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MR. JAMES F. ROBERTSON.

That deep and universal regret should be expressed at the death of Mr. James F. Robertson is only in the natural order of things, but public sentiment in regard to his death should not so much take the form of regret as the loss of one of the city's best known men and prominent merchants, as of gratitude that it should have been the good fortune of the city to have had in its midst for such a long period of time, a citizen who was able to carry on for so many years the many good and noble works which characterized the late Mr. Robertson's whole life. While every one who knew him respected him wholeheartedly for his personality and upright character of life, and admired the ability he displayed as a man of business in which he achieved so much success, it is not because of that success or by reason of his position as one of the city's leading merchants that he will be best remembered. He will be best remembered as a big-hearted philanthropist to whom no appeal for help was ever made in vain. Always the first to help in any object of charity and benevolence, deserving cases found in him a true friend; but not content with giving a generous helping hand to cases which were brought to his notice, he went out of his way to find outlets for his generosity that no one but the recipients and himself ever knew of till long afterwards, and often times never at all. Like most other generous and big-hearted men, he was of a most retiring disposition, and it was worth while for a man to have lived to the great age of 82 years and then be able to leave behind him such a reputation, and such a memory for those who are left to remember him by. St. John has not a great many citizens of Mr. Robertson's calibre, and when she loses one, it leaves a serious blank.

Wordsworth's lines
 "That best portion of a good man's life,
 His little nameless, unremembered
 Acts of kindness and of love,"
 best describe that which will cause Mr. James F. Robertson to live in the memory of his fellows.

A TARIFF AGAINST THE U. S.

In the course of an interview with The Ottawa Journal, Mr. W. F. O'Connor, K. C., former Chairman of the Board of Commerce, and a possible parliamentary candidate in West Pictou, discusses the tariff and the exchange rate in an interesting manner. He advances proposals that have at least the merit of originality.

In brief, Mr. O'Connor would have such a tariff as would give Canada such protection against the United States as the United States establishes against Canada. To this end he would have two tariffs, a general tariff affording moderate protection as proposed by the Government, and a special tariff operative against North American countries only but subject to the British preference provisions. This special tariff would be based on the new tariff that the new Republican administration in the United States will establish when it takes office. Such items in the general tariff would be written into this special tariff as relate higher in the United States tariff than in the Canadian general tariff and at the same rate of duty as in the United States tariff. To prevent industries coming under this special tariff from unduly profiting by abuse of the purpose of it, Mr. O'Connor would provide a capital levy and penalties.

To those who conceive that Canada is as much in need of protection against the United States as the United States is against Canada and who foresee an inevitable revision upward of the American tariff with the coming into power of the new American administration, Mr. O'Connor's suggestion will give food for thought. They would leave Canada with moderate protection where only moderate protection is desirable, but give her that measure of protection against the greatest manufacturing country in the world which that country deems it should have against Canada.

Mr. O'Connor has proposals about the matter of exchange which are also worthy of consideration. He believes the disadvantage which Canada sustains by reason of the exchange could be overcome by friendly arrangement between the two countries for the acceptance of each other's currency at par. If the United States decided to make such an arrangement, he would add to the tariff duties such extra duties at the customs house.

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THE THIN END OF BOLSHIEVISM.

While we would not go so far as to say that the resolution passed by the Labour Federation last week, to which we referred in these columns in Saturday's issue, was altogether Bolshievisic, it certainly had a Bolshievisic flavor. Bolshievisic and Communism are almost synonymous terms, and a resolution which calls for community of interests is certainly communistic. It is the thin end of the Bolshievisic wedge at any rate. It would be well if some of these Labour leaders could have the opportunity of reading an article which appeared in a recent issue of The London Magazine, from the pen of Mrs. Philip Snowden, the well known English Socialist. She has recently been to Russia on a mission on behalf of the English Labour Party, and since her return it has been her constant endeavor to let her countrymen and women know of conditions as she found them there.

Ten years ago, along with many other ardent social reformers, Mrs. Snowden may, perhaps, have been what has since come to be called a "farlor" Bolshievisic. Now she has seen Bolshievisic "in the open," divested of tea and talk a theory reduced to a mechanism as hard and fast as the now famous "revolving tower" of Moscow, in which all life is pigeon-holed. Since those days what witfully has been called Lénine's "Cardiac Smile" has fallen upon her. She now knows the autocracy that is communism. She now realizes that power can never be personally exercised by masses of people; that power must be delegated. Hence the unworkable nature of the first principle of communism.

Here are some extracts from her article:
 "If Bolshievism should come to this country like a blighting wind from the East, Great Britain would be destroyed. In its train would come 'anarchy and crime on a scale unimaginable' and 'opportunity for all the mean, base, corrupt and criminal elements of society to rob, exploit and kill without discrimination.'"

"Factories and workshops all over the country would close down, the national debt would be repudiated, and all the twenty million people who have invested money in national bonds would lose it."

"Almost certainly we should be invaded and blockaded by those countries to which we owed money, while civil war would break out again and again in attempts to throw off the intolerable tyranny."

How much better, it may be asked, are the masses in Russia under Lénine than they were under Nicholas? How much better off would the masses of Britain or Canada be under some English or Canadian Lénine than they are now under the British Constitution?

WOMAN, LOVELY WOMAN.

One of the shocks that come to men when they are past 21, says The London Daily Express, is the realization that woman's greatest interest is woman. No matter how white the spurs nor how shiny the topper a man may take to the races, do they attract the feminine eye? The answer is in the negative. The feminine eye is searching for more important things. It is noting frocks and the wearing thereof. If an enterprising publisher started a men's magazine, would it publish portraits of men? He might interpose a few horses on his pages—but the remaining space would have to be given to women. But does a woman's magazine return the compliment? Obviously not.

Lower wages for the cobalt miners, on account of the heavy drop in the price of silver, will enable the mines to resume, when power is again plentiful. It is much better to have work than stagnation, and when an industry is going, it is helping a hundred other industries to keep going.

That so long as every girl knows that a skillfully cut V-neck blouse and a pair of ankies are of more value to her in a business office than either spelling or a head for figures, just so long Puritans will complain about the way girls dress downtown, remarks a New York observer.

It looks as if the local Self-Determination League for Ireland will have to exhaust its funds shortly in sending a wreath to put on the grave of the buried bones of Ireland killed by Sinn Féin.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Too Enthusiastic.
 Evidently some reformers think that the insatiable right to pursue happiness warrants them in attempting to chase it off the earth.—Northolt, Virginia-Pilot.

Reasonable.
 Soviet sympathizers who say Russia has a right to choose her own form of government are not willing to admit that the people of the United States have the same right.—Shoe and Leather Journal.

Vancouver Islands Winter.
 We are indebted to Miss Tolin, of Cloverdale, for a bouquet gathered on New Year's Day. A rose, magnolia, blossoms, pansies, doricum, marigolds, mourning bride, godetia, and primroses tinged or appeared in the hospital grounds to welcome the year 1921. "There summer first unfolds her rays, and there they longest tarry."—Victoria Colonist.

Brace Up!
 Only a pessimist of the first water imagines that the present industrial depression is anything but temporary. A halting time had to come in order to permit of stock-taking and readjustment; it is taking place now. When, however, it is recalled that the building trade of this continent is estimated to be five years behind the demand, that one million and a half homes are said to be required for the accommodation of the people, it can be seen that only unreasonable costs and the necessity for readjustment are delaying the onward march to prosperity.—Guelph Herald.

Labor and the Tariff Policy.
 No one could take serious objection to the attitude of Labor in regard to the Tariffs and Labor Congress—on the Canadian tariff and the policy of protection. Representing 200,000 organized workers, belonging to 2,000 unions, Tom Moore and P. M. Draper are not for the sake of a few dollars.

In Canadian history, the tariff has been and continues to be a mainstay of Canadian industry in this unsettled period. They know that the tariff is necessary for the maintenance of manufacturing activity and although they make some rather vague suggestions regarding the treatment of commerce and control of financing, their principles of protection cannot be misunderstood.—Financial Post.

A BIT OF VERSE

THREE TARRY MEN.

Edmund Leamy, in The New York Sun.

They came from only God knows where,
 Three tarry, blue-eyed men,
 They blundered through the swaying train
 To empty seats—and then
 For a taste of long ago
 I listened to again.

They spoke of rising storms and tides,
 Of heaving decks and seas,
 Of Port Antonio and Port Prince,
 Of lonely hours in doddry calm,
 And unsolved mysteries.

Their talk was thick with briny oaths,
 And some of it was lies;
 They yearned of captains, crews and ships,
 Far seas and ports, and skies—
 "But splendid peace and happiness
 Shone deep in their blue eyes."

And each one knew what'er his talk,
 Though cursed as friend and foe—
 The sea was dearer to them all,
 And at their word would go.
 Each mother's son, for each could fail
 When she lured sighing low.

So from the train they lumbered off
 With swam and battered grips,
 With curses they were leaving port,
 But smiles upon their lips,
 Down, down the twisting ways to where
 There lay the waiting ships.

THE LAUGH LINE

The Obstacle.
 She—"While I appreciate the honor of your proposal of marriage, circumstances beyond my control compel me to decline."

He—"What are those circumstances?"
 She—"Years."

First Hand Information.
 Miss Robinson (to stranger at reception)—"Do you see that main-looking girl over there—she has just got married. I'm sure I wonder what her husband married her for?"
 "I have no doubt he married her for her money," replied the stranger.
 "Oh! I wouldn't think so badly if him as that," said Miss Robinson.
 "But I ought to know," said the stranger. "You see, I am the man who married her."

Went Home to Sleep.
 During a recent burglary epidemic in the country an inspector of the police force one night made a tour through the burglarized district. Considerably after midnight he saw a substantial homestead and made after him.
 "Did you just come out of that corner house?" the inspector asked, overhauling him.
 "I did," he replied.
 "Do you live there?" demanded the inspector.
 "Well, almost," was the embarrassed reply. "But I can't see that it's any of your business, as long as her father doesn't object."

The business man had decided to try an office girl and was interviewing applicants for the job.
 He eyed rather suspiciously a fair young thing who wore a somewhat flimsy silk blouse and a lot of gaudy jewelry.
 "I—hope you were carefully brought up?" he stammered nervously.
 "Oh, yes, thank you," replied the demure. "I came up in the elevator."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Pop was smoking and thinking and I was wishing I was all the way three my lesson instead of only half three, and I sed, G pop you awt of bin at the movies this afternoon, G, it was funny as anything, me and Pads luffed like everything, G you awt of bin there, pop.

Well tell me about it, I jent feel like luffing, sed pop.

Well it was called The Home Rockers, that was the name of it, I sed, and pop sed, it seems to me the idea suggested by this title is bewildful rather than humorous, but go on.

Yes sir, I sed, G you awt of bin there pop, there was a man carrying a bucket of water and he tripper over over some lady and fell down 3 fites of stairs and landed rite on his head.

And then wat did he say? sed pop, and I sed, He didnt say anything, and pop sed, Well then wat did the fun come in? If I fell down 3 fites of stairs and landed on my head would you think I was having an accident or trying to be funny?

Well he certyen looked funny, pop, maybe it was an accident, count of the man in the orkester banging the drum jes wen he landed on his head, I sed.

O, I suppose perhaps that would lessen the pain a good deal, well, go on, sed pop, and I sed, And a lady hit another lady on the head with a hammer and then undumped her into a barrel full of mudclike.

I felt like luffing a few minits ago but youre making me very sad with your reports of crimes and accidents, sed pop, and I sed, Well gosh G, pop, it dont sound so funny but it certyen made me and Pads luff like the dickins.

Then you both awt to have X-ray pictures taken to see if your funny bones are on strate, sed pop. And he kepp on smoking and thinking and looking diskusted, and I was going to tell him about the man having 3 pies throw in his face in succession and the lady falling out the window and hanging there jent by one foot to save her life, but I changed my mind and didnt.

DIVORCED FOR KICKING AT WIFE'S COLD FEET

Unionstown, Pa., Jan. 16.—Cold footless on his sock on frosty nights, even if they were those of his wife, was more than O. L. Cooper of Republic could bear, and as a result he kicked his wife out of bed. That happened not once but several times, according to Mrs. Cooper, who won a decree of divorce here today on charges of cruel and barbarous treatment.

Mrs. Cooper declared the trouble began one night last winter when she gently placed her feet against her husband's warm back.

Cooper objected and when she said her feet were cold and his back was warm, Cooper kicked her out of bed.

LAWYER WILL TRUST IN GOD FOR HIS FEES

Yakima, Wash., Jan. 16.—Harcourt M. Taylor, retiring judge of the Yakima Superior Court, announced today that he would resume practice of law "in accordance with the principles of advanced thought."

"As I shall apply the teachings of Jesus to legal service," he said, "I shall accept no employment to fight law suits or assist others to do so, nor attempt to collect debts, though if I can assist persons in keeping out of law suits or settling litigation in which they already are involved, I shall consider I have rendered the highest legal service. I shall trust in God, not those whom I serve, for my compensation, making no fixed charge."

TAKE CARE OF THAT COUGH

Some people get a nasty cough and don't pay much attention to it, saying, "Oh, it will wear away in a short time," but while it may wear off, serious injury may have been done to the lungs and respiratory organs by the prolonged, harsh, hacking coughing.

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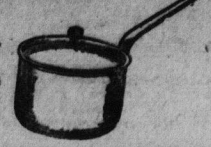
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OBITUARY.
 Special to The Standard

Herbert Leslie Marks, Frederickton, Jan. 16.—The curd yesterday afternoon of Leslie Marks, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marks, home on Victoria street, following short illness of pneumonia, is survived by his parents and sisters and one brother.

Frank A. Dickson
 Mrs. Mary Holden

Frank A. Dickson, of Barle passed away suddenly at his home following an illness of pneumonia lasting several days, sixty-five years of age, and survived by his widow, one daughter, Percy Richard, five step-sons, H. E. Richard, of New York at home; Frank W. Moncton, of Hartland, and Harold at the three step-daughters, Mrs. J. Jar, of Moncton, Mass.; Mrs. M. M. M. of Moncton, and Mrs. M. M. M. of Moncton, and Mrs. M. M. M. of Moncton.

He was a brother of Walter B. Dickson, at one time a for Albert county and up the legislature and has been employed of the C. N. R. for a number of years.

The body will be conveyed to the funeral home of Rev. Mr. Buckland.

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