FRIENDS OF LABOR

ENTERPRISES THAT HAVE SHOWN A FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE WORKING CLASS

Former Chatham Boy Becomes United States Senator.

HERE is Senator James Couzens, of Detroit, with his wife and daughter, Madeleine, following his election to the Uniter States Senate. His life story reads almost like an Alger book. A Canadian boy, he began life at the bottom of the ladder, selling newspapers in Chatham. His rise was steady, and, to-day, at the age of fifty, he is multimillionaire, and senator, after terms as mayor and police commissioner of Detroit. To an interview he gave this key to success: "Work—marry young—and work."

ATTLE EMBARGO MAKES PROGRESS

ll Passes Third Reading. Irish Members Indignant at Clauses.

The House of Commons passed the rd reading of the bill removing embargo on Canadian cattle During the debate further ineffectual atpts were made by the Irish mem- to amend the bill by inserting a use giving the minister of agricul- e power to afford special treatment Irish cattle The government mained that it must stand by the pled- given to the Canadian authori- by the previous government and bill was carried

During the discussion Sir Robert nders, minister of agriculture, en questioned concerning the terms the arrangements with Canada ereby any provisions applied to adian cattle here should apply ally to Irish cattle, replied that the first meting with the Canadian isters on October 14, both Sir A. ffith Boscawen, then minister of iculture, and Winston Churchill, e assurance that there would be discrimination. This assurance given in reply to a question by a adian representative as to whe- r all cattle would be treated alike regard to six days detention after ding.

t was untrue, declared the minister that Canada had insisted on any terms being imposed upon Ireland. No Irish representatives were present at the conference betwen ministers Churchill and Boscawen, and the Canadian representatives, because Mr. Churchill was responsible for Ireland.

T. P. O'Connor indignantly asked whether Churchill, as colonial secretary, was authorized to make an arrangement in regard to Irish cattle without consulting Irish opinion.

Sir Robert Sanders replied that no arrangement in regard to Irish cattle had been made with the Canadian government. The only stipulation in regard to Canadian cattle is that they should be treated the same as Irish cattle.

The bill passed the report stage as amended and was given third reading without a division.

An officer of a certain regiment was one day inspecting his company on parade when he came to a man who had not evidently shaved for some days

Halting in front of the man he said: "How is it you've not shaved this morning?"

"I have, sir," was the reply

"How dare you tell me that," said the officer, "with a beard on you like that."

"Well sir," was the reply, "it's like this. There's only one shaving glass in our room, and there was nine of us shaving at the same time, and maybe I shaved some other chap's face."

BALFOUR'S NOTE IS STILL VITAL

European Statesmen Were Premature in Regarding It as Dead.

The collapse of the Allied premiers negotiations, it is becoming evident, was more complete than at first supposed, since the one outstanding development, which has been seized upon by the optimists, namely, the scrapping of the Balfour note by scrapping of the Balfour note by Great Britain, is now said to have been acclaimed prematurely.

Prime Minister Bonar Law admitted as much in the House of Commons this week, and from other sources, it is learned that the haste on the part of the continental press to consider Lord Balfour's utterance as a thing of the past is unwarranted.

It is stated that Mr Bonar Law, in talking with the other Allied premiers, only indicated that Lord Balfour's principle (refusal to consider any remission of the war debts), could be superseded as Great Britain's contribution to a general European settlement of the war debts and reparations questions, but with a definite gain for Britain in view and not merely because she wished to be generous.

The British policy is said ton be centred on the re-establishment of trade and commerce, stabilization of exchanges and bringing to an end the almost continued Allied conferences and disputes over reparations and war debts.

The pessimists believe that such stabilization of Europe's economic life would not be realized through Britain's cancellation of the debts due her if at the same time the French were permitted to carry out coercive measures to obtain their indemnity from Germany.

According to the official view the British are willing to make great sacrifices but the other Allies must also sacrifice some of their interests.

Unless Great Britain sees an ultimate gain through the policy of cancellation, it is stated, the government could not carry out such a program, for the British taxpayer would rebel at having to shoulder the debts without benefit

BRITAIN BUILDS TWO MORE SHIPS

Forty Thousand Men Will Be Employed at a Cost of Six Million Dollars.

The admiralty announced today that one hull of the two new capital ships will be built by Armstrong, Whitworth and Company, Ltd., on the Tyne, and the other by Cammell, Laird and Company, Ltd., on the Mersey. Clydeside builders were passed over because their tenders were higher, but some work in connection with these ships will go to the Clyde and also to Sheffield and Woolwich arsenal. Employment will be found altogether for 3,000 men through the letting of the contracts.

The tenders total £6,000,000.

RECORD BREAKING RADIO REPORTS.

Some remarkably quick reports on the weather in Europe came to the members of the New York Electrical Society one evening last week. "How's the weather?" was flashed across the Atlantic. As reported in the New York Times—

"Within forty-five seconds London's answer came in, 'Raining, mild.' Ten seconds later came the reply from Norway, 'Overcast, mild.' France was third with 'Lovely weather,' and Germany came last, 2 minutes and 40 seconds after the question. She answered, 'Gloomy, cold,' and then added, 'Greetings.'"

The same day The Times told of the breaking of all amateur records in the dispatch of a radiogram from Hartford to Hawaii via Sleepy-Eye, Minnesota, a total distance of 5,200 miles, and the receipt of an answer in 4 minutes and 18 seconds.

THE OPTIMIST

If optimism is not mentioned as one of the virtues, it is nevertheless worthy of affiliation with them; for it is one of the greatest forces in the world that make for development and success.

And here let us shatter another popular fallacy The fallacy that the optimist is always known by the broad grin he wears, and by his hearty laugh. Optimism takes many forms, boisterous ond otherwise. No! The optimist is not always known by a smiling countenance and a ready gaiety. He may be a very quiet person, earnestly intent upon his business. He may be a dreamer, obscure among his fellows, whose bright conception of th ultimate realization of his dreams, lends a rare magic to his work. But in all cases he is known by one prevailing habit that is his own; that habit that is his ready power to turn the sorrows and mishaps of life to better account. He is ever looking forward to a brighter, fuller day, content in the interval to make the best of things

The pessimist never gets further than his gloomy forbodings take him; bupt nothing stopus the optimist, he is as irresistable as his own happiness.

And come to think of it, pessissism is neither pleasant nor effective. And continual grief over things that are beyond our direction can never bring us peace of mind. Wycherly voiced a great philosophy when he wrote: "Grief is so far from retrieving a loss that it makes it greater; but the way to lessen it is by comparison with others' losses."

As to the futility of grieving for things that we cannot have, or heights we can never travel, Robert Louis Stevenson said, "Little do ye know your own blessedness; for to travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is to labor."

Yes, the man who can turn his dark hours into bright and useful ones is a greater philanthropist to the world, in the sense that he is capable of better and greater things in humanity's cause.

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The Constable—This wretch is charged with Sabbath breaking. He was seen shaving himself on Saturday and again on the following Monday.

The Magistrate—But that's not on the Sabbath.

The Constable—True but it's proof positive that he permitted his beard to grow on the Sabbath.

Fuel hint. When you get a cinder in your eye run home and put it in the coal bin.

COALS OF FIRE ON RIVAL'S HEAD

Enfant Terrible of Canadian Politics Has Often Spilled the Beans.

Armand Renaud Lavergne, the former hero of Arthabaska and Quebec nationalist and now in temporary political retirement who is defending John H. Roberts against the wrath of Premier Taschereau in the Blanche Garveau case, has always had a penchant for spilling the political beans.

Recently in Montreal he gave a touch of his quality when he declared that there are fifty three members of the Taschereau family now drawing money from the Quebec treasury. But that was nothing compared to the way

Armand L'Avergne

he blurted out some of the inside history of the Conservative family compact in 1911.

Armand had been instrumental in leading 23 Nationalists into the Conservative fold and thus beating Laurier. He was fairly entitled to a substantial reward and some of his French-Canadian friends were jealous thinking he was going to hog it all. When he didn't go into the cabinet they thought he had got his some other way. They insinuated things and he sued La Patrie for libel and spilled some of the beans.

"I refused point blank to go into the Borden cabinet," said he. "I wanted Pelletier as Postmaster General, but Pelletier thought I was after the job myself. Mr. Borden was in Montreal selecting his cabinet, and I heard that Pelletier was going to interview him to protest against me being made a minister. I hired a special train from Quebec, saw Mr. Borden in his hotel and got him to give Pelletier the portfolio Just as I left the room, I met Pelletier rushing along the hall. He stopped crestfallen at sight of me. 'I suppose I must congratulate you on becoming minister,' said he, with a sickly smile. 'No,' said I, 'It is you who are minister. I have just appointed you'."

Lavergne had the same smiling insolence when he went up to Ottawa, as member for Montmagny at the age of 21. He had a tender moustache, big round blue eyes and a flowing bow tie like a little Lord Fauntleroy, but he hadn't been there a day before he called the senate "a collection of rheumatic old dotards." Before many weeks he had got under the skin of a member of the opposition, famous for his drowsiness during debate and his insistence on more than a share of political patronage. About half past nine one night this member rose and solemnly moved that the House adjourn "in order not to keep our youngest member up past his proper bed time."

Young Lavergne was on his feet in a flash. "Mr. Speaker," he said. "The honourable gentleman is unduly apprehensive of my falling asleep. I do not folow his example. He may think I am in the political cradle but I can assure him, I haven't yet put my feet in the party trough. There again I do not follow his example."

That was one of the incidents in the debut of the enfant terrible of Canadian politics who later, said that Toronto was a city of Boches, and that Toronto French was the worst gobble since Babel.

A young lady whose knowledge of baseball was not large sat watching a game which was proving very disastrous to the home team. Finally she turned to her escort and said:

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