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Latest Prison Story

"My attention," says Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes in John Bull, "has been drawn to a sensational new book entitled 'Walls Have Mouths.' It is one of the most savage and insensate attacks on prison life that I have ever read. The author is W. F. R. Macartney, an individual, I observe, who makes no secret of the fact that he recently emerged from Parkhurst Prison after serving a ten years' sentence on charges of espionage."

Apparently much more than his attention has been drawn to the book for it seems to have stirred up a wide public interest in prison reform. Of the book, The London Advertiser says:

"It was a scathing indictment of Britain's prison system and gave an unpleasantly intimate view of long-sentence conditions. It came as a decided shock to the British public to realize to how great an extent the cat-o'-nine-tails, the strait jacket, solitary confinement on bread and water, and other anachronisms are still used as a means of maintaining prison discipline. The book made several constructive suggestions regarding needed reforms. They strike the reader as entirely reasonable, especially the author's plea that a man be allowed to earn enough in prison to have a reasonable chance of re-habilitation when he faces the world again."

The criticism of the British prison officers has drawn from the Prison Commissioners a statement pointing out that the English prison officer is a good type of average Englishman, whose job does not turn him into a brute. He is as human as any other civil servant, it is stated. About ten thousand men apply each year for posts as prison officers. From these two hundred are carefully selected, it is asserted.

The present discussion in Britain is of interest because of the inquiry into Canadian prisons instituted by the present government. The Royal Commission's work at Dorchester has just been completed but the nature of the testimony given in secret sessions has not been disclosed.—Moncton Transcript.

Value of Research Work

In this competitive age the research worker must play an ever-increasing part in industry. Waste should be eliminated, and research has shown that many hitherto-neglected by-products of industry may be made profitable. This waste, of course, is more prevalent in new countries than in older lands where industry, especially on the land, is carried on intensively. The Vancouver Sun says it is axiomatic that the greatest drawback in Canada is "the comparatively slight use we make of by-products." It observes that:

In our primary and basic industries we sell raw products to other countries who grow rich on their manufacture.

We dig out our coal and sell it in its raw form. We cut down our trees and sell the logs and lumber.

But, except in rare instances, we do not touch the hundred of by-products of coal and wood that represent a value scores of times greater than the raw materials themselves.

A remedy for this condition is seen in the establishment of a National Postgraduate University of Science, "of which every Provincial university would be a branch and every professor of science a faculty member, and which would direct the original work of young men and women striving toward their doctors' degrees along the lines of national industrial economy." To such an institution, it is pointed out, Governments, industries and manufacturers could bring their scientific problems for directed experimentation by students.

This is an interesting proposition, one worthy of consideration by Governments and universities. One effect would be, undoubtedly, the opportunity provided ambitious young Canadians to continue research work, "at no other cost than those of administration, laboratory equipment and the conferring of degrees."

Another advantage claimed by the Sun is that such an opportunity would stop "the constant drainage of our finest young minds out into foreign countries." In this connection there is interesting comment in the Ontario Research Foundation Bulletin by Dr. H. B. Speakman, Director. He says that, of twelve postgraduate students in science of a distinguished Canadian professor, he found eight were working in the States and but two in Canada. And Dr. Speakman asks: "Are ideas which show promise taken up by industry, supported financially and, what is far more important, submitted to the searching criticism which is based on experience?"

The value of research in agriculture—a particularly wasteful field—is indicated by work carried on by the Imperial Agricultural Bureau, the seventh annual report of which has just been issued. The aim of these bureaus is co-operation in Empire agricultural research. In ten centres there is collection and distribution of information on scientific research in ten branches of science as they touch the farmer's work—entomology, mycology, soil science; animal health, nutrition and genetics; plant genetics, fruit production, herbage crops and parasitology. This service is available, and taken advantage of, in all parts of the Empire. For instance, the Institute of Entomology recently collected and sent to Canada 3,000,000 parasites to combat the sawfly destroying spruce forests in this country. This presents concrete evidence of the value of research work.

These Modern Young Ones

Shirley Temple, if you please, is being sued for \$1,000,000.

She is seven years old. The suit is for a supposed breach of contract.

It is all probably very much all right, but the times certainly are producing odd situations. At a time when most youngsters' attention is devoted to the simplest of home interests for juveniles, this talented little girl becomes involved in a lawsuit over commissions for movies, radio, advertising contracts and indorsements for commercial articles.

We repeat, it is probably all right and normal, but an age that produces a seven-year-old who has earned enough to be sued for \$1,000,000 agent's commission is a somewhat goofy age.

The Dionne young ones are piling up their first million.

The least the rest of the little ones of America should do is organize their infant Townsend plan, demanding \$200 a month for everybody under eight.

As we said a couple of times before, it's all probably all right but it sort of knocks us for an intellectual loop.

SNAPSHOTS

According to a traveller Fredericton is one of the best business towns in the province today. That sounds encouraging.

Heard in a barber shop: "Knock, knock, George." "Who's there?" "Miniature!" "Miniature who?" "Miniature through I'll smoke a Sweet Cap."

We have come to the conclusion that for slow motion in regard to the essential things, one has to hand it to the Fredericton Board of Trade. What's the matter with the President? Why does he not get busy?

We have it on the best of authority that certain interests are pulling like the devil to keep us from getting the bridge.

It is time to stop pussyfooting and have the cards put on the table.

Alberta foresees the end of social credit. At this late date, that gives her no claim to clairvoyance.

New Zealand stock broker buys a volcano. Living on it will be just like being back in business.

Premier Aberhart wants newspapers to be "forced to tell the truth." Why not hire a publicity agent?

REBEL PLANES SAID BOMBARDING IN MADRID TODAY

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MADRID, Oct. 22—The insurgents claim big successes today. They claim they have captured the town of Nava Canero. This town was strongly fortified, but it was taken with little resistance and after the entrance of the insurgent forces there was very little street fighting. The next objective of the rebel troops, according to General Franco, is Escoria. The troops have been ordered to capture the town but not to bomb it nor to bombard it with heavy artillery in order thus to protect the Monastery. The captured town is situated twenty miles southwest from Madrid and is on one of the main roads leading out. The Government forces claim successes in the northeast and northwest coast. It is reported that there are three insurgent planes now bombing Madrid.

SOUTH AFRICAN ENGINEER STUDIES CANADIAN MINING

(Special to The Daily Mail)
SAINT JOHN, Oct. 22—Arriving in the city on Monday unexpectedly, Richard A. Irvine of Johannesburg, South Africa, mining engineer of the Transvaal Mines, is visiting his uncle Captain Richard Pollack of this city. In a special interview, Mr. Irvine gave an interesting account of the conditions in the mining district in Johannesburg. Each year the Transvaal Chamber of Mines gives a scholarship consisting of £350 which Mr. Irvine won in 1934.

"I am not interested in coal mining," he said, but is more concerned with activities in the gold mine areas in Canada. When he leaves this country in seven months time, Mr. Irvine said he is required to take back to Johannesburg a full report in details, in observation in the mining areas of this country.

Stating what he thought of the mines in this country so far, Mr. Irvine declared that progress as far as he has learned is going ahead very rapidly and Canada will be soon noted for its thoughtful interest in mining progress he said today.

Heir to Large

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"The news was not a complete surprise, but was nevertheless welcome." Ritchie explained when seen today at Baxter's Dairy, where he was busy painting a wagon. Well educated, a graduate of Parry Sound High School and holding a second-class teacher's certificate, he is an artist of considerable talent, showing his visitor some fine oil paintings which he had done.

Italy

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was said, which included France, Belgium, Great Britain, Germany and Italy. Both nations were reliably understood to have rejected a British proposal to divide the treaty into two parts, one for northern and the other for southern Europe.

TRANSOCEAN TALK IS BOOSTING CANADIAN TRADE

OTTAWA, Oct. 22—A speech delivered in Ottawa to an audience in Edinburgh was a contribution made today to the campaign in progress to stimulate in United Kingdom purchases of Canadian goods. Defense Minister Mackenzie was the speaker, his hearers an assembly of Scottish business men gathered at a luncheon which was presided over by Lord Provost L. S. Gumley of Edinburgh. The transmission medium was telephone and beam wireless.

Listening at this end, the Minister heard himself being introduced by the Lord Provost, following which the Edinburgh Chief Magistrate said: "Good-afternoon, Mr. Mackenzie."

"Good-morning, my Lord Provost," rejoined the Minister. There was a titter from the Edinburgh audience, who appreciated the fact that 9 a.m. in Ottawa was 2 p.m. in Edinburgh. The laughter which greeted the sally was plainly heard in Ottawa—over the 'phone.

In his address the Minister emphasized the numbers of Scotsmen in Canada, their love for their national institutions and traditions. Incidentally increased purchases of Made-in-Canada goods would naturally have a beneficial effect on those exiled Scots since thousands of them were occupied in their manufacture and production, he said.

Quebec Public

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Crowd Cheers
But the premier moved that the committee rescind the permission given Mr. Bienvenue to attend the hearings, and the crowd cheered as counsel left the room.

Calling of the witness roll brought no response to the name of Oscar Beriau whose "Signs of Canada Limited," manufactured motor license plates for the province, and Chairman Alexandre Tache said he had been informed Beriau was "visiting" in the United States.

"Well," said the premier, "I warn those who are scheduled to appear before this committee that the inquiry will last four years and if they are going to stay away all that time it will prove costly. Furthermore, if they refuse to come back to Quebec, necessary legal steps will be taken to bring them back."

Witness agreed with the premier that he had returned more than \$15,000 to reimburse the government for interest he had received personally on public funds deposited in Banque Canadienne Nationale.

Closely Questioned
"Did you," asked the premier, "reimburse the government for interest paid on public funds by the Bank of Montreal, Banque Provinciale du Canada and the old National Bank?"

"No," replied witness, visibly shaken, "I did not."

"You paid back only what was discovered and brought to light," the premier said.

There was no reply from the aged witness.

Georges Dussault, 28 years secretary in the attorney-general's department, denied he ever received commissions on materials purchased for Montreal jail and told Premier Duplessis he was not responsible for renting his apartment to "two international crooks," who occupied the suite while the secretary was in Europe.

Adult Education

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tist Church, the convention heard reports of the General Board and the treasurer, and all shared in an open forum conducted by Rev. Waldo C. Machum, Kentville. Recommendations submitted by Rev. Dr. E. A. Betts, of Bayfield, providing for the promotion of adult education, were adopted.

Dr. Trueman, chairman of the General Board, in presenting the report of the board, expressed appreciation of the work of the respective secretaries, welcoming especially Ralph C. Young of Saint John, new Maritime boys' work secretary. He paid tribute to the work of Rev. I. Judson Levy, Sussex, Mr. Young's predecessor.

Mrs. Simpson's

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July 21, 1927. Residence of one year is required by Virginia law before a divorce action may be instituted.

According to a transcript of the court record of the divorce proceeding, the presiding judge expressed some doubt as to the legality of Mrs. Simpson's residence, and questioned her lengthily on that matter, The Times story continued.

The Washington attorney representing the anonymous party responsible for the investigation pointed out that the 1927 divorce may be contested at any time a question of the legality of the decree arises. A successful contest of the 1927 divorce would of course invalidate Mrs. Simpson's marriage to her second husband.

Aggressive

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Even pacifism, Dr. Kerr warned, must be of the fighting quality, not of the complacent kind which asks to be left alone to sit "beneath the olive and fig trees with the radio turned on." Unless the pacifists are prepared to fight for peace, he said, a war which nobody wants will be upon us.

He insisted that pacifism does not consist of a determination to abstain from fighting when the war is going on but a will to fight to see that the war never gets going.

"If there is anything to be done," Dr. Kerr said, "there is no time to lose. It must be done now."

Dr. Kerr reached the conclusion that the League still held the key to world peace and insisted that militant pacifists were the ones able to wield the influence necessary to main tain peace.

"Are we to leave things to the politicians and be led as lambs to the slaughter?" he asked.

He then proceeded to describe some of the plans for peace offered by Canon 'Dick' Sheppard, who has secured a long roll of peace pledges who refuse to fight under any conditions; Dr. Palmer of Chicago, who has a plan for each nation to retain only defensive armaments; and Dr. Maude Royden's plan which proposes that a great army of volunteers be mobilized who will march unarmed into the field of battle in the next war and allow themselves to be mowed down as a protest against war.

Dr. Kerr found Europe dividing into two camps, according to two contradictory philosophies of government one committed to democracy and the other to Fascist principles.

"In Spain," he declared, "they are locked in savage conflict. But the issues outrun the frontiers of a single nation. We see a republican government supported by the majority of the people assaulted and beaten by rebels with black troops doing the fighting and the dictators of Fascist government lurking in the background. The downfall of the Spanish government will be the most serious blow to the cause of peace in the past 25 years."

In the face of the spread of Fascism through the world, Dr. Kerr said, even the pacifists can offer justification for the British race for re-armament. To offset the menace of war which the growing bloc of Fascist countries is seeking, Dr. Kerr said, "our Empire has been toiling to form a counter bloc of democratic countries."

"By strange irony," he continued, "we are being driven to Russia as a dependable ally. Her consistent course at Geneva has dissipated much of the suspicions that surrounded her."—Montreal Star.

Western Cattle

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from the Department of Agriculture in Montreal indicate that three times more have enjoyed the benefits of an Eastern Canada 'finish' this year than in 1935.

Nearly 1,000, a total of 945 to be exact, have been shipped so far this year, an official explained, compared with 314 last year.

These figures, of course, refer simply to those dispatched to the province of Quebec for finishing or fattening purposes and do not take into account the movement running into thousands of cattle transferred from the West to the East for immediate killing or shipment to Great Britain.

The official pointed out that Federal government aid has contributed to the development of the movement east of western-born cattle.

Government assistance, he said, comes under two heads. There is payment of the expenses for a man to go West and purchase cattle in certain specified dry districts and there is an agreement to defray half of the cost of transporting the animals to the East.

The Government assistance is applied only for purchases in those areas which have been hard hit by the drought. Where there has been no such toll by the sun, and there has been a plentiful supply of moisture, the plan does not operate. The idea underlying it is to give better chance for Canadian cattle to thrive in those parts where conditions are most suitable and relieve the pressure in those places where the drought has done so much harm.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS STARTED A NEW SERVICE TODAY

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Oct. 22 — The Imperial Airways started a new service today. This is to be a European service. The first plane started today from Rochester, England, but its destination was not announced although it is known the plane will land somewhere in France. If the service is successful there will be twenty-eight flying boats in the service next year, which will carry Government mails to India, Australia, and Africa.

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