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THE SECESSION OF WEST VIRGINIA

(By Dr. Frank Crane)

There was quite a disturbance raised some years ago when the southern states seceded from the Union and the flag at Fort Sumter was fired upon.

The condition in West Virginia is almost as serious. The row this time is not over born-black slaves, but over coal-blackened white miners. It all amounts to the same thing; it is the principle of the rights of private property against the principle of democracy, which means the rights of the people.

It interests directly ten million citizens of the United States, who are engaged in digging coal.

If any one wants to see how holy and untouchable Private Property is, let him observe contemporaneous happenings in West Virginia.

Private Property has bought up batches of valuable coal-land of vast extent and prohibited any village or municipal authority from being exercised thereon.

Owning all the houses and lands, it has evicted any person not agreeing with its policies, so that the inhabitants cannot exercise any of the functions of self-government; they cannot levy taxes, pave their streets, own their cemeteries and churches, nor have sidewalks, sewerage or waterworks except as the landlords allow.

Private Ownership has abolished, when it could not absolutely control, all civil authority, prevented citizens from joining labor organizations, hired armed guards, and herded American citizens in bull pens.

It has prohibited citizens from having any medical attendance except that furnished by its own physicians.

It has prevented citizens from erecting churches except upon such ground as it chose to rent, and has not allowed preachers to deliver any messages except such as are in harmony with its policies.

It has controlled the state authorities so that martial law has been declared in cases where citizens opposed its policies, and has railroaded thirty or forty men a day to the penitentiary, to be manacled as murderers, shaved and photographed as criminals, and branded for life as rogues, all without grand or petit jury or habeas corpus, and all because said citizens expressed their honest convictions or "sassed" an officer.

It has caused the state to introduce an armored train and gatling guns and to shoot into the tents and their pine board dwellings of citizens under the pretext of protecting private property.

There has been a deal of outcry because Americans send missionaries to convert the heathen and have not first converted the home-heathen. West Virginia is commended to the missionary societies. Why so much money to uplift the Philippines when here is West Virginia, right in the United States?

And if any one cares to see where a "government by business" would land the United States, let him go to West Virginia and look around.

It has always appeared to me to be an extraordinary thing that institutions so essential to the nation as hospitals should be supported by such a haphazard method as that of voluntary subscription, with its inevitable irregularity and its rather undignified begging for support.—Sir Francis Vane, Bart.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the United States Cabinet stands for international harmony and peace in the most complete sense of the term.—W. J. Bryan.

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Cheap Money Meetings

Royal Commission on Agricultural Credit and Grain Markets to Hold Meetings in Saskatchewan

The Royal Commission on Agricultural Credit and Grain Markets will hold public sittings in Saskatchewan during the month of August, 1913, for the purpose of hearing the evidence of and receiving suggestions from any persons who may desire to discuss with them the subjects they are investigating. All farmers and other persons who have information on these subjects and have given consideration to them are invited to attend one or more of these sittings and give the Commission the benefit of their thought and experience.

The subjects on which the Commission are most desirous of obtaining evidence, and which they particularly wish to have frankly and fully discussed are:

Subjects To Be Discussed

1. Conditions surrounding the extension to farmers of long term credit on mortgage, and short term credit by banks on personal security, and the rates of interest and other charges levied in connection with such credit at the present time.
2. The conditions under which, and the methods by which better and cheaper credit is obtained by farmers in some other countries.
3. Types of institutions for providing long term credit on mortgage and short term credit on personal security respectively, that would be best suited to the conditions that now obtain in rural Saskatchewan.
4. The legitimate uses to which credit obtained on long term mortgage may be put.
5. The effect, if any, of real estate speculation on Agricultural credit.
6. The cost of producing grain in Saskatchewan, and ways in which that cost may be reduced.
7. The cost of placing the grain of Saskatchewan on the world's markets, and ways in which that cost may be reduced.
8. The relation between the cost of producing grain in Saskatchewan and the price received by the producer.
9. Measures by the employment of which the standing of Saskatchewan's grain in the markets of the world may be improved.

All these questions and others which need not be enumerated, are agitating the minds of thinking men at the present time.

They have an important bearing on the prosperity and permanent development of the province. Not only individuals, but all organizations that exist for the advancement of agriculture and the building up of the country, such as agricultural societies, grain growers' associations, boards of trade, etc., are invited and requested to be present at some one of the sittings and to give the Commission the benefit of their convictions on these subjects.

Public Sittings of Commission

Public sittings of the Commission, or some of its members, will be held as follows:

- Weyburn, Thursday, August 7, 2 p.m.
- Oxbow, Friday, August 8, 2 p.m.
- Lampman, Friday, August 8, 2 p.m.
- Swift Current, Monday, August 11, 2 p.m.
- Moose Jaw, Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2 p.m.
- Wolseley, Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m.
- Fillmore, Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m.
- Saskatoon, Thursday, Aug. 14, 2 p.m.
- Kindersley, Friday, August 15, 2 p.m.
- Scott, Friday, August 15, 1.30 p.m.
- Govan, Saturday, August 16, 1 p.m.
- Yorkton, Tuesday, August 19, 2 p.m.
- Prince Albert, Thursday, August 21, 2 p.m.
- Melfort, Friday, August 22, 2 p.m.
- North Battleford, Saturday, Aug. 23, 2 p.m.
- Regina, Monday, August 25, 2 p.m.

A. E. MANTLE, J. H. HASLAM,
Hon. Secretary, Chairman.
Regina, Sask., July, 10, 1913.

PRIVILEGE vs. DEMOCRACY

The great democracy will find its future greatness not in conquest, not even in self-defense against would-be conquerors, but in friendly co-operation, the brotherhood of men and nations, the ennobling of the individual man, and in increasing recognition of the worth of human life.

The great enemy of democracy is privilege. To grant a concession of any sort having money value without a corresponding return, is "privilege." The granting of privilege in the past is the source of most of the great body of political evils from which the civilized world suffers to-day.

David Starr Jordan.

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CHEAPER MONEY DEPENDS ON REPORT

Edmonton, July 10.—Upon the report which will be presented by Dr. Tory, President of the Alberta University, and A. Bramley Moore, who are Alberta's representatives upon the commission which is now in Europe investigating systems of agricultural credit, any steps which will be taken by the Alberta Legislature in the way of securing cheaper money for farmers will largely depend.

The delegates will return next month and will draw up a report for presentation to the government before the next session of the legislature opens. Parliament will be called together earlier than was the case last session, when the opening of the legislature was delayed by the premier's absence in England. The premier has promised that no steps will be taken toward a solution of the A. and G. W. difficulty until the legislature has been consulted. This fact points to an early meeting of the legislature.

SASKATCHEWAN AND CHEAP MONEY

In order to negotiate a bond issue of the Saskatchewan government, Hon. A. Turgeon, attorney-general, and Hon. A. P. McNab, minister of public works in the Scott government, are going to London. They passed through Winnipeg on Thursday last.

Mr. Turgeon informed the press that the government had not decided how large the debentures would be, that would depend on the market, and on other conditions.

It is several years since Saskatchewan last applied to the London money market. "Cheaper money for farmers will be the big feature of Saskatchewan's next legislative session," Mr. Turgeon said. "Methods successfully adopted in New Zealand, Australia and several European states may form the basis of the Saskatchewan scheme, which is extremely popular with the farmers. Of course, nothing definite as to its practicability in Canada can be said till after the commission now in Europe makes its report."

WHO OWNS CANADA?

The Guide has certainly proved, beyond doubt, that forty-two Canadian Capitalists control more than one-third of the total wealth of the nation. The immense power these men wield, through the interlocking of directorates, is alarming in the extreme.

The Power of the Triple Alliance which is composed of the Railway, Banking and Manufacturing Interests, is directly responsible for the high cost of living and many of the abuses under which Western farmers are now laboring.

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