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MACKENZIE KING'S EMPTY SPOON.

Those who went to the Liberal meeting in Ravinia rink expecting to hear a clear-cut declaration of policy on the important issues before the public must have been badly disappointed, says the Toronto Telegram. Mr. King fed his audience with an empty spoon.

If the electors who listened to "the white hopes" of Liberalism went away from the meeting with a definite knowledge of his tariff policy, they should tell him at the first opportunity, as, according to his own admission, he is just traversing the "unknown seas of the future." When the time comes he will act on the collective wisdom of his advisers, whoever and whatever that may be.

Mr. King apparently knows that he must oppose the policy of protection on principle, because the Conservative party stands for protection. But he is not enthusiastic about it. There is no longer any wild talk about "taxipatriotism" the hydra-headed monster and branch. And he is carefully avoiding any reference to the beneficent effects of free trade.

Some unknown way he is going to reduce the cost of living. He did not go into details. Obviously it can not be done by reducing the tariff and wrecking Canadian industries. On this, as on most other questions, he was delightfully vague.

Upon one point only was he really definite, and that was if the people wanted the best Government this country ever had they should not fail to vote for Mackenzie King and his candidates.

Mr. King taxes the credulity of the electors. His past performances are not such as to inspire confidence, and the way in which he founders all around the real problems which are confronting the public is conclusive evidence that William Lyon Mackenzie King is about the last man who should be entrusted with the task of directing the policy of the Canadian Government in the immediate future.

AN INDUSTRY THAT LIVES IN A FIERCE LIGHT.

Charlie Chaplin's noisy reception in London shows that the motion picture industry is becoming a power in scope. Long ago, American films became established in England and the "stars" so well known in Canada number their myriads of admirers there, too.

But the American motion picture industry cannot retain its place in the field under the weight of events like the Arnikle episode at San Francisco. Loose and lurid happenings will distract the public with American stars. Nobody can understand better than the hard-headed business men back of the American film industry that Chaplin's popularity is as great in the balance against the other disgrace. People who bank in the limelight must expect the same brilliant illumination which revealed their successes to the world will be equally searching in disclosing their failings.

MOVING picture artists whom the public are inclined to identify must conduct themselves in such a manner as not to offend the public sense of decency. Failure to do so will bring punishment swift and sure.

THESE NEED PROTECTION.

Mr. Mackenzie King and his political friends are now talking about a tariff for revenue, "with a measure of protection for Canadian industries." Just what they mean by this phrase has not been explained as yet; but unless Canadian industries are afforded an adequate measure of protection, they must go to the wall.

If the industrial statistics of Canada be examined, the main strength of our manufacturing industry will be seen to lie in moderate and small-sized factories, not of a few big companies. The small concern, struggling to get on its feet, needs protection. Tariff reductions that cause big concerns might survive would put the smaller concern out of business. The tariff is needed especially for the smaller companies, with relatively high costs, and limited organization. All over the country these modest establishments are struggling to expand, and obtain a stable footing, and their welfare can

not be neglected without damaging what is the principal and vital part of our manufacturing. The following figures from the census report of 1918 indicate how thoroughly distributed in the smaller cities and towns are the manufacturing companies that need protection:

Table with columns: Establishment, Value of products. Rows include Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc.

Ten years previous, Canada had about 19,000 manufacturing establishments. The loss in number comes from amalgamations, closings, etc., owing to the coming of larger units of capital in the field. If Mr. King and his friends have their way with this tariff for revenue only the number of these industries stands every chance of being cut down much more and the output very greatly reduced, for the first concern hit by a lowering of tariff protection would be the smallest and least secure. This would be playing the game of the so-called "trusts and combines" of other countries, notably of the United States, by eliminating the small independent man who courageously stakes his money against the great corporation. Nothing worse could befall Canada than the loss of the small manufacturing companies located in the lesser cities and towns, to which they give vitality.

United States Senator Borah's objection to the German treaty, that it ties his country up with European financial affairs for 40 years, is serious if it is real. The fact that Senators Lodge and New were not greatly impressed with the Tokyo conference objection would, however, tend to show that the pact contains nothing to worry about. No senator is more strongly opposed to European entanglements than is Mr. Lodge.

An agreement is said to have been reached between the foreign departments of the United States and Japan over the Tariff question. Japan seems to be making a sincere effort to come into the armament conference with clean hands, which is encouraging for the final success of the conference.

"Subrah Grotto, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm," is the name of a new secret order. We don't know anything about it, but the name sounds like it might be a military branch of the Ku Klux Klan.

Having been expelled from the British communist party, three world seem to be nothing less for Miss Sylvia Fankhurst, but to join Emma Goldman and Big Bill Hayward in the glad free life of Russia.

Voice of the Charmer. Happily, the appalling experiences of Russia during the past four years have no more attraction for the Chinese than for any other race in the world, and China, we believe, will walk in the company of the rest of the family of nations until some form of practical government has been well established in Russia before entering into official relations with her great neighbor, whose leaders march with her own for so many hundreds of miles. The success with which China has resisted Russian blandishments and the intensive Russian propaganda which has been steadily pursued for four years or more, certainly entitles her government and people to a respectful, not to say the gratitude, of the rest of the world.—Hongkong Press.

The Daily Don't. Don't forget your dollars will go further today than any other day.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Beauty and Business. The only proper display in a mercantile establishment is that of goods on sale. Anything or any person connected with such a concern which distracts from the merchandise is out of place.

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A BIT OF VERSE

AUTUMN.

You take your Summer, you take your Spring, you take your Winter and everything. Give me the Autumn, give me the Fall— That is the dandiest season of all!

Summer's too hot and your Winter's too cold; Spring half the time you are fooled and you're sold. But on the Autumn a man can depend— On a Spring-heel, but Autumn's his friend.

Easy to handle and easy to keep; Colt in the meadow, a-running!— Autumn suits that fellow down to the ground!

Pleasant for sleeping; pleasant for work; Toil like a Trojan and eat like a Turk. None of your sweat, and none of your freeze— Rogalier Autumn it is, if you please!

Roads aren't dusty, roads aren't wet— Start on a Journey you know what you get. Look at the load that a fellow can haul; Weather gets settled along in the Fall.

Life is worth livin' along about now— Honest to goodness, a pleasure to plow! Never a fever, yet, fat in the air— No, you can't beat it, no time and no where!

Just enough warmth, just enough chill, Just enough sunshine up there on the light; Just enough darkness, just enough light; Just enough medium—just about right!

THE LAUGH LINE

Hymn of Praise. I here indite a hymn of praise To Obadiah True; He never says these humid days: "He's hot 'nough for you!"

See 'Em Get On the Cars. We don't know but we suspect that the car starters in King Square have a fairly accurate idea of how many girls roll down their stockings these warm days.

Wants to Square Things. Found—A lady's leather handbag left in my car while parked on Broadway, two weeks ago. Owner can have same by calling at my office, proving the property and paying for this ad. If she will explain to my wife that I had nothing to do with its being there I will pay for the ad.—Advt. in Chestertown, Ind., Tribune.

Learned One Lesson. Brown—Did your campaign trip in the woods benefit you? Black—Well, it taught me one thing—to appreciate my little apartment in the city where I don't have to fight insects, bugs and mosquitoes, where there is a bed I can sleep on comfortably and a tub in which I can take my morning dip.

That Awful Jamboree! That motion picture magnates were, as we understand it, the guys that discovered the woe in Woburn.—Springfield Union.

Yes, and who put the burn in Woburn? Quod Erat Demonstratum. "There goes a guy who'll take a chance on anything." "How do you know?" "I saw him eating a plate of hash in a one-arm cafe."

Don't Forget This. So, Portland says says the fellows who kick about working in hot weather should remember there are a good many men just now hunting for that opportunity.

A Little Is Enough. "Man wants little here below." "Well, when the aspiring mercurial hits slivity, this we know, He wants but little work."—(Boston Transcript.)

Man wants but little here below Nor does he want that long And we agree if that means the Latest popular song.

It's Always Up to Her. That Gorham girl says almost any man can rule a woman—that is if he'll let him.

No Need of Grammar. "They say that man is a writer, but he certainly does murder the King's English." "Oh, that doesn't make any difference."

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE. We got a intension to our telephons in case anybody wants to telephons from down stairs without going up stairs to do it, and this afternoon our cook Nora made cinnamon buns and I smelt her doing it and went back and looked in the kitchen saying, "Give me one while they're hot Nora?"

If I do it will be like in your eye, sed Nora. Being a heck of a answer to a polita question, and just then I had a grand idea, thinking, G, H, I, I'll tell her somebody wants to talk to her on the phone and then I'll run and talk to her on the upstairs tone and tell her somebody wants to talk to her around the corner and then when she goes around I'll run and get a hot cinnamon bun.

And I went in the hall and took the receiver off the hook and yelled, All rite I'll call her, wait a minit. And I called back, Hay Nora, somebody wants you on the fone.

I didn't hear the fone ring, sed Nora. I hardly dident, I sed. And I quick ran up stairs and took the other receiver off the hook and listened and pritty soon Nora sed in the down stairs fone, Is this a joke or wat, hello, hello.

Me dinkin' my voice like a lady and saying, Hello, hello, is this you Nora, this is Mrs. Spoony, im jest erround the corner at the drug store, can you run erround a minit and ill tell you all about it.

Who, wat? Wat the divills this? sed Nora, and I sed, Hello, this is Mrs. Spoony, don't you remember me?

Nol dent, faith, and nobody else does, wait a minit, sed Nora. Me thinking, Gosh I wonder if she suspects anything. Well jest then I herd her coming up the steps heavy trying to come up lile, and I quick hung up the fone and hid in the closet, and Nora opened the closet door showing her suspicious nature and I quick ran out under her arm and down stairs with her after me darning me to stop.

Whil I dident till I was all the way out in the street. Me dinkin' my voice like a lady and saying, Hello, hello, is this you Nora, this is Mrs. Spoony, im jest erround the corner at the drug store, can you run erround a minit and ill tell you all about it.

New Honor for Lincoln. L. D. Whitton was born in Scott County, Ky., in 1863, the year Abraham Lincoln issued that famous document, the Declaration of Independence—Iowa paper.

Little 'T' For Today. What has become of the old fashioned girl who didn't roll her eyes, her stockings or cigarettes?

What's in a Name? Vera Cool is a stenographer in the offices of a B. V. D. manufacturing company.

Poor Stuff. "This magazine comest is awful," said Peter; "I found it, doggone it, All gas and no motor." (Cincinnati Enquirer)

"They call this blank verse, 'It's awful," said Hank; "It just makes me curse And call it blank, blank." (Portland Evening Express)

I find that most verse, Like an old canyode, Has plenty of test But blamed little speed. (Lewiston Journal)

"If the papers are punk," Said old Jimmy Stokes, "Oh what can you say Of the columnist's jokes?"

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BERLIN HEARS REORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT

Germany and Russia to Put on More Homogeneous Basis.

Berlin, Sept. 25.—Political Berlin in a flutter over an approaching organization of the German and Russian Governments on a broad homogeneous basis.

A sharp tactical turn to the right made by the Social Democratic Party will Germany's numerically strongest party—at the Goerlike convention—overwhelmingly for the party vote, makes it practically certain that the German People's Party will enter Germany's present coalition Government and that the Social Democratic Party, the German man and Prussian Governments.

Hence, composed of the German People's Party, the Democratic Party, the Catholic Centre Party and the Prussians will re-enter both the Government of Prussia and the Government of the Reich, which will be established on the broadest parliamentary basis since the outbreak of the revolution leaving the extreme reactionaries out.

Development is very important as regards both its inner political and foreign political consequences.

So far the leaders of the respective coalition parties have not engaged in formal negotiations regarding the make-up of the coming new Cabinet and it is likely that these will be formed till after the Reichstag and Prussian Diet assemblies, already political in character, are held on the personal changes in Cabinets.

It is predicted in some quarters that Chancellor Wirth will go. It is argued that he made an irrevocable political faux pas by publishing sensational Weissmann report at Bavaria, which subsequently proved to contain material more than a year old.

If Wirth falls, it will be more likely due to the fact that he killed murdered friend Erberger, ended the support of the radical Left wing of the Centre Party, in which he were leaders, and that his strength was derived from the confidence and benevolent neutrality of the Independent Social Party, which, though not in the Government, was willing to support in his sharp fight against capital property interests in connection with the new tax programme coming before the Reichstag next session.

The impending entry of the man People's Party into the coalition, and the switch to the Right by the Majority Socialists, will give decidedly reactionary complexion Germany's next government, and weakens correspondingly Wirth's position as radical leader.

Rich Silver Ore Discovered. Prince Rupert, B. C., Sept. 25.—Discovery of rich silver ore on the sault River, Alcoa Arm district claims close to the famous Dolly tub mine, is reported here. The general samples taken from the mine show an average more than 200 ounces to the ton, and the body of this richness is said to be very extensive. It has an average width of 23 inches and adjoins lower grade which carries good milling values.

C. P. R. TRAIN CHANGES. The winter schedules on the Canadian Pacific Railway will go into effect on Sunday October 2nd. Madam express will leave at 1:30 a.m. local time, and arrive back 10:05 p.m. The first Montreal train will leave at 4:30 p.m. and will arrive at 2:30 p.m. on the next day except Sunday. The Express for London will leave at 6:45 p.m. and arrive in city at 1:05 p.m. There will be change in the Express to the Fredericton. All suburban trains the Walsford service cancelled. T will be no change in the Shore trains.

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