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THE PLEBISCITE.

For the first time in the history of New Brunswick the people have been invited to express their wishes upon a matter with regard to which legislation must later on be passed. The question involved was one of supreme importance to the social and moral welfare of the community, and it is to be regretted that only about sixty per cent. of the people qualified to express their opinion thought it worth while to do so. It is impossible to regard this condition of affairs as other than most unsatisfactory; it betrays a lack of interest in this important matter that can only be described as deplorable under the circumstances.

The result of the voting is an overwhelming majority in favor of prohibition, and against the sale of beer and light wines. With the single exception of Madawaska, every county showed a majority in favor of the Act, and only in Kent was three a majority in favor of the sale of beer and wines. This must be regarded as conclusive, and it is now "up to" the Government to give effect to the wishes of the people as so expressed.

There will have to be a great many radical changes in the present method of enforcing the Act — a method which in the past has been regarded as more or less of a farce. There will have to be an end to the favoritism which has been shown in many instances, under which some lawbreakers have suffered little or no molestation, while others in many cases less guilty have had to suffer to the limit. The result has been that the law has been brought into contempt, and this may account for the lack of interest displayed in the matter by such a large proportion of the people. Doubtless the Temperance Alliance will have all their plans made, and their demands formulated, well in advance of the next session of the Legislature, after which it may be expected that New Brunswick will become a country fit for decent men to live in, and in which they can bring up families without any fear of their being contaminated by the debauchery caused by the curse of drink.

THE NEW PREMIER.

The deluge of congratulatory letters and telegrams that have been received by Hon. Arthur Meighen from all parts of the Dominion and Empire, since the announcement of his selection for the post of Prime Minister of Canada, are a pretty good indication of the approval which his selection meets with from people of all shades of opinion. It may therefore be inferred from these that Mr. Meighen is regarded as the right man for the place; even newspapers politically opposed to him admit his outstanding ability and qualifications for leadership.

The task before Mr. Meighen is not perhaps such an easy one as it might be, but its carrying out will not bother him to any extent. The platform of the party is one that every patriotic citizen can very readily stand upon in that it includes nothing that is not in the best interests of the Dominion. One of the planks in it relates to the transportation systems of the country as incident to the promotion of trade and commerce. In this connection the claims of St. John for increased harbor accommodation must not be overlooked. The new Premier was one of the number of Parliamentarians who paid a visit to this port a few weeks ago, when he was able to see and hear for himself just exactly what is needed here. While Mr. Meighen was more or less non-committal when expressing his views on the matter, he could not do otherwise than admit that owing to the important part that the port of St. John must play in taking care of the foreign trade of Canada during one-half of the year, proper facilities should be provided to enable it to do so to the best advantage. It is therefore earnestly to be hoped that Mr. Meighen will not, in the press of other matters, forget what his trip to St. John taught him, and that before long we shall hear that the extension of harbor facilities, that we have been so long clamoring for, will be provided; not because St. John has asked for them, but as recognition of the important part the port plays in the foreign trade of the country. Mr. Meighen will realize that the crops that are grown in Western Canada are very largely disposed of to European countries, and that in order that they may be sent to their destination they have to pass through some Canadian port, and that such port is, in the great majority of cases, St. John.

THE OPEN SHOP FAVORED.

Is the reaction from the excessive demands of Labor Unionism to be the open shop again? In Britain the great industrial interests who have for decades quietly negotiated with Trades Unionism, and who, during and since the war, have had to yield to unconscionable demands, are beginning to wonder if the open shop is not the way out of their difficulties. On the one hand, they have crushing taxation to enable the Government Treasury to make up financial leeway, and on the other, union regulations that hamper them at every turn. Lately piecework has been generally re-introduced, where possible, but even this method of overcoming inefficiency has not offset the effects of too much unionism.

In the United States, the triumph of the United States Steel Corporation, and, later, the railroads, has had marked effect. The strikes on these have been failures. On the railways new men have been gradually broken in, to take the place of switchmen and other "outlaw" strikers. There is a general disposition now to fight strikes, and not to yield to further threats. The labor situation has taken an easier turn.

A contemporary recently referred to the growth of Los Angeles in the past few years, and this is perhaps the most notable triumph of an anti-union policy. Los Angeles, which used to be far down in the list of cities, has passed San Francisco, Buffalo, Milwaukee, New Orleans and Cincinnati. Perhaps the movies are partly responsible, but the main fact is that Los Angeles has been the open-shop city of the United States. Labor is not less prosperous. But unions are not recognized. No walking delegates have jobs there. While building in San Francisco is at a stop, it is flourishing in Los Angeles. Bank deposits are more numerous, are larger, and progress is everywhere more marked —because there is no union stifling.

THE AGRARIANS' POLICY.

It never has been quite clear why the Agrarians as a party should in the adoption of their ultra-radical platform differ so fundamentally from Agrarians the world over. In this country, taking them as a class, they are the only people who are the actual possessors of land of which they would not wish to be dispossessed. In every other country, perhaps notably in Europe, the Agrarians, primarily because of his possession, which is something so natural in ownership that it encircles the very soul of a man, have tended toward policies which are conservative, and often have led to the reactionary. This is not the first time to comment upon this disparagement between the fact and the theory. The Vancouver Sun, a Liberal journal of strong inclinations, seems to be of the same opinion. The Agrarian parties in Europe, it points out, having land interests, no matter how small, for the man owning two hectares can be as warmly attached to it, and perhaps more so, than the man possessing thousands of hectares, are supporters of the rights of property. Lenine and his colleagues in Russia had full perception of this trait, and actually created a conservative following by endowing the peasants with land. Canada has endowed the great generating source of its population with land, and will in time reap a conservative support which in its determination will surpass revolution in support of the right to defend that property. The Sun concludes that the Agrarian party in Canada today advocates policies which in Europe would be regarded as radical enough to draw the opposition of the real Agrarians. "Looking into the future," it claims, "it is not hard to imagine circumstances in which a title, now something of a misnomer, may become eminently suitable. The policy of the Agrarian party may not be always, or even for long, what it is today. The time may come when here, as in Europe, ownership of land and production from the soil will engender a comparatively reactionary sentiment in the breasts of those who now figure as reformers, regarding themselves as progressives."

Newspaper men throughout the Maritime Provinces will learn with much regret of the demise, yesterday afternoon, in a Boston hospital, of the Hon. William Dennis, of the Halifax Herald, after an operation. An Englishman by birth, Mr. Dennis came to this country when seventeen years of age, and started as a reporter on the Herald when it was first published. Subsequently he acquired control of the paper, and later owned it outright. He was a man who enjoyed the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens to a marked extent, and he was always prominent in all philanthropic movements and other organizations having for their object the betterment of social conditions. He was called to the Senate in 1912.

The Ottawa Journal remarks that "New Brunswick votes wet or dry on Saturday. Until that day many will withhold judgment as to whether N. B. is the great tourist country its people claim it to be." As regards this we may say that as a result of Saturday's polling, New Brunswick will not be anything like the great tourist country it might have been. If beers and wines had carried, the influx of Americans would have driven the natives off the streets for want of room to move.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Keeping the Fires Burning.

From this distance, I gather that Bolshevism is moderating its violence. One cannot always be mad. There must come a time when the fiercest fires die down. But the way to revive Bolshevism, to rally all Russia to the Soviet government, is to invade the country and annex large slices of it. French missions and American munitions apparently enable Poland to carry on her offensive for the present. What do the great powers do? Nothing but shrug their shoulders.—Gen. J. C. Smuts, Premier of South Africa.

At Root of Unrest.

(The Veteran, Ottawa.)

Every new disclosure of profiteering adds countless converts to the doctrine of extreme Socialism. Each new exposure of inordinate gain by powerful trusts, combines, mergers, exploitation companies or individual groups, produces a fresh crop of discontents. Profiteering is directly responsible for fostering class hatred. It is a direct incentive to "industrial unrest." National stability is being undermined far more effectively by profiteering than by the chimerical phantom of Bolshevism. There are difficulties enough in the war of after-war settlement without this added menace. There is sufficient unrest and hardship resulting from the great human clash without adding the vicious enslavement of unescapable poverty which profiteering enforces.

Parliament, apparently cannot, or will not, do anything in the matter. It therefore rests with the people to lead the way.

The Pekinese and the Pug.

(Daily Herald, London.)

(It has been remarked how entirely the Pug has been superseded by the Pekinese as a lady's lapdog.)

Said the Pekinese to the Pug:
For up-to-date taste you're too smug.
You reigned in your glory, an
Early-Victorian—
Mrs. Grundy is stamped on your mug;
And your dowdy, old-maidy,
Impeccable lady—
Well, I wouldn't be seen on her rug!"
Sniffed the Pekinese at the Pug.

Said the Pug to the Pekinese:
"You're more suited, as anyone sees,
To the latter-day orgy, an
Ultra-Post Georgian—
But as the mistress you please,
Growing louder and louder
With paint and with powder,
I wouldn't have sat on her knees!"
Snapped the Pug at the Pekinese.

—Tomfool.

THE LAUGH LINE

Looking Up.

"So you want to marry my daughter. What are your prospects?"

"Well, sir, I have a wealthy bachelor uncle, 65 years old, who has just taken up aviation."

A Flyaway Affair.

A fly and a flea in a flue were imprisoned; so what could they do?
Said the flea, "Let us fly!"
Said the fly, "Let us flee!"
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

Scientific Investigation.

A small boy came hurrnedly down the street, and halted breathlessly in front of a stranger going in the same direction.

"Have you lost half a crown?" he asked with his hand in his pocket.

"Y-es, yes, I believe I have!" said the stranger feeling in his pockets. "Have you found one?"

"Oh, no," said the small boy. "I just want to see how many have been lost today. Yours makes fifty-four!"

Painful Meeting.

Bill—Just happened to run into an old friend downtown.

Phil—Was he glad so see you?

Bill—You bet not. I smashed his whole right fender.

Mutual Feeling.

"Are you a careful driver?" asked the nice old lady.

"Yes, ma'am," replied the chauffeur. "I don't want to get hit by a railroad train any more than you do.

MONTE CARLO HAS A RIVAL ON THE BALTIC

Newly Rich Germans Flocking to Danzig Where Modern Casino in Operation.

GERMANY FACING A SUGAR FAMINE

Salvation Army and Quakers Busy Distributing Relief to Hungry Children.

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By VIGGO TOEPFER.

Berlin, July 10.—Thanks to the allies, the Baltic, like the Mediterranean, now has its Monte Carlo.

I have just returned from a visit to the free and independent city of Danzig, the Mecca at the present moment of every newly rich German with sporting proclivities.

The town is almost deserted and all life centres around the Kursaal at Zoppet, the fashionable seaside resort that first became known through being the scene of many orgies of the the Ex-Crown Prince, who was repeatedly banished there by his stern father. His charming villa is still one of the attractions of the place. Almost incredible are the stories which your guide tells us of the scenes that have been enacted within its walls.

The chief attraction of the place is the Casino where gambling is going on night and day and where you find the League of Nations very much of a reality. Here race and nationality have ceased to exist. Typical Poles, noted as passionate, born gamblers are found peaceably seated at the green table next to leading German Junkers whose hatred of all non-Germans fills columns in the press at home. I noticed a man, known as one of our most rabid anti-Semites, apparently unconscious that his neighbors were men of Jerusalem. Britons were playing with unconcern, unable to understand a single German word beyond the calls of the croupier: "Nichts gehts gehts mehr." "Rien ne va plus." The French translation is added for the convenience of the Poles who speak French but pretend.

The Casino never closes. It is ignorance of German.

coining money. The new independent state of Danzig gets twenty per cent. and the town of Zoppet thirty per cent. To keep some of this money in Germany, it is now planned to create a new gamblingg hell also at Warnemuende.

Sugar Crop Failure

Unless the great strike of farm workers is speedily settled, Germany will not even be able to provide sugar for her own needs this year, and the government which has counted on a revenue of many millions of marks will get noting whatever from this source. Despite enormous efforts earlier in the year to re-establish the German beet sugar industry, in many districts the crop of beets is already hopelessly lost and the factories have decided to suspend operations for another year. Before the war Germany provided more than half the sugar consumed in Great Britain.

Relief Work.

Wonderful is the work here carried on by the Salvation Army which now daily feeds more than 400,000 German children through funds collected in England. Next in importance comes the work of the Quakers, English and American, who now have a most efficient organization covering the entire country and who personally supervise the distribution of all gifts.

Unfortunately it cannot be said that all these humanitarian endeavors are calling forth feelings of gratitude on the part of the Germans, many of whom look upon them as belated efforts to remedy evils, of a criminal blockade of their country during the war. Statistics just published show that up to the first of April this year, foodstuffs to the value of 143,000,000 marks were distributed free by the "Auslandshilfe," as the foreign organizations are known collectively.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

THE PARK AVE. NEWS.

Weather. Unixpected.

Sposrts. Sid Hunt is spending a good deel of time practicing snapping his fingers with both hands at the same time like a Spannish dancer, saying he wunts to know how jest for ambition and not for eny speshil reason.

Almost a Fite. Exter. Some big fresh kid with glasses on came erround last Satidday and Reddy Merfy told him the ony thing that kepp him frum fighting him was his glasses, and wen the fresh kid took his glasses off Reddy Merfy told him the ony thing that kepp him frum fighting him was because he dident wunt to take idvantage of his bad eyesite without his glasses.

POME BY SKINNY MARTEN

Laff and show your silver lining.
Throw up your hat and cheer,
The world will come to a end some day
But none of us will be heer!

Sissiety. Mr. Charles (Puds) Simkins went to churtch with his mother last Sunday and telt so mutch better wen it was over that he would of started to clap if his mother hadent of saw him in time.

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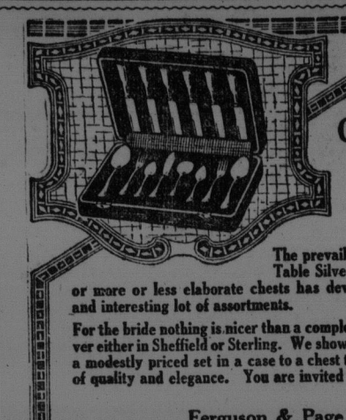

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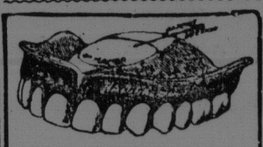

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