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Of Indicting and Striking.

"You cannot indict a nation" wrote the great Irishman who remains first among the political prophets of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

A half-cock revolution was attempted in Germany by reactionaries who aimed to destroy the democratic form of government which came from the 1918 revolt against kaiserism.

By what brigade was the Kapp revolutionary fire put out? The engine that turned its hoses on the junker conflagration was the general strike.

There is no modern political weapon that was not first condemned as unwise, unlawful and subversive of constituted authority.

Rightly or wrongly whole communities in Ireland are as opposed to Dublin Castle and all it stands for as the American revolutionists were hostile to Westminster and the Georgian autocracy it obeyed.

The only certain thing about these baffling phases of post-war reconstruction is that the body politic everywhere is doing things that were not imagined when government was so simple that a few men could assume all its functions.

Nobody is satisfied. Everybody wants to know by what right anybody has to say what somebody else shall do. The spirit of revolt against the past pervades the earth, and menaces the future.

No Room for Fight Here. The bill to validate what seems to be a small irregularity in the Grand Trunk meeting in London, which endorsed the agreement for the system's nationalization, should pass both houses of parliament without demur.

ship much is being made of the chance which the big deficit on the national railways gives to the reactionaries to hamstring the completion of the Canadian National Railways system.

None of these things should be of the least avail. A great public policy was decided on, with the manifest approval of the vast preponderance of public judgment.

One of the ironies of the senate situation is that men who were appointed to that house by Premier Borden are found, hostile to the strongest reconstructive policy which the Borden government has fathered.

A practical consideration must largely affect the attitude of parliamentarians. If the Grand Trunk deal falls, what effect will be produced upon the national credit?

Of course, in a Grand Trunk bankruptcy, pickings would fall to some interests which have a sure instinct for the place where the picking is good.

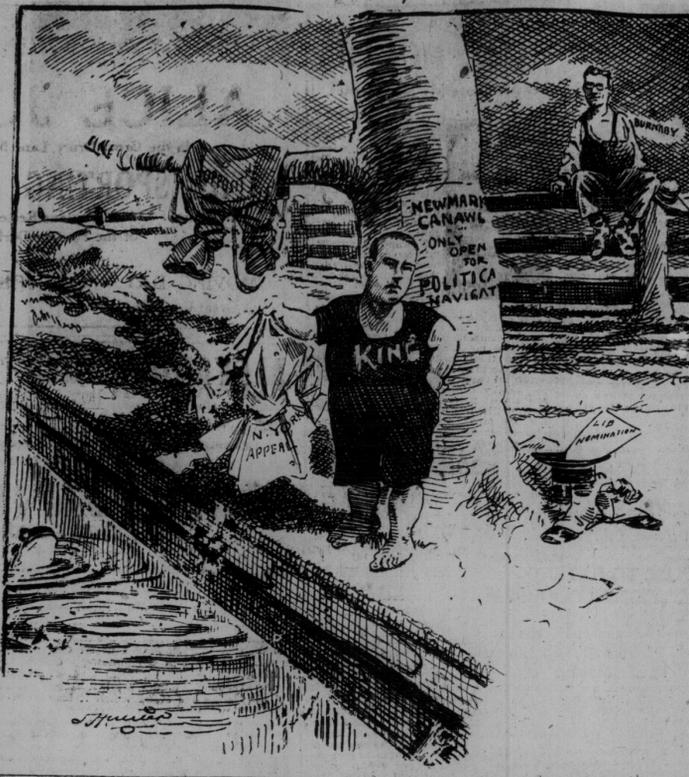
One of the anomalous things that one sometimes notices in the American, as in the British, press, is that Canadian subjects are sometimes treated by other than Canadians when it would be supposed that Canadians themselves would be asked to furnish material about their own affairs.

A case in point is an article by Sir P. T. McGrath in The American Review of Reviews, on "Canada and Railway Nationalization."

It is a curious commentary on the writing profession in Canada when editors in outside countries go to non-Canadian sources for knowledge of Canadian affairs.

Hydro Wins in Border Cities. Elsewhere The World prints The Border Cities Star on the advent of public control of the electric railways that serve the municipalities across the river from Detroit.

"BULL-BEEFING" WILLIE'S CLOTHES.



London, for which a local commission is managing the railway under Sir Adam Beck's chairmanship.

The Border Cities road was a subsidiary of the Detroit United Railways. Its service was meant, for it seemed to be regarded as a sort of Cinderella by the richer system, whose left-of-clothes it used.

There will be great improvements in the service, but Sir Adam has wisely warned the users of the road against expecting too much too soon.

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OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS

The World will gladly print under this head letters written by our readers, dealing with current topics. As space is limited, they must not be longer than 200 words and written on one side of the paper only.

METHODISM AND PROHIBITION.

Editor World: Is the Methodist Church to be surrendered body, soul and purse by its executive to the paid prohibition force? There are many prominent Methodists who doubt the diplomatic wisdom of Dr. Chown's "We won't drink" referendum.

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BRITISH BUDGET UP NEXT MONDAY

Chancellor Will Have to Make Up a Deficit of \$326,000,000 Pounds.

London, April 13.—The chancellor of the exchequer will introduce the budget next Monday. He will be called upon to make up a deficit of \$329,000,000, while the revenue needed amounts to \$1,200,000,000.

SHORTAGE OF GASOLINE BOTHERS NEW YORK

New York, April 13.—A shortage of gasoline threatens the use of automobiles as substitutes for carriers whose operation has been suspended by the strike. Local agents of big motor car companies received telegrams from their factory offices in the west to send out no more drivers to bring machines to New York because there was no fuel to spare.

GEN. WOOD PRAISES THE LEMIEUX ACT

Boston, April 13.—In a speech delivered at a luncheon here today, Major General Wood dealt with the strike situation, referring to the Lemieux act as "having an investigation before a strike is permitted."

RESIGNS PARK BOARD

Brantford, April 13.—(Special.)—With the resignation of William Glover, the board of directors of the Brantford service of the "charter" members there now remain but Frank Cockshutt and Franklin Grob.

DEATH LIST NOW 300

Paris, April 13.—Latest reports say that 300 were killed in the explosion of a munitions dump at Potenstein, East Prussia, on Sunday, and several hundred others were injured. Previous reports placed the number of dead at 50.

THE GIRL WHO SMILED THRU

By MARION RUBINCAM

(Synopsis of Preceding Chapters) Lawrence Fairbanks has always won her way thru life by her optimism. Her sunny nature has carried her thru her father's death, her mother's invalidism, poverty, and necessity for hard work, with a smile and a feeling of hope.

An orphaned cousin, Lois Kennedy, comes to live with them. She wins away David, persuades him to come to the city and take refuge in work and study. Lawrence Fairbanks offers to help her in her studies.

The following summer a baby is deserted by a poor family. Alice adopts it and, thru Lawrence's interest in it, the child grows more friendly with him. He asks her to marry him.

Alice had told Lawrence that he could see her anytime after 7 o'clock. And Lawrence, with true lover's eagerness, came at the very end of the designated week.

There was so much sweetness in his voice that Alice had to smile again. She looked at herself tonight. She was so self-possessed? When David had told her he loved her, she had been so frightened.

Lawrence settled down to listen. Alice looked at him steadily, quietly. He was good-looking, she thought; herself, his features were well cut, his nose narrow and a little high.

Lawrence was looking at her steadily while she told her story. He heard not the astonishment he had expected. "You can," he surprised her by answering. "Because you are in love with this other man. You only think you are in love with me."

On the whole, it was an exciting week that followed. The next day, Lawrence drove up in his car. He came into the house carrying the fur coat and the little fur hat he had brought before, and announced that they were going for a drive. Alice, all ways with the feeling that duties were waiting for her, was inclined to protest.

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