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A CHANGE OF HEART

A writer in the Financial Post draws attention to the particularly significant action of the Washington Government in its policy of delay in handing and revision downwards of the Young tariff bill, which has replaced the much criticized Fordney bill, from which, and from the tone of various speeches at the meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce recently, he deduces the fact that the Republican party is swinging over from a very high tariff policy to one of moderate tariff; and he further thinks that it will eventually become a low tariff party.

Such a change, if it exists, cannot pass without comment. It is obviously the result of a decided reversal of opinion in the United States regarding the world's trade competition. The appalling reduction in America's export trade has had its effect on the internal trade and general business in a bitter manner that has impressed Americans with the fact that they cannot live alone, or unto themselves. The United States has become a creditor nation for the first time in history. American business men are only now beginning to realize the difference which that state of commerce must inevitably cause in their general attitude to the rest of the world. The "splendid isolation" from Europe, affairs, which was a heritage from Washington's day, is fundamentally unsound in modern commerce. It is absolutely essential for the life of American industry that a reliable export trade be built up and maintained. As with Canada, many American factories largely increased their capacity output, due to war orders and impetus which business received from the war. It is estimated that American production in standard lines of commodities is at least 20 per cent greater than her own normal consumption. America is about the greatest manufacturing nation both in quantity of production and in variety of output. This country for producing is temporarily dislocated and can only get back to normal through export channels. Herein Canada's position is kin to that of the United States, with the difference that Canada is yet a debtor nation and must for economic reasons remain so for some considerable time to come.

The facts of her changed international position are barring their way into the consciousness of American business men and government officials. Consequently it would seem that this change of view point will undoubtedly result in a change of tariff policy and that rather than a wall of higher protection the United States may offer to the world a much more generous trade policy. It has ever been the history of nations, notably of England, creditor nations were low tariff nations and debtor nations were high tariff nations.

Canada's interests are so closely allied with conditions in the United States that casual observers might argue therefore that revisions in that country's tariff regulations should be followed in this. It is not by any means possible for Canada to frame her tariff in this way for the reason that the position of the two countries in the world's commerce are fundamentally different. The United States must get its debt paid and can only do so by accepting goods from such debtor nations. Canada being a debtor nation is not receiving, but paying. Consequently she is in a position where she must still build up her industries. She can only do this by a proper tariff policy.

THE BRITISH COAL STRIKE

The Duke of Northumberland, a great British landowner and proprietor of large coal properties, has just made the somewhat startling charge that the British Miners' Executive has intimate relations with the Russian Soviet, and that the present trouble in Britain is promoted with revolutionary intent. In support of this statement he maintains that the British Government has proof that the Bolsheviks have furnished money for the promotion of the strike and that the ulterior purpose is the destruction of British industrial life and the ultimate wrecking of the Empire.

The revelation of the possession of a large sum of money, about \$300,000, by a London Labor newspaper, was a shock to the British public. The Duke of Northumberland, has made his charges in the open, and is liable to court action. It is certainly desirable that the truth be ascertained, because the actions of British Labor extremists have not tended to dissipate the idea that the power behind them has unusual sources. In flush moments a year or two ago, some of the radical leaders urged the formation of a "Cabinet," to consist of leaders of various unions, mainly of the Triple

Alliance, this "Cabinet" to sit constantly as a rival power of the King's Government, and exercise its power through the threat of calling a general strike. This was, however, too much Sovietism for the rank and file of British Labor, which is sound at the core. The difficulty in most British unions has been that the majority of the members are content to let a few aggressive agitators obtain office, and manipulate their affairs. Soviet gold has been offered freely in Britain, and unquestionably Government secret service men have been constantly watching for evidences of its changing hands. The forced departure of M. Krasin's colleague from London was caused by revelations of attempts by him at bribing British radicals.

The determination of the Government to fight the attempt to exclude foreign coal and thus starve out the public, will be immensely strengthened, even if the miners decide that it would be wiser not to take up the Duke of Northumberland's challenge. It is not so much the question of wages, nor of terms of employment that is at stake, but whether British industrial life can be constantly menaced by irresponsible leaders, who seem to have liberty and power to do as much damage as they like.

ANOTHER DOMINION?

A short time ago, some one in the United States made the suggestion that Great Britain should surrender her West India possessions to the American Republic in payment of her debt to that country, and the question was taken up and seriously discussed by several of the leading American newspapers. It seems strange that the newspapers of a democratic country like the United States should have such a strange conception of the spirit of the British Empire. They seemed to regard the West Indies as peopled by so many vassals who could be bought or sold as they pleased. This may be the American idea of dealing with colonies, but if so, they rather overlook the fact that it was the somewhat autocratic manner which the British Government adopted towards the United States that lost the American colonies to Britain. It would no doubt suit American statesmen very nicely to see the British West Indies lost to Britain now, but the latter has no intention of doing anything that would bring such a result about, and Britain most certainly would never think of handing over the Indies to any other country without the consent of the inhabitants of them.

However the suggestion has been emphatically answered by the people of the Indies themselves. A movement is on foot for a federation of these islands with a view to forming one self-governing dominion. A resolution along these lines is now before the Jamaican Legislature asking the British Secretary of State for the Colonies to call a conference. A recent meeting of the West Indian Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution of a similar character. So that it is abundantly clear that these people desire to remain within the Empire.

Rotarian Kelly of Hamilton, Ont., told the Rotary Club yesterday that if Canada is to prosper and develop as she ought to do, it is necessary for the people in all parts of the Dominion to know and appreciate each other better than they do. Mr. Kelly might with advantage do something to bring to the knowledge of the people of Upper Canada some instances of the difficulties and drawbacks that the Maritime Provinces are compelled to labor under, with regard to either other parts of Canada or which other parts of Canada are either lamentably ignorant or signally indifferent. Anything does for these lower provinces in the other provinces' estimation.

An Ontario farmer writes to the Farmer's Advocate complaining that he sold ten sheep skins, two calf skins, and one cow hide at prevailing market prices, and yet did not realize enough from the total proceeds to buy a pair of shoes. This seems to be a most unreasonable individual. He ought to think himself fortunate if all the skins he sold produced enough to buy a pair of shoes. You can't expect to get shoes now-a-days for less than \$20 "if they have the stuff in 'em." It is time he realized that it is the shoe manufacturers who are doing the skinning now, not the farmers.

A number of leading English bankers have made a protest against legislative or administrative measures, tending to check the free exchange of goods with foreign countries. Some of the proposals lately advanced in Parliament, it is declared, threaten to cripple the country's resources and impair its credit abroad. The manifesto may have its effect. Trade is strong stand it.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Telephone Trouble in Manitoba.
 The automatic phone is unpopular with some Winnipeggers because they have to pick out their own wrong numbers, instead of depending on Central to pick them out for them.—Brandon Sun.

Wasted Energy.
 When the workmen really understand the industrial situation, they will dismiss alike all the foolish promises of politicians and all utopian theories which suggest that the situation can be remedied by trying to the State. We shall then settle down to the grim fact that the world is poorer and that everybody must suffer in consequence.—Westminster Gazette.

Our Autonomy Silly-Billies.
 Nobody is more thorough and suspicious than your extreme autonomists. "He is in every bush an officer." He objects to having the Prime Minister go to London at all to confer on questions important to Canada, lest he be caught in the maelstrom of imperialism. He objects to having Canada independently represented at Washington because somehow he does not know how, but maybe somehow that arrangement might be used to promote the cause of imperialism. He regards with dread even the imperial conferences because they may lead to centralization. Extreme autonomism is a sort of nervous affection.—Hamilton Herald.

A BIT OF VERSE

A JOB HALF DONE.

We scrutinize the surface of his skin;
 We search for pink and yellow in his eye;
 With test tube and the microscope we hunt
 For footprints of the deadly bacilli.

We put him in a sterilizing bath;
 We trace his vermin to their shaggy lair;
 We take no chance with the foreign plague;
 That sometimes slumber in his matted hair.

Then if his bill of health is under par,
 We ship him forthwith to his native land.
 We've maladies in plenty of our own.
 Without importing any Eastern brand.

But should a clean report be handed him,
 We say, "Come in, my friend, you're welcome here."
 No matter if he has a canine snout
 That's red with hate beneath its skin veneer.

We let those hellhounds skulk within our land.
 These dogs that bite the hands that feed them;
 We let them make their peaceful lair of ours
 The breeding pasture of their snarling brood.

Some day they'll rudely rouse us from our sleep,
 And then we'll dump them on the sea again;
 And we'll enact new laws that will include
 The sterilizing of the heart and brain.

—Heary Burrows in New York Times.

THE LAUGH LINE

None so fond of secrets as those who cannot keep them.

Spring.
 That Spring is here.
 There is no doubt.
 The house is now
 Turned inside out.
 —Detroit Free Press.

The Newer Styles.
 Shapeless. Your dressmakers' bills are ruling us.
 Mrs. Shapeless—I'm doing the best I can, my dear. I got along with about half the clothes I used to wear.—New York Sun.

Easy Explanation.
 "I say, Stalker," he said, "you remember you told me you had hunted tigers in West Africa? Well, Captain Smith tells me there are no tigers there."
 "Quite right, quite right," said Stalker, blushing. "I killed them all."—London Opinion.

A Good Reason.
 A little girl of seven or eight years stood one day before a closed gate. A gentleman passed slowly. The little girl turned and said to him, "Will you please open this gate for me?"
 The gentleman did so. Then he said kindly:—
 "And why, my child, couldn't you open this gate yourself?"
 "Because," said the little girl, "the points' not dry yet."

Mistaken Attention.
 The pretty girl with the auburn hair had refused him.
 "I never dreamed, Mr. Symkins," she said, "that your attentions to me were anything more than those of a friend."
 "Oh, you didn't?" growled the young man. "You thought that I had been coming here regularly four times a week during the last six months merely for the pleasure of seeing you eat a seven shilling box of chocolates each night, did you?"

The Flapper Scored.
 Miss Oxbird was airing her views on marriage and men to Miss Flapperette, and it was evident that she was a man-hater.
 "I don't care for men, my dear," she said to her young friend. "In fact, I have already said 'No' to several of them."
 "Indeed!" said the young thing, with a twinkle in her eye. "What were they selling?"

In Great Britain, and those who are interested in it as a means of livelihood know how to make and state a case so that the multitude may understand it.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

I break pops shaving mirror today by accidently pushing it off of the wash stand with my face while I was trying to see how close I could see myself in it, thinking, G, its supposed to be bad luck to break a mirror. I wonder if that includes shaving mirrors.

And I stuck the mirror in back of the shoe blacking box so pop wouldn't notice it too soon, and after supper he was smoking and thinking in the setting room and I sed, Do you believe in superstition, pop?

Certainly not, superstition is only another word for ignorance and nobody of any education or any sense believes in it, certainly I don't believe in superstition and I hope you don't either, sed pop.

Or no sir, G, gosh pop, I don't believe in it, I jest asked you to see whether you did, I sed.

Well I don't, sed pop, and wats more Ive got no respect for anybody that does.

G, gosh, pop, neither have I, some people believe its bad luck to break a mirror, I sed.

Some people havent got the sents they were born with, sed pop, and I sed, Thats wat I think, pop, I broke a mirror today but that dont say theres any bad luck about it, does it pop?

Certainly not, sed pop. And he kept on smoking and thinking and all of a sudden he sed, Wats that you sed? Wat mirror did you break?

Sir? Your shaving mirror, I sed, and pop sed, Its a poor rule that has no exception, and this is one time wats bad luck is connected with breaking a mirror. And he started to take off his slipper, me thinking, G, its going to start rite now.

Wich it did.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

The Consumers Coal Co., Ltd., have changed their Executive and Sales office from 231 Charlotte St., to 68 Prince Wm. St., near foot of King.

MANITOBA AND GOOD ROADS.
 Winnipeg, May 16.—Manitoba will spend \$2,225,000 on good roads and aids to municipalities this year, Hon. C. D. McPherson, Minister of Public Works, announces. Road building is proceeding at full pace throughout the province, he said, and many contracts are being let by the municipalities.

EXCHANGE RATES FILED.
 Ottawa, May 16.—In accordance with the judgment and order of the board of railway commissioners dated the 14th January, 1921, the rate of exchange in connection with shipments of freight between points in Canada and the United States from May 15 to May 31, inclusive will be 11 7/8 per cent, and the surcharge on the said traffic will be 7 per cent. The rate of surcharge on international passenger business will be based on 12 per cent exchange.

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Identity Revealed.
 It was permitted to become known yesterday that Mr. "Summertime" is retired New York merchant, who has been for years prominent in the fight to prevent the pollution of streams and lakes by sewage and mill waste. That description fitted Edward Hatch Jr., like an overcoat. When accused or being the proprietor of the modern Crusoe Mr. Hatch admitted as much, and at the same time revealed the reason for the most popular job ever offered in a New York newspaper.

The island is one of the four bits of land known as Four Brothers Island in Lake Champlain, not more than eight miles from Burlington, Vt., he said. "The man is needed on it to look out for the gulls, old friends of mine who have been coming back yearly for twenty years to my own knowledge, and to prevent natives around there robbing their nests."

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