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THE BRITISH ELECTION RESULTS.

The results of the elections in Great Britain can no longer be in doubt. The Labor Government has been decisively defeated. There is nothing uncertain about the victory, for the Conservatives at this writing, according to the returns available, have greater strength than all the other parties combined. The electors of Great Britain chose the safer course and the result shows how determined the people were not to ally themselves with the enthusiasts of Bolshevism or the supporters of Communism and the Red programme. The Labor Party polled a tremendous vote considering the legitimate arguments against the support of their candidates, but the recent extension of the franchise undoubtedly meant more to the Labor than to any other of the political parties in the United Kingdom. The Labor Party had the advantage of a permanent and continuous organization. They, more than the followers of the Conservative or Liberal parties, know that in union there is strength. Their almost constant conflict with capital has made it necessary for them to present a solid front to their opponents and their scheme of organization makes election work much easier, particularly when polling day arrives and results depend so much upon getting out the vote.

There was not so much fear as to what Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and his able associates would do if re-elected as there was of the influence of the radical and Bolshevistic elements of his party. Great Britain is not yet ripe for the Socialism which would clear away the Socialists that have existed for centuries. For a while yet there must be classes as well as masses. The victory of yesterday was significant and important and no doubt very satisfactory to the British Empire, but it must be followed by good government and sound social and other legislation as will relieve distress, provide employment and sustain the premier reputation of Great Britain among the nations.

With the returns incomplete it is not possible to say much about individual victories, but it seems to be certain that Herbert Asquith, who has always filled such a large place among the outstanding men of Great Britain since the down to defeat. He will be greatly missed at Westminster. Few men possess the power of expression and seldom has there been a Prime Minister who received more loyal support and affection from his followers. Mr. Asquith was the first war Prime Minister and for years before that had led the Liberal Party with much acceptance. To-day he disappears from public view with his party defeated, as it were. Many of the supporters of Liberalism in the old land have given allegiance to the Conservatives in order that the defeat of the Socialistic Government might be assured. Whether this will result in a coalition between the Liberal Leaders surviving and the Conservatives under Stanley Baldwin remains to be seen.

PORT OUTLOOK.

The Times-Star published yesterday, on the first birthday of the dry dock, a special message from Mr. F. M. Ross, General Manager of the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co., and that message, interesting in itself, carries all the more weight coming, as it does, at the very time St. John has somewhat modified its port charges in the expectation that this year's traffic may be increased. There is an announcement, too, that Sir Henry Thornton is to come here before long for a conference, for which conference we may very well think the action taken by the Mayor and Commissioners, after a conference with the members of the Port Committee, seems to pave the way toward favorable results.

Mr. Ross in his message to the public through The Times, gives us the reminder that the expanding success of the great dock enterprise which he directs is very closely bound up with the growth of port traffic here, and in this connection he points out that there is "distinct evidence of an improvement in north Atlantic shipping," which he feels will be favorably reflected in the business done by the dock and which, of course, will also result in a greater traffic for our harbor facilities and our railways. Mr. Ross dwells upon the value of the advertising which this port has already received, and wisely commends to all concerned the wisdom of a continuance of advertising both in Canada and abroad.

Consideration of the Ross cable, and of the united action of the Common Council and the Port Committee for the encouragement of traffic, leads naturally to thought about the extension of the C. N. R. facilities here. It is of immense importance that we should secure, through active co-operation with the transportation companies and by other means, the largest possible measure of traffic available for

that too often it has been found that Federal Cabinet Ministers visiting sections distant from the capital are disposed to converse "with too few of their political stripe," which it regards as a mistaken and unfortunate habit. That criticism is sound enough. Furthermore The Colonist, while it is in disagreement with Hon. Mr. King in many matters, adds this:—"It must be said, fortunately, that he has striven to think naturally and to speak in the name of the Dominion as a whole."

The Colonist presses upon the Premier some of the needs of British Columbia and says that an outstanding problem in the Dominion is to reconcile economic differences due to topographical diversities; "any rift between East and West because of these must be bridged, and the time has come when the Rocky Mountains should no longer be regarded as constituting a barrier which separates in any way the outlook or the aspirations of the people of British Columbia regarding national development from the outlook and aspirations held throughout the rest of Canada. Mr. Mackenzie King holds strong views on this and subjects germane to national unity in an economic and sociological sense. We feel assured that while here he will speak from the national standpoint and not party politics alone."

Whether or not Mr. King put party politics entirely aside in Victoria we do not know at the moment, but what The Colonist says of him on the occasion of his visit must be thought highly creditable both to that journal and to the Prime Minister.

Newfoundland, of course, is just a dot on the map when its elections are compared to the similar contests in Great Britain, United States and Germany, but there are a lot of people interested in the fact that the Prime Minister of the ancient colony, Mr. Monaghan, and his colleague, the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Winsor, were victorious in the elections at Bonaville yesterday, defeating the opposition candidates decisively.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett lived to the ripe old age of seventy-five years. Her death yesterday will recall to many people the pleasure they derived not only from reading her book "Little Lord Fauntleroy" but from seeing it played upon the stage and depicted on the screen. Mrs. Burnett had exceptional ability and was able to interest people in her very natural stories of child life. She will dwell for a long time in the memories of those who enjoyed her masterpiece.

Cuswords and Realism.

Down in New York there is a play called "What Price Glory?" which has come under the disapprobation of army and navy officers because in it the soldiers and sailors are caused to swear. Rear-Admiral Plunkett, among others, says the vile language the troops in the war play is "a reflection upon the navy and every man in the service."

Seemingly the admirals and generals who have condemned the play want the public to believe that conversations among the soldiers in France were something like this: "Dear me, that nasty shell came very close. How annoying. Let us send the Germans a few of our projectiles over in return. This is an unpleasant war." Or, "Sergeant, this stew is hardly what we would like. The potatoes are not peeled and there is gravel in the gravy. As for the tea, well, it doesn't taste quite right, and some inconsiderate comrade has appropriated my ration of jam." Or again, "I wonder how much farther it is to the line. My feet are somewhat sore from marching in the troublesome rain, and I wish I could get the leave which the kind colonel promised me. The poor plodding infantry do all the disagreeable work in this unattractive war. When do we have luncheon?"

Of course, they didn't. But the question of whether cuswords should be used in war plays is an interesting one. If truth and realism are to come first, the producers of "What Price Glory?" say, then it is difficult to see how profanity can be excluded from what is an honest effort to show up war in all its grim and hideous reality. It is claimed that the picture drawn by the author is one which will discourage enlistments. Perhaps that is what they intended, and decided to "hide nothing, not even the cuswords." There is apparently a conflict between truth in art and good taste involved in the controversy, and until one has seen the play it is difficult to pass judgment.

What Will Spirits Wear?

What will the well-dressed man wear in the spirit world?

Not flowing robes as is commonly supposed, but soft collars and Bond St. flannel suits if the message Mrs. Osborne, famous medium, claims to have received from Lord Northcliffe actually came from the late British publisher.

The message turned over by the medium to Louise Owen, for twenty years Northcliffe's confidential secretary, quotes the publisher as saying: "I had an idea that over here we would foot about wearing flowing robes. How I would have hated that. Yes, I have fingerings. I am wearing a gray flannel suit like those you often saw me wear, with a soft collar and soft shirt."

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Not a Funniest.

The funniest thing in the world is the human hat, the British Association for the Advancement of Science has discovered. A big man with a little hat and a little man with a big hat appear to everyone's eyes like fools. It has been decided. A hat blown off in a windstorm represents the height of comedy.

BOY SENT UP ON FORGERY CHARGE

The little colored boy, charged with forging the name of another colored lad to two checks and obtaining the money from a branch bank on Haymarket Square, was sent up for trial yesterday afternoon in the police court by Magistrate Henderson. His case will probably come to trial at the next sitting of the County Court before Judge J. A. Barry. Sergeant Detective Power was the only witness examined yesterday. He said that the accused had found the bank book, forged the owner's name and obtained the money and spent it on candy and attending theatres. He added that the accused had been arrested once on charge of cutting another boy with a razor. When asked by the magistrate if he had anything to say the boy answered "I did it."

McKINNEY HOLDS PLACE AT TOP

W. H. McKinney still leads the list in the most popular postman contest as a result of polling yesterday. He has 2,510 votes. The standing of others is as follows: R. S. Cooper, 1,890; W. T. Dunlop, 1,700; J. K. McDonald, 1,450; T. B. Brown, 900; James Spurr, 820; Percy Dalton, 420; J. H. Pitt, 310; Fred McIntyre, 300; John Moore, 290; Thomas Killey, 190; George Ring, 140.

PLEADS GUILTY IN CHECK CASE

James Murphy, who was arrested in Fredericton and taken back to Houlton to stand trial for raising a check issued by Houlton Bros. of Houlton, pleaded guilty in the Houlton Municipal Court and was committed for the

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FREDERICTON MARKET.

The Fredericton market prices on Wednesday were: Butter, 40 cents; eggs, 20 to 25 cents; chickens, 30 to 35 cents; fowl, 25 cents; lamb, 15 to 20 cents; pork, 12 to 14 cents; potatoes, per barrel, \$1; apples, per barrel, \$1.50 to \$3; turnips, per barrel, 70 cents; cabbage, per dozen, 70 cents to \$1.

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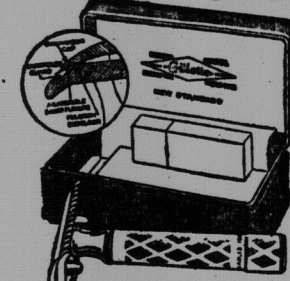
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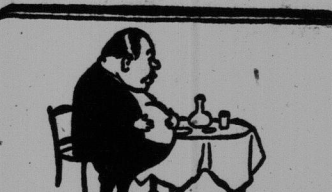


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