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ROOSEVELT IN THE RING.

Colonel Roosevelt has followed his hat into the ring. He is now battling for the prize which he declared he would take only as a gift. His speech at New York Wednesday was the opening round with President Taft, and he fought without gloves. The President had attacked Roosevelt's policy of constitution-mending as "subjecting the guarantees of life, liberty, and property to the fitful impulse of a temporary majority of an electorate." To this Roosevelt replies with a body blow:

"I have scant patience with this talk of the tyranny of the majority. Whenever there is tyranny of the majority, I shall protest against it with all my heart and soul. But we are today suffering from the tyranny of minorities. The only tyrannies that are grabbing our coal deposits, our water powers, and our harbor fronts. A small minority is battering on the sale of adulterated foods and drugs. It is a small minority that lies behind monopolies and trusts. It is a small minority that stands behind the present law of master and servant, the sweatshops, and the whole calendar of social and industrial injustices. It is a small minority that is today using our convention system to defeat the will of the majority of the people in the choice of delegates to the Chicago convention. The only tyrannies from which men, women, and children are suffering in real life are the tyrannies of minorities."

The two combatants are at any rate not fighting over phantoms. There is a fundamental difference between them. The President stands for the old order; the former president says the old order must yield to new conditions, especially new industrial conditions. His classic example is the decision of the New York Court of Appeals, declaring unconstitutional a law passed by the New York Legislature for the compensation of injured workmen. The court took the ground that such a measure violated the clause of the constitution which says that property shall not be taken from anyone without due process of law. The workmen's compensation act, says Mr. Roosevelt, was in the interest of humanity and decency and fair dealing. Courts in several other states declared similar laws constitutional, and the supreme court of the nation also pronounced valid a similar law affecting men in interstate business. But the highest court in the State of New York undertook to say that the people of New York, through their Legislature, could not pass such a law.

Mr. Taft says the remedy is plain: amend the constitution of the State of New York. Mr. Roosevelt replies that it will take four years to secure an amendment; two more years to pass a new law through the Legislature, and an indefinite further period to carry the new law to the very court which had previously rejected it. He outlines a plan by which a remedy would be provided within two years. He proposes that when a state court has set aside a law passed by the Legislature for the general welfare, the question of the validity of the law shall be submitted for final determination to the vote of the people, taken after due time for consideration. Mr. Taft retorts that such a process is "utterly without merit or utility"; that it "sows the seeds of confusion and tyranny," and that it would make amendment and interpretation "depend on the feverish, uncertain, and unstable determination of successive votes on different laws by temporary and changing majorities." The objection is put in a livelier way by Congressman Campbell, of New Hampshire, who says that Mr. Roosevelt's plan is equivalent to allowing an appeal from the empire to the bleachers. Mr. Roosevelt answers Mr. Campbell in this fashion:

"Mr. Campbell's conception of the part the American people should play in self-government is that they should sit on the bleachers and pay the price of admission, but should have nothing to say as to the contest which is waged in the arena by the professional politicians. Apparently Mr. Campbell ignores the fact that the American people are not mere onlookers at a game, that they have a vital stake in the contest, and that democracy means nothing unless they are able and willing to show that they are their own masters. . . . Again and again earnest workers for social justice have said to me that the most serious obstacles that they have encountered during the many years that they have been trying to save American women and children from destruction in American industry have been the courts."

The issue between Taft and Roosevelt is clearly defined. There can be no doubt that the rigidity of the American federal and state constitutions is becoming more and more oppressive. Mr. Roosevelt's theory is in harmony with the necessities of the age, but whether his methods are proper and safe many Americans will doubt. Per-

haps if he were regarded as a safer man there would be less dread among the conservative elements of the nation over his new policy.

THE CRY OF REVOLUTION.

Mr. Asquith's firmness has so far triumphed in the House of Commons, and it is possible he may be relieved of his heavy burden after all by an agreement between the masters and men outside the walls of parliament.

While the Laborites rallied at his bill because he would not meet all their demands, Mr. Balfour, called back to the command of his party, shouted "revolution!" It is late in the day to yell "Revolution" at so moderate a measure of relief, but this has become a habit with a school of British politicians. Raised at every move of the Liberal Government it gets rather tiresome. It is the old story of "Wolf." And yet there is just this danger in such a parrot cry, that far from believing in the mass of the nation's laborers may become exasperated by its absurdity and be goaded to extreme demands. So long as the Liberal party is in power, with its earnest interest in the welfare of the workers, there is no danger. But let the reactionaries come back to office with their hatred of social reform even the most moderate, and there is likely to be trouble. This cry of "Revolution" may then be full of suggestion.

Mr. Bernard Brown, a well-known economist, treats thoughtfully of this phase of politics in a recent book. He says:

"We must anticipate in the future a growing activity on the part of the state. This growing activity, wisely directed, is the true pledge of individual liberty."

"We must conclude that the supreme problem of the future must be, not how to thwart the movement towards state control, but how to direct it in such a way as to achieve legitimate ends without sacrificing the individuality of the citizen. He who clings blindly to the status quo in legislation, which economic, political, and moral conditions are rapidly changing, is a menace to the very social order he affects to defend. If I were asked to name the worst enemy of the existing social order, I should point to the man who opposes any and every proposal for social amelioration. Such men are unsalvageable by argument; and, by their attitude of uncompromising opposition to reform, they are the unconscious instruments of social catastrophe. By combining with other forces, they may succeed in delaying reforms; but the ultimate result of their effort, if successful for a time, must be to give a plausibility and an irresistible power to the demand for revolutionary change in the near future."

According to this view "revolution" is more likely to arise from the obstructionist attitude of Mr. Balfour. Mr. Asquith is the man who tries to direct the movement towards state control in such a way as to achieve legitimate ends without sacrificing the individuality of the citizen."

Many forces have combined so to contract both time and space that millions of threads once separate are now being woven into an intricate rope that will encircle the world. Capital is as hostile to free competition as labor can be. Not only the united British miners seek the application of the corporate agency of the state, but American trusts, themselves great conglomerations, admit their need of state control. Neither union nor trust can much longer stand alone, and soon the nations linked by the machinery of banking, commissions and courts of arbitration will be knit into one organism.

It used to be freely argued by economists that summary legislation or regulation of wages and prices would be only so much labor lost. But modern organization of business has brought it about in a certain way, to the disadvantage of "consumers," without the state's activity. What the state has now to do is to put the finishing touches on the work of unions and trusts holding the balance among all parties concerned, the capitalist, the laborer and the consumer. In Great Britain, parliament has been regulating the wages in a number of trades where one combination had proved too much for another. It has now been called upon to intervene with caution in the greatest of all disputes between labor and capital.

INVADING PROVINCIAL RIGHTS.

The Federal Government's road-building bill is a sinister invasion of Provincial rights. No one will object to the appropriation of Federal money for road improvement, but highways are municipal property under Provincial jurisdiction, and money spent on a trunk system should be controlled by the Provincial authorities. The Ottawa Opposition has proposed that the several Provincial Governments be given control of the Federal expenditure within their respective limits, but the Federal authorities wish to keep the spending of the money in their own hands for political purposes. The law by which Federal subsidies to the provinces are not expended directly by the Federal Government, but entrusted to the Provincial Governments, should govern this new undertaking, but it has been violated at the behest of the patronage-mongering wing of the party in power, although it follows an essential principle of the constitution. A purely local work has been made a national one by act of parliament, in order to put into the debt and practised hands of the Minister of Railways a fund to be spent for the advantage of his party. Even the Senate's mild and reasonable amendment asking that the money be distributed among the provinces in proportion to their population, has been refused by the Government.

Not only can pressure be brought upon municipalities and counties, but whole provinces can be discriminated against if their policies are not of the proper complexion.

All roads led to Rome in the ancient days. Mr. Cochrane proposes to build them leading to Ottawa, politically speaking.

President Taft has given currency to the word "honeyfuge," meaning to wheedle, delude or hoodwink the people. It is listed as slang, but it sounds better than most of the vulgarisms which are grouped under that heading.

A new horror comes in the train of the coal strike. By curtailing the railway service it is depriving the wealthy Englishman of his "week-end." Next to the loss of his dinner, nothing could more exasperate him.

Mr. Taft says Mr. Roosevelt proposes to "lay the axe at the foot of the tree of well-ordered freedom." Mr. Roosevelt says he is merely trying to cut a path through the jungle. Meanwhile the two gentlemen will use the axe on each other freely.

The Berlin Government replies to Churchill's speech by increasing its naval programme. The British Government will now give Germany two Rolands for her Oliver. And so the crushing competition threatens to go on while millions in both countries live on the verge of want. This may be civilization, but it is not Christian.

Hon. T. W. Crothers now admits that his predecessor, Hon. Mackenzie King, did his best to restore the Grand Trunk strikers to their positions. "I have done the same but without success," he adds. In the last general election Mr. Crothers, who sits for a railway constituency, profited greatly by the action that Mr. King was derelict in his duty to the strikers. He has made the amende honorable rather late, but better late than never.

There was a mediaeval scholar, Duns the Irishman, of the highest repute in his day as a logician. But shortly after his death came in what the school books call the New Learning, the cleverness of Duns went out of fashion, giving way to a broader and more humane culture, and it was not so long before the name of Duns became a by-word for stupidity. May it not go quite as hard with the philosophical debater whom the Unionist Sanballats must have to speak for them, and who cries "revolution!" at the Government's attempt to save millions from misery?

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO. [Exchange.]
Mosquitos.
Picnics.
Moonlight excursions.
Front porch serenades.
Fish net underwear.
Circuses.
"Raised in our garden" vegetables.
Sunburn.

POSSIBILITY OF THE FUTURE. [Columbia State.]
It may yet come to the point where New York will employ a squad of English suffragettes to protect the police.

CHILDREN'S LAUGHTER CLOSED RUSSIAN PARK. [Fall Mail Gazette.]
The Pushkin Park, the only children's playing ground at Sevastopol, which was opened by public subscription, has been closed by administrative orders because the children's laughter and shouting interfere with the work of the police officials in their chancellery.

DICKENS'S RESEMBLANCE TO TENNYSON. [London Chronicle.]
Some of the great writers of last century seem to have resembled each other in physical appearance as well as in genius. Mr. Comyns Carr, in his "Eminent Victorians" states that he was struck at one of Dickens' readings by the resemblance to Tennyson. Afterward, on seeing a pencil drawing which had been made of Dickens after death, he found the likeness to the poet still more marked, and on the sketch being shown to Tennyson he, too, observed the resemblance. He gazed at it for some minutes, then exclaimed: "Why, this is a most extraordinary drawing. It is exactly like myself. And Lady Dorothy Nevill in her 'Reminiscences' tells of a painting purchased by a friend of hers as a portrait of Browning. It was afterwards found to be a portrait of Dickens' head by an artist friend of Gals' Hill.

ANOTHER OFFICIAL. [Stratford Beacon.]
To show its non-partisanship the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West elected another Ontario Government grand master. He may be called a Dane, but we'll vouch for his Toryism.

HAMILTON'S "TIGHT-WAD" POLICY. [Brandon Expositor.]
Hamilton's industrial commissioner has decided to go to London because of the tight-wad policy of the Hamiltonians. Yet if there is a place in Canada which ought to be liberal in this matter it is the Ambitious City, which has been remarkably successful in the landing of new industries.

THE PROPER FARE. [Toronto Star.]
Sir Henry Folliott had eighteen "Sirs" at his table. No doubt a shirlon of beef was used.

A WINNER. [Cleveland Plain Dealer.]
"Was the charity ball a success?" "Oh, yes, indeed. They say the gowns must have cost a half-million at least."

"And how much was raised for charity?" "Why, nearly \$700. Wasn't that fine?"

WARNING HIM. [Life.]
He (anxiously)—"How long, darling, will it take to complete your troussseau?"
She—"All the rest of my married life."

ALL THE SAME TO HIM. [Chicago Record-Herald.]
"Have you a few minutes to spare?" asked the agent.
"No," replied the busy man.
"Well, I have a proposition that I think will interest you."

A Few Lines of Most Anything

It's rather depressing to stand on a bridge and watch a perfectly sufficient family supply of ice float by in one cake.

Uncle Sam would enjoy his meals quite as much since there's no Doc Wiley to taste them for him.

The officers of the Canadian navy have their voices trained well waiting for ships. They could then truly duce "Pinafore," and capture the Earl Grey trophy.

High cost of living? Bosh! Folks are giving theatre parties on 50 cents every night in the week.

How Very Amazing!
Did you notice the advertisement offering to pay one dollar for every cat with kittens a few days old? It appears in the want ad pages, and the local physician who is out of cats wants the young man who will adopt a number of orphan kittens into their own families. As a result of the advertising there have been many offers of cats. Small boys with cats, large boys with cats, even cats with cats, with cats, and men with cats have been ringing the doctor's doorbell. It looks as though the orphan children will not go hungry. All of which goes to demonstrate that you can get anything by advertising.

And to keep on looking over the want ads, there is one in a Toronto paper offering to sell a house, with the condition that there is "a good opening for a dentist."

Someone else wants girls for chewing gum wrappers. What girl wants to chew gum wrappers?

The Fashion Is Flat.
"Everything looks flat to me," said the young man of the Women's Department of the Sherbrooke Exhibition, and his success was owing greatly to her executive ability.

Among the floral tributes was a bouquet from Mrs. Lackie and family, London, Ont. The Record also says: Mrs. Lackie and her daughter, Mrs. M. Graham, of London, Ont., are in town at "Hillier Lodge," Queen street, named by the death of their niece and cousin, the late Mrs. Keene.

The most common cause of insomnia is disorders of the stomach, Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets correct these disorders and enable you to sleep. For sale by all dealers.

A HANDSOME PUBLICATION
London Pioneer Printer Issues 25th Anniversary Edition.

A London pioneer printer, who has "made good" in Chicago—Mr. H. R. Cissold—has published his twenty-fifth anniversary edition of "The Bakers' Helper," a leading trade journal.

This March number, quarto size and handsomely illustrated, contains 208 pages of interesting and instructive reading, including a very clever poem by Mrs. J. H. Chapman, of Chicago, entitled, "A Loaf of Bread." Appreciation of the Editor of the National Association of Bakers, and a mass of attractively displayed and illustrated advertisements.

Harry Cissold was editor of "The Helper" for six years before he became its proprietor and publisher, and has been a resident of Chicago for 50 years. He is the printer's trade in London, and set type alongside of Dr. J. T. Campbell and the late John Cameron, when the trio worked on a religious newspaper published by the late Rev. Mr. Robinson, father-in-law of Prof. Saunders, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa.

The Helper has a large and steadily increasing circulation, its patronage covering all sections of the United States and Canada, with subscribers in the Old Country. The March edition is a handsome specimen of the printer's and engraver's handiwork.

AYLMER.
Aylmer, March 23.—Jack Harris is suffering from a sore foot, caused from slipping on a block of wood at his home.

There was a large attendance at the Baptist Church last night to hear the evangelists, Messrs. Taylor and Hatch. The millinery openings are being held here this afternoon.

Mrs. Savage, of Toronto, will address a meeting in the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, March 27, in the interests of the King's Daughters.

R. B. Russell, of Toronto, was here on business yesterday.

R. C. McKenney has been confined to his home for a few days through illness.

If the weather permits, the young people of Aylmer will be given another chance for ice skating on Tuesday evening.

J. G. Hunter, who has been spending the winter in California, is expected to arrive home the latter part of this month.

WINSTON'S MISTAKE.
[Brandon Expositor.]
The references to Germany made in Mr. Winston Churchill's naval speech have naturally provoked a good deal of discussion. The reference will probably lead to the conclusion that they might better have been omitted. A proud nation like that over which the Kaiser presides is not likely to submit to having its naval policy dictated by any country.

"LEGALLY SPEAKING."
[Hamilton Herald:]
"Legally, there are no bilingual schools," says Sir James Whitney. Which goes to show what many people already know, that the legal aspect of a question or situation is not necessarily the true one.

FATAL GERMAN GRAMMAR.
[London Evening Standard.]
Leopolda Jivanovitch, a girl of 12, drowned herself in the Danube after leaving a letter for her parents explaining that her school marks could never

IMITATIONS OF ZAM-BUK
Would you accept a counterfeit half-dollar? No fear! Then why accept fifty cents' worth of counterfeit merchandise? When any preparation is put up to you as "just as good" as Zam-Buk, leave it severely alone! Don't be cheated. There is no salve as good as Zam-Buk, although several preparations cost much less to produce than Zam-Buk, therefore, be sold at greater profit to the dealer. Depend upon it, if Zam-Buk were not the best it would not be imitated. People only imitate the real diamond. They don't imitate paste. Get the real thing.

DEATH OF MRS. KEENE IN SHERBROOKE, QUE.

Funeral Attended by Mrs. Lackie and Mrs. R. M. Graham, of this City.

The Sherbrooke (Quebec) Daily Record says of Mrs. E. F. Keene, of that city, whose death occurred recently, and who was well known to many Londoners:

All that was mortal of the late Mrs. E. F. Keene was laid to rest yesterday in the English Cemetery of Prospect street, in the midst of a large gathering of neighbors and friends, including the class of 13 of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, where Miss Keene was a student. Messrs. J. W. Bayley, W. H. Wilson, Frank Wilson, Arthur Genge, A. E. Wiggett and G. E. Borsage. The pall-bearers were Dr. Austin, Mr. P. T. Ansell, Mr. E. J. Vester Jenckes and Mr. E. Kinkaid. The mourners were Mr. David Thomas, father of deceased; Forest Keene, son, and Lindsay Reid, of Drummondville. The service at the grave was taken by Rev. Canon Allnatt, D.D., vice-principal of Bishop's College, and at St. Peter's Church, the touching, simple service, was conducted by Rev. Canon Shreve, D.D., assisted by Rev. Dr. Allnatt. A full choir chanted the psalm in the burial office, and rendered with deep feeling the hymns, "Nearer My God to Thee," and "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." Mr. J. W. 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