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## THE LEGISLATURE

The new legislature at Fredericton is making an excellent record. It is not wasting days in long speeches, and has got down to the real business of the session in record time. The Porter government commands the respect of those who may oppose some or all of its policies, and there is a commendable absence of acrimonious discussion. There appears to be less of partisanship and more of business in the new house than in the old, and that makes for a more prompt dispatch of business. No doubt there will be keen debates and lively criticism before the session ends, and that is in the public interest; for a wide-awake opposition does excellent service so long as it plays the game squarely and does not aim to be merely factious. So far as at present appears there is no legislation of a seriously contentious character to be introduced, and constructive criticism may improve measures presented by the government. With three groups in the house each bill will be regarded from every angle, and that will really be an advantage. A province never suffers so much mischievous legislation as when there is a government so strong or an opposition so weak as to prevent full and free and intelligent discussion of the measures submitted. This province has learned that lesson and will continue to pay the price for years to come. In that respect there has been a great change for the better since the present government came into power. It was warned by the experience, the record and the fate of its predecessors, and the legislation it has placed upon the statute books, as well as its administration of public affairs, has made an enviable chapter in the political annals of New Brunswick.

## AN ALL-ROUND CRITIC

Mr. Robert Lansing is not satisfied with President Wilson, but neither is he pleased with Mr. Lloyd George. If we accepted Mr. Lansing's estimate of the British prime minister, we would have some difficulty in explaining the secret of his power and the fact that he is still at the head of affairs in London. Even Mr. Clemenceau, though regarded by Mr. Lansing as the biggest man at the peace conference in Paris, is described as a shrewd Frenchman who wanted and won everything for France. History will hardly confirm these judgments by the man who was opposed to President Wilson going to Paris, was not satisfied with the League of Nations, and in general appears to have been continually in an attitude of protest against everybody and everything. No one will deny that he is a prolific writer, and what he has written will doubtless be the subject of keen controversy in the United States. Mr. Wilson will probably not join in it, but he will not be without stout defenders.

## PLEASURES TO COME

A few days of warm sunshine would work a miracle in the out-of-doors. Spring is at hand. The ice will soon be out of the river, and already those who find pleasure on its surface and along its shores are enjoying the delights of anticipation. The cultivators of suburban gardens are thinking of seeding time, and the joy of discovering the tiny shoots, as they come above the ground, to be watched and watered and kept clear of weeds until they are ready for the table. The motorists are thinking of roads free from frost, winding through a lovely country, where the odors of buds and flowers fill the air, and the exhilaration of rapid motion makes the very blood tingle. The lovers of baseball see in imagination the keen contests of the coming season, and all lovers of sport and of the great out-of-doors are feeling a new interest in life. Those who whip the streams and lakes for trout are already growing impatient. Winter is past. There may be storms and chilly days, but the assurance of the pleasures so soon to follow will make them more endurable. Soon the leafy ways of Rockwood Park will be trodden by eager feet, and the long, delightful days lure abroad many who have found the winter all too long.

A man who is engaged in erecting theatres gives to the New York Evening Post, as his deliberate judgment, that the prosperity of amusement enterprises in a period of business depression is due in large measure to the diversion to theatrical coffers of money that, in the absence of prohibition, would have gone to the till of the saloon keeper. This opinion is corroborated by that of one of the leading managers of motion picture houses in New York. The Halifax Chronicle, noting these statements, adds: "Right here at home it was noticeable immediately after prohibition came into force that many who used to spend their evenings in saloons turned to the motion picture houses and other places of amusement, and there is little doubt that prohibition greatly aided in maintaining the prosperity of the amusement-making business."

In Boston a British flag was torn down yesterday and trampled on, but it was quickly rescued and nailed up again, and the desecrators of the flag of a friendly nation took care not to reveal their identity.

## COMMUNISM

The Prussian minister of the interior believes he has conclusive evidence to prove that the Communist outbreak in central Germany is directly traceable to Moscow and that the Communist party takes its orders from Moscow. But for the confidence of Germany there might never have been a Soviet government in Russia, and if now Lenin and Trotsky are seeking the overthrow of orderly government in Germany it is merely a case of retributive justice. Germany reaps what she has sown. The unfortunate part of the whole affair is that other countries must suffer with Germany, for Bolshevik agents are at work in other European countries and in the United States. Even Canada is not without a Red element, although its operations are not conducted openly, and it is not without evidence of what would happen if any attempt were made to bring about a social revolution. The Communists have failed in Italy, and they will fail in Germany. Indeed there are hints that Lenin begins to realize that the Soviet regime cannot succeed in Russia unless it broadens its scope and embraces other besides peasants and working men. The state of affairs in that country is a salutary lesson for all other nations. Social unrest exists everywhere, and conditions must be improved, but Communism would make them infinitely worse. Domination by a class, and that the least intelligent would simply mean an autocracy such as that which is today the curse of Russia.

There are 882,000 persons in the state of New York who are unable to read or write any language or to speak English. It is not surprising that they have a foreign problem in the United States. As soon as the census revealed the conditions in New York state the state education department got the lists and went after these people, urging them to take advantage of the Americanization classes, where they could be taught elementary English and American citizenship. The response was fairly good, with the result that in December last the number of such students had increased one hundred per cent over the previous year. In forming judgments relative to the United States we are too apt to overlook the fact that there are in that country millions who know nothing of our language and who are almost entirely ignorant of our history and our institutions. We do wrong if we accept the utterances of these groups as expressing the feelings of the American people.

St. John is interested in the proposed development of hydro-electric power at Bear River. One of the advantages mentioned by the promoters of the scheme for getting greater industrial expansion is the proximity of St. John as a shipping port. The next decade should witness a notable development of industry, both in this province and Nova Scotia, as a result of cheap power derived from the streams. It is a source of energy that has too long been overlooked.

While it is true that there have been during the past winter and spring many idle men in St. John, this city has perhaps suffered less in that way than any other city in Canada. It is well to bear the fact in mind. The spring weather will make it possible to begin various public works, and the termination of the winter season will not be as keenly felt as if these were not contemplated.

Toronto Globe: "Rent legislation would be in the nature of an emergency, to be abandoned when the crisis in the housing situation—for it is a crisis—has passed. The causes of the conditions which prevent the majority of householders from owning and building homes are more permanent and lie deeper than any question of the cost of building. At bottom is the system of taxation which permits land values created by the growth of population and the demand for homes, to go into private pockets. The situation will never be satisfactory so long as this burden is laid on the many for the benefit of the few."

Yesterday was not only a most enjoyable Easter, so far as the weather was concerned, but it brought the suggestion of an early spring to add to the pleasure of the people. It was a delight to be out of doors, and many were able to attend church services who in stormy weather must have been deprived of this privilege.

The Ottawa Journal utters this gibe at the expenses of an old friend of ours: "And it goes without saying that Hon. Manning Dobson enjoyed his trip to England and that he returns in the best of good health, and that he's got his expense account all made out in 'everything'."

Maritime province cities and towns may not grow as rapidly as those in the prairie provinces, but neither do they default on their bonds. After all, these eastern provinces have their redeeming features.

According to an Ottawa despatch to the Halifax Herald, Mr. F. P. Gubelin is being mentioned as a possibility as head of the C. N. R. when the board of management is re-organized.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.  
Something to Strive For.  
Lives of master crooks remind us  
We may do a bit of time.  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Thumb-prints in the charts of crime.  
—Life.

Too Absurd!  
"She is neglecting her game of bridge dreadfully."  
"What is she doing that?"  
"Oh, some silly excuse. Says the children need her. I believe."—Boston Transcript.

Before and After.  
"Do you know what it is to go before an audience?"  
"No, I spoke before an audience once, but most of it went before I did."

Figuratively.  
Hobo—"Yes, lady, there was a time when I had money to burn and worse's that I did burn it."  
Old Lady—"And what did you burn it with my poor man?"  
Hobo—"With an old flame of mine."—Boston Transcript.

Not In His Case.  
Visitor—"Are you eager for your term to expire? Convict—No I'm in for life."

The Most Unpopular.  
Catching follows the periodical recital of the Decalogue at a Welsh Sunday school. The other Sunday the first question asked by the catechist was—"Which clause of the Ten Commandments is most frequently disobeyed today?"  
Quickly came the reply from a girl in her teens, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house."—Scotsman.

Then He Collapsed.  
"I think that children are not so observing as they used to be," said the inspector to the teacher.  
"I hadn't noticed it," he replied.  
"Well, I'll prove it to you," and turning to the class the inspector said: "Someone give me a number."  
"Will someone else give me a number?"  
The inspector wrote "78" on the board and nothing was said.  
"Fifty-two," said another child.  
He wrote down "46" on the board, and smiled at the teacher. He called for another number when a small boy cried out "Seventy-seven, and see if you can change it!"  
The inspector collapsed.

## TUBERCULOSIS CASES 5,000 IN CITY OF TORONTO

## Lack of Team Work Blamed by Medical Health Officer

Toronto, March 28.—This city has about 5,000 cases of active tuberculosis, according to a statement by Dr. C. J. O. Hastings, medical officer of health. "We want better team work between the doctors and their patients on the one side and the department of public health," he said. "For want of proper team work we have fallen down in our efforts to control tuberculosis."

## TURKS PLAN TO MAKE MARRIAGE COMPULSORY

Constantinople, March 28.—Alarmed at the growing depopulation of Turkey, the Turkish National parliament at Ankara is considering a bill to compel all men aged 25 or more to marry unless prevented by health reasons.

## ESTEVAN NOT DEFAULTING, SAYS MAYOR

Estevan, Sask., March 28.—We have never defaulted one cent of our payments and our books are open to inspection and auditors any day they may care to look at them," was the comment of Mayor Gardner in reply to a Toronto despatch that Estevan was one of the defaulting municipalities of Saskatchewan.

## 200,000 IN THIS EASTER PARADE

Atlantic City, N. J., March 28.—A crowd estimated at more than 200,000 paraded the Atlantic city streets yesterday to be reviewed by several thousand others at points of vantage along the famous wooden way. It was the largest and most colorful Easter parade in the history of the resort. Spring sunshine beamed down upon the parade, upsetting all predictions for this part of the country. Thermometer at noon registered 81 in the shade, the largest and most colorful Easter parade in the history of the resort.

## HOUSING AND RENTALS.

At Tuesday evening's Moncton city council meeting a memorial to be forwarded to the provincial government, asking for additional money to carry on the erection of houses this year in Moncton under the provisions of the Housing Act, was discussed. The memorial was unanimously passed.

## A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the Times:  
Sir,—In the fifth paragraph of my article published yesterday the sentence which should have read, "No foreign working man is allowed to land in Japan and no foreigner is allowed to own land there," the word "own" was omitted. I hope that the original copy is not responsible for this mistake, and if it is not beyond your rule in such cases, I would be very much obliged if you would kindly have this sentence made correct in the next issue of The Times. Trusting that you will excuse my troubling you, I am,  
Yours truly,  
ELFREDA M. COOLEN.  
St. John, N. B., March 27.

## LAYS GERMAN UPRISING AT DOOR OF REDS

## Prussian Statesman Believes Evidence Clear

## Says Design is Formation of German Soviet Republic and That Advantage is Being Taken of Troubles of the Hour.

Berlin, March 28.—With regard to evidence that the government could adduce to support its declared conviction that the communist outbreak in central Germany is directly traceable to Moscow and whose single purpose is the establishment of a German Soviet republic, Herr Severing, Prussian minister of the interior, said yesterday:  
"We base our belief on unimpeachable circumstantial evidence in our possession, and also point to the public utterances of accredited communist leaders here and elsewhere who openly designate the present period, when Germany is sorely tried with problems growing out of the entrance of the Russian revolution into the upper Silesian situation as the most opportune moment for a revolt."  
"The German communist party takes its orders from Moscow, and one need only follow the manifestos daily appearing in its official organs to locate the fountain head of that iniquity."  
The rioting in the Saxon province, the minister added, was also productive of tangible evidence of the complicity of Soviet agents in the instigation of the present disturbances. He said he strongly suspected, however, that the cue for the present insurrection miscarried and the signal found the extremists elsewhere than in Prussian Saxony unprepared for the crisis, disinclined to join the movement until about setting.

Herr Severing, who is the majority Socialist member of the Prussian cabinet, came into prominence a year ago when he was suppressing the Ruhr region revolt, which followed the Kapp rebellion. He expressed confidence now in the central German situation in hand by Wednesday purposing to restore order without requisitioning troops from the federal government.

## BROWNELL SENT BACK TO AMHERST

## Nova Scotia Player is Among Recruits to Be Let Out by Boston Red Sox.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 27.—Several Red Sox recruits are being let go by Manager Hugh Duffy. He will retain four of the young pitchers—Ernest Newton, left hander from the London, Ont. club; Clifford Best, a southpaw from Anaheim, Calif., who played in the Imperial league in the land of the prune; Frank Talbot, formerly of Yale, and Curtis Fullerton of East Boston.

## SHIPPING

## ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, MAR. 28.

High Tide.... 2.38 Low Tide.... 9.24  
Sun Rises.... 6.09 Sun Sets.... 6.47

## PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Saturday.  
Str Manchester Mariner, 2072, from Manchester.

Arrived Sunday.  
Str Scandinavian, 7730, Hamilton, from Antwerp via Southampton.

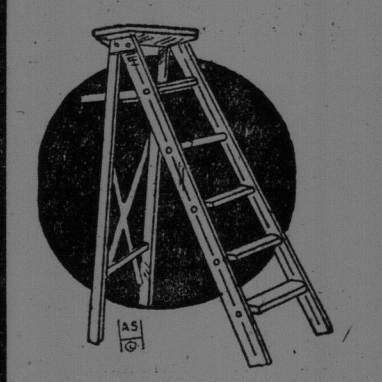
Sailed Saturday.  
Str Melita, 8826, Parry, for Liverpool.

Sailed Sunday.  
Str Hartmore, 8287, for United Kingdom.

## MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Uffe arrived here Saturday from Norfolk to load a cargo of potatoes for Havana, Cuba. Furness, Withy & Co. are the local agents.

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