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China Bans Dancing

OCCIDENTALS might do well to reflect on the practical criticism levelled by Oriental countries at various phases of their civilization. The Mayor of Nankin, for instance, has ordered the closing of dance halls except those operated and frequented solely by foreigners, and has forbidden public dancing among the Chinese residents, considering the amusement immoral and unfitted for Chinese people during a time of national crisis.

This is by no means the only instance of China's taking exception to the spread of Western manners and customs among her people. Women are discouraged, often by vigorous methods, from adopting European dress, and the artificial waving and curling of hair is taboo. Modesty, says China, is one of the greatest of woman's charms, and extravagance in costume does not make for modesty.

Men are not exempt from recent restrictions. Many Chinese cities now forbid smoking in the streets, and the male whose dress or deportment is considered unseemly is pretty certain to be called to order before he has been long outdoors.

Some of the official orders sound amusing to foreign ears. In recent years, it appears, wealthy Chinese have adopted a custom of hiring bands to attend their weddings and funerals and to play Western airs thereat. The funeral of a particularly rich man might be followed to the grave by a dozen or more of such parties of musicians, each playing a separate, and usually inappropriate, selection, such as "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," or "The Old Grey Mare, She Ain't What She Used to Be." Nankin has declared that the practice must stop.

Japan, with equally strong views concerning the value of Western "culture," recently has made a concession. She will allow men and women to skate together—provided they are professional skaters. Amateurs will continue their solitary glidings.

In opposition to China and Japan is Turkey. Not only has she abandoned Arabic characters in favor of Latin ones—her people having to learn a new style of writing and printing—but she has forbidden her people to wear the fez and encourages them to adopt European dress.

Travellers declare that the result of the rule concerning costume has not been a happy one, for a Turk in plus-fours and a "Christie stiff" is less picturesque than were his forbears in their native habiliments.

Turkey, however, does not encourage modern dances in public halls, and probably considers many Western customs "unfitted" for Turkish morals.

There is surely food for thought in the fact that much of what Occidentals consider smart the Oriental finds only degrading.

Two Views of Grammar

MARCUS HYMAN, Labor member of the Manitoba Legislature and a graduate of Oxford, who holds a Master of Arts degree, is reported to have told a convention of Manitoba school teachers that spelling and grammar are a waste of time in schools, and that their teaching should be abolished.

Taking the opposite view, Emmett C. Reid, B.A., an Ontario teacher, urges his colleagues of the Ontario Educational Association to devote more time to the teaching of grammar, which he considers of greater importance than arithmetic.

Mr. Hyman, a Labor graduate of Oxford, may have had some idea of bringing greater happiness into the lives of the children of the poor; but it is doubtful whether he would have been able to offer his great idea to the teachers of Manitoba had he not first learned the rudiments of grammar. Or, as an orator, he may at times have felt he would have greater freedom of expression were he at liberty to disregard grammatical form.

It is, no doubt, something of a strain on public speakers to keep in mind the fundamental rules of grammatical structure; but would a speaker who had never studied the subject be in any happier position?

It has been said by a cynic that language was given us in order that we might conceal our thoughts, and a most successful way to conceal in language one's thoughts, if any, is to ignore from youth up the study of grammar.

Grandma's Cures Still Good

IT is good news that medical science in its progress has not thrown overboard all the remedies which a generation ago pulled mankind through its illnesses. A regional meeting at Seattle of the American College of Surgeons welcomed praise of grandma's cures for many ailments, particularly colds. Older people, especially those "brought up" in country districts, will recall the hot footbaths, with mustard in the water; the mustard plaster itself, with the troubles when removed; the goosegrease applications vigorously rubbed in, and, above all, the sock around the neck which overnight settled many a case of croup.

When the youthful patient is well goosegreased, mustard-plastered, with a sock soaked in evil-smelling oil for a neck decoration, he was almost unapproachable, but generally he was out of bed the next day. The whole combination promoted the will to be cured; and that was half the battle.

A word should be said for grandma. (She was doctor, nurse, plaster-mixer, goosegreaser—and autocrat. She was in command of the improvised hospital. She didn't know anything about hours of service but was "on the job" for the duration of the illness. In fact, these were grandma's great occasions.

In the convalescent stage the patient knew, by delightful aroma from the kitchen, that grandma was roasting beef on red-hot coals—the grill, they call it nowadays—and that there would be steaming beef tea, too. And toasted homemade bread, with no thought of economy in butter. All served in bed. Such luxury! This made the plasters, the goosegrease and the sock almost worth while.

Best of all, grandma never thought of sending in a bill "for professional services." She wasn't a professional, but she knew her "materia medica." So that, no matter what treatments medical skill may develop for ordinary maladies, neither grandma nor her trusty remedies should be forgotten.

SNAPSHOTS

They say that one of the executive in a local society threw the keys at another one of the executive and that the president had to order new keys. "A pleasant time was held by all."

As one of the Aldermen stated it seems to take more red tape to get the aldermen separated from their jobs than it did to get King Edward to quit. But as another Alderman said in this case the whole family is going out.

Did they raid the House of Iniquity on King Street the other night?

The Rubbie Brigade is getting ambitious. The members are bound to break into the Club House Class. Well done for the Rubbies!

Now if they only keep away from the block on Queen Street between Regent and Saint John the brigade will become more popular.

Sometimes it is just as well to keep away from the horse's head and not take any chances. Then you will not get bitten.

Aberhart Expected to Quit Any Time—Headline. A lot of people wish he would be a little more specific about it.

Flying at the rate of maybe 150 miles an hour and paying six cents a mile, passengers on the new Canadian air service will be recognized as fast spenders.

If it blinds him to the truth and deprives him of reason, it may not be prejudice. It may be love.

Every rose has its thorn. The quieter the house, the louder the radiator seems to clang.

Huge Defense

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which will be discussed by the representatives of the various Dominions will be that of a common defence policy for the whole Empire, and it is certain that the Government of the United Kingdom will demand that the Dominions should contribute a proportionate share of the costs and upkeep of the armed forces of the Empire.

According to reliable reports, there is a movement on foot to revise a plan for the defence of the Empire as outlined by the late Lord Jellicoe in 1919, who recommended that each Dominion should contribute a share of the costs and expenses of the upkeep of the forces of the Empire proportionate as to population and to value of its foreign trade. Thus, the rate of contributions would be: United Kingdom, 74.12 per cent.; Australia, 7.74 per cent.; New Zealand, 2.02 per cent.; South Africa, 3.82 per cent., and the Dominion of Canada, 12.30 per cent.

Defence experts have asserted that the Dominions must realize that the seaborne trade and commerce of all sections of the Empire has had an enormous increase, and consequently this had increased the demands on the navy and other forces that guard the safe passage of the countless vessels that carry the wares of the Dominions to the numerous world markets.

But how does Canada enter the scene? The Dominion has sought to take full advantage of her geographical position on the map as an argument to lower her share or contribution to any defence scheme of the Empire, and that really explains the momentous negotiations between the United States, Great Britain and Canada, which incidentally may lead to a union of all the defence forces of the British Empire with those of our strong neighbouring country.

Since our Dominion lies under the very shadow of the American navy and Great Britain and Canada know that the United States will always uphold religiously the principals behind the Monroe Doctrine, it is the intention of the Dominion Government to present these arguments at the Imperial Conference as valid reasons for a smaller contribution on the part of the Dominion to any Imperial defence scheme.

When the reader realizes that the new defence scheme of the British Empire will require a definite contribution from every Dominion and in proportion to the famous Jellicoe plan, and that the initial outlay will require no less than \$350,000,000 with an annual upkeep cost of over \$60,000,000, and that the Dominion of Canada is expected to pay at least 12 per cent. of these enormous sums, then it is not difficult to understand why the Prime Minister of Canada and other important members of the Government have occupied themselves with this serious national problem.

That is the real story behind the busy days of certain Governmental officials in Ottawa, London, and Washington, especially during the past two or three weeks, and when the representatives of the various Dominions gather in London for the Imperial Conference, it is likely to be disclosed in fullest detail.

Unprecedented

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erman, to hinder the council from setting the date for the by-election.

Alderman David McCaughey suggested that the City Clerk give the resigned Aldermen back their \$25 each and let them be contented. Alderman Ross, "Not on your life." The Aldermen, he said, were fighting for a principle which was involved. He thought that the Aldermen had a right to pick the date of the election if they wished.

Alderman Hagerman: "The King resigned and there was not half as much fuss about it, I do not see why we can't resign as well as the King." Alderman McCaughey: "Yes, but the whole family didn't resign."

Alderman Forbes claimed that the council had nothing to do about the acceptance or setting the date of election. According to Mr. Hughes it is a question which has no precedence in Canadian history and Mr. Hughes went back to 1722 and Mayor Kitchen said that they had half the law books in town piled up on his desk and couldn't find a parallel case. Alderman Ross stated that they would have to go back probably to 55 B. C. to get a parallel case.

The message conveyed by P. J. Hughes, K.C., city solicitor, to members of the city council at last evening's committee meeting, in the form of a letter addressed to His Worship Mayor G. Willard Kitchen, stated that the resignation of the seven members of the council has presented a very intricate situation. The main difficulty seems to be just how a new election shall be ordered and conducted, after the resignations have become effective which in the present case will be at noon on April 8.

After examining the various statutes, Mr. Hughes stated that the legislation involved is very uncertain and requires much examination, as a decision on what provisions may be held to be inconsistent and what may not be so held.

His Worship Mayor Kitchen pointed out that there never was a case in Canadian Municipal history where a group of Aldermen had resigned in a body, and that the question involved was an intricate one, and that he had pressed the idea to have the matter clarified, and that in all probability a final statement will be given by Mr. Hughes soon. Alderman Dr. B. R. Ross stated that the seat has to be declared vacant and that the resigning Aldermen cannot accept their own resignation. Alderman R. T. Forbes felt that the council had nothing to do with acceptance or setting a date for a by-election.

The whole matter will be discussed at the Council meeting this evening. The meeting this evening will be held in the Council Chamber which is open to the public and as some more legal advice will be handed out by the City Solicitor, Mr. Hughes.

OUR MAIL BAG

SALUTING THE FLAG

Editor The Daily Mail,
City

Dear Sir,
After reading the article "Saluting the flag violating the Divine Command," in The Daily Mail, I am convinced we are living in times of testing.

I am persuaded that the saluting of our flag is not bowing down to any graven image, or any likeness of anything in Heaven or in the earth, neither is it worshipping any God as is mentioned in the Scripture. We must remember our flag is an ensign and not an image. Children brought up under the teaching of disregarding the rules of our country cannot be expected to be law-abiding citizens. "The child who is brought up in the way he or she should go when they are old they will not depart from it." If we believe all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof for correction and for instruction unto righteousness that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works we must believe all the Word teaches. In believing that God's laws are written in our hearts and not on tables of stone as in the days of provocation we must believe I Pet. 2:13-17: Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king." St. Paul wrote: We must submit ourselves to higher powers. Was not our Saviour one who walked in obedience to man's laws and ordinances when he told the apostle Peter to take from the fish's mouth the piece of money? Or when he said, "Give unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

What manner of soldiers shall we have should all our boys and girls fail to honor the flag of our country or fail to honor our King? In the last great war the soldiers of the king stood bravely shoulder to shoulder, proud to fight for their country and their flag. They were the soldiers of yesterday, but where shall we find brave men among the boys who refuse to honor their flag? "In Flanders' fields where poppies grow, Between the crosses, row on row," that mark the place of those who considered it a privilege to die for king, country and their flag. Where are the parents of boys and girls who fail to salute the flag?

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E. M. H.

Bilingual

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DEATHS

MAXWELL—Passed away at the residence at 868 George street, on April 5, 1937, William Henry Maxwell, in his 92nd year.

Funeral tomorrow afternoon, April 7, 1937, leaving house at 2:15 p.m., followed by service at Christchurch Cathedral at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Very Rev. Dean. W. H. Moorhead. Interment at Lincoln cemetery.

MORGAN—Passed away at Nasonworth this morning, April 6, 1937, William Harris Morgan, aged 71.

Funeral Wednesday, April 7, 1937 with prayers at home at 2:30 p.m., followed by service at the Baptist Church, Nasonworth, conducted by Rev. Mr. Ricker. Interment at Nasonworth cemetery.

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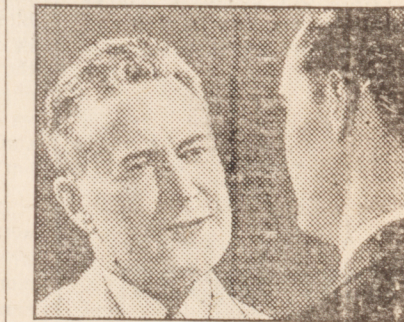
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