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Preventing Forest Fires

There has practically been no loss in New Brunswick from forest fires this year. Perhaps we should knock wood. There should be no forest fires, or at least they should be reduced to a minimum if everyone would do his part to prevent these fires starting.

This is obvious, but there is an aspect of the question of prevention, which, so far, has been little considered. It is not sufficient to issue warning stressing the need of caution; the warning must be intelligent enough to be effective, and, where there is the need, an educational programme must be carried on.

The building of roads through the forest districts and the growing popularity of travel are bringing more and more thousands every year to spend some of their time in parts where there is a serious fire hazard all through the summer. Few persons intend to cause fire, and most of them fully believe that they take adequate precautions. The trouble is that, spending so little of their time in the bush, they are ignorant of many things which every experienced woodsman or ranger takes for granted. The bush is a different land from the regions which are thickly settled. It has its own customs and laws, and if this territory is to be thrown open to tourist and traveller they will have to be taught what they do not know.

To have a fire in the forest is a necessity. It cooks the food, supplies light and warmth and, at times, keeps the blackflies and mosquitoes away. Matches are possibly the greatest necessity there. But the art of building a campfire so that it will be safe is not known to every one, and the occasional traveller takes great risks simply because he does not know. It is so easy to start a fire, but even a camp fire or a little smudge is very hard to put out so that there will be no danger of an outbreak.

The smoker, too, causes danger which is largely a matter of ignorance or habit. Accustomed to carelessly emptying ashes from a pipe or tossing away a partially extinguished match or cigarette, he does not realize that what is perfectly safe elsewhere is highly dangerous in forest districts.

A conscientious bushman will never smoke when he is moving through the woods. When he wants to smoke he will make sure that it is in a perfectly safe place, and then when he is finished he will see that anything burning is actually extinguished with water. A common habit is to spit on rock and ground the cigarette there. This is a little precautionary habit that the visitor does not practice simply because he does not know any better.

It is not enough, as far as most are concerned, to tell them to be careful with fires; to put their camp fire out, and not to burn down the bush. Most people know this already. What they should be taught is how these precautions may best be followed out.

In this matter much could be done by publicity issued to tourists in dangerous regions. Much could be done by a stricter check-up by fire rangers and officials, and something could be accomplished by a general education campaign.

Aryans at the Olympics

Hitler has had much guff about the superiority of what he calls the Aryan race. The mere fact that there never was such a thing as an Aryan race doesn't bother him a bit. The term "Aryan" is used to designate the great family of languages—Celtic, Teutonic, Italic, Hellenic, Albanian, Armenian, Indo-Iranian and Balto-Slavonic.

However, Hitler would have you believe the "real" Germans, his gang, are Aryans, God's finest creation.

What fun is it, therefore, to see a lot of American black boys and Japanese yellow boys trounce the tar out of Hitler's hand-picked Aryans. It is almost worth a white-man's while taking the licking.

The trouble with white men, perhaps, is that they are getting too soft. Like the old Romans, fat and prosperous, ripe for plucking.

If Hitler had a grain of common sense he would applaud these black and yellow lads for their excellence in various lines of sport. Nobody knows whether black, yellow or white men are the best runners or jumpers. We do know that black men and yellow men have proved themselves to be the best in preliminary competition and in the Olympic finals.

What this world needs is Olympic games in which the prizes go to the doers of kind deeds. This is very important.

Women in War

The part which women are playing in the Spanish struggle and, should wars continue, may play in future conflicts is an interesting aspect of modern civilization. The last century has taught the female sex to do almost anything that a man can, and now woman is being taught to fight.

It is true that at all times women have taken their part in the firing line; revolutions and civil wars have always found those who were ready to stand side by side with their husbands and brothers facing death, but it is only during the present century that the gentler sex has been organized as a definite weapon of war.

When Tsarist Russia was in its death throes before the revolution, patriotic Russian women formed the "Battalion of Death," hoping not only to play their part in the same manner as other troops, but to set an example to their male compatriots, and revive the flagging zeal of the collapsing empire.

In the last war Great Britain also, in order to make use of all her available man-power, organized women for service at the front. It is true that they were not enlisted to serve as combatants, but the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and the Women's Royal Navy Service did soldiers' and sailors' work behind the lines and released men who could be used for the more serious work of actual killing.

Modern warfare is such that in future it will be impossible for the non-combatant to play a passive part, and it seems possible that when a nation is at war wives and mothers will be almost as important a factor as their men. If they are not formed into actual battalions and taught to kill, as is being done in Spain today, and as Russia has been doing for some time, they will do war work in order to replace the male population which is on the battlefield.

The possibility that future wars may see women slaughtered in battle as well as men is a horrible picture to contemplate, and adds another indictment against armed strife among nations.

SNAPSHOTS

Every day we hear stories of old people who are reaping benefits from the Old Age Pension scheme. It has been a God-send to many.

The Dysart government has carried out many promises considering the time it has been in power. But the government caught fire at the Conservative Convention this afternoon. This was naturally to be expected. Nobody expected that the convention today would send Dysart and Company any bouquets done up with ribbons.

With all the expensive property at the Experimental Farm, it's a wonder they would not have a decent fire protection system. They carry no fire insurance down there so the underwriters do not get after them.

But what about the provincial buildings down there? They are insured.

Well, after all the talk about unfulfilled promises and the like, what the devil are you going to do about it? You can't make the people believe it when they see those pension checks and school books.

If she washes dishes for \$5 a week, that is servitude. If she does it for nothing, that is romance.

Another excellent remedy for an overworked and rebellious stomach is a vacation.

The trouble with civil wars is that they never are.

A lot of Spanish bulls must be having a quiet chuckle among themselves.

Loyalist and rebel assertions of inhumanity in the Spanish civil war ignore the fact that war is always war.

Man Who Surveyed

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who may wish it. This education embraces vocational and technical lines. By this action on the part of the company all school taxes in the town of which Mr. Grimmer has been mayor for the past twelve years, is eliminated. The tax rate in this town is only three and a half mills and the town has no bonded indebtedness, which is probably unique in the annals of Canada. The town has no water tax as the company provides the water and sewerage utilities. Mayor Grimmer's job consists in a large measure in keeping down expenses and the town expenses, considering the advantages which its citizens possess are practically nil.

Mr. Grimmer is connected with the horticultural society of Temiskaming, which has one of the nicest rock gardens in Canada. The electoral district of Temiskaming is the largest of any electoral district in Canada.

Speaking of the climate Mayor Grimmer said that his town was on practically the same latitude as Quebec, and that while the weather in the winter was cold that in summer they sometimes had very warm days, a couple of days this summer the temperature running to 105 degrees.

Mr. Grimmer was very much interested in the Hasson pavement which was laid in Fredericton in 1905 under the direction of Colonel Robert Lowe. This pavement, which cost \$2.05 per yard, and which has been used for over thirty years, is in excellent condition today. Mr. Grimmer also visited the filtration plant which was one of the first installed in Canada. He states that he has greatly enjoyed his visit to Fredericton where he has many old friends, and where he spent some very happy days during his university career and later. Mr. Grimmer who graduated in engineering from the University of New Brunswick in 1905, received the degree of Master of Science from the same university in 1909.

Since that time he has been engaged in leading engineering works in the Canadian West. When he was teaching engineering in Manitoba University he was associated with

DAILY FOREIGN NEWS COMMENT

THE POSITION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SPAIN TODAY

Centuries of warfare with the Moors on Spanish soil before their final expulsion, left the Spaniards with a fierce hatred of all infidels, combined with a cruelty, which tarnished the fame of the conquistadores in their South American conquests and horrid Europe.

Wealth of New World Debauched Spain's Ruling Class

The sudden influx of vast wealth from the rich mines of Mexico and Peru into a formerly poor country turned the Spanish ruling class from a hardy warrior caste into luxury-loving, corrupt grafters and office seekers. Graft was rampant, nothing could be done either in private or public business without greasing the palm of some court favourite. In two centuries, Spain fell from her proud position to a fourth rate power. Although the Catholic Church had naturally and inevitably grown immensely wealthy through gifts and bequests, this was a matter of pride to the poorer Spaniard. In spite of the fact that he himself remained poor, it was his great desire that his parish or Cathedral church should be a worthy monument to the piety of his village or city. However, after the war, communistic theories began to gain ground among the younger generation. Jealous eyes began to be cast on the Church's wealth.

Fascist Rebellion Deadly Blow

The Fascist rebellion, though possibly intended, favorably has already proved disastrous to the Catholic Church in Spain. Fearing that through rebel confiscation, its wealth would be used to help maintain the revolt, the Leftist Government rushed to forestall the rebels by a general policy of forcible seizure. Even should the Fascist group win, they will fall heir to an empty treasury and war-torn country. Human nature being what it is, it may be safely prophesied that they will not only continue, but increase the present policy of confiscation, though lamenting the necessity publicly.

—H. M. P.

Edmonton

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in change for purchases under \$1, official said.

The other undertook to give credit slips instead of change. One chain store said it would accept scrip provided the total amount offered to it was used up in purchases. Four merchants refused it entirely, as did two wholesale firms and implement and oil agencies in the town.

Officers of a church at Provost found a piece of scrip on the collection plate last Sunday.

OTTAWA, Aug. 15—When Cabinet meets next week, it is expected the report of the Justice Department on the question of whether the Alberta Government has legal and constitutional right to issue prosperity certificates will be available.

At the conclusion of a brief meeting of Cabinet today Prime Minister Mackenzie King said the report will be considered some day next week.

Oppose Protest

WINNIPEG, Aug. 15—The Manitoba Social Credit League has written to the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce protesting the recent action of that body in appealing to the Dominion Government to stop issue of Alberta prosperity certificates, Secretary A. C. Benjamin said today.

The Manitoba group contends the nine provinces created the Dominion and not the Dominion the provinces, and therefore the provinces are autonomous. It claims Premier Aberhart of Alberta is within his power and on direct mandate from the people.

Prof. E. Brydone Jack, D.Sc., who was also a well known graduate of the University of New Brunswick. Many old Fredericton friends were delighted to extend a welcome to Mayor and Mrs. Grimmer.

Our Mail Bag

THAT GEOMETRY PAPER

Editor of The Daily Mail,
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:

I should imagine that by this time the public would be sick and tired of seeing "That Geometry Paper" criticised and ridiculed in your splendid paper, but since it continues to be in the limelight I may as well offer my opinion, not that it matters any more than another's, but as I wrote the paper I know what it was like. It seems strange that of all the intricate exercises and problems contained in our school course, that an examiner should seek outside material to stick us and, as it seems, to prevent us from passing our matrics in good standing. The paper was entirely unfair in that, although the questions asked were not impossible, the paper itself was impossible in comparison with the short span of time allotted for our usage. That is another thing that should be done away with, this limited time business. Surely in the near future someone in authority will awaken to the fact that such a custom is ridiculous. It prevents original thought on the part of the student and compels him to write only what he has memorized. This state of affairs is entirely foreign to what should constitute an educational system. A person would have to be a wizard to do eight hours work in two. Such was the case with our thoroughly formidable Geometry Paper, and we are not all wizards, I hope. As has been advocated, the paper should be discredited and all who made over thirty presented with gold medals for bravery.

Wishing all boosters in the cause the best of luck, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A WOODSTOCK STUDENT.

P. S.—For Heaven's sake, don't go and get yourself blown up for I'd miss your editorials and snapshots.—W. S.

Rebellion

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cabled his foreign office, it was stated, and advised that a final meeting would be held to dissolve the diplomatic corps an make plans to quit the country.

IRUN, Spain, Aug. 15—War weary inhabitants of San Sebastian are prepared to evacuate their seaside resort in the face of a rebel threat to shell the city, already besieged by land and bombed from the air. Citizens here and in San Sebastian along the Bay of Biscay, were fearful a final rebel offensive would combine attack from land, sea and air.

In an effort to force departure of the menacing rebel cruiser, Almirante Cervera, loyalists seized scores of suspected fascists and threatened their execution at the first shell of a sea offensive. Seven hundred prisoners arrested earlier also were marked for execution if the rebel warship opened fire.

It was believed the cruiser awaited advance of rebel troops from the south to better positions in the hills outside the cities of Irun and San Sebastian.

"We will kill two hostages for each citizen wounded by rebel air attacks and seven for each one killed," a loyalist threatened. Eight persons were reported killed in yesterday's aerial bombardment of San Sebastian.

MADRID, Aug. 15—Spain's Socialist government, backed by peasantry and labor, tonight marched against Oviedo. Government troops were reported within the city fighting in the streets. Loyalist aircraft and artillery laid down a protecting barrage.

The Socialist militia was determined to rout the rebel forces in that extreme northwest corner of Spain and beat a path through the mountainous mining centre to the Portuguese border.

Elsewhere there was little to mark important advances by either side in the 28th day of civil war—a war of peasant and labor volunteers aiding the Socialist regime to crush a Fascist drive for military dictatorship.

CHURCH SERVICES

Christchurch Cathedral
Sunday. Services at 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead will preach at both services. 10th Sunday after Trinity.

Advent Christian Church, N. Devon
Milton C. Burt, pastor. 11 a.m., sermon, "The Sixth and Seventh Vials of Wrath." Rev. 16. 7 p.m., service of song, followed by sermon. All are welcome.

Gibson Memorial United Church
South Devon, and United Baptist Church. Service in morning at Gibson Memorial, 11 a.m. Mrs. Steadman Smith will be the speaker. The evening service, 7 p.m., Rev. W. A. Burge; theme, "The God Whom Jesus Worshipped."

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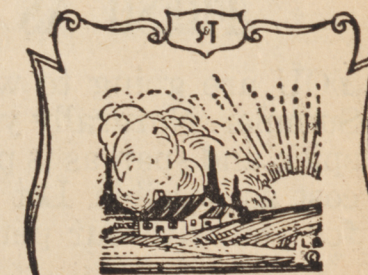
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