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TOMORROW'S ELECTION

The general expectation appears to be that Senator Harding, the Republican candidate, will tomorrow be elected president of the United States. It is conceded that there is a better chance of getting the United States into the League of Nations by electing Gov. Cox, but on the other hand it is held that his promise to bring the case of Ireland before the League of Nations would involve the country in very serious trouble. On this point the Weekly Review says:

"What awful possibilities of evil there might be in such meddling, we do not imagine that Mr. Cox has ever given himself the trouble to consider; if he were actually in the White House he might see the unwisdom of carrying out the promise. But he gave the promise with an easy-going self-confidence that augurs either great danger in entrusting him with power or a readiness to make vote-catching promises without any serious intention to keep them."

In the opinion of the Weekly Review the great question is: "Which are you more willing to trust in the general conduct of affairs, Harding and the Republicans or Cox and the Democrats?" It thus relates the League of Nations and the Irish question to a secondary position, whereas Gov. Cox has been featuring these as major issues in the campaign.

The Democratic candidate will have the benefit of the support of some influential Republicans who regard the League of Nations as the supreme issue, and as much labor support as Mr. Gompers can rally to that standard; but there appears to be a feeling that the majority of the people have more confidence in Republican leadership during the next four years, which may be so eventful in world history, than in the Democrats. And President Wilson has roused so great a feeling of antagonism against what is termed "Wilsonism" that many will be influenced by it more than by any consideration of the merits of the rival candidates for the presidential office. The supporters of Harding insist that the Republicans are committed to an honest endeavor to bring about international co-operation in the interests of world-peace, and they assert that Harding is more dignified, sincere and impressed by a solemn sense of responsibility than is Cox, who is described by one critic as "ignorant and yet self-confident, bold rather than brave, and clearly displaying the instincts of a demagogue."

It is admitted that during the latter part of the campaign Cox has gained strength enough to inject an element of uncertainty where at the outset there was complete confidence on the part of the Republicans, but the betting in Wall Street has consistently remained at heavy odds against him.

SCHOOL PROBLEMS

Touching the matter of teachers' salaries and the situation of affairs in relation to New Brunswick schools, a very interesting address was delivered by Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, at a Teachers' Institute in Moncton last week. There was, he said, a wide shortage of teachers in the province generally. That conditions are not improving is shown by the fact that the attendance at the Nova Scotia Normal School is only half that of last year and at our own Normal School in Fredericton only two-thirds of last year's enrolment. Thus if salaries were increased at once to a scale that would attract student teachers it would take some time to relieve the shortage of teachers. In the west the plan of providing a home for the teacher is growing in favor. In this province a minimum salary should be fixed, and the pension for teachers should be made larger and its scope widened. At present four hundred dollars is the maximum pension, but that amount now is not as good as \$200 was a dozen years ago.

Dr. Carter paid Moncton the tribute of saying that it sets the highest salary standard in the province, more than one male teacher there being paid three thousand dollars per year. Incidentally he observed that there should be more male teachers, but this is obviously impossible with the present scale of salaries.

Dr. Carter urged the need of a more satisfactory compulsory attendance law for the province, and this is a matter the legislature should deal with as soon as possible. There are far too many illiterates, and too many who can barely read and write; while too many boys and girls leave school before they have passed the fourth grade. It is for the legislature to remedy this very undesirable state of affairs.

One other important matter touched on by the chief superintendent is that of classes for defective children, such as they have in a number of Canadian cities. Dr. Carter estimates that there are about sixteen hundred feeble-minded persons in this province, many of whom are a menace to the community. This number would presumably include adult persons as well as children, but 1 is an extremely moderate estimate. There are many hundreds of children who are mentally defective, and who

cannot make progress in school as rapidly as those who are normal. Separate classes for those who are capable of instruction and entire segregation for those who are hopelessly feeble-minded, are necessary reforms in our existing social system.

Dr. Carter would have school trustees hold conventions, to discuss educational problems, and it is a valuable suggestion. They should be quite as much interested in getting together as teachers have in forming associations. Such conventions have been held in the west, with great benefit to the cause of education. The greatest benefit would be derived by the communities which have small schools, especially those in the more remote sections. In these there is a tendency to under-rate the value of the school, and contact by the trustees with those of larger communities would be very helpful in giving the former a new point of view. Of course, at the base of all progress is the interest of the parents in general in the school. Their children attend, and it must be said with regret that in city and country this interest is never as active as it should be.

THE STRUGGLE IN RUSSIA

Being no longer compelled to battle with the Poles, the Soviet government of Russia has launched a great offensive against Gen. Wrangel in Southern Russia. Whether the Reds are in a position to carry on a prolonged offensive, and whether Gen. Wrangel is in a position to get the necessary supplies to keep the field in a winter campaign are questions which at this distance cannot be answered. The Red forces are victorious Wrangel, but it may well be doubted, in view of the conduct of their troops on the Polish front not long ago, whether their fighting quality equals that of their opponents. And yet, disaster to them in the south would be a terrible blow to the ambitions of Lenin and Trotsky. The progress of the conflict will be watched with the keenest interest.

The character of the present government in Russia is described by Dr. L. Haden Guest, joint secretary of the British Labor Delegation to Russia, in the London Times as follows:

"Soviet Russia is ruled in fact by the so-called 'political five' (Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Kamenev and Kristinsky); its decision is absolutely final. This 'five' hampered neither by the control of any representative institution nor by any action of independent democratic organization, nor by criticism of free press or free word, are indeed omnipotent, but such revolutionary absolute power shares the general sad fate of every absolute power. Omnipotent as far as the masses are concerned, omnipotent with respect to the workman or peasant as well as any bourgeoisie, it is impotent as far as bureaucracy goes, and again particularly its military and police services, on which the 'five' are forced to rely for the fulfilment of its dictatorship. None of the best intentions of the men in power can be here of any avail. Absolute power at the top automatically creates absolute power of the worst kind at the bottom. And one must acknowledge that all kinds of arbitrariness, violence, bribery, and simple robbery bloom in Soviet Russia. Desperate efforts of separate groups of honest true Communists are drowned in this endless sea of millitary and police corruption. Such is, in short, the real aspect of the theory and practice of the Soviet system. Whether the tendency towards concentration of power will go further still, only the future can say. We are, at any rate, a long way off from the 'Bourgeois superstition' of liberty, constitutional democracy, and workers' control. How near we are to a Napoleonic era is a matter of speculation."

The affairs of the General Public Hospital are not satisfactory. There is lack of harmony between the hospital board and the general body of physicians. The institution has lost three of the most experienced members of its nursing staff who have gone to better salaried positions elsewhere. For a number of years there has been dissatisfaction with the present system of management. This state of affairs should be terminated and the hospital standardized. The first step would appear to be a thorough inquiry by competent authority into the whole matter of hospital control.

Gloucester defeated Lunenburg in Saturday's schooner race, but it is hoped the Nova Scotia vessel may do better if she can get a heavier wind and sea. It is a great contest, and is watched eagerly by all who live along the Canadian and American seaboard.

And now the November raspberries are coming in. Great climate in New Brunswick.

SOCIALISTS WON IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN ROME YESTERDAY

Rome, Nov. 1.—Anti-Socialist candidates were victorious in the municipal elections held here yesterday, being given large majorities. There was great enthusiasm shown by the people during the election and processions bearing national flags paraded the streets.



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THE CONSUMER

I'm the Ultimate Consumer, and my eyes are full of tears, for I've carried all the burdens of the world, a thousand years, and I'm doomed to pack those burdens till this planet is no more, so my eyes are full of sorrow and my heart is sick and sore. I've a right to groan and grumble and deplore my many ills, for I'm paying all the taxes, and I'm footing all the bills; to defray world's expenses I am always sweating blood; I'm the Ultimate Consumer, and my given name is Mud. Oh the farmer gets a rake-off when he sells a load of wheat and the miller, white and dusty, gets a rake-off and repeat, and the jobber gets a rake-off when he sells a sack of flour, and the dealer gets a rake-off or you'd see him looking sour; and the Ultimate Consumer, when he buys a dinky sack, has to pay these divers rake-offs, while pink pains run up his back. And they tax the woolen maker, who in commerce cuts a swath, and he hands along the taxes to the gent who buys his cloth, and this gent just hands the taxes to the fellow lower down, till they reach the busy tailor in our little country town. And the Ultimate Consumer pays the taxes in the end, when he buys a suit of rainment with summer pays the taxes in the end, when he buys a suit of rainment with a stylish Grecian Bend. I'm the Ultimate Consumer, and I sound a plaintive note; I'm the guy who pays the fiddler, I'm the universal goat.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

THE PIGEONS OF ST. JOHN.

Probably no city in the Dominion of Canada has as unique an attraction as St. John, the thriving city at the mouth of the river of that name that flows through the Province of New Brunswick. When the visitor steps off the train at any of the depots he is amazed to find flocks of various colored pigeons in the roads, or picking around on the sidewalks. They are so tame that they hardly deign to swag from under the feet of the pedestrians as they coax for something to eat. They are the pride of the city. King Square is full of them and the children as they play there are often in the hand eagerly trying to get the food fast. When the visitor steps off the train at any of the depots he is amazed to find flocks of various colored pigeons in the roads, or picking around on the sidewalks. They are so tame that they hardly deign to swag from under the feet of the pedestrians as they coax for something to eat.

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THE QUEST

Per mare non notum. Over an unknown sea, that none may sound, Whose shifting currents and engulfing sands Reach out to clutch us, while a myriad bands Of elfin shadows all our path surround. On drives our Argosy, like a questing hound, Hunting the quarry; now at fault he stands, Now every muscle to the chase remands. As with the view-halloo the hills resound.

O Golden Pledge, needs must we still be bold, Through clashing rocks draw thou the thread, To that far Colchis, whose dim glades enfold The heart's desire, till—e'en as in the past From fiercest storm flashed fairest halcyon— Our darkest doubts find deepest peace at last.

—D. A. S. in the Westminster Gazette.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Among the Heights. He—Yes, I certainly am good food, and always look forward to the next meal. She—Why don't you talk of higher things than food, a while? He—But, my dear, what is higher than food?—Life.

Reasoning.

An officer was inspecting at one of the camps, a daily paper tells us, when he came upon a big red-eyed private doing sentry duty with a gun that he held in anything but the approved manner. "Don't you know better," demanded the officer, "than to point an empty gun at me?" "But it ain't empty, sir," protested the private. "It's loaded!"—Youth's Companion.

Rheumatism in One Reel. "Wall, Eph," said his ex-employer, meeting the old dorky on the street, "how is the rheumatism these days?" "Porely, sah, porely," was the detected reply. "Believe me, Marny, I've lost a wavin' picture ob pain."—Boston Transcript.

RECENT WEDDINGS

At Moncton, October 30, Mrs. Ethel McLaughlin and Rupert W. Ross, both of Hillsboro, were united in marriage by Rev. E. H. Cochrane. After their marriage they motored to St. John, where they are visiting the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pattison, 149 Britain street.

Henry Augustine Delaney, chief train despatcher for the C. N. R. at Edmundston, was married to Miss Mary Martha Cyr at St. Leonard's, after a courtship of last week. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edmond Babin. Mr. and Mrs. Delaney will reside at St. Leonard's.

SAW-MILL BURNED.

Fire broke out Tuesday afternoon about four o'clock totally destroyed the saw mill and blacksmith shop of James Anderson & Son, located near Upper Dorchester. The blaze originated from a spark from the engine, which alighted on the roof of the mill. The mill was in operation at the time, but despite the strenuous efforts of the crew, the property was a total loss. A portion of a nearby lumber yard was also destroyed. The loss is estimated at about \$15,000, partially covered by insurance.

SATURDAY WAS A GREAT DAY

At the \$20,000 November Drive at the London House.

It is estimated from sales, checks, etc. that between 6,000 and 7,000 people visited our store on Saturday. The \$20,000 drive is certainly setting a pace in the selling of women's and children's ready to wear and general dry goods—and will grow stronger as the people realize more fully the real bargains in new seasonal Fall and Winter things at "Drive Prices." Tuesday has big line of a flock of 100 beautiful, varied colored birds. They eat out of the hands of anyone who will bring them food. Their friends are legion, for peanuts or bread for the perpetually hungry guests of the city. When one sits down on a park seat he is at once surrounded by a flock of the pigeons each begging for something. Produce a bag of nuts or cakes and they are on the seat, up on the feeders knees or his shoulders or in his hand eagerly trying to get the food fast. On cold or stormy days when the crowds do not come with the food the birds are forced to shift for themselves and then they make a pilgrimage to various back doors and restaurants where experience has taught them there is food to be found.

No one molests the birds; even the dogs of the city seem to understand that the pigeons of St. John have the rights as well as they and must not be injured. As a result they have thrived greatly and have no fear of man, dogs, children or anything that is to be found in the streets of a big city.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. G. Lincoln Fuller, Readsboro (Vt.), has written to Postmaster Sears, asking for information of her sister, Miss Kathleen Williams, of whom she has lost trace, and who is supposed to live in St. John.

S. Q. M. Sergeant H. A. Polner, superintendent clerk on the Canadian army pay corps, in this district, has been transferred to Halifax to duty there. S. Q. M. Sergeant Choppin of Ottawa will succeed Sergeant Polner here.

John A. Stewart, the celebrated lawyer, member of the Sulgrave Institute, New York, is to be the guest of the Canadian club some time at the latter part of this month. The secretary of the club received word recently of his acceptance of an invitation to address the club and the club considers itself fortunate in having secured so distinguished and able a speaker to address it.

The jury has been empanelled and an inquest will be held tonight to investigate into the death of Frederick Fisher, who was killed by being struck by a shunter on the C. N. R. near Lawlor's Lake on Friday evening. The inquest will be conducted by Coroner H. A. Porter and the jury will consist of William J. Knox, Isaac Mercer, Albert W. Covey, Frederick Bryden, J. A. Smythe Keirstead, William Armstrong and David J. Stockford.

A special meeting of the Marine Freight Handlers' Union was held yesterday afternoon in Temperance Hall, West St. John, and the following officers elected: President, William Lee; 1st vice-president, Charles Ames; 2nd vice-president, Michael Landis; recording secretary, William Williams; financial secretary, Edward McGinnis; treasurer, James A. Brittain; guard, N. Farrington; trustees, Jos. Burnett, John Carlson, John Baird; financial and auditing committee, John McDade, Charles Ames, Jos. Burnett; pick visiting committee, Geo. Connors, James A. Brittain, William Lee.

The funeral of Thomas P. Mullaly, son of Patrick and Helen Mullaly, was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of 230 Charles Street, to the cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where Rev. Father Landry officiated at the burial service. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. The pall bearers were chosen from the operators at the Cornwall and York Cotton Mill, where the young man had been a general foreman, numerous floral offerings testifying to the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-workers and his friends.

SHOT DOWN AT DOOR OF CHURCH

An Incident in the Election Contest in the United States.

Chicago, Nov. 1.—While hundreds of church-goers looked on in amazement, Attorney Edward Larnsey was shot down yesterday in what the police say was one phase of a political feud between adherents of Congressman John W. Rains, seeking re-election, and those of John Golembusky, his Republican opponent. Larnsey was not dangerously injured. Larnsey is a law partner of Rainsy. With Louis Pommer, he was distributing handbills to the church congregation when four men appeared in an automobile, fired upon, and struck down Pommer with a revolver butt and disappeared.

GENERAL BOOTHS REPLY.

Having sent an invitation to General Booth asking him to address the Canadian Club, the secretary of the club has received the following reply: "General Booth instructs me to acknowledge the receipt of your invitation to address the club. He thanks you warmly for the same, but regrets that it is impossible for him to accept the invitation on the occasion of this visit, every day being booked up and the maritime province not being included in his itinerary. He hopes to have the pleasure of visiting St. John on subsequent visit to Canada." (Signed) Commissioner Lamb.

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EASY IN SPAIN ON MATTER OF TIME

Madrid, Oct. 16, (A. P. Correspondence)—Foreign visitors after a short stay in Madrid begin to doubt whether Spaniards are able to tell the time. There are scores of public clocks in government buildings and on church towers and nearly every Spaniard carries a watch, which he often looks at, but apparently

these do not mean anything to the average citizen. An invitation to a meal at a certain hour means that the host or the guest will appear half an hour or more late. An appointment for a fixed time and place nearly always finds both parties absent at the hour named. An interview arranged with an official involves usually a wait of an hour in the anteroom. The tailor will not be ready to try on your suit until at least two days after he has promised to do so. Trains rarely start and never arrive at the scheduled hour. These are some few indications of the little interest Spaniards show in the time.

It is either morning, noon, evening or night with Spaniards generally—and even course the eternal mañana, which never comes. The exact hour is nothing to them; yet thousands of them will assemble on the Puerta del Sol to watch the fall of the globe on the Ministry of the Interior at noon every day.

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