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LONDON, THURSDAY, APRIL 14.

COMBINES AND HIGH PRICES.

One object of Hon. Mr. King's bill relating to combines, which is now before the Commons, is to ascertain to what extent mergers or trusts are responsible for the increased cost of living during the last twenty years, and by means of publicity, or that failing, the imposition of penalties, put a stop to abuse of the power which combination gives.

It is not proposed to legislate upon trusts and mergers as such, but to place some form of restraint upon them, and protect the consumer against illegitimate business methods made possible through the absence or restriction of competition.

As explained by Mr. King, the bill applies in principle the remedy that has worked so successfully in settling disputes between employers and employees. Machinery is provided for investigation by a board of commissioners, of which a high court judge will be chairman, of any complaint where a prima facie case of undue enhancement of prices has been made out. The full publicity which will be given the facts brought out, is expected to be sufficient in itself to redress any wrong disclosed. Should the unfair practices be persisted in, the bill provides for the infliction of severe penalties on the offenders until prices are brought to a reasonable basis.

The complaint and the concern complained against will each be allowed the privilege of choosing one of the investigators, and these two will select a chairman, who must be a high court judge, in the event of their failing to agree, the Government will choose the chairman. The board, in conducting the investigation, will have all the powers of a court of law, with the right to summon witnesses, the Government defraying all expenses. Every opportunity will be given for wide publicity of the commission's report. Where it is found that prices are unduly enhanced, an interval will be allowed, during which the combine may reduce prices to a basis which the board considers reasonable, but if this is not done, and the combine fails to satisfy public opinion, a heavy fine may be imposed for each day's delay in lowering prices, and in addition the offenders may be deprived of tariff protection.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

A very striking illustration of Canada's recent progress was given by Hon. Chas. Murphy, secretary of state, in a speech at Brockville the other day. In describing the work of his department he mentioned that in 1896 not one person was naturalized in Canada, while last year the number of people who became citizens by naturalization numbered 25,000, of whom 9,000 came from the United States.

The importance of the office of secretary of state is not generally realized. It is one of the busiest of governmental departments. As its head, Mr. Murphy exercises control over the departments of external affairs, public printing and stationery, and the civil service commission. All official correspondence within the Dominion is in his charge. He is the medium of communication between the Dominion Government and the governments of the provinces. The department also administers the Dominion elections, companies, naturalization, (Canada temperance, boards of trade and trade union acts). The Secretary of State is also registrar-general whose duties include the recording of commissions, grants, railway mortgages, to secure bonds, releases of mortgages, surrender to the crown, etc. In this branch are important historic documents, some dating back nearly 250 years. The library of official reference books for the use of the various departments, which was established six years ago, and now contains 30,000 volumes of books and pamphlets, is also in charge of the Secretary of State, whose staff of officials prepare and record the commissions and grants under the great seal, except Northwest land grants, and also the commissions of Dominion officers.

Since the Liberals came into power the business of the department has greatly increased, but it is now being run at an annual profit. In 1896 the expenditure of the department was about \$10,000 in excess of the receipts; now, although the expenditure for salaries, contingencies, etc., has greatly increased, there is a balance on the right side of \$70,000. In the same period the number of letters written in the department has increased 100 per cent, exclusive of the thousands from the minister's office direct. In addition,

there has in the thirteen years been an increase of 500 per cent in the number of returns proposed for Parliament.

MR. MONK'S POSITION.

A demonstration in honor of Mr. Monk upon his return to Montreal from a southern health resort was proposed by young French-Canadian Conservatives, but it is said they have been dissuaded by older heads in the party. Such an occasion would be exceedingly embarrassing to Mr. Borden. It would be interpreted as a challenge and defiance. The Toronto News is perfectly logical when it says that Mr. Monk cannot consistently remain in the position of French-Canadian leader of the party; and the denaturalization of the Opposition would be complete if the French-Canadian Conservatives were to make Mr. Monk's cause their own.

Mr. Monk is opposed to any expenditure for naval purposes. How can Mr. Borden consistently attack the Government upon the naval question, or even claim that the Opposition has an alternative policy, while he retains as his Quebec lieutenant a man whose views are diametrically opposed to his own? In Ontario such newspapers as the Toronto Mail and Empire cry that the Government's design is anti-British, anti-imperial, and separatist. Mr. Monk's attitude is that of the Quebec Nationalists, who denounce the Government's scheme as an encroachment on Canadian autonomy. The Opposition will be compromised in this manner, so long as Mr. Monk retains his present post. If he cannot see it, Mr. Borden must open his eyes.

Resolutions will not help Mr. Borden unless he helps himself. The pulpits forces of the city will be weakened by the loss of Mr. Vining and Mr. Shields.

Australia has just elected its fourth government in four years. This is an average of one a year. In Canada governments only die of old age.

Quebec will follow Ontario's lead by prohibiting the exportation of pulpwood cut on crown lands. This is conservation with a big C.

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, who will explain the Government's annuity scheme in the city tonight, was in Toronto journalism for years, and is a clever writer and speaker. Her subject tonight appeals to women as much as to men.

Judge Doherty, a newcomer, assumed the leadership of the Ottawa Opposition in the absence of Mr. Borden, Mr. Foster and Mr. Monk, but in the presence of Dr. Spruille, George Taylor, Richard Blain, Sam Hughes and other aspiring but apparently expiring "renewals." If they will not take this hint, there will be little use in upsetting the proverbial ton of brick on them.

"Meantime the Ottawa Opposition members should take a lesson from Lord Randolph's Churchill's fourth party, a small parliamentary group which, by persistent combination and effective co-operation, drove the Gladstone Government out of power in short order."—Toronto News.

An unfortunate illustration. The four members of the fourth party were insurgents, in rebellion against the regular Conservative leader. Further, the Ottawa Opposition hasn't a Churchill, a Balfour, a Gorst, or a Drummond-Wolfe in its ranks.

SCHOLARLY.

Minister—So you are going to school now, are you, Bobby?
Bobby—Yes, yes, sir.
Minister—Spell kitten for me.
Bobby—Oh, I'm further advanced than that. Try me on cat.

SUCCESS WITH AN AUTO.

"A man ought to be a good mechanic in order to get satisfactory results from an automobile."
"Yes," answered Mr. Chuggins, "but it's still better to be a good financier."

A BIBLE NAME.

The late Bishop Gallier was once asked to baptize a negro baby boy.
"Name this child," he said, addressing Mrs. Jackson, the mother of the black mite.
"Halld!"
"That's a strange name, Mrs. Jackson," remarked the bishop, looking at his assistant.
"Scripture name," rejoined the happy mother, with a confident grin.
"I never saw it in the Bible."
"Why, bishop, didn't you start 'n dar kiddin' a ole niggar niggah laik it?" Yuh says dat name whenever yuh says de Lawd's prayer—Halld be thy name!"

RIPENED LATE.

The father of Booth Tarkington, the novelist, as just published his first novel. He is 70 years old. It's a late start, but see what the English novelist Mr. Morgan has done, though he began novel writing almost as late as did the Italian man.

THERE'S A REASON.

He had a red and weary eye.
And coughs a shrill and racking cough.
And would you know the reason why?
Because he t-k h-s-f-n-l-s off.

HELD UP UNCLE SAM.

We have been obliged to accept the so-called intermediate tariff of Canada upon a much smaller number of articles than that to which it is applied in the lately-concluded agreement with France, which is extended automatically to some dozen other countries in Europe.
That is to say, while we have given the Canadians the benefit of our lowest tariff on all articles specified in the law, we have been obliged to accept from them much more onerous concessions than have been made to nearly all the commercial countries of Europe. Nevertheless, we think the president did well to make a commercial agreement with Canada on the best terms he could get; first, because it is right, and second, because he could do nothing else.
The plain truth is that the public opinion of this country would not endure a

tariff war at this time with a country which is our largest market and buys from us far more than it sells to us. It begins to be understood in the United States that the great mass of our people suffer far more than the Canadians from obstructions to trade between the two countries, and that the difference between us would be increased by greater obstruction.
The Canadians understand this far better than we do, and undoubtedly took advantage of it to hold us up in the agreement.

SOUND SENSE.
[Woodstock Review.]
Conditions are constantly developing in every party with which healthy-minded people have no right to be satisfied. The fact that such conditions are tolerated without protest is not a wholesome sign, even from the party viewpoint, but the reverse.

EMBARRASSING.
[Boston Courier.]
Stubb—I notice your wife doesn't wear her 500-button gown to church now.
Pomp—No, it was too embarrassing. Every time a button turned up on the collection plate, the person glanced at her.

NOT SPORT BUT BUSINESS.
[Toronto News.]
Those so-called race meetings, which run from weeks to months, have little to do with the encouragement of horse breeding, and are simply gambling agencies. All these should be suppressed. So also should all the hand-book accessories to racing. Nor can there be any justification for a meeting running beyond seven or eight days.

MRS. PARTINGTON'S RIVAL.
[Boston Transcript.]
Mr. Blinks (in art museum)—I didn't know you were such an admirer of curios, Mrs. Blunderby—Oh, yes, indeed; I just delight in iniquities.

A SOUND POLITICAL MAXIM.
[Winnipeg Free Press.]
It was Abraham Lincoln, a fairly successful practical politician, who declared: "What is inherently right is politically safe."

FOR THE FRONT ROW.
[Ridgeway Dominion.]
Borden is all right as leader of the Opposition, but we hope the news is true that the political antiquaries who sit him in the House will be led to go to the rear, and that the bright and vigorous young men who entered the House more recently will be advanced to the front row.

WITH US AGAIN.
[Scranton Tribune-Republican.]
Now does the little house fly begin to buzz around?
Distributing disease germs?
Where'er they may be found?
The awful little nuisance?
About everywhere appearing?
Ticking our noses?
And likewise our ears?
'Tis time to open battle.
And keep it up, till we are best.
Against those pestiferous
And active little pests.
So bring along the poison,
The screen, and let us try.
To regulate the summer's cause,
That rapid-moving fly.

THE JEWISH PEOPLE.
It is extraordinary how few Jews there really are in this country, considering their great influence and insistence. Herbert Samuel is the only Jewish member of the ministry. There are only four Jewish privy councillors, and only four Jewish peers. Eight Jews sit on the London county council, between twenty and thirty are members of the House of Commons. Jewish journalism has many Jews among its members, and American journalism more. The newspapers in Paris are largely influenced by Jews; in Berlin their influence is greater still, and in Vienna it is predominant. Finance is entirely controlled by Jews, and hence it may be said that wars are in their hands and the fate of nations in their hands. Only 100,000 Jews in the whole world, and fewer than 20,000 in London. Truly an amazing people.

CANDID ADVICE.

[Ottawa Citizen.]
What is needed is a general house-cleaning and reorganization. Whatever the stand in the way of unity and harmony should be removed, discipline must be established, and a united front presented. The Opposition is not doing, and has not for some time been doing its best work; it has been missing opportunities and failing to achieve results. This is largely due to dissensions within its own ranks, which have a most distracting effect. Reorganization is imperative, and the sooner reorganization takes place the better.

CLARA DALLAS' MOTHER

NOW IN MONTREAL

Is Suffering Because She Cannot Get Back Her Baby.

Hamilton, April 14.—Inquiries about Clara Alice Dallas, the child actress, whose case has been attracting much interest, shows that she had been singing in Montreal picture houses, before her guardian, Mrs. Polly Grier, of this city, died with her, when the little girl's father started court proceedings to get his daughter. It was through this that her identity was established when she was taken off the stage of a London theatre, going under the name of Ruth Singer.
Mrs. Dallas, the child's mother, in an interview at Montreal, said: "Is it not unreasonable that a mother should want her child? The facts were that I came out later on, but meanwhile, I am suffering because I cannot get my baby. She has been taught by this woman to disregard her mother, but the time must come when I shall have her all to myself. More than that I prefer not to say at the present moment."

THE ALBERTA PROBE

Two Important Witnesses Fail to Put in an Appearance.

Edmonton, Alta., April 13.—A genuine surprise, in the striking of the nature of a bomb, was exploded here this morning, when the royal commission, which is investigating the contract of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway, reconvened, announcement being made by Mr. W. L. Walsh, counsel for the commission, that neither President Clarke, of the company, nor solicitor D. Minty, of Winnipeg, would appear at the session of the commission in Winnipeg. This announcement caused a great surprise, as Mr. Robson had assured the commission previously that his client, Clarke, would attend the session of the commission today to give all the evidence desired. Mr. R. B. Bennett gave it as his opinion that Mr.

Minty had offered to give evidence before a commission in Winnipeg, knowing that it would not have the power to enforce answers outside of this province.
James McKinnon, of the Canada West Construction Company, was subpoenaed this morning, but failed to appear.
Dr. Waddell, chief engineer of the Alberta and Great Waterways, was called, and was hazy about office matters; and papers; he also could not explain the exact connection between the Alberta and Great Waterways and the Canada West Construction Company.

The royal commission adjourned until Thursday, to give counsel time to reconstruct their case.

THINKS ESKIMOS CAME FROM JAPAN

Rev. E. J. Peck's Interesting Address on Missionary Work in the Far North.

WORK IN HONAN, CHINA

No Easy Task, Said Rev. Principal Waller at Woman's Auxiliary Meeting Last Night.

A rare treat was last night's session of the Huron Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in Bishop Cronyn Hall, when an interesting map talk was given by Rev. Principal Waller, of Huron College, on the new Diocese of Honan, China, under the control of the Canadian Anglican Church.

The speaker opened with a geographical description of the Province of Honan. It is 465 miles from north to south, and 420 miles from east to west. This province contains a population equal to that of England and Wales, only 10,000,000 less than that of Japan, and eighteen times that of Ontario, although it is only one-third the size. It is the most densely populated country in the world.
The evil of infanticide is one of the greatest difficulties which the missionaries have to contend with. Orphanages and foundling homes have been established to counteract this evil.

Social Problems.
There are, unfortunately, fifteen denominational bodies working in China, and the task of the missionary is no easy one. Three years must be spent by the missionary in learning the language before he can begin effective work.
Principal Waller's closing words were: "Is my Christianity worth propagating? This is the solemn question each Christian should ask himself."
Perhaps the most pleasing feature of the evening was the lecture by the Rev. E. J. Peck on his work among the Eskimos north of the Arctic zone.

The lecture was splendidly illustrated by flashlight views, taken from actual work among the Eskimos, which served to bring the scene of Rev. Mr. Peck's labors directly before the audience. The hall was crowded, and the interest was taken in each of the views shown.
The Eskimos.
In opening Rev. Mr. Peck expressed his belief that the Eskimos came originally from Japan, resembling the Japanese greatly in their physique, religion and race characteristics.
The views illustrated the dress of the Eskimos, their home life, the structure of their houses, an Eskimo village, harpooning whales, and various other phases of their life.
The Rev. Mr. Peck then read and read the treasurer's report, which showed a balance on hand from 1908, \$1,029.35; receipts for 1909, \$4,425.81; total, \$5,454.16. Disbursements, \$4,425.81; balance in bank, \$1,107.75; balance, cash, \$5.42; total, \$5,465.86; cash-offering, \$608.04.

Afternoon Session.
At the afternoon session the question of appeals was left over. These appeals included China, the Northwest, Japan, and for increased missionary efforts along all lines.
An excellent paper was given by Controller Ainey, of Montreal, strongly in favor of the measure.
Ottawa, April 13.—Controller Joseph Ainey, of Montreal, was the principal witness before the eight-hour bill committee today. He supported the measure and said the workmen would favor it if wages were not reduced. The relations between the building trades and their employees in Montreal had for some time not been the best. There had been constant strife, and, as they had not achieved the end they sought with their employers, they could not ask the city to put the 8-hour proviso in its contracts. The Federal Government might set an example.
Mr. W. Watkins, of the United Mine Workers, Springfield, favored the bill as bettering the conditions of the miners.

LIMIT DEATH PENALTY

Czar Nicholas Instructs Government To Drop Exceptional Measures.

[Associated Press.]

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Premier Stolypin, in a speech in the Duma last night, announced that the Emperor had personally ordered that the death penalty and administrative measures for the preservation of order should be limited as strictly as possible.

The exceptional measures that it was found necessary to enforce during the revolutionary days have now been relaxed in nearly all parts of the empire.
The Premier referred to the recent attack made by robbers on the treasury at Kizliar, in Circassia, when seventeen men were killed, including several of the military guards, and said that such occurrences as this showed that the iron hand still was necessary in some parts of the country, and would be applied rigorously to protect the citizens from bombs and brandage.

Crippled With

Lame Back

THIS RESULT OF LONG-STANDING KIDNEY DISEASE WAS OVERCOME BY

DR. CHASE'S

KIDNEY LIVER PILLS

This letter gives you some idea of the definite and certain results you obtain by using Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills for kidney disease.
"This medicine is very prompt in action, and very direct in effecting cure. You do not need to keep up the treatment long before you find most marked improvement."
Mrs. Richard Patterson, Haldimand, Gaspe County, Quebec, writes: "I want to tell you that I was cured of kidney disease of long standing by the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills. I suffered to suffer a great deal, not knowing what was the cause of the trouble, and got so bad that I was almost crippled with lame back pains."
"Before I had used two boxes of these pills I found my back better, and less than three boxes made the cure complete. I had never had such a back since, and believe the cure to be lasting."
Backache, headache, bodily pains, scanty, rather watery, discolored urine after standing, tickle appetite, indigestion and irregularity of the bowels are among the symptoms which warn you of serious trouble from kidney disease.
You can be practically certain that Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills will help you and help you quickly. Make the test for yourself today. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box, all dealers; or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto, Write for free copy of Dr. Chase's Recipes.

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Friday and Saturday Specials

Lace Curtains and Spring Cleaning

You appreciate the one when you are doing the other. These lace curtains, which we advertise specially for Friday and Saturday, form a purchase from the maker at a special price advantage.

Nottingham Lace Curtains of strong and durable net, finished top and bottom, over-lock stitched edges. Choice of five different patterns of very attractive designs and lace effect; three yards long. They are marvels of value. At a pair.....90c

Special for Friday

24 pairs only White Bobbinet Curtains of strong net, with frill finished with lace insertion and edge; hemmed at top for pole to go through. These curtains are used for bedrooms, dining-rooms and living-rooms, three yards long. Friday only, per pair.....75c

Art Muslin Special

Art Curtain Muslin, in pink, green, yellow, mauve and blue colorings on cream ground, 32 inches wide. Special, a yard, 7c

Absolutely fast-color American Scrim, for high-grade drapery purposes. At a yard.....25c

Tapestry Carpet 65c Yard

Six different patterns of this special value in English Tapestry Carpet, suitable for bedrooms, dining-rooms and living-rooms. Made and laid at a yard.....65c
Tapestry Stair Carpet, special this week, per yard.....48c

Balmoral Tapestry For Less

These tapestries have a standard value and, as a rule, never sell for less than it. Nor have they sold for less with us until now, when regular dollar-a-yard quality is marked 85c a yard. One pattern has a border to match. Colorings are green, red and fawn. You will appreciate this value when you see them. Made and laid, per yard.....85c

10-Wire Balmoral Tapestry Room Rugs

"Wears like iron" is what may be said about 10-wire Balmoral Tapestry Room Rugs. The quality is of a kind which is acknowledged the world over as superior to any other tapestry. This season prices are a bit more reasonable than for the past few years. Here are the opportunities awaiting you:

3x3 1/2 yards, 10-wire Balmoral Rugs.....\$14.50
3x4 yards, 10-wire Balmoral Rugs.....\$16.00
3 1/2 x 4 yards, 10-wire Balmoral Rugs.....\$18.50
3 1/2 x 4 1/2 yards, 10-wire Balmoral Rugs.....\$22.50

J. H. Chapman & Co., 126, 128, 128 1/2 Dundas St.

TWO MEN KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Detroit, April 13.—Two men were killed and one was seriously injured in an automobile accident at the outer Belt Line railroad crossing, Gratiot Avenue, between French Line road and Connor's Creek, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The men killed were Geo. Smith, 26 years old, Baldwin and Keith avenues, and John Foster, 20 years old, 1917 Jefferson Avenue. The injured man is Christopher Peters, 36 Joseph Campbell Avenue, who sustained a fractured leg.
Smith was employed as a chauffeur by the Home Savings Bank, and Foster was a chauffeur for F. E. Baldwin, the architect who resides at the Whitehall Apartments on Jefferson Avenue.

A NEW LESSEE FOR STRATFORD THEATRE

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Stratford, April 13.—Theatre Albert has been leased by Mr. Brandenberger to the Griffin Amusement Company, of Toronto and Elmira, N.Y., for a term of ten years. The Griffin Amusement Company have leased a circuit of theatres, and will conduct a big-class house, putting on the best class of plays, with vaudeville and moving pictures filling in the time between dates of such plays. Mr. Brandenberger has other financial interests outside the theatre, to which he will now devote the whole of his time.

MILLS OPEN EARLY.

Ottawa, Ont., April 13.—The lumber mills at the Chaudiere here are already opening for the season. The Sheppard & Morse concern started operations yesterday. This is more than two weeks ahead of last year.

MADE WELL AND STRONG

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound
Dovedale, Sask.—"I was a sufferer from female weakness—monthly periods irregular and painful and a bad discharge backache and a wretched head-ache, and had felt weak ever since the birth of my twins. I tried doctors but got no relief. I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and after three weeks I was feeling much better, and now I am well again."
—Mrs. BESSIE BILLY, Dovedale, Sask., Canada.

Another Woman Cured.
Christiana, Tenn.—"I suffered from the worst form of female trouble so that at times I thought I could not live, and my nerves were in a dread condition. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cured me and made me feel like a different woman. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is worth its weight in gold to suffering women."—Mrs. MARY WOOD, R. F. D. 3.
If you belong to that countless army of women who suffer from some form of female ills, don't hesitate to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs.
For thirty years this famous remedy has been the standard for all forms of female ills, and has cured thousands of women who have been troubled with such ailments as displacements, fibroid tumors, ulceration, irregularities, backache, and nervous prostration.