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"PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY"

Mr. Wilson's famous phrase, "Peace without victory," which caused so much feeling in Allied countries at a critical period of the war, and which was one of his most mischievous contributions to the Great War controversy is now revived by the New York Independent which says it was the right phrase uttered at the wrong time, and one which can now be pronounced without offence. It was, as a matter of fact, never the right phrase, and if the feeling of offence it creates now is less than of old the reason is surely that we are long out of the actual war atmosphere.

There could be no peace without victory, and there was none, and while it is true, as the Independent says, that the terms which many people thought possible just before the armistice could not be imposed on settling day, the civilized world is opposed, and will be opposed, to any watering down of Germany's punishment except such as may be necessary in practice in enabling her to pay the cost of her crimes. In his earlier speeches Mr. Wilson failed in his conception of Germany's moral guilt, just as he failed to measure the peril to Europe and to the world should Germany emerge from the war in a position to resume its predatory attitude after a period of recovery. What was not clearly perceived at the close of the war was that Germany, in order to be able to pay, could not be shut off from the raw material she needed and could not be excluded from the world's markets. The British people were the first to realize these things and realization somewhat modified their view of the peace terms but not of Germany's guilt, or of the necessity for safeguarding the world against an unrepentant enemy whose whole attitude has been detestable in defeat as it was unalike in the day of war.

There can be no lasting peace unless the fruits of victory are preserved by the Allies, and in spite of what the Independent calls "the bungling of the armistice" they will be preserved as Europe settles down after the long but inevitable economic disturbance due to the war and the extraordinary demands of reconstruction. History presents no spectacle like that of Germany in defeat, no country so sunk in national dishonour, none so dishonest, so deaf to the call of moral responsibility. The Allied world, indeed the world at large, regards Germany as bound to be an outcast, possibly a dangerous one, for a long while to come, potentially dangerous because of the number of its people and the quality of its national instincts and purposes. The very repetition of the words "Peace without victory" reminds civilized peoples of the kind of war Germany waged and the nature of the terms she planned to impose upon the conquered nations if she won. The Allies are not unrepentant, but they are just and they have a high regard for the world's security now and for a generation to come. They will not lose the fruits of victory in the end, nor in the end can Germany evade payment, direct and indirect. The direct payment may be less than was stipulated, but the indirect payment will be greater than was contemplated. It may even involve the dismemberment of the great union which Bismarck established and raised to formidable proportions.

IS EAST ST. JOHN COMING IN?

There is an overdue conference between the city and the representatives of East St. John who have in hand the matter of arriving at a basis of union. This business has been hanging fire for a long time, because perhaps of a pressure of other business at City Hall, but it would seem that further efforts to advance the project should not wait longer.

In order that the proposal to include East St. John in the city proper may get the right sort of consideration we should start properly. It should not be thought on the one hand that the Common Council or the citizens are trying to force union upon the thriving suburb, or on the other that the people of East St. John are hurriedly seeking union on terms of their own making and merely for selfish reasons. Properly viewed, union promises advantages for all concerned and the cause will be served best by appraising these advantages fairly and ascertaining whether or not there are any practical difficulties which really justify delay or an excess of caution on either side of the premises. Apparently there are no such obstacles. The people of East St. John, as the matter stands, have presented an outline of the terms they regard as reasonable, and which can at least be used as a basis of negotiation.

The whole question has assumed more interesting and practical form with the dry dock development, which with the ship repairing plant will mean steady growth of industry and population in the Courtney Bay region.

As the chief engineer of that enterprise pointed out before the Rotary Club on Monday, the completion of the dock will add very materially to the number of East St. John residents who naturally desire the improved conditions and facilities which should result from union. For many reasons, in fact, the time has come to push along with negotiations looking to union on terms advantageous to all concerned.

VAIN PROMISES

Announcement of the size of Canada's wheat crop had the immediate effect of depressing American wheat prices and the further effect of reminding the American farmer of the vain hopes he built upon the Fordney tariff when he was told that it would protect him against outside competition. This bitter experience comes at a time when the western American farmers are in a bitter mood and somewhat given to a radicalism which is giving grave uneasiness to the Democratic and Republican parties, but particularly to the Republicans who engineered the sky-high tariff and so succeeded in enlisting farmer support for a policy the character of which, so far at least as the rural population is concerned, has been sufficiently exposed by events.

There is an amusing angle of the question, since the American farmers hoped to get rid of Canadian competition in the matter of wheat, and it is the news of the Canadian crop which proves to them that they built upon a false foundation. In discussing American farm conditions in the light of events the New York Commercial, which is by no means a friend of low tariffs, has a plain word to say of the farm bloc and its allies. "The United States farmers," it says, "have begun to wonder what good a thirty-cent tariff is if it does not prevent the decline of our wheat in competition with Canadian wheat. The increase in tariff was designed to prevent that very thing, and it seems to be a wretched failure just as the other legislative nostrums have been that have been thrown to the farmer. The farm bloc, with much blowing of trumpets and beating of toms-toms, announced the marvelous things it had done for the benefit of the farmers, including this higher tariff, the regulation of grain exchanges, putting a dirt farmer on the Federal Reserve Board and like novelties. They have had absolutely no effect. The price of wheat is governed by economic law. As long as we produce an exportable surplus we must compete in the world's markets, and world prices will govern American prices on both sides of the border. An import tariff on products that we export is just plain bunk, which the farmers will come to understand in due time."

If they do not understand it by this time they never will, but it is altogether unlikely that the lesson has been lost on them. They are learning, too, how vain is the advice of those public men who talk about "leaving Europe to its fate" and who speak as though the United States could get along completely without exports. From more enlightened leaders, and from very recent experience, the Americans are learning how direct is their interest in the purchasing power of foreign countries. The whole nation feels the effect of restricted exports. As Europe recovers the American farmer will find that times are better. Meantime the presidential campaign begins to loom up and the politicians are trying without success to explain to the farmer how it is that the Fordney remedy, which was to be so wonderful, has failed to display the promised magic.

The prohibition situation is never improved by extreme statements, and certainly the cause of temperance is injured by those who make accusations which are contrary to the facts. The Premier has quickly disposed of Rev. Mr. Wilson's short-lived sensation. The Campbellton situation, which was unsatisfactory, had been cleared up through Premier Venlo's personal intervention before Mr. Wilson made his speech, and the Customs House records show that there was no basis for the allegation that thousands of cases of liquor were imported into St. John last week or that there had been for weeks past any importations to justify the charges. Premier Venlo's statement shows that he has fully kept faith in the matter of export houses also. Anyone who was honestly in doubt as to the facts could have learned them by simply asking. It is better to get the facts first and do the talking afterwards.

The United Kingdom is replacing the United States as Canada's best customer, says the Ottawa Journal. "In 1921 (according to figures just made public) our exports to Britain totalled \$28,000,000. In 1922 they advanced to \$31,000,000. In 1923—for the twelve months ending August—they are \$38,100,000. Three years ago ex-

port of Canadian automobiles to Britain was negligible; the American market captured the market. In 1923 the Austin Chamberlain budget placed a duty of 83 per cent. on automobiles of external origin, Canada being exempted. As a consequence export of Canadian automobiles to Britain increased to 12,000 in 1921 and to 62,000 in 1922."

In the Irish Free State elections the votes were divided as follows, according to figures given out by John H. Humphries, secretary of the British Proprietary Representation Society:

Party	Votes	Seats
Government	41,074	60
Anti-Treaty	280,001	44
Labour	131,623	15
Farmers	129,247	15
Business	92,859	13
Total	1,054,804	147

Only the 290,001 votes given to the Anti-Treaty party can be set down as opposed to the Treaty, and in support of the demand that a republic be set up, says The Toronto Star. Not only did the 41,074 votes given the government uphold the Free State, but the votes cast for the Labour, Farmer and Independent parties might rightly be accepted as votes cast in favor of the acceptance of the Free State status.

The autumn co-operative selling carnival which will fill the last three days of the present week will give a host of buyers an uncommon chance to get extra value for their money. All in line in readiness for the unique event, and St. John for the next three days will see a real selling carnival for local as well as visiting customers. Everything points to a busy and successful period for the merchants have made ample preparations and the wants of the public will be fully met. A survey of The Times advertising columns today will be found profitable.

Lord Birkenhead told an Ottawa audience last evening that in his opinion it was not fitting that women should be in a position to control the destinies of the British Empire. It is debatable, perhaps, but it is one of those things which only a reckless man goes about saying out loud. He did take the edge off it to some extent by acknowledging that during the four years of the war the women have voted the difficulties he had anticipated have not turned up. Probably they will not. Anyhow, the die is cast.

Doubt as to a sufficiency of current to meet all demands is removed by Mr. Sanderson's frank statement that the Power Company will live fully up to its promise to supply any lack, either in the city or for the Moncton transmission line. This satisfactory announcement relieves the situation that the company was disposed to renege on the loan, but the eagerness of the public to take it up will give a better tone to business throughout the country.

An over-subscribed Dominion loan is a good advertisement and convincing proof of the people's faith in their own country. The speed with which the loan has been absorbed is evidence of public confidence. Canada's credit stands high, and its prospects are of the best. There never was any doubt as to the success of the loan, but the eagerness of the public to take it up will give a better tone to business throughout the country.

A NEW YARDSTICK FOR MEASURING SUCCESS

(B. C. Forbes in Forbes Magazine.) While chatting the other day with Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, a certain millionaire name was mentioned, and Mr. Willard remarked, "I suppose he would be called successful, isn't it?" I replied that the world was gradually coming to use the dollar-mark as the yardstick for measuring success, and that the man who is using a yardstick of success in life, and applying as a test the amount of useful things he has achieved, is not so much a success as the Vanderbilt, for example, are ever classed as successful as having achieved any worthwhile success? Or, was William Rockefeller described, when he died recently, as having attained notable success, notwithstanding that he left many millions of dollars? Thomas F. Ryan, an inordinately rich man, but who never saw him ranked among the most successful men America has produced. From all accounts, numbers of bootleggers have been making fortunes, but who would think of holding them up as examples of success?

No. The world is more disposed to ask, "What has he done?" than "How much has he?" Rockefeller was not a millionaire, yet didn't mankind unite in proclaiming him a man who had achieved the most distinguished success in his life? Edison is far from being one of the richest men in America, but he is not always cited as having reached the highest pinnacle of achievement and success? Judge Gary, as far as I know, is not among the one hundred or even two hundred wealthiest men in this country, yet the business world lists him as one of its conspicuous examples of success.

Frank A. Vanderbilt won nationwide fame as a successful banker and a successful man, although no emphasis has ever been laid upon the extent of his wealth. Without question, the tendency is to rate men and regard them according to how much they have accomplished in the world, not according to how much money they have collected from the world. A wholesome, inspiring trend, is it not?

It is reported from Ottawa that W. J. Egan, inspector of trade commissioner offices for the Department of Trade and Commerce, has been offered the post of Deputy Minister of Immigration to succeed W. J. Black who has accepted a position as manager of the Department of Colonization and Development of the Canadian National Railways with headquarters in London, England.

BEFORE THE GATE

(William Dean Howells.)

They gave the whole long day to idle laughter.

To tiffal song and jest.

To moods of soberness as idle, after,

And silence, as idle as the rest.

But when at last upon their way re-

turning,

Tacturn, late and loth,

Through the broad meadow in the sunset burning,

They reached the gate, one sweet spell hindered both.

Her heart was troubled with a subtle anguish,

Such as but women know

That wait and lest love speak or speak not languish,

And what they would, would rather they would not so,

Till he said—man-like, nothing comprehending

Of all the wondrous guile

That woman soon win themselves with, and bending

Eyes of relentless asking on her, the while—

"Ah, if beyond this gate the path united

Our steps as far as death,

And I might open it! his voice, afrighted

At his own daring, faltered under his breath.

Then she—whom both his faith and fear enchanted

Far beyond words to tell.

Feeling her woman's wit had wanted

The art he had that knew to blunder so well—

Shyly drew near a little step, and

mocking

"Shall we not be too late

For tea?" she said. "I'm quite won

out with walking."

"Yes, thank—you arm. And will

you open the gate?"

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Employer—"I hear you were away

ill yesterday, Snooks."

Snooks—"Yes, sir."

"You didn't look very ill when I saw

you at the races in the afternoon."

"Didn't I, sir? You should have seen

me after the finish of the third race."

Toronto Gossip.

Fair Victor—"What! Is this 'Love's Leap'?"

"Shall we not be too late

For tea?" she said. "I'm quite won

out with walking."

"Yes, thank—you arm. And will

you open the gate?"

He—"Yes, but I didn't expect it to

go so fast as to make me lose my balance."

—London Mail.

RESUME CONCERTS AT THE IMPERIAL

Management gives Fine Programme—Miss MacDonald and Orchestra.

The Imperial Theatre resumed its twice-a-week concert series last evening with a forty-five minute programme discussed between the pictorial numbers. Ruth Blaisdell MacDonald, of Wolfville, a soprano of culture and fine voice, was the soloist and the Imperial orchestra, under Alfred E. Jones' direction, played four numbers. The first was a complete and many were unable to gain admittance.

Miss MacDonald's numbers were fine. Her setting of Browning's little poem, "Ah, Love but a Day," a fantastic encore bit "Love is the Wind," an Indian song, "Pale Moon," by Frederick Knight-Taylor, and that favorite southern croon, "Lindy Lou." The visiting artists made a splendid impression and repeated her success of a short time ago at a recital held for the Ladies' Musical Club of Halifax. She was accompanied by Miss Beryl Blanch, whose artistry is familiar to St. John music lovers.

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