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THEY CAN HANG ON.

The elections in St. John and Colchester enable the Government to stick in power a little longer. These rock-bound Conservative constituencies have gone bail for the culprit with fine old Tory clan spirit. But the event recalls how Falstaff offered Bardolph as his security, and the tailor refused, saying that he "liked not the security." Such testimony as these constituencies may give in behalf of their beloved at Ottawa raises a laugh as though in court one nat-shall man should testify and perjure himself for another.

Very naturally the Government labored with the energy of despair among the voters of St. John and Truro. Trembling all over from many shocks of public anger, they could hardly trust even these good old pals. Besides, they were anxious that the majority, of 1917 should not be greatly reduced. Their fears on this point have been fulfilled, but after all they breathe freely again that the seats are at any rate won. The Government ministers and members can go on a bit longer drawing increased salaries as their contribution to the reduction of cost of living. It doesn't matter materially about East Elgin. Write it off and let it go hang, they will say.

BLACKENING LABOR FOR GAIN.

Organized labor is justified in its criticism of the operations of private detective agencies in connection with labor troubles. At the closing session of the Trades and Labor Congress at Windsor, a resolution, coming from Hamilton, was approved, urging that steps be taken to have the federal and provincial authorities cease issuing licenses to detective agencies which supply strikebreakers.

There is something incongruous in the idea of a money-making concern rivaling or supplanting the legally constituted machinery of the law. In Canada we maintain a federal police, a provincial police and police of some kind or another in every municipality. Were the agencies insufficient to keep down crime they might be some justification for additional being called in, but in general the private detective agencies are not primarily concerned with the maintenance of order, because a law-abiding community provides them with no business and consequently with no money returns upon which to live.

In the United States the operations of these private concerns have come to be a menace not only to labor but through blackmailing to the community at large, and already there is a distinct movement under way looking to their more strict regulation. As was stated at Windsor, it has been shown time and again that outrages occurring during labor troubles and blamed on strikers have really been the work of these agencies through their thug employees. In the Lawrence, Mass. strike of 1912, for instance, an attempt was made to discredit the striking mill employees by the "planting" of dynamite about the city. In three places a total of twenty-eight sticks were found. Later it was proven that the sticks had been placed by a man who had no connection whatever with the strikers. He was arrested and fined \$500, but, of course, that did not serve to clear the strikers in the minds of the public generally. The recent labor troubles in the West Virginia mines were cited at Windsor as an example of labor being blamed for the acts of imported thugs. Many other instances of the same abuse could be cited if necessary.

THE SCARLET PERIL.

It seems pretty well indicated that the bombing of Wall Street was an anarchistic atrocity. Other outrages may well follow upon this, especially if the perpetrators are not caught.

Madmen, desperadoes, who think they have nothing to lose, who have lost their way in life's labyrinth and feeling themselves down and out are determined not to bear all in patience, but vindictively and blindly to hit anything and destroy at random, such men have to be reckoned with. No doubt police measures will accomplish something, but better is to search out the causes of disorder and cut them away at the root if possible. Deficiencies and unfairnesses in the economic and social system need to be remedied. Such insanity as that of Sept. 15 may be prevented or cured by proper means.

Who knows where the next insane blow will be struck? Some fanatical devil may decide to blow up a railway station with trains and crowds. The particular objects of his hatred, bankers, industrial magnates and politicians may be the only ones not directly injured, the sufferers being children, porters, nursesmaids, stenographers and clerks, but the red madman is past caring. He just wants to kill, kill, kill, and pull down other men's work. But there is no gain in denouncing the madman. The question is how to prevent or cure his insanity.

What is necessary is to make life livable for all and somehow manage that as few as possible shall feel that they have nothing to lose. The best way to root out envy and revenge is to remove the objective causes for these passions. It is not a mere accident that New York should be the scene of so shocking a tragedy. There frantic wealth and the submerged tenth confront each other most nakedly. The defeated strikes impotently, blindly, unreasoningly, but

his manifold strokes deal death to those happening in the way, and property painfully constructed is demolished. Wealth must bethink itself.

One simple cause of trouble may be the rigidity of American police lately in suppressing the meetings and speeches of wind-bag radicalism. In Great Britain Hyde Park is the safety valve for ragged oratory. Socialists duly elected to the New York Legislature were denied their seats. And then the placards turn on the radicals and solemnly rebuke them for "not relying on constitutional means!" Not tyrannical repression but redress of grievances is the way to cure anarchic violence and make sins of scarlet be as wool.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Day by day the cables bring us clearer understanding of why they put the fast in Belfast.

One thing that will be missing from the political pots from now on will be a lot of "stews."

The peculiar part of it is that people who scold the rich are struggling hard to get in the same class.

Irish patriots live on and without food, and now we understand how so many school teachers get along on their salaries.

These days when a poor laboring man feels an urge to raise merry hob on a Saturday night he goes out and buys another silk shirt.

If Great Britain set about pacifying Ireland as the Germans quieted Belgium the Sinn Fein lovers of Berlin would rejoice. But perhaps they only feel to prefer Prussia to England.

An Ottawa dispatch says that no one more than the premier regrets the present "isolation" of Quebec. We venture the statement that the premier regrets it far more than does Quebec itself.

Lord Desborough says that there is to be an imperial cabinet in the near future, in fact, that a meeting is to be held soon to arrange the details. We are not aware that Canada has given a mandate for handing over any measure of its present self-government to an outside body.

Mr. Chesterton says that the thing is not well defined by the name Bolshevism. A shorter word, bosh, is the better term. Perhaps as G. K. was discussing Bolshevism over a cheerfulness with Hilaire Belloc, his tongue could get no farther than "Bosh," and he decided that "in vino veritas."

Agents of the I. W. W. appear to have received a rather unpleasant reception from the delegates to the Trades and Labor Congress at Windsor. Attempts of the "Wobblies" to distribute their "red" literature resulted in their prompt expulsion from the Border City and the destruction of their stock of leaflets. Organized labor has never had much use for the American syndicalists.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS.

When we read of what is happening in other places we cannot be too thankful on Thanksgiving Day.

A CALL TO SERVICE.

Still the call is for more school teachers. It is estimated that when the university students have returned to their studies there will be from three hundred schools in the province without teachers. That means that most of these schools will have to be closed for a time, and in each case twenty or more children will lose a term out of their school life.

When in any part of the country the residents show themselves backward about organizing a school district or about hiring a teacher on for their children, the school public opinion promptly becomes aroused to the misfortune that is thus thrust upon the children. In the present instance the trouble lies in precisely the opposite direction, but the results are the same. The schools will be closed, not because the local residents want them closed, but because teachers cannot be secured. There is still a chance for men and women who are qualified to teach, but who have gone into other occupations, to render real and high service to the community by going back for a time to the school room.

LIFE AS IT IS LIVED.

The comic strip to which we turn for a daily grin is not merely idle diversion. Mutt and Jeff, for example, are legion, even though the caricatured absurdity finds no ready parallel in personal experience.

The secret of the comic strip's perennial vitality is solely its basis of reality, and the exaggerated black eye with which folly or misfortune is rewarded is merely the art figure for the inevitable reward of folly or misfortune.

If any man could keep a photograph record of his daily utterances, his casual remarks, together with a motion picture film of his every action, he might be surprised at the number of follies in which he involves himself, running to and fro, aimless questions and careless answers; absent-minded follies and the like.

And these things, after all, are the heart of the comic strip. It is painful, perhaps, to carry the analogy too far. Retribution, in the form of a black eye, never teaches the comedians anything. Do we learn any better?

THE MERRY-GO-ROUND.

We can all recall the mad gallop of the merry-go-round when as youngsters we had climbed on the zebra's back and chased the rest of the jungle tribe round and round the circle.

In a little different way we grown-ups during the last few years have been doing a merry-go-round of our own. We have been chasing the high cost of living round and round in a circle. And the faster we have galloped the more speed it has seemed to acquire.

Many have believed that high wages would solve the problem but as most of us have begun to realize, they won't. The reason is that every time you raise wages you increase the cost of production, and by increasing the cost of production you increase the price of goods. It doesn't do any of us a bit of good to get more money for our work if we have to turn around and spend more money for our living expenses. Millions of people in the United States are convinced of this fact now.

What is the remedy, then? How shall we reduce the cost of living without seriously interfering with the present scale of wages?

The United States and the whole world needs more goods-furniture, clothing, food and fuel. And if we can get them without further increase in the cost of producing them, we will have found at last the remedy for high prices.

Increased production, without increase in production costs, means lower prices without lowered wages. And the only way to achieve this kind of increased production is by increasing personal earning power. Not necessarily by harder work, but wherever possible by better work; by fewer days off; by more direct co-operation; and by more thorough understanding that we have a big problem to solve, and that we have got to solve it together.

That's the real solution to the high cost of living. Let's remember this, that all the efforts of prosecutors and public officials to reduce the cost of living-no matter how sincere or otherwise-can have at best only a temporary effect unless and until more goods are produced without a proportionate increase in the cost of producing them.

From Here and There

SUCCESSFUL FAIRS.

[Hamilton Spectator.] Toronto, Ottawa and London have all had successful fall fairs. It is a pity that Hamilton, seemingly through its location, labored from winding up summer activities in a like pleasant manner.

WHAT'S THE USE.

[Hamilton Times.] Premier Meighen is going to make a campaign tour in the Province of Quebec. Well, Quebec may forgive, but it will not forget.

CLEAR AT LAST.

[Kingston Whig.] Irish patriots live on and without food, and now we understand how school teachers get along on their salaries.

WHEN SQUIRRELS BATHE.

I saw a squirrel take a bath the other day. It was raining, and this seemed to be an assistance to him. I was at a loss at first to understand what he could be up to. He was in a crotch of a tree, to which is attached the shelf that holds the drinking dish that the squirrels and the birds used in common.

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Poetry and Jest

THE LITTLE ROADS.

[Alfred Noyes in "The New Morning."] The great roads are all grown over. That seemed so firm and white. The deep, black forests have covered them.

How should I walk aright? How should I tread these tangled mazes. Or grope to that far-off light? I stumble round the thickets, and they turn me back to the thickets and the night.

Yet, sometimes, at a word, an elfin past-word. (O, thin, deep, sweet with beaded rain!) There shines, through a mist of ragged robins. The old lost April-colored lane, That leads me from myself; for, at a whisper.

Where the strong limbs thrust in vain, At a breath, if my heart help another heart. The path shines out for me again.

I thin thread, a rambling lane for love. To the light of the world's one May. Where the white dropping flakes may As we lift them to the bloom-bowed spray.

O Master, shall we ask Thee, then, for high-roads. Or down upon our knees and pray. That Thou wilt ever lose us in Thy little lanes And lead us by a wandering way.

HER CHOICE.

[The burglar's wife was in the witness box and prosecuting counsel was conducting vigorous cross-examination. "Madam, you are the wife of this man?"

"You knew he was a burglar when you married him?"

"Yes."

"How did you come to contract a matrimonial alliance with a man?"

"Well, he was a burglar, and I was getting old and had to choose between a lawyer and a burglar."

AUTUMN.

[Walter Brainerd.] Last year, and other years, When autumn was a vision of old friendships. Of friends gone many ways, Yet never gone.

I stood alone upon this bank of 'copied stony fern. I breathed my heart of isolation. Encircled by a remembering country-side.

I touched dead fingers in a larch; I sailed on long blue waves of land Transfixed the whole horizon round; I wore the old imperial shades.

Of auster, I flung my banners of maple; And when the sun went down, I lay full length upon a scarlet death-bed.

So happy a thing was autumn Other years. But here you stand beside me on this And shake your head and smile your smile.

And these things lightly between your fingers. As a pinch of dust. And here you stand, across his side. Cascading like your hair.

PUFFICKLY INNOCENT.

[The American Legion Weekly.] Judge-Now tell me what you were doing in Colonel Pike's chicken roost. It is 2 o'clock in the morning.

Uncle Mose-Jedge, "accuse me, sah. Ah was jes' takin' de census."

THE EXILE.

[Theodosia Garson.] Above him in the city street. The flame of noon increased; With tumult as when armies meet.

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