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MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5.

"Why Borrow New Troubles?"

Surely there is no foundation for the rumors and talk that the Ottawa Government intend dissolving parliament and making an appeal to the country. Surely we have enough of troubles on hand without unnecessarily adding to them that of party rancor.

Canada has thrown in her lot with the empire and has declared to all the world that we are in it to the finish.

That being so—and we believe that was the only patriotic thing to do—would it not be suicidal to destroy the unanimity of the people and of the public men by injecting into the situation all the old contentions, bickerings and partisan struggles of the usual aid period and to keep the country in a turmoil for three months and to destroy from that time forward all hopes of keeping the people united in their devotion to the empire.

All our energies, the energies of all our public men and of the people should now be consecrated to the one thing, that of saving our empire, our political freedom, our commercial future, the welfare of our country, our nationality. Could there ever be another continent after such a disruption as a political struggle, on the slump that must be based on recrimination, on charges of disloyalty, of inefficiency in office? It would put us out of all standing as a nation that had the instincts of British democracy. We must keep united at all cost and parliament should meet and vote further supplies for continuing our contributions of men and other aid till our arms are victorious, or until we go down with flying colors before the assaults of the most brutal despotism ever known in the history of the world and which now threatens all our civilization.

Let us cease talking of elections. Let us organize another and still another contingent and let parliament fulfill its duties. The mother country has set us all an example of forgetting all party disputes and contentions in the face of supreme danger.

And not only parliament but the government must give us undivided attention to keeping up our end in the fighting line. But we must also deal with the great problem of unemployment and the check that has come to all our business industries, our employments because of the war. Parliament must deal with the financial stringency, with the banking situation, we must encourage and help our farmers to increase their production.

We believe there are men who are canvassing this idea of throwing the people into such a turmoil as we dread, we trust that it will forthwith be made abundantly clear that the government at Ottawa have no such policy in hand no matter what individuals may seek for mere party reasons. All are for the state and nothing else.

A Traffic Commission.

Alderman Morley Wickett, chairman of the transportation committee of the city council, has prepared a memorandum for his committee following the close of the negotiations for the purchase of the street railway. Dr. Wickett's views are succinctly put and should prove helpful to the committee in opening up the new stage of the street railway situation. There are three points to which we deem attention should be given. First of all, the problem itself must be faced and cannot be evaded.

"In fact," says Dr. Wickett, "for Toronto, transportation must be said to be a fundamental problem, and its satisfactory solution an absolute necessity for the general health, comfort and well-being of the community. Had the automobile not made many thousands of our citizens more or less independent of the solution and indifferent, one may well believe that ere this a feasible way out of the present tangle would have been found. Automobile owners, however, will recognize that the normal, healthy and satisfactory development of the city—one of the finest cities of America—is being checked and named by the present unfortunate situation, and that it is to the interest of all classes that relief be found."

Dr. Wickett then points out that only partial relief, and not a remedy,

could be expected from the Ontario Railway Board; and that the present commissioner of works has his hands too full to expect him to be able to find time to specialize on the street railway problem. He thinks that immediate steps should be taken to appoint the traffic commission, which the city has already secured power to form. The very strongest men available should be secured, he says, and it should be given full power to work out its conclusions and carry them into effect. This does not imply more, however, than the preparation of a plan to be laid before the city council and the electors, who could not otherwise have the requisite investigations and negotiations carried on. This is a reasonable view and should commend itself to all who have followed the abortive efforts of the past two years.

Dr. Wickett recognizes the overwhelming body of opinion in favor of public ownership, but he has the courage in the face of this to place before the committee the plan of co-operation between the municipality and the corporation, under which the municipality would have a wide measure of control, guaranteeing the capital invested a minimum return of so much per cent., and dividing the surplus earnings over this minimum. In Chicago this method has been found effective and acceptable.

We do not either reject or accept the principle, but have to point out that in so far as we have had any experience with the principle, as in the Consumers' Gas Co., and in the C. P. R., it has not worked out satisfactorily to the public. The Gas Company has a remarkable way of using up surplus profits when the public think they should have a reduction in the price of gas, and the C. P. R. has invented the most ingenious devices for getting more than ten per cent. out of the capital which the country gave it in order to furnish cheap rates to the public. A street railway company might accomplish wonders for itself under a similar system.

We think that it would be well to appoint a traffic commission, but it should be a commission that would be clearly aware that public ownership of the street railway is what the city has made up its mind to. There is no use starting out with any other idea.

Mayor Hocken's plans, we still believe, should have prevailed and would have done so, but for the extraordinary situation created by the German preparations for war. The conditions worked favorably for those who in the city were opposed to public ownership, and some who were in favor of public ownership were misled for political purposes. Much of this is clear now, and will be clearer as time passes. It will always be an interesting episode to recall how the anti-public ownership people pulled the legs of public ownership leaders while it suited them, and then sold them out.

But the time has come for a fresh start, and Dr. Wickett has made a fair statement of the case, which should receive careful and immediate attention.

"A Strong Factor"

The Toronto News, which is exceedingly close to the Ontario Government, if it does not actually speak with authority and not as the scribes, makes an admission which may usefully go on record, seeing that some of us were obfuscated for even suggesting the possibility of such a thing. We trust the solution of the problem will prove as satisfactory to all parties as The News takes for granted. The paragraph appeared on Saturday:

Hon. Frank Cochrane, an old member of the Ontario Government and the leading Ontario representative in the Ottawa cabinet, was naturally called in consultation, and undoubtedly he was a strong factor in accelerating the satisfactory working out of a problem that at first glance looked decidedly difficult of solution.

Will Russia Lead?

With Canada and the United States still further taxing and to that extent licensing the liquor traffic, Russia voluntarily gives up one-third of her revenue by proclaiming and enforcing total prohibition. Russia can perhaps do this more easily because of her autocratic form of government and also because the liquor business has been a government monopoly. The imperial edict suspending the sale of vodka as a war measure is now confirmed and extended by another proclamation which bids fair to make prohibition a cardinal principle of the czar's government.

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Has Commenced to Parcel Out Territories of Her Enemies.

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BUCHAREST, Oct. 3.—Russia has already begun to parcel out the empires of her enemies, it is stated, having offered Roumania, the Austrian Provinces of Bukovina and Transylvania, as the prize for adding the alms. The proposition depends on Roumania immediately throwing her forces into Transylvania and conquering that territory. Bukovina has already been partially subjected by the Russians.

A cabinet meeting is to be held in a very few days to decide this momentous question. The sentiment of the public and most of the court is solidly Russian, but King Charles inclines to the German side. He is a Hohenzollern by birth and all of his personal wealth is in the German empire.

As a result of differences with his ministers and the stress of the moral conflict, the king is reported seriously ill and confined in his palace at Sinaia. The belief is general that he will renounce his throne rather than join with the enemies of Germany.

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KING ALBERT POSTED LETTER FOR SOLDIER

Took Message From One of His Men While on the Firing Line.

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LONDON, Oct. 4.—A story comes from Ghent of the consistent kindness and consideration shown by King Albert of the Belgians for his brave people. While on the fighting line one day last week, says an English woman, writing from the city named, the king came on a soldier just in the act of sealing a letter.

"To whom are you writing?" asked the king.

"My mother," said the soldier.

"I will take it and post it for you," replied the king, holding out his hand to receive the missive.

MASS MEETING TONIGHT.

A general public mass meeting of North Riverdale Ratepayers' Association, together with others, will be held at Playter's Hall, corner Davenport and Broadview avenues, at 8 o'clock tonight. Program and discussion on military corps establishment in local schools, and election of officers.

FIRST PRODUCTION BY PUBLIC PLANT

Sir Adam Beck Opens Wausdell Falls Developing Station Tomorrow.

A BUSY DAY FOR BECK

He Will Speak at Cannington, Beaverton and Stouffville as Well.

Tomorrow will be recorded as a big day in the history of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, for it will mark the first venture into the actual production of power by a government commission in the province. Sir Adam Beck will officially open the power plant and developing station at Wausdell Falls, and touch a button that will send light and power flashing into the first three of a string of municipalities in the surrounding district. On the same day inaugural ceremonies in connection with the new power facilities will be conducted by him in Cannington, Beaverton and Stouffville, the three towns which will begin at once to benefit by the commission program.

It is pointed out that the beginning of production spells a new era for the commission. When the movement was first launched the criticism was advanced that it would merely prove a vendor of power, but the successful engineering of the Wausdell plant is taken to augur a day when the commission will superintend all the production as well as disposal of power in Ontario.

Plan Mass Meetings.

Arrangements are being made for mass meetings in the different municipalities in the new power zone, and Sir Adam will deliver addresses on Tuesday evening.

The intention of the commission is to thoroughly exploit the power possibilities of this district and to bring light and power for domestic and commercial purposes to a score of municipalities within a short radius. The completion of the plant means that the Severn River will henceforth be counted as one of the powerful generating sources of the supply.

IROQUOIS INDIANS AT FIELD SPORTS

Annual Event at St. Regis Well Patronized—Interesting Contests.

Special to The Toronto World.

CORNWALL, Ont., Oct. 4.—The annual field day of the International Iroquois Athletic Association was held at St. Regis this afternoon. There was a very large attendance, and the games from the size of the crowd that half the population of Cornwall was present as well as many from Massena, N.Y., and other points, who came in motor cars and buggies. In a baseball match between Hogsburg and a combination of players from Brazer Falls and Helena, N.Y., the Hogsburg nine won by 9 to 8 after playing ten innings. A lacrosse team from Cornwall was to have played an Indian team, but the Cornwall team did not arrive, so two Indian teams played an exhibition match. Donald Smith of Cornwall refereed. There were two speed contests and some foot races. Everybody had a good time, and the Indians and their wives on the reserve were pleased at the attendance of so many white friends. Music was furnished by the Hogsburg Band and the National Band of Cornwall.

DEMANDED SURRENDER AND WERE ARRESTED

German Envoys Neglected to Bandage Eyes and Carry White Flag.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PARIS, Oct. 4.—Among a detachment of 535 German prisoners who passed thru a station near Paris Saturday, on their way south, were four superior officers. These officers had presented themselves at Rheims during the bombardment of the cathedral and demanded the surrender of the place. As they did not have their eyes bandaged and without a white flag, they were not considered envoys and were held as prisoners of war.

Mrs. Newlywed says:

"I can't imagine how you manage to be dressed by the time your husband comes home on a wash day."

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LONG WAR WILL HELP HOME RULE

Timothy Healy Believes "Khaki Election" Will Ensure Liberal Victory.

Canadian Press Despatch.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—The future of the Irish home rule bill depends in some measure on the duration and result of the European war, in the opinion of Timothy Healy, Irish member of the British Parliament, who arrived here today from Liverpool on the Cunard liner Campania. To some extent Ireland owed the enactment of the bill to the present conflict, Mr. Healy said. "There must be a general election in 1915," he continued, "and if the war lasts a year the Liberals will certainly be returned and therefore will have the home rule bill to handle."

If the war is over in a short time, he feared a Conservative victory and what he believed would be consequent complications of the situation as regarded Ulster.

ST. THOMAS LOSES LEADING CITIZEN

Thomas M. Hutchinson Dies Suddenly of Acute Heart Trouble.

Special to The Toronto World.

ST. THOMAS, Oct. 4.—Thomas H. Hutchinson, one of the best known residents of St. Thomas, died suddenly yesterday of acute heart trouble, at his country home near Talbotville. Mr. Hutchinson arose as usual, and after partaking of breakfast complained of not feeling well, and died in a few minutes. Thomas Hutchinson was born in St. Thomas 60 years ago, and was the son of the late William Hutchinson, one of the early pioneers of this city. For many years Mr. Hutchinson was engaged in retail and manufacturing business in St. Thomas, retiring about four years ago. He is survived by his wife and one son, William, of this city.

Mrs. Hutchinson is at present in England, having been abroad for the past three months, and was expected home in about two weeks' time.

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