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AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The decision of the United States District Court at Indianapolis, ordering the officials of the United Mine Workers' Union to withdraw strike order under which 400,000 men quit work on November 1st, is a remarkable development in the struggle between capital and labor in the Republic. It is probably the first time in history such a decision has been rendered, and it should strengthen the hands of Washington in its fight with the miners. The Government's contention is that the men have broken a contract, and that no vote was taken on the strike question. On the other hand, the miners' leaders say that the strike was ordered by a convention of the miners' delegation some time ago, and they claim the order of the convention was equivalent to a referendum of the whole body of miners. The Government has already prohibited the miners' unions from issuing strike pay, and this prohibition may be extended to any subscriptions offered by other leaders who obey the mandate of the Court remains to be seen. They may appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. And it is doubtful in any case whether the men would obey an order to return to work, for the great trouble with the labor movement in the States just now is that the union officials are not able to exercise much authority. Cut off from strike pay, however, they are not likely to hold out very long.

The question of importance now is what attitude Mr. Gompers and the American Federation of Labor will take. If Gompers decides that the Court order is an assault on the worker's right to strike—and he has repeatedly declared that it is the inalienable right of the worker to strike for any reason or for no reason—he may persuade the A. F. of L. to call a general strike in support of the miners, and a conflict unparalleled in history may ensue. But in the present state of public opinion in America, where the arbitrary attitude of some trade unions and the general knowledge that Bolshevist propaganda has made great headway among the foreign-born population has provoked a reaction against the whole labor movement, Mr. Gompers and his advisors will think twice before entering on a course that might precipitate civil war.

The Government's action in setting itself to crush the strike of miners seems to have the support of a great body of public opinion. At the same time the Government's position is proof that the United States has not been made safe for democracy. The Government should have foreseen the possibility of such a conflict and provided legal machinery by which the representatives of the coal barons and the miners could have dispute to arbitration. If the Government was taking action to assure compliance with the award of a legally constituted arbitration tribunal its position would be perfectly justified.

MR. KING'S FOLLY.

Mr. Mackenzie King's support of Mr. Parent's resolution on the Grand Trunk question has raised some question as to whether he takes his responsibilities as leader with becoming seriousness. Mr. Parent's amendment set forth—

"That the ownership by the Canadian Government of the American section of the Grand Trunk Railway would involve this country in international troubles respecting labor administration and public policy;

"That for the above-named reasons the acquisition of these lines means a serious danger of the annexation of Canada by the United States."

Just why Mr. Parent, who knows very well that the Grand Trunk line in the United States brings a large volume of traffic to the St. Lawrence route in summer, made this amendment his introductory speech does not explain.

The interesting thing is that the responsible leader of the Liberal party, the party of reciprocity and bigger trade with the United States, should support the proposition that Canadian ownership of some miles of railway in the United States would mean annexation. The veteran Priding did not stultify himself by voting for such an absurd proposition. That the responsible Liberal leader did so only shows that he is ready to dance to any preposterous tune his Quebec masters may play. But Mr. King ought to have some respect for his office, and some intellectual dignity.

THE GRAND TRUNK ACT.

After exhaustive discussion the Grand Trunk bill has been adopted—a course that has been generally recognized as inevitable. Strong opposition developed in corporation circles in Montreal, and this opposition found its reflection in the Senate, where big business interests

are well represented. The situation was no doubt correctly summed up by the Government leader in the Senate, Sir James Loughheed, when he said the bill was being opposed by railway managers, bank presidents, and big business interests, and supported by the plain people whose representatives in Parliament dare not allow the Government's policy to be upset by these interests.

Senator White's paper, the Montreal Gazette, which led the fight against the bill, said:

"As a mere matter of dollars and cents the Government may acquire the property at a bargain. That is not the question involved, nor yet the disappearance of an ancient corporation, linked with the fortunes of old Canada. The wrong is in policy."

The Gazette was candid. Its opposition, and the opposition of financial Montreal, was due to the hatred of public ownership—the fear of any further extension of public control over big business. But the question of whether public ownership is good policy or bad policy did not enter into the Government's decision to take over the Grand Trunk and its ramifications. The Government had to face an extraordinary situation not of its creating—a situation which was the direct result of the Laurier railway policy. The Government had to decide whether it would continue to definitely the policy of loans, subsidies and grants, or take over the Grand Trunk and its obligations under conditions doing no injustice to the Grand Trunk investors. That the Government chose the sensible alternative—that of assuming that the future development of Canada shall redound to the benefit of a public railway—has been the decision of Parliament, and this decision is evidently in accord with the popular opinion in the Maritime Provinces, Ontario, and the West.

HEARST'S PLURALITY.

Probably when the United Farmers come to analyze the votes cast in the recent Ontario elections they will find no great haste to implement the plank in their platform calling for the adoption of proportional representation. Complete returns have not yet been made public, but an analysis of the returns for 65 constituencies shows that the United Farmers polled 58,883 votes less than the Conservatives and 26,102 votes less than the Liberals. As the rural constituencies are usually the last to publish complete returns, the totals may show a bigger proportionate vote for the U. F. O. candidates, but it is not likely that Hearst will lose his plurality. In any case it is a fair inference that the Farmers who are in power will represent less than one-half the combined number of votes polled by Conservatives and Liberals. It is an interesting situation that the Farmers, who admittedly stand for a class movement, should be able to attain to power while representing one-third or less of the voters. It is only possible because in Ontario the farming districts elect a representative for every 20,000 people, while the urban communities only elect one member for about every 50,000 people.

St. John's motto is "Fortunate is the city whose walls are now arising." And there is something touching in the loyalty of the Loyalist Club to some walls that stopped arising many years ago, are at present without a roof, and have no particular value, except of a sentimental nature. Veneration of the past may be a comely virtue, but carried to the point where it prohibits any outlook upon the future it has its drawbacks. Sometimes it becomes necessary to tear down old walls of little strength even if they are faced with stone, in order to erect more modern buildings. In Scotland progress has recently removed the monument to Highland Mary despite the protests of all the Burns lovers, and it is not beyond the bounds of permitted aspirations that progress may yet stop off long enough in St. John to remove our much revered monument of municipal income. But if some people have their way the commissioners will have to build a Chinese wall around St. John, which possibly would not be so bad if we could keep out modern ideas along with modern improvements. That our mandarins are on this question of our ancient walls on the fence is perhaps a sign of the times.

WHAT THEY SAY

Our Father's Example.

(Nashville Banner.)
 Our dad's didn't make theirs by wearing silk socks, silk shirts and \$20 hats. Practice the economy that they were forced to employ to outgrow the ravages and desolation of the Civil War.

Conservative Farmers.
 (New York Times.)
 The radical misleaders of organized labor have long had hopes of, and late have been making vain, vain

for the support of the farmers. Farmers are naturally and traditionally conservative. They are used to the slow and orderly processes of nature. They are used to earning their bread in the sweat of their faces. They know that hard work and plenty of it is indispensable to success in their business or any other.

The Roosevelt Bride.

(N. Y. Herald.)
 Returns for the Second Assembly District of Nassau County prove that when it comes to vote getting "Young Teddy" certainly belongs in the family.

The Boss, Not the System.

(N. Y. Herald.)
 Mr. Charles F. Murphy's attempt to fill the bench with hand-picked judges has been cited as an example of the vice of the system of an elective judiciary. Maybe so. But also may not the result of Mr. Murphy's attempt be fairly cited as an illustration of the power of the people to protect the bench and themselves, even under the elective system?

When a Child is Lost.

(Cleveland Press.)
 The heart of a sympathizing world beats quicker when grief-stricken parents hunt for a lost child and the best wishes of every honest soul go to the father and mother in their search. The child-stealer merits—and receives—the contempt of every decent man and woman, and should receive—what he too often escapes—the criminal punishment allotted the criminal. Perverting that way about the kidnapping of babies, it is only human that we—each of us—should be helped when a parent is in his child again. Especially so when this comes after years of search and years of heart-breaking sorrow.

A BIT OF FUN

Women ought to make satisfactory angels because they are so fond of "harping."

Good intentions never get beyond the crawling stage.

"Tomorrow never comes—unless you have a bill to meet."

The Counsel for the Defence—"I uphold the tomato, however well aimed, could not have caused such a black eye."

The Plaintiff—"But it were in a tin, yer honor."

How Changed.

She—"And are you really so much better since you returned from your trip abroad?"

He—"Yes, indeed; I'm quite another man, I assure you."

She—"Well, I'm sure all your friends will be delighted to hear it."

It Isn't Done?

"What's the problem?"
 "A perplexing one, Mrs. Skidoo, claims she got six bad eggs in the last lot."

"Well,"
 "she wants me to make 'em good."

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Literary Minded.

Mrs. X (returning home—"Mercy! However, did the child get that awful bump?"

Green Girl—"You told me to let him to play on the piano, and he fell off."

—Boston Transcript.

"I believe I have the shingles, Doc."

"Keep it dark."

"What's the mean—dark?"

"Thirty-two bundles were stolen from Jones' lumber yard the other night."

Why the Ed. Fied.

Edmonton Bulletin—"Colonel Slister celebrates his silver wedding anniversary having been married since Oct. 1, 1894."

Artistic Verisimilitude.

Customer—"These grand opera phonograph records are imperfect. I can't get anything out of them half the time."

Aggravating.

Mrs. Gayer—"I hear that Mr. and Mrs. Jimson were very angry with their chauffeur when their motor car overturned. Is so that?"

Mr. Gayer—"Well, naturally, he was quite put out, and she was very much upset."—Tidborough Scotsman.

Sea Food.

Headline—"King Albert Dines on Dreadnought." One of the obsolete ones, we suppose.

THE EDITOR'S MAIL

MINISTER OF MARINE ON HARBOR COMMISSION

Editor Standard:

When discussing the present Harbor Commission Act for St. John, he said, in effect, that the Harbor Commission must provide for interest and sinking fund—see Parliamentary Reports.

An article in Friday's Globe says: "If Harbor Commission is refused a still greater increase in wharfage rates or direct taxation will be necessary."

At least it will not be necessary to increase rates to cover the expenses of three assistants—as per the Acts—instead of one commissioner as at present.

Will the "Globe" please quote the

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

The Park Ave. News-Weather: Ice skating beginning to be hoped for by the ones with ice skates.

Sideshow. Miss Mary Watkins horseback riding lesson ended more suddenly than was expected last Saturday afternoon when her pony sat down on its hind legs and Miss Watkins slid off as graceful as she could under the circumstances, not being very.

Enter! Bewildered Baby Falls 3 Stories! A baby fell out of the 3rd story window of Sid Hunt's house last Saturday, but it only turned out to be a doll belonging to Sid's little sister, with she throw it out 3 times in the last 2 weeks, more because she don't know any better than because she don't like the doll.

Pome by Sidney Martin.
 In 9 colors.
 I had paint on my fingers.
 I had paint on my clothes.
 And some more of my forehead.
 And a little less on my nose.
 Just because of the simple reason
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section of the Act under which the commissioners are to raise their revenue to pay the three commissioners? A Harbor Master, Deputy Harbor Master, Port Wardens, Deputy Port Wardens, Shipping Master, Deputy Shipping Master and such other officers, Assistant Engineers, Clerks and Stewards as it is deemed necessary to carry on the work and to pay 3 1/2 per cent interest on the government Elevator and wharfage and above what is being paid now and to point out the section of the Act which will provide funds when the expenses of the commission overrun the revenue at present rates of wharfage.

The opponents of harbor commission are those who desire nationalization as promised by Sir Robert Borden in 1911.

Comparisons are odious generally, but a comparison between Montreal and St. John is unjust, our geographical situation and size makes it unfair, Montreal is the one summer port, we are one of three winter ports. True, comparison for St. John is with Portland and Halifax.

We make assertion that harbor commission in itself was a failure both at Quebec and Montreal, Montreal's position forced Government assistance, this we cannot deny and have the minister's warning to that effect.

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