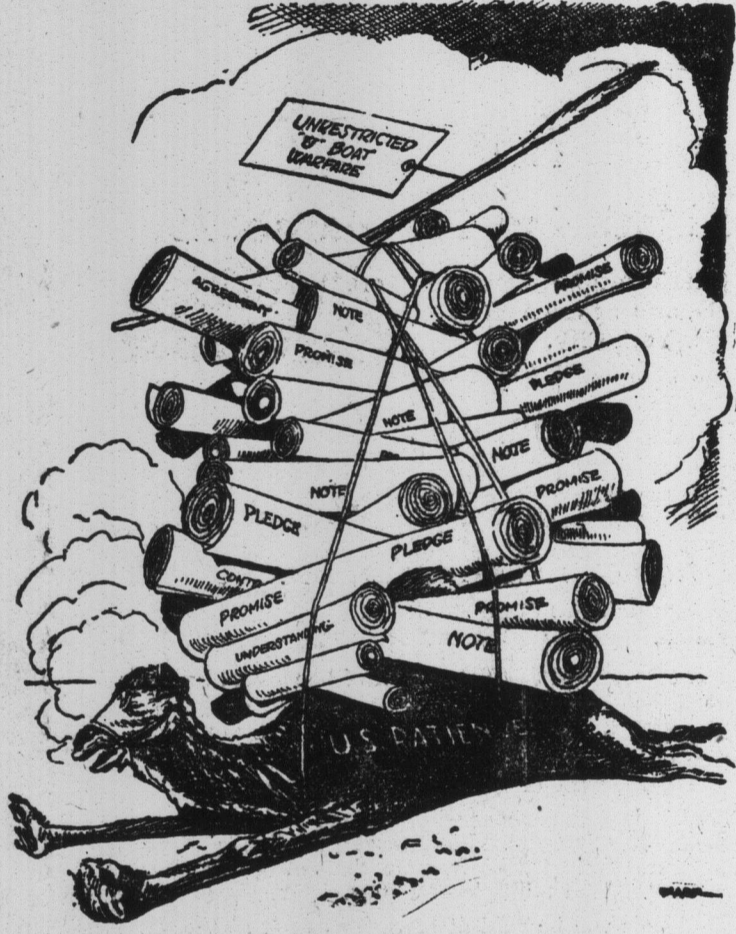


War News As The Cartoonists See It

THE LAST STRAW



Just Like That!

By J. H. Cassel



GET FUEL FROM THE CITY LANDS

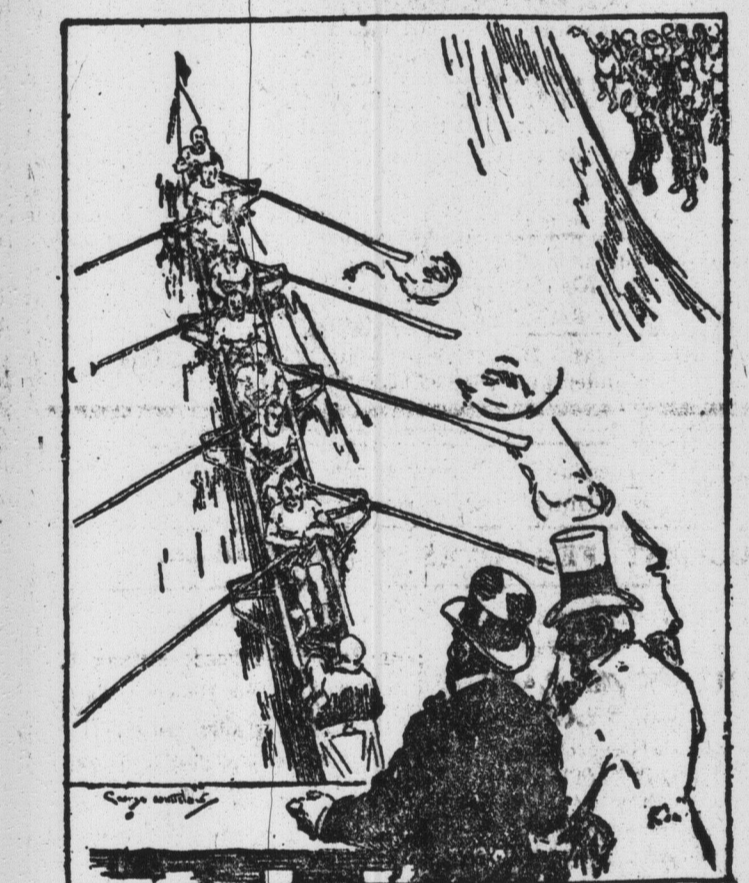
Construct a Camp and Employ Prison Labor as Beginning of Prison Farm—Ex-Mayor Frink Makes Practical Suggestion

St. John, N.B., March 8, 1917.
Six—Much has been said and written concerning the high cost of living, but little has been done to alleviate the wants of those who are suffering the pinch most. The municipality will be called upon to do many things which it cannot do, for the lack of money, but there are a few things which it may do, at comparatively small expense and outlay, for the benefit of the poor.
The city of St. John owns at least 1,500 acres of well-wooded land at Loch Lomond, 600 on the Miramichi River, 1,100 at Grand Bay, and at least 800 at Little River, not to speak of that owned at Spruce Lake, and the Dunlop property near Musquash. These properties contain vast quantities of wood suitable for the production of wood charcoal, a most useful and convenient fuel, besides hundreds of cords of mixed hard and soft woods of little merchantable value, and of no value to the city, with the bare exception that the trees may have some moisture attracted and held to the roots, for adding to the water supply for the people, a matter or amount which does not deserve very serious consideration.
Prison labor has been abolished by the municipality, with which very little fault can be found, when conducted along lines in vogue for some years past; but there can be no valid objection to the construction of a camp on any of these properties where short term prisoners, and those committed for minor offences, may find profitable and beneficial exercise in more senses than one. It may be advisable to pay wages according to their worth, which would be earned over to their families or themselves as the conditions warrant. The cost of transportation would be considerable, but there should be sufficient return from the sale of the fuel to at least pay for this item. Hardwood bounds on some of these places and a few circular saws driven by gasoline engines, would cut up a great quantity of fuel before next winter, and from the present prices of coal, hard and soft, with prices rising, next winter has a tougher look than this.
Sufficient space exists to have this camp entirely obscured from public view, and if prisoners desired to run away, let them run. I am of the opinion that the camp would be beneficial, and many of the prisoners would enjoy the work and outing, particularly the latter. That for their labor there was to be a return.
The successful establishment of this camp would lead up to and solve the question of a prison farm. The municipality has an abundance of land for this purpose without spending a copper for the purchase and sufficient timber can be found on these properties to construct a suitable building of permanent nature to house the proposal is practical and workable, and if put into operation the poorer people of the community would be benefited, and those unfortunate enough to be incarcerated for minor offences can have recreation in the woods and the product of their labor administered to those most entitled to receive it.
Yours truly,
JAMES H. FRINK.

WITHOUT WARNING



THE BRITISH NATIONAL CREW



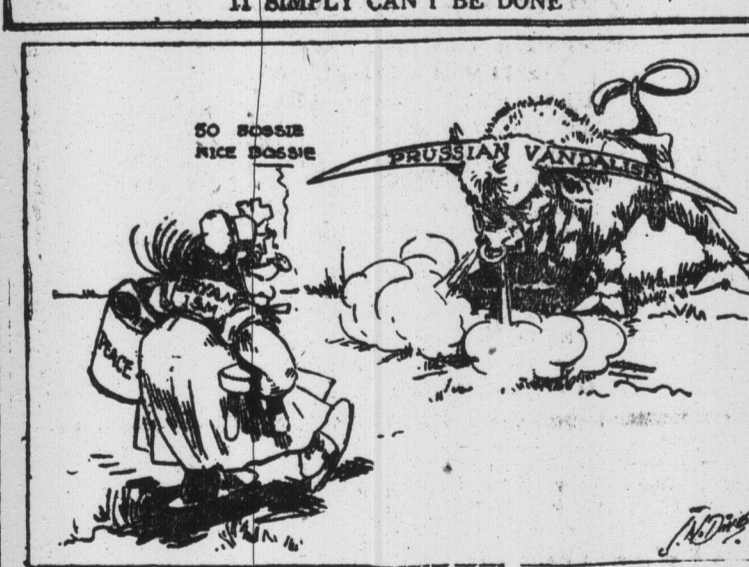
The Showman—Look at 'em, John, swinging all together in good time and no pause between the strokes. They look a winning crew all right. (Passing Show, London.)

BIRDS OF PREY



SEPPELIN—You will laugh less, Tirpitz, when they scarp your submarines as they have my aircraft.—La Victoire.

IT SIMPLY CAN'T BE DONE



OPERA HOUSE BILL MAKES GREAT HIT WITH LARGE CROWDS

Laughing, Applause and a Marked Feeling of Enjoyment Pervade the House

Peals of laughter, prolonged applause and a marked feeling of joviality prevailing throughout the spacious auditorium of the Opera House on Saturday evening, told more eloquently than words how much the efforts of the participants in this week's new bill were appreciated. Singing, dancing, acrobatic feats, black-face and other varieties of comedians make up an exceptionally attractive programme, and one which promises to draw a large patronage for the remainder of the week.
The fifth episode of the popular motion picture serial "The Crimson Stain Mystery," is an attraction in itself, and instead of becoming monotonous or far fetched, increases in interest and holds the attention closely. Many startling disclosures, exciting scenes and unexpected happenings combine in adding to the mystery which enshrouds the serial and makes it both interesting and fascinating.
The feature number of the vaudeville bill is a sensational wire performance by the two comedians, who are clever acrobats and gave a demonstration of tricks on a tight and slack wire which are undignified and thrilling. J. Francis Sullivan and Company are booked as head liners. Mr. Sullivan is the lead, two other comedians taking minor parts in the act. Mr. Sullivan is a clever comedian and made quite a hit, although he lost the plaudits of some who took exception to a part in a comic song dealing with Irishmen. They think he would do well to eliminate that part. Draper and Clayton, two black faced comedians, were really good and their act is both amusing and entertaining. Morley and Forrest were seen in a song and dance act, and made quite a hit. Lionel Paris entertained the audience with a comic song, some good jokes and a reading. He won well merited applause.
On the whole the performance is good and is deserving of a large and generous patronage. The combined vaudeville and motion picture are becoming popular in this city as evident from the packed houses which are greeting these performances.

ARMENIAN RELIEF

Viscount Bryce Makes Appeal—Many Martyrs Because of Their Faith

(Cable from Viscount Bryce)
In the history of the early Christian church there are no figures so glorious, none which have continued to be so much honored by the church all through its later days as those of the martyrs, men and women who from the time of Nero down to that of Diocletian sealed with their blood the testimony to their faith, withstanding every lure and every threat in order to preserve their loyalty to their Lord and Master, Christ.
In our own times we have seen this example of fidelity repeated in the Turkish empire and it is strange that the Christians of Europe and America should not have been more moved by the Turkish slaughter and the heroic devotion which the Armenian Christians have given. Of the 700,000 or 800,000 Armenians who have perished in the recent massacres, many thousand have died as martyrs, by which I mean they have died for their Christian faith when they could have saved their lives by renouncing it.
This has perhaps not been realized even by those who in Europe or America have read of and been horrified by the wholesale slaughter and hideous cruelties by which half of an ancient nation has been exterminated. They can hardly understand how there should be religious persecution in our time; so let me try to explain the facts.
It was not religious fanaticism that led the present rulers of Turkey to seek to root out Christianity. So far from being fanatics most of these men, though nominally Mohammedans, have been political whatevers. They wanted to make the whole Turkish empire Mohammedan in order to make it uniform with only one creed, and no differences between one class of subjects and another. They saw that the Christian part of the population, suffering under constant oppressions and cruelties, continued to turn its eyes westward and hope for some rescue from the Christian nations; so they determined to exterminate Christianity altogether.
During these recent massacres, whenever any Christian would turn Mohammedan his life was spared. It was only as a Christian that he was killed. Many a Christian child was torn from his parents to be brought up as a Mussulman. Thousands of Armenian Christian girls were sold in the market or distributed among Turkish officers to be supplanted for life in Turkish harems and were forced into Mohammedanism. But many more thousands of Armenians, women as well as men, were offered their choice between Christ and Mohammed and when they refused Mohammed were shut or unshut forthwith. For days and days together the bodies of Christian women who had thus perished were seen floating down the Euphrates.
Surely the remains of this suffering nation could make no stronger appeal for pity and help to the Christians of America than they make through these martyr deaths. Only a remnant is now left to whom charity can be extended. It is still a sorry afflicted remnant. Some in territory occupied by the Russian army though safe from their ferocious cruelties are in sad need of help to rebuild their homes and cultivate once more their ravaged fields. The condition of others is even worse. They are barely supporting life in the deserts of Northern Syria where their oppressors watch their sufferings under hunger and disease and refuse to alleviate their agonies. There is still, however, a chance for relief from without to reach them and their friends in Europe who that generous charity of America, much as it has already done, will respond once more to the appeal made to it to send aid to these helpless survivors of an ancient Christian people.

THE VISIT OF THE PREMIER AND OTHER MINISTERS TO FRONT

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, March 10.—(By STEWART L'YOX, Special Correspondent Canadian Press)—Canada's confidence in the valor of her sons who represent her in the war for our own security and for the maintenance of the British empire, with unimpeded strength for safeguarding civilization against the assault of the latter day barbarians, was the keynote of the last remarks made by Premier Borden at the Canadian front. Sir Robert was deeply stirred by the sights of the day. He had seen many thousands of men injured to the life in the trenches, hardened veterans, while yet, for the most part, lads or young men. He had bidden a Nova Scotia battalion, of which he is honorary colonel, Godspeed. He had observed battalion practice in which great attacking waves were being sent against the trenches, and having seen other evidence of the evolution of the weapon of destruction to the point of terrible effectiveness, the premier was in a position to more fully understand the resolution of the men who at their country's call go out into the open against them.

WOMAN CONDUCTOR SCORES VICTORY FOR HER SEX IN MEN'S WORK

London, Mar. 12.—A tram car at Exeter ran away down-hill, struck the parapet of a bridge and over-turned. One woman was killed, and two were injured. The woman conductor stuck to the car with great pluck until pushed off by a hysterical woman passenger. The woman conductor was only slightly hurt, and scores a victory on behalf of her sex in a man's job.

"Maria, you'll never be able to drive that nail with a stallion. For heaven's sake use your head," admonished Mr. Stubbins. And then he wondered why she would not speak to him again.—Lusk

Mutt and Jeff—A Wild Moth Is a Noisy Animal

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