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LABOR'S DANGER

II BY THE OBSERVER

Since the English trades-unions under the guidance of Socialist leaders, have taken a fancy to dictate how Great Britain shall be governed, the general public are commencing to ask how the members of these trades unions are equipped by nature or by training to run the affairs of tions. The recent strike in England the British Empire.

Canadians are interested in this question; and their interest is the considered policy to nationalize the keener because we have lately had in mines and railways of Great Britain Canada a sample or two of the same as a preliminary to the total abolisort of policy which has recently tion of private ownership of property. tried to displace the British Parlia-Canada, labor unions.

selves. And, however much Socialist at the present time. leaders may din into their ears that they have no interests save those of wages or their share of the profits of industry, there are millions of man enrolled in the labor unions who know better than that, because their conscience and heart and reason tell them better than that.

So when the "general public" puts the question,-"What fitness have labor unions to rule the British workmen to their own unions. And many workmen are beginning to doubt some of the things their doubt some of the things their Laurier represented for some forty Socialist leaders have long been telling them; and are, moreover, beginning to ask themselves whether it is safe and wise and in their own interests to let the bulk of their membership be controlled by a few

Take the late strike of the Railwaymen in England. A new minister of hours afterwards he had a strike on his hands; when he was just two days on the job. And this strike was fire does not appeal to shrewd and upon a question which did not call experienced manipulators. for settlement for three months. upon the agreement of the men safe school of Liberalism, was re-

allotment of authority in labor rate—to let Galibois fight it out with unions which can make such an Lavergne, while the party leaders occurrence possible? Who runs the unions? We met the other day a their hands of further responsibility very intelligent carpenter, a member for the result. of a labor union. We asked him, "How is the question to strike or not to strike decided in your union?, stories to the effect that Lavergne was likely to win the seat of Laurier.

Now, before the British Empire gives up its King, Parliaments, and legislatures, and hands over the ruling made their plea to him. Lapointe of the greatest Empire in the world to the labor unions, we should like to see some improvement on the presen system; and one of the main criticlams against the present system is, Liberals in Parliament and out of that it tends to place too much power in the hands of a few. But there never was a King in England, in the worst days of royal tyranny; there reach Quebec from Ottawa to-has never been a Parliament in Great morrow morning, and will at once Britain, capable of inflicting, or able to inflict in a year, one half the damage which the English trades unions have just inflicted on the people of England; and it was wholly damage at that.

What is the idea? The idea is tyranny; and tyranny on a scale a thousand times greater and more dangerous than the tyranny for carry educational campaigns into the which Charles f. lost his head; or for which a score of other royal tyrants have at one time or another lost their heads or their thrones. There can be no tyranny like the tyranny strength as to cause Armand Lavof a class war : the tyranny of one class of the public inflamed with hatred and envy of other classes.

And this class hatred is precisely what the leaders of labor unionism have successfully promoted, and

them. There is Labor's chief danger. Its leadership is in bad hands. Labor is in danger so long as that kind of leadership exists. Labor has won much; and stands to lose it all for generations to come because that

kind of leadership exists. Labor unions are in the danger when they have been successfully deceived. The great and splendid movement of labor unionism is being social, political and religious instituwas not primarily intended to benefit the men; it was part of a

To say that multitudes of strikers ment and the British Constitution, don't see that point : and that even and to run the Empire by trades some of their leaders do not see it, is unions, or, as we call them in beside the point. A study of the work of Socialism in all the countries What claims, precisely, have labor where it is at work; and particularly unions on the confidence of the general a study of the declared policies and public. The term "general public" trades union activities of Socialist includes the whole citizenship of the leaders in England, leaves no doubt Empire; and so it includes the of the nature of the forces which are members of the labor unions them. directing the fate of the labor unions

TO BE CONTINUED

TO FIGHT NATIONALISM

YOUNG LIBERALS WILL CARRY CAMPAIGN TO UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOOLS OF QUEBEC

(Staff Correspondence of The Globe) Quebec, Oct. 13 .- The by-election in East Quebec brought about a somewhat dramatic showdown. To Empire," the question is put by a hero worshipping people the pres years can be appreciated. Each group angled for the honor. There were Liberal aspirants galore. And when the disagreement and uncertainty was at its height, Henri ourassa, now the recluse, but stil Le Maitre," precipitated his per sonality and policy into the cosion. Nationalists called for Candidature of Armand Lavergne while Le Devoir announced transport had just been appointed. ferences of electors pledging their On his very first day in the office he support to the young lieutenant. received an ultimatum. Forty-eight With the embarrassing situation the older and cannier politicians were loath to deal. The business of personally pulling chestnuts out of the

Francis Xavier Galibais, a respectable private citizen of the old and garded as a sufficient Liberal candi-What, exactly, is the division or date under the circumstances.

LAPOINTE TO THE RESCUE

The newspapers began to carry It was at this stage aat a confer dum vote; but, a few men swing the ence of young local Liberals made whole thing." dramatic always appeals to Quebec. They sent for Ernest Lapointe, the young member for Kamouraska, and was already credited with successfully opposing the Conservatism of Gouin and Lemieux and the Nationof Bourassa and Lavergne. alism Backed by a phalanx of ardent young it, Lapointe accepted the candidature, and today tendered his resignation as member of the House of Commons for Kamouraska. He will open his campaign.

TO FIGHT NATIONALISTS

Ottawa, Oct. 14.-According to comment among the members from Quebec here tonight, the purpose of the young Liberals who are organizunnecessary and wholly avoidable ing behind Ernest Lapointe's leadership is not only to defeat Henri Bourassa and his Nationalist propaganda, but to capture his following and turn it from Nationalism to Liberalism. They are planning to French-Canadian Universities and organize public forums of discussion in rural parts of the Province for the habitants. It is reported that the project has already attained ergne to decide to withdraw from the contest in East Quebec, regarding the contest at the present

time as hopeless.
Liberal members here regard Mr. Ernert Lapointe as having shown the cause of himself a "dead game sportsman" in stitutions.

Lapointe in so far as the late Chieftain's fight against Quebec Nationalism is concerned. In 1911 and since that great conflict the old Chieftain refused to have anything to with the Nationalist movement in Quebec, and he kept Quebec solidly Liberal against the most insidious propaganda and the most violent attacks. When Armand Lavergne seemed bound to which human beings are always in run in the constituency which had when they have been successfully been represented by Sir Wilfred so long, and seemed as well to have excellent chances of succeeding, the old friends of Laurier for sentimental turned—and fast turned—into a machine for smashing all existing a profanation to have succeed Laurier one who had always opposed him, but how to prevent it was the question. Colonel Lavergne is very strong in

Quebec East, and has a good follow-ing throughout the old city. Lapointe's course in Parliament mmended itself to his fellows in French Canada, as well as to the House generally. He is generally expected to succeed Hou. Rodolphe Lemieux as Lieutenant of the Liberal Leader in Quebec when Mr. Lemieux accepts the position offered him in Laval University.

ALL BOW TO HERO PRELATE

CARDINAL MERCIER IS HONORED BY PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC ALIKE IN TORONTO

Toronto Globe, Oct. 15 Cardinal Mercier, the soldierhearted saint of Belgium, who stood erect and unsubdued amid a sea of tyranny and rebuked the tyrants with words of burning accusation; who defied the German superman and proved himself the superman of them all—this man of God and of the people was greeted with deeply sincere acclaims by the citizens of Toronto yesterday.

During the last few years Toronto has welcomed many men whom the War has lifted into position of eminence by reason of their acts of valor or statesmanship, but none of those who came before have equalled in dignity and quietly impressive heroism the monumental personality who stood like a banediction in their midst yesterday.

Tall, lithe, graceful in figure and with a devout and thoughtful stoop. the Cardinal is the personification of stateliness and humility

At the various functions which were given in honor of the great Car dinal there were present representa tives of every department of public life, and leaders of Protestant as well as Catholic Churches assembled to pay their tribute of respect and ad-

AT THE UNIVERSITY

"We are honoring today one of the heroic figures of the War," said President Sir Robert Falconer, in introducing the Cardinal to an mmense gathering in Convocation Hall yesterday afternoon. "The visit of his Eminence Cardinal Mercier calls forth anew those feelings of admiration for him which were maintained throughout that pro-tracted ordeal, when, along with the King and Queen of the Belgians, he saved his people by giving them the heart of courage. Among his enemies he stood like a rock in the midst of raging waves which vainly attempted to engulf him. Silence him they could not, and at intervals his voice would sound forth over the tumult of war in majestic but impassioned protests which not only put iron into the soul of the agon-ized nation, but touched the heart and conscience of the allied world.

"When his words did not avail to check the ruthless depredations and deportations he rallied a band of patriots to alleviate as far as possible the distress of those who were being torn away from their homes, and thus by action as by speech his powerful sympathy became the comfort of his fellow sufferers.

"But the Cardinal is not only a great national figure. He is also a scholar of repute. His work as a out now ravaged University of Louand vain was widely influential striking in its originality, and from the academic chair he was called to the administrative duties of the leading Archbishopric of Bel-gium. In honoring him today, therefore, we recognize one who is worthy because of his intellectual attainments."

Rev. Father Carr. Superior of St. Michael's College, then presented the Cardinal for the degree of Doctor of Law, which was conferred by the Chancellor of the University, Sir William Meredith.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO PRAISED Cardinal Mercier opened his ad-

dress by paying a tribute of sympathy to the University of Toronto. He said that as he had spent the larger part of his life at the University of Louvain he fully appreciated the services that had been rendered to the cause of civilization by such in-

most active and most influential of that the mantle of Laurier falls on German invaded Belgium, that nowhere in the world would there be a greater resistance to tyranny or greater devotion to the cause of justice and truth than in Canada.

"I know that six thousand men of Toronto University enlisted in the War and that many of them sacrificed their lives in the cause of liberty, and I am honored by this degree.

A NEW KIND OF WAR

"You Canadians would not have entered the War for a parcel of ter-ritory or for a sum of money, but be-cause you knew the War was of a new kind in history—a War between kultur symbolized by a banner stained with innocent blood and poisoned gasses, and darkened by the ashes of universities, churches and private nes, and your hanner, which sym bolized right against might, truth against calumny, justice against tyranny.

ABOVE ALL HONESTY

"I ask you all as an inspiration to your souls to take the motto of St. Ambrosius: 'Above all, honesty,' a word which expresses the fervor, justice and love of our God."

The rear of the platform was pack ed with members of the faculty of the University and representatives of various educational institutions and leaders of the Churches. Rev. Dr. Chown, Superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada; Bishop Sweeney of Toronto and Dean Harris were among those present.

STIRRING CIVIC RECEPTION

Owing to a delay in train arrivals his Eminence Cardinal Mercier did not, as he intended, hear the singing of the Belgian National Anthem by some 2 000 Separate School children in St. Michael's Cathedral. When his train | great education in itself." arrived at 10.52 he was met by a pro cession of Roman Catholic Church dignitaries, accompanied by Mayor Church, Major General Elmsley and Col. J. I. McLaren. As he passed up the steps and through the station scores of onlookers bared their heads in his honor, and his Eminence with a smile and bow acknowledged their greeting. The Cardinal celebrated Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral, where more than 1,000 people attended, and then at nearly 11 o'clock, took breakfast with Archbishop McNeil.

The City 'Hall Council chamber was filled long before the hour ap-pointed for the civic recaption. His Eminence was promptly on time, however, and the crowded Council floor and galleries gave him cheer after cheer. Mayor Church, in his address of welcome, asked Cardinal Mercier to carry to the Belgian people the heartfelt sympathy of the citizens of Toronto in all the sufferings they had so patiently and bravely borne. "The allies," the Mayor said, "could not have won the War if the brave Belgian army, numerically inferior in strength, had not maintained a self sacrificing resistance to the Ger-

Cardinal Mercier replied : accept with sincerity and pride the noble things you have said of my country and I also thank the Mayor and the citizens of Toronto for their kindness, personally and on behalf of my nation.

AT THE EMPIRE CLUB

At the Empire Club luncheon in room to provide seating room for the scores waiting in the corridors. Among those seated at the head were Archbishop McNe table McNeil. Bishop Fallon, Bishop Peterboro, Bishop Sweeny, Bishop McNally of Calgary, Bishop E. E. Wachter, Mgr. Whalen, Bishop Scollard of Sault Ste. Marie. Seated directly on the Cardinal's right was Hon. Dr. Cody, Minister of Education. who concluded the meeting with a masterly tribute to Toronto's eminent visitor.

As one man the big audience arose scholar of repute. His work as a to honor his Eminence when he professor of philosophy in the ancient entered the dining hall. And when he arose to address them the applause which broke out lasted several minutes. He thanked them and proceeded: "I always wanted to con Canada, although under the burden of my age I was hesitating for a while to come either to the United States of America or here. I was encouraged by your compatriots, among them Hon. Dr. Cody, whom I saw at Malines and finally I decided to accept the very kind invitations.

"When in Malines," the Cardinal continued, "I was impressed with the sincere sympathy of your soldiers—your glorious and beautiful boys. I was always struck by their sincerity of religion, their respect for liberty, also by that combination of qualities of people which you have inherited from the Anglo-Sexon traditions combined with the spirit of great undertaking. Therefore, I think that we who have throughout all the centuries struggled to keep liberty fell naturally, in this last great struggle, into sympathy with

to support our great cause. We know what your men did at Ypres, in Flanders, in the first attack came in a motor car to my Bishop's against the Germans. You were the take the offensive against them at Ypres.'

PRAISE FOR CANADIANS

Before proceeding with his per sonal, experiences, the Cardinal paused to pay tribute to the bravery Canada's soldiers who for Belgium's liberty. With the French, he conceded them to be the bravest troops in the allied armies. As he bad walked among their graves in Flanders fields he had uncovered his head and expressed to his comrade the opinion that to these and other of the allied soldiers who had given their lives in the great cause humanity today owed its freedom.

It was the most sorrowful moment of his life, Cardinal Mercier declared, when, while attending the election of the Pope in Rome, he was in-formed of the arrival of a telegram apprising him that his beloved University of Louvain had been burned. with his cathedral in Malines, and that his Bishop's house had been under bombardment. one moment," he proceeded, with a touch of pathos in his voice, "I pictured before my eyes all that had been precious in my past. I spent twenty-five years in Louvain as professor there, and I saw before my eyes not only the books, but the beautiful gallery of paintings, recall ing to our memories all the tradi-tions of the glorious Louvain University from the fifteenth century to the last days of our existence there. And I saw a vision of all those glories, which were for us inspiring, which were for our youth a

BELGIAN WORKMEN IDLE

His Eminence proceeded to relate w Belgians, workmen were offered the alternative of signing up with the Germans for voluntary labor or else being taken as prisoners into Germany and compelled to do hard labor. Many refused to give in to the enemy and were taken away Thousands came back prisoners. after some weeks, utterly worn out and exhausted under their taskmasters. To-day these same work men were looking for work. Agriap. culture had been saved in Belgium His partially because of the generosity of the Canadian Government in giving to the Belgian Government the Canadian army horses. But industry, because of the diabolical pre-armistice depredations of the Germans, was at a complete standstill. Machines which the Germans could not use for themselves they destroyed so that Belgium could never use them again.

Oar workmen are there offering their arms for labor," he continued run away, "But there are no manufacturers to declared, give them labor. A feeling of disappointment has pervaded them. easy field for the radical Socialist, departed.

"When the second part of my

of citizens as protection to German troops Cardinal Mercier said he could of an attempt to terrorize the Belgian people into submission.

me and order me to do this or that. I used to say to them: 'It is not for me to discuss whether you were Canada as scholar, prelate, philosoright or wrong in invading my country. But I take your own Chancellor's words that he knew he was condoning injustice. During your occu pation here you have to be as kind as you can to protect our poor people against the consequences of an act which is acknowledged to be unjust. Therefore, I have to accuse you of failing in your duty as an occupying power in my country.' Each time I spoke I rather observed they were going back, and I became the accaser and they were the accused.

My conclusion was: 'What they
know they are they will be if I oppose their cruelties in public, and I decided to publish my letter on Patrictism and Endurance.

SPORT WITH VON BISSING 'That letter was written a fortnight before Christmas, 1914, was sent by devious ways into Holland to a priest who was my represen-tative there, and that priest was en-United States. It was written in Latin and I supposed General von Bissing could not read Latin. I said: have successfully promoted, and throwing up his sate seat in Kamour are still proxoting. And why? Because they are Socialists; the great struggle, what Toronto asks in order to do battle with mejority of them; the ablest and special significance in the event is meant of the War, when the mejority of them; the ablest and special significance in the event is moment of the War, when the English and French, were prepared the first part on the Friday. On Sat.

I went down stairs and one of the officers asked me, in the name of General von Bissing, why I had written that letter. I answered that it was because I thought I had to write it as Bishop, illuminating the consciences of my people, to tell them their duty during the occupation of Belgium. The officer told me I was inciting the people to revolution. said I did not preach revolution. preached liberty. Then the officer produced the letter, which said: 'Dear brethren, you have to respect exterior regulations of public order your consciences you bave neither to give respect nor esteem to the occupying power. You have to keep your esteem, your respect, your love for our King Albert. The officer said, What is that but inciting to revolution?' and I told him he must not take one portion of it alone but take in the context and he would see it was not inciting to revolution.'

His Eminence went on to relate how, when ordered to appear before von Bissing whenever he should be summoned, he declared he could go on Saturday or Monday, but would through several frontier Indian camnot go on Sunday. In spite of orders and remonstrances from the German officers he maintained his independent position and finally the German representative of Bissing went back. mbarrassed, to consult with his nief. While in Brussels he saw the chief. Spanish Minister, who told him that the proper course for him to take was to send Cardinal Mercier to Rome to answer to his Holiness, the Pope. "The poor man was very embar-rassed," proceeded the speaker, "and wired Berlin asking what to do." In accordance with his instructions, the letter was again read from every pulpit in the diocese on the Sunday, and again on Monday the German officer came back, this time with an armed guard, and he presented a three-folio-length letter from Bissing, written in German, in which he said certain questions were set out which had to be answered immediately.

MAKES GERMAN TRANSLATE Club members laughed heartily when the Cardinal told them that in order to gain time he had declared that before he could read it it had to be transcribed into Latin, and the officer spent a laborious hour and a half performing the task. Even then the Cardinal declined to answer in two minutes something that Bissing had sent out after three days' deliberation, and the officer, in des-pair, declined to leave the house until he got his answer. He seated himself in the Cardinal's room and watched his every move. must have thought I was going to run away," his Eminence laughingly "because once when to the other I saw the soldiers jump They expected a continual picnic in out of the motor car and run around the days of peace, but there is not with rifles held ready, as if they the days of peace, but there is not with rifles held ready, as if they even the condition of normal life.

And the enforced idleness which has late in the afternoon, he wrote his come upon them has provided an answer, and the exasperated officer the cathedral Protonotary Apostolic,

easy field for the radical Socialise, the Bolshevist—a field of revolt and excitement. And I must state that I fear more for my people at this in the second part of my letter was read," the speaker said, Liturgiology in the Seminary of St. "many of the German soldiers were John Lateran, as well as honorary canon of Lourdes. Msgr. Piacents on At the Empire Club luncheon in the King Edward Hotel there was a record club gathering to greet Cardinal Mercier. To provide for the throng, table accommodation was set in the hallways and corridors, and when luncheon had been finished tables were carried out of the dining.

At the Empire Club luncheon in the War. I hope still, with the halp on that they attended the churches was well known as an authority on that they attended the churches of my diocese to hear it read. I suppose they understood parts of it. But many of the priests were fined or matters may be remedied. I shall try to encourage as much as I can when luncheon had been finished tables were carried out of the dining.

For the barbarities and exposure For the barbarities and exposure copies away from them, some of the priests refused to give them up, and others gave up the original find no other explanation than that having made a copy from which to

Hon. Dr. Cody's brief concluding "During the first days of the War when the Germans used to come to for the eloquence with which he tendered Toronto's tribute. His Emi-nence, he said, was welcomed to pher, statesman, professor, church-man, patriot and Christian.

JESUIT EXPLORERS

DISCOVER INTERESTING RELICS IN CAVE ON ISLAND OF JERSEY Catholic Press Association

London, Sept. 18.—Even in that most exclusive and very English gathering of savants, the British Association, the Jesuits have claimed attention this year. At the session, which has just closed, a paper was read on a most interesting discovery made by a party of Jesuit Fathers in Jersey. They found, in 1914, a cave on the north coast of the island, which could be entered by means of a rope from a hole in the cliff's side. They preserved their secret until last year, when Rev. Father Morin handed over the fruits of their discovery to a local archaeological trusted with the care of it, to send society. Examination of these has my letter to France, to England, and brought to light a very puzzling so you got it in Canada and in the geological fact, for teeth, bones and antlers of an extinct deer, belonging to the Pliocene Age, have been discovered and identified. These occurred in high braccia, associated This letter has to be read out to the people from the pulpits twice, on Friwith stalactites, and seemed to show

CATHOLIC NOTES

In Constantinople, Turkey, a beautiful monument or memorial is to be erected to the memory of Pope Benedict KV., in gratitude for the assistance he gave the Orient during the War

With episcopal sanction, a Trappist monastery has been founded by a French priest. Father Denis, at Phnoe Son, Annam, China. It already numbers a dozen Annamite members, one of whom is a son of the notorious persecutor of the Catholics, Minh-Mang.

Paris, Sept. 18 .- On November 11 there is to be a striking event, a military pilgrimage of thanksgiving, which is fixed for the anniversary of the armistice. The fetes will be pre-sided over by Cardinal Lucon, Archbishop of Rheims, who will accept the address of the pilgrim soldiers.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—The Rev. Major Edward J. Wattman, intimate friend of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and the oldest ranking Catholic chaplain in the United States army, is dead here today. He was ap pointed an army chaplain by Presiserved dent Hayes in 1877 and paigns, the Spanish-American war and the late European War.

One of the most impressive spe tacles ever witnessed in New York waters took place Supday, Sept. 28th. poard the Italian battleship di Cavour when his Grace, the Most Rev. Patrick J. Hayes, D. D., Arch. bishop of New York and Catholic Chaplain Bishop for the United States army and navy, celebrated military Mass.

Bern, Sept. 17.—Things are advancing quickly for the Catholics of Switzerland. Afterthirty-three years of persecution. Catholics now enjoy all their rights. Indeed, a Catholi is a member of the Council of State; a Catholic is a vice president of the National Council; a Catholic has for some time exercised functions analogous to that of Mayor, at Geneva.

The green, white and gold flag of the Irish republic was flown from the balcony of Mayor Chas. P. Gillen's suite in the Newark, N. J., city hall as the city officially welcomed Eamonn de Valera, president of the Irish republic. It was the second time the flag appeared, the first time being on the anniversary of the

Easter uprising in Dublin last April. After five years of exile spent in the United States, Archbishop Leopoldo Ruiz of Michoacan, Mexico, has returned to his episcopal see. Archbishop was accorded an enthusiastic reception upon his arrival in Morelio, the episcopal city. More than ten thousand persons met the Archbishop at the station. venerable prelate entered his carriage, the people rushed to the vehicle, unhitched the horses and pulled the carriage themselves, singing and cheering the Archbishop on his way to the Cathedral.

Msgr. Pietro Piacenza has just died at Piacenza. He was archpriest of and Christian death in 1905.

Prince Alban has been admitted to the religious habit as a novice in the Franciscan monastery at Dietfurt, Germany, where he will make his studies for the priesthood. The prince is a son of Prince Wilhelm of Lowenstein - Wertheim - Freudenberg a Protestant branch of the House of Lowenstein. During the War Prince Alban held a commission in the Royal Hanoverian Uhlans, and during his war service he came into contact with Catholics, and finally abandoned the Protestant religion to embrace the Catholic faith.-The Monitor.

London, Sept. 18.—The Knights of Columbus, who have done such splendid work here for the American boys, seem to propose to remain, for the financial papers have just dis covered them as a new society of mutual benefit, which has just been registered at Somerset House with offices in the Haymarket, one of the best known of London thoroughfares. The K. C. have still some clubs open and their future program may clude a British branch of their admirable and live organization

The Belgian Minister for Interior has given instructions for a search to be made for the place where was buried the body of the son of Marshal Foch, who fell during the battle of Virton in the Belgian Ardennes in the early days of the War. The Allied commander's son is believed to have been buried near the road between Baranzy and Gorcy The son of Rene Viviani, who was French premier at the outbreak of War, was killed in the same neighborhood, as was also the well known writer, Ernest Psichari, a grandson of Renan.