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Great Domestic Disturbances Supplant the War Issue!

The supreme issue of war, the peace treaty, the league of nations, has more or less suddenly been supplanted by serious domestic situations in most of the individual countries that were parties to the war.

What is practically a revolution has broken all over Italy in regard to the Fiume boundary; and the chances are that the government will be out of office any moment, and still graver consequences follow.

England is now in the throes of the greatest labor strike in its history, involving three millions of men and dependents in connection with the railways and transportation of the country and entailing the most serious consequences to all the rest of the nation.

The United States has a greater strike than ever occurred in that country, caused by disagreement between the iron workers and their employers. President Wilson thought a few days ago his main business was to get the peace treaty signed and the league of nations ratified; and to bring this about he went on a speaking tour throughout the leading cities. But he has suddenly returned to Washington, where he is now, and we imagine mainly on account of the domestic conditions resultant of the strike and the high cost of living.

In fact, what was a world-wide issue involving the war, the treaty and the settlement of the war has had to give second place almost in a moment to the most serious kind of domestic situation in Italy; the same in Great Britain and the same in the United States; and even we here in Canada are also implicated in the same way.

The ratification of the treaty is a small affair to us for the moment, compared to the high cost of living and the question of the re-establishment of our soldiers in their former or some other kind of useful occupation.

All these local questions require the closest attention on the part of the governments of the respective countries, and we imagine that Lloyd George and his government in England, the president of the United States and his administration at Washington and the government of Italy had all to more or less drop the war as an international proposition and devote their best energies to the domestic questions that have arisen more or less out of the war. Even France is more than disturbed over the fate of the league of nations. Will the United States fail to ratify it? The seeds of revolution may be germinating in a widespread soil of unrest.

P. R. Neglected.

Among the political jargonisms of which The Globe and The Star are accusing Sir W. H. Hearst, proportional representation is not one. If he had taken that plank also, the rest might have been forgiven. The adoption of proportional representation would have been a guarantee that he washed his hands completely of all future malpractice in politics; that he believed in genuine democracy; that he intended to provide for adequate representation of all considerable sections of political opinion; and that he desired to lift the choice of candidates out of the hands of political rings and cliques, and place it in the hands of the people.

Under proportional representation only the best men have any chance of election, consequently only the very best men of all parties are nominated, nor is there any need to refrain from nominating as many of the best kind of men as are available. One candidate does not kill another in proportional representation voting, nor is any vote thrown away. The public have a say in the choice of every candidate, of each and all parties, and by no fluke can any candidate cheat the wishes of the people.

In a time of reconstruction like the present, it is to be regretted, therefore, that the Conservative party has not been allowed to adopt a measure which has the endorsement of the greatest statesmen of the day, who look to it to restore the lost balance of common-sense and business energy which has been displaced by political partisanship and the theory that any kind of conduct is justifiable in the party interest. Premier Hearst has been weak enough to give way to those who hold this view, in spite of the long step forward Sir James Whitney took with the expectation that it was to be abandoned forever. To overthrow the Whitney tradition is deplorable. To set such an undesirable example for the opposition to follow is even worse.

The hope of Ontario politics is now in the re-establishment of the Whitney tradition. Another Whitney may be to seek, but his first act will be to secure his reforms and ideals

An Election Rooster.

Hal Donly, the well-known proprietor of The Simcoe Reformer, has solved a critical problem in connection with the Ontario elections. Mr. Donly's organ is an independent one, and in the variety of parties into which Ontario politics has blossomed out, he felt it to be impossible to favor one more than another. It was not a question of being happy with either, but of not being a charmer away. There were too many charms for such an aspiration to be effective.

So Mr. Donly printed a special notice in his paper last Thursday that he had "sold to Colonel A. C. Pratt, space in its advertising columns, in which he can talk to the voters in South Norfolk."

"Upon the same terms as to price," he says, "like privileges are offered to any other candidate, Liberal, Conservative or U. F. O. 'Editorially,' he adds, 'the paper is neutral, and not greatly interested.'"

Col. Pratt has accepted the gaze and explains one of his planks on a quarter page. The Brewers, the Liberty League, and the Prohibitionists also occupy generous space, and the Liberals announce a mass meeting. The Conservative party nominee is represented by a portrait, which notes the fact that his real allegiance is not as the Conservative candidate but as the Wyandotte king of America. Mr. Martin is the proud possessor of a rooster valued at \$1000. In order to get Mr. Martin's goat, Col. Pratt will have to seize his rooster, and if there are to be any feathers in his cap after October 29, they will be the thousand dollar plumes of the champion Wyandotte.

There is deep policy in Mr. Donly's avowal that editorially he is not interested. If anything happened to the rooster the first place to seek feathers would usually be the editorial back fence. Mr. Donly is determined that Col. Pratt must bear all the onus of the situation.

Adelina Patti.

Even the war itself would not have overshadowed the death of Adelina Patti. Happily she was spared to see the great conflict ended and her own helpful efforts incorporated with those of millions of other patriots among the cause of the small triumph. Her ceaselessly long life has closed in a quiet eventide, and the personal triumph she secured between 1861 and 1891 are unknown to the present generation.

Jenny Lind, Tietjens, Christine Nilsson, were her nearest rivals, but competent judges who heard them all declare that she was unapproachable. There is no living singer to challenge her unmatched gifts—she had all that the greatest and best of them have, and more. It would be idle to enter into a discussion of her technical abilities. In these she was unsurpassed. But her voice was unique in its purity, clarity, mellowness. There was no thread of strain in any part of her register, whatever the vocal effort, and she sang with marvelous power; nor was there ever in the molten texture of her voice the minutest grain to speak the impeccable golden purity. She could conquer with her simplicity as well as her art. In the great convention building in Chicago in 1886, thirteen thousand people thronged nightly to hear her. She responded one night to an encore with "Home, Sweet Home," the unadorned ballad, without embellishment of any kind. There was scarcely a dry eye in the house, and handkerchiefs were in profuse demand all over the vast audience.

Most singers sing from the platform. Patti stood there, but she sang in every man's ear. Only the greatest have that gift.

It is to be regretted that her voice could not have been recorded, say in 1883, when she sang with the great contralto, Scatchi, in Covent Garden. But science came too late to imprison her supreme tones. Still, Patti left behind no record unworthy of her art, phonographic or otherwise.

B.O.T.A. AND BRIBERY CHARGED.

Knowing the heavy fine imposed on persons caught carrying liquor, Dominick Musienko, 29 Mercer street, alleged to have offered plainclothesmen Sullivan and Knight \$50 if they would change the charge of a breach of the Ontario temperance act to one of being drunk. Musienko was captured on the street with a tin which was half filled with alcohol. He will now face a charge of attempting to bribe the police in addition to one of having liquor on the street.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON POLICE.

Oscar Cook, Sherbourne street, was arrested last night by Policeman McCarl on a charge of assaulting the police. It is charged that Cook was stopping people and asking them for money when McCarl approached him. Cook is alleged to have struck McCarl in the face and the arrest followed.

SEVEN MALTESE ARRESTED

Charged with keeping a gaming house, Tony Scliona, 254 West Richmond street, was arrested Sunday afternoon by plainclothesmen Sullivan and Knight. Seven Maltese were also arrested, charged with gambling on the Lord's Day.

FROM G.T.R. CARS

Harold Bank, Saulter street, was arrested early yesterday morning by Constable Miller, charged with theft from the Grand Trunk Railway cars. Bank was driving a motor truck, and the policeman is alleged to have recovered six cases of butter and two of canned goods stolen from the cars.

CAN HE PUT IT ACROSS?



CITY OF FIUME A MASS OF MINES

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tops of the Alps, our natural frontier, we are ready to consider the Austrians as brothers." Referring to Asia Minor, he said: "This problem will return for the peace conference at the end of October, when President Wilson will declare whether America will accept a mandate in Turkey or Armenia." The foreign minister's statement was followed by a lively discussion in the chamber. Deputy Don Colonnas, D. Cesare, Nationalist, strongly criticized what he referred to as the submissive attitude of the Italian delegation at the peace conference. As to the course of the war, he declared, where three members spoke English, while Premier Orlando did not understand a word, he resembled another figure, "not between two, but among three thieves."

The majority of the members in the chamber and the government representatives objected to this statement. "No formula will be acceptable, which does not give Fiume to Italy," the deputy concluded. Deputy Eugenio Chiesa, who had just returned from a visit to Fiume, followed with a fierce attack advocating the annexation of Fiume. "Fiume is mined," continued Deputy Chiesa, "its harbor is mined; its historic towers, its city hall are mined; its beloved churches are mined, and all houses. If any domestic disaster impose itself upon the city except that of Italy it will find not a town but a heap of ruins." He declared the Jugoslavians had prepared for an invasion of Fiume, and that on Sept. 10 they began to march toward it.

In public expressions of opinion regarding measures for dealing with the Adriatic question the three principal suggestions seem to be: First, the immediate annexation of Fiume and its territory, regardless of international complications and financial difficulties; second, the military occupation of Fiume by Italy, thus displacing the D'Annunzio forces; and third, the city at the disposal of the peace conference for a definite decision as to its fate, while, third, proposes a general election as an expedient which, while not solving the problem, would not commit the nation to any decision, leaving it for the next chamber. The chief opponent in the last mentioned plan is that in order to bring about a general election in November the chamber will be obliged to dissolve without discussing or approving the peace treaties with Germany and Austria the latter of which at least grants Italy one of her principal desires, the Brenner Pass frontier.

POLICE UNION TO MEET.

A monster meeting of the Toronto Police Union (formerly No. 65) will be held in the Orange Hall, corner of Queen and Berris streets, on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing year and the discussing of current events. William Logie, vice-president, will occupy the chair.

FARMER LOSES \$8,000.

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 28.—Abraham Trites, farmer, of Lutes Mountain, nine miles from Moncton, lost his house, two barns, 40 tons of hay and much farm machinery by fire Saturday night. The loss is estimated at eight thousand dollars as the house was unoccupied at the time, the fire bears the suspicion of being of incendiary origin.

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NAME MILTON SHAW IN W. KENT RIDING

As Hearst Nominee—McDiarmid Predicts New Labor Department.

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, Sept. 27.—To Milton Shaw, of Merlin, was extended the nomination of government candidate in the West Kent riding in the provincial elections. He will seek election on the past record of the Hearst administration, in opposition to B. L. Buckley, North-east Toronto, and James Simpson, West York. William Varley, the well-known returned soldier-labor candidate against Hon. Dr. Cuddy, was present, and expressed the opinion that the situation in the west demanded the fullest attention of the strongest representatives of international trade unionism. The question of woman suffrage was thoroughly discussed, and it was pointed out that in 1917 mistresses had forgotten to place the names of their domestics upon the voters list, a lapse of memory which would not be repeated now because of the influence of the Liberty Leaguers and the prohibitionists. Special reference was drawn to that clause in the amendments to the suffrage bill which pointed out that all women over 21 years of age were entitled to vote.

ON PRECIPICE EDGE.

Man Arrested on Serious Charge Tussles With Detectives at Rosedale.

Mike O'Hara, George street, was arrested in Rosedale last night after a tussle with Detectives Waterhouse and Thompson, that lasted for many minutes on the edge of the precipice. O'Hara is held on a serious charge made against him by an 18-year-old girl. The detectives stated that two weeks ago yesterday O'Hara and a second man, whom the police are looking for, were posing as detectives. O'Hara is alleged to have assaulted the young girl, who communicated with the police. The arrest was made by a description furnished by her.

UNREST AMONG FARMERS.

The Hon. Finlay Macdormid, minister of public works, said the prohibitionist, who outlined the past endeavors of the government. He referred to the general unrest, but said that the situation in the west was not so serious as it is today. He denied that the government had stolen the agricultural policy of the opposition. He showed very remarkable improvement in the work of the district agricultural representatives.

"It is not sufficient to ask you to endorse the government simply because it spent money on the farmers, but the methods and intentions behind the expenditure," he said. "Has there ever been a suggestion from the United Farmers how this system can be improved?"

U.F.O.—Labor Alliance. The Honorable Mr. Macdormid referred to the U. F. O.—Labor alliance, and said that it would not last long, pointing out that labor generally stands for protection and shorter hours, and farmers for free trade and reasonable hours for their help. He said that an eight-hour day could not be successful unless it was universally adopted.

The minister mentioned the workmen's compensation act as the most advanced legislation on the statute books. This was in the interests of labor. He predicted that in the near future a trades and labor branch would be a separate government department.

The minister took exception to H. Hartley Dewar's criticism of the cost of bonding the government houses. He admitted the expenditure was \$1,098,000, but there are circumstances which must be considered. There was given in Toronto a block of land in trust for the purpose of a government house. This land was sold for \$860,000 so that the amount which the government was called upon to expend was only \$238,000, a tax of eight and one-third cents per capita. The speaker briefly referred to the temperance question, and said that although he knew the prime minister had lost supporters as a result of his action on the matter, he was acting conscientiously.

J. S. Stewart was chosen president of the West Kent Conservative Association. Mrs. G. A. Gray and Mrs. W. Crawford, vice-presidents.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND THE TRUSTEES

BY IDA L. WEBSTER.

It was gratifying to learn that at the last meeting of the school trustees the charge against the principal of the Pape avenue school had slumped down to the fact that he was not hospitable enough to suit Mrs. Courtice and Mr. Jordan, who had waited upon him during the school hours.

When the case goes on to those members of the school board who will have the final handling of it, they might do well to recall to mind that two years ago when the trouble first arose with Mr. Morrison, Mrs. Courtice was the only dissenting voice in finding him not guilty.

Now, she again comes into the limelight over exactly the same thing, or in other words over the same old trumped-up charge, which was found not to be able to hold water, back in 1917.

At the last two meetings of the board, this same Mrs. Courtice has been most definite in saying that she had nothing whatever against Mr. Morrison. Personally we imagine that that must be a great relief to the master of the school. It would be such a horrible thing to have a female member of the board of education "down" on one, and yet at the same time just what would it mean in our feeble manner of reckoning life we rather think that if there was enough publicity given to any person on the school board who was deliberately hounding anyone else connected with the work, it would simply mean that the trustee would be out of a job when the next election day loomed along. We are not taking it upon ourselves to say that a trustee in this city would be so despicable, but we are merely saying what would happen if such a one came to life.

The fact of the matter in the Morrison case is, that the trustees had no business to go trailing down to the school after him when they must have known that he was engaged in his duties.

But then that is the whole trouble. There are people elected to the board of education by the citizens without the slightest reason. Voters go to the polls and cast the vote for trustees without thinking, probably without the fact that there is not supposed to be any money go with the job. But more especially because the folks have not wakened up to the fact that the school trusteeship is a most responsible position.

Supposing while you were busy with your daily labors, that two people stalked in to ask you a lot of senseless questions. Would you not resent it? Certainly you would, and if you were a city hall reporter you would be mighty soon tell them what to do. Principal Morrison is a man, and he is entitled to the hearing that all English law gives him. This railroad system which is being adopted toward him is an outrage, takes a hand in the matter, and a little of this "British fair play" for all, and let it also bring a change in the tactics of the trustees.

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ROSE FRIEDMAN ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF NEGLIGENCE—FAMILY INJURED.

Four people were injured Sunday afternoon when a motor car driven by a woman ran amuck on Dundas near Huron street and running over the sidewalk struck the injured people, then brushed down two small fences. Benjamin Lauffer, his wife and two children were attended at the hospital. Mrs. Lauffer was found to be the most seriously injured, both of her legs fractured. Her husband was injured about the back, but it was stated at the General Hospital that Lauffer would be all right in a few days. The children, Harry and Gordon, were bruised and frightened. They were taken to the Hospital for Sick Children. Detective-Sergeant Koster arrested Rose Friedman, 122 Davenport road, who was driving the automobile, on a charge of criminal negligence. Bail of \$2,000 was accepted for the release of the accused.

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BLIND ATTEND BRAILLE SERVICE

First of Kind Held in Canada. Probably the First in World.

Divine services for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind were held last night in St. John, the Evangelist (Anglican Church), Portland street. It was the first service of its kind held in Canada and probably the first ever held. A good representation of men and women from the industrial department of the Canadian National Institute and from Pearson Hall were present. The hymns for the service were written in Braille and had been prepared by the women of the Canadian Free Library for the Blind.

Rev. J. Russell MacLean, M.A., preached the sermon and took for his text Exodus 13 and 21. "The Lord is a pillar of fire to lead them by day and a pillar of cloud to lead them by night." Mr. MacLean said the Christian church is the pillar of humanity, the trend of his sermon being the personal relation of God to His people. He expressed the hope that the war has given Canada a stronger national feeling, and he earnestly hoped that this was but a beginning of larger work of country and city so that Canada, "a perfect garden of the Lord," should rejoice in a body of people from burdens and cares and anxieties, the abundance of those who have making up for the lack of those who have not.

Touching on the rehabilitation work of the blind, he said that by the training given to them they were no longer useless, but by that training had developed a sense of independence and usefulness and had a place in society and deserved of the best of city and country.

CAR RUNS AMUCK.

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