

Hamilton Clergyman Praises Russian Bolsheviks; Roundly Denounces Irish Sinn Feiners

Quotes Returned Factory Superintendents To Show Bolsheviks Honest and Fair—Says Sinn Feiners Are Only Bluffing.

Praise and kind words for the Russian Bolsheviks, but ridicule and denunciation for the Irish Sinn Feiners, were the predominant keynote of an address on the Russian and Irish situations by Rev. Dr. S. Banks Nelson, Presbyterian clergyman of Hamilton, speaking in Kingston Street Presbyterian Church last night.

"We were bamboozled about Russia; we are now being re-bamboozled," said Dr. Nelson, who made merry at the expense of newspaper editors, who had so long misrepresented the truth about Russia, and pointed out as one of the greatest reforms the Bolsheviks had undertaken was the abolishing of a newspaper monopoly, by which newspapers being forbidden to carry paid advertising, said Dr. Nelson, Journalism was free in Russia. Industries were being operated with a fair percentage of capital invested, and the rest of the profits were divided among the workers. Free use of land was granted the peasants, but no peasant could have more land than he and his own family could till without hiring help.

After referring to the great inventive genius, the wonderful musical and artistic talent of the Russians, and their high literary accomplishments, Dr. Nelson asked whether it would be so very strange after all if such people could invent some improvement on government. He briefly explained the Soviet system, and quoted from returned factory superintendents and others to show that the Bolsheviks were steadily honest and fair even to foreigners.

Sinn Fein, however, was not at all right, even if it did mean Ireland for the Irish. He said that the Sinn Fein was a republic to start up at her very doors, but Lloyd George would force home rule on Ireland even if the Irish did not want home rule. If he did not succeed, Dr. Nelson warned he would lose his political head within the Irish. Dr. Nelson said the dark hand of the Roman Catholic Church back of the Sinn Fein movement. The Irish did not even want home rule. They wanted agitation, so long as holy hands were raised to bless the agitation. Home rule and land agitation had been parallel. Now a labor situation and Sinn Fein were parallel. Land reform came, but home rule failed. Dr. Nelson predicted that labor would win in Ireland, but Sinn Fein would fail.

While Dr. Nelson laid most of the blame for Irish troubles on the Roman Catholic Church, he also pointed out the snobbery of Protestants in Ireland did great harm. The landed and commercial classes had themselves named, but the poor papists, "and so the agitators are able to make the people believe that the Roman Catholic Church is the cause of their troubles, when in fact they were only upstarts."

Dr. Nelson touched on many phases of the Irish question. One question which he humorously suggested was for King George to become a Roman Catholic. "You don't want that," he asked the audience. "Well, that's the story of the poor Irish priest who had offered the pope a jar of Irish whiskey and had been roundly berated for insulting his holiness by implying that the Vatican wine was a weak liquor. By happy thought the Irish priest had uncorked the bottle and held it under the nostrils of the pope."

Try It On George. "Holy Mary," said the pope, "what a heavenly smell!" "Well," continued Dr. Nelson, "if you could uncork a bottle of Irish whiskey under King George's nose and get him to make the sign of the cross just once from the toe of Cork to Donegal they would sing 'God Save the King' evermore."

Another solution suggested was to convert Ireland to Protestantism, even if it should take a thousand years. Still another was for the Protestants to leave Ireland and let the Irish Catholics have the country to themselves. However, Lloyd George thought he had a solution. Dr. Nelson believed the little Welsh statesman was determined to carry it through.

Sinn Fein was only a bluff, said Dr. Nelson. The Irish politicians, to suit their own purposes, were using agitation after another. If the Sinn Feiners were in earnest, they would not start assassinations to get the attention of the spect and sympathy of the world, he held.

The Ulster Unionists were in earnest, he claimed, and were ready to die for their cause, although outnumbered three to one by the Sinn Feiners, who were "armed to the teeth."

Personally, Dr. Nelson thought that the Irish really did not want home rule, holding that the Sinn Feiners were only bluffing. He scored their leaders for bluffing with lives of men and women at stake.

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TURN EAST END TOWN HALL INTO AN APARTMENT

Solution of Housing Congestion Advanced by Alderman.

Relieving London's housing problem by converting the East London town hall into apartments is a suggestion advanced by Ald. E. R. Seabrook. He believes that this building could be renovated at a nominal cost and at least twelve apartments formed above the fire hall and the public library, which are accommodated on the ground floor of the building.

He admits that such rooms would not be the most desirable in the world, but they would be a temporary partial solution to the present situation and could be abandoned as soon as better dwellings were available. The city could derive enough revenue to pay for the cost of work entailed in making necessary changes. At present no revenue is received from the upper floors of the building.

Mayor Little has suggested that the hall be sold describing it as a "white elephant" on the city's hands. A special committee is considering this proposal and will also take up that made by Ald. Seabrook.

DEFINITE POLICY FOR ST. RAILWAY

Matter "Under Advisement" At Present, Says Ald. Cunningham.

A definite policy in regard to the street railway will be laid before the city council within the next three weeks, Ald. C. G. Cunningham announced last night. He said that the No. 1 committee intended to do anything in regard to service and the paving work which the company would be expected to do this year.

Ald. O. I. Cunningham, chairman of No. 1 committee, replied that the committee had these matters under advisement. Ald. John Bridge had interviewed City Solicitor F. G. Meredith, who would get further information from the Ontario Railway Board in Toronto. Ald. Bridge substantiated this and said a definite line of action would be laid before the council at the next meeting, which takes place three weeks hence.

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Ald. P. R. Watkinson said there could be only one policy in regard to the paving work to be done by the company. The agreement with the city stipulated that it should be done. The program should be carried out, and the cost charged to the company.

If Ald. Bridge's prediction is correct the street railway situation will be a hot issue during the latter part of April. Not only will the question of service and paving be to the forefront, but also the question of wages. The agreement of the men with the company expires May 1, and the men are asking a large increase to date from that time.

NO ORGANIZATION OF SINN FEINERS IN THIS DISTRICT

Not Even Local Branch of the Hibernians in This City—Mostly Home Rulers.

Sinn Fein in London appears to have no abiding centre of agitation or regularly formed organization, despite the fact that tumultuous applause for Sinn Fein songs in theatrical performances or crowded attendances at lectures by Sinn Fein orators would appear to indicate the existence of considerable numbers of sympathizers here. Reportorial inquiries made in quarters where reliable information might be expected to be available, brought to light the fact that there is not even a local branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians existing in London at the present time.

With not more than possibly several members, all well-known sons of Erin in London are Home Rulers or Irish Nationalists, unless they are known as "The Trio de Lutece," bore out their reputation for being one of the finest musical trios in the world, and the premier players on flute, violin and harp. Only the most skillfully trained could have rendered a program with them, as did the Musical Art Society organization last night.

As the first flute-like notes rose from the flute, it seemed as if Pan himself had escaped from the forests to bedevil a London audience with his exquisite harmonies. It hardly seemed possible that this was the result of mere man upon instrument. So, the flute, in its delicate, airy, and still more, each time more delighted and more mystified than the last.

Carlos Salzedo at the harp was another musical wizard. He played the prelude of his own composition, "Quintette," dainty passages interspersed with striking moments of hushed strings, "Introspection," a fantastic and delightful prelude, and "Whirlwind," with its odd, gentle thing, which might have been a brownie's dance or something of that sort.

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SMALLMAN'S REPAIR

Home Ruler as an easily-satisfied stumbling block in the way to Irish freedom, said the speaker.

Sinn Fein recognizes no lines of color, creed or race. Not long ago a Sinn Fein speaker in an Orange hall in Windsor appeared in the limelight not because of his political views, but because he advocated bilingual schools in Ontario. A Jewish Sinn Fein enthusiast in London, who is a family of ten sons and daughters from Dublin, Ireland, declared here that practically the entire population of Ireland outside of Ulster is tacitly Sinn Fein in sympathy. He was born in Russia but a few years ago he moved to Ireland and made his home in the "free" and the United States is a happier haven for the Sinn Fein. Steps to reorganize a radical open forum are now under way in London. It is anticipated that it will be a rendezvous and rallying ground for the few Sinn Feiners in London as well as for the hundreds or more orthodox "reds" and Marxians who look upon the independent labor party members as pale, pink parlor philosophers, and upon the trade unionists as "dupes" of prominent United States labor leaders. In the same manner, the Sinn Fein haughtily regards the

LEGAL QUERIES WENTWORTH CO. READER—What steps can be taken to pass a law to break billiard and pool rooms out of a municipality in the province of Ontario? Ans.—See council of your municipality; have them pass a bylaw.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER—Will you please tell me, through your Legal Queries, how far a man must go from a neighbor's house? Ans.—Nothing in the statute law relating to it. Unless there is a bylaw of your town regulating it there is no limit.

A SUBSCRIBER—I. May owners of lots that are not fenced be compelled to build a fence providing one owner was a fence raiser? Ans.—Yes. II. Would the other party have to bear half cost? Ans.—Yes. III. What sort of fence could be made? Ans.—A fence shall be four feet six inches, and so constructed as to not allow horses, cattle, geese, etc., to pass through.

SUBSCRIBER—Can the council of a municipality instruct the assessor to increase all assessable property 25 per cent over last year's assessment? Ans.—Yes.

A SUBSCRIBER—A. Owns a number of ewes, which he let out to B. on shares of half the wool and half the increase. One of the ewes is killed by dog. Who should receive the money paid, as the valuator awarded \$30 for

the sheep killed, or what would be a fair division to make in this case, as it is owned since October, 1919? Ans.—Each party should receive half, according to the agreement.

\$10,000 LOSS Farm Buildings at Ontario Hospital Suffer Considerable Damage.

The fire which swept the west end of the farm buildings at the Ontario Hospital for the Insane yesterday afternoon, accomplished damages estimated at \$10,000. In addition to the buildings destroyed, a considerable loss was involved in the destruction of all the grain stored over from last season for spring seeding this year. Considerable quantities of hay and straw were in the mows above the cow barns and granaries, and these, too, were destroyed.

In view of the high winds which prevailed the fire department had a difficult task preventing the flames from spreading to the horse barns and two large silos which are close to the main building. The fire originated in the granary or a straw mow above, but from what cause it can not be reliably conjectured.

GET TOGETHER MEETING 200 Railway Shop Laborers Have Splendid Evening.

Two hundred members attended the get-together meeting of Local 497, Brotherhood of Maintenance of Railway Shop Laborers, in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Alma Block, on Monday night. This was the first gathering of its kind held by the union.

Several speakers, including E. Erwin, who is on the general executive; M. Bratton of Detroit; George Cummings of Bryant's Pond, Maine; and E. J. Hopcroft of Toronto, were present.

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COUNTY ROADS ARE UNSAFE FOR TRUCKS

Heavily Laden Motors Liable To Be Stuck, Says the County Engineer.

Although the county roads all have the appearance of being hard and dry, and dust is flying on roads throughout the district, they are decidedly unsafe for heavily-laden motor trucks, according to Charles Talbot, the county engineer. Many heavy trucks have become stuck in the soft spots on the roads during the past week. It is almost impossible for heavy loads to travel any great distance before coming to grief.

A bad spot has been discovered between this city and Lambton where a stretch of road some thirty or forty feet in length and covering the whole width of the road is a veritable bog. The cause is thought to be a broken line in a drain running beneath the roadbed.

Because it is impossible for the lightest car to cross the spot, the road has been diverted for some little distance on to the old traction right-of-way. The ties that have been taken up have been used to build a gangway to and from the roadway. The hard bed of the old electric line has made a good sound passageway.

Touring cars can travel any distance throughout the country. The roads are sound enough, almost anywhere, to bear up with safety an ordinary auto. The roads are in unusually good condition at this time of year for traveling. There are, however, a number of soft spots on all the roads that threaten to wear into holes.

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SOCIALISTS AND TRADE UNIONISTS INSIST ON RETURN OF MINISTRY

Political Situation in Denmark Reaches Critical Stage.

Copenhagen, March 30.—Socialist and trade union representatives who conferred with King Christian last night relative to the political crisis which has arisen in Denmark, demanded immediate reinstatement of the Zelle ministry, an immediate call for a meeting of the Rigsdag and the introduction of more constitutional conditions in this country. Declarations were made that if these demands were rejected there would probably be a general strike. Crowds in the public squares up to an early hour this morning were raising cries for the establishment of a republican form of government for Denmark. Slight disturbances occurred while soldiers were occupying one of the squares and cries of "Long live the republic" were heard during the night.

CHARGES SUSTAINED

New York Assemblymen Are Found Guilty.

Albany, N. Y., March 30.—The charges preferred against the five Socialist members of the New York State Assembly have been sustained. A majority of a majority of the thirteen members of the judiciary committee, which inquired into the qualifications of the suspended members.

In a report submitted to the Assembly today, the majority of the committee state that the Socialists are disqualified from holding their positions in the Legislature, and that the seats to which they had been elected should be declared vacant.

Several minority reports were submitted, declaring against the recommendation of the majority. Seven of the thirteen members of the committee favor the expulsion of the entire Socialist delegation. Five committee members would reseat them, and another recommends the unseating of August Claessens, floor leader of "minor minority." Charles Solomon and Lewis Waldman, and reinstating Samuel Orr and Samuel A. De Witt.

MR. J. E. MACDOUGALL IS BURIED IN MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY

Funeral of Popular Financial Man Is Largely Attended.

The funeral of James E. Macdougall, who died suddenly on Saturday morning from heart failure, was held Monday afternoon from his residence, 304 Central Avenue, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The funeral was very largely attended, Mr. Macdougall being well known in this city. Rev. Dr. C. MacGregor conducted the services at the house and grave. A profusion of lovely flowers adorned the casket.

The pallbearers were: T. H. Purdon, Albert Mitchell, Hugh McCall, E. C. MacKnight, J. S. Bernard and W. J. Harvey. Mr. Macdougall was a member of St. Andrew's Church and a Scottish Rite Mason.

