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HUMAN EMOTIONS

When a tumor threatened the life of the smallest of the Dionne girls, a great surgeon flew north from Baltimore to bring the latest devices of science to her aid. It is in line with a tradition of medicine; but the laity also has taken the babies to its collective heart. Their guardians, though they have never solicited funds, have lacked nothing to give them all the infant requires to survive.

In Fall River, a 10-year-old child has undergone one of the most delicate operations known to surgery, the shifting of misplaced organs inside the diaphragm, received daily more than a hundred letters of good cheer from strangers, moved by her plight and her gay courage.

A McGill bacteriologist, possessing a serum for the treatment of a rare blood infection, wings to Detroit by the fastest plane to try to save the life of an eight-year-old boy. The sympathies of the community are enlisted instantly by such an episode.

Yet in Rome a dictator boasts of having at his beck and call 7,000,000 fighting boys and men to face any eventuality—an eventuality, as in Africa, of his own making, or that of others moved by the same ambitious dreams. Not since the war has so little value been put on life in the mass as is put today in a dozen capitals where the spirit of conquest or revolt infects the air.

It is one of the paradoxes of the nature of man that his compassion is kindled instantly by the misfortune of an individual, yet responds scarcely at all to the plight of a multitude, too vast to permit personalities—too much the forest to let him distinguish the single trees.

FEDERAL AND MUNICIPAL

When the Prime Minister declares as he does that the existing depression in Canada is due to world conditions be completely non-suited the other contention which he is steadily trying to build up, that the relief of the unemployed is a municipal obligation. The municipality has no influence in world conditions. The Federal Government surely has some. When the Prime Minister puts through a Federal act having to do with unemployment insurance and another act limiting the working day to eight hours, he not only acknowledges but asserts some federal authority as regards work and lack of work. For nearly five years the Federal Government has been making grants for relief in all the provinces, and surely this has not been a misuse of money from the Federal treasury.

THINK IT OVER

In reply to certain people in Alberta who advocate secession from the Dominion the Calgary Herald says: Secession is an ugly term, and its mention invokes considerable of consequences which Alberta is in no position to meet. Secession for instance, would mean the immediate withdrawal of Federal support for Alberta wheat marketing and of Federal contributions for unemployment relief in this province. It would mean that Alberta financing would have to be conducted without Federal guarantee and it might mean the erection of tariff barriers against the products of this province. It would also mean many other things, most uncomfortable to the people of this province. The other provinces might get along nicely without Alberta, but Alberta could not exist as a separate entity.

THE BEGINNING OF A LONG PULL

In all the welter of words written about the new Central Bank, which opens today, there is singularly little to touch our every-day lives, in a very tangible way, beyond the new Bank of Canada notes. But every good Canadian will wish well to the Bank of Canada, for, whether or not we follow the intricacies of open market operations and so forth, indirectly our fortunes are likely to be affected imperceptibly by it. We have now a national institution designed to influence the general level of credit in Canada with reference to the interest of the country as a whole—not according to the needs of this industry or that, of this section or that, or of this class or that. In due course, too, we expect that it will be our Canadian dollar in foreign exchange. But that may mean an exchange fund.

Governor Towers has built up a splendid staff of keen, vigorous, independent men, many of them combining youth with experience. We notice that he is wisely making few predictions and few promises, well knowing the difficulty and delicacy of his task. Our chartered banks and business men are disposed to give him their cooperation. We trust, too, that Canadians will give the Bank of Canada time, for it is going to be years before its full weight can be felt.—Montreal Star.

SNAPSHOTS

The Normal School students have a great time climbing over the snow barrier between the road and the sidewalk on Queen Street.

Public officials who have scarlet fever had better stay in the house.

Looking at the old time pictures at the Legislature one observes that they all sported whiskers. Now days the present members are barefaced in comparison.

Slam's ex-King says it is nonsense about him having 24 umbrellas, that he has only one. We knew a man who had 24 umbrellas, but he owned a barber shop.

We may have more snowstorms but they will be self-liquidating propositions.

Occasionally the intellectuals all get together and each one disagrees with all the rest.

Japan may be innocent of hostile design, but it continues to have an insatiable appetite for scrap.

Perfunctory compliments seem to please many people about as well as heartfelt ones.

The honeymoon is over when he suggests that a permanent wave should be permanent.

WELL KNOWN BATHURST LADY PASSES AWAY

(Special to Daily Mail)  
BATHURST, March 12—Miss Sarah Meahan died here at 9.30 P.M., Sunday after a lingering illness.

Miss Meahan was for a long time connected with the millinery and dry goods business in Bathurst. She was a sister of the late Rev. Father Henry Meahan of Moncton, and also of the late Rev. Father Edward Meahan of St. Laurent College, Montreal.

She leaves one sister, Mrs. Henry White. She belonged to one of the oldest families in Bathurst.

France May Cut Tax On Domestic Films

PARIS, March 12—American film interests in Paris were disturbed yesterday by a report from the Chamber of Deputies finance commission recommending decreased taxes for theatres showing French films exclusively.

The report will go to the Chamber of Deputies for a vote.

Importers produced reports showing that American films furnished 80 per cent of the nation's requirements before the talkies were invented, and that this percentage has now been reduced to 45. A still further reduction of 25 per cent may be expected if the French save their taxes by using French films.

At present picture theatres pay the State taxes ranging from 15 to 30 per cent of the ticket price, whether they show French or all foreign films.

TAKEN WITH KNIFE AT THE VATICAN

Mexican Finally Permitted to Sail After Failing To See Pope

VATICAN City, March 12—A Mexican named Carlos Roberto Murgay, who was arrested five days at the Vatican after several attempts to see Pope Plus, sailed from Trieste yesterday on the S. S. Saturnia.

Vatican and Italian police announced that his departure from Italy closed an incident which at first seemed like an attempt on the life of His Holiness.

Italian police questioned Murgay for a whole day after his arrest, having found a long, sharp stiletto inside his shirt while on the Vatican premises.

They did not disclose what they discovered concerning the man's affiliations, revealing only that he was a Mexican and a Catholic.

They sent him to Trieste, accompanied by a policeman, since his round-trip ticket to Italy called for embarkation there. The official announcement was that Murgay was "permitted to sail".

A GENTLEMAN NEVER SPANKS HIS WIFE

CHICAGO, Illinois, March 12—Pride may go before a fall, but a spanking is unthinkable to Charles Ahrens.

He said in court that his wife, Marie, threw a telephone at him, then a dish and a cup, scoring direct hits each time. Judge Joseph B. David reminded Ahrens that under the law such provocation entitled a husband to spank his wife.

"But I", said Ahrens. "Am too much of a gentleman to strike a woman". So the court gave him a divorce.

It Takes 27 To Sing Twice As Loud as One

PITTSBURGH, March 12—Whether two pigs under a gate make twice as much noise as one pig, together with the related scientific problem of how many choir singers it takes to sing twice as loudly as one singer, occupied the attention of the Acoustical Society of America at its recent meeting with other scientific societies on the occasion of a paper by John Redfield.

Redfield concluded that 27 singers are needed to sing twice as loudly as one. Two equally vociferous pigs, instead of squealing twice as loudly as one pig, make only about 20 per cent more noise than one pig. The reason for these facts is that the human ear does not hear the loudness of noises in proportion to the sound energy that they contain but in approximate proportion to the logarithm of that energy.

Peeble sounds seem louder than they should in proportion to their intensities, intense sounds seem weaker. From a mathematical formula expressing this law of hearing, together with other formulas for ways in which the energies of sounds combine with each other in the air, Redfield attacked the practical musical problem of what increase of tone will be produced by one, two, three or additional singers, all singing the same note at the same time. A trio he finds to be only about one-third louder than a solo. A quartet is about 43 per cent louder than a single voice and a sextet not quite 50 percent louder.

Beyond six voices, the addition of one more voice is imperceptible to the average ear, although the loudness of the music does increase slightly for each addition, up to 27 singers needed to sing just twice as loudly as one of them could be alone.

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J. A. Edwards of Elgood, Edwards and Co., Insurance Brokers, Vancouver, B.C., is a Fredericton boy who "went West" and made good. He is a son of the late J. A. Edwards, former postmaster and Alderman. When he was a small boy he was known as "Baby Jack," and was a bright little chap. He went to British Columbia. The following letter to The Daily Mail shows that he still remembers the old home town. Many boys in the old home town remember Jack Edwards and hope that he will come and see us some day.

APPRECIATION  
Editor Daily Mail,  
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:—  
Through a friend in Vancouver your write up under the heading "Old Times Recalled," concerning my father, came into my hands.

Though an absentee of the home town for a good many years I cannot help but write my appreciation of the expression made by your paper in reference to my father's activity during his business life in Fredericton. Again thanking you and with best wishes.

Yours very truly,  
J. A. EDWARDS JR.

Public Works Overexpenditure Heavy One

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by the distribution of extra calcium chloride freshet damage and extra wages.

Motor Vehicle Administration  
Motor Vehicle administration in 1934 cost the province a total of \$46,647.26 with an over-expenditure of \$5,022.98. Unforeseen expenses in license plates, postage, and telephone calls were given by Mr. Barbour as causes of extra costs in this department.

Capital Expenditure  
The total special warrants on capital expenditure amounting to \$236,947.20 was absorbed by the Department of Public Works. Mr. Barbour stated that he was of the impression that \$136,000.00 of the account was not expended during the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1934. The items on the account were \$100,000.00 for Permanent roads, October 13, 1934; \$86,947.20 for permanent roads, December 10, 1934; and \$50,000.00 for permanent bridges, November 22, 1934.

Heavy Trucks  
In again discussing the over-expenditure of \$22,688.03, Mr. Barbour stated that the traffic of heavy trucks was ruining the roads, especially in the late fall and early spring. The registration of heavy trucks this year was greater than any other year, he added.

Several of the members asked to see the payrolls of road work done under capital expenditure and it was decided to have H. H. Morton, road account clerk attend next Thursday's meeting for the purpose of presenting the payrolls.

The committee adjourned to Thursday, when Dr. Menzies of the Provincial Hospital will also be present to explain certain policies of management to the committee.

Eight-Hour Day To Be in Operation

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must be increased. Should a decrease in tariffs be made, it would simply mean that the domestic fisherman must, in order to compete with the Canadian interests, reduce his standard of living, which is low enough at the present time, and attempt to secure supplies and materials at lower prices than they are being purchased at the present time."

A resolution in tariff rates, the brief said, would probably result in a movement of the larger fishing concerns to Nova Scotia, where expenses are lower, and in concessions by the Canadian National Railways in fish shipments to middle western border cities which "are possibly the cream of the consumers of fishery products."

The investment of the Maine fishing industry was estimated at \$50,000,000 while it was estimated that they spend \$40,250,000 on living expenses and equipment.

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