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### THE ARMIES BEFORE PEKING.

Control of Peking and the alleged government that foreign nations fatuously recognize as the government of China is again the central objective of Chinese civil war. Temporarily, at least, the Kuomintang, or people's army, formerly led by Feng Yu-shiang, the so-called Christian general, who has decamped to Mongolia and points west, has overthrown Tuan Chi-jui, the provisional president, and his futile cabinet, and driven them into the foreign legation quarter for safety.

Just outside the city wall are the Chihli army of Wu Pei-fu and the Manchurian forces of Chang Tso-lin, each of whom, within the last five years, has defeated the other in battle for control of the capital. To any battle-scarred war lord Peking is a profitable possession, because to win it is to win recognition from the foreign powers. The former foes are now co-operating against the Kuomintang. There has been bitter fighting outside the city, but cable dispatches indicate that, for the present, the war will not be carried within the walls.

What is to happen in the immediate future seems to depend on the outcome of an expected conference of the war lords. In the past the same men have made agreements, only to break them. Members of the foreign commission who were about to start out on a tour to investigate the feasibility of ending extraterritoriality in China have been informed that it would be useless to start.

Peking's situation now is little different from what it has been on several previous occasions within recent years. Since the republic began China has not had a central government that could exercise authority outside the city walls or one capable of raising sufficient revenue to pay its employees. Some day, perhaps, there will rise in China a man strong enough and patriotic enough to bring north and south together and give the reunited country a real government. Unfortunately no such man is now in sight. Meantime intrigues of certain foreign governments, as well as the greed of the war lords, are expressed more or less obscurely in the tempestuous moves upon the Chinese chessboard.

What must those who have a horror over the thought of a government deriving revenue from the liquor traffic, think of the fact that the Dominion Government last year collected the enormous sum of \$42,920,000 in excise duties. This is more than the entire revenue of the country in the days when Sir John A. Macdonald was at the head of affairs at Ottawa. Excise duties, it might be explained are collected chiefly from a gentleman known as John Barleycorn, described by the late Robert Burns as "a hero bold of noble enterprise."

As before stated in these columns the opposition to the Baxter Government's scheme of power development seems to be petering out. It is rumored that the opposition members of the House will not line up solidly against it, and it is also rumored that one of the number in the near future may be added to the hydro-commission.

A cello player sought in court to recover a \$1,500 painting he presented to a friend. The judge ruled that a gift is a gift and that this one, differing somewhat from the cello, had no string to it.

Now it is a Chicago bridge player who slaps his wife's face for criticizing his game. The rules committee will eventually have to decide whether this constitutes a little or grand slam.

Charley Ross, who disappeared about 50 years ago has been found again, this time in the Carolinas. No doubt he was identified by his rompers and sailor hat.

We shall now listen to 428 "world famous astrologers" whom no one ever heard of before and who prophesied last January that Mussolini would be shot.

In regard to this Harvard student who received \$10 for devouring 48 hard-boiled eggs in 45 minutes, is he eating his way through college?

The new generation can't realize how fortunate it is. It has never heard of a celluloid cuff.

The affairs of the British American Packing Company came in for a ventilation before the Agricultural Committee of the Legislature yesterday. The bonds of this concern were guaranteed by the province to the extent of \$100,000 last session subject to the underwriting of \$250,000 worth of stock by the company. Considerable of the stock has yet to be subscribed.

After the doctor has called and advised you to get out and do a little walking for your health, he drives away in his sedan.

A needle that entered a woman's back 1 year ago has just been taken from her knee. It suggests a stitch that took considerable time.

A Northern visitor says he was robbed of \$1,000 in a Palm Beach hotel, but hasn't even a quitclaim deed to prove it.

Now that science has perfected a waterproof match there is hope that it will eventually get around to rain-coats.

The Old Days were those in which a man could rid his lawn of dandelions without loud cheers from the passers-by.

It's too bad about this being a late spring, with so many of our prominent wild-flower vandals raring to go.

Utopia is a mythical country whose historians mention the plowshare at least as often as they do the sword.

If you've never cussed, wait until a "big" man's stenographer holds you on the phone until he's ready to talk.

The price of new potatoes again is the old, old story.

### SYNOD MADE GOOD PROGRESS WITH REPORTS

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school. He pointed out that increased attention was being given to Religious Education. He urged stimulation of training in worship service also must be taught. Instruction, worship and service were the three main channels of activity.

Objection By Col. Campbell.

Col. H. Montgomery Campbell drew attention to the fact that insufficient attention was given to giving instruction in the history of the Church of England. There also might be sermons on the subject, which could be made very interesting.

One member stated that text books still were in use which stated that Henry the Eighth was the founder of the Church of England. His Lordship in reply said that the book complained of had been removed.

The Dean said he believed that certain teachers who had been learned from Edith Thompson's text book still taught that erroneous statement. It was not in the school text.

The Synod proceeded and adopted the reports which had not already been passed.

His Lordship spoke strongly in favor of the Inter-provincial Home for Women at Coverdale. He had attended the opening of this fine institution. Financial aid was necessary.

### MISS M'PHAIL WILL MOVE A RESOLUTION

Ottawa, April 21—Miss Agnes MacPhail proposed to move in the House of Commons that the Canadian girl who marries an alien, and continues to reside in Canada, shall not lose her British citizenship by the mere act of marriage. Miss MacPhail's proposal is that the naturalization act be amended to provide that "a woman of British nationality, residing in Canada, should not lose, or be deemed to lose, her nationality by the mere act of marriage with an alien, but that it should be open to her to make declaration of alienage if she so desires."

Miss MacPhail's resolution, although not limited thereto, will on account of their number, have particular reference to marriages between Canadian girls and Americans.

Brothers in Row.

As the result of information laid by his brother a well known local man who recently returned to Fredericton was arrested Wednesday night on a charge of assault. The accused was given a remand until tomorrow.

### WHO IS THE BEST LOOKING LAW MAKER?

An observing lady who visited the Legislature one day this week when asked to pick out the best looking member said: "It is rather a difficult task you have imposed on me. There are a lot of passably good looking men in the House this year, but I think that the speaker makes by long odds the best appearance. In my opinion the best looking man in the government front bench is Hon. Dr. Taylor, with Hon. Mr. Tilley a very good second. On the opposition side the most striking figure is Mr. Dysart, and there does not seem to be any very close runner up. On the back benches of the government side there are a number who seem to look nice from the gallery. Among these I would include Mr. Agar, Mr. Scott, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Lewis. I am told that there are some good looking men sitting beneath the gallery on the Opposition side, but as their light is hidden under a bushel, I am not able to classify them. I am inclined to think that the present House is superior to the last in the matter of good looks."

(It might be added that some of the good looking men who sit out of range beneath the ladies gallery are Dr. Oulton of Westmorland Messrs Heckbert and Holmes of Northumberland Mr. McKenzie of St. Stephen and Dr. Dougan of York.

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\* THROUGH OUR SIEVE \*  
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Add remarkable remarks: Nothing is done about a lot of things.

We suppose the idea that a sitting hen "sets" came from the fact that she is set in her ways.

Deep problem. Shall we sit in the porch swing another summer and watch the pursuit of happiness or buy a car and join the chase?

Lima Beane says the fellow who breaks the speed regulations getting to work doesn't break any after he arrives.

It doesn't seem to make much difference to our creditors whether we see the new moon over the right or left shoulder.

Radio brought us the word "static," which accurately defines the fellows who are forever spoiling life's grand, sweet song.

If your shoulderblades itch don't get the notion that wings are sprouting. It's only another proof of spring.

Mussolini impresses us as the kind of man we'd like to be at least this far away from before betraying any amusement over the way he looks with the tip of his nose painted with iodine.—Ohio State Journal.—It's remarkable that he hasn't ordered all the Italian people including the king, to paint theirs.

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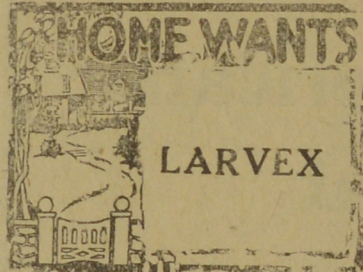


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