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In Tommy Atkins' Country

TO the students who study British journalism at the University of London, the engagement of the Prince of Wales would be far more important newspaper copy than the resignation of Sir James Ramsay MacDonald as prime minister. They expressed such an opinion in no uncertain fashion last week when the following hypothetical situation was placed before them:

You are editor of a national daily newspaper (British, of course). The following events are reported to you. To which one would you give first place in your newspaper? Please mark the events in order of preference:

- War between Brazil and Argentina.
- Famous actress found murdered.
- Financial collapse of Germany.
- Engagement of the Prince of Wales.
- Abolition of the League of Nations.
- Resignation of the Prime Minister.
- One hundred lives lost in British liner wreck.
- Five hundred lives lost in French mine disaster.
- Famous scientist receives message from Mars.

That was rather a difficult predicament for a group of embryo newspapermen. All the stories dear to an editor's heart had been placed within their reach for them to do with as they willed. There were disasters, murders, wrecks, international entanglements and even a fantastic message from Mars. Yet, without the slightest hesitation, 89 per cent of the students said they would place the engagement of Edward of Wales over all the rest. The other votes were scattered throughout the list, only one-half per cent saying they would give preference to the resignation of the prime minister. The stories dealing with international affairs received but a smattering of ballots, the abolition of the League leading the collapse of Germany by a narrow margin.

Thus Great Britain's foremost students of the fourth estate show that their opinions and ideas are fundamentally the same as those of their contemporaries across the sea. To them the engagement of the young man who eventually will become their country's figure-head is better copy than the resignation of the aged statesman who controls the administrative department of the British empire.

And their opinions also are those of the men who now operate England's newspapers. Let Edward of Wales announce his engagement and there will not be space for much else in London's dailies. Japan and Russia could start a war to the death on the same day and most of the citizens of England's capital would be impervious to it. The space devoted to the prince's betrothal would be comparable only to that given to the Lindbergh case in America, when the kidnaping of a small boy crowded the Oriental entanglements and the League of Nations off the first page.

Policy or Pollyanna?

EVERY once in a while we open our morning mail to find a vehement denunciation of some editorial or column that graced the preceding day's paper. Usually such communications are unsigned, and after a hasty perusal they are ordinarily consigned to the waste basket. Anonymous letters are contemptuously regarded by editors the country over.

But yesterday we received a note that we temporarily withheld from the usual disposition. As we glanced through its contents our feeling of disdain was replaced by one of amusement and finally by one of reflection. The anonymous writer took the time and trouble to spread his indignation over two closely written pages in a thorough-going condemnation of an article by one of our columnists.

He advised us to stick to our knitting and leave comment on matters of other than a campus nature to better qualified men. We were roundly scored for what he considered an unwarranted criticism of his home state. The native son strongly questioned the propriety of a college newspaper indulging in discussion of subjects that have perplexed greater minds than the Emerald editors.

So the question arises—Shall a university daily newspaper confine its comments to editorial philosophizing on the need for wider paths to the Music building, bigger ham sandwiches at the campus luncheon, and kindred subjects? Or shall it undertake to express the collegiate viewpoint on matters of moment, local and national? Shall we seal our lips regarding national politics when the din of the campaign echoes in our ears? Shall we bury our heads in the sands of modesty if the grime of governmental corruption sweeps about us? Shall we close our eyes to the injustice of a Mooney case?

These are questions that every college editor must answer. Is he to make his paper an entertaining sheet of local gossip or an intelligent journal of collegiate opinion? The type of editorials that have occupied this column constitutes our reply.

If our anonymous correspondent will let us know his name we may print his letter—and perhaps his picture.

THE Corridor

By V. H. Hall

When the 23-year-old job printer, Benjamin H. Day, started the New York Sun he employed a chap by the name of George Wisner to cover the police court. Wisner did such an excellent job of this that he was given half interest in the paper.

The second page of the July 21, 1834, issue contained such an amusing account of a divorce case as reported by this young man that I feel bound to reprint it here.

It is as follows:

Yesterday morning a little curly-pated fellow, by the name of John Lawler was called up on a charge of kicking over the mead stand of Mary Lawler, alias Miss Donohue, alias Mrs. Donohue.

Magistrate, (to the complainant): Mrs. Donohue, what were the circumstances of this affair?

Complainant: You will be so good sir, if you please, as to call me Miss Donohue. It is my maiden name, and I wish no other.

Mag.: Very good, MISS Donohue, how came he to kick over your stand, and break your bottles and glasses?

Comp.: Aye yes, now, I like that better. Every virtuous woman should be called by her own right and proper name.

Mag.: Well, let's hear your story. Do you know the boy?

Comp.: The boy, did you say? Indade, sir, devil a bit o' boy is there about the baste, nor man neither, barring he drinks brandy like a fish. (Loud laughter.)

Mag.: Did you ever see him before?

Comp.: Indade I guess I did. Many years ago he was my husband, but your honor sees, I gave him a divorce. That is, ye see, I gave him a bit of paper, stating that I wouldn't live with him no longer.

Prisoner: It's no sich thing, yer honor. She used to go off with other men, and so I sold her for a gill of rum.

Comp.: (Shaking her fist at the prisoner.) A GILL was it, you baste? I'll take my Bible oath that it was a whole blessed pint. (Laughter.)

Mag.: Well, well, it matters not whether it was a gill or a pint.

Comp.: Indade it matters a good deal—to say that a good virtuous woman like me isn't worth no more nor a gill of rum. (Turning to prisoner.) You baste of the earth. I'll bung out your 'tother peeper. (The prisoner had but one eye.)

Mag.: (getting out of patience) Madam, if you want this man punished you must tell me what he has been doing.

Comp.: Indade then, I'll tell you what he has been doing. You see, I was down to the market, selling some mead and spruce beer, to get

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a little money to support my children with. Last night the brute came down where I was, and, says he, Mary, says he, will you go and live with me again? And says I, go long, you devil, for you know I gave you a divorce. And then says he, if you don't go and live with me, I'll break every damned bottle of made that you've got. Then says I, John Lawler, if you touch my made I'll break your head. And then your honor, he up with his foot, and he kicked the bottles, and the glasses, and the peanuts—all into the dirt!

The prisoner was committed.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Rehearsal of the entire play of "Hamlet" will be held tonight at 7:20 o'clock in Gerlinger hall. All men are to be in costume except the sailors and grave-diggers.

W. A. A. will hold a mass meeting in the league room of Gerlinger hall this afternoon at 5 o'clock to hear the report on the A. C. A. C. W. conference.

The A. A. U. W. cordially invites all graduate students and seniors to a tea to be held from 3 to 5 in Gerlinger hall this Saturday.

Westminster guild will meet at 9 o'clock tonight at Westminster house.

Ye Tabard Inn meets tonight at Omega hall, 7:30. Neophytes, Larry Fischer and George Bishop, call at Mr. Thatcher's office at 9 a. m.

Junior Week-end directorate meeting at the College Side at 4 this afternoon. All directorate members are urged to be present as the meeting is of the utmost importance.

Interfraternity council members will meet in room 110 Johnson hall this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Beggars Opera choruses (men and women) will rehearse tonight at 9 o'clock in Villard hall. Important!

Heads of houses and representatives will meet at men's gym for canoe race drawings today from 1:30 to 3:30.

Thespians will meet tonight at 7:45 in the sun porch of Gerlinger hall. Very important.

McElroy's Band Will Appear Here

Cole McElroy's "Oregonians" dance orchestra, famed Columbia-Don Lee broadcasting system band of McElroy's Spanish ballroom, Portland, will be featured at the Midway ballroom, three miles south of Eugene on the Pacific highway, at a dance Saturday evening, April 30, according to an announcement just received from McElroy.

Of particular interest locally is the fact that Prent Gross, director of the organization, is a former University of Oregon student. Cole McElroy is also well known here as a former Eugene man and University student. He will personally act as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Forum Group To Give Plans Before Election

Bases for the recommendations of the Forum committee on representation were determined yesterday afternoon, according to Dave Wilson, chairman. They will be presented at the next meeting of the forum.

Recommendations on organization will be drafted at a meeting of the committee within the next few days. They are expected to include at least two plans depending upon the power the Forum is to have.

The next meeting of the Forum is expected to be held before campus elections on May 5.

Beta Alpha Psi Will Dine Honored Visitor

Joseph C. Landrud, '23, regional auditor for Montgomery Ward and Co., will be the dinner guest of Beta Alpha Psi, national accounting honorary fraternity, tonight at the College Side at 6 o'clock.

Landrud will speak on the reorganization of big business to meet the problems of the depression.

He is now regional auditor for Ward's at Kansas City, with 68 chain stores and two mail order houses in his district. He is remembered by the faculty as Joe Olsen, having changed his name after his graduation in 1923.

A Decade Ago

April 27, 1922

LOST—At Alpha Phi house Wednesday night, somewhere between the front yard and mill-race, three Sigma Delta Chi pins.

A garden hose was successfully used to extinguish a blaze on the roof of the Phi Sigma Pi house at 639 Eighth avenue east yesterday evening.

The Student Council voted six to one to rescind the order to eliminate the campus luncheon from Junior week-end activities.

Removal of some of the bleachers on Kincaid field revealed a dozen or more robins' nests, some of them containing small blue eggs, on the sills and braces of the structures.

Final senior papers must be filed by May 1.

Dr. J. H. Gilbert, head of the department of economics, will speak at a meeting of the Grange at Goshen Saturday on "Taxation."

"Caesar and Cleopatra," by George Bernard Shaw, was presented by the campus dramatic company in Guild theater last night.

"Vision and Revision" is to be the topic of Dr. Richard F. Scholz, president of Reed college, at an assembly today. "He says as much in one hour as any other man can say in three hours," commented Dean Eric W. Allen last night.

Starving Alaskan Indians Refused Aid by Red Cross

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 26. —(AP)—A picture of human misery "so dire as to be almost unbelievable," was drawn today by Pilot Art Woodley, upon his return here from flying The Very Reverend Francis Menager, superior of the Jesuit missions in Alaska, over the country between the mouth of the Yukon river and the Hooper bay region.

This region was struck by a tidal wave last December and several native villages destroyed.

Coincident with Woodley's return, it was reported here the National Red Cross had refused a request for \$2,000 to buy food for reputed starving natives in the district, after the bureau of Indian affairs in Washington, D. C., had declared reports of suffering to be exaggerated.

Several hundred natives in a number of villages visited by Woodley and Father Menager, they said, were virtually without food. Missionaries had given aid, but their resources were said by Father Menager to be limited, and now no more help can be offered. He said sickness was breaking out among the natives and there was fear of floods as a result of the melting of heavy snows.

"Nowhere at any time has there been more need for relief," Woodley said. "These people are so desperately in need of sustenance they are resorting to unprintable measures."

EMERALD ... of the AIR

A 15-minute chat on new books and their writers will be given on the Emerald of the Air this afternoon at 4:15 by Roy Sheedy, literary editor of the Emerald. It is Sheedy's intention to make this discussion as purely local as possible; that is, to read the reviews which are appearing in the Emerald's "Literary Signpost," and discuss the writing of students and alumnae of the University.

In today's talk, the speaker will discuss some half-dozen new books and their writers as well as tell the latest news of literary activities on the campus.

OLIVER TALKS ON DEBATE

Robert T. Oliver, graduate assistant in the speech division, spoke Monday night at the University high school on the value of debate.

The ... LITERARY SIGNPOST

Edited By Roy Sheedy

ECCLISIASTES SAID ... Edison Marshall, who was a student of the University not so long ago, and is the best known writer ever to come from this school, has just had a new novel of the outdoors published, "The Deputy at Snow Mountain." It is described as "an exciting story of the New North, of a man's fight to establish his innocence, and the help of the woman who believed in him." Marshall also has a story running serially in the American magazine at present, "Forlorn Island." Making no attempt to write for the intellectuals, Marshall knows the art of pleasing the general public.

It is quite probable that another issue of Duedame will be published before the end of the term. A magazine for the publication of creative writing by University students is a very valuable asset to the campus, and should be given as much encouragement as possible. The first issue was well received, particularly on other campuses, and proved that such a magazine can be self-supporting.

Some of the new books on the High Hat rent shelf of the Co-op are the following: "Three Loves," by A. J. Cronin; "Once a Grand Duke," by Alexander Nicholas, who ought to know; "American Outpost," by Upton Sinclair, not a western story but the famous crusader's autobiography; "Reunion in Vienna," a play by Robert E. Sherwood, in which Lynn Fontanne and Alfred Lunt are now appearing in New York.

How many best-sellers of last year did you read? Here is the list, as compiled by the Publisher's Weekly in the order of their sales:

Non-Fiction
"Education of a Princess," by Marie, Grand Duchess of Russia; "The Story of San Michele," by Axel Munthe; "Washington Merry-Go-Round," Anonymous; "Boners," "Culbertson's Summary," by Ely Culbertson; "Contract Bridge Blue Book," by Ely Culbertson; "Fatal Interview," by Edna St. Vincent Millay; "The Epic of America," by James Truslow Adams; "Mexico," by Stuart Chase; "New Russia's Primer," by M. Ilin.

Fiction
"The Good Earth," by Pearl S. Buck; "Shadows on the Rock," by Willa Cather; "A White Bird Flying," by Bess Streeter Aldrich; "Grand Hotel," by Vicki Baum; "Years of Grace," by Margaret Ayer Barnes; "The Road Back," by Erich M. Remarque; "The Bridge of Desire," by Warwick Deeping; "Back Street," by Fannie Hurst; "Finch's Fortune," by Mazo De La Roche; "Maid in Waiting," by John Galsworthy.



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