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Does Canada Want Another Elephant On Its Hands?

The Toronto Star objects to The Advertiser's contention that the proposed Government system of railways would be "an elephant on our hands." The Star declares that has been the case in the past, but that we are going to do away with it, that hereafter the national railroads will be kept free of politics and made a success. Fine! The Advertiser will be found lined up with that policy every time, but why purchase what may prove another pachyderm, until the one we have had for years is properly trained to bring in some revenue?

Hasn't the Intercolonial been the grandest of all the "elephants" this nation was ever saddled with? Possessed of an enormous appetite and thoroughly vicious, it would seem to be a dangerous stable companion for the newcomers. Why not apply to the administration of the I. C. R. some of the methods which, according to the Star, are going to work such wonders with the big merger? In taking over the G. T. P. G. T. R. and C. N. R., the country will be simply expanding the encumbrance that the I. C. R. represents. The Advertiser believes the Intercolonial can be cleansed of its evil influence in many other cities once served by two prosperous politics, but it involves a heavy task that will newspapers, the public must now secure its in take time to work out. Until we are able to run formation and its political opinion from one road honestly and profitably, why take over

The Star is optimistic and hopeful, but that. won't prevent the giant amalgamation being policy of the paper that was swept into the lap of the grafters, boodlers and crooked politicians who have brought discredit and bankruptey on the Intercolonial. The public will be proud of possessing the greatest system of national railways in the world, but it has the other hand, it has been shown clearly that no assurance that it will become anything but a many of these companies made their profits on a greater Intercolonial. Has the Star man ever! heard of Missouri? That's where we are from, so Intercolonial. Or even take that baby elephant the T. and N. O., and make it earn its hay.

Industrial Inquiry Must Be On Liberal Lines

and the rapidly spreading menace of a dangerous industry that employs thousands of skilled and the rapidly spreading menace of a dangerous men and serves the public for probably unrest for which its lethargy, indifference and the smallest margin of profit on investment Government has at last gotten under way an dustry in the country. The Government did not was secure investigation to study and report on Canada's propose to place an embargo on an amount of industrial relations. Two representatives each paper sufficient to supply the Canadian news-Judge Mathers as chairman, will conduct an in- credit, asks for none, could be successfully conquiry into the capital-labor situation from coast tinued, but the Government permitted the price of to coast, reporting by June 1.

Early in the year the Eastern Ontario Liberal Association urged the immediate consideraof industry, in the following resolution:

"The Eastern Ontario Liberal Association is of the opinion that the problem of the future is reconstruction, and that industrial reconstruction is its most important phase. To introduce into the government of industry the principles of representation whereby the interests of labor and of the community may be considered in industrial control and the shaping of industrial policies is the natural work of Liberalism. It is to Liberalism that we owe the transi-

down reactionary restrictions, bridging the gulf between the classes, with policies based on the

"The relations between labor and capital have been on a sound basis, and the two have been al, rather than friendly. Labor has looked capital as a master, and capital has regarded labor as a servant. In such relations as these there should be neither master nor servant, but equality, equality of right and co-operation in administration in this new country of Canada and in this new order f society which we are starting to build up we must have another and a better system. Instead of labor and capital being as they have been, inimical, they must henceforth be friendly, seeing that labor needs capital and capital needs labor, and seeing that when one is injured the other suffers. How is that to be done? You have approached this subject today in our deliberations, and have passed a resolution hich seems to me to accord a key to the solution of his problem. I call your attention to the last sen-ence, and I call the attention of the country to it my words can reach the people—To democratize government of industry so as to give to the work-and consumers a larger share in the government stry is the task that lies ahead.' Yes, that sk to which Liberals must apply themselves."

the inquiry, we may confidently look forward to an early removal of many hampering differences and antagonisms. Necessarily there must be some give and take. Concessions will be required from both sides. It will be impossible to establish harmony in Canada's industrial life if intolerance at both ends is permitted to prevail. This uncompromising spirit, while it shows poor judgment, is not infrequently honest. Many employers of labor and captains of industry consider the tions that went on over the wires that n the other hand, there are extremists among switchboard at the Dawkins plant. the workers who sincerely believe that only the shock of revolution or near-revolution can win -not a malicious, prying sort of curthem a greater share of the best things to which losity, but a perfectly open and guilthem a greater snare of the best things to which as they are entitled. To seek out a middle course less desire to know as much as could about as many of the people

he is to be represented on the commission. Too noton ong he has been left out of conferences between teres ong he has been left out of conferences between abor and capital, although where the two have this information about her fellow work lashed it is the consumer who frequently sug- ers with an intent to spread it broadfers most. As he makes up the greater part of cast or to gossip; she got it merely for her own inner satisfaction and enterthe population, furnishing the reason for the existence of capital and labor, he is fully entitled Kate had long black eyelashes that to an equal influence in whatever the commiscand complexion that somehow did not lose sion may consider or recommend.

A Suspension of Newspapers Might Control Paper Prices

If the principle of tariff protection were ideal it would cut both ways. It would protect the consumer, as well as the manufacturer. It seems to The Advertiser that a clear example of the unfairness of a one-edged tariff weapon is to be seen in the business of publishing newspapers. It was ask Kate to accompany the total control of the to

The paper makers have taken large amounts about by prices increased at least 100 per cent ince war commenced. These newsprint prices hesitated have driven many Canadian newspapers out of he had been rejected by her. business and rendered almost prohibitive the about launching of new ventures in journalism. The farmers of Ontario, for instance, after contemolating the publication of a daily paper compromised on the purchase of a weekly, and the initial costs of publication were no doubt instrumental in leading them to such a decision. Ir

liberally watered capitalization. The newspapers which had been supporting these paper comfar as this railway problem is concerned, and panies for many years, found themselves let down through European supplies being cut off. They simply had to pay increases ordered by a Government commissioner, who in every instance permitted the claims of the paper companies and who is directly responsible for the increase in the price of newspapers to the public. The increases were ruinous to many newspapers. Under the continued prodding of Liberalism There was no "protection" then for an e incapacity are mainly responsible, the Union (usually below savings bank interest) of any inindustrial relations. Two representatives each papers, so that this industry, which does not retake the step; assured him, too, that the person in question felt well distributed to the people, with papers, so that this industry, which does not retake the step; assured him, too, that the person in question felt well distributed to the people, with papers, so that this industry, which does not retake the step; assured him, too, that the people, with papers, so that this industry, which does not retake the step; assured him, too, that the people, with papers, so that this industry, which does not retake the step; assured him, too, that the people, with papers, so that this industry, which does not retake the step; assured him, too, that the people, with papers, so that this industry, which does not retake the step; assured him, too, that the people, with papers in any degree, and, to its posed toward him, too, that the people is the people in of newsprint to rise from \$35 a ton to \$69 a ton, and pleased the paper makers and their wealthy ing of the lettere.

That evening Hildreth hurried pas

backers at every turn of the wheel. The newspapers protested in vain to Ottawa. tion of the most important task facing this coun- They have shown all manner of high financing is try today, the democratization of the government methods in the paper companies and sought to methods in the paper companies and sought to convince the Government that the whole publishing business was in serious jeopardy, but they got nothing but setbacks for their efforts. The prospect at the present time is that the paper entered barons will seek further increases. The Govern-have passed her as hurriedly as he have passed Kate, but she detained him. I ment will offer no measure of protection to the was beginning now to feel especially sorry that he had asked her to rea great newspaper "industry," while it protects all sorry other manufacturers. The only manner in which tion from autocratic to representative and responsible government in the affairs of the state. To democratize the Government of industry so as to give the workers and consumers a larger share in the government of industry is the task that lies ahead."

Bringing capital and labor together to work out a scheme of co-operation for economic and social progress is distinctly and inherently Liberal. Towards this supreme democracy Liberalism has been progressing steadily, removing barriers to representative government, breaking down reactionary restrictions, bridging the gulf the newspapers could be protected would be to ments to the millions.

A newspaper "strike" might bring the Govsquare deal all around. The necessity for this amicable working together of the two forces on which a country's prosperity and general health and happiness are based, was never so finely expressed as by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his last public speech. Speaking on the above resolution, Sir Wilfrid said:

** A newspaper "strike" might bring the Government to a conception of the situation. It has been seriously contemplated by more than one publisher. During the war the newspapers did not talk of such matters, but the prospect of further increases would at least make a suspension of the situation. It has been seriously contemplated by more than one publisher. During the war the newspapers did not talk of such matters, but the prospect of further increases would at least make a suspension of publication from coast to coast an indication of publication from coast to coast an indication drawing-room. Meantime, though he was a frequent guest in the Dawkins' drawing-room. Meantime, though he can be the following to him. "Good night, Mr. Jones." she said.

That was all that Hildreth could remember, but in the way she said it and in the expression of her brown that was a little to him.

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That was a first was all that Hildreth could remember, bu as to just how far the paper profiteers may play made a point to linger rather long than usual beside the round-eyed Kat the game.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Germany May Step Into the Ranks of Bol-

first name suggests that he is a relative of the "Old Nick." Most people are inclined to believe he is that party himself.

Joan of Are's canonization will be approved by all Catholics and Protestants alike. The story of the shepherd girl who saved France appeals to the imagination as have few of the heroic male figures of history.

Here is no reason why you shouldn't tell me." Stella was saying to him, and somehow Hildreth felt that he had suddenly been lifted to a state of happiness that he once supposed was lodged within a pair of round blue eyes. "If I hadn't happened to read that letter from your sister I could never have known that you had been drawn to me as I had been drawn to you from the first. Perhaps you would never s broad-visioned, Liberal spirit governs figures of history.

The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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casionally "listen in" to the conversa What else did those round eyes of blue Indicate but an unquenchable curiosity Otherwise Kate would have found thos k before the commissioners.

The consumer will note with approval that

long hours irksome. Her work would have been a supreme monotony.

As it was there was nothing monotonous. The switchboard was trans formed into the field for the most in

> The fact is there was quite a lot of nan to the elder Dawkins, was way he "carried on" for the Daws interests, but when it came to proding with his courtship of Kate he ded the direct method. It would have seemed so absurd, he he

Kate as she sat at the switchboard One of the shipping clerks, who ough to have been working at the time, waleaning over the switchboard and Hildreth's feeling was one not so much oughly as the same of any other states.

Then one day Kate showed him the

"Germany May Step Into the Ranks of Bolshevism."—That would be the goose-step.

Lady Muir Mackenzie finds there are 1,500,000 old maids in England. And not one of them
over 30 years of age.

A Montreal paper says Nikolai Lenine's
first name suggests that he is a relative of the

"Old Nick" Most people are inclined to believe

THE TOONERVILLE TROLLEY THAT MEETS ALL TRAINS



By FONTAINE FOX.

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"Newspapers Are the World's Mirror

Comment, Cleverness and Mere

Verblage From "Educators of

the Common People" In Camaga and Other Lands.

WITH A LOT OF SINKING FUNDS war debts might change into a wh

POLITICAL CAVALRY

THAT PROTRACTED PEACE MEET

WHEN NEWS IS NOT NEWS

BEATING FATHER TO IT

LOOKING FORWARD.

[The Passing Show.] The hotel with 2.200 rooms which has ist been opened in New York has ob

CONTROLLING HIM FOR HIS OWN GOOD.

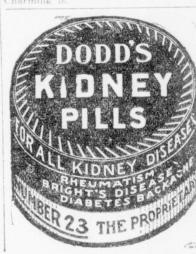
[Baltimore American.]
"What kind of a woman is his wife manda?"
"I think she is what you call a man

REAL "DEVIL" WANTED.

of prosperity when a fellow is willing to pay for the maintenance of more people than himself? Let us hope it is the latter, and wish them all abundant happiness as they go through life sharing each other's joys and sorrows.

shall marry the man of he e," she said, "and live happily after." ever after."
There was a little stir among the fairies. The lady in waiting laid her hand on the Queen's arm.
"I'm afraid your majesty has forgother than the fair of the fair

kissed the baby's forehead, and



Our Hand, or Our Fist,

General Foch's first thought in the face of Hungary's surrender to Lenine seems to have been to meet the challenge with the sword, build an Allied barrier against Bolshevism from the Baltic to the Black Sea. and, in the words of Gen. Malleterre, "finish the job by a thunder-stroke." President Wilson and Lloyd George, on the other hand, seem to have taken the position that military measures, however effective against the Bolshevik armies, would prove worse than useless against Bolshevism itself, which might break out with

increased strength in the rear of an Allied military cordon. There is much divergent opinion on the proposal to recognize Lenine, which the Washington Post characterizes as "one of the most sinister developments of these strange times," adding that the American people "are at war with Bolshevism and will not compromise with the enemy for any reason whatever." Do not miss reading THE LITERARY DIGEST this week and especially this very searching article,

showing all phases of the menace. Other striking articles are: What There Is In Germany's Threat to Go Bolshevik

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