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IS ST. JOHN IGNORED?

The amazing statement is made in an Ottawa despatch to the Montreal Gazette that the militia department is considering the advisability of having hospital ships disembark their passengers at Portland, Me., in order that the Halifax terminals may be free to handle soldiers in ordinary transport. No mention whatever is made of the port of St. John. We would be disposed to doubt the story but that it is added that an official is going to Portland to look over the situation. If there is any foundation for the story the people of St. John will want an explanation. This port has the facilities and two railways instead of one. There is no reason why it should be ignored in favor of an American port or discriminated against in favor of Halifax. The whole country is ringing with the story of the long delay of soldiers at Halifax because of inability to give them prompt dispatch home. It would be quite time enough to talk about Portland after St. John had been given a trial. Up to the present time there has been no complaint of delay in connection with the handling of troops landed at this port. No doubt the city authorities will take the matter up at once with the government.

THE TARIFF ISSUE

Hon. Robert Rogers and Mr. W. F. Maclean, M. P., contend that the tariff must enter into the policy of reconstruction, and that now is the time to discuss the question. Sir John Willison is said to hold similar views. The Canadian Council of Agriculture is emphatically for a lower tariff, but the manufacturers are not. The Toronto Star doubts whether there can be any permanent settlement of the tariff that will suit both the east and the west, and makes the following observations:— "The protective system is attacked because it affords opportunities for building up huge fortunes at the expense of the community. It is defended as a means of safeguarding employment for workmen, and protecting them from the competition of underpaid labor abroad. Public opinion will be influenced by the answers given to three questions. Are the prices charged to consumers fair or extortionate? Are the profits moderate or excessive? Are the wages paid to mechanics such as represent a just remuneration for labor? In other words, is the privilege given by a protective tariff used fairly or abused? There is no escape from the position that manufacturers accepting the privilege of protection must submit to control over these matters. They cannot expect to enjoy the benefit of restriction while they themselves purchase labor and sell their products, without regard to anything but their own will and their own interests. They ought to be subjected to a law against complicity and excessive prices as strict and effective as the customs law restricting importations for their benefit. If they plead that protection is necessary for the payment of fair wages they must satisfy the state that fair wages are paid. They must be ready to give up excessive profits as taxation. Protection is as much a form of state-aid as a subsidy to a railway company. It should be granted, if at all, as a trust for the public, and the terms of the trust must be fulfilled and enforced."

This appears to be a very reasonable statement of the case, but the principles here set forth have not ruled in the past. No sooner has the tariff on any article been increased than the manufacturers have taken full advantage of it, without regard to the interests of the consumers. In other words, the consumer suffered to make the manufacturer's profits larger. The west stands for a low tariff. It will fight on that issue, and will find many supporters in the east. Especially will there be a vigorous movement in favor of closer trade relations with the United States, and the gentlemen who "want no truck or trade with the Yankees" will find in recent developments a rather stiff argument to offset.

Two members of the city council, Com. McLellan and Fisher, told the audience in King Edward school last evening that it was only a question of time when the city must assume full responsibility for playgrounds as a part of its necessary equipment for the public welfare. It was forcibly shown by Com. McLellan that since what people do in their leisure time has a powerful bearing on their efficiency they should be given every opportunity for clean and healthful outdoor enjoyment. St. John is making progress in this direction, but there is still too much apathy. What the South End folk are doing should be done in at least three other sections of the city, to develop neighborhood playgrounds and hasten the time when public sentiment will encourage the city council to do far more than it has ever been asked to do in the past in providing properly supervised recreation centres.

One of the new surprises of the war situation is the apparent welcome given to the Allied armies of occupation in Germany. The spirit of the people appears to be thoroughly broken.

The King Edward school building gave a good illustration last evening of how such a building can be put to community use. In a class room on the ground floor Principal Cornier had a class of twenty working boys taking lessons in reading, writing and arithmetic. In the assembly hall above the South End Improvement League was presenting a fine entertainment, presenting prizes to baseball champions, and organizing to make a success of the outdoor skating rink for the boys and girls this winter. Let us have more of this in our school buildings.

American steel manufacturers are said to favor a moderate reduction in steel prices on Jan. 1. Chairman Gary of the general committee considering the matter is opposed to any present reduction of wages, declaring that they are no higher than is justified by the cost of living. He adds: "If the workmen are treated fairly and liberally, they will stand and contend for fair treatment of the employer." This is a generous admission, and will be so regarded in labor circles. If steel products gradually come down it will have an important effect upon the market situation generally.

The United States has served notice on Germany and Austria that any communications from them must be sent to the Allied powers. The attempt to drive a wedge between the United States and the Allies has failed. So has the audacious German proposal that President Wilson should visit Germany. That country must first repent and then make restitution before it will receive any consideration other than that which is backed by armies able to enforce the decrees of the Allied governments and the United States.

A recent Ottawa despatch says:— "Advices from England indicate that the Canadian premier and ministers are in conference every day with British ministers and officials in connection with Canadian problems. Mr. P. Draper, secretary of the Trades and Labor Congress, is busy gathering and supplying information at every stage on the attitude of Canadian workers. It is stated unofficially that matters are shaping very well for Canada in England, and that there is every prospect that the trade mission under Lloyd Harris will get some great orders for Canada."

Toronto Globe:—Mr. F. B. McCurdy's resignation from the department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, as a protest against the inaction and lack of co-ordination of all concerned, evidently started something going at Ottawa. Ever since then the wires have been hot with stories of conferences, preparations, and plans. Would the resignation of Sir George E. Foster start something going in the department of trade and commerce?

This is election week in the United Kingdom, and we are told nobody pretends to know how the new electorate will vote. The old party lines have to a considerable extent disappeared. There seems no good reason, however, to doubt that Premier Lloyd George will be sustained.

M. Khazandian, an Armenian leader, on his arrival in Saloniki last week declared that German and Turkish statistics which he saw in Constantinople in 1916 showed that 1,296,250 Armenians had been deported, and that of that number 1,066,550 had been massacred.

Premier Lloyd-George appeals for the votes of the women. Sixteen of them are candidates for the house of commons. What about votes for New Brunswick women? Will the legislature pass the necessary bill next session?

The British are introducing order and system and modern conveniences into Mesopotamia, and the people welcome the beneficent change.

The evening schools afford a fine opportunity for working boys and men who feel the need of a little more education.

WILL OF MILLIONAIRE

New York, Dec. 9.—Harvard, Columbia and Johns Hopkins universities are residuary legatees under the will of Joseph Rapaport De Lamar, millionaire mine owner. A trust fund of \$10,000,000 is established for his daughter, Alice Antoinette De Lamar, and \$300,000 is left to the New York association for improvement of the poor.

THE CABLE FIGHT

New York, Dec. 10.—The Commercial Pacific Cable Company, allied with the Commercial Cable Co., has asked for injunctive restraining Postmaster General Burleson from further control of its 10,000 miles of cable from San Francisco to China, Japan and the Philippine Islands.

The final meeting for the season of the Westfield and Hillside Women's Patriotic Society took place yesterday at the residence of Mrs. Fielding Rankine, King street east, when a grant of \$10 was made to the Children's Aid Society in view of the large number of children in the home whose fathers have fought overseas.

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RECENT DEATHS

Patrick McDade. Patrick McDade, formerly of this city and brother of Daniel McDade, St. John, died at his home, Newton Highlands (Mass.), on December 5, as the result of an automobile accident. Daniel McDade, who went to Newton Highlands wired friends here yesterday that his brother was driving in an automobile at 7 o'clock in the morning when another car ran into it. He died at 7 o'clock in the evening. Mr. McDade left here about fifteen years ago. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters; also two

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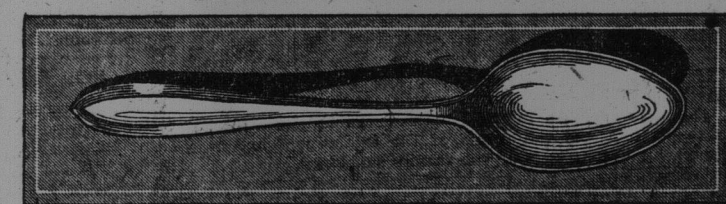


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brothers—Daniel of this city and William of West Virginia, and one sister, Mary, of Newton Centre.

Phoebe A. Dykeman. The death of Mrs. Phoebe A. Dykeman occurred at the home of her daughter in Boston. She was the widow of W. H. Dykeman, of this city. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Cecile J. Trafton, and three sons, F. A. and H. W. of St. John, and W. H. of Sydney. The body will be interred at Titusville on Dec. 12.

Moncton, Dec. 9.—The death of Lewis A. McAnn, son of ex-Alld. and Mrs. James A. McAnn, occurred this evening after a short illness of Bright's disease. He was nineteen years of age and a C. G. R. employee.

More than 2,300 American wounded soldiers reached New York yesterday.

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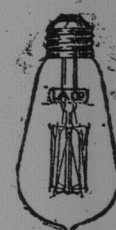
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