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BUSINESS AND SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION

The Rotary Club heard yesterday a notable exposition of the part the business interests of the world should take in the great task of social reconstruction which the war has forced upon the world. Business, because of its intimate relation to the life of all the people, in the production and the distribution of the necessities of life, is peculiarly fitted, Mr. Raymond Robins pointed out, for the task of combining with itself the political forces and the spiritual forces of the world to bring about the better social state which must emerge if democracy is to save itself. He asserted that the time when a man could gain a high position in human estimation because of acquired or inherited wealth has passed away. If the mere object of business is to get profits, and this desire leads to great combinations and places power finally in the hands of a few, then there is a financial autocracy for which the only effective remedy (if there be no reform) is that applied by Bismarck when he substituted for it in Germany the military autocracy which eventually bent all the business interests of the country to its will and purpose. Mr. Robins would not have that policy adopted in the Anglo-Saxon world. What he terms the romance of the business of the future is solution by the business brain of the problem of increasing wages and shortening the hours of labor while at the same time there is also a reduction of the cost per unit of production. This problem can be solved by standardization, organization, and the recognition by business of its relation and its duty to the community at large. The speaker gave striking instances from recent American business history to prove his point, and it was impossible to follow his clear and logical reasoning without getting a bigger and better conception of the whole subject. The ethics of business means from what it means to the man who looks only for profit and has no regard for community welfare. If all business men were actuated by purely selfish business motives a war of interests would inevitably follow, and hence the necessity of recognizing the spiritual forces which tend to prevent strife and point the way to community service. Whenever the business interests choose they can make the political forces of the country, instead of serving selfish ends, serve the needs of this new plan of social reconstruction. Those business men who heard Mr. Robins yesterday were able as they listened to get a clear vision not only of what is meant by such reconstruction but of the dominant part the business interests of the country can and should take in the performance of a task which involves the very existence of democracy and the highest interests of humanity.

HELPING THE KAISER.

President Wilson said to the American senate yesterday:—
"They (the terms of peace) imply, first of all, that it must be a peace without victory. It is not pleasant to say this. I beg that I may be permitted to put my own interpretation upon it, and that it may be understood that no other interpretation was in my thoughts. I am seeking only to face realities, and to face them without soft concealsments. Victory would mean peace forced upon the loser, the victor's terms imposed upon the vanquished. It would be accepted in humiliation, under duress, at an intolerable sacrifice, and would leave a resentment, a bitter memory upon which the seeds of peace would not, not permanently, but only as upon quicksand, only a peace between equals can last, only a peace the very principle of which is equality and common participation in a common benefit. The right state of mind, the right feeling between nations, is necessary for a lasting peace."
And after President Wilson had spoken an admiring senator said:—
"We have just passed through a very important hour in the life of the world."
And another senator said:—
"It is the greatest document since the declaration of independence."
And President Wilson himself admiringly said:—
"I have said what everybody has been longing for but has thought impossible. Now it appears to be possible."
We are reminded of the Kaiser's recent letter to "My dear Bethmann," in which he said the world waited in eagerness for some great leader who had moral courage, and that he himself was the leader and he had the courage and he would make peace. And he and his dear Bethmann proceeded in the name of God to suggest a peace which would be equivalent to German victory.

President Wilson thinks he can do better. He believes he can demonstrate to an admiring world that when a burglar has been caught, with the goods you should take the goods and thank him kindly, and then give him his tools back, and let him go on his way rejoicing; or that if a man murders your child, you should sit down and discourse with him on etiquette and the desirability of living together in unity.

President Wilson has made himself ridiculous. There was no peace without victory when the American republic was formed, or when the North and South

met in a death grapple on the slavery issue. There can be no peace without victory for the Entente Allies in this war. It is not a war of nations, but of principles and ideals, and President Wilson's country ought to be in the war instead of having him waving the wand of a conjurer at a distance of four thousand miles. Everybody expects the Kaiser to go on playing the mountebank to the end, but President Wilson, the head of a great free republic of Anglo-Saxon origin, should play the man in this world-crisis. His failure to do so is one of the pathetic failures of history. The Entente Allies rejoice that they have the entire sympathy of the great mass of the American people, and when Prussian militarism has been crushed they will welcome American participation in a league to enforce and ensure a lasting world-peace. At present, however, they will treat President Wilson with courtesy and go on fighting till they have won the victory which alone can bring the peace the world craves.

PUTS IT UP TO BORDEN

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has greatly disappointed the organs of the Borden government. Instead of asserting that Canada had done enough in the war he pointed out with unerring accuracy that much more should and could have been done but for the incapacity of the government at Ottawa. He called for further effort on the part of Canada. With regard to the imperial conference, he declared that neither he nor his party would place any obstacle in the way of Sir Robert Borden's attendance. On this point he said:—
"We, therefore, are prepared to say at once to the government that if they will postpone all other measures of public consideration we are ready immediately to vote the necessary war credits that may be demanded and to grant a vote on account of the ordinary expenditures of the country for the time during which my right honorable friend will be absent from Canada and to adjourn the house whenever it is convenient over any time that may be necessary to give him ample latitude for his business. I conclude by saying that though we may offer many things, upon this thing at all events we shall endeavor to match the views of our friends on the other side, and to offer every possible facility for the carrying on of the government of His Majesty the King."

If Sir Robert Borden does not accept this offer and go to the conference it will be because he wants to force a decision in the hope of snatching a partisan victory. And that would be equivalent to saying that in his opinion it is more desirable to keep the tory patronage committee on the job in Canada for another four years than that Canada should do her duty to the Empire. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has put the issue squarely up to the prime minister, and he must accept the responsibility.

His fellow citizens sincerely mourn the death of Mr. Thomas Gorman. His death is peculiarly sad because it has so soon followed that of a hero, son, who gave his life for his country; and because even as the father died another son lay ill in the Infirmary. Mr. Gorman was never a man who sought any sort of publicity or preferment. A quiet, honorable, kindly man, he made friends and kept them. He gave assistance in all good works for the benefit of his native city, and won and held the respect of all. He was widely known as a merchant of long standing and of high character. His son's death was a very severe blow, from which he never wholly rallied. In the deepest sense the people of St. John sympathize with the bereaved family.

If the city of St. John were chartered as Mr. Raymond Robins suggested last evening the people would know that what a few earnest workers have been telling them about social conditions in the city is the bitter truth.

A great many people in St. John very heartily sympathize with the appeal made at the Social Service Congress for profits divorced from patronage and graft.

Rev. Dr. Shearer's address last night on conservation suggested many things which ought to be done by the people of this country to get for their own use the benefit of its great natural resources.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrhal deafness. If this medicine will cure an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces, Hall's Catarrh Cure acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

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Information has been received in the city to the effect that an upper Canadian unit is to be quartered in the city for a short time. The new unit, in all probability, will be quartered in the exhibition building.

Eleven men were secured in the city yesterday: Heber Bell, Hampton; Ralph Baird, Sackville; Emery McCollom, Sackville.

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Sargol does not of itself make fat but mixing with your food its purpose is to help the digestive organs turn the fats, sugars and starches of what you eat into energy, into rice, into fat producing nourishment for the tissues and blood—prepare it in an easily assimilated form which the blood can readily accept. A great deal of this nourishment now passes from this people's bodies as waste, Sargol is non-injurious, pleasant, efficient and inexpensive. All leading druggists are authorized to sell it in large boxes—forty tablets to a package—on a guarantee of weight increase or money back as found in each large box. If you find a druggist who is unable to supply you send \$1.00 to Sargol Co., 74 St. Antoine street, Montreal (Que.), and a complete ten days' treatment will be sent you postpaid.

If Stomach Hurts Drink Hot Water

A Physician's Advice

"If dyspepsia, sufferers from gas, wind or flatulence, stomach acidity or sourness, gastric catarrh, heartburn, etc., would take a teaspoonful of pure bicarbonate of soda in a glass of hot water immediately after eating, they would soon forget they were ever afflicted with stomach trouble, and those who would have to look elsewhere for patients."

In explanation of these words a well known New York physician writes that most forms of stomach trouble are due to stomach acidity and fermentation of the food contents of the stomach combined with an insufficient blood supply to the stomach. Hot water increases the blood supply and dissolves the acid instantly neutralizes the excessive stomach acid and stops food fermentation, thus preventing the formation of gas, which is the cause of the trouble, and is therefore preferable to the use of artificial digestants, stimulants or medicines or indigestion.

which brought us nearer to defeat than we ever have been. Man has so much freedom in this country."

"Although we teach at school that alcohol is poison, for the miserable pollution of a few pounds apiece, we allow a hundred thousand men to sell this poison, and then men who grow rich selling it we put in the House of Lords. A trade has so much freedom in this country that it can carry on its work despite the fact that the King of England has declared that it prolongs the war. The free habits of the people have been a sort of fetish with us always. A man can do as he likes, and it was not until the end of the South African war that the first doctor went into a school on behalf of the state to see that the children were well enough to learn. He found that a night army of them were not fit to be at school and we are beginning to alter that now. But still there are parents who will not let the school doctors see their children. 'Things are coming to a pretty pass,' they would say, 'when a man can no longer do what he likes with his child.'"

"When you think us slow, remember that our very freedom makes us so. A man is free in Britain whether he deserves it or not. Behind that fact lies the reason for the state of things that we live in this little land, who know what she has done and what she might yet do. It is a pitiful thing to say, but it is true that for a year and more we allowed a private trade in Britain to stand in the way of victory for our allies; while civilization has been rocking and reeling, Great Britain has been boiling with drink."

How thankful we should be for our moral prohibition, but we in the Canada still go on 'fooling' with so called 'temperance beer' that contains more than a large tablespoonful of strong whiskey in every glass."

H. ARNOTT, M. B., M. C. P. S.

Best Nerve Specialist In England Was Consulted

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Nervous disorders frequently result from injury to the nerves in accidents or because of the shock to the system. The writer of this letter was injured in a mishap with some culis, remained unconscious for three weeks, and in spite of continued treatment in hospital could not obtain relief of the internal digestive which control the action of the nerves and other vital organs. He traveled to Europe and consulted England's greatest nerve specialist. Relief was only temporary, in spite of many treatments.

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talion at the military Y. M. C. A. quarters last night. The following took part in the programme:—Mrs. B. L. Gerov, Mrs. Grayworth, Mrs. A. Robertson, Mr. Magnuson, Roy Smith, Miss Pierce, Mrs. Godsoe, Mrs. King, Miss Miles and Miss Grace Robertson. Rev. H. Johnson was in the chair.

DRY BRITAIN IS INEVITABLE.
To the Editor of the Times-Star:—
Sir:—The following is condensed from an article in the Toronto Globe of January 6th:—"The belief is in the air that Lloyd George, who, two years ago, was in favour of state purchase and was forced by the opposition within the cabinet to drop his proposals, will now press the liquidation of an issue. The chief proponent in the movement for drastic reform has been Arthur Mee, a journalist. He has been the Peter the Hermit of a crusade which now appears to be on the point of victory."

"Do you think prohibition is coming, Mr. Mee?" I said.

"It is as inevitable as victory," he replied. "We stand face to face with all the forces of scientific devilry, and though the things Edison said about the day are rather hard, they are also rather true. Our people and our parliament both have been 'over-beerred.' You know how slow we are to move. It was our freedom that stood in the way—the very thing we are fighting for. It was

ing met with a severe accident seven years ago, from which I was unconscious and which left my nerves in a very sore plight. I was treated by doctors galore and consulted one of the greatest nerve specialists in England, but nothing seemed to do me much good. Hypophosphites and, in fact, all and every kind of nerve mixture in almost every form was used, but never with more than temporary benefit."

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