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#### AN OBJECT LESSON.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Mr. Lapointe, M. P., were greatly impressed by what they saw in St. John harbor on Saturday. They saw vessels taking cargo for many parts of the world. They saw other vessels lying in the stream as they had been for many days, because there were no berths to accommodate them. They realized the value of this national port to the trade of Canada as they had never realized it before. They do not have to take anybody's word for it—they saw for themselves. When the question of harbor improvements at St. John is before parliament these two members will have a full knowledge of the conditions here, and of the fact that the country must not only provide enlarged facilities for traffic already offering, but for the steadily increasing traffic of the future. There can be no stagnation at St. John if the trade of Canada is to seek her own ports, for as the trade grows so must the facilities for giving quick despatch to the freight.

Mr. King said on Saturday that the present conditions in the harbor were a great object lesson. If it could be shown to every member of parliament there would be no hesitation in demanding the nationalization of the port, or at least the immediate beginning of extensive works to accommodate all vessels seeking the port. The short-sightedness of the government in not seeing that to give the new transcontinental access to St. John would at once call for more harbor facilities or rob the railway of business must be atoned for by a determined effort to catch up. The government railways will not get through traffic in competition with the C. P. R. If they cannot handle it quickly at the point where rail and water meet. The campaign of publicity must be continued until all Canada knows the facts about this national port. We must not forget that other parts of the country are absorbed in their own problems and that if St. John is to make its voice heard it must do that which will attract the attention and arouse the interest of the people from coast to coast. The Commercial Club and Board of Trade have made an excellent beginning. Since this is the really big question in St. John they should keep their hand steadily to the plow.

#### RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

A curious situation has developed in regard to Russia. There is a difference of opinion between Lloyd George and the war office as to the extent of the danger in that direction. The prime minister is against intervention and in favor of resuming trade relations with Soviet Russia. The war office officials appear to believe it would be wiser to make a deliberate effort to crush Bolshevism. The labor party would have England make peace with the Soviet, but the supreme war council, while it agrees to trade relations, asserts that its attitude toward the Lenin-Trotsky government of Russia is unchanged. Mr. Lloyd George believes, however, that a military movement against the Bolsheviks would cause the Russians to turn against outside pressure, and so prolong the danger. Poland, by seizing some Russian territory, is further embarrassing the Allies. It is now claimed that the danger from Bolshevik machinations in the east is not so serious as previously reported, but it is not entirely passed away. The whole situation is most perplexing, but there does not seem to be any present prospect of armed intervention by the Allies in Russia. Bolshevism, if left alone, will seal its own fate because it is economically as well as morally unsound, and its success has been due to the ignorance of the people. Their enlightenment is only a question of time.

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT IT.

To remove some misconceptions with regard to juvenile courts a few quotations may be of value. In a publication telling what the juvenile court and probation system has done in Philadelphia we read:—

"The juvenile court and probation system were adopted in Pennsylvania in 1901, thus making Pennsylvania the third state in the union which introduced this effective, economical and practical method of caring for unfortunate children. It has been shown conclusively that the system is a success, and accomplishes what it seeks in saving the children. The juvenile court and probation system stands today as the most advanced and effective method yet found for protecting and helping children."

Mr. J. J. Kelso, for more than twenty-five years superintendent of neglected and dependent children in the province of Ontario, writes:—

"The juvenile court should undoubtedly be an educational rather than a police tribunal, conducted by specially elected persons and held in different premises from the ordinary legal courts, either as an adjunct to the school system, or under the auspices of a Children's Aid Society. Bearing in mind that the object of the court is to betterment and not to convict, it can readily be seen that an active, intelligent and sympathetic body of probation officers would soon arrive at the causes of youthful wrongdoing, and by educational influences secure for the children of the poor their rights in the matter of playgrounds, school attendance, with manual

training, bathing facilities, sanitary homes, etc., seeking not to remove the child from his natural environment, but to remove the causes that lead to wrongdoing; above all, getting the parents to appreciate the worth of their children, and aiding them to obtain those privileges and advantages that at present are beyond their reach."

Judge Julian W. Mack, of Chicago, says:—

"Those who come before juvenile courts must be reached through love, not fear. The purpose in bringing them before the court is to lead them away from and destroy their propensities to vice; to elevate, not to degrade; to reform, not to punish them. Their parents, likewise, must be met and dealt with in the same spirit. To administer juvenile laws in accordance with their true spirit and intent requires one of broad mind, of almost infinite patience, and one who is the possessor of great faith in humanity, and thoroughly imbued with that spirit."

Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver says:—

"Perhaps the real significance of the juvenile court movement in America has not been so much the spread of the law, or anything new in law, as the spread of the spirit involved in regarding every boy or girl brought to court as one to be saved, to be strengthened, understood, helped and not hurt or degraded."

Judge Wallace, for six years, judge of the juvenile court in Halifax, says:—

"Probation is the most effective method of dealing with juvenile offenders. The court avails itself of the probation system and tries to prevent children from reaching a condition which would necessitate their being formally dealt with by the court. The ultimate success of this remedial agency may depend more on the number of children kept out of court than brought into it. The procedure often begins before any offence is committed. When it is reported that a boy or girl is inclined to be wayward, or is being brought up without salutary parental control, an officer of the court investigates the report, confers with the parents or guardians of the boy or girl, and often by such action renders unnecessary the summoning of the boy or girl to court."

It is obvious that such a court would neither invade the sanctity of a home nor interfere with the rights of parents. It would help the parents to conserve the right of the child to a fair start in life.

Everybody would like to know what American official told Admiral Sims his country would as soon fight the British as the Germans. The admiral asserts that there was lack of co-operation on the part of Washington that greatly embarrassed him. The American people will want to know more of this matter.

Mrs. Rose Henderson of Montreal has given up the office of judge of the juvenile court to devote her time to the labor movement. There has been talk of a visit to St. John by Mrs. Henderson. If she comes she will tell the labor men of St. John they should demand a juvenile court.

The delegation to Ottawa had no mandate to resurrect harbor commission, and if anybody else tried to do it they should have made clear to all concerned that St. John stands upon its rights and demands a square deal.

It is now reported that the Central Soviet government of Russia has abolished capital punishment. If true, this is a remarkable development, in view of the wholesale murders of the past year or more.

If Russia has a million tons of wheat ready for export the resumption of trade relations would help greatly to solve the food problem in those portions of Europe where there is a scarcity.

The reply of Holland to the request for the surrender of the ex-Kaiser to an Allied tribunal for trial is awaited with world-wide interest.

Six English labor members of parliament have gone to Ireland to study the situation. Their report will be very interesting.

The Clemenceau cabinet has resigned. There is to be a new premier as well as a new president of France.

Further dallying with harbor commission would simply delay the development of the port.

#### CUTTING DOWN PRINTING STAFF; 90 FIRST GO

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The re-organization of the Department of Public Printing and Stationery, now progressing under the civil service commission, has reached a stage where the retirement of some members of the staff is necessary. About ninety employees will be retired on February 1, 1920, with two months pay and a retiring allowance. The first to go are those sixty years and above, about eighty-two in number. The civil service commission points out that this is only the first list, as the re-organization report adopted by the government recommends the retirement of about 400 employees.



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#### EMMAGOLDMAN.

I saw fair Emma leave our shores, and crape was festooned on her lid; she sailed with many other bores who talked too much, as Emma did. She stood upon the vessel's prow, what time the siren gave three hoofs, and shrieked to us, "I leave you now, but I'll come back, you bet your boots!" Alas, it was an idle threat, though hurled at us with force and vim; the ocean's deep and wide and wet, and poor old Emma cannot swim. Thus sailed away a brainy dame who might have ranked among the great, and figured in our Hall of Fame, had she but had her head straight. She went around denouncing things and telling people they were slaves, the bondmen of the money kings and other plutocratic knaves. Her whole existence was a knock, she had the morals of a dip; and now, because she couldn't walk, she's crossed the ocean in a ship. We couldn't shoe her off the earth, but we did shoe her off this shore, which tribute to her sterling worth appeared to make old Emma sore. So fare thee well, O Emma dear, may you keep fat in other lands; we're tired of loosed ladies here, who talk of bombs and burning brands.

#### CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domino Happenings of Other Days

#### CHESAPEAKE AND THE SHANNON.

One of the most thrilling engagements ever fought on the waters of the Atlantic was that between the British ship Shannon and the United States war vessel Chesapeake off Boston in June, 1813. The victor as we supposed back into the port of Halifax with its capture received a wonderful welcome—one that was duplicated when the ship was sent to England a short time afterwards as the guest of Captain Brooke of the British navy.

Private William Parry Wallis had been born in Halifax in 1791 and as a mere lad he had gone to sea as a midshipman in the Chesapeake. His first experience in actual warfare was when the ship was captured by the British.

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#### SUCCESS BOVILLER?



Thomas Bradshaw of Toronto. It is rumored that he may succeed T. C. Boviller, deputy minister of finance, and that the post might be changed to dominion commissioners of finance. If such change is made the powers of the commission would be greatly enlarged.

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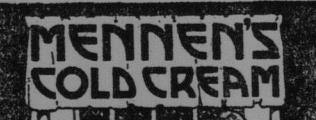
(David Harold Colcord in The Review.)

For the man whose work is necessarily uninteresting, there is but one solution, provided he has taken careful stock of his capabilities and possibilities and finds that he must remain where he is, and that is to create a permanent interest outside of the shop doing the thing that he likes to do best. There are but a few who find their work so absorbing that it satisfies. In fact, history is filled with men who have become famous not because of their vocation, but because of their "outside" interest. The discontented man is not discontented because of what he does, but because he doesn't know what to do with his surplus time, so that after several rounds of the movies, a plate of ice cream, and a jazz selection on the phonograph, his store of amusements is exhausted. It isn't the eight hours at the machine that makes the anarchist; it's the eight hours of idleness. The man that succeeds in finding the blue bird of happiness capitalizes these hours of rest—not at work, perhaps, but at something essentially satisfying. The Prince of Peace was a carpenter by trade—and more. Washington was a surveyor; Andrew Carnegie, a captain of industry—and a writer, and Theodore Roosevelt, a statesman and a naturalist.

Man's first duty is to provide food, clothing, and shelter for his family. The twentieth century man sacrifices but eight hours of the twenty-four for these. Let him call the first eight hours of his day "work," and find satisfaction for the desire of his soul in the other eight. He should be honest, play square with his employer, give up all eight hours of labor; but get enough fun out of the other eight that when he reports for work each day he is ready to give his part to the world's work, and give it gladly. He should get a hobby and ride it until it gets stale, and then get another one. Two weeks, two hundred and nineteen days of the year are his to spend as he pleases. The machine since time began has the leisure he has.

#### TORONTO FIRE.

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Port Dover, Ont., Jan. 19.—L. G. Morgan, a school teacher in this district for fifty-five years and proprietor of the Port Dover Maple Leaf, a weekly paper, for three years was burned to death yesterday morning through the upsetting or explosion of an oil stove in his bedroom.

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