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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

At the time of going to press, the indications are that Senator Harding will be the next President of the United States. Such returns as are to hand so far give him a majority of votes in every place. It has been generally anticipated that the Republican candidate would carry, and this seems to be in process of being borne out.

That the question of America's participation in the League of Nations would be a considerable factor in the contest has usually been conceded, but one contemporary expresses a doubt that that question could ever be the decisive issue. Normally elections are party contests for political power. If Mr. Wilson really believed that at this time so nearly normal as this the league issue could throw such a contest out of plumb he proved himself again too much of an idealist. Republicans, whether sincerely convinced of their superior administrative ability or not, were not likely to sacrifice such a chance as they had of returning to power, and no doubt such men as Mr. Taft and Mr. Root and Mr. Hughes saw no reason why they should, because they must feel that a Republican Administration is at least as capable of bringing the league matter to a satisfactory conclusion as is Mr. Wilson.

The election of Senator Harding will not bring much comfort to the Irish sympathizers in the United States, and the latter will find it a difficult task to induce him to take any part in furthering their aims. The Republic has problems enough of its own to occupy the attention of its executive, without interfering with outside matters with which the country has no concern.

The control of the next Senate appears to be in doubt. In the present Senate the Republicans have a nominal majority of two. Both parties claim that the election will give them control, and it is clear that the majority that may be attained by either will be very slight.

FAILED!

Mr. Mackenzie King's attempt to beguile all comers into his camp in opposition to the present Government does not seem to have been much of a success. A Winnipeg despatch states that almost without exception those who attended his meeting yesterday were old-time supporters of the Liberal party. Those men could have been counted on in any event. But proselytes seem to have been conspicuous by their absence.

It is idle for Mr. King to expect co-operation from the farmer element of the electorate, because their aims are not in any sense identical. Any alliance between them could not be more than temporary. The farmers are out in their own interests and nothing else. To accomplish their aims they are prepared to wreck everything else. Even Mr. King in his anxiety to attain power would have to draw the time at some of the proposals the farmers want carried out. They want free imports in effect. Mr. King knows what sort of an effect such a policy if put into force would have on the country, and, reckless as he is, he would hesitate before considering it. The growth and development of Canada, the signal prosperity her people have enjoyed, are attributable to the fiscal policy that invites capital investment, protects and encourages industry. To reverse that policy, as the Farmers propose, to dilute it as the Liberals desire, would be to remove the foundation stone upon which the financial, commercial and industrial edifice has been erected, and to precipitate a collapse.

Concerning an alliance between Mr. Mackenzie King's party and the United Farmers, the Farmers' Sun has this to say:

"The Globe need not flatter itself that its leader, the Hon. Mackenzie King, appeals to the United Farmers any more than does Premier Meighen. As a matter of fact the Premier, by his outspokenness in regard to tariff matters, is far more to be recommended than the pussy-footing which Mackenzie King has indulged in. The latter will not make clear cut pronouncements on the tariff, but hedges and sidesteps, makes vague utterances, and in the end leaves the impression that he is neither hot nor cold, wet nor dry, high tariff nor low tariff, but is willing to be all things to all men in order that he may gain a few votes. This paper holds no brief for either party. It is neither for nor Tory, but

appeals to the broad-minded, tolerant members of both old parties. The Farmers party is not afraid to say where it stands in regard to tariff matters, in regard to prohibition or in connection with the various other problems pressing for a solution. That is more than can be said for the leader of the Liberal party. In this respect one must admire the courage of Premier Meighen, who 'hails his colors to the mast and comes out openly as an advocate of high tariff. People at least know where to find Mackenzie King.'

THE NEW LIBERALISM.

The principles of the New Liberalism laid down by the Manchester group which recently met to formulate a policy in keeping with the changed conditions following the war are the theme of much discussion in British political circles. The Manchester school is nothing if not thorough, and the proposed new platform suggests provision for far-reaching changes in the existing economic system. Professor Ramsay Muir embodies the new platform in his forthcoming work, "Liberalism and Industry." It amounts, virtually, to a redefinition of the aims for which British Liberalism should strive. Some of the main features of the new policy are:

A fairly adjusted co-operation or partnership of all the factors in industry—organizing ability, labor, capital, consumer and community. No one factor is to possess an exclusive mastery, but all are to have a just share of product and control. Limitation of the profits of capital. Each industry to maintain its own unemployed. Profit-sharing accompanied by share in control. Community to share in exceptional prosperity of industries, this method replacing Excess Profits Duty. Levy on capital as the only alternative to continuance of existing high taxation—or worse. Nationalization of mines and railways.

All unearned increment on land values to go to the community. Compared with the old conception of political aims the new policy seems revolutionary. But the Manchester Liberals are out for drastic reforms. What faces the Liberals in Britain, and what, indeed, faces the whole country, is a struggle between individualism and collectivism, and the new policy, it is pointed out by the London News, is a compromise between these two forces. Both must surrender something. It does not attempt to lay down a straight and narrow path to a perfect state, nor does it propose a standardized Utopia, but it compromises a typical effort to meet each difficulty as it arises with its appropriate remedy.

Already, it is said, the more advanced wing of Liberals are rallying to the new policy. These recognize that the Manchester platform deals at once with such important questions as nationalization of the mines and railways and the capital levy. The decision of the party as a whole on these points will have a tremendous effect on the relations of the different elements in the country. The new policy may appeal to the great body of British trade unionists who are not socialistically inclined, while the non-affiliated classes will have an opportunity of aiding in the bringing about of required changes in a way to conform to their inherent conception of constitutional methods. The British Liberals in their Manchester platform have mapped out a tremendous programme, and such changes, if adopted, are bound to have a tremendous effect on the moral and social development of the nation.

The Irish-Americans who are making such frenzied demands for the release of Sinn Féin rebels in British prisons are taking very meekly the incarceration of their comrade, Jim Larkin, in a United States penal institution. They flatter themselves that their voting power gives them great influence in United States politics at election time. Yet they dare not carry on against the United States Government as they do against the British Government. To the credit of Uncle Sam, it is to be said that not only would he disregard any Irish-American petition for the release of Larkin, but he would quickly and mercilessly stamp out any campaign of terrorism ventured upon in that anarchist's behalf.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Plain Dealing.
 (Hamilton Times, Lib.)
 If Winnipeg Premier Meighen made the public announcement that before the next election the Government would present the tariff as drawn up by it, so that the electors would be in a position to vote for or against the Government with a full knowledge of its trade policy. This may not be a good party move, but it will enable the electors to give an intelligent vote on the question.

A Battling Premier.

(Begin Post.)
 If you have a bit of sympathy to spare, spend it on Mr. Lloyd George, who must feel that he has been riding the whirlwind for a thousand years. Life to him has become just one damned crisis after another.

Franchisees of Women.
 (St. Thomas Times-Journal.)
 Women have at last been admitted to full membership in Oxford University, the oldest seat of learning in the British Isles and one of the oldest universities of Europe. About 150 women undergraduates have matriculated, and in all about 500 women students are in attendance during the session.

A BIT OF VERSE

WHEN THE FROST IS ON THE PUNKIN.
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,
 And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey c-o-k,
 And the clackin' of the guincys, and the cluckin' of the hens,
 And the rooster's hallelujah as he tips toes on the fence,
 Oh, it's then the time a feller is a 'feelin' at his best.
 With the rain's sun to greet him from a night of gracious rest,
 As he leaves the house bareheaded and goes out to feed the stock,
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

There's somepin kind of hearty-like about the atmosphere
 When the heat of summer's over and coolin' fall is here.
 Of course we miss the flowers and the blossoms on the trees,
 And the hummin' of the hummin'-birds and the buzzin' of the bees;
 But the air's so appetizin', and the landscape through the haze
 Of a crisp and sunny morning of the early autumn days
 Is a picture that no painter has the colorin' to mock.

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,
 The husky, rusty rustle of the tassels of the corn,
 And the raspin' of the tangled leaves as golden as the morn',
 The stubble in the furrows—kind of lonesome like, but still
 A preachin' sermons to us of the barbs they grewed to fill;
 The straw-stalk in the meadow, and the reaper in the shed,
 The hoes in their stalls below, the clover overhead—
 Oh, it sets my heart a ticklin' like the tickin' of a clock.
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,
 —James Whitcomb Riley.

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 "Why, Johnny, explained the teacher, "a numismatician is a coin collector."

"Yes'm, That's what my father is. He's conductor on a street car."—Washington Star.

Avant.
 Friend—Well how do you think the election will go?
 Actor—It is on the knees of the gods.
 Friend (gallant to suffragette)—Ray, rather, it is on the laps of our zoddesses.—Boston Transcript.

Willing to Oblige.
 "So you were in the service," ejaculated the prospective father-in-law of the husband aspirant to his daughter's hand. "Carry any scars?"
 "No, sir," replied the would-be bridegroom, "but I've got a deck of cigarettes if you'd like to try one."

Not Renewable.
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 Being a old man with pointy wiskers, and I sed, A sent, and he sed, A sent, well, well, 100 sents make a dollar and 100 dollars make 100 dollars and so on like that, all from a sent. And he kepp on helping us look, saying, How did you happen to drop it? and I sed, I didnt drop it, I jest didnt catch it.

And we all kepp on looking, and Puda whispered, Maybe he'll give you one if we dont find it. And pritty soon he whispered, If he gives you 2 will you give me one?
 Wich I whispered back I would, and we all kepp on looking without the man saying anything about giving me a sent, and I sed, O well, wats a sent?

Saying it for a hint, and Puds sed, Thats so, a sent aint much.
 O boys, boys, its sinful to talk like that, you'll never be rich if you soon pennies, sed the man.

I ment it wouldnt be much for you, sed Puds and I sed, Thats wat I ment, too. Wich the man jest kepp on looking as if he didnt know a hint wen he herd one, and after a while he sed, Well, I gess its no use, boys. And he wawked away, Puda saying, Aw heck, I bet he wasted so much time looking for that sent I bet he lost about 100 dollars worth of bizznis.

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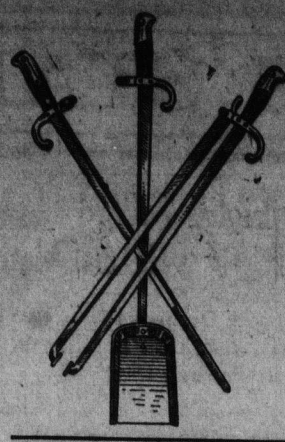
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OBITUARY

George T. G. Blewett
 The death of G. T. G. Blewett occurred yesterday morning at the General Public Hospital, will be remembered by a large number of friends. Mr. Blewett was born in 1862, was one of the most highly respected of the North End. For years he followed his profession as a general engineer, but for the last three years has been employed with T. McAvity & Co. He was active in church and society work, and one of the leading figures in the Temple of the world. For many years he had of the section connected with the Temple and "his boys" were all over the world, all better men for the having come under his influence. He was a staunch bytarian, one of the founders of the St. Matthew's where he will be much missed four months ago he was seized with a heart attack, which bore his suffering, which at the time, with the Christian faith characteristic of the man. He is survived by his wife

