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UNEMPLOYMENT

Last night's public meeting to discuss the unemployment question was so poorly attended that one might almost assume that the picture of a large family subsisting on cornmeal and molasses for two days, because the wage-earner of the family could get no work, did not greatly impress the people of St. John.

WHAT IT MEANS TO CHINA.

The country that has most reason to be thankful for the Washington conference, although her teeming millions may not appreciate its significance, is China.

NEW LIGHT FOR WISE CHILDREN

(It has been discovered by the president of the Institute of Hygiene that Time is a social menace because it is a trick against Nature and the principle of opposing Nature by a deception has a demoralizing effect upon the race.)

Sit down, my child, and hear me tell The dreadful tale of what befell The man who played a trick on Nature (Assisted by the Legislature).

When April's morns more brightly shone He pushed his truthful timelapse on; Result, a moral law was broken— A lie was acted though unspoken.

The very morning after that He kicked an inoffensive cat, And when his wife was shocked (and rightly) He scowled and answered impudently.

The poison acted right and left; He took to bridge, a miser shift; Then, past all help from prayer or person, Embarked on forging cheques and arson.

By June there was no single sin That man was not indulging in; And all his chime and low behaving Began, you see, with Daylight Saving.

In August, tired of married life, He basely slew his patient wife (An act that none can gloss in garden) And hid her fragments in the garden.

One hope alone remained alight— He could, perhaps (a doubtful might) To ways more righteous, kind and sober When clocks are altered in October.

Alas for him, his luck was out! His callous conduct got about, Which end in strife, And so China is to come into her own. She is not as well fitted for self-government, nor are her people as united in national spirit and national ideals as the western democracies; but she must be left free to solve her own problems, with such sympathetic consideration and assistance as other nations may properly offer.

Her resources are almost without limit. Her sons who have come to English or American colleges have shown mental powers that amazed their tutors. Her statesmen are astute. When education assumes its rightful place in the national scheme of development, there is no reason to doubt that world-leaders will come out of that land whose civilization has its roots in a past so ancient as to ante-date the historian. One of the most hopeful features of the great conference, \$1,400, while the provincial government would pay a like amount and the federal government as much as both of these. With such an office all men and women seeking work would be registered and classified, and to that centre the citizen who wanted a man or woman for half a day would apply just as a contractor requiring twenty-five or fifty men for a month or more would do. The registration would indicate at once the more desiring cases, and the city departments themselves would find it of great advantage in this regard. The citizens should demand the establishment of this office.

Among the minor suggestions made last evening for providing work, the most practical was that of Mr. Tilley, who believes building construction work can be carried on to a considerable extent, and whose company is putting that belief into a new structure to be erected at once. But if there are more than twelve hundred unemployed, nothing short of a much larger programme than the city has as yet laid out will meet the need. There is an emergency. It calls for emergency measures.

CANADA THE INTERPRETER. Mr. J. Wickham Steed, editor of the London Times, addressing the Canadian Club in Montreal, emphasized the declaration of Ambassador Geddes last year that Canada was especially fitted to interpret Great Britain and the United States to each other. He said Canadians possessed the continentalism which the English, Irish and Scotch could not acquire, and could bring about the greatly desired better understanding. "You can't do it," he said, "and without you it cannot be done." Mr. Steed's remarks led to an interesting new avenue leading toward a generally better understanding.

Toronto Globe: "We do not expect a change of government to work magic, but it is true that a new government free to choose new men and to carry out fresh ideas and in close touch with the country has a considerable advantage over a government that is tired and that is not truly representative. A government usually does its best work in its early years."

Hon. Mr. Meighen is to be in the new parliament. He will be welcomed by all parties, for though his own party is utterly defeated, he is an able parliamentarian, who can render good service in the discussion of public affairs.

The news that comes from Ireland is growing support of the peace agreement. It is reported from Ottawa that the new cabinet is practically formed, and that it may be sworn in this week.

IMPRESSIVE WHITE GIFT SERVICE

The "White Gifts to the King" service on Sunday afternoon was one of unusual interest. A Christmas pageant, "No Room in the Inn," brought to those present very vividly the Bible story of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. On the platform was arranged a manger, and overhead a star which, when lighted, proved very suggestive of the story. The superintendent, R. Hunter Parsons, presided and briefly outlined the service. Those taking part were: Mary, Miss Sadie Burley; Joseph, E. G. Campbell; Gray Belyea; shepherd boys, John McGiffin, Walter Kriststad and Burton Bonbrough.

Following the coming of the three wise men, Ralph J. Rupert, E. Clyde Parsons and Geo. Vincent, who sang, with excellent effect, "We Three Kings," the members of the primary sang "We Three Kings" after which they presented their white gifts at the manger, followed by the older classes of the school. These white gifts covered the platform.

Rev. Isaac Brindley delivered an impressive message, speaking of the tragedy of locking the door against Jesus as Mary and Joseph had refused admittance to the inn. A solo by R. J. Rupert brought the impressive Christmas service to a close. There were almost 300 scholars present, and the offerings in money and gifts were very large.

Seat to be Found for Mr. Meighen

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—To give Premier Meighen a seat in the new session of Parliament, A. C. Casselman, member-elect for Greenville, has been appointed to a nominal position in the department of soldier's civil re-establishment at a salary of fifty dollars a month. Acceptance of an office of emolument under the crown automatically vacates the seat of the member thus appointed, and the situation has been clinched by the government in arranging for nominations on January 12, and an election on January 26. Intimation was given last week that such a method might be followed, but the name of Donald Sutherland was then being considered as it was understood he was willing to clear the way.

NEW CABINET IS FORMED BY HON. MR. KING

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The King cabinet is formed, but will not be divulged until the premier-elect is certain as to whether Hon. A. B. Hudson, of Winnipeg, can be included or not. It was prematurely concluded here, and not denied, that his trip westwards on Saturday night indicated that he was definitely out of the running for cabinet honors. He is not so in South Winnipeg as to the altered situation and their ideas as to what his action should be.

A Strong Ministry. The cabinet will be a strong national one with possible exceptions for Manitoba and Alberta. Hon. W. H. Motherwell is now assured for Saskatchewan, and it is hoped that in course of time Hon. A. B. Hudson, of Winnipeg, will be clear to entering the government for Manitoba. Ex-Premier Stewart would be an ideal representative for Alberta, but the solid block of Progressives in that province makes it impossible for a seat to be obtained, and there is no vacancy in the senate. Hon. Dr. King and Senator Bostock are expected to be the choice for British Columbia.

Though the swearing in of the King cabinet cannot be much longer delayed, the few prominent Liberals in the city. They include, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Ernest Lapointe, Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Dr. King, Senator Bostock and D. D. McKenzie. Ontario and Quebec Liberals can reach here overnight by the new express train which starts on Christmas holidays in Montreal or Toronto.

GERMANY'S COLORS VEX HINDENBURG

Berlin, Nov. 30.—(By mail)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg said in a recent interview that the new German colors—black, red and gold—ought never to have been adopted, as to him they symbolized the fratricidal warfare in 1866 between Prussia and other German states.

A historian in the "Vorworts" defends the colors of the republican flag on the ground that they date back to medieval times. The Emperor Ludwig of Bavaria, it appears, made black, red and gold the colors of his army as far back as 1386.

In 1818, when the first German states were founded, black, red and gold were adopted as the banner of liberty and progress. Meantime, in 1848, they were later forbidden the colors, but in 1848 they were again adopted as symbolizing German unity. Again they were forbidden the colors, but in 1848 they were again adopted as symbolizing German unity.

The writer cites poetry by Heine and Freilgrath at the time of the democratic awakening in Germany some seventy or eighty years ago, when black was represented as symbolizing the death of tyranny; red meant blood, and gold stood for the sacred flame of freedom.

THE ATHOLL LARCHES.

The name of the Duke of Atholl, the newly appointed Lord Chancellor, is intimately connected with the larch, which was introduced to England early in the seventeenth century. In 1728 the second Duke of Atholl tried the experiment of growing larches from Italy in hot-houses, along with oranges, but the trees did not like the treatment, and only began to thrive when thrown out for dead on a rubbish heap. Duke Atholl has since planted on an immense scale, the fourth Duke planted by the million. From the Atholl woods came the timber for the first warship to be built of larch, a fine frigate laid down at Woodhouse about one hundred years ago, and christened Atholl.

PELLETIER TRIAL BEGAN YESTERDAY

(Canadian Press Despatch). Boston, Dec. 27.—Testimony connecting the name of District-Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier, of Suffolk county, with the alleged extortion of money in 1916 from Meyer Berman, part-owner of a hotel in the West End, was given in the supreme court today. The entire first day of the trial of Pelletier on charges of misconduct in office, upon which Attorney-General J. Weston Allen seeks his removal, was given up to the Berman case.

LEAVES \$50,000 TO TAILOR IN RETURN FOR SMALL FAVOR

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A small favor done several years ago for Ernest de Saint-Giles, author, professor and business man, by Archibald Birt, a Chicago tailor, was repaid last week when Mr. de Saint-Giles' will was filed, leaving more than half his \$100,000 estate to the tailor.

PASTOR GIVES HIS BLOOD.

But New Bedford Deacon Dies Despite Minister's Sacrifice. New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 28.—William A. Andrew, a prominent yachtsman and Boston town official, died here despite the bravery of his pastor, the Rev. Lawrence B. Sumner, who gave a large quantity of his blood by transfusion in an effort to save the life of his friend and Deacon of his church, Mr. Andrew, who is a pastor of the Congregational Church here, it was as a result of the transfusion.

NEW DATA ON CHILD GROWTH.

Children's Bureau Finds Young Boys Taller and Heavier Than Girls. Washington, Dec. 29.—Boys in this country under six years of age average a third to half an inch taller and "about one pound" heavier than girls, according to a report today by the Federal Children's Bureau, said to be based on the "largest mass of data on the heights and weights of children under 6 years of age ever brought together in this country." The tabulation was made in connection with "Children's Year" and includes native and foreign-born children.

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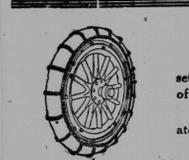
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STAINING FROM EITHER VOTING FOR OR AGAINST THE LEOPARDSTOWN RACES TODAY, ADOPTED A RESOLUTION WHICH WILL BE SENT TO THE PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF THE DAIL EIREANN STRONGLY SUPPORTING RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY. THE RESOLUTION SAYS THAT UNDER THE NEW REGIME HORSE-BREEDING IN IRELAND WILL BECOME A MUCH MORE IMPORTANT INDUSTRY AND OPEN NEW AVENUES FOR EMPLOYMENT.

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ONTARIO LOSING HER PINE TREES

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Figures to show the rate at which the red and white pine were disappearing from the forests of Ontario were given yesterday afternoon by the general agent of the Sheelin-Clarke Company, by Roland Craig, forestry expert employed by N. W. Rowell, K.C., for the attorney general.

Mr. Craig's estimate as to the total available pine timber in Ontario was as follows: White pine, eight billion feet; red pine, one billion eight hundred million feet. He said this timber was annually becoming scarcer and that in 1919 the cut was about 350,000 feet, and the annual growth was not more than 200,000 feet a year.

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