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Two Scourges to Be Fought

There is evidence that, at last, the fight against cancer is to be carried on in Canada in a well-organized manner. The Council of the Canadian Medical Association, meeting in Ottawa, announces the launching of a national organization for the study and control of this most baffling of mankind's afflictions. This is made possible chiefly by the King George V Jubilee Fund. The revenue from this fund will be devoted to a campaign of education in the medical profession and among the people. Meantime research work, financed by wealthy foundations, is being carried on in many countries. It is inevitable that, in time, the causes of cancer will be definitely ascertained and positive remedies discovered.

The increase in cancer is alarming. At least this appears to be the case, though no doubt all through the ages the scourge, unrecognized perhaps, has been taking its toll of human life. Now cancer is definitely known, and this may account for the greater number of its reported victims. It is difficult to understand the secrecy that surrounds cancer. There is no disgrace in contracting the malady, yet among friends of its victims there is only hushed and confidential confirmation of the cause of death.

In this respect the campaign of education to be undertaken will be of first importance. Instead of concealing signs of cancer and permitting it to develop, the public will be convinced of the necessity of providing for the medical profession the earliest information. This is only common sense, as it is claimed with a great deal of definiteness that, if treated in time, there is likelihood of getting rid of the affliction; at least greater likelihood than if there be a policy of concealment and neglect. Widespread education should overcome the prevailing hesitation in admitting the possibility of cancer attack. This hesitation is inspired by the belief that for its victims there is no hope; but there is hope if cancerous symptoms be attacked at once.

Another scourge to be fought is infantile paralysis. This also has become more prevalent of late years, though, like cancer, it is not a new malady. In this case the peril is heightened because of the communicable nature of the disease. It was virtually unknown in the Province until 1910, but its inroads may be understood from the fact that, according to Dr. J. T. Phair, Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, 1,700 cases have been reported in the last seven years.

Here again education regarding infantile paralysis is the most effective way of fighting it. This is being well done through the Horizon, official publication of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. While adults are attacked, younger persons are chief sufferers. The following advice to parents, provided by the society, should be given the widest publicity:

Do not be unduly afraid of infantile paralysis.

The epidemic season is July to October. During these months watch your children for neck stiffness, headache, lumbar pain, prostration, affections of the throat, stomach upsets, or any other unusual symptoms. On the appearance of any of these, call your doctor.

Place your confidence in your family physician and follow his advice.

Definite official action on these dread diseases is encouraging. In combating their prompt action is essential. Meanwhile science works on toward discovery of cause and cure.

Complications in French Crisis

It was a radio commentator who advised that "the French crisis has dissolved, Camille Chautemps having succeeded in forming a new cabinet tonight." The French must wish it were as easy as that. Unfortunately it is not. Cabinets are merely phases of any French crisis, and rather than this one having solved anything there is now the real possibility of another, purely political, crisis being added to M. Chautemps' financial headache.

In some respects the new Ministry may give cause for hope. It required no serious dislocation of previous alignments. It is still of the Popular Front. But in others it begins life under serious handicaps. It is less solidly knit than that of Premier Leon Blum; and Premier Chautemps has not the personal hold on the partisans that Blum had, and which was the real reason for his Government surviving as long as it did.

The Socialists are behind the Radical-Socialist Premier largely through the influence of Blum, and then only on a 70 per cent. vote. The Communists, who hold the working majority and might be expected to influence the dissenting Socialists in the Chamber, are only provisional support, their conditions including demands in both economic and foreign affairs which can prove embarrassing very early.

Much hope undoubtedly hinges upon M. Georges Bonnet, hurrying from Washington to assume the Finance portfolio. He may have the compromise for the financial problems that will please both Communists and the moderate element in the Senate. On the other hand, he was an outspoken critic of his predecessor, an opponent to the closed economy favored by the extreme Left, and strictly orthodox.

But, even should he succeed, there is the foreign situation. The Communists and many Socialists have been pressing for a more positive loyalist policy in Spain, and advocated the removal of Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos when they didn't get it. The Foreign Minister remains, and Germany has made his position many degrees more difficult by her attitude on the Leipzig affair.

What the Cabinet has to decide is whether the financial crisis is more important than Spain. Whether, without too great a risk, it can alter Spanish policy and remain, or whether it must adhere to that policy and risk defeat before the financial solution can be found. The strategy would be to delay Spain until it was found, presuming M. Bonnet can find it. But at the moment Germany and Italy are most unco-operative in arranging a delay.

SNAPSHOTS

The Moonlight Sail—the boat peacefully floating down stream—a splash on the starboard bow—the night shattered by the shout "Man overboard!"—the crowd surges to the rail—an empty quart' bobs along rises, falls, and sinks to a watery grave.

The proceedings of an irregular meeting should not be carried out.

Honeymoon Couple Named Dionne Seek Dionnes—Headline. Better touch wood.

Humor pays rich rewards, but there's always the danger of being shot before you can explain that you were joking.

Radio announcers are born, not made. You can't acquire the knack of laughing convincingly when you aren't tickled.

Official orders to the Italian press make clear everything except the reason for publishing papers at all under such restrictions.

No man has any trouble in understanding women, once he learns that every woman likes the same brand of 'appeasement' with the flavor changed to suit the individual.

Doubtless Italy deserves a spanking; doubtless it could be administered: Would the result be worth the lives that would be spent? Reason answers eternally, No!

M. Blum cannot blame his political downfall on the book of his on marriage, which was recently published, as he could have done had his collapse taken place in Canada.

Catching tax-dodgers is all right, but President Roosevelt seems so engrossed with the pursuit that he has lost sight of what labor agitators are doing in his country.

Eden Makes

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been received from the two Fascist capitals.
(A Rome despatch, however, stated Italian spokesmen there were inclined to believe Italy would not agree.)

BERLIN, June 25 — German officials today praised the "conciliatory spirit" of Prime Minister Chamberlain's reference to German moderation over the Leipzig incident.

They awaited the full text of his address in the House of Commons before making other comment.

The newspaper Lokai Anzeiger said Chamberlain "acknowledged the German standpoint in a measure not accorded by a single English newspaper nor any declaration in Commons during the entire treatment of the Leipzig affair."

A Foreign Office spokesman said, however, that German confidence in a policy of non-intervention in the Spanish civil war was badly shaken.

Great Britain and France must give positive proof of impartiality to restore the Reich's faith in its efficacy, he declared.

ROME, June 25—The authoritative Virginio Gayda, often the mouthpiece for Premier Mussolini, predicted today that "nothing dramatic" would happen in the Spanish situation unless "new and intolerable complications ensue."

In Il Giornale D'Italia, Gayda wrote also that "only those warships necessary to safeguard Italian and German interests will remain" in Spanish water, following Italian-German withdrawal from the "hands-off" Spain patrol.

"Be calm!" Gayda told Italians.

All Fascists in Italy are ordered to subscribe to Mussolini's personal newspaper, Popolo d'Italia. The circulation manager of this paper will be envied by similar press officials throughout the world.

Texas Banker

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quatrains of Omar Khayyam—which, by the way, would probably have been little heard of in the Occident, even after Edward Fitzgerald's translation, had not Lord Tennyson, who had been captivated by the verse, given publicity to the work by dedicating a book of his own verse to the memory of Fitzgerald, then dead.

Then we have such a fellow as Charles Dodgson. Among the distinguished mathematicians of his time, he achieved high honors in that realm. He was the author of such works as "The Formulae of Plane Trigonometry" and "An Elementary Treatise on Determinants." But he was also the author of "Alice in Wonderland" and "The Hunting of the Snark." Also there is Stephen Leacock, a mathematician and economist of Canada, who has achieved fame in his own field. But he also has written some of the best humor. The list could be continued.

A Gernon I Gold
It can be continued right now by adding the name of W. W. Woodson, president of the First National Bank of Waco, Texas. Mr. Woodson has spent a deal of his life in dealing with interest tables, with intense economic and financial problems, with all the dull round of loans and discounts. Yet he has managed to turn his hand to satire of a half-poetic strain. In a recent paper published by the American Bankers Association and sandwiched in between not only his own remarks about the intricacies of the banking problems of the day but those written by others, one finds a gem on gold.

It has been said, over and over again, that no man understands money and no man understands gold. That statement can scarcely apply to Mr. Woodson, for he clearly understands something about the recent vicissitudes of the precious metal in this country by reading what he has to say. Says Mr. Woodson:

"May I say a word in sympathy for Old Man Gold? He was once the proud ruler of the world's markets and the honest arbiter of international exchange. During the depression he was summoned to the Washington clinic. The great physician of the White House called in to consultation a number of brain specialists to help diagnose his case. It was decided that Old Man Gold was suffering from bad circulation and paresis.

"The first major operation performed on Old Man Gold was to cut off his circulation. This operation not proving entirely successful, the chief surgeon took out his scalpel and removed about 40 per cent. of his anatomy. Of course, this was a dangerous operation and may cripple the old man for life. He has been completely isolated and not permitted to see any one, except his doctors and nurses. All of his engagements have been cancelled and the Supreme Court has held that he need not meet any of his obligations or contracts. The old man possessed a fine, attractive personality. I liked his company and always felt poorer when we separated. His dynasty began with the early dawn of civilization.

An Apostrophe to Gold
"He was well known and highly regarded in the busy marts of the world. No imperial potentate had more devotees, no shrine more devoted worshippers. He has been a devotee of the arts. He embellished the marble palaces of kings and emperors and inscribed his name in imperishable beauty upon the noblest temples and cathedrals ever erected to the glory of God or man. While the rich and the mighty have bowed before his sceptre, he has often lifted the poor from hovels into palaces of luxury. He has been the greatest stabilizer of currencies and exchanges in the history of the world.

"Although he has been honored by the mighty powers of the world, he is now dishonored and friendless. Many of the nations whose cities he helped to build and whose royal coffers he filled have turned their backs upon him. He came to us as a pauper of freedom and we imprisoned him. Learning recently that he still possessed some vitality, we have now sterilized him. Imprisoned and sterilized, Old Man Gold can certainly do us little harm."

Omar Khayyam's Rubaiyat has been declared by some writers closely to resemble Ecclesiastes in that his quatrains, in a fashion understandable and beautiful to all, yet teach a clear lesson. It might be said of Mr. Woodson's apostrophe that he has made clear and interesting an economic history which has been considered a recondite matter.

It is doubtful whether all the members of the treasury brain trust which worked out the scheme of impounding all gold—cutting off the old man's circulation—could have more lucidly explained the operation. Nor could any terms which fall glibly from the tongues of economists make so plain the demonization and all the other vicissitudes through which gold has passed. It cannot be doubted that Mr. Woodson's work will take its place where it belongs not

Manslaughter By Auto Drivers

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ings that are needed but a sense of obligation to others; and in spite of all the boasts that we make about our high civilization, it remains necessary to establish that sense of obligation and responsibility in the case of a great many people, by means of punishments. It is so in all other human relations, and so far from car driving being an exception, the cold, death-dealing facts show only too clearly that good conduct in this matter depends on fear more than on persuasion or reason, so far as a great many people are concerned.

Everyone knows the dangers of automobile speeding. Of course, some people will tell you that high speed is not in itself dangerous; that it depends on the state of the traffic and so forth. Concessions have been made to that idea which we think should not have been made. The wish is father to the argument; and one might suppose, to hear arguments of that sort, that two men wheeling wheelbarrows were in as great danger as two high-powered cars running at sixty miles an hour.

There is too much excess over the speed limit. Clergymen do it. Members of Parliament do it. Timid women do it. People who are otherwise models of good sense allow their young children, hardly in their teens, to do it, and boast of how well they do it. They think they are wonderful because Providence gives them a protection they are far from deserving. Selfishness is at the bottom of it all; and life and death are involved in this selfishness. This selfishness is given its full momentum in the physical excitement of high speeding. Once the habit of fast driving is formed, danger is forgotten as surely as the toper forgets the danger of getting drunk and incapable, when he yields to the sensations brought by the excitement and taste of drink.

In view of the commonness of violations of the motor vehicle laws, we see no hope for a general obedience to those laws except in a policy of stern punishment. The policy we earnestly urge on all those who have to do with the enforcement of this law. It is a disgrace to our civilization that for nothing more than mere joy riding, the casualty lists should be so terrible after every Sunday and public holiday, and that, with no business necessity, and no matter of importance at all to set these machines careening over the roads, so many lives should be untimely ended, and so many people painfully injured.



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Another Level

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The party was bound to Clark's Harbor. Miss Nickerson was a nurse at Highland View Hospital, Amherst, and Miss Chandler a nurse at Springhill Hospital. Steeves was a school teacher at Apple River.

The express, bound to Halifax from Yarmouth, carried the automobile several hundred feet along the tracks before tossing it aside.

The two girls were flung out. Steeves was killed instantly. Miss Nickerson died a few moments later.

Had Passed Exams

Both girls had studied at Highland View Hospital, Amherst, and passed their examinations a short time ago. They spent part of their holiday at Apple River and left today for Wood's Harbor to visit Miss Nickerson's parents. Both girls were the same age, 21 years, and planned to return for graduation exercises at Amherst.

Steeves, who graduated in 1933 from Acadia University, was a son of Charles Steeves, Berry's Mills, N. B.

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