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SCOTCH OR DUTCH?

Devotees of the roaring game of curling, who have always been under the impression that it originated in Scotland, will no doubt be interested in the following article taken from a recent issue of the Toledo Blade:

"You remember that group of solid-fleshed citizens who used to play a game here they called curling, sliding a twenty-pound stone over the ice with curious twists of arm and wrist, doing things furiously for a minute or two with a broom and all the while dropping burred syllables about as wastefully as a rooster scattering grain.

"They let on, these gentlemen, that their sport was Scotch, born of Scotch ingenuity, developed by Scotch imagination and brought to the plane of an art by Scotch subtlety.

"Well, we observe by papers from Canada that curling began in Holland and there reached its zenith on the smooth spaces behind the dikes where the ice froze out of the wind. It was there that the first curling club was formed. A famous Dutch painter braved the low temperatures to record the scene of fat burghers alternating between curling and taking cheering stuff out of a huge flag-on. The time was the Fifteenth century.

"This is the second heavy scoring of the Dutch against the Scotch. They have proved their contention that they originated golf. The history is incontrovertible. There is no longer even a peep of protest about it from Edinburgh or Glasgow.

"Do you suppose the Dutch invented the bag-pipes? Is it possible that they are the true progenitors of those stalwart sons who from the Tweed north to Kyle of Durness and Butt of Lewis and even Unst and Yell and Papa Stour believe they sprang from the lions of Roman-harrying Picts?"

DROOPING SHOULDERS.

It was a keen observation of O. Henry that the very poor could try to hide their unhappiness by a blustering attitude toward life, by laughter and by passion, but that it would betray itself in the droop of their shoulders. There is, indeed, no more pathetic evidence that woes are heavy physically as well as spiritual than the fact that shoulders do stoop under a weight of sorrow.

You have seen the grieving mother who has buried a child. You have seen the ruined man issuing from the court that has registered his bankruptcy. You have perhaps noted the weariness of the neighbor whose distresses have been great. Always there has been that unfailing sign as if heart ache responded to the law of gravitation the same as the smith's hammer. The happiness or discontent of a community or a people may possibly be measured by the way its shoulders are carried.

SPAIN MAY WITHDRAW.

Spain has intimated to the League of Nations that if it doesn't get a permanent seat in the Council it will withdraw from the League. This attitude is a great mistake. We apprehend that Spain is more likely to need the League than the League is to need Spain. The Council would become unwieldy if all the members had seats in it, and if there is to be a selection the permanent seat must be confined to the recognized great powers. Spain is not one of these, and as it kept out of the world war it has no claims as one of the victors to a permanent seat. Brazil is claiming a permanent seat. China has claimed one, but has for the present withdrawn its claim. Sweden has as much reason or claiming a permanent seat as Brazil or Spain. It would be a great pity to have the usefulness of the League impaired by insistence upon points of national vanity.

The English miners have done an unpleasant, and probably an unwise thing, in refusing the proposals of the Government and accepting a contribution, said to be \$1,300,000, from the Communist unions of Russia. The proposals of the Government were a reduction of 10 per cent. in the higher rates of coal wages and a Government grant of \$15,000,000 to tide over the miners until some reorganization

of the industry could be effected. Perhaps the miners were justified in refusing to accept any reduction of wages, but their acceptance of Russian money, practically from a Communist Government, to help them win an industrial struggle in England will anger public opinion at home. It would not have been so bad if the money came from individual workers in Russia, but it came from trade associations which are controlled by the Soviet, whose animosity to the industrial system of England and all the rest of the world has been repeatedly expressed.

His Gracious Majesty King George V., will enter upon his sixty-second year tomorrow, having been born on June 3rd, 1865. His Majesty is now in the sixteenth year of his reign, which means that he has ruled the Great British Empire five years longer than his illustrious father, Edward the Peace Maker. His Majesty's loyal subjects in all parts of his far-flung Empire will wish him many happy returns of the day.

Sir Herbert Ames has tendered his resignation as financial treasurer of the League of Nations to take effect next month. Sir Herbert is a former member of the Canadian Parliament, having for some years represented the St. Antoine division of Montreal in the Conservative interests.

An association advocates the rewriting of all history with any mention of carnage or bloodshed omitted. This would seem to reduce Morocco's annals to a pamphlet.

One of the great steps forward in the field of preventive medicine was Mr. Dempsey's discovery that you don't get hurt if you don't fight.

In the Good Old Days this was the season when the 12-year-old dropped into the livery stable for a close crop with the horse clippers.

The class in Rudimentary Punning might try its hand for the next hour or two with something along the line of 'Warsaw saw war.'

One hears many opinions of Mr. Mussolini, favorable and otherwise, but none that he is just an average guy.

The important thing just now in Old World politics is to rush a cabinet together in time to fall for the next crisis.

An item says the Chicago beer boys ordinarily travel in groups. It takes several of them to get the artillery into position.

A want ad offers a reward for the return of a valuable rug stolen from a clothes line; presumably a hooked rug.

"Woman's work," remarked the lone husband as he gazed on a pile of soiled dishes left by his movie-going wife, "is never done."

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THROUGH OUR SIEVE  
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Matrimony may be Amundsen's next adventure.

It's a pretty uncomfortable straw hat that doesn't feel as good as it looks.

One great trouble in Chicago is that the wrong people get possession of the machine guns.

At times, if the news stories are correct, Pilsudski seems too backward for a dictator.

Our notion of a distasteful person is a bootlegger who drinks his own stuff and tries to hug a good customer.

Rn-tin-tin's bark and the trumpeting of an elephant have been broadcast and we expect to hear cats in the backyard by radio some evening.

Every dog has his day—an arrangement that seems about right as it would be rather annoying if all dogs had their day at the same time.

Sometimes when the soprano gets so close to the microphone that the listener two hundred miles away, can hear her breathe the conclusion is that the younger ones don't wheeze.

"When members of the younger generation," remarked the Man on the Car "discover something their elders have known for a long time it is just as well to let them feel they're pretty doggone smart."

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE TO GET LARGE BEQUEST

Ottawa, May 31.—Probate has been granted the will of the late Joseph Thompson Shirreff, former Vice-President of the E. B. Eddy Company of Hull, who died on May 20. Specific requests in the document amount to \$294,000, of which \$250,000 goes to the Montreal Trust Company, of Montreal, Que., to establish a trust fund in favor of his widow, Gillelmax Patching Shirreff, from which she is to receive an income of \$1,000 a month so long as she remains unmarried and if she marries, an annual income of \$5,000.

With the Montreal Company the Hon. Richard Bedford Bennett, K. C., is named as executor and the will bequeaths to him 1,008 shares of capital stock in the E. B. Eddy Company, provided that from this he shall pay all estate and succession dues and shall have paid to the Montreal Trust Company the quarter of million dollars mentioned above for the benefit of the widow.

At the death of the widow the trust fund, together with all accumulations is bequeathed to the Dalhousie University of Halifax, to be added to the Jennie Grahl Hunter Shirreff Eddy Foundation; with a special stipulation that, if still unfinished the Shirreff Extension Hall shall be fully completed.

Articles of personal adornment and jewellery are left to the god-son, Fletcher Wade Troop, son of the late Gilbert S. Troop, of Halifax, N. S.

Various bequests of from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each amount to \$44,000, and the residue, if any, is willed to Arthur G. Troop, of the law department, House of Commons, Ottawa.

SHOULD TELL THEY CATCH THE LEGAL LIMIT

(Truro News.)

Messrs. Percy R. Black, Garnet Black, Stanley Coffell, Mrs. P. R. Black, and Lena Legacy, spent the holiday fishing at Byers Lake, New Annan Mountains. They report a wonderful trip getting well over six hundred trout, some weighing up to two and a half pounds. There is still lots of snow in the mountains, according to the party in many places the drifts being two and three feet deep. The road with the exception of Street Ridge is very good. The Streets Ridge road, especially since Sunday's rain, is next to impassable—Amherst Daily News, May 25.

Commenting on the above the Truro News says:

We have fished many a time in Byers Lake, and we know the waters well. We never heard of trout, taken from that Lake, of such a size as mentioned above; and over 600 trout taken on "the holiday" by five persons is a violation of the Fisheries Act by more than 450 fish! Some active game wardens in Amherst have of late been very energetic in having the violators of the N. S. Game Act heavily fined. We would suggest that these, or some similar Law defenders get after the above fishing party and either make them tell the truth or "ante-up" a good stiff fine for this trout slaughter at this well-known Colchester Mountain lake.

(Fishermen as a rule are good hands at drawing the long bow, and no doubt there are some who disregard the fishery law. In view of the fact that tomorrow is a holiday it might be well to point out, that the limit for a trout angler under the law is thirty trout per day which must not weigh in excess of ten pounds.)

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Burtt, left by auto this morning on a trip to Houlton.

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QUEBEC MEAL TAX.

Quebec, June 1.—Quebec's new tax on meals came into effect today. All meals served in public houses in the province of Quebec, costing one dollar or more will now be taxed five per cent. The entire proceeds will go to the public charities fund.

Dr. A. H. Moore Coming Tonight.  
Rev. Dr. Arthur H. Moore, President of King's College, is to arrive here tonight to take part in the local part of the King's College Endowment Fund Campaign.

New J. P.'s in York.  
The Royal Gazette today contains notice of the appointment of the following Justices of the Peace for York:— Hiram Manuel of Dumfries, Otty F. Grant of Hawkshaw, Byron W. Gorman of Burt's Corner, E. J. Lounsbury and G. C. McDowell of Fredericton.

**DIED**  
BARKER—At the home of his daughter Mrs. Grover C. McCoy, 421 King Street, Fredericton, N. B., on the 2nd inst., Alfred Barker, after a long illness, aged 67 years. Funeral Friday afternoon with service at the late home at two o'clock by Rev. F. H. Holmes. Interment in the Rural Cemetery.

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