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REGENERATION OF RUSSIA.

St. John owes a debt to Chautauque. The remarkable series of addresses delivered during the last week, relating to Russia by persons who were there in war time and could speak with authority, have given all who heard them a much clearer knowledge of the problems to be solved in Europe. Aside from any other feature, and all were very interesting, these addresses made it worth while to have Chautauque come to St. John.

The address of Dr. George L. Parker on Russia yesterday afternoon presented an intimate picture of that great country in war-time and now, which gave all who heard it a clearer insight into Russian life, its problems, the tragedies of the last five years, and the elements to be reckoned with in the regeneration of Russia.

Discussing Bolshevism, the speaker pointed out that it did not come suddenly from the sky, or as a flash of lightning leaping across the sky; but it came from the soil of Russia, as the product of one hundred and fifty years of misrule. The reason Keresky failed was that he did not touch the question of land ownership, which is vital to the Russian peasant. Lenin and Trotsky saw this and told the peasant to take the land by force. This was not the right way, but it appealed to the peasant who had been oppressed, and in the speaker's opinion this is the explanation of the fact that Lenin and Trotsky have been able to hold power as long as they have. Their power is waning, but if Kolchak hopes to gain the ascendancy in all Russia he must deal boldly with this question of the land. Dr. Parker would not endorse military intervention by the Allies in Russia further than to guard what is necessary to free communication, but he would have the Allies lend financial aid to Russia, help her to revive her industry and commerce, and in that way Bolshevism would be killed. It is a disease that must be healed from within. Russia is a great, ignorant, superstitious child, not yet able to comprehend democracy as we know it, and therefore making many terrible mistakes; but deserving of the sympathy and help of the Allies. Dr. Parker insists that the Russian people were not responsible for her withdrawal from the war. That was due to the shameful conduct of the autocracy which first tried to pull her out of the war and then fought the revolution which took her bit in its teeth and in the end swept the autocracy itself to swift destruction. There is danger, Dr. Parker points out, that Germany may still gain a malevolent influence in Russia. Though at the beginning of the war the Russian cried: "Let us throw the German devil off our backs," the German have profited by every blunder the Allies have made in dealing with Russia, and are still carrying on a vigorous propaganda of falsehood and cunning. He has, however, great faith in Russia, and believes her own people will heal her wounds, crush out the Bolsheviki, and establish a great democracy worthy of the confidence of the world. Whatever the Allies can do, omitting military intervention, Dr. Parker would have them do with a sympathetic hand and an open hand.

Today's cables bring a very interesting report of the speech of the British war secretary on the present situation of the Allies in Russia. It will be read with keen interest in connection with the remarks of Dr. Parker on that phase of the subject. Another cable tells of the continuance of religious persecution in Bolshevik Russia. It may also be significant that representatives of Kolchak have arrived in Berlin.

Bolshevism in Hungary has failed. This is another blow to the hopes of Lenin and Trotsky, who had hoped to revolutionize central Europe by their theories.

THE TRUTH BROUGHT OUT

Sometimes a lie is overtaken before it has a chance to do much mischief. This is the case in regard to the falsehood the Standard sought to spread in regard to the Retail Merchants' Association and the roads. The readers of that newspaper were asked to believe that the retail merchants had an axe out for the Foster government because of its failure to improve the roads. The facts are that while the members of the association who were at a recent meeting made strong statements, based on what had been told them about the road between St. John and St. Stephen, they paid a tribute to the splendid work being done on the roads generally by Hon. Mr. Veniot's department, and only asked that work be expedited on the St. Stephen road. In a petition which their committee had prepared for signatures they paid a very warm tribute to Hon. Mr. Veniot. It now transpires that all they said, and all that was said to them, about the St. Stephen road, related to the central road, which is not the road that should first be repaired, as it has almost no local traffic. The motorists who took that road and then denounced the roads in general should have taken the shore route, which passes where people live, and on which money is being expended; and which is in excellent condition except for two places where a large expenditure will be made next season, connecting a first-class road from this city

to the border at St. Stephen. The Retail Merchants' Association was misled. It did not know about the shore road, and about the guide books and signs for which the government is in no way responsible—which lead tourists to take the central instead of the shore road. Now that the facts, the Association is known to acknowledge that it was misled. It is worthy of note also that a member of the committee which yesterday waited on Mr. Veniot took the opportunity to congratulate the minister on the great improvement in the road from St. John to Fredericton.

It is just as well that the Standard did misrepresent the Retail Merchants' Association. The members of that organization now know that statements which the Standard makes are not to be taken seriously, and the testimony that has been given concerning the work that is being done by Mr. Veniot's department will tend to increase the popularity of a government which finds something better to do than make such a shameful record as was made by the one which had the whole-hearted support of the Standard. We shall probably hear less from that paper about the state of the roads. Its guns have been spiked.

Montreal Herald.—"Mr. Gompers predicted a labor revolution if the United States went dry of beer on July 1st, but strange to say he sailed away to Amsterdam without waiting to see if such a terrible prophecy would be fulfilled. Being a close friend of the President he may have had assurance from Mr. Wilson that the executive powers would be exercised to prevent the catastrophe. So far the situation is still far from clear as to the state of the law, and Congress is passing a special law making it clear that no beer shall be sold under the war time measure which was to become law on July 1st. Prohibition has not been revoked. Mr. Gompers was unduly apprehensive, perhaps, owing to the fact that he was born in England where beer is as the ark of the covenant."

It is wise on the part of the city council to get as near as possible correct estimates of expenditure by each of the various celebration committees. This will prevent large bills for unauthorized expenditures. At the same time the citizens will support a generous policy, for St. John must make the occasion one long to be remembered.

"Hard Bolshies" Smith asserts that his superior officers knew all about the cruel treatment of American soldiers at Prison Farm No. 2, in France, and that conditions were far worse in other camps. Our neighbors have their own share of sensations relating to the war.

Parents and teachers should do all in their power to aid Chairman Emery of the school board and those who are associated with him to make the children's welcome a notable feature when the Prince of Wales arrives in St. John.

An Associated Press letter from London quotes a British cabinet minister, discussing the industrial outlook, as follows: "If the United States goes dry, then God save England." But England also can go dry.

Other provincial centres will be well represented here in the August celebration. There is the more reason that St. John should be neither niggardly nor slow in making its share of the event a success.

It is very evident that an influence not far removed from the present police court is being exerted to prevent St. John from getting a juvenile court. This is a regrettable development.

Hon. Mr. Veniot scored heavily yesterday. He "put it all over" the Standard. That foolish journal will now be compelled to break out in a new place.

Harvesting is now in progress in the west. The reports indicate a short crop of wheat.

A young woman, on being introduced to Sir Robert Ball, expressed her regret that she had missed his lecture the evening before. "Oh, I don't think it would have interested you," said Sir Robert, "it was all about sun spots."

"Was it really?" she replied. "Then it would have greatly interested me, for between you and me, Sir Robert, I have been a martyr to freckles all my life."

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Notice to Employers of Labor

WHEREAS on the 17th day of April A.D., 1919, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Council did by Order-in-Council bring within the scope of Part I of the "WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1918," from and after August 1st, 1919, the following industries, viz.:

"Persons employed in the woods in logging, cutting of timber pulp-wood, fire-wood, railroad ties or sleepers, river driving, rafting, booming, or the transportation of logs, timber, pulp-wood, fire-wood or railroad ties or sleepers."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons engaged in any of the above mentioned industries are required to file a statement of their estimated payroll from August 1st, 1919, to December 31st, 1919, inclusive, with the said board, on or before the 1st day of August, 1919.

AND FURTHER NOTICE that any employer neglecting or refusing to furnish such estimate or information is liable to a penalty not exceeding \$20.00 per day for each day of such default, and is further liable for damages, as provided by Part two of said Act, in respect of any injury to any workman in his employ during the period of such default.

NOTE—Forms for furnishing such information will be supplied on application.

Also please take note of the following regulation passed by the board, and coming into force on the 1st day of August, 1919:

FIRST AID KIT
In an industry where ten or more persons are employed, it shall be the duty of the employer to provide a suitable FIRST AID KIT approved of by the board and in charge of a suitable person.

Certified, passed May 1st, 1919.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD, J. A. Sinclair, Chairman. P. O. Box, 1318, St. John, N. B.

LIGHTER VEIN.

"Here, waiter ask the orchestra to play the Toccata song while I eat this steak. I feel like a bull-fighter."

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London, July 30.—"We are hopeful that towards the close of the present building period, we shall see a large number of houses in course of construction," said Sir Kingsley Wood, parliamentary private secretary to the minister of health, in an interview.

"Schemes for the acquisition of land have been approved which cover nearly 18,000 acres and would be sufficient to provide 180,000 houses."

"The number of schemes submitted by local authorities is being well maintained although many have not yet presented any to the ministry of health. This is a serious aspect of the position."

"The minister of health is about to take energetic steps during the next few weeks, with the object of inducing every local authority to put forward a definite plan at the earliest possible date."

"A meeting of the Building Trades Industrial Council is to be called for the purpose of hammering out a scheme which will be suitable both to employer and employee, and by means of which a great addition may be obtained to the building force of the country."

"Certain local authorities have raised the question of difficulty in obtaining loans, although I have up to the present had no precise evidence of an authority having made the attempt and failed."

"In any event, authorities under £200,000 rateable value could obtain their loans from the Public Loan Fund."

Joe McDonald, a hod carrier of Lake Charles, La., had just been notified that his uncle, living in Rome, Italy, had died and bequeathed him \$100,000.

A. Kinsella & Son, of Paradise Row, have taken the contract for cutting the stone for the fountain at the foot of King street. This firm has already built two fountains in this city and also one in Sussex. The city has asked that the fountain be finished by August 15, but on account of the contractors being given such short notice it will be very difficult for them to complete the work in the required time. The company is making every effort to get the work done before the celebration.



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