

The Planet

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THE COMING COMMERCIAL DEPRESSION.

Further evidence as to the development of a commercial crisis in Germany is afforded by the Advance Sheets of Consular Reports, of Oct. 19, issued by the United States Government. That publication quotes the Berlin correspondent of the London Daily Mail, as saying that the crisis in the German textile trade is spreading. One manufacturer after another has stopped production for an indefinite time, or has dismissed half his hands and cut down the working hours of the remainder. Overproduction, due to the rapid progress of European trade and to the growth of trade in other countries, such as India, which in former years merely supplied the raw material, is the disease afflicting the German textile trade. And with overproduction has come a decline in export business with the United States, owing to the protectionist policy of that country. In Saxony, some of the carpet makers are only working four hours a week. In central Germany, dismissals on a large scale are reported. Still worse is the state of affairs in Silesia, where dismissals and short hours are combined. Nor is western Germany in any better state. The silk weavers of Crefeld have dismissed one-third of their hands, and the rest are working short time. In Aix la Chapelle two thousand hands are out of employment. The only bright spot is the velvet industry, which still keeps up its production. From Alsacia in the west to Silesia in the east, the cry is the same—overproduction. To this the Report adds that only the other day the cotton spinners of Austria Hungary, meeting in Vienna, decided to reduce the output by one-sixth. This means that the mills will close down one day per week until next spring. A period of commercial depression is undoubtedly being developed in Europe and the influence of that depression will assuredly ere long be felt in Canada.

THE CHAPLAIN AND THE EMERGENCY RATIONS.

Rev. W. G. Lane, Methodist chaplain with the second contingent in South Africa, has given Honorable F. W. Borden, who is having a hard plight in King's county, a serious blow. It seems that "samples" of emergency rations were sent out ahead of the regular supply, of which Mr. Lane got two tins. These samples were of superior quality, entirely unlike the samples that followed. The chaplain used one of these "sample" tins, and the other he gave to a sick comrade. Just three days after receiving them he received a communication from the minister of militia telling of the proposed enquiry in Parliament, in regard to the food. On the strength of trying this special sample lot the chaplain added to his letter a favorable note now being circulated through King's county. But the gallant chaplain's experience and report did not end here. Four weeks afterwards the chaplain again had occasion to receive emergency rations, and this time the stuff "proved to be worse than sawdust." Not only was it not good as a food, but it was so unpalatable that it could not be taken at all by him, and never afterwards, although he saw a good deal of the stuff, did he see a tin that was fit for man or beast.

Taking Dr. Borden at his word, and thinking he was after the truth, and that some fraud was being perpetrated on the government, Mr. Lane wrote the Hon. Minister of Militia in regard to the issues of rotten and worthless food. To further convince the minister of militia of the correctness of his statement as to the utterly worthless character of the great bulk of the emergency food, he procured on his return to Cape Town from the militia stores a case of this ration, which he brought home across the Atlantic and sent to Mr. Borden personally.

Rev. Mr. Lane does not hesitate to state his views on this matter, and he is prepared to substantiate his assertions regarding the wretched quality of the emergency rations.

IS TARTÉ AS BAD AS THIS?

It is Mr. Tarté's what that well known Paris Journal, La Liberté, makes out to be, it is difficult to see how any loyal citizen can vote the Liberal ticket as long as he is in the ministry. In its issue of Oct. 12 La Liberté says:

Mr. Tarté "is a resolute partisan of separation from England and wishes Canada to be independent by right, as she is in fact."

It then goes on to say: "Mr. Tarté is too well known to the French to make it necessary to recall his attitude during recent events. He is a resolute partisan of separation from England, and wishes Canada to be independent by right, as she is in fact. He does not cease to protest against the deplorable spirit which reigns in England to-day, to censure British pharisaism and egotism, and he joy-

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fully seizes every opportunity vouchsafed him to assert aloud his sympathy and filial attachment for the old land which was the first mother country of Canada, namely, France. "At the opening of the Canadian pavilion at the Exposition the British High Commissioner, who seeks in every possible way to be disagreeable to the Canadians, wished to arrange that the President of the Republic should enter the Pavilion from the side communicating with the British exhibit. Mr. Tarté opposed this with a liveliness that impressed all his assistants.

"In spite of the cries which the Canadian fingers set up against him, demanding his retirement from the ministry, Mr. Tarté remained in it, firmly upheld by his colleague and friend, Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

"Here they are to-day almost forced to fight together, and it is probably Mr. Tarté who, in his turn, will save Sir Wilfrid."

YET THEY SAY THEY KEPT THEIR PROMISES.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier before the last general elections gave his pledge:—"If the Liberals are successful they will cut off the head of Protection at once and trample on the body."

Then Sir Richard Cartwright echoed this utterance, asserting:—"Our policy is death to protection. Our policy from first to last has been to destroy this villainous system which has been grinding out the vitals of this country."

Sir Louis Davies went one better:—"We have been attacking this policy year by year. Protection is an accursed system, it is a system accursed by God and man," he said.

And summing up the whole situation, the Minister of Customs, Mr. Patterson, declared for "freedom of trade against restrictions of trade."

The tariff, when the Conservatives were in power, on dutiable and free goods that came to this country was 17.47 per cent. To-day the tariff runs 17.33 per cent., which is just 14-100 of 1 per cent. less than it was under the Conservative rule. But on what we use most it has really been raised. On what we don't want it has been lowered.

Is Mr. Stephens in favor of removing or reducing this duty on agricultural implements, wagons, etc.?

Edwin Bell, in his first speech in West York, told the people that Archie Campbell "left Kent a safe Liberal constituency." Wonder what Ald. Stephens thinks of Edwin's little joke.

NICE BABY

All babies are "nice," to their mothers.

We all love children. Great big men, with hard hands, have soft hearts for helpless new-comers to earth with the smile of heaven fresh on their innocent faces. No man is too high or low, too proud or humble, too busy or idle, too good or bad, too great or small—except a few very small mean men—to throw up their hats at the sight of a plump little cherub; or to pity a thin one.

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Is Tilbury the only place Ald. Stephens is going to promise a customs outpost to? Are the claims of Cedar Springs, Merlin and other places to be ignored?

The love of the Wallaceburg Liberals for colored people between elections is well known, but it is when their votes are wanted that it really shines at its best.

The London Daily Graphic says:—"The preferential tariff is a failure because, in spite of the preference, British goods still pay a higher average tax on entering Canada than American goods."

Now for instance there is Hamilton where their Mayor is sure to go to Ottawa. He resigned his seat. There are some mayors that have not that assurance.—The Banner.

Mayor David A. Gorgon, of Wallaceburg, Crinastene.

R. A. Vanburen, a native of Prince Edward County, for a year a resident of Picton, a staunch old-time Liberal, writes from his present home in Arden, Manitoba, to the Picton Gazette to say that "the Liberal party no longer exists."

The Chatham Planet says that two colored clergymen, Bishop Wilmore and Rev. Danl. Eady, were invited by being asked to occupy the same platform with Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Wallaceburg last Thursday. This is indeed sad.—Windsor Record.

There were white clergymen in the audience who were not asked up to sit with the colored ministers. Why?

What shall be done with the hunter who shoots before he knows? what he is shooting at? There should be some adequate punishment. In the Adirondacks a man and woman were shot by a hunter who "saw something reddish," and fired. The bullet struck the man in the back, ripped through him and struck the woman in the leg, lacerating the flesh and breaking the bones. The man is likely to recover, but the woman's leg has been amputated close to the body, and her condition is precarious.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, says the Hamilton Spectator, did not utter the following words in his Toronto speech; but he uttered them in the House of Commons:—"I hold out to my fellow-countrymen the idea of independence."

If we are true to our record we will exhibit to the world the unique, the unprecedented example of a nation achieving its independence by slow degrees and as naturally as the severing of the ripe fruit from the parent tree.

Is there a Canadian anywhere who would not hail with joy the day when we would be deprived of the services of British diplomacy?

What has British diplomacy been to us? Sir, British diplomacy so far as Canada is concerned has been a record of failure and of surrender and of sacrifice.

THE PREMIER IN A NEW ROLE.

Woodstock Express.

If we are able to take the word of A. Pattullo, M. P. P., for it, Premier Laurier has been playing the role of a buncy stealer in Great Britain when some people thought he was enacting the part of a clever diplomat.

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR.

Quebec Chronicle.

Almost with his dying breath, the late Premier Marchand proclaimed that the promises of a politician should be as sacred as his word of honor. Nothing has done more to commend Mr. Hugh John Macdonald to Canadians everywhere than the fact that he is unquestionably a man of his word. The question of the hour, the issue which surpasses all others in the coming contest, is whether the flagrant and the cynical reputation of every political principle ever espoused by the Liberals is to be tolerated and encouraged.

ONE SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE.

Barn's Horn.

"Is marriage a failure?" "I should say not," remarked an Oregon farmer. "Why, there's Lucinda, gets up in the mornin', milks six cows, gets breakfast, starts four children to school, looks after the other three, feeds the hens, likewise the hogs, likewise some motherless sheep, skins twenty pans of milk, washes the clothes, gets dinner, etcetera, et cetera. Think I could hire anybody to do it for what she gets? Not much. Marriage, sir, is a success—a great success."

ISNT ALD. STEPHENS ALSO A PROMISER?

The Mail.

This is the platform of Mr. O. J. Leblanc, the Government candidate in Kent, N. B.:

"If elected, I will endeavor to get a lighthouse at Point Sabin and elsewhere, if needed."

A combined construction of a post office and custom house in our shire town.

"Breakwaters along the shore to facilitate fishermen getting under shelter in heavy storms, between main harbors."

"A lighthouse at Point Sabin and elsewhere, if needed," is good. Mr. Campbell, in West York, is promising a post office and is selecting every likely vacant lot at Toronto Junction as the site. The Government nominee in East Peterborough is going to provide a drill shed; and so the

story goes. It is, not so long since when this sort of thing was condemned as bribery with public works.

SILENT ABOUT TARTÉ.

Stratford Herald. Neither at Toronto the night preceding, nor at Stratford, was the name of Mr. Tarté once even mentioned by the Liberal speakers at the great Liberal demonstrations. This ostrich scheme has been remarked at both places. The care to exclude Mr. Tarté's name in his Ontario tour is proof that Sir Wilfrid understands that his retention of Mr. Tarté in his government is contrary to the people's wishes. Yet it was of Mr. Tarté that Sir Wilfrid made bold to say (down in Quebec) "When Tarté goes, I go." With Tarté a cardinal plank in the Laurier platform, he was deserving of at least a mention.

QUIT THEIR PARTY

Mary Liberals Have Done so All Over Canada.

Give Very Strong Reasons—A Few of the Leading Ones.

The Mail gives another list of leading Liberals who have openly declared against the Laurier administration:—W. A. Kilham, of Yarmouth, N. S., one of the most prominent merchants in the province, and a Liberal of 30 years' standing, is out with a manifesto declaring that he renounces his old party and will give all his influence this time to the Liberal-Conservatives.

G. G. McCung, of Winnipeg, announces that he went north to the Yukon a staunch Liberal. He has returned to the east to help put Sifton and his "hordes of rascals" out. His trove is the system of robbery inaugurated in the Yukon district. He says when a miner would find a good gold claim and go down to Dawson to register it he would be put off for a few days. Mr. McCung, for his papers, a friend of the official coterie there would be sent out to grab the claim for the Siftonian trust, and when the discoverer turned up again for his papers, he would be told that somebody else had got the prize.

Jacob Kioskey, of Morden, Manitoba, writes the Winnipeg Tribune: "I am a Liberal old Git and have been ever since I understood anything of politics. I think the platform as laid down by the Liberals when in opposition was, and still is, the one in the best interests of this western country. If you ask me if the policy as carried out and explained by Messrs Sifton, Greenway, and others of the same persuasion, is the Liberal platform exemplified, I say, most positively, no." He will vote and work against the "new Liberal" candidate.

Mr. Aubrey, a leading merchant and former Liberal, who worked on the Liberal side in 1896, presided over the Liberal-Conservative convention at Sturgeon Falls ten days ago.

Thomas Blake, of Sault Ste. Marie, a former member of the Liberal Association, and a supporter of Rev. Mr. Douglas in 1896, presided at a recent meeting held in the interest of Mr. Lake, the Liberal-Conservative candidate.

J. Taylor, legislative councillor of Prince Edward Island, who rendered great aid to Sir Louis Davies in former campaigns, has joined the Liberal-Conservative Association, and says the Charlottetown correspondent of the Halifax Herald, "is putting in some very effective work."

R. Nelson, of Elgin, Southern Manitoba, an old war horse of the Liberal party, met Mr. Sifton the other day on the platform and gave him "a dressing down," which spoiled the effect of the meeting.

R. G. Hawkins, of Seeley's Bay, a life-long Liberal, attended the meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association of South Leeds at which George Taylor was nominated, and seconded a resolution endorsing the policy of the Liberal-Conservative party.

Walter Simpson, of Regina, a Patron in the last election and a Liberal in prior contests, applauded on Mr. Davis's platform last Tuesday, and gave his support to the Liberal-Conservatives. He declares himself opposed to "the machine."

N. H. Beecher, of Toledo, attended the nomination of Mayor Cuibert at Brockville. "He told in strong and unmistakable language why it was that after years of affiliation with the Liberal party he felt compelled to withdraw from it, following his old leader, Edward Blake, away from the party, which was tainted so strongly with disloyalty. Since leaving the speaker said nothing of their actions to make him believe they are trying to amend their bad record."

James Oliver of Ridgeland, Man., writes to the Portage la Prairie News that he is done with Mr. Sifton and his colleagues. He says: "Now, Mr. Editor, I have always been a strong Liberal and I am yet, but I can't vote for a man who has worked against me and the country for sake of party."

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

Joseph Rochon received fatal injuries in a fight with Joseph Guindon, at Rockland.

Hon. J. Israel (Tarté), minister of public works, will come to Ontario in a few days to address a number of political meetings.

A number of London medical students were fined for causing disturbances at meetings held by Dr. Dowie, the Chicago faith healer.

George S. Munro of Brantford, was killed by a live electric wire, which he grasped while trying to turn down incandescent light.

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