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TONIGHT'S MEETINGS.

Two Liberal meetings are to be held in St. John this evening, one called by Hon. W. E. Foster, the alleged liberal representative for New Brunswick at the Liberal National Committee, the other by the chairman of the liberal executive for the constituency of St. John-Albert. This latter meeting is for the purpose of keeping watch on what is being done by Mr. Foster, and, if necessary, interfering to prevent complications. The Belsay-Belmer-Broderick party which formed the active opposition to Union Government has been seriously considering the policy in view of the situation which has now arisen. At first leaders of this party were inclined to favor the proposal that they should attend Mr. Foster's little reception and endeavor to swing things their own way by nominating the delegates already chosen by themselves. This plan was later discarded in view of the information that Mr. Foster and his clique have made arrangements to staff their own meeting for the purpose of out-voting any such attempt. Then the old line Liberals discussed among themselves the advisability of breaking up the Foster gathering on the ground that it is improperly called and is not authorized under the organization of the National Liberal party. This plan, too, has been ultimately rejected, and in place of these proposals comes the announcement of the second gathering of the true opposition in the interests of preparedness. This meeting will be held to take advantage of any opportunity that may arise.

The feeling between the two groups is inclined to be somewhat bitter. Those who opposed Union in 1917 resent the attitude of Mr. Foster and a few of his friends who insinuate that the liberal opposition in this constituency "should not be controlled by a bunch of liars." Indeed the attitude of the Foster group throughout this whole affair has been such as must have deeply embittered those who believe themselves to be the backbone of the old liberal party, who have bravely given opinion in their opposition to Union Government, and who instead of displaying the cowardice so apparent in the attitude of Mr. Foster have had courage enough to stand by their own convictions and fight their political battles unaided by those who are now attempting to control the policy of their party in this constituency.

ON BOTH SIDES.

The Telegraph is attempting the rather difficult operation of straddling the fence with a foot on the ground on either side. Its position in the present political situation is ludicrous. One day it issues a pathetic appeal to the liberals to get together and forget their differences in order that they may smash the naughty Conservatives and the indifferent Liberals who now support Union Government, and the very next day it berates The Standard for daring to criticize the policy of Hon. Mr. Carvell. This week's effort has been rather more barefaced than anything that has gone before, for the cracking of the whip over the heads of those who have ventured to disagree with Hon. W. E. Foster cannot be regarded as other than a direct challenge to the Minister of Public Works in the Union Government.

With tears running all over the editorial page The Telegraph begs the St. John-Albert liberals to rally to the support of Mr. Foster and assist him in selecting candidates to the National Liberal Convention, which convention will attempt to reorganize the liberal party in this district for the purpose of killing Mr. Carvell, Mr. Ekin and other Liberal Unionists as the savors of the county. The Telegraph has never supported Union Government. It has merely pretended support and during the past two years has taken every opportunity in an underhand way to belittle the efforts of that administration, a policy which has robbed it of whatever regard its own party friends may have previously expressed. Without sufficient courage to throw off the cloak of hypocrisy under which it has attempted to hide since Union was organized, it reaches out from behind this disguise and stabs in the back those who have looked to it for support in federal affairs. Perhaps the solution of this may be found in the current rumor that Mr. Foster, carried away by the flattery of a few friends, has concluded that the provincial arena does not afford sufficient scope for his exceptional abilities and has decided to enter federal politics, appearing in the ranks as the opponent of the one really capable Liberal politician in this province who had courage enough to associate himself with Union. Evidently The Telegraph considers Mr. Foster a better guess than Mr. Carvell and is prepared to back him.

JAPANESE IN THE WEST.

Japanese aggression is again coming into the limelight in the Pacific Coast. Senator Phelan, of California, warns the American people that the

Japanese are not living up to the gentlemen's agreement under which emigration from Japan was to be restricted. He contends that during the past two or three years large numbers of Japanese women who were described as wives of Japanese residents of the Pacific states sent over ostensibly to join their husbands, have gained admittance to America, but that these women as a matter of fact are unscrupulous laborers who are entering into competition with white labor on the coast, and at the same time are adding to the increase of Japanese in those cities.

It is pointed out that during the past ten years the birth rate of the white population has decreased nine per cent, while the Japanese have shown an increase of three thousand per cent; thus out of the total number of births in 1918, one-third were Japanese, indicating that approximately one-third of the population now consists of Japanese. The influx of women laborers who marry after coming to California aggravates the situation and creates a menace to which Senator Phelan believes United States Congress should devote some attention.

SIR THOMAS WHITE.

This country cannot afford to be deprived of the services of Sir Thomas White, who for several years has occupied the position of Minister of Finance with entire satisfaction to the country and with great credit to himself. His administration of that important department during a critical time has won the commendation not only of friends but of some of the greatest financiers in the Allied nations, and it is very largely due to his exceptional ability in this regard that our country is today in the enviable position it holds respecting war finance. For some time rumors have been current of Sir Thomas White's approaching retirement from public life, and today these reports take more definite form, going so far as to intimate that his resignation is now in the hands of the Premier. If this is indeed true, Canadian national administration suffers a loss. There may be some capable of filling his place in a satisfactory manner, but there are very few indeed of his type available in this country today, and with the record which he has made for himself, particularly during the past six or eight months, his loss will be severely felt by the Union administration. Naturally any man entertaining a desire to devote himself to his family and his private business affairs, and in such a position as Sir Thomas White holds this is practically impossible. But there are men from whom sacrifices are at times required and the present Minister of Finance is one of them. It is sincerely to be hoped that he will respond favorably to the requests now being made of him to reconsider his determination and remain in the Government until such time as the country no longer feels the entire necessity for his presence.

BRITISH JUSTICE.

The New York Times, discussing the proposed trial of the ex-Emperor William, pays a high tribute to British justice. After pointing out that the ex-Emperor is a lucky man in being permitted to appear for trial on English soil, The Times goes on to say: "There is a traditional fairness and impartiality about English justice, which no other country, not even our own, has been able to surpass. The subject of French and Italian courts is to obtain a conviction; the aim of the English court is to administer justice. Our own practice is marred by far too much opportunity for delay, by various technicalities that cheat justice of her due. It is not going too far to say that the future of a criminal here is almost a gamble with personal or local prejudices entering largely into the decisions of the court and jury. But in England justice is justice. The personality of the accused is forgotten the moment he takes his place in the dock. Few technicalities intervene. A change of venue on the ground of local prejudice is of rare occurrence, for the reason that the English mind cannot conceive of a prejudice overruling the ordinary processes of justice. Of course this has not always been the case. It is the present day course of justice in England, coming from a rigid pruning which has cut away all the unjust rules that once made it so hard for an accused man to obtain justice in an English court. Our friends in France and Italy are still struggling with that problem and have not yet solved it. And we are not the nation to cast a stone at them."

WHAT THEY SAY

Why Not?
 Syracuse Herald—The country that is strong enough to take a man out of a job and put him in the army ought to be strong enough to take him out of the army and put him in a job.

Keep Pegging.
 Anecdote Standard—The sensible course for every man is to keep

steadily at work during these times of depression and readjustment and hang on to the job that he has. To go on a strike or quit work at this time is very ill-advised. It is the worst thing a man can do for himself and the community.

May Retire.

Rochester Express—It is announced that Clementson contemplates an early retirement from the world stage on which he has played so great a part. He is the foremost and most forceful man in public life today. Impassioned, indomitable, he has voted all that was noble, sacrificial and dauntless in France as no other man now living has voiced the people for whom he spoke.

Can't Be Trusted.

Memphis Commercial—Promises of the Mexican authorities that the lives of Americans in the United States on the border within the United States will be protected may be taken for what they are worth, but the United States is not a fool to take them at their word. Probably there can be no better way to do this than to inform all factions in that neighboring country that the United States is a neutral zone on the border respected by all belligerents.

A "Milk Bar."

New York Globe—And now it is a milk bar. A non-intoxicant bar. On Seventh avenue near Forty-eighth street, so far as the law is concerned, is a place to learn it is the first of its kind in New York. Not only is milk sold, but non-intoxicant cocktails, beer, gin, and cream de menthe. The man in charge told us that these non-intoxicant drinks tasted exactly like the real thing, that the demand was already great, and that those who drank them were pleased. The only difference, no alcohol.

The Shrinking Dollar.

Nation's Business for July—We are in possession now of the fifty-cent dollar. For that coin will buy just about half of what it would in 1915. Widows living on the incomes of bonds and annuities that were sufficient in 1915 have been forced to apply for charity. You have lost just half the money you put in the bank in 1915. Great fortunes invested in securities with a fixed return have shrunk to half their real value, although the figures remain the same. If you take out life insurance today you must take out just twice as much as in 1915 to give your family the same amount of real income.

China's Refusal.

New York Globe—However sympathetic one may be with the Chinese demand that the treaty providing the restoration of full national rights in Shanghai, it must be admitted that her refusal to sign with the other powers is not well calculated to further her progress toward autonomy. Japan has promised the European powers to restore Kiau-Chiao to China within a period estimated at about twelve months, and Japan is, or has been, as good as her word in the matter of treaty obligations.

A BIT OF FUN

His Old Silk Hat.
 Sentimental Young Thing—"T-to think, G-George, (sob) that you should write a letter to your married man (sob) to force him to divorce me!"—London Saturday Journal.

What the Trouble Was.
 In his later years Edward Everett was greatly troubled with deafness. A friend, who was confiding with him, asked: "What the trouble was?" "No," Everett responded, whimsically, "none."

Bailed Up.
 "India rubber isn't the term—there are bounds to India rubber!"

But Who'd Run the Ship?
 London Times Personal—"James A. F. P. understood that were we the last two persons on earth and I found myself on the same continent that contained you, I should emigrate."

How Could He?
 "I'm terribly worried," I wrote Jack in my letter to forget that I had told him I didn't mean to reconsider my decision not to change my mind, and he seems to have misunderstood me."—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

A bachelor says that he isn't going to get married until he has a great big pile of money, and he is a hopeless case.

Slightly Mixed.
 A fervent but unlettered preacher among the mountain-whites of the Carolinas was exhorting his flock to come forward and take advantage of the "means of grace." "It air pride that keeps you settin' in yare seats," he cried. "Come to the altar air get down on your bendies and if they are too stiff with pride, lie 'em, lie 'em, as it says in the Scripture, 'with the ole of Patmos.'"

"It's the best thing nowadays to invest your money in a going concern."

"Yes, but the trouble is to find out which way the concern is going."

Just Like the Others.
 "There's water in our restaurant named 'Scotch.'"

"Ah! Expect everyone to tip him, I suppose."

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

This morning in school we was having loggerty, and Miss Kitty kept on saying there was too much lawking going on, with it keep on going on, and Miss Kitty sed, I want this class any more, the following boys will remain after school this afternoon—Benny Potts, Charles Simkins and Edward Wernick.

And at recess me and Puds Simkins and Ed Wernick got together and pulled him out of line and stood him alongside of her and the line keep going out and all of a sudden who started to wawk pass her but Puds Simkins, Miss Kitty saying, Wat you too, Charles? And Ed Wernick started to make faces at him meaning for him to say Revoltion, with Puds didn't, not saying anything. And Miss Kitty pulled him out of line and stood him alongside of Ed Wernick, and just then who started to go pass her but me, Miss Kitty saying, Well, this is too much, perhaps you can explain this, Benny Potts.

No rite, I sed.
 No rite, sed Ed Wernick. And this afternoon the last bell rang and Miss Kitty sed, All those not detained rise and pass out in a orderly manner. And everybody got up including me and Puds and Ed Wernick, and Miss Kitty went up and stood at the door, and all of a sudden who started to go pass her but Ed Wernick, Miss Kitty saying, Edward Wernick, wats the meaning of this?

Mam? sed Ed Wernick insted of saying Revoltion.

Wats the meaning of this? sed Miss Kitty.
 Nothing, sed Ed Wernick, and Miss Kitty sed, Stand aside. And she pulled him out of line and stood him alongside of her and the line keep going out and all of a sudden who started to wawk pass her but Puds Simkins, Miss Kitty saying, Wat you too, Charles? And Ed Wernick started to make faces at him meaning for him to say Revoltion, with Puds didn't, not saying anything. And Miss Kitty pulled him out of line and stood him alongside of Ed Wernick, and just then who started to go pass her but me, Miss Kitty saying, Well, this is too much, perhaps you can explain this, Benny Potts.

And Puds Simkins and Ed Wernick both made faces at me to say Revoltion, and I sed, Yes mam.
 O, you can, can you?—well go ahead and explain it, sed Miss Kitty. Mam? I sed.
 You 3 boys will now remain 2 hours insted of one, sed Miss Kitty. Wich we did.

Soft.
 Tom—And how do you like your job on th' tugboat? Is it hard work?
 Jerry—Not a bit; 'tis easy and comfortable; in fact, we've been on a strike ever since me first day on th' job.

A Correction.
 "Was Rome founded by Romeo?" inquired a pupil of the teacher.
 "No, my boy," replied the wise man; "it was Juliet who was found dead by Romeo."—Tribune.

The Russian doesn't care what happens now, says the Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont. He knows it will be an improvement.

Girl and Judge.
 A venerable justice sat in the place of honor at a reception. As a young lady of dazzling charms walked past he exclaimed almost involuntarily: "What a beautiful girl!"
 The young woman overheard the justice's compliment, turned and gave him a radiant smile.
 "What an excellent judge!" she said.

"Before you married my daughter didn't you say that two could live as cheaply as one?" "So they could—as cheaply as one can now."

GEO. H. COCKBURN RETURNS HOME

Resigned His Commission as Lieut. in 71st, Left Law Practice and Went into Battle as a Gunner—Returned Home from Overseas Yesterday.

Among the men who arrived at Halifax on the Olympic on Tuesday and passed through this city yesterday on route to his home in St. Andrews, was Geo. H. Cockburn. Mr. Cockburn was a lieutenant in the 71st at the outbreak of the war, and tried for a commission for overseas service but failed to get recognition. He was determined to serve his country in the most critical way for which purpose he resigned his commission and enlisted as a gunner with the 9th Siege Battery, and went overseas with that unit. In France he was attached to the 3rd Canadian Heavy Siege Battery and fought with that unit until the close of the war.

At the time of the armistice Mr. Cockburn was at Jamneppe, Belgium. Since then he has taken a three months' post graduate course in law at the University of Edinburgh. Before enlisting Mr. Cockburn had been admitted to the Bar and had been in practice two years at St. Stephen, where he will again take up the business at once. He is a son of Mr. N. Cockburn, K. C., with whom he will be associated in the law business.

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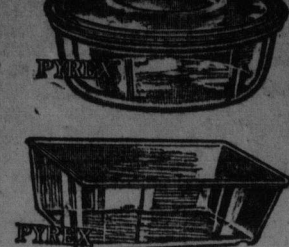
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