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INCENSE AND ARTILLERY

Where the left shoulder of Africa dips into the Indian ocean lies Italian Somaliland. Ostrich feathers, myrrh, incense and sheep are its principal products, together with a considerable amount of ivory, cotton and gum.

To the west of Italian Somaliland lies Abyssinia, officially Ethiopia, a land rich in cattle, sheep and goats, coffee, sugar cane, iron, gold, copper, sulphur and platinum.

And recently oil has been discovered in Ethiopia.

Within this territory lie the headwaters of the Nile.

Last year an Anglo-Abyssinian commission was surveying grazing lands in what they believed—and still contend—was Abyssinian territory. They were stopped by Italian troops. The commission was accompanied by Abyssinian troops, which engaged in battle with the Italians.

Abyssinia protested in vain, to Rome and then to the League of Nations. Italian war planes continued to hold disputed territory. A second battle occurred on Jan. 29.

Northwest of Italian Somaliland lies French Somaliland, at the entrance to the Red Sea. Here a few days ago Ethiopian tribesmen attacked French subjects.

Mussolini, having had an understanding with France, mobilizes 250,000 troops, and an air fleet under General Balbo, who flew his peace armada to this country.

Britain urges peace, peaceably. But rest assured that Britain is not going to stand idly by and see Mussolini get control of the headwaters of the Nile, to the peril of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

DIONNE PROMOTER IN THE RED

The first week of the Dionne theatrical venture at Chicago found the promoter \$99 in the red.

Not many tears will be shed for him. There is something distasteful in his bring of these two from their simple home and parading them at night clubs and other big city artificialities.

The birth of quintuplets to a young couple in a tiny Ontario village attracted the wholesome interest of the world. Even the King and Queen in their palace at London inquired regularly for the health of the mother and the babies.

It can be said that after the public interest is worn off, this mother and father will need plenty of money to bring up the quintuplets, in addition to their other children, and that now is the time for them to cash in.

Yes, but would it not have been better taste to have kept them out of the night clubs and the hi-de-ho joints? No valid criticism could be made of presented them with dignity at a theatre and housing them with dignity when they were not appearing before the footlights.

GENEROUS SCOTSMEN

Says the Hartland Observer:

"Newspaper jokesmiths would have us believe that Scotchmen are inclined to be parsimonious. It is an old gag, and not borne out by the facts. The late Andrew Carnegie, a Scotchman, gave away three hundred million dollars. The new Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick is of Scotch extraction and before taking the oath of office last week made a gift of five thousand dollars to the Boy Scouts of New Brunswick, a most worthy cause. The grand ball, which usually marks the opening of the Legislature, has been dispensed with this year."

"Any unimpeded free particle at large in intergalactic space," says Professor Milne, "undergoes acceleration as reckoned by an observer located on any arbitrary nebula, and attains the speed of light at some finite epoch in the experience of that observer." How true!

SNAPSHOTS

Well, we have the House opened good and wide. They will get down to business next week.

They are a very good looking lot of members, take them as a whole. They do not sport as many bouquets and glad rags as did the members of years ago but they make up for it in good looks.

The Marysville Town Council is trying to straighten out their school tangle today. They can't get much satisfaction so far.

Harvard students are credited by the faculty with improving steadily in scholarship. It is a thing the new football coach will have to contend with.

The du Ponts announce an explosive 20 per cent stronger than TNT and absolutely foolproof. As a rule, though, love and fools will find a way.

In order to attract passengers, a bus line in Poland is engaging humorists as conductors. It is a good plan too, with newspaper columns.

A professor at Northwestern University says co-eds pretend to be dumb to attract the boys. It may go further than that. Maybe they pretend that they pretend.

North Sea fishermen dumped millions of sardines overboard to restore prices. There must be something to be said of net losses, if we could only think of it.

New Jersey experiments will prove whether broadcasting causes drouths. One school of thought holds that by drying up orators we shall have rain.

Some men will succeed and others get the notion that all of their ill fortune is the fault of somebody else.

There seems to be a boom started for a Senatorship for Hon. Dr. Taylor. He deserves it, but it would be too bad to lose him from the Legislature.

GETS MONTH IN JAIL FOR KISS

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 15—Because kissing under the mistletoe is not an old Indian custom, Robert Poor Eagle was sent to jail for 30 days for assaulting Mary Sarcee.

Poor Eagle's account to Magistrate H. G. Scott, of the struggle in the tepee was that it was customary for Indians to kiss each other during the festive season. Dr. T. T. Murray, Indian agent, testified to the contrary. "These two are not relatives," he explained to the court.

"Neither are most people who kiss under the mistletoe," remarked the magistrate.

A KEEN FIGHT

There was a keen fight among those candidating for the board of directors of Canada's first central bank. The election is over and the scale of directors fees is announced. This scale provides for \$50. for each directors' meeting attended as well as travelling expenses. One director will be named to sit with the executive board and his fee will be \$50 a meeting. The maximum total fees any member may receive is fixed by statute at \$20,000 a year.

Were the aspirants fighting for the money that is directly paid for being a director? We do not know but we are inclined to think that the men in the fray were of such a financial calibre that they could make one hundred and fifty dollars in less time than it would take them to go to Ottawa, attend a meeting and return home, especially if they live a few thousand miles from the capital as many of them do. Many of us would be well paid indeed if we could get an all expense trip to Ottawa and \$150 for a short conference while there. But there are others who would not. Of course the talk of \$20,000 a year, the maximum allowance, is a bit exciting.

If the scale of directors fees was not the big objective, and there certainly was a big objective, what was it? The control of the bank is in the hands of the governor of the bank. He has an over ruling power.

KEEP ALL TAXES LOW, LOOK AFTER PAYMENT

Secret of Municipal Success Solved by Manitoba Community

CARBERRY, Man., Feb. 15—The municipality of North Cypress has unsurped the claim of its sister council of Minto to the honor of the ideal municipal system. At the first meeting of council this year North Cypress reported no debts and \$38,000 in the treasury. Minto boasted no debts, no debentures and \$20,000 on hand.

The achievement of North Cypress, is the more remarkable when it recalled the district suffered heavily from drought and grasshoppers during the past year. Asked for the recipe of municipal success, Councillor T. Seaman replied: "We keep the taxes low and see that they are all paid."

While taxes cannot be greatly reduced, Mr. Seaman believes the surplus should be reduced by providing better roads. This would also help to solve the unemployment problem. This is the policy he believes the council will adopt this year.

N. B. APPEAL COURT RESERVES JUDGMENT

The New Brunswick Appeal Court yesterday reserved judgment in the case of The King vs. Maxime Albert, of St. Hilaire. C. L. Dougherty, of this city, for the Crown, supported the appeal under the Customs Act from a judgment of Judge M. L. Hayward given in November. A. J. Dionne, of Edmundston, argued contra for the accused.

The facts were not in dispute, the argument centreing on a question of law. In July, 1933, it was said, nine mattresses were found in use in Albert's hotel on which it was admitted the duty payable, \$114.75, had not been paid. An information was heard by Magistrate Hubert at Edmundston, who dismissed it. The case was taken on appeal by the Crown to Judge Hayward in November, 1933, only the argument being heard then, and a written judgment a year later dismissed the appeal.

Argument in the case of Samuel Frenette vs. Vernon Taylor, parties of Petit Rocher, was commenced also. W. J. West, of this city, for the defendant, is moving to set aside a verdict for the plaintiff for \$225 and costs given by Mr. Justice Richards without a jury on April 16, 1934.

FOURTEEN WILL TAKE PART IN THE DEBATE TUESDAY

Indications this morning were that fourteen speakers, seven from the government side and seven from the opposition, will take part in the debate which begins in the New Brunswick Legislature on Tuesday next. Today's sitting of the house which was scheduled to be a summary one was preceded this morning by a caucus of the opposition supporters. The house was expected to adjourn at four o'clock until Tuesday at which time the debate on the Reply to the Speech from the Throne will be commenced. Appointments of the various committees were made this morning.

ROCKEFELLER BODY THANKED BY QUEBEC

QUEBEC, P. Q., Feb. 14—Hon. L. A. David, Provincial Secretary, has obtained the adoption of an order-in-council, thanking the Rockefeller Foundation for the important amounts which the latter has given the province to help it to fight tuberculosis and infantile mortality, as well as to establish health units.

FEAR GT. BRITAIN MAY BE DRAWN INTO DISPUTE

LONDON, Feb. 15—Fears that Great Britain might become involved in the Italo-Ethiopian dispute were expressed today by The Times.

"Part of the very region where the fighting occurred," said The Times, "has been used for generations by nomadic tribesmen from British Somaliland for pasturing and watering their flocks and herds. Their exclusion for any length of time from this area through further hostilities or threat of hostilities would impose a heavy burden on the administration of one of the poorest of British African protectorates."

"Even more important," the newspaper added, "from the British standpoint is the risk that a long drawn-out frontier quarrel might lead to internal disturbances in Ethiopia which might involve the borders of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Kenya and Uganda."

Canadian Press Despatch

Both France and Italy made ready to send troops into their possessions bordering Ethiopia with the announced purpose of strengthening their forces there in order to prevent future frontier outbreaks.

A government spokesman at Rome said yesterday the first contingent of the Italian troops mobilized this week would sail for Africa on Saturday. Benito Mussolini and the Grand Fascist Council, in session there, studied their reply to Emperor Haile Selassie's vigorous denial of Ethiopian aggression.

France ordered additional troops to French Somaliland to guard against a repetition of border incidents such as that of some weeks ago when Administrator Bernard and 18 native soldiers were slain by a superior force of Ethiopian tribesmen.

It was declared the only possibility of further trouble might come from activities of Ethiopian tribesmen whom the Emperor might not be able to keep in hand, both Paris and Rome stressing that no armed intervention was intended. At Addis Ababa an Ethiopian spokesman, deprecating the sending of troops, said no troops are concentrated near his frontier.

REPORT JORDAN SANATORIUM IS TABLED IN HOUSE

Among the first reports to be tabled in the New Brunswick Legislature is the 22nd annual Report of the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium, which was tabled by Hon. A. J. Leger, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, yesterday. The Report shows that the net operating cost of the Sanatorium for the year ending October 31st last, which was \$113,240.27, was the lowest for some years, due partly to low commodity prices and also to a continuation of the policy of using both wood and coal as fuel in the powerhouse. The operating deficit for the year was \$59,884.50. The superintendent, Dr. P. M. Knox, reported for the year and among other things, the Report showed that "the increasing number of indigent tuberculosis cases during the last three or four years, has in certain municipalities, raised the question as to whether tuberculosis as a disease is on the increase. Today a far greater percentage of tuberculosis sufferers require assistance from their municipalities than was noted four or five years ago."

CANADIAN TOWN SEES ITS FIRST MOTOR CAR

ELSAS, Ont., Feb. 15—This tiny lumbering hamlet, 170 miles northwest of Sudbury, yesterday boasted its first motor vehicle—in fact it was the first automobile, many of its adult population had ever seen.

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