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FRENCH RED TAPE

Canadians thing we have red tape in this country. We think we have public jobholders who are simply nuisances. It may make us feel better to know that we have no monopoly of stupidity.

The French are considered to be a practical people.

But listen to this from a Boston paper

Pierre Lesueur, a week and patriotic shopkeeper in Paris, in May 1932, read that his government needed money. Pierre had an idea. Patriotically, he paid his income tax two months in advance. In January, 1933, Pierre received a few francs from the government, interest for two months, and was admonished not to pay in advance again because "advance payments greatly inconvenienced the book-keeping of the bureau."

Pierre sighed.

On March 20, 1933, Pierre received word to send back the interest because the government, under the law, could not pay interest on income-tax payments made in advance. Pierre complied. Then he got a notice saying that he was fined for not returning the money in 1932. He had to pay.

Was it over? It was not. Now Pierre has received notice that the fine should have been larger. In his best French, Pierre has told the government where it can go.

Here we see bureaucracy in full bloom. Red tape has its place, the right sort of red tape prevents error. but it is probable that the civil list of every government is infested with use less and wasteful practices. Through the years we may get relief, although the bureaucrat fights viciously to retain his snap job.

Englishmen throughout the world tomorrow will honor the memory of their patron saint St. George, and incidentally will also do honor to William Shakespeare, the most gifted of Englishment and the world's greatest dramatic poet. April 23rd is also the anniversary of a brilliant achievement of the British Navy during the great war, the battle of Zeebrugge. It seems fitting that on Saint George day the Prime Minister of Great Britain, one of the greatest men of his time should be in Washington conferring with the President of the United States, with a view of finding a cure for the ills from which the world is now suffering.

Col. W. L. McGregor, a former president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, died at Windsor, Ontario, last night, aged fifty eight years. He had long been prominent in business and military circles.

Men of Paris are becoming careless in their dress, laments Andre de Fouquieres, sartorial expert in the city that dictates women's fashions. He is shocked to see his countrymen going to theaters without formal attire though they escort beautifully gowned ladies.

"Paris must make up in this respect," he warns, "because London and Rome may steal its glory for elegance and fine taste."

Frenchmen who make a business of studying the influence of the stars on life, offer the prediction that Hitler's ascendency is at an end because of the influence of Venus will mark a decline in his popularity very soon.

A game of dominoes which lasted for four years has just been completed in Canyon, Tex. Chess players in that town doubtles bequeath the game to their heirs.

Denmark having established title under decree of the world court, to a strip of Greenland may now be an important factor in the development of intercontinental air routes.

If any one doubts that the power to tax is the power to destroy let him take a look at real estate values.

In New York a son is suing his father for $500,000 for damages to his peace of mind. Many parents could bring fair counterclaims for double that sum.

"Chinese Reported as Fleeing in Panic"—headline. Probably because it's a lot faster than the coolie-drawn rickshaw.

Einstein cables that all he asks is "a little peace and quiet." Those commodities in this naughty world are somewhat scarcer than hen's teeth.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

We have enough evil thoughts without reading novels to acquire more.

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Few men retire because their business grows so big it is a burden to them.

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Financial gossip spreads as fast and does as much damage as other kinds of gossip.

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So many people paid for doing useless things because somebody wants them done.

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A dime will do more now in some ways, but it can't make a waiter's nose turn up.

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Society isn't organized right or we wouldn't thing a big crop is a disaster. That's self-evident, isn't it.

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Bandit A man who wants what you have. Also, in the Orient, a man who has what you want.

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A lot of men who constantly howl that the "boss has no sense" would be out of jobs if he did have.

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Don't blame Europe. You'd keep a gun beside your bed if next door neighbors acted crazily.

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Anyway, business giants no longer have the nerve to call poets and their like "impractical visionaries."

STOCK MARKET STRONG AGAIN THIS MORNING

New York, April 22—Prices on the stock exchange had another advance this morning, reaching the high levels attained earlier in the week. The total sales were 2,500,000 shares. Industrial averages opened at 70.39 and closed at 72.04. Rails were a strong feature and industrials alos held up well. Call money was renewed at one per cent. Some quotations follow:

Air Reduction	64
American Can.	71¾
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Chesapeake & Ohio	32½
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Columbia Gas	13¾
Cons. Gas	45⅞
Continental Can.	51
Dupont	46
Eastman Kodak	59
General Electric	16⅛
Int'l Nickel	13½
Johns Manville	23
Kennecott Copper	15¾
National Biscuit	44½
N. Y. Central	23½
Monty Ward	18¾
North American	21½
Pennsylvania	20½
Public Service N. J.	38
Sears Roebuck	22½
Southern Pacific	18¾
Standard Gas	9¾
Standard Oil	34
Texas Gulf	24⅜
Union Carbide	29¾
U. S. Steel	42⅜
Westinghouse Elect.	32⅝
Woolworth	35

Game Act Violation

Basil Brogan and Kleber Thullier were convicted by Magistrate Herbert Bluemel of Minto on the 19th of this month for killing a cow moose and for having a part of the carcass in their possession contrary to the New Brunswick Game Act. They were fined $50 or two months in jail. The moose was killed last fall and an investigation has been carried on during the past two months by C.B. Monson, Maugerville, assisted by the R. C. M. P.

SON OF JAKE THE BARBER IS GIVEN FREEDOM

Had Been Held by Kidnappers For Eight Days For $50,000 Ransom.

Chicoga, April 22—Jerome Factor, 19, studious young son of John (Jake the Barber) Factor, one-time bootblack, was released early today by kidnappers who had held him 8 days for $50,000 ransom.

The youth, whose father had called in remnants of the powerful Capone gang to aid in obtaining his freedom, said he had not been harmed.

The abductors freed young Factor at a time when his father was hunting throught the underworld in search of the youth.

Young Factor appeared at the home of his mother, Mrs. Leonard Marcus, Factor's first wife. It was on the steps of this house that he was seized a week ago Wednesday night by the abduction ring.

Kept Blindfolded

"The kidnappers kept me blindfolded," said young Factor. "It was hard to tell where they took me. I didn't recognize the spot where they released me. I was in a daze. I walked down the street until I saw a cab. I got in and came here."

Mrs. Marcus screamed and became hysterical when she saw her son. He was unshaved, but appeared in good health.

Release of Factor, who is a pre-legal student at Northwestern University, came after a night of intense activity.

CHURCHES TO CONSIDER AGREEMENT

Philadelphia, April 22—An effort to formulate a statement of belief to which all Presbyterian and Reformed crurches can agree will be made at the quadrennial meeting of the Alliance of Reformed Churches Holding the Presbyterian System, to be held in Belfast, Ireland, in June.

Leaders of these denominational families in the United States and Canada will be among the delegates.

The extent of atheistic propaganda, the effect of the depression upon churches both in Europe and America and the relations of youth and the church are among the other subjects to be considered.

A fire alarm from box fifty four was rung in yesterday afternoon for a grass fire back of the Lansdowne tennis courts between Shore street and Lansdowne street. After extinguishing it the fire department burned some other grass in the vicinity to prevent further outbreaks of a similar nature.

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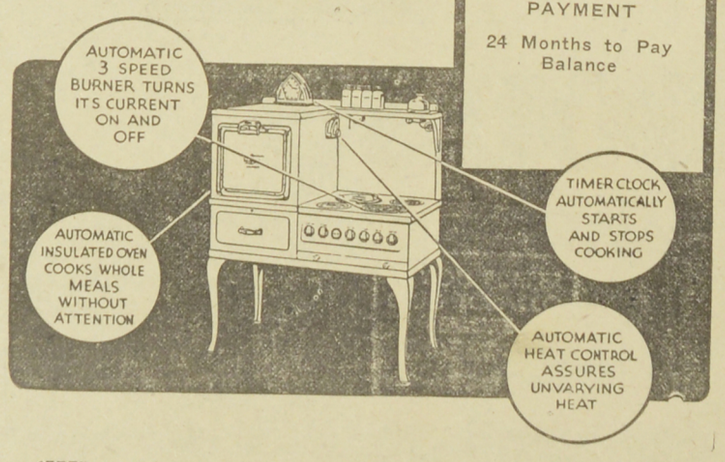
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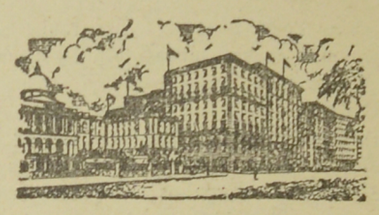
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