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## A TIMELY SPEECH

If Sir George Foster's well balanced summary and analysis of the position and prospects of the League of Nations needed confirmation, it would be found in yesterday's vote in the British House of Commons and in statements made during the debate by the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin.

Sir George told a large and interested Saint John audience last evening that confirmation of the infinitely important Locarno pact had been merely deferred for six months, and he asked the public not to mistake temporary postponement for a final agreement for anything approaching failure of the League itself, saying that it might confidently be expected that at the September meeting the difficulties encountered at Geneva would be overcome.

In the British House of Commons yesterday, after Lloyd George had led an attack upon Sir Austen Chamberlain, and had declared that by his willfulness and that of the British Government to sacrifice Germany to France, the whole international situation had been wrecked, and the very existence of the League impelled, the House voted confidence in the Foreign Secretary by a majority of 186. The Prime Minister brushed aside any suggestion that Sir Austen's resignation from the Foreign Office was within the possibilities by observing that the Secretary would continue to bring to fruition the great work he began at Locarno. Mr. Baldwin, referring to both Lloyd George and Ramsay MacDonald, who have plunged into the depths of pessimism in regard to the European outlook, observed that the opposition leaders, having come to the House to deplore the funeral, had found the League very well and in charge of a skilful doctor, the Foreign Secretary. When the smoke of debate had cleared away the House registered its approval of the Prime Minister's speech and the defeated Lloyd George's motion of censure by a vote of 325 to 136.

The faith in the future so strongly expressed by Mr. Baldwin, and the result of yesterday's debate in the British Commons, should tend to increase the public's appreciation of Sir George Foster's searching and clear address of last evening in St. Andrew's Church, and his belief in the soundness of his opinion that the League will emerge from the shadow temporarily cast upon it through recent events at Geneva.

British action from motives not yet clearly defined—was able to prevent the great nations from carrying through at Geneva their proposal that an additional permanent seat in the League of Nations Council be created and given to Germany, but as all of the seven nations subscribing to the Locarno pact, which provides for Germany's membership, are in full agreement, they will be able to correct the situation at the September meeting. With that done, Sir George strongly believes the movement for lasting world peace will go steadily and rapidly forward, and that an increasing and sustained measure of disarmament will surely come.

Sir George Foster's addresses, presenting the purposes, progress and actual accomplishments of the League, are of striking value. He is a great missionary, bringing all the wonderful powers at his command to bear upon the promotion of a cause in the success of which lies new hope for humanity.

THE AGITATION GROWS.

The Maritime Provinces have a very direct and vital interest in the case presented to the Railway Commission at Ottawa yesterday. The Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph says that the following three outstanding demands form the kernel of the matter:

1st. That the railway rates from Georgian Bay ports to Quebec for the transportation of export grain be the same on all railways as those existing between Georgian Bay ports and Montreal.

2nd. That the rate for the transportation of export grain to Quebec exclusively over the Transcontinental Railway be the same as that existing from Port William and Port Arthur to Montreal via rail and water.

3rd. That the rates on general freight from Toronto and west of Toronto to Quebec be the same as from Toronto and points west of Toronto to Montreal.

The Chronicle-Telegraph further says that "utilization of the Transcontinental Railway for the purposes for which it was built, namely the exportation of western Canadian grain through the port of Quebec and the securing of a competitive rate over that system, form the foundation upon which the experts and advisors of the Quebec Harbor Commission have based their demands." It further says that from a well-informed source it learns that "besides receiving the endorsement of the Quebec Board of Trade, the demands of the local Harbor Commission, particularly in so far as they refer to the utilization of the Transcontinental Railway for the transportation of grain from Winnipeg to Quebec, have the whole-hearted support of the farmers of the Province of Manitoba while the

## What System Of Civic Government Do You Think Best?

(The Times-Star publishes today the fifth of a series of articles on differing systems of civic administration. The fourth will appear in an early issue.)

**THE COMMISSION PLAN**

The commission form of municipal government had its origin in a flood disaster which overtook the city of Galveston, Texas, in the first year of this century, creating therein conditions with which the city council was unable to cope. In response to an appeal of the citizens the governor of the state appointed a special commission of five business men to take over the management of the city's affairs and restore order out of chaos. So successful were they in accomplishing that purpose that they were subsequently elected under a new charter as the city council. It will thus be seen that in its inception the commission form of city government was a true commission—an appointed, not an elected body.

For reasons explained in a previous article, municipal government in the United States was at that time anything but satisfactory. The success of the Galveston commission, therefore, attracted widespread attention and cities seeking improvement in their methods of administration soon began to adopt the commission idea in framing new charters. The city of Des Moines, Iowa, was among the earliest of these and for the purpose of retaining effective popular control and overcoming some objections introduced in their charter the provision known as the initiative, referendum and recall, which thereafter became a recognized feature of almost all commission charters. To ensure majority rule, the double election of primary and final, administrative as well as legislative, is placed in the hands of so small a number of representatives, it seems wise necessary to ensure either by double election, or by "proportional representation" that every citizen's vote shall be supported by an actual majority of all the votes cast.

During the decade 1905 to 1915 more than 800 cities of 5,000 population or over adopted the commission form of government, about 50 of these being cities of over 100,000 population. A score of them over one hundred thousand inhabitants. Some few of them, mainly as a result of the fact that labor is good in itself.

But all of us should be able to see that there are two kinds of work—work that is worth doing, and work that is not worth doing. It is the difference between the two kinds of work that makes the difference between the two kinds of work.

What is the essential difference between the two kinds of work? That one has hope in it, the other has not.

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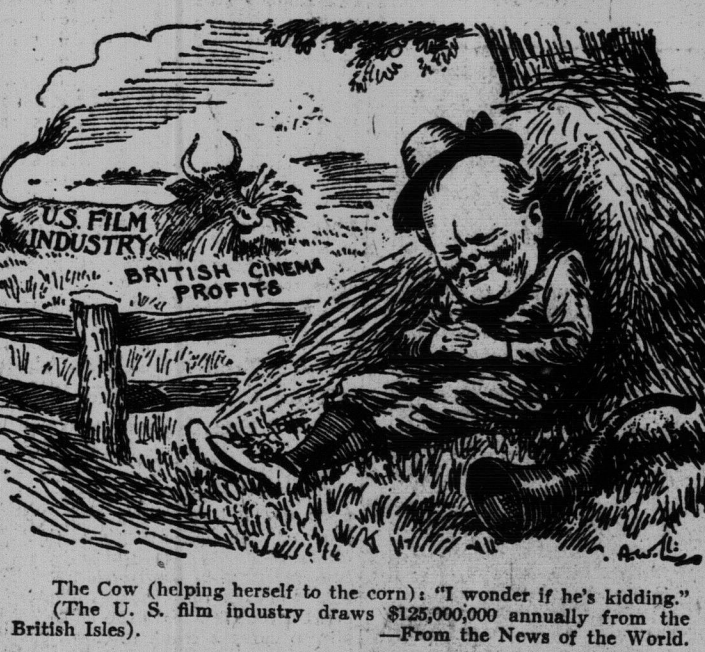
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**NO MATTER** what you may think of the "long kiss" on the movie screen you can rest assured of one thing: It is a waste of time.

## The Horn That Isn't Blown



The Cow (helping herself to the corn): "I wonder if he's kidding." (The U. S. film industry draws \$125,000,000 annually from the British Isles.)

## Poems That Live

**ON A FLY DRINKING OUT OF HIS CUP.**

Busy, curious, thirsty fly!  
Drink with me, and drink as I:  
Preenly welcome to my cup.  
Couldst thou sip and sip it up:  
Make the most of life you may,  
Life is short and wears away.

Both alike are mine and thine,  
Hastening quick to their decline:  
Thine's a summer, mine's no more,  
Though repeated to threescore.  
Threescore summers, when they're gone,  
Will appear as short as one!

—William Oldys.

## The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

**THE ONLY WORTHY WORK**

MOST people appear to assume that all work is useful, and many persons believe that work is desirable. It has become a part of popular thought that labor is good in itself.

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## The Very Idea!

**TRAILERS**

THE world's too full of fellows who just trail along behind, and simply do the things that they are told. The leader, with the proper sort of spirit, hard to find. The world's too shy of men who take a hold.

You can't hand out much credit to the man who falls in step, and shunts his real ambition to the shelf. He soon becomes a plodder, and he slowly loses pep. A weakling when he cannot lead himself.

Come on now, less up frankly—do you travel with the mob, and is the thought in mind to go with? If you are just a straggler, you're the only one you rob. Success is gained by those who blaze the trail.

Every man has a price—and it's pretty much up to him whether or not he's worth it.

Many a spiritualist starts off with only a ghost of a show and yet meets with success.

**PERSONAL MAIL:** Dear Mr. Ford—In very much in favor of the rye walk. Where can I get some?

Two kinds of men. That's all there are. If just the truth be said: The kind who do as they are told, and those who never wed.

**NOW, HONESTLY—**  
No matter how old you really are—how old you feel?  
It all depends on whether you've got a hold on age, or age has a hold on you. As long as you keep spirit alive, it will have the same effect on you. And the liver you do as they are told.

Sounds logical then, to figure that a man may mingle with his kids and stave off that age effect just that much longer.

Ever try it out?

When a youngster says he'll tidy up the kitchen he will let him finish the frosting dish, it's just a lick and a promise.

Pin the strength medal on the cop who held up seventeen autos with one hand.

In explaining parliamentary law, a certain husband tried to tell his wife who she should be. He was just as if she didn't know.

**FABLES IN FACT**  
HE WAS ONE OF THOSE HUNTERS WHO DELIGHT IN TELLING OF PAST EXPERIENCES PERIOD ON THIS OCCASION HE WAS SURROUNDED BY A GROUP OF WOMEN TOURISTS PERIOD SAID THE HUNTER COLON QUOTATION MARK ABOUT TWELVE

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**"CAN'T** you find someone," pleads a man, "who will invent a suit with four corners all alike—that a fellow may put on in the dark without his arms and lower limbs getting mixed?"

**THE** government may yet have to tax bootleggers in order to get money with which to enforce the Volstead act.

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