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FRANCE AND ITALY.

Neither the cherished honor of France nor the reputation of M. Briand for benevolent dignity and statecraft has suffered a whit in the speech he made to the Chamber of Deputies on the Italian imbroglio.

There is cold steel beneath the good nature of the French Government. But the French have shown a most remarkable and praiseworthy forbearance in the face of unneighborly agitations. Undoubtedly they have been at great trouble and expense to block the plots hatched against Mussolini on French soil. Added to that task is the apparent conspiracy fostered by Fascist forces in France as a means of provocation. The representative of the French Department of Savoy, which is on the borders of Italy and Switzerland, rose in Parliament the other day and rebuked Fascist bodies and newspapers for agitating the recession of the district to Italy. Savoy, he said, had come voluntarily to France in 1860 and had neither the desire nor intention of being incorporated in the Italian Kingdom. Similar propaganda and agitation have been launched for the recession of Corsica, the Department of Alpes Maritimes, including most of the Riviera and other portions of the Franco-Italian border. There have been attacks on French Consulates and other demonstrations of dislike. Finally there is a diplomatic pressure area between Italy and France over control of the old Barbary States in Northern Africa and the continuance of the French mandate over Syria.

How much of the deliberate plotting and unpleasant demonstration can be laid upon Mussolini's government and how much upon wild, but irresponsible marplots is questionable. Mussolini's domination of activities of every kind within Italy is supposed to be absolute. The agitation has been dangerous and unneighborly. But Briand and his government have calmly overlooked some of these provocations, firmly but pleasantly obtained apologies for outstanding offenses and proceeded on the theory that there is no valid reason for enmity between the two nations, and therefore no occasion to add incitement from the French side. And yet—but let M. Briand say it in his own humorous way: "Italy has the right to show her temper, but not too often or too much."

THE WORLD IS ALL RIGHT.

Chauncey M. Depew, as his 93rd birthday nears, has granted his annual interview. Mr. Depew is always interesting because he is always happy and optimistic. It is such cheerful philosophy as his that is needed to offset the grumbling with which the public is familiar. There is the rather flippant remark about it taking all kinds of people to make a world. Well, Chauncey Depew is one of the desirable kind. At his remarkable age he is impressive.

Mr. Depew doesn't waste any time walling or railing against conditions. To him the world is all right. There is gratitude in his remark: "The world has been pretty good to me for 93 years and I haven't got the strength now to try to change things." Thus he leaves the faultfinding and the business of reforming things to others. Having lived a life of good humor, this man is going on to the end, maintaining a complacent view of life.

A committee of the University Senate has recommended that the salaries of the professors of the U. N. B., who have been connected with the institution for more than three years, be increased by January 1st. It is to be hoped that the recommendation will be carried out. There are men selling insurance in this city who are far better paid than the members of the faculty of our university. This is certainly not as it should be. Considering the meagre salaries, which have prevailed it is a matter for surprise that Chancellor Jones should be able to gather around him such a highly efficient staff.

The Halifax Board of Trade is well to the fore, when it unanimously passed the following: "That the Council of the Halifax Board of Trade do go on record as being unanimously in favor of the recommendations as fired by the Royal Commission and, further, that this Board do herewith petition the Government of Canada that the recommendations so filed be implemented at the earliest possible date."

The recent sale of city bonds is an indication that the City of Fredericton stands high in the estimation of brokerage firms and shrewd investors. Long before the great war or to be exact just twenty years ago a block of Fredericton bonds went begging for a time and were finally disposed of around \$5. This week the price obtained was 102.

St. Catharines Standard: When the women secured the vote in Ontario, there was reason to expect that the prohibition law would be permanent. But on Wednesday last the women undoubtedly voted just about the same as did their consorts. There were many exceptions, of course, but the result would not have been possible if the vote of the women had been solid for prohibition.

"If everyone who found fault with his household bills killed his wife, nurse and himself, what a slaughter there would be!" exclaims the Wilmington Morning News. Not, however, so much as is indicated. The average man would probably save on the nurse.

Dr. Boyd S. Gardner, a dental surgeon, says picking bones, crunching toast, grinding celery and going through other noisy gastronomic exercises mean better teeth. And a great deal more room at the table.

Among the newest inventions is a bedstead surrounded by a miniature gymnasium. That's probably the thought of some mother of a first-grade kid who is trying to save her mattresses and springs.

None of the newly discovered verses by Omar Khayyam has been translated, but the supposition is that Omar stayed anti-Prohibition to the very end.

Disease germs, we are told, take on a different appearance when fed various kinds of food. We'll wager some of them appear mighty terrifying after being given spinach.

California lady not yet 30, who is looking forward to her sixth wedding, has long since left the amateur ranks of matrimonial sports. Apparently she has adopted marriage as a profession.

Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada, observed his fifty-second birthday yesterday, having been born at Kitchener, Ontario, December 17th, 1874.

It may be only patriotism that moves anthropologists to look for missing links in Java instead of nearer home.

And in all probability a lot of men who will be given a "Merry Christmas" would like to respond with a merry ha, ha!

"Woman's place is in the home," insists an old-fashioned critic. Ah, yes, but that doesn't mean much. Today a woman's at home any old place.

Charlie Chaplin doesn't know if his wife will ask a million or two million alimony. Delightful uncertainty!

A Chinese soldier is something like our bricklayers. He doesn't work on a rainy day.

It's getting harder to tell boys and girls apart and sometimes you can't when they're together.

And speaking of Christmas, the man who writes it "Xmas" deserves just that kind.

TOM COPELAND AGAIN

Scotch Comedian Heard Here With the London Eight on Way to England.

Tom Copeland, Scotch comedian and manager of the London Eight, a travelling vaudeville and concert troupe, which has twice appeared at the Capitol Theatre, sailed from Saint John by the S. S. Minnedosa this week. Mr. Copeland, who is working alone now, has been for more than a year touring the smaller places of the Canadian west as a humorous lecturer, folk musician and Scotch comic. He has labored particularly amongst the United Churches and travelling alone Mr. Copeland was able to perform in some secluded and isolated towns and villages where showpeople seldom get. In London, where his home is, Mr. Copeland was for years a church organist. The other members of the London Eight are spread about. Suzette Terry, soubrette (Mrs. Copeland) is in London; Joan Duff, pianist (Miss Copeland) is earning a large salary in a vaudeville circuit on this side; the lady violinist and Mr. Alexander, baritone, are in concert work over here and Wilfrid Virgo, tenor, is in Toronto doing church work. Tom Copeland is to return to Canada for engagements booked in Regina as a starting point.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Not only is anticipation more enjoyable than realization but there is more of it.

What a happy world this would be if all the knocking were done by spirits.

So far King Ferdinand has survived the rumors and the work of the great specialists.

Another time when the honeymoon is over is when he quits getting the meals with a can opener.

Charlie Chaplin wants to divide the children 50-50. But that looks too much like a horse trade to appeal to motherhood.

"Installment buying is fine," remarked the Man on the Car, "but there is no thrill in installment paying."

Probably some men can live off their nerve but it seems to us they have confused the word nerve with charity.

Of course honesty pays! How could the butcher and grocer collect if it didn't and on second thought how could we renew our automobiles.

Of course, it's sensible to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors leaving the law out of the question but doing the sensible thing gets pretty tiresome at times.

Have you noticed the frequency with which the word "alleged" appears in the daily news? We expect some day when there is not a cloud to be seen anywhere, to read something like this: It is alleged that the sun is shining.

NEW TENDERS TO BE CALLED FOR S. S. SERVICE

Terms of Canada-West Indies Treaty Call for Good Service.

Ottawa, Dec. 17—The government has decided to call for new tenders for the steamship service between Canada and the British West Indies along the same lines as those specified in the tenders called for in January of 1926. New tenders must be in the hands of the Department of Trade and Commerce by Jan. 20, 1927.

The terms of the Canadian-West Indies trade treaty call for special steamship services as part of Canada's obligation. It only remains for these services to become operative before the whole treaty comes into effect.

Await Service.

All the islands of the West Indies, Bermuda, British Guiana and British Honduras have ratified the treaty, and have been waiting for the steamship service.

The agreement calls for two services. One a fortnightly freight, passenger and mail from Canadian ocean ports all the year around, calling at Bermuda, St. Kitts, Nevis, Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica, Barbados, Trinidad and Demerara. The vessels in this service are to be from 5,000 to 6,000 tons, with a speed of 12 knots or more, and accommodation for 100 first class; 30 second class and 100 steerage passengers. There must be cold storage space of 10,000 cubic feet.

The other service is to be a fortnightly freight service of vessels of about 4,000 tons. The rates are to be controlled by the Canadian government. The other parties to the agreement will contribute £29,000 annually to the service. Canada has also undertaken a fortnightly mail, passenger and freight service between St. Lawrence ports in summer and other Canadian ports in winter, calling both ways at Bermuda, the Bahamas and Kingston, Jamaica.

The passenger service is to be similar to the former service, and there will be refrigeration for 70,000 stems of bananas, and for Canadian wheat.

Baking soda, says a Chicago physician, won't help dyspepsia, but he can't deny it helps baking.

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DIED

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