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Are You a Poor Speller?

The president of the University of Kansas City, Dr. J. Duncan Spaeth, has come to the defense of poor spellers.

"I sometimes believe incorrect spelling is a sign of intelligence," he said. "A child learns that the plural of house is houses. Why is it not reasonable for the child to suppose the plural of mouse is mouses?"

Now if somebody will only come along and give us as good an excuse for poor mathematicians, life will be worth living.

But what would please us most is a good, strong campaign to abolish the question mark. Why do we need it, any way? Doesn't the sense of the sentence tell whether it is a question.

Peace Prize Goes Begging

The announcement that Eugene O'Neill, the famous United States dramatist, has been awarded the Nobel Prize in literature again calls attention to bequest which has the appearance of being in the nature "conscience money."

When, in 1896, Alfred Bernard Nobel died at St. Remo, Italy, he left a fund of \$9,000,000 to provide annual prizes for the best work in chemistry, medicine, literature, and for the most outstanding accomplishment in the interest of world peace.

And that fund was accumulated by Nobel as the result of his invention—in partnership with his father—of nitroglycerine and dynamite, and of his work in connection with land mines, torpedoes and similar engines of destruction.

Nobel was a widely travelled man. Born in Sweden, he was educated in Russia and America. Later he settled with his father for some years in Paris, and eventually founded a munitions plant near Stockholm.

There is little doubt that the fund he left has done much to stimulate and assist students of the sciences and of literature, but it is to be noted that no Peace Prize was awarded last year and none has been bestowed this year.

Therefore, as an incentive to any who are in a position to make notable contribution to the cause of peace, it may be mentioned that the next winner of that award will receive, in addition to the current prize, the amounts which have been withheld during the years in which so much attention has been turned to promoting war.

Prevention an Investment

To the present time news despatches describing the Federal Government's relief programme in the drought areas of the Prairies have not detailed the character or the extent of the work undertaken, and, consequently, it has been difficult for the public to appreciate the size of the task. That there are 100,000 persons receiving direct relief does not begin to tell the story.

So far the work has been concerned chiefly with alleviating the immediate distress, transferring those on unclaimable land to new homes, moving the live stock to the feeding areas of the North and East, and generally preparing for the winter. Necessary as this is, it is only the first step in preparation of the real work, which is the rehabilitation of the dried-out districts.

The general plans in the rehabilitation programme, to be discussed at the forthcoming Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference, included a much wider resettlement scheme, the reclaiming of some Saskatchewan areas and a general project of drought-prevention work.

The prevention scheme is perhaps the most important. The Prairie Provinces have any number of waterways that can be used for irrigation developments. Drainage and water-storage projects are equally feasible, due to the heavy snowfalls and early spring rains. What is of great assistance is the general fall of the land through most of the southern districts where prevention programmes are most necessary.

It is conceivable that, if this phase of the Federal programme is carried out on anything like the scale required, it would take greater expenditures than could be provided by the \$10,000,000 Finance Minister Dunning originally allotted to drought relief. At the same time, it should be realized that money spent in this way will ensure the West against recurrence of the catastrophe, and will pay dividends in the way of crop protection which must be of benefit to the whole Dominion. Cost, therefore, cannot be a first consideration.

Empire Precedent Broken

That the Earl of Clarendon, Governor-General of South Africa, is to be succeeded by Patrick Duncan, present Minister of Mines at Cape Town, might at first sight be taken to indicate a loosening of the ties between the Dominion and the Motherland.

In order to estimate correctly the possible effect of the change, however, it would be necessary to know exactly what negotiations with London preceded Mr. Duncan's nomination. The Governor-General of a Dominion occupies a unique position, for he is the deputy of the ruling monarch. It must be taken for granted, therefore, that an appointee to that post is acceptable to His Majesty. Further, the Government which chose the new nominee is, no less than that which holds the reins in Britain, "His Majesty's Government," and for that reason one which would not, presumably, act in opposition to the will of the Throne.

But among the many opposing views of South Africa's departure from precedent one thing seems to emerge clearly: that the Dominion itself is likely to suffer. Quite apart from the fact that the office of South African Governor-General is almost certain to meet with loss of prestige—for proverbially a prophet is without honor in his own country—Capetown is denying itself the advantages to be gained by having in residence one who actually is in touch with the home Government and with the Crown.

Looked at from this standpoint, Capetown's promotion of a South African citizen to the lofty but isolated position of Governor-General appears to be a sacrifice of the best interests of the Dominion to a youthful feeling of national pride.

SNAPSHOTS

Those people who are afraid to cross the highway bridge in the dark need not worry. The Maritime Electric is doing its best to replace a broken cable at the earliest possible moment.

Alderman Mundle has not yet decided to throw his tam into the ring as a mayoralty candidate. He threw it in last year, and then picked it up again.

Look out girl. A scientist has discovered that smoking causes baldness. Imagine Margaret for instance, with a bald head.

If he remembers when he shined his shoes with a brush that had a dauber on top in front and a handle like a stove lifter, he looks younger with his hat on.

All things are relative, and the hick town girl whose pa has \$8,000 in the bank is afraid she isn't loved for herself alone.

There are two reasons why we allow our neighbor free speech: it is his lawful right, and we are afraid to hit him.

A skidding husband may go 'around and around' but somehow he always manages to come out somewhere near home, when he finally straightens up.

Some nitwit who refuses to sign him name in confidence to different letters which he or she has sent to this paper for publication, now sends the Editor a "collect" for abusing us for not using the name which he or she writes. If the correspondent will send in his or her name in confidence we will publish the letter. If not the correspondent can go to the devil.

Household

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the senior third to the senior fourth classes are taught cookery and sewing under the direction of a teacher specially trained in these subjects and holding a certificate in household science, granted by the Department of Education.

Individual Utensils
These classrooms or centres are quite similar, though the older ones are gradually being made more modern in equipment. The kitchens accommodate 24 pupils, each girl having a small stove and individual utensils. This enables them to work by themselves or in groups, as the case may be. The class baking is done at large stoves, usually two in number. There are, as well, sinks and cupboards for holding dishes and cooking utensils.

In the sewing rooms there are machines, work tables at which the girls sit and cupboards for their supplies. These rooms are usually very busy places, as the girls move about and do the tasks assigned to them.

In the second book the pupils are taught sewing under their regular grade teacher. They learn to use a needle, wear a thimble—such a dreadful task—and hold their work properly. These little girls finally make many useful articles, such as gay pot-holders, aprons and book covers, thus putting into practice the simple stitches they have learned.

After this sewing is taught to the girls of the senior third to the senior fourth classes in the household science centres under the direction of that teacher. They learn the principles of elementary construction and carry on to more advanced problems.

For a first project they make an apron and cap, which they afterwards wear in their cookery classes. This is followed by the making of underwear, dresses and household linen, consisting of towels, pillow cases and luncheon sets. Knitting of all kinds, crocheting, mending, remodelling and hand weaving all have their place. The care and use of the sewing machine is, of course, taught as a fundamental.

Good Workmanship

In the teaching of sewing it is the aim of the teacher to have the girls appreciate good workmanship. They learn to recognize materials as well as something of their manufacture. A great deal of originality in design and decoration is encouraged, while in smocking and fagoting and other fine stitchery they find an outlet of expression for their idea of beauty.

The work in the cookery classes is taken alternately with the sewing classes for half the academic year. Here they follow a graded course of study, keeping in mind the average Canadian home, its equipment and financial limits.

The pupils are taught the principles of cookery and the work in each grade is grouped around meals. Senior third classes prepare breakfasts; junior fourth classes prepare luncheons and senior fourth, dinners.

A. B. Burns and L. C. Vallis, both of Saint John, are staying at the Queen Hotel for a few days.

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Lord

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too, in multicolored evening dress, were those two stalwarts, Walter McConnell and Lockhart Trinnell, special police escort to visiting Governor Generals, otherwise Toronto's arson squad.

As the party reached the arena, young Ivan Roberts, of Highfield, P. E. I. was speaking. Such was the layout of the place that the platform was immediately in front of the entrance. Thus Roberts, orating to the audience, had his back to the curtains which masked the entrance.

The drapes were drawn aside. And his Excellency immediately announced that he would not interrupt the lad's speech. So he waited, and his party waited.

They stood there in the opened curtains, in view of the audience, his Excellency with head cocked slightly to one side catching the boy's words.

And Roberts, unaware of his distinguished listener, went on with all the verbose enthusiasm of youth.

"There are great men in this Canada of ours."

His words rang out with oratorical fervor and he swept the Dominion with an outflung arm. The audience beamed at his Excellency. And Ivan beamed back.

"Across this fair land of our . . . Ah, those were the magic words that warmed them! For his listeners were upright in their chairs, eyes gleaming, intent.

Thus encouraged, Ivan let himself go. And with many a gesture and ornate phrase, he painted a picture of 'this great country' of 'youth, the builders of the future.'

On and on he went, and his audience was breathless. Minutes went by, but in that viceregal party there was no fidgeting. Keenly, sincerely his Excellency was drinking in that speech.

It might be 'old stuff' to a cynical reporter, the words might have been spouted from every public speaking platform of the country, but to Ivan Roberts and to his Excellency Lord Tweedsmuir, it was something vital, heart tingling, inspiring.

Five minutes went by, and with a final wave of the hand, and a thumping of fist in upturned palm young Roberts finished.

He turned around, saw ahead of him only some men in stiff shirts, and in the glow of a good job well done stumbled from the platform, bumped into his Excellency.

Tweedsmuir, smiling, seized him by the hand, pumped it, said: "A fine address, my boy."

But even then Ivan did not know his hand-clasper. He grinned, swung aside, started past the curtains.

Then someone told him all about it. The boy's eyes bulged out, and his heated cheeks flamed into crimson. He turned, looked back in awe.

His Excellency was in his place on the platform, making a brief address to the audience.

"Gosh," said Ivan once, and drew a step nearer to the opened curtains. Lord Tweedsmuir stepped back down from the platform. He nodded to the lad and smiled. Then he started away. Ivan watched them go—Tweedsmuir—the executives of the fair, the assortment of police.

Someone touched the lad on the shoulder and said, "Do you know who that was?"

"I believe," said Ivan, his eyes still popping, "I believe it was the Governor General of Canada."

Sees

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majority the provisions of the treaty might be extended.

Due to improvement in conditions in Canada, said the Minister, the deficit would be considerably less than the \$1,000,000 budgeted for the current fiscal year by Hon. Charles Dunning, Finance Minister.

A cut in this year's Canadian National Railway deficit was also prophesied by Mr. Howe.

A lot of money had to be expended by the railway this year due to floods, extensive improvements had to be made to the roadbed and the small grain crop in the West had affected the earnings of the system. Nevertheless, he believed results would show an improvement over last year.

Hope Fading

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Only one body had been recovered. Nine injured are in hospital.

Wearily, mud-smeared men dug and chopped while a power shovel cut into the 100-foot-wide mass which ranged from 10 to 40 feet in depth.

Rescue efforts centred on the demolished three-storey frame building.

Nickinovich apartments which received the full force of the slide as it tumbled down a mountainside and cut a swath through an apartment house district.

Four of those listed as missing were believed to be in the Nickinovich building.

Guided by Voices

Guided by the voices of people trapped within the buildings, rescue crews worked through the night to bring them to safety. Timbers, pulled from the debris, were ignited, casting a weird light over the devastated region. Power lines were wiped out and fire truck headlights guided the rescuers in their work.

Heavy rains, which apparently caused the slides, ceased during the night.

SUEZ CANAL TO BE PROTECTED BY NEW AGREEMENT

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Nov. 24—Sir Anthony Eden today in speaking before the House of Commons about the recently signed Anglo-Egyptian treaty spoke of the good qualities of the treaty in connection with British interests due to the good will of the Prime Minister of Egypt which had made possible this treaty. The new agreement is one of friendship and alliance. The British government must protect Egypt in the event of war and Egypt will assist Great Britain if she is attacked. The Suez Canal is to be adequately protected. New roads are to be built.

SPANISH GOVT ACCUSE GERMANY, ITALY OF SPYING

MADRID, Nov. 24—The Spanish government has reported that German and Italian cruisers have been in the vicinity of Spanish waters and spying on their activities and keeping the insurgents posted. Rome and Berlin say on the other hand that these reports are groundless. A ship from Athens with a Greek cargo loaded with coal was reported stopped and searched by insurgents.

Landscape

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stable government may be looked for, especially in view of the Paris Exposition to be held next summer when every effort will be made to attract visitors from all over the world.

Whiskey

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States became operative at the beginning of the present calendar year there were at least 27,000,000 gallons of whiskey available for export from Canada, and by the end of this calendar year it is expected there will still be about 20,000,000 gallons. There has, of course, been considerable manufacture during the year.

BOYD CASE OPENS TODAY

P. J. Hughes, K.C., of this city, is in Saint John today, and is acting as counsel for Miss Mary Boyd vs. the City of Saint John—an action for \$10,000 damages for alleged false imprisonment. The case opens before the November term of the circuit court there, with Mr. Justice Richards of this city presiding. Mr. Hughes had asked that the trial be postponed until January but the common council of Saint John had refused to accede to his request.

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MAY NOT KNOW HE IS WINNER OF PEACE PRIZE

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BERLIN, Nov. 24—The winner of the Nobel Peace Prize which was recently awarded is at present in a nursing home. The successful contestant is a German and received the prize on account of outstanding work in the cause of peace and it is quite doubtful if as yet he knows that he has won the coveted award.

Towering

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Fairbanks, Mr. Washburn succeeded in photographing a vast expanse of the rugged terrain between Mt. McKinley and Mt. Hayes.

The pictures reveal the highest territory under the American flag. They also mark the first use, in the region, of infra-red ray photography, which makes it possible for the same photo to show the town of Fairbanks and the white summits of Mt. McKinley and its relating peaks projecting above the horizon more than 100 miles away.

The infra-red photographs show why Mt. McKinley can claim one of the greatest heights from top to bottom, among the world's mountains, since it rises 20,000 feet from a level plain almost without foothills. Mr. Everest, although 29,000 feet above sea level, actually rises only about 10,000 feet above a lofty plateau region.

The photographs prove conclusively the location of Mt. Hunter, a peak more than 15,000 feet high, about

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