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FROM OVERWORK.

President Wilson's physicians report his condition as far from satisfactory, although not necessarily serious. Premier Borden is able to again participate in public affairs, yet is advised not to attempt too much. He is ordered to take a complete rest. Both these leaders are victims of the inveritable. For many months, on the other side of the ocean, they lived in an atmosphere of intense mental strain, and performed a task which involved heavy physical effort. The reaction was bound to come ,for the finest constitution will stand only so much, and in the desire to perform their duties, these statesmen forced nature too far. Illness, which under ordinary circumstances they would have thrown off easily, found them weakened by overwork, run down mentally and physically, and as a result both are compelled to seek renewed strength by temporary surrender of tasks which have demanded more than should be expected from any man. Canadians have not yet come to realize the part played by Premier Borden in the seemingly age-long conferences at Paris. But when the history of that gathering is written the Prime Minister of Canada will stand out as one of the foremost figures among the world's greatest men who imposed peace on the Huns and lined up the nations of the earth in prevention of future wars. He deserves a rest. The only regret is that such a rest is necessary to restore his former health and vigor. All would rejoice were it taken merely for recreation and pleasure.

REGISTER TODAY.

Only two days remain in which to register. On Saturday evening the opportunity now open to the women of St. John to enroll themselves as voters will have passed, and when, during the next year, questions of importance are submitted to the decision of the people, those who now fail to take advantage of this opportunity will have only themselves to blame for their inability to express their opinions at the polls. Today and tomorrow should witness a great rush for registration, for as yet only a small proportion of those qualified have seen fit to enter their names, and this despite the widespread publicity which has been given the matter. Every woman in St. John should be in a position to state her views by ballot on each matter of interest brought to public attention, whether it be the choice of representatives at Fredericton, the continuation or repeal of prohibition, or other questions. It is a duty all women owe, not to themselves alone but to their families and their neighbors, to accept the responsibility which the extension of the franchise involves, and to assume their fair share in the administration of provincial affairs. Let there be no further delay in this matter, nor any reason for regret when the opportunity has gone by. All who have strength enough to walk to the nearest registration office—and they are to be found in almost every block—should turn out today and have their names entered on the voters' lists now being prepared.

SETTLE IT.

Employes of the Atlantic Sugar Refineries now on strike have declared themselves willing to accept the findings of a board of arbitration in the disagreement existing between themselves and their employers. The Company, judging from statements already made, adopts the attitude that these men having quit work are no longer employes of the refinery and under these circumstances are not deserving of generous consideration. This is bringing things down to too fine a point. The refinery needs men and those who have been employed there are naturally the ones best qualified to carry on the necessary work. The men need money, and while it may be contended that the increase which they have asked is a rather large one, yet it might readily have been secured by these employes through a series of requests. If the Atlantic Sugar Refineries were a struggling corporation, pressed for money at all times, and fighting keen competition, its position would be different, but this company has enjoyed more than a fair measure of success during the few years of its existence and is popularly regarded as being in a reasonably safe financial position. Although competition may be keen it should be capable of paying its employes a fair living wage. Whether this wage is thirty-five cents per hour or forty-five cents per hour is a matter of investigation and opinion. And in view of the divergent views entertained by the company and its employes it is not unreasonable to infer that each side is more or less prejudiced. Under these circumstances a board of arbitration would seem to be the natural way out of the difficulty. Unquestionably the men who have already lost several days want to get back to work, and it must be equally true that the refinery, realizing the great demand for sugar, is desirous of operating on full time. When both sides have so much to gain by settlement and both sides have so much to lose by continued disagreement, the only sensible solution is to be found in referring the points in dispute to an independent board with the understanding that both employes and company will accept the finding of that board.

NEW BRUNSWICK SHALES.

In Ottawa yesterday Senator Domville, who is personally interested in oil shale properties in Albert County, who has given a great deal of study to this subject, and who with thousands of others deplores the neglect of these immensely rich deposits which New Brunswick possesses, urged the advisability of making easy the importation into Canada of machinery and plant necessary for the production of oil from shales. His remarks were endorsed by Senator Fowler, who through close acquaintance is also aware of the possibilities of Albert and Westmorland Counties, and who is quite naturally mindful of the interests of his former constituents in the now abandoned areas. As a time when oil is fast usurping the preeminent position of coal in the world of industry and transportation, it is certainly rather remarkable that the richest shale deposits in the world should be allowed to lie undisturbed year after year, especially when the shrewdest men of both hemispheres are competing for control of areas of lesser value. Between the great British organization and the Standard Oil there is commercial war, with freely made predictions that, following the depletion of American deposits, the fight will be carried to this side of the ocean and the British become active competitors in the field which the Standard Oil has properly regarded in the past as its own preserve. All known areas in Mexico, in the Balkans, in Southern Russia, in the Eastern Islands, have been gobbled up long ago, but New Brunswick has been overlooked. Scotland, with shale deposits inferior in value, has witnessed tremendous development in late years. But Albert County shales seem to be lacking in that magnetic influence which compels action on the part of wealthy operatives. Perhaps the suggestion of Senator Domville, if accepted by the government, may be of some help in solving one of the difficulties in the way of early development.

THE ITALIAN MUDDLE.

The Fiume comic opera is progressing in the usual stereotyped fashion to a dramatic finish, and if the element of tragedy is avoided, the world will be fortunate. Gabriele d'Annunzio, intoxicated with the evanescent support of a volatile people among whom the control of Fiume is an obsession, is looking for other worlds to conquer. The Italian ten per cent. population of Dalmatia has aroused his sympathy and for their sake he, a captain in the Italian army, has issued a declaration of war. This of course has been ignored, yet there is the grave possibility that, flushed with the seeming success which has so far attended his mad freak, he may before long endeavor to extend his operations in a manner which will compel action on the part of the Allied powers. So long as this patriotic rhymster confined his attentions to Fiume, so long have the associated nations been able to regard the problem as one to be settled by Italy alone. But if d'Annunzio determines, as is apparently his intention, to aid the comparatively few Italians who through choice are now living in an alien country, and to secure for those few Italians nationalization of that country to the detriment of those properly in control, then the other powers must of necessity consider it their duty to interfere. Up to date d'Annunzio has succeeded in bringing about the dissolution of the Italian Parliament, in forcing a general election which will almost inevitably result in the defeat of the government but will fail to furnish men of ability to take the places of those now in charge. He has demoralized the army, for today even the famous old line regiments are unworthy of continued confidence, while thousands are deserting daily rather than be eventually asked to take the field against him. The people of Italy realize fully that in relation to world affairs their course of action is unwise, but, carried away by patriotic fervor, they prefer following one who for the moment holds the popular fancy, and letting the future look after itself.

WHAT THEY SAY

Sympathy Alienated.

Philadelphia Public Ledger: The strike leaders have gone the wrong way about it to convince the American people of the justice of their cause. Their refusal to wait for the President's conference was like one litigant starting a fist fight with another litigant on the steps of a court house about to open. That alienated sympathy and aroused suspicion. What could suffer from a fortnight's delay? Next the men put in charge of the strike do not command public confidence.

A Ray of Light.

New York Herald: Representative Cooper, of Ohio, himself a member of a labor union, did his country and the union a real service in his speech making a strong appeal to American labor to wake up and realize that "they are being led by men who destroy sacred American institutions."

Reasserting Principle.

New York World: These governors (Coolidge and Sproul) are face to face with presumptuous or disorderly minorities bent upon subjecting the majority to their will. Demogagues would have made common cause with the violent; time-servers would have dodged the issue, and cowards would have appealed to the federal authorities for help. By placing their sole reliance upon the dignity and power of their own commonwealths, forces too often neglected nowadays, they reassert the basic principles of American democracy.

Wise Old England.

New York Sun: Great Britain, the paramount world trader before the war, was back on the job before the ink on the treaty of peace was dry. By all signs she is rearranging her commercial compacts, even with Germany, before the other allies have ratified the treaty or have finished debating it. In the last several peace months she has increased her exports some three-quarters of a billion of dollars. Wise old England! Able manager and trained negotiator, she was planning it all out while the battles waged. She was ready for it when the firing ceased.

A Moral Issue.

New York Times: Judge Gary says that "questions of moral principle can not be arbitrated nor compromised," and that such questions are involved in this strike. The question at issue appears to be the right of Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Foster and their twenty per cent. to dictate the conditions of employment of the other eighty per cent., as well as to order the affairs of the employers and the public. That does indeed have the appearance of a moral issue; and none should see that more readily than the non-union eighty per cent., whom, as Judge Gary says, Mr. Fitzpatrick and his associates "have volunteered to represent."

A BIT OF VERSE

A FALL MORNING.

(By Garnett Laidlaw Eskew.)

There's a restless something surging
Through the blood of me this morning—
The wild tang of the woodland and
The savor of the wind!
Let me seek a trusty comrade,
Swing a leg across the saddle,
Ride across the sloping fields and
leave
The city far behind!

Just a gallop in the morning,
When the air is like a cordial—
When the fall has whipped a stirring,
bracing
Frost into the day!
Through the woods a-gleam with color,
Out across the sloping meadow,
Where the hills go rolling out to meet
The mountains far away!

Far below me on the river road
That creeps along the valley
I can hear the purring motor cars that
Swiftly come and go—
The lifeless metal cravens,
Fearing still to seek the summits,
And I leave them to their sluggish,
harmless
Pleasures there below!

But for me! I head my comrade
Up a bridle path that wanders
To the crest of that high mountain
standing
Out against the sky;
And I ride along the summit,
With the world stretched out around
me,
And I call myself a monarch while
Today goes marching by!

A BIT OF FUN

Most of the serious slips occur after the cup has been to the lips.

Records are brittle things. You can't lower one without breaking it.

Teacher—Willie, do you love your enemies?

Willie—Yes, miss, when I meet them all at once.

But Did He See It?

"Well, Tommy," said father, as his young hopeful returned from school. "What is the matter? Your eyes look very red."

Little Tommy hung his head shamefacedly.

"Come, now, sonny, speak up! Do what father says," said his fond mamma.

"I have been thrashed," said Tommy, "for something I didn't do."

"What a shame," sai his parents in chorus, "and how very unfair! What was it, old chap?"

"A sum," came the brief reply.

The Bald One—Have you anything that will grow hair?

The Barber—My baby. He will eventually.

X.—He has left behind lots of people who struggle to overtake him.

Y.—Who is he?

X.—Conductor on a tramcar.

Tired Tuff—Me brother knew a month before his death when he would die.

Weary Walter—Who told him?

Tired Tuff—The judge.

Willis—Does your son profit by your example? Does he imitate your successes and avoid your mistakes?

Walls—No; he wants to get married.

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Swimmig.

Nuthing is so usefill to peeple in deep wattir as knowing how to swim. If a person is drownding, no matter how many other things they know, unless they know how to swim they will keep on drownding. Many of the smartest peeple have bin saved from drownding by ignorant peeple jest because they dident know how to swim and the ignorint peeple did.

Keeping up in the wattir all depends on wat motions you make. Sumtimes drownding peeple make more motions than any other kind, ony they aint the rite kind of motions, meny of them meerly being motions for help. A persin that dont know how to swim is jest as anxious to stay on top of the wattir as enybody elts, but that dont say he will. This proves that nollege is more powerfill than hope.

A good swimmer wouldent care how awffen he fell in the wattir if it wasent for his clothes.

Most peeple dont mind trying to swim in shallo wattir because it is a grate comforb to know you cant go down ferther than your neck if you go down. Meny peeple who seem to be swimming in shallo wattir reely have one foot on the bottom. This proves that appearances is deceetfill.

Altho a persin can dive without knowing how to swim, they awtent to for their own safety.

A diver who goes in jest rite without hardly making a hole gets the most injoyment out of it, but one that goes in flop on his stummick with a big splash gives others the most injoyment.

4 Good reasons for knowing how to swim is ferst, so you can save your own life, 2nd, so you can save other peeples life, 3rd, so you can wawk on the edge of a river and dont care wat happens, and 4th, so you can say yes in case enybody asks you.

PERSONALS

Mrs. J. C. Berrie left last evening for New York where she will spend several months the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Henry H. Newton. Mrs. Newton, who has been visiting in St. John for the summer, also returned last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Everett returned this week from a trip to Montreal, Toronto and Niagara Falls.

NOTICE.

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