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THE MAKING OF PARTIES.

The making of new political parties in Canada bids fair to become a new industry of considerable interest. Some of these new enterprises don't want protection; others do, and some may need heavy bonuses if they are to live and flourish in the land. The Farmers' party is an infant prodigy that disdains public aid, except in the form of a Government monopoly of the wheat crop, the most perfect form of high protection that has yet been devised. The Labor party, an infant terrible to some of the old politicians, does not yet know what kind of protection it wants for the manufacturer, but it has a very elaborate programme of protection for the workers. The new Nationalist Party, the wonder child of the brain of the Sydney Senator, which the Montreal Gazette, disgruntled because the Union Government nationalized the Grand Trunk, has apparently adopted, does not know what it wants to do about protection or anything else. Senator McLennan has collected all the political platitudes which the Hon. Mackenzie King forgot to appropriate, and built them into a platform which he fondly hopes will appeal to all moderate voters. The new political star rising in the east is stronger on attitude than the new leader of the Liberal rump, and equally nebulous and indefinite in regard to principles and the questions of the day. That this wise man of the east who comes with a tallow torch to illumine the political situation in Canada should have dazzled the Montreal organ of the stand-patters is perhaps not surprising. Union Government throws a searchlight upon the forward path of Canada, which the stand-patters would fain not follow, lest the trail lead to broader pastures where reconstruction may spread its benefits over a wider circle.

But with this nebulous Nationalist Party the possibilities of party making have apparently not been exhausted. The Financial Post of Toronto thinks that it has discovered a movement to form another party, of which Sir Henry Drayton and Sir Lomer Gouin will be leaders and which will have for its object the combatting of the radical tendencies of the Farmers and the free trade Liberals. This is probably mere conjecture; at any rate the article in which the discovery is trumpeted is chiefly remarkable for its inconsistencies. The only apparent grounds are that Premier Gouin has recently publicly declared that the interests of Canadian industries demand the maintenance of protective tariffs, and that there is a strong belief that he will shortly enter Federal politics as leader of the Quebec Liberals who favor moderate tariffs. In that case the Union Government and its Finance Minister would be able to count on his support in resisting the assaults of the free traders. There are many signs that Sir Lomer is testing the feeling of the younger Liberals of Quebec, and it is not improbable that he may go to Ottawa as leader of a considerable section of Quebec Liberals ready to enter into an alliance with Union Government for the purpose of assuring that the impending tariff revision shall be carried out with due regard to the interests of Quebec's numerous industries.

MENACE OF INDUSTRIAL UNREST.

The Speech from the Throne at the opening of the British Parliament urged serious consideration of economic conditions throughout the country and the adoption of far-reaching reforms necessary to meet abnormal conditions. And Lloyd George told the House that the dangers were not all in Russia. There were dangers at home which gave cause for apprehension. These declarations give emphasis to a recent address of Mr. Adamson, leader of the Labor Party, in which he sounded a note of alarm and warning. Mr. Adamson is one of the mildest mannered men in the British Labor movement, and is not given to sensationalism. So when he warned the country that unless drastic economic changes were soon undertaken the overthrow of the State was not only possible, but probable, he was doubtless speaking with a full sense of the gravity of his words.

Mr. Adamson declared that the Labor Party believed in the possibility of effecting the desired changes in the economic and social organization of the nation through evolution on economic lines. But there was a growing impatience which if not satisfied with evidence of progress would lead to revolution. During the war the workers had been again and again promised that if they did their share in defending the country, at its conclusion they would be living in a new world. The workers were looking for a redemption of that promise, but as yet there were no signs of the coming of the new Jerusalem. The workers had got tired of waiting for the Government and the employing class to bring about the promised change in the condition of things, and they had made up their minds that they would no longer be content to go along quietly

acquiescent in a system of industry conducted for the profit of the few. Mr. Adamson said the four contributing causes to the worker's dissatisfaction with the existing state of society were: First, up till now the wealth earned by the united energies of the people had been distributed on an entirely unjust and unrighteous basis, a basis which had admitted of huge fortunes amounting in many cases to millions of pounds being piled up on the one hand, and, as a consequence, the creation of abject poverty and misery on the other; second, that the working classes felt they had no security of tenure; thirdly, the laying aside of large profits for depreciation and reserve, which were eventually distributed among the shareholders in the form of new shares, thus loading the dice against the worker, who was paid a wage which only enabled him to exist, and denying him many of the comforts which he was engaged—he was simply looked upon as a cog in the wheel; he was there to perform an allotted task and draw a certain wage.

A NEW HALIFAX ENTERPRISE.

Manager McLurg, of the Halifax Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, has announced that his firm will have a floating drydock, capable of handling ships up to 20,000 tons. A representative of his firm is reported to be in Paris negotiating for the purchase of one of half dozen big floating drydocks, which the Germans were obliged to surrender to the Allies. However, Mr. McLurg has stated that if his company cannot procure a floating drydock ready made, they will build one. His company now operates the graving dock at Halifax, which in the days of the battleship Maine was the largest on the Atlantic Coast, but is small enough now. The programme of the Halifax Company indicates what St. John is missing by not rushing the completion of the big drydock at Courtenay Bay. The first German ship to cross the ocean since the war got into Halifax months ago in a disabled condition, and is still waiting for repairs, and likely to wait months longer, because Halifax has so much overhaul and repair work in hand that nobody will bother about the German.

REACTION IN HUNGARY.

The results of the recent elections in Hungary are causing the Allies some concern. The so-called Christian block which won all along the line is merely a misnomer for the Archducal Clerical Party, which is apparently bent on the restoration of the Hapsburgs. Fear of another Bela Kun and a wave of communism apparently drove the Peasants' Party, consisting mainly of farmers and small landowners, into the arms of the reactionaries. The Magyar caste seems to have made an unscrupulous effort to attain to power again, and a white terror on a considerable scale was inaugurated, according to some accounts. Great numbers of the communists in the cities were executed without trial and on flimsy pretences, and Jew-baiting of a horrible kind is reported to have been common.

Conditions in Hungary, whose factories and railways were stripped by the Roumanians, are evidently in desperate case, and if in defiance of the Allies' veto, the victors at the polls try to restore the Hapsburgs civil strife on a considerable scale may follow.

WHILE WILHELM COUNTS HIS MILLIONS.

A week or two ago, a lady, who is engaged on relief work in Central Europe, sent a letter to England containing this passage: "How can one describe the children? Those who have not grown, or have dwindled since birth, humped and deformed, whose bones bend in the wrong places, who are either emaciated or swollen like drums, riddled with tuberculosis, who never smile or cry, who are too weak to cry." She recorded also the pitiful words of a doctor, sadly hampered for want of the necessities of life for his patients: "Look at those children, trying to die on weak black coffee! The flame of life is kept flickering on coffee and this water gruel."

WHAT THEY SAY

Non-Essential.
 (Boston Transcript.)
 Add to the non-essential occupations: Getting elected to office on the Socialist ticket.

How About the Mud?
 (St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)
 It was no great difficulty to keep a child two years of age clean until chocolate was discovered.

Let Sleeping Dogs Lie.
 (Westminster Gazette.)
 Nothing short of conclusive evidence that the renewal of war in Europe and Asia is compelled by Bolshevik ambition, and not by the ambition to "put down Bolshevism," will secure the

Government support for a new campaign, to the expenditure on which men can see no end. And no such evidence is yet before us.

A Modern Trouble.
 (Brandon Sun.)
 Other planets that are trying to talk to ours should get no encouragement. There is too much talk here already.

Farmers and Unionists.
 (Kingston Whig.)
 There is every disposition to give the farmers' government at Toronto a fair chance and to give the Union Government at Ottawa a full kick. Neither of them is being judged by its fruits.

Symbols of Leisure.
 (Cleveland Plain Dealer.)
 A scientist has discovered that a small can travel half a mile in seven days, thus beating the well-known United States mail in several recorded instances.

Socialized Conscience.
 (New Republic.)
 The American Unitarian Society has published a courageous statement of "the purpose and hopes of the Unitarian Churches of America as they confront their social duties in a time of change and reconstruction." "The claim to a more equitable distribution of the profits of industry," declares the society's statement, "is not only clamorous but just." "Already, however, it is obvious that such a scheme, whether of industrial partnership, security of employment, increasing wages, or insurance against the vicissitudes of life, must be the product not merely of a new mechanism of industry, but of a socialized conscience."

A BIT OF VERSE

SIGNALS FROM THE STARS!

What are those "signals from the stars?"
 Received by our Marconiograph?
 O'er men, late led astray by Mars,
 For those high spirits weep or laugh?
 Foreign to earth were talk of spheres
 Whose ample day is as our years.

Dare we attempt such import high,
 For whom our own wars are too wild?
 'ould conversation of the sky
 Be understood by earth, its child?
 Trivial and curious things we know,
 But hardly may we further go.

Were earlier eras, too, forbid
 When for the perished moons they cried?
 Were secrets nearly guessed at bid
 When dynasties by violence died?
 Do cosmic tides declare: "Thus far,
 No farther!" toward the nearest star?

Our sight and hearing are too frail
 For such eavesdropping on the gods;
 Throughout the day let earth avail
 Till sunset's glory on the sods,
 Ears may not hear, nor mortal eyes
 Anticipate the great surprise!
 —Isabel Pike Conant, in the New York Times.

A BIT OF FUN

Impudence.
 Hawker—Any old rags today, sir?
 Henpecked—No, no; my wife's away in the country.
 Hawker, (rubbing his hands)—
 Ah! Any empty bottles?

Courageous Singer.
 "Wal," said Uncle Sil, after a solo by a fashionable church-choir (tenor), "if that ain't the roughest thing I ever saw! Just as soon as that young man began to sing, every other member of the choir stopped. But he went through with it. My jinks, I

HOW TO TREAT STOMACH TROUBLE

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Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Last Sunday afternoon me and Skinny Martin was taking a walk in the park just taking a wawk, and Skinny sed, G. look at the man painting the scenery.
 Meening a man setting on a stump of a tree painting a picture of the trees and things, and me and Skinny went and stood in back of him, Skinny saying, Look, G. he's even putting the clouds in.
 Wich he was, and I sed, How would you like to be a painter, Skinny?
 I wouldnt mind, how would you? sed Skinny.
 I wouldnt mind, I sed.
 And the man kepp on painting the scenery as if he didnt even know who was in back of him. Being a skinnie kind of a man empacking a pipe, and I sed, Is it hard to be a painter, mister?
 Not so hard, not so hard as answering questions, sed the man.
 Properly being intended to be a hint, and Skinny sed, Wats the hardest to paint, mister, trees or bushes?
 Thats too foolish, I dont anser foolish questions, sed the man.

And he kepp on painting the scenery and me and Skinny Martin kepp on watching him, and I sed, Aint you glad it aint summer, mister, think of all the exter grass and things you would haff to put in.
 Wich the man jest kepp on painting without ansering, me thinking, Gosh, it must of bin a foolish question, and Skinny Martin sed, Wich is the easiest to paint, mister people moving or beads standing still?
 The man not ansering him proving it was another foolish one, and he gave us a farse look and quick jumped up and wawked away with the picture just as I was going to ask him a sensible one about weather a little picture dries faster than a big one. Skinny Martin saying, Gosh, do you suppose he went away on account of us? and I sed, I bet we had sumthing to do with it.
 Wich I bet we did.
 must say I admire his spunk!

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