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## POLE AGAINST BOLSHIEVISM.

These Poles seem to have an odd idea that warfare consists in the effort to destroy an opponent before he can destroy them; and that to do this they must as well seek out and attack his forces whenever they have a prospect of overcoming them.

Instead of waiting obligingly on their military frontier to see what the Bolshevik armies will do next, the Poles have followed up their recent repulse of the Bolshevik assault on their eastern front with an advance of their own, southward toward Kiev. Apparently they neglected to get permission from the League of Nations before starting, for some of its leaders show surprise and hurt at the omission. To their way of thinking, no doubt, the League's leaving Poland to fend for herself against the Bolsheviks does not give Poland a right to act exactly as she sees fit.

Certain influences strong in the League fear especially that Poland may proceed to take the Ukraine territory from the Bolsheviks and annex it. Such a proceeding would so sadly vary with the ideal of self-determination that the extreme vicarities of the ideal would actually prefer to see the Ukraine remain under Bolshevik rule. Whether their own idealism leads them to see the actions of others unduly black, the event will prove.

A despatch speaks of a proclamation issued by Pilsudski, the Polish chief favorable to an independent Ukraine. Quite possibly the Polish Government might find it wise to set up the Ukraine as a neighbor rather than a dependent. More important, however, than the Ukraine with its possible 30,000,000, is the fate of Poland, the Baltic Provinces, Finland, Canada and parts of Siberia left off, and deducting for the Ukraine as well, must still comprise 60,000,000 people. It is not impossible that the Poles, far fewer, but man for man more formidable, may overcome the bulky military bulwark that Bolshevism has come to be.

## CANADA'S PULPWOOD.

Apart from a slight feeling of resentment at an obvious playing to the gallery in the Underwood pulpwood resolution, the average Canadian business man probably would welcome the appointment of a commission by Congress to inquire into the merits of the provincial embargoes on the export of Canadian pulpwood cut on Crown lands. The visit of the commission seems hardly likely to change the respective provincial policies, but should serve the purpose of informing the members thereof, and the paper mill and newspaper interests in the United States, more fully than they are now, of the very real limitation to Canada's available resources in suitable pulpwood, and the utter folly of throwing down the barriers of the export of timber destruction that has stripped that country of nearly all its spruce and balsam, and made it dependent upon this country of Scandinavia for so much of its present and future requirements, remarks the Financial Post.

The big stick that the doughty Senator wields in a threatened embargo on the export of coal to Canada, looks more like a stage affair than a real weapon. The analogy between pulpwood and coal does not hold. It is good business for the United States to sell coal to Canada, because she has a supply that depends only on labor to mine it and cars and locomotives to carry it. So with cotton. But Canada has been withholding a certain portion of her pulpwood from export, to all other countries as well as the United States, because the supply is very limited. Moreover, the embargo is not against the exportation of paper and it helps build up an industry out of one of our natural resources.

But let the commission come. The more we can get together and talk these things over in a business-like way the better neighbors we Americans and Canadians will be.

## A RECONSTRUCTED WORLD.

Sir Auckland Geddes, the new British Ambassador to Washington, expresses the salvation of the world in one word—work. That is not thrilling or sensational in any way. It offers no primrose path of dalliance.

It is not alluring nor spectacular; but it is the way of salvation. This has been said before; but, as the first utterance of the new ambassador in a pre-eminently important position, it arrests attention. Sir Auckland made a veiled appeal to the United States to consider the plight of Europe. It was cordial and free and friendly, and it is to be hoped, remarks an exchange, that it may be taken in the right spirit; but, before now, promising ambassadorial careers have been wrecked by verbal utterances which, offered with sincere good will, have been a source of irritation to a supposedly sensitive people, meticulous as to international relations in a peculiar degree, though not at all squeamish in meddling with domestic politics in other countries.

Sir Auckland described Europe as being in an appalling condition. He asked for aid and sympathy. He expressed the hope that this great wealthy and humane continent would not leave Europe to work out her own salvation without aid or advice or sympathy. The British Ambassador was appealing not only for material interest but for moral interest and support. He did not mention that the United States had, in so far as the action of the Senate is concerned, retired from the scene, and was hopeful that the great humane nation would be true to her best and most noble instincts. The attitude was cordial, and if it be appreciated at its just value, may have beneficial effect.

Sir Auckland is, in spite of the dismal picture he drew, optimistic to a degree. Europe will pull through. It will require a tremendous effort; but civilization is not going to perish. Britain is prepared to do all she can in the restoration of Europe, but on a charitable basis; she cannot do "much more." The chief value of the strong and illuminating address of the British Ambassador lay in his reiteration of the necessity of work. That is the only salvation—work. Miracles will not happen. Abundance will not be poured into the lazy lap. There is no short cut to restoration. There must be work and production and faith keeping step along the way. The problem is not insoluble.

"These are difficult times," said the Ambassador. "We need sanity, courage and good will, the rooting out of suspicion, the dying away of anger. At the cost of heavy burdens, we must try to pick up the broken, to instill new heart in the hopeless, to be ready with the hand of friend, ship, to greet even those who raise themselves from the dust." Strikes are no solvent. High wages are no cure. Production is the one thing that will bring down prices and stabilize the industrial and economic world. The machine gun at the street corner is as ineffectual as it is criminal. Carlyle said the world was worship. Produce and the world is saved. It is in Sir Auckland Geddes to say strong, urgent, virile things. He has commenced well.

## MARITIME UNION.

The St. John Board of Trade, which has been pretty generally looked upon as a noisy kind of institution and otherwise useless, has been influenced just now to launch Maritime Union as a panacea. It is set up that New Brunswick is losing its influence at Ottawa. Prince Edward Island is asked to believe that it, too, is rapidly disappearing from view, and even Nova Scotia is asked to believe that it would be better off in a union of the three provinces under one government. The aims and objects of the people of the three provinces are practically the same, says an advocate of Union; therefore give us Union, and thus establish an influence in the Federal field that otherwise we cannot exert. If this argument were to be considered as having force, we should also have a union of Saskatchewan and Alberta; the aims and objects of the people of those provinces are practically the same; and Ontario and Manitoba should also unite in one provincial government for a similar reason. But the people of these provinces are confining themselves to practical development, not to absurd effort and absurd talk. Some years ago a Maritime Board of Trade was organized in the hope that an institution representative of the Maritime Provinces would give greater influence in Board of Trade movements. The movement went to smash within three years. Local jealousy killed it; Halifax put St. John into the shade, and St. John walked and withdrew. A Maritime Medical Association was established, and it too went by the board; and so on. A Bill passed the Senate of Canada not more than three weeks ago providing for Ontario and Prince Edward Island machinery for divorce proceedings similar to that of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and now the Island is protesting vehemently against being included in any such measure. The ambitions and objects of the Island people are not quite the same as ours after all; yet that is no argument against Union. To say that it is would be quite as absurd as to argue that the aims and objects are the same and therefore we must shut our eyes to all other considerations and go blithely into Union. Every so-called Maritime effort yet made has been a failure from the broader standpoint.

It is true that New Brunswick has been losing influence. Its prestige of other years has suffered by its failure to replace its outstanding men who have passed from the public life by men of equal ability, by men of reputation, by men whose integrity and whose ambitions command national respect. Nova Scotia has given and is giving great men to the public life, not only in the national arena but in the provincial. Her influence at Ottawa is as great as ever as a result. While New Brunswick gave her best men, or at least men of good national reputation, her interests were invariably well served. While the status of our public life was generally respected, we had a first place in the national councils. We cannot conceal the fact that recent developments in this province, and present conditions, are wholly responsible for New Brunswick's great loss of prestige. The solution, therefore, is not in Maritime Union, but in better men in the public life; broader men, men who are equal to their responsibilities as statesmen, men who think nationally and not selfishly. In Maritime Union, New Brunswick, as things are at present, would be a better of wood and drayer of water for Nova Scotia; it could not be otherwise; that would be the return for our wealth in natural resources. It is probably not possible just now to induce New Brunswick's best men to take an active interest in the public life; some time must elapse before our best men can be induced to take an interest. It is not Maritime Union New Brunswick wants in the meantime; it needs a guardian.

## THE REFERENDUM.

A timely warning is voiced by Toronto Saturday Night against the growing tendency in this country to legislate by referendum. It is being directed chiefly toward prohibition legislation, but it is not unlikely that with prohibition an established thing, the referendum course will be followed in the march of social reform organizations toward other restrictive laws, points out an exchange.

Legislation by referendum has two major faults—faults which lead backward toward conditions which all our political effort had sought to leave behind. It abolishes responsibility in government and it robs the minority of the people of any control over their destiny. Were it to become general, the profession of politics or statesmanship might as well be abolished. The most ignorant citizen would have as much to do with law-making as the most able legislator. As the Saturday Night puts it:

The nose-counting principle under which, if generally applied, fifty-one per cent. of the people might dictate to the other forty-nine per cent. with regard to their liberties, habits, religious observances, private business and everything else with which a man comes in contact from the cradle to the grave, is wholly indefensible according to any theory on which the strong and successful nations have been built up. But it is precisely what the referendum means. By its application established theories are wiped off the slate as obsolete, individual initiative becomes secondary or negligible, and leadership consists merely in keeping the ear to the ground and automatically acting on the fluctuations of mass opinion. No young nation can make real progress under a theory which really means that one man's opinion is as good as another's on any conceivable question that may arise, and that if a sufficient number of noses point his way he may give them the force of law.

The British idea as to the rule of the majority is not that which finds expression in legislation by referendum. It is that which gives the people power over their responsible legislators.

Received Into Church.  
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## The Stock Market

(Associated Press by Licensed Wire)  
New York (Wall Street), May 4.

Advances of one to three points were made by leading shares at the opening of today's stock market, although overnight advances bearing upon industrial conditions were not calculated to inspire bullish confidence. The same issues that featured yesterday's late rally were again conspicuous, notably Republic and Vanadium Steels, Central Leather, Utah Copper, Industrial Alcohol, Reading and the Sugars. Baldwin Locomotive and the oils were under moderate pressure, the Mexican situation inviting further selling of the latter group. Foreign exchange was firm in the preliminary quotations.

## The Quotations.

(By private wire to J. M. Robinson & Sons)

New York, May 4. — The market quotations today are:

American Beet Sugar	92 1/2
American Sugar	120 1/2
American Smelting	60 1/2
American Steel Foundries	40 1/2
American Can	45 1/2
Industrial Alcohol	84 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	94 1/2
American Wool	87 1/2
Anaconda	87 1/2
Bethel Steel B.	94 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	117 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	32 1/2
Canadian Pacific	116 1/2
Kennecott Copper	28 1/2
Crucible	140 1/2
Chile Copper	17 1/2
Dutch	144 1/2
Erle	12 1/2
General Motors	29 1/2
International Paper	70 1/2
Kennecott Copper	28 1/2
Lackawanna Steel	81 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	12 1/2
Norfolk & Western	45 1/2
New York Central	71 1/2
Reading	85 1/2
Rock Island	38 1/2
St. Paul	37 1/2
Southern Railway	21 1/2
Texas Oil	46 1/2
United States Steel	95 1/2
Utah Copper	67 1/2
Union Pacific	115 1/2
Windsor	22 1/2
St. Louis & San Francisco	22 1/2
Pan American Oil	96 1/2

## Montreal Market.

Canadian Pacific	116 1/2
Montreal City	42 1/2
Montreal Harbor	25 1/2
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PARTIZANSHIP OF  
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Ottawa, May 3.—While the Canadian Patriotic Fund is assisting veterans of the United States forces in Canada, it is like pulling teeth to get aid from the American Red Cross for ex-soldiers of the Canadian army residing in the United States, asserted C. H. Bessy, executive secretary of the Vancouver branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, giving evidence before the Parliamentary Committee on Pensions here today.

## Mutt and Jeff's Dream

A large audience, rush seats being the only ones which were evidently not in demand, laughed at Guss Hill's presentation of Mutt and Jeff's Dream at the Opera House last night, for Harry Kay and George Beach, as Mutt and Jeff, respectively, the two halves of the dream, provided much merriment. They looked the part of the characters of Bud Fisher's famous cartoons and both proved clever entertainers, but the balance of the show, aside from the bright singing and dancing of Miss Effie Pearson, was of a mediocre character.

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