News Parade

Commentary on the Highlights of the Week's News . . . **by Peter Randal**

ELIMINATION CONTEST: — Directors of the Kent County Motor Club, with headquarters at Chatham, are contemplating forwarding a recommendation to the Ontario Department of Highways urging a change in the Highway Traffic Act by which motor car drivers will be required to submit to periodical tests for ability in handling a car and also for physical fitness. Such a course of action would result in the elimination of a great many incompetent drivers who make our roads unsafe to venture upon by day or by night. It would withdraw from circulation not only hare-brained youths and epileptics but men well up in their seventies now found behind the wheel of a car.

And speaking of constructive suggestions, the same Motor Club urges that the city of Chatham establish a school for drivers.

TO BRIDGE OR NOT TO BRIDGE: Whether the Senate gives permission or no, Ontario and New York State are going to go ahead and build a new international bridge at Niagara Falls, and that right speedily, according to the Province's Minister of Highways, Hon. T. B. McQuesten. The fact that the International Railway Company already has a charter to construct a similar bridge will have no bearing on the matter.

To take the place of the famed "Honeymoon Bridge" swept away in January last by ice break-ups, the new structure, longer and higher, will be started before spring. It is announced, as soon as plans and engineering details can be completed. The attitude of the Ontario Government is that the Dominion Government has no right to interfere with the business of the province and cannot keep Ontario and New York state authorities from carrying through their project.

Who knows but that we may yet end up with two bridges on the same spot.

BREAK WITH THE POPE: Mussolini, being a cleverer man than his fellow-dictator, Hitler, has during his sixteen years in office scrupulously avoided any trouble with Pope Pius XI or with the Catholic Church. That is, up until this summer.

Now, the lid is off. The new racist theories (anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic) of the Italian Fascist regime are the point of contention. Declaring first that Italy is simply imitating Germany, the Pope has lashed out at Mussolini, repudiating all racist theories, including the Italian ones. He condemns them as contrary to the very essence of the Catholic faith. Italian authorities have threatened to declare membership in the Catholic Action Associations incompatible with membership in the Fascist Party.

And the fight is on. Mussolini, stung to the quick by the assertion that he is merely imitating Hitler, is ready for a battle royal with the Pope. "We'll go straight ahead!" he shouts. The significance here is that Mussolini used that same phrase, "We'll go straight ahead," when the League of Nations tried to stop the Italian invasion of Abyssinia. He went straight ahead then, has continued to do so ever since.

CANADA REPRESENTED: — Tucked away at the bottom of a dispatch from Bremen, Germany, last week was the unobtrusive mention that Germans from Canada paraded before Herr Hitler at the National German Gymnastic Festival. Together with 200,000 other German-speaking representatives from the four corners of the globe, these people from our Dominion marched past the Fuehrer, performed an act of homage and proclaimed undying constancy in their German origin.

How long has this been going on?

AXES TO GRIND: In our column two weeks ago we stated that when the Rome-Berlin-Tokio axis is working well, Japan is able by creating a ruckus on the Russian-Manchoukuoan border to draw attention away from what Italy and Germany are up to in Europe. But Russia has an axe to grind too, perhaps. By allowing the Manchoukuoan border incident to appear more serious than it really is, she succeeds in drawing several Japanese army divisions to the scene, so far off that were they needed in the conflict in China, they would not be available.

Also if the Japanese campaign in China is at the stage where it must have every reinforcement, a conflict with Russia will prolong the Sino-Jap war, weaken Japan immeasurably from both the economic and military standpoints.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA

(How it all started: On July 29 a small Japanese force occupied the northern heights of Changkufeng which Russia claims are in Soviet territory; Japan insists that they are in Jap-controlled Manchoukuo. Soviet frontier guards ejected the Japanese. Early on the morning of July 31 the Japanese attacked in strength, seized the whole line of the heights to a depth of two and a half miles. Then Russian divisions regained the position. And so it went. Nobody really knows who owns those heights, the border is so ill-defined).

THE WEEK'S QUESTION: What European Country will likely be next to join the Rome-Berlin axis? Answer—Hungary, who is Germany's next-door neighbor and a leader among the Balkan States.

Descendant of Spanish Jews who fled from the terror of the Inquisition to the shores of England, Leslie Hore-Belisha (pronounced "Belie eesha") because of his meteoric career in British politics is looked upon by many to have the makings of a "second Disraeli." He is still a young man, around 42 (he won't tell his exact age), in a position as Minister of War where a leap up to the Prime Minister's chair is not long; nor a crash downwards altogether unlikely. His future is a big question mark.

A Brilliant Showman

Following the war this smooth-faced, thick-lipped young man continued his interrupted education, was President of the Oxford Union for a term, practised law in London and rode into Parliament as an M. P. for Devonport. While sitting in the House he came under the influence of that fascinating ex-Canadian, Lord Beaverbrook, wrote political articles for his "Daily Express," and learned for him the art of publicity.

Hore-Belisha first featured largely in the public eye following his appointment in 1934 as Minister of Transport. He inaugurated a tremendous publicity campaign, using radio, billboards, newspaper cartoons to reduce accidents on the highways, which actually cut down the slaughter figures. He has got action. He became a famous man.

In 1937 Prime Minister Chamberlain moved Hore-Belisha to the War Office and got more action. A purge of the British Army High Command occurred immediately, sweeping a lot of the elder men out of the war office.

In The Balance

At the present moment, Mr. Hore-Belisha's career is at stake. It has been whispered persistently of late that he is likely to resign from the War Office. The truth is that his career is at stake. The trouble may come to a head following the publication of a report by a special committee of all parliamentary powers which is investigating the arrest of Duncan Sandys, M.P. (Winston Churchill's son-in-law) for the alleged violation of the Official Secrets Act. "Who summoned Sandys?" is the question. Mr. Hore-Belisha may be charged with misleading evidence.

The Voice of the Press

The World at Large — Canada The Empire

CANADA

Canada Needs Defence

Four British bombers flew 4,300 miles non-stop. That is more than across the Atlantic and back. And what British bombers did others may do also. — St. Thomas Times Journal.

Back to the Country

So many people are moving out from London, Ontario, to new districts outside the corporation limits that the city shows a drop in population for the first time in 55 years. The same exodus is noted in Toronto and many other larger cities with an urban zone surrounding them, but in Toronto the population continues to show a minor increase nevertheless. — Toronto Star.

The Editor Restrains Himself

There are some obituaries that it might be a pleasure to write, were circumstances rather different. Some funerals bring an improvement to the community, and the editor of the paper would just love to let himself go and say just what he believes to be the truth. But even that pleasure is denied him. There are relatives to think about, and after all, there are times when silence is golden. — Fergus News-Record .

Why Accidents Happen

"I was thinking about something else." Half the motorcar drivers stopped by traffic officers in the U.S. for violations of the rules of the road give the excuse quoted. But surely any responsible adult realizes that in driving a fast-travelling car, under present conditions of traffic, he or she has plenty to think about without letting his or her own thoughts wander outside the automobile. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

That Was Thirty Years Ago

Thirty years ago this week the editor of the Walkerton Telescope sharpened his quill and gave his readers this hot-shot: "In Kincardine one day last week an automobile frightened a horse, the horse ran away, the driver was thrown out of the rig and his leg was broken. It is becoming apparent from incidents like this that something will have to be done about these automobiles. For several years past the farmers in the vicinity of Toronto have been agitating for a law to restrain automobiles from using the public highways, but so far have not been able to accomplish anything." — Kincardine News.

Not Since Beck's Day

Hydro has not had a strong hand on it since the days of Sir Adam Beck, the man whose child Hydro was. Sir Adam in his day may have been somewhat of an autocrat, but his hand was firm. He knew exactly what should be done and he refused to do anything else. He took the advice of competent engineers and acted on it. This province cannot hope to produce another Adam Beck, and if it did we doubt whether the members of our Legislature would be inclined to leave him alone and allow him to work. — Peterborough Examiner.

The EMPIRE

Who Are The Happy People?

Who, then, are the happy people? Some say they are the Communists, some say they are the Nazis, some say they are the Buchmanites. It is a fine thing to have such reports of widespread happiness from all over Europe. How happy Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini looked in the photograph of the much-married during the Roman celebrations! I almost wished I were a dictator as I was watching the news-reel. How happy, too, a thousand or two Buchmanites look in a photograph, all laughing together like bathing belles in the popular press! I sincerely hope all these people are as happy as they look, and that their happiness is infectious. Some people say the followers of General Franco are happy, but I wish they could express their happiness in some other way than dropping bombs on children. Happiness takes many forms, however, and it is probably lack of imagination that prevents me from entering into the happiness either of a bomb-thrower or of a Prime Minister. The truth is, I do no know what constitutes happiness for anybody except myself, and I am not sure about myself. A shower of rain on the garden, perhaps, and, after that, white clouds in a blue sky. Or a peacock butterfly. Or a cinnabar moth. Or a bullfinch in an apple tree. Or work — when it is over. — "Y. Y." In The New Statesman and Nation (London).

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher

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Angola is increasing its shipments of diamonds to other countries.

Smugglers Now Use Submarine

Latest news from the Baltic is of rum-running by submarine. The crook ship was recently sighted about six miles off the coast of Finland. She is suspected of carrying on a large-scale smuggling racket.

Smuggling is altogether on the increase in the Baltic, owing to the increase in the retail price of liquor.

Torrid Tips

Summer is more fun for the woman who —

—Decides on a coiffure that won't keep her neck too warm for comfort and one which is so simple that she can tidy it up herself after a swim or a game of golf.

—Finds a really efficacious anti-perspirant that suits her own type of skin, then uses it regularly.

—Buys washable white gloves.

—Appreciates the fact that an extra jacket or two can make a skimpy wardrobe seem larger and infinitely more interesting.

—Plans her own holiday well in advance, budgeting her allowance and choosing her summer clothes with it firmly in mind.

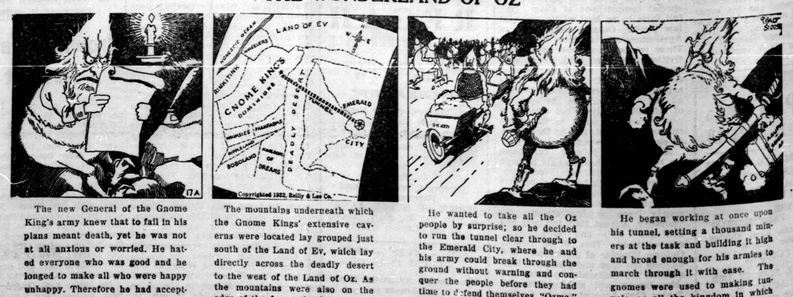
—Begins to think about details of the children's months at camp or at grandmother's right now instead of waiting until a week before they are to leave.

—Stores away all heavy looking bric-a-brac, heavy cushions and so on. People who live in cool-looking houses during hot weather are less bothered by the heat than those who do not.

—Endeavours to get her skin gradually used to bright, hot sunshine weeks before she intends to spend a full day on the beach. Thus she avoids a sunburn, and

Look for the Big red package

THE WONDERLAND OF OZ



The new General of the Gnome King's army knew that to fall in his plans meant death, yet he was not at all anxious or worried. He hated everyone who was good and he longed to make all who were happy unhappy. Therefore he had accepted this dangerous position as general quite willingly, feeling sure in his evil mind that he would be able to do a lot of mischief and finally to conquer the Land of Oz.

The mountains underneath which the Gnome Kings' extensive caverns were located lay grouped just south of the Land of Ev, which lay directly across the deadly desert to the west of the Land of Oz. As the mountains were also on the edge of the desert the Gnome King found that he had only to tunnel underneath the desert to reach Ozma's dominions, but he did not wish his armies to appear above the ground in the Munchkin country.

He wanted to take all the Oz people by surprise, so he decided to run the tunnel clear through to the Emerald City, where he and his army could break through the ground without warning and conquer the people before they had time to defend themselves. "Ozma," said the Gnome King to himself, "will not know that we are going to attack her, so she will make no preparations to resist us. In a few hours my gnomes will have captured the entire country."

He began working at once upon his tunnel, setting a thousand miners at the task and building it high and broad enough for his armies to march through it with ease. The gnomes were used to making tunnels, as all the kingdom in which they lived was under ground, so they made rapid progress. While this work was going on, General Guph started out alone in search of allies. He first planned to visit the Chief of the Whimsies.

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For a decade Alberta ranges were over-grazed, herds depleted and prices far below cost of production.

Grass Is Abundant

This year grass is abundant, particularly in the southern foothills. Ground devoid of grass for years has been a green blanket; cattle are in fine shape and market prospects are good.

"The foothill country is generally the best I have ever seen it in the past 22 years," said Professor W. L. Carlyle, manager of the Duke of Windsor's E.P. ranch near High River.

...Gardening Notes...

NEXT YEAR'S IRISES

One of the "must" items which many gardeners have marked down on their schedules for attention during the next few weeks is the ordering of irises for new plantings, or the improvement of old beds.

Unlike most garden perennials the bearded irises can be set out during the midsummer. In fact, they are better planted then than later in the fall, when root growth again becomes active.

No other flower so easily grown as the iris has such a wide range of color combinations. Almost every color, shade and hue is to be found in the petals of this attractive flower. Because of the ease with which it may be hybridized, many amateur and professional plant breeders have been making thousands of crosses yearly, with the result that seedlings have been grown which not only produce taller and better branched stalks, bearing more and larger blossoms, but new colors and color combinations have been also brought into existence.

THE FINEST PANSIES

To grow the finest pansies, seed must be sown at the right time. Planting during the first two weeks of August results in the strongest plants, though early September is not too late. If one has a greenhouse, seed may be started indoors in January.

Sow In August

While pansy seed may be sown in early spring, the practice isn't recommended for sections where summers are hot and dry. Pansies delight in a cool climate and to obtain the finest flowers gardeners in warm sections must time their blooming period to fall in the cool spring months. Since pansies are biennials, August sowing will give the plants sufficient time to grow and develop for a spring display of flowers.

By far the best place to sow is in a coldframe, yet a well prepared sheltered seedbed will give you very good results also. Unless careful attention is paid to the preparation of the soil, results are often disappointing.

IN THE SHADE

Ground-cover plants have an important part in the semi-shaded garden, taking the place of grass where it will not thrive and to fill gaps in the flower borders. Blue carpet bugle (ajuga), white lily-of-the-valley, light blue crested iris and blue leadwort (plumbago) are flowering sorts which do well in the shade, as do the evergreen Japanese spurge, periwinkle, the evergreen winter creepers (euonymus) in several varieties and the Baltic ivy.

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C. N. R. Operating Revenues Down

The statement of operating revenues and operating expenses of the Canadian National Railways all-inclusive system for the month of June issued at Montreal shows operating revenues were $13,702,244 as compared with $16,091,901 in June, 1937. Operating expenses were $14,472,826 against $15,656,713 during the corresponding period of last year.

For the six months period ending June 30, operating revenues were $82,759,559, against $94,996,314 in the corresponding period of last year. Operating expenses up to June 30 of this year were $88,439,541, compared with $88,328,366 for the similar period of 1937.

The summaries follow:

Month of June

Operating revenues, 1938, $13,702,244; 1937, $16,091,901; Decrease $2,389,657.

Operating Expenses, 1938, $14,472,286; 1937, $15,656,713; Decrease $1,183,887.

Net revenue deficit, 1938, $770,582; 1937, $435,188; Decrease $1,205,770.

Aggregate to June 30th

Operating Revenues 1938, $82,759,559; 1937, $94,996,314; Decrease $12,236,755.

Operating Expenses, 1938, $88,439,541; 1937, $88,328,366; Increase, $111,175.

Net Revenue Deficit, 1938, $5,679,982; 1937, $6,667,948; Decrease, $12,347,930.

Flightless Rail Worth $5,000,000

This Rare Bird form South Atlantic Has Never Been Captured Alive—Try And Get One.

Want to try your hand on a treasure hunt, with $5,000,000 as a prize if you are lucky? They say the old romantic days of such expeditions are over — but don't you believe it. True, it's not the doubloons or pieces-of-eight that await the lucky finder. In fact, it is only a bird, and a small one at that. But it's worth, alive, a cool five million. Or so they say.

The bird is a flightless rail, and is found only on Inaccessible Island (there's a name for those with the spirit of adventure!), in the South Atlantic. This rare bird looks like a small black chick and has long, slender legs and short, soft wings.

Mounted Specimen Only

A mounted specimen has been presented to the American Museum of Natural History by the Rev. August G. Partridge, who captured it when he was British Commissioner on Tristan da Cunha, the world's loneliest island. Said the Rev. Mr. Partridge: "A live specimen of the bird itself would be so rare that it would be a good buy at $5,000,000.

More than 20,000,000 pounds of crude rubber was shipped into Argentina last year.

What Science ★ Is Doing ★

Synthetic Vitamin E

Vitamin E, the factor in nutrition that controls fertility and the ability to carry the young to maturity and birth, has been made synthetically by Dr. Oliver H. Emerson, of the Institute of Experimental Biology, University of California, working in the research laboratories of Merck & Co., at Rahway, N.J. This is the vitamin whose existence in wheat germ oil and in lettuce was demonstrated by Dr. Herbert M. Evans in his research at the University of California.

Useful In Pellagra

Discovery of a new drug which, it is hoped, will assist materially in the treatment of sufferers from pellagra, (a chronic disease due to diet deficiencies), was disclosed at London, England, last week, by chemists who have been experimenting for years on the compound derived from ordinary smoking tobacco.

Tablets containing a drug which is named "nicotine acid" have been found useful in making good deficiencies of diet that cause many cases of pellagra in both the south of the United States and southern European cities.

Trips To The Moon

Regular high-powered rocket service to the moon may be expected in the "comparatively near future" if scientists continue to increase their knowledge as they have in recent years, Dr. Peter M. Millman, A.M., Ph.D., told a Kiwanis club meeting in Toronto last week.

"Rocket trips to the moon are much more feasible today than was the invention of television 100 years ago," Mr. Millman said.

Wind In The Stratosphere

Wind speeds in the stratosphere, one of the "great unknowns" of the weather, register themselves on a new radio direction finder at the California Institute of Technology.

The finder is an automatic weather-man, who sits on a roof and records the vertical and horizontal angle of radio balloons sent into the stratosphere to report temperature, humidity and pressure.

Little has hitherto been known about stratosphere and upper air currents.

New Ancestor of Man

Dr. Robert Broom, South African scientist, reports the discovery of a fossilized anthropoid which he claims is the nearest approach to an ancestor of man yet uncovered. The anthropoid's remains were found among a deposit of bones at Broccels in the Sterkstroom district.

"The face is unlike that of a gorilla, being remarkably flattened and the muzzle very short," Dr. Broom said. "The ear region and the hinge region of the lower jaw are remarkably human, though very much larger.

"The skull though not quite complete shows everything except the size of the brain. Half of the face is preserved with the whole lower half of the left side of the skull showing, including the cheek arch, ear cavity and articulation of the jaw.

"We have a practically complete palate with most of the teeth and a nearly complete lower jaw," he said.

Canada's Maternal Deaths Skyrocket

Higher Than Other Countries Of Equal Standards—Remedial Steps to Be Suggested in Near Future.

The new Child and Maternal Hygiene Division of the Department of Pensions and National Health is already making progress with a survey to determine factors contributing to Canada's high infant and maternal mortality rate. When the survey is completed, it will suggest remedial steps its findings indicate.

Canada's death rate is admittedly higher than it should be, and is poor in comparison with two or three other countries of comparable national stock and condition of life, officials here admit. The child and maternal mortality rate, in particular, is above that of some other countries where vigorous methods have been employed to assure the baby a safe start in life and to also make maternity relatively safe.

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Highway Lighting System Advocated

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Recommended by Hon. N. O. Hipel of Preston, Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, a new improved system of highway lighting is now under consideration by the provincial Department of Highways and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

For Safer Driving

The system will be installed on the new Preston-Galt double highway if costs are found to be favorable with the present highway lighting system. The new lighting plan, which it is claimed will make safer driving and eliminate eye strain, will embody underground wiring and the elimination of poles. It will revolutionize the system at present used on provincial highways and will be somewhat similar to that used on certain highways in France. Under the plan a lighting unit of portable type three feet high along the highway, with lights at various locations will be provided. It is believed that the cost will be lower than the present overhead system.

Many Old Laws Are Still Valid

Canadian Cities Have Ancient Ordinances On Their Books That are Rather Laughable.

Every motorist in Vancouver is liable to arrest but it took an inquiring reporter to find it out. A study of city by-laws showed one directing traffic to keep to the left had never been repealed. Vancouver has been "keeping to the right" for 18 years!

Cows, Pigs Barred

If you must drive your cows or pigs along the streets of Ottawa it is as well to keep them off Metcalf street. An ancient city by-law, enacted when Ottawa was small and animals on the street were common, made it an offence to drive them along this central thoroughfare.

Metcalf was the first Ottawa street to be paved with asphalt and the city fathers of that day were so proud of it they decided to reserve it for human beings and horses. The by-law is still in effect.

Tough On Pedestrians

Halifax has its own group of old statutes that have never been repealed and while pedestrians, although unaware of it, were also breaking the law every time they jumped to escape being hit by a vehicle on the streets.

A city ordinance, never repealed, forbids the performances of "Rope walking or any other gymnastics or athletic feat on the streets." Apparently the law was enacted when a patent medicine vendor, to attract business stretched a rope across the street and walked across it.

A section banning imbeciles from walking on the streets on Sunday is also still on the books.

Beautification Of Ottawa Begins

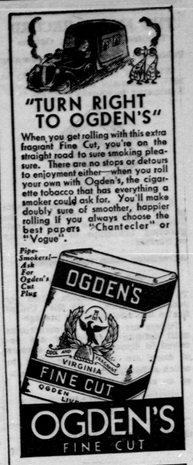
Under Supervision of Paris Architect The Long Range Plan Is Going Forward

Jacques Greber, Parisian architect, famous on two continents for his town-planning, arrived last week in Ottawa to find work well started on the long range plan for beautification of the national capital he submitted to the Government six months ago.

Chief architect for the 1937 Paris Exposition and now consultant in the creation of New York's 1939 World Fair building construction, Mr. Greber arrived to discuss further details of the Ottawa improvement plans.

Central feature of Mr. Greber's plan for Ottawa is the site of the National war memorial located on the plaza over the Rideau Canal. Since his last visit the Post Office building has been levelled and the work is now progressing behind a high fence to prepare the base for the memorial.

Pineapples from France are being cultivated in hothouses on the Black Sea coast of Russia.



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Visitor (in editorial rooms) — "What do you use that blue pencil for?"

Editor — "Well, to make a long story short, it's to — er — make a long story short."

If you are loaded for bear, do not waste your ammunition on the chipmunks.

Parson Brown had finished his sermon and was making the announcements for next week.

"And now, my bred'ren," he said, "next Sunday I will speak to you upon the condition of the church and my topic will be The Status Quo."

"Pardon me, Parson," interrupted Deacon Jones, "but what do that mean?"

"Well, Deacon," rejoined the parson, "dat's Latin for we's in a devil of a fix."

SHE WILL ALWAYS BE OUR DREAM COW

(From the Van Nys, California, News) — Young Jersey cow giving 2½ gallons per day very rich milk. Will care for children evenings, 15c per hour. Have car.

The student walked into class wearing a coat which truly outdid St. Joseph's. The clash of colors almost made a noise. He just could not have hoped to get by without some comment but perhaps nothing like what he actually did get from one of those ever present back-of-the-roomers:

"Say, that's the first time I've ever seen a sunset with buttons."

He — "You've been out with worse looking fellows than I am, haven't you?"

She did not reply.

He — "I said, you've been out with worse looking fellows than I am, haven't you?"

She — "I heard you the first time. I was trying to think."

One Sunday night, the preacher sternly roared: "When those young men in the rear get through flirting with the girls I hope they will give me a chance," and he wondered why the congregation laughed.

Junior — "Grandpa, we've been arguing whether the clock stands or sits on the mantel."

Grandpa — "It is half - past eight by the clock and it is only a quarter to eight; therefore, I should say it lies on the mantel."

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