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THE MENACE AT HANKOW.

The critical situation of the large foreign colony at Hankow, China, is emphasized by the fact that it is so far in the interior, nearly 600 miles up the great Yangtze River. Aside from the fact there is as yet no very essential differences in the situation from those which have preceded it in coast cities, such as Canton and Shanghai, where strikes and boycotts have interfered with and in many cases paralyzed foreign commerce, A formidable fleet of gunboats, destroyers and cruisers of half a dozen foreign Powers is already in position along the Yangtze and the British long since sent an aircraft carrier out to the Far East against the eventuality of hostilities. Sailors and marines have been landed in the foreign concession at Hankow by several of the navies, but their numbers only serve to supplement guards which have been stationed there for months.

Basically the policy of the Cantonese is to abolish foreign dominance within their territory and close the great rivers to patrol by foreign warships. Practically their leaders probably aim to no such immediate result, but a progressive withdrawal of special status and privilege to foreigners. This is clearly possible under the recommendations of the Commission on Extraterritoriality, and it is the only sane means of achievement. The country on the other hand is aflame with excitement and in a chaotic and lawless state where anything can happen. Even the shadow Government at Peking has resigned and left only Wellington Koo, the Foreign Minister to carry on the flummery of a National establishment.

The Cantonese have held Hankow for some time, have made it their headquarters and supply base during the campaign in Central China and plan to make Wuchang, across the river, their new capital.

At first glance it would seem that they are so well organized and ably led that there is little danger of a direct attack on foreigners such as brought about international intervention after the Boxer outrages.

But a general strike has been declared, and with it undoubtedly will go a boycott and the clashes and demonstrations which economic warfare involves. Hatred of the foreigner may get out of the hands of the leaders. And in that case anything might happen.

THE SCAPEGOAT.

Among certain African tribes, when the citizens feel that they have been especially sinful—when they have disobeyed the dictates of the tribal god—they buy a slave girl, take her down to the river and drown her. Everybody who is interested and feels guilty chips in. Thus they expiate their sins all in a lump. The girl is the sacrifice to the god. They make her the scapegoat.

James Truslow Adams, writing in Harper's, says we do the same thing with the younger generation. We make them the official scapegoat. We blame them in press, platform, pulpit and book for everything at the moment that is wrong with the world.

As a matter of fact, the grown-ups with their wars and greed and selfishness and bad habits, made the world what it is and the children are only inheriting it. The elders sowed the wind and the youngsters are reaping the whirlwind.

THE LATE MR. J. T. SHARKEY.

The sudden death at Montreal yesterday where he had gone for medical treatment of Mr. James T. Sharkey of this city is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and by citizens generally. Mr. Sharkey was born in Fredericton and had resided here all his life. He had been identified with many public bodies, including the City Council, the City School Board and the Hospital Board and gave loyal and always faithful service to his fellow citizens. A man of high intellectual attainments, broad minded and tolerant, deeply interested in all matters pertaining to the social and commercial life of the community, he proved himself a useful type of citizen, and while his friends were legion he had no known enemies. The heartfelt sympathy of all classes will go out to the relatives in their bereavement.

It is announced that through the generosity of two outstanding citizens of the province, Mr. Ward Chipman,

general manager of the Royal Securities Corporation, and Mr. T. H. Estabrooks of Saint John the Maritime Library Association is enabled to offer five cash prizes for essays based on original research on early history of the country in the counties of Sunbury and Queens. For Sunbury there will be two prizes of \$15 and \$10, and for Kings three prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10. It is stipulated that the essays are to deal with early records, families or public traditions and stories of pioneers, but are not to reproduce any printed literature. Essays must be typed and handed in not later than March 1st next. Dr. W. C. Milner of Wolfville, N. S., is president of the Association and will be pleased to give further information.

Edmonton Journal: That usually very careful newspaper, the London Morning Post, recorded in a recent issue that "the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, prime minister of Canada, and Mrs. Mackenzie King, who arrived in England on Sunday from Canada, are staying at the Ritz hotel." That is as it should be, but not as it actually is. The premier still shares with the Prince of Wales the distinction of being the Empire's most eligible bachelor. New light on why he has so long remained in that state was supplied the other day by a writer in Le Devoir, who made the statement that when Mr. King in his youth paid an evening call upon a young lady, he used to take along a book on sociology and read extracts to her from it.

Calgary-Albertan: There is a somewhat peculiar coincidence in the choice of Hon. Dr. Tolmie, M. P., as Leader of the British Columbia Conservatives and the selection of Hon. Hugh Guthrie as temporary Leader of the Federal party. The coincidence lies in the fact that both were former Liberals, deserting their colleagues in the fact that both were former Liberals, deserting their colleagues in the khaki election in 1917 and running for the Commons as Unionists. They were two of the more prominent Liberals who never returned to the party fold, but have since been supporting the Conservative cause.

Hon. J. A. Walker, Minister of Natural Resources, estimates that 144,615 tourists entered Nova Scotia this year. He estimates that they expended nearly \$8,000,000 during their stay in the province. The Province of Nova Scotia has one advantage with respect to tourist travel. When they arrive there they have got to remain for a few days at least, whereas in the case of New Brunswick many tourists simply pass through en route to some other province. Many tourists who enter this province at St. Stephen by auto keep right on to Nova Scotia.

Kipling once said that "a man's mind is wont to tell him more than seven watchmen sitting in a tower." Most successes in business or anywhere else are made by men who have the courage to believe in their own judgment. Call it a hunch or anything you please, the main idea is to have the nerve to act on it.

A newspaper which some weeks ago switched the birthday of Bobbie Burns from January 25th to Saint Andrew's day, has made the discovery that Premier Baxter's appointment as Recorder of the City of Saint John is vested in the provincial government. What next?

WHY THE U.S. STANDS ALOOF FROM LEAGUE

London, Dec. 16—Viscount Grey, in the course of a speech on disarmament, before the General Council of the League of Nations Union here tonight, said:

"Of the two great nations which stand outside the League of Nations, the United States stands outside because she wishes to keep aloof from other people's affairs, while the Soviet Government stands outside because it has so persistently interfered with other people's affairs and seems to be afraid that, if it joined the League, it would have to give up that interference."

Viscount Grey said the aloofness of the United States from the League did not matter as far as disarmament was concerned, because the United States lent a friendly hand in questions of this kind. The Soviet Government, however, was actively hostile.

The question was not whether Great Britain was prepared to recognize Soviet Russia, but whether the Russian Government was ready to recognize the British Constitution as something which concerned only the British people.

T. H. Smith of Moncton is in the city today.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Rumor, being a little wild, has more friends than Truth.

There is enough philosophy extant to run two worlds like ours.

If Mussolini ever falls Humpty Dumpty will lose the championship.

Young men who sow wild oats can be sure of having a lot of gleaners on their trail.

Clothes don't make the man. All they do is to put him in a strutting state of mind.

It'll be a long time before a murder trial attracts as many newspaper worgers as watched the Halls-Mills jury sleep.

Humankind is supposed to be the same the world over, if not worse than we find it in our own community.

A thing we have never heard scientifically explained is how the ashpile seems as large and apparently as heavy, as was the winter's supply of anthracite.

"If it were possible to do anything about the weather," remarked the Man on the Car, "somebody would be forever monkeying with it and making it worse."

Wealthy citizens of Philadelphia who have to make good the sequelentennial losses can't feel much worse than the fellows in the small towns who take care of the chautauqua deficits.

FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE.

U. N. B. Would Expand its Work in Geology.

(Saint John Globe.) Prof. Philip Cox, B. A., B. Sc., Ph. D., Professor of Natural History and Geology, has written to F. Maclure Sclanders, Commissioner of the Board of Trade, expressing his agreement that there should be closer cooperation on the part of the University as regards development of the mineral wealth of the province.

The professor stated that he has urged on the University senate the advisability of having the department of geology enlarge its studies as regards mineralogy, mining and prospecting. He points out the lack of funds for carrying out such work and suggests that the Board of Trade use their influence with the opinion he represents, to help secure financial aid for the U. N. B. in this matter.

Robbed of \$110.

A report given currency in the newspapers some days ago to the effect that Mr. Ensley Crewdson of Prince William had been fleeced of \$110 in a coin tossing game at Boston, turns out to have been incorrect. He lost the money all right but there was no coin tossing about it. It seems that while Mr. Crewdson was waiting in the north Street depot at Boston to take a train for home he fell in with two slick strangers who claimed to be from New Brunswick. At their suggestion he went for a walk with them and on reaching a secluded spot one of them grabbed and held him while the other went through his pockets and lifted his bank roll. The rascals then made themselves scarce. Mr. Crewdson reported the robbery to the police but without results.

Refund Coming.

Automobile dealers throughout Canada are to receive a refund of the luxury tax paid as a war measure, it was announced in a telegram from the head office of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada received last night by the secretary of the association. When parliament was prorogued a 25 per cent. refund had been passed but the telegram last night announced that parliament had just voted the full amount of the refund. Fredericton dealers have claims totaling nearly \$30,000.

Mr. R. B. Hanson, K. C., M. P., has been called from Ottawa to New York on important professional business and is not expected home before next week.

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DIED

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