conceded the possibility. The latter, of course, has been pounced on with glee by writers who go in for the more sensational sort of journalism.

The subject has sprung to new prominence with reports of saucers over North Bay and word that the Royal Canadian Air Force and leading government scientists are investigating.

The change of direction in official thinking is quite pronounced, judging from comments made. This is the proper approach to the puzzle, and the one that should have been made from the outset. One of these days the great mystery of the flying saucers will be cleared up. The adventurously minded earnestly want the Things to turn out to be ships from Venus or Mars. Less imaginative folk are anxiously hopeful that they are not from the Soviet Union.

TORONTO, May 8 — (CP) — John Adair, 35, today was sentenced to 10 years in prison on charges of incest and carnal knowledge involving his 13-year-old daughter.

NEXT WEEK IMMUNIZATION CLINIC CENTRES

For INFANTS from 3 months and PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN who have never been inoculated against whooping cough and diphtheria will be held in the following schools for surrounding districts:

Table with columns for Day, Location, and Time. Includes Southern Kings (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday) and East Kings (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday).

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KEEP THIS FOR REFERENCE Department of Health and Welfare

Notes By The Way

In the journalist orgy of getting the story of the Flying Enterprise on the front pages of the press last winter, reporters and photographers paid \$1,500 a day for sea-going logs to take them to the scene, says George Kent of The Associated Press. They chartered airplanes at \$2,000 a day. In all about \$1,000,000 was paid for coverage. —Brandon Sun.

Interesting new wrinkle was used by the Ontario Department of Highways saving a deal of money and continuing efficiency. During the winter the department built two bridges just north of Sudbury. Building of the bridges began in January. Traffic was rerouted over the frozen river surface thus minimizing the bothersome summertime problem of getting traffic over the river. Loads up to 37 tons were driven across it. —Niagara Falls Review.

In admitting a delay of more than two months between the first suspicious signs and the ultimate positive identification of foot and mouth disease, the federal veterinary director-general, Commons agricultural committee that hindsight is better than foresight. This philosophical approach is unlikely to appeal to the average Canadian who thought he was paying a corps of specialists to exercise foresight—and who now has to help foot a bill for untold millions of dollars because it didn't. —Ottawa Citizen.

Cake doesn't toast as well as bread, but otherwise it's a pretty good substitute when there's nothing else in the house. This occurred to us after reading the comment of a century-old woman that the gadgetless kitchen of long ago was an advantage. It didn't have labor-saving equipment that went into action at the push of a button. It had something better, this centenarian said. I had lots of servants who could be hired for \$10 a month. She felt rather sorry, in fact, for the lone, horn woman in today's model kitchen who must run her gadgets herself because she can't afford help at today's wages. Perhaps it's all in the point of view and what you're getting. We think, though, that young women are better off in homes of their own, even if they must run their appliances single-handed, than making life easy for some matron at \$10 a month. —Windsor Daily Star.

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