

PEERS AND LIQUOR FIGHT THE PEOPLE.

English M. P. Declares That to be the Situation In England To-day.

Condemnation of Sentence Upon Labor Leaders at Local Meeting.

Stirring addresses on the labor problem were delivered to a small but appreciative audience in Association Hall last night by men well qualified to discuss the subject. The meeting was under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council, and the speakers were delegates to the American Federation, now in session in Toronto. Two of them are Labor members in the English Parliament, A. H. Gill, representing Manchester, and J. R. Clynes, of Bolton. John B. Lennon, the third of the trio, is treasurer of the American Labor Federation and organizer for the tailors in Canada and the States.

Allan Studholme, the Labor member for East Hamilton, presided, and introduced the speakers.

A STIRRING ADDRESS.

Mr. Lennon stirred the audience at the outset with a fiery reference to the threatened imprisonment of the three labor leaders, which has aroused so much interest recently.

"There are occurrences taking place on this North American continent," said the speaker, "which should startle every man who knows anything of the history of the British people and other races that have done so much to establish religious and political liberty in the world."

"Think of the Magna Charta," said Mr. Lennon, "and how it was secured, and think of three distinguished citizens, President Compton, Secretary Morrison and John Mitchell, who are going to prison within a few days."

"Because," continued the speaker, "the right that was wrested by your forefathers from the British crown—the right of trial by jury—has been denied these men. Do you suppose that if the United States do this that it will be long before Canada will do the same thing? If you do you are wrong, absolutely wrong."

Mr. Lennon declared that he was proud he was an American citizen. At no time in the past, he declared, had there been such a great necessity for making sacrifices in the interest of the great mass of the people of the world. "Capitalism," he declared, "as we have it now, is far stronger than the aristocracy ever was. The power of the combination of wealth threatens more the liberty of the people than all the kings, lords, or nobles in the history of the race. Yet we have to go month after month and beg men to join our unions."

Mr. Lennon spoke appreciatively of his treatment in Canada and preached the necessity of organization in the Dominion. "Only through organization," he said, "will you learn your rights and your duties."

"You have two British labor members of Parliament here with you, on the platform to-night," he said. "I suppose there are no men in Canada fit to be members of Parliament, or in the United States to be members of Congress."

"They don't aspire to it," interrupted William Barrett, the well-known Socialist.

"When we have trades unionism here as long as they have had it in the old country we will control the Congress of the United States and the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada."

"Things move faster here," said Mr. Lennon, "and I believe that the matter I have referred to, the possible imprisonment of Mr. Mitchell, Compton, and others, will arouse the labor people of the country and start a movement that will sweep from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the North Pole to the Gulf, and establish the right of men to those things so many suffered and died for, principally trial by jury, free speech and a free press."

Mr. Lennon dealt at length with the practical benefits of trade unionism. There never was an institution, he declared, that does more for its members. "There never was an institution," he said, "that has done more morally for the working people than trades unionism. I am a churchman, but I have no hesitation in telling them the same as I tell you, the churches have done nothing more for the uplifting of the morals of the human race than trades unionism."

Mr. Lennon paid a tribute to the intellectual ability of the Federation, which is in session in Toronto. He urged all laboring men to make an effort to swell the membership of their unions. "I wonder if there are any iron moulders here to-night?" he asked. "There should be hundreds at the meeting, and they should have the greatest union in Canada."

"Trades unionism to the line of the south," he said, "does not recognize any line between us. We are all wage workers, no matter what country we are in."

A. H. GILL, M. P.

Mr. Gill, after expressing his pleasure at what he had seen in this country, the ability of the men attending the Federation meetings, he urged them to take a more kindly interest in the co-operative system, which was so well advanced in the old country, while not there as a temperance advocate, he thought the position of the working people in this country, who are antagonistic to drinking, was a step in the right direction.

"You have in a greater degree than we have, combines and trusts, which seem to be swallowing up everything," he said. "The organization of labor must keep pace with the combine of capital."

Mr. Gill pointed out that in the old country nearly all the municipalities owned their tram systems, and the profits were spent for the benefit of the people; yet in the Canadian cities, instead of rich corporations, own and operate the street railways."

In England the labor people had the same thing to contend with as had the American Federation of Labor. When they began mulcting the unions they round a fighting spirit.

"When you touch an Englishman's

pocket," said Mr. Gill, "you touch his brains."

Mr. Gill also touched upon the question of compensation to injured workmen. It was said that life was not held as sacred as in the old land. They had solved the problem in England since 1880. The act Canada had now was practically the old Employers' Liability Act, which had been in force in the old country. Mr. Gill spoke of the wide scope of the new act. It was strange, he said, that the working people, although they had grievances, continued electing to Parliament the men they had grievances against, instead of acting independently and electing men from their own ranks, men with ability and character to voice their opinions.

"We can't remain in this country as long as we desire," said Mr. Gill. "We have work at home to engage our attention. There is a greater crisis there than has happened in the last fifty years of the country's history. The House of Commons is in conflict with the House of Lords. The question now is, who is to rule, the Peers or the people? We have the budget before us, a budget such as never was introduced in Parliament previously. We intend to come into our own, and the result is that the House of Lords, the Peers and the liquor interests have united to fight the people."

After touching on some of the points in the budget, he said: "We have come to the conclusion that the burden should be placed on the broadest backs, the ones most able to bear it. We say that where land becomes more valuable through the action of the country, where the owners do nothing to increase it, a portion of the increase shall be spent for the people. They say this is too much."

"Too socialistic," said a voice in the audience.

"Yes, too socialistic, and I hope it will be more so before we are through with it."

He predicted that when the budget was in operation the people would applaud it. "We are glad to fight the lords," he added.

"Down with them," shouted one of the audience.

It was now a question of the peers or the people, said Mr. Gill. Many of them, he declared, occupied their positions only because they were the sons of their fathers, who were there before them.

"And some of them are not even that," said a voice in the audience.

ROASTS THE LORDS.

Mr. Clynes, the member for Bolton, is a pleasing orator, and after correcting some false statements in local papers, which he said his attention had been called to, he made some interesting comments on the division over the budget. One statement, which he declared was a gross misrepresentation, referred to English workmen as literally starving and perishing. This was untrue. Things were in a much better condition. If the report was true the amazing change must have taken place since Mr. Gill and himself had sailed.

"And I can hardly believe that this took place because we left the country," he humorously observed. "We are far enough away," he continued, "without having the facts distorted, misrepresented and falsified for some unworthy purpose. You should be supplied with the truth on these great social questions. If such a thing were true it would be the strongest argument in favor of trade unionism."

"In no civilized white man's land to-day are people poor for the want of wealth. Nature has given without stint to her children. It fairly makes one dizzy counting up the figures of the country's wealth, and yet, keeping pace with this, is a stalking, haunting poverty. That is the problem all countries have to deal with. It is strange that with all this prosperity the poor are no better off. The class that owns the country's lands, and the contrivances that produce wealth can force terms of poverty on people."

"Another statement that shows how recklessly facts are misrepresented was made by Lord Northcliffe when he visited this country. He owns a number of party papers, and is one of the exceptions where a man, who is not born there, can buy his way into the House of Lords. He was quoted in a Toronto paper as saying that most of the by-elections showed a majority of votes for tariff reform. The by-election results showed the very opposite."

After touching on the principles of trade unionism, Mr. Clynes declared that charity was the last insult the rich could offer the poor. There was a charity that should be admired and revered and a charity that should not be respected or tolerated in a civilized country. The one was the charity by which the poor were assisted by those who did not permit their names to be known, who did it quietly and humbly. The other was the organized alms giving, the humanitarian type that had the name of the giver heralded with it.

"You never hear of missions and preachings," he said, "to help those who need it most, the idle rich, who are more harmful to society than the poor class that is always begging at one's door for work."

"In to-day's despatches we find Bol-ford presenting the Peers in a new guise. They now assume the mantle of the people's saviour, standing for the popular

idea and cause. It is a most comical and whimsical idea to present them in this guise, for we know them to be traditionally and eternally the opponents of the prosperity of the people of the country."

He pictured them even standing in the way of progress, resisting every effort in the direction of popular living. They, he declared, had resisted public schools for education as long as they were able, and withheld the ballot as long as they could, satirically, "as having some divine special right to the high pedestals on which they stand. They are not even grateful to the Almighty for the high places where they rest."

Many of them, he asserted, had degraded and debased themselves, opposing the march of progress.

"Every labor bill that has been forced through the House of Commons," said Mr. Clynes, "the House of Lords has not resisted. The Lords have frequently done the right thing when they no longer dare do the wrong. Progress has been made in the teeth of the Lords."

Many of those in the House of Lords, he charged, got their riches through questionable means. Some of them purchased their positions from Ministers hard up for party purposes.

Mr. Clynes was given a flattering ovation when he concluded his address.

Votes of thanks were tendered the speakers for coming to Hamilton.

EXPULSION FROM THE CHURCH.

Christian Scientists Find Mrs. Stetson Guilty of Malpractice.



MRS. AUGUSTA E. STETSON.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 18.—The name of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, formerly First Reader of the Christian Science Church of New York, was to-day dropped from the rolls of the Christian Science Church by order of the Board of Directors. It

was announced that the directors: have found the charges that Mrs. Stetson was working against the interests of the Church and contrary to the teachings and practices of Christian Science to be proved and true.

A GOOD SALE.

First Congregational Ladies Gave a Successful One.

The annual sale of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Congregational Church proved a great success and the amount realized was beyond the most sanguine expectations of the ladies. From the time the doors of the sale were opened the place was kept filled with people, who were not afraid to leave their purse strings loose and buy from the many pretty booths. Everything, from a piece of candy to fancy work, were on sale, and by night the stock had diminished considerably.

A new scheme was introduced by the various booths were handsomely decorated. The candy booth was covered with evergreen, above which hung a couple of electric lights. The ceiling and walls were covered with streamers and strips of various colored tissue papers.

The refreshment booth, where tea and hot cream could be purchased, was well patronized, the many little tables being occupied the most of the time.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the church had a booth of their own, decorated by the members of that society. The articles sold in it were donated by its own members. They consisted for the most part of pictures and trinkets of the various countries, which were wrapped in orange tissue paper, which represented oranges. They were hung all over the orange tree. They were not long in disappearing.

The booths and those in charge of them were: Candy, Mrs. H. S. Alexander, Miss Dankett, Miss Chadwick and Miss E. Thompson.

Flower, Miss Towers, Miss Stockton and Miss Morton.

Fancy work, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Oldfield.

Staple, Mrs. Parry, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. W. Bale and Mrs. Findlay.

Christian Endeavor, members of C. E. S.

Orange tree, Miss L. Reid and Miss L. Davis.

Refreshments, Mrs. J. C. Bale.

Tea, Mrs. Arthur Chadwick and Mrs. Tull.

The ladies in charge of the sale were: Mrs. Oldfield, President; Mrs. Chadwick, Secretary; Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. Parry, Mrs. J. C. Bale and Mrs. D. Aithison.

Good News.

The extension of Treble's, Limited, great underwear sale for seven days longer is good news for the men of Hamilton who need their winter underwear. During these seven days, Treble's underwear departments will celebrate another great value event, equal to that which aroused such a shopping sensation a week ago.

This is the stock of manufacturers' underwear and values that will pile up the savings for those lucky enough to secure. See Treble's windows and buy to-night and avoid Saturday's rush. Both stores are open Friday nights until 9 o'clock, and Saturday until 11 o'clock.

Read their advertisement on back page of the Times.

LOOKING FOR ASTOR.

New York, Nov. 19.—The waters of the Caribbean Sea to-day are dotted with vessels on the lookout for Col. John Jacob Astor's steam yacht Nourmahal, with her owner and his son Vincent, on board, which has not been heard from since she was reported sailing from Kingston, Jamaica, presumably for Porto Rico, two weeks ago.

They All Go on G. T. Ry's Special Trains.

The Rooters' Club, 91st Band and Hamilton Football Club leave on Grand Trunk Railway System special trains from King street station, Saturday, for Toronto at 12:45 and 1:15 p. m.

Fare, \$1.35 all trains Saturday. Return limit, Dec. 30.

Trains return Saturday evening 5:30, 6:10, 8:00, 11 and 11:30 p. m.

It's easy to get older now, but sometimes it comes hard.

The Right House

"HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE"

Our Surpassing Saturday Sales

\$8.50 Dress Skirts

To-morrow for \$5.95

New Chevron Cloth Dress Skirts, in shades of brown, navy and green, made with box plait on front, sides and back. We sell these skirts regularly for \$8.50; the Saturday price is \$5.95

SECOND FLOOR

\$1.75 Underskirts

of Sateen at \$1.19

Our English Sateen Underskirts, made with deep flounce; tucked, frilled and shirred with dust flounce; extra full around bottom. We have reduced this price for Saturday from \$1.75 to \$1.19

SECOND FLOOR

English Moirette

Underskirts \$2.00

English Moirette Underskirts in shades of brown, navy, green, taupe, purple, cream and black; made with deep flounce and dust ruffle. Saturday's special price is \$2.00

SECOND FLOOR

Grand Climax of Coat Sale Comes To-morrow

Our Coat Sale this week has been a great success. Scores of Hamilton ladies and almost as many more from neighboring towns have taken swift advantage of the remarkable values we have offered. For to-morrow, we have arranged even greater bargains in Ladies' and Children's Coats. It is our desire to close out our entire line of these coats in one day of brisk selling. That accounts for these extremely low prices:

Children's Coats,

Full Lines, \$5 Up

How about the children—do they need coats? We have a wonderfully complete assortment in red, wistaria, catwaba, navy, brown and green.

We also have a full range of Children's Blanket Coats, in sizes from 4 to 14 years. Saturday \$5, \$6, \$6.50, \$7, \$7.50 and \$8.00

SECOND FLOOR

Ladies' \$15 Broad

Wale Cheviots \$12.50

Ladies' broad wale Cheviot Coats, 52 and 54 inches in length; high collars, patch pockets and handsomely trimmed with buttons. The shades are taupe, wistaria, green, blue or black. These coats would be good value at \$15.00. To close them out we've marked them at \$12.50

SECOND FLOOR

\$20 Coats of

Beaver Cloth \$15

This represents one of the very best coat bargains of the present season. It is a 54-inch long Beaver Coat in navy, taupe or black with a nobby military collar and trimmed in handsome style with buttons. We don't expect this line will last throughout Saturday, at \$15.00

Got That Underwear Yet?

There's nothing before us now except winter. No more of that delightful Indian summer; just that "heavier underwear" weather. The dropping of the last lingering leaves of fall found The Right House ready as usual with the best line of ladies' underwraps that money could buy. Our prices naturally speak for themselves.

We have Cartwright & Warners' and Britannia's famous English makes, in unshrinkable all wool. Both styles of drawers of ankle length and high necked; long sleeved vests are displayed with them.

Vests, Drawers

and Combinations

The Vest prices are \$1.85, \$2.00 and \$2.25. Drawers are selling for \$2, \$2.25 and \$2.50. Combinations, high neck and long sleeves and drawers ankle length for \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

MAIN FLOOR

White Vests and

Wool Corset Covers

White Swiss Ladies' Rib Vests, made with high neck and long sleeves; all wool, \$1.25 and \$1.40; cotton and wool, \$1 and \$1.45; silk and wool, \$1.50. Ladies' white, long sleeve cotton and wool Corset Covers \$1.15

\$2 Wings and

Mounds for 69c

"These must be cleared out"—as a consequence of this order, prices don't count. Each bit of hat trimming in this lot is this season's style and is just the thing with which to "renew" your hat. Saturday 69c

SECOND FLOOR

Black Russian

Lynx Hats \$3 Up

New York has sent us its smartest styles in Black Fur Hats. These have just arrived and are therefore the very newest things we've got. One may have a plain or mounted one from \$3.00 to \$10.50.

To-morrow Closes the Great Oriental Rug Sale

Our printed statement anent our Oriental Rug Sale with 25 per cent. taken off the reduced (not the regular) price of every one of the beautiful genuine Right House Oriental masterpieces was vindicated in a striking fashion yesterday.

We told you that this sale surpasses anything like it in the history of Hamilton and that no such reductions could be found in any Canadian city. We repeat it now with even more confidence than before, because a Toronto man who knows Oriental Rug values came to Hamilton and bought his rug at The Right House. "I am more than saving my car fare through this 25 per cent. reduction," he declared, "and I am sure of the genuineness of my rug."

What we want most to impress upon you, however, (since we have told all about these rugs and our third floor display) is the fact that our Oriental Rug Sale with the 25 per cent. reduction on every rug closes to-morrow.

THIRD FLOOR

ESTABLISHED 66 YEARS AGO

THOMAS C. WATKINS

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

'TIS SACRILEGE.

Toronto Telegram Sneers at Dr. Sproule's Whiskers.

(Catholic Register.)

Dr. Sproule, the Grand Master of the Orange Lodges everywhere throughout Canada, has had his picture painted.

It was right and proper, the loyal brethren have borne the expense. His friends and admirers have made up their minds that the features of their illustrious leader shall be handed down to posterity, side by side with the great celebrities who have hurried defiance at the Papacy ever since the days of Titus Oates, and his martyr associates in a holy cause. We are informed by this painting that it is to view this even to the expansive whiskers which have hypnotized the brethren on many a notable occasion. Eschewing the "Dutch clip," the "Dundrearies" and the "Vandyke" style of sub-maxillary fringe, the doctor has gone back to the old ministerial custom of parting his face in the middle, and the brethren have set the seal of their approval on his course by reproducing on enduring canvas his benign and bewhiskered countenance. As is usual, however, in mundane matters, there is a rift in the lute. This rift has been supplied by the editor of the Telegram, whose physiognomy is not anything to boast of. In a recent editorial he indulges in that flippant expression which is the unfailing indication of an irreverent spirit. He has even gone so far as to intimate that the doctor in his recent weighty utterance has been merely talking through his facial drapery. This is the last straw. This is the limit beyond which no editor should be permitted to proceed.

In justice, however, to the Telegram, let it be said that the doctor, in accepting the picture, innocently laid himself open to this imputation. He ventured into the field of prophecy, a field which, by the way, the editor of the Telegram has reserved exclusively for himself. He pictured the day when the Pope

would come in person to Canada, and would insist on ramming his bulls and encyclicals down the thirsty throats of the brethren. The very thought of it caused audible gurgles to be heard throughout the audience, and here and there a brother went out to wet his throat in preparation for the forthcoming ordeal. There was nothing, however, in the prophecy to justify the Telegram's flippancy, or the covert insinuation that the doctor's physiognomy reminded his hearers of an Acolian harp.

Let it be remembered, too, that the Grand Master has good cause for complaint. According to his own statement, he has sat in his cabinet at Ottawa for days, and the statesmen whom he and his followers have sent to Parliament have studiously ignored his presence and acted as if there was no such power in politics as the Sovereign Pontiff of the Orange brotherhood. These misguided brethren have even gone so far as to cross the street in order to avoid meeting him, and they have left him lonely and disconsolate, while the millions of Rome were being fawned upon and flattered, and their advice sought whenever a serious question arose. Is it, then, to be wondered at that he has felt the sharp sting of ingratitude, that his plaintive tones reminded his hearers of the wind gently carving through hissing adobe domes? Against the thrust of an enemy every man stands more or less on his guard, but how shall he defend himself against the poisoned arrows of his bosom friends? How shall a great soul come down from the eminence on which the brethren have placed him, and refute the awkward and embarrassing assertion that in pointing out the dangers which menace the Order he has been indulging in that undignified and profitless pastime of "talking through his whiskers?"

Burned by Gas Explosion.

Hagersville, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Grieves, a nurse in this village, was badly burned by an explosion of natural gas to-day in her house. Children partly turned on the gas in the heater and when Mrs. Grieves went to light it, the explosion occurred, severely burning her face and arms.

When a clock is fast it is wasting its time?

MR. HALDANE

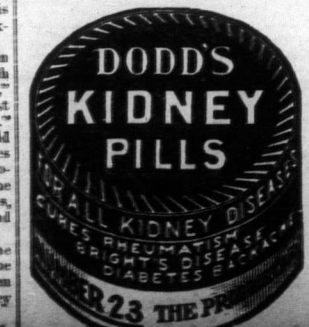
Accepts Balfour's Challenge—No Quarter Asked.

London, Nov. 18.—Secretary of War Haldane made a fighting speech this afternoon before the Eighty Club in regard to the Government's policy on the budget. He declared that the Government accepted the challenge of Mr. Balfour, the Unionist leader, to go to the country on the issues, which would be free trade, the budget and the House of Lords. No quarter would be asked by the Liberals, said Mr. Haldane, and none would be given. The Cabinet he said, was absolutely united on the issues which would be placed before the electors. Since the British Constitution became what it is no step so violent or so revolutionary had been taken as the contemplated negating of the Budget Bill by the House of Lords. It was opposed to the policy of the Liberals and was a constitutional revolution which would be followed by protection.

T. H. & B. Change of Time Table.

The fall change of time card on the T. H. & B. Ry. will become effective Nov. 21st. There will be no changes in the arriving and departing times of trains at Hamilton. A notable change, however, in connections will be the New York Central train No. 21, which formerly left New York at 5:20 p. m., will on and after Nov. 21st, leave New York at 6:30 p. m., one hour and ten minutes later, arriving Hamilton same time as formerly, 7:35 a. m. This has become a very popular through sleeping car connection.

The case of R. H. Smith against the city of London, in which plaintiff seeks to have the city restrained from carrying out its contract with the Hydro Electric Commission, but which was stayed by Mr. Justice Riddell's judgment, based on the Act passed by the Ontario Legislature last session, was adjourned by the Divisional Court yesterday morning until the first week in December.



It will take several days before you can get pattern.

This Week

The choicest qualities of West of England worsted suitings and black English melton, heaver, vicuna and fancy tweed overcoatings, regularly \$25 values, are being tailored to measure for \$17.50 by the Lyons Tailoring Co., union tailors, 114-116 James street north. And remember, the style will be the smartest, the workmanship the finest—the fit absolutely perfect, or your money will be handed back. See window display. Don't miss this bargain.