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AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

At a special meeting of the shareholders of The Standard, Limited, held this (Tuesday) afternoon, July 13th, 1920, negotiations which have been in progress for several months based on an agreement of sale made in February last were brought to a conclusion.

Effective immediately, the entire assets of The Standard, Limited, consisting of land and building, plant and equipment, supplies on hand, office furnishings, book debts, subscription lists, advertising contracts, etc., have been sold to Hedy V. MacKinnon, who from this date assumes control of The Standard newspaper.

In making this announcement the Directors of The Standard, Limited, desire to express to many friends throughout New Brunswick and elsewhere their warm appreciation of the generous patronage which has been extended and the kindly feelings which have been displayed towards this newspaper during the past ten years, and to voice the hope that a similar pleasant relationship may continue between those friends and the new owner of the paper.

THE STANDARD, LIMITED,
George B. Jones, President.
St. John, N. B., Tuesday, July 13, 1920.

AFFAIRS IN GERMANY.

A press despatch from Spa declares that "Germany is between civil war and invasion." Most people, we imagine, will think and feel that it serves her right. She deserves the worst that can possibly happen to her, even to the extent of utter annihilation. She set out to walk all over the civilized world; she ravaged and devastated wherever she set her foot; she acted as not even a savage beast would have done, destroying for destruction's sake only; and to add to all her other crimes, she blasphemously declared she was acting in the interests of civilization and culture, under the personal direction and approval of the Almighty. Now she should be made to pay, pay, pay, to the uttermost farthing—and then some.

We have no patience with those who advocate tempering justice with mercy when dealing with the German people. Such treatment would be entirely lost upon them, they would not understand it. As a nation, they are a set of ignorant bores, stubborn as mules, grossly immoral and utterly devoid of all sense of decency. They treat their women as a sort of better class animal, created only to wait upon and work for their menfolk, whose slaves they in fact are. Their whole minds seem to be inverted, rendering them incapable of reasonable understanding. That is the description that applies to the nation as a whole; there are, of course, some exceptions, some men of ability and learning, possessed of mind capable of grasping the fact that there are other nations in the world besides their own. But even these men are obsessed with the idea that they are the superiors of all mankind.

It is not to be wondered at that France should look on against while her Allies attempt to lighten the burden that their late enemy should be called on to bear. It is not to be wondered at that she should protest against any such proceeding. She knows what to expect as soon as ever Germany has recovered from the effects of the late conflict; she is under no delusions regarding Germany's plans for the future. Britain should be under no delusions either, but her statesmen—or some of them, at least—seem to think that Germany has had a lesson, and will not want another. She has had a lesson, it is true, and the only thing that lesson has taught her is what mistakes to avoid next time. The sentiment "Deutschland über Alles" is just as ineradicably planted in the German breast today as ever it was; and as long as Germany exists as a nation, to put that sentiment into effect will be the all-consuming passion of its people.

THE MESOPOTAMIA OIL FIELDS.

Mr. Lloyd George has been subjected to some severe criticism by certain sections of the London press because he proposes to recognize the concessions granted by Turkey to the Turkish Petroleum Company for the development of the Mesopotamian oil fields. Some of the newspapers openly rebuke him; others, while equally critical, feel that whatever blame there is attached to the matter should be laid at the door of Lord Grey, who was responsible, it seems that the Turkish Government promised full oil concessions to British interests. The Royal Dutch-Shell

Group, however, acting in conjunction with Germany, succeeded in blocking this arrangement, and Lord Grey, true to his policy of conciliation towards the country's late enemy, gave away fifty per cent. of the rights promised to Britain to Germany and the Royal Dutch-Shell Group. This involved the formation of a new company, which was known as the Turkish Petroleum Company. Mr. Lloyd George, in ordinary justice, can hardly be called to task for an arrangement bequeathed to his administration by Lord Grey.

The London press seems to be under the impression that these arrangements will leave the oil fields under the management of the Dutch-Shell Group. It is true that this was the policy urged so strongly by Lord Harcourt and his committee when they proposed to reduce the British interests, held by the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, in Mesopotamia to thirty-four per cent., and increase the Royal Dutch share proportionately. That project has, however, been definitely killed; and it is stated, the Prime Minister intends to recognize the German and Royal Dutch participation in the Turkish Petroleum Company, the latter trust will have only its former 25 per cent., and not the management, which it so persistently desired. The main thing which which the British people are concerned is not so much with the allotting of profits and revenue from the Mosul oil fields as in making sure that those great national resources will not come under the control of either of the two great trusts that have divided the world between them.

A NORTH SHORE VIEW.

The town of Chatham was one of the very few places in the province that came out strongly against Prohibition, and in favor of beer and wine, and this fact probably prompts the Commercial newspaper, published in that town, to refuse to accept the result of Saturday's voting as conclusive, and to maintain that, in spite of the vote cast, the majority of the people in the province do not want prohibition. So convinced is the North Shore newspaper that this is the case that it makes the assertion that "if Premier Foster cares to formulate a moderate and reasonable liquor policy and go to the people on it in the fall he will sweep the province."

This is rather a brazen suggestion. There are a great many considerations to be taken into account in a general election, and it may be that our contemporary has not paid due regard to this phase of the question. However, as it is scarcely likely that Mr. Foster will avail himself of the Commercial's advice, it is perhaps hardly worth while discussing it. The Commercial's article will be found elsewhere on this page.

"WE ALONE HAVE FAILED."

Limiting deceptions and regards laid on one nation have to be observed to prevent saying that which might be thought but cannot be expressed of another. But voices do ring forth to say that which, if true, echoes that which they may have been thinking, but perforce of courtesy would not dream of declaring. The Winnipeg Telegram points out that one such voice, among many, was heard at the National Democratic convention of the United States held at San Francisco. Mr. Homer Cummings, temporary chairman of the convention, said, speaking of the United States' pledge in favor of the League of Nations: "Before we entered the war we made the pledge, during the war we re-stated the pledge; and when the armistice was signed all of the nations, ourselves included, renewed the pledge, and it was upon the faith of these promises that Germany laid down her arms. We alone thus far have failed to keep our word."

The prohibition party in the United States intends to have a presidential candidate in the field as usual, but it is doubtful if he will have relatively more votes than in the past. In the republic the two great parties pretty well monopolize the ballots, and the prohibitionists, the Socialists, and the other odd representatives bring up the rear, so much so that they are practically ignored by the public when the counting is being done.

Bangor Commercial: New Brunswick in the recent plebiscite voted for prohibition, but as but about half of the registered voters exercised their privilege of suffrage it would seem that the interest in the question in New Brunswick is not as keen as in this country.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Farmers' Typists.
(London Daily Mail.)
Girl typists should be installed in every village of France, declares M. Henri Girard, a well-known writer on agricultural subjects. She would help the mayor of the commune and his ever-increasing administrative work, and she would also take down letters from dictation for all the farmers.

The Air Age Has Dawned.
(Springfield Republican.)
Fifty million dollars' worth of millionaires—ten in number—"commuted Thursday by seaplane from New York City to Southampton, L. I., 105 miles in 12 minutes, beating the fastest train by 31 minutes. And there was no resulting flurry in Wall Street, whatever there may have been among the adventurers. The passenger traffic stage of aerial navigation has just about arrived.

Drilled Brains.
(Detroit News.)
Twelve hundred seniors are to be graduated from our state university at the commencement this week. When the list is made up of all the young men and women to be graduated this month from the colleges and universities in this country the total number will reach about 100,000. With fitting pomp and circumstances, elaborate and dignified, this army is ushered out of our college halls into a world which is peopled in the main with men and women who have not had the advantage of a college education.

The Hand and the Brain.
(Chicago Tribune.)
The hand never will rule the brain for any time. In moments of madness when it does it destroys itself. Labor is the hand, which tosy theory, theorists would set up to rule, must always be directed by the conceiving and planning mind. By this alone can the hand exist. The hand can conceive only the simplest necessities, labor without capital and direction must dwell in the cave of the primitive man. When it seeks to rule it wipes out what makes labor endure. Labor is the progress of the human race, brought labor out of darkness to a great and growing share in the rewards of civilization.

"Proffiter" and "Extortioner."
(The Villager.)
It is strange that we invented the word "proffiter" when we already had a far better one, "Extortioner." I am sure that "proffiter" wants to say; it conveys the intended emphasis and conveys it as forcefully as any word could. For proffiter tells only what the money-grubber does, and it is not that which concerns us; what causes our resentment is what he does to us, and "extortioner" is a word in terms of the victim. A proffiter might be merely the man who makes prodigious profits out of men's foolishness, but an extortioner is the man who makes his money out of their necessities; he takes a cruel advantage of their helplessness; he is unscrupulous and merciless, and a word that connects him with the Spanish Inquisition and the turning on of screws is just the word to describe him. Beside "extortioner" mere "proffiter" is a pale generic term.

A BIT OF VERSE

TUSH!
At the opening session of the National Assembly of the Church of England, a discussion took place on the word "tush," which, according to the Archbishop of Canterbury, is still in use outside the Prayer Book.)
When a feeling of vexation
Shakes a pillar of the Church,
For an apt ejaculation
He conducts a lengthy search,
Straight into his lips will rush
That devout expression "Tush!"
Should the sacerdotal collar
Lose its one and only stud,
You may bet your bottom dollar
There will be no vocal food;
Even dappers do not blush
When they hear the cleric's "Tush!"
What a lesson to the laymen
On this subject I should preach,
To the bargee and the drayman
With their mellow forms of speech!
All their sanguinary gush
May be paraphrased as "Tush!"
As I write these pious verses
Comes a knocking at my door
Printer wants my "copy" 'tween
I've not finished stanza four,
What the—who the—why the—
Hush!
All I meant to say was "Tush!"

THE LAUGH LINE

The Theatrical Game.
Son—"Father, my new revue is going to be produced. There's a fortune in it!"
Father—"Whose?"
Behind Scenes in Cineland.
Footpad—"Hand over your money."
Victim—"Certainly, my good man. Now, I don't want to be personal, but you've got the very face I want for my new film."
The Bad Man of Grimston Creek—"I'll give you fifty pounds a week for an exclusive contract. Can I tempt you?"—Punch (London).

Fine Comparison.
Hostess—"Won't you sing us another song before you go?"
Jones—"Well, it's getting very late, and I shouldn't like to annoy your neighbors."
Hostess—"Oh, don't mind that; they have a brute of a dog that barks every night, and I should be very glad to take my revenge."

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

I split ink all over pops desk yesterday afternoon, and after supper he was reading the sporting page and smoking, and I was standing there wondering how to start to tell him, and I sed, Pop. With he didnt say anything back, and I sed, Pop. Lissen to the nightingale, sed pop. Meaning me, and I sed, Pop. I got something I want to confess to you.
The doos you have, sed pop.
Yes sir, I sed, I was going pss your desk today, and I picked up that big round paper wate made out of glass and threw it up in the air a little ways on account of thinking I was going to catch it agen, only I didnt, but it didnt brako it eny, all it did was nook a little peece off of the edge and you mite never of notice it if I hadent of told you.
Thats very unfortunate, sed pop, but I am glad you told me, because honesty is the best policy, and we will say no more about it.
Wat do you think it fell on wen it fell, pop? I sed, it fell on your silver pen holder and bent it part out of shape but not all the way.
Confound it, sed pop, that pen holder is worth 10 dollars.
O well, maybe I can have it straightened, its a good thing for you that you told me before I found it out for myself, thats all.

And after it hit the pen holder it bounched, pop, and wats you think it bounched into? I sed, it bounched into the ink well and nooked it rite over, but it didnt brako it eny, and the ink went all over a lot of papers laying there.
O it did, did it? sed pop, well my clipper is going tll over something, too.
Wich it did.

PREMIER FOSTER'S OPPORTUNITY

(Chatham Commercial.)

On Saturday, more than 100,000 people of the province were asked to say whether they wanted the existing prohibitory liquor law continued or not. Of them, 41,000 said they wanted it, nearly 21,000 said they did not want it, and the remainder apparently did not want it either, for they had not sufficient interest in the matter to come out and say so. The net result is that the wishes of 41,000 people will dominate the conduct of the remaining 320,000 residents in this province, and as a consequence in the near future New Brunswick may expect something very near akin to Bolshevik rule.

Premier Foster now has an opportunity such as has fallen to no other party leader to make himself solid with the vast majority of the electorate. If he cares to formulate a moderate and reasonable liquor policy, and go to the people upon it this fall, he will sweep the province. Despite

Saturday's vote, the bulk of the people do not want Prohibition, but large numbers are afraid to come out publicly and say so; whereas if the prohibition question was discussed with others in election campaign, people would have no such diffidence. Mr. Foster would get the support of hundreds upon hundreds of disgruntled Conservatives, who have lost all faith in their own party leaders, and who would welcome an opportunity to vote in support of a man who would show that he possesses convictions of his own and is not afraid to announce them. Will Premier Foster take advantage of the situation?

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