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SUBSIDIES TO FRIENDS

The Canadian Pacific railway is making so much money that it does not know what to do with it. It did its utmost to keep its dividends down to ten per cent. but was quite unable to do so. It is properly described as one of the richest corporations on earth. It is making its money out of the people of western Canada for the most part. At least it is no worse, and probably a little better, than other railway corporations. But it can afford to be generous because it is so rich.

When it saw no competition coming this way it rested on its oars. When other roads began penetrating the country it started in building railway lines. That too is a way of railways.

When the provincial government proposed to give some encouragement to railway competition, of course the C.P.R. was not considered. We wanted railway competition. The C.P.R. could build its own roads and it was not good business to do so.

But was it not possible for the C.P.R. to organize a railway under the guise of another company and get some assistance? It was. So the Alberta Central railway running from Red Deer, or near Red Deer, westward was encouraged in the usual way. After the guarantee had been formally passed and received the sanction of the governor-general, the Alberta Central came from under cover and was after a C.P.R. railway.

But the road was built. It is as far as Rocky Mountain House, or thereabouts. The railway is practically in operation. But along comes their good friend—the Dominion government—which is always tender and kind to the C.P.R. and hands over a subsidy to encourage it to build a road, which the provincial government already encouraged it to build, which it had already built and which opens up no new territory at any rate.

Now that is one meaning of the railway subsidies which were laid upon the table of the house of commons this week. These subsidies are not to encourage railway building. Far from it. They are merely out and out gifts to friends of the government, who in this case are railway companies. The government is handing over the money of the people to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and his associates and to Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann. It remains for the people to say whether or not they are going to tolerate that sort of thing.

TRUTH IS THE DAUGHTER OF TIME

A telegram from London, Eng., which figures in the columns of today's Morning Albertan, fully confirms the view taken by this paper of the crusade which has been engineered in the Old Country by a clique of Reactionaries and Ultramontanes for the purpose of prejudicing Britishers against the thirty-month old Portuguese Republic. It also fully illustrates the thoroughness of the position that The Albertan has taken up regarding the action of the Portuguese government. The telegram should be read by all, as it throws much light on the motives of the nefarious crusade in question. It appears that in the conditions—at least as recently as last April—were not more severe than in similar circumstances would be found in Great Britain or in any other country. In some cases, it is frankly admitted, there has been harsh treatment; but the government, on its being brought to its notice, has made all the amendments in its power, by releasing the victims and dismissing the officials responsible therefor. But the real point to remember is that the question of the treatment of the prisoners is only a pretext. The real purpose is to create prejudice against the Portuguese Republic.

From the start on October 5, 1910, the birth of the republic, the government of the republic has been heavily handicapped by passive and active antagonisms, and their conduct and policy have been grossly misrepresented in the British press. The truth is that the legislation of the republic has been drastic but just—as The Albertan has always contended. It had no alternative to its

action in regard to the religious orders. If it was to survive, the orders had to go, their influence being distinctly anti-national and anti-social. "Le Clericalisme, voilà l'ennemi"—as Gambetta found out, five-and-thirty years ago.

"Truth," said the wise Roman of old, "is the daughter of time." Today there emerges from the womb of time the truth about the youthful Portuguese Republic, which there is every reason to believe will survive and rescue Portugal from the quagmire of difficulties into which it sank under the maladministration and corruption of the old monarchical regime. The highest interests of that unfortunate little country are bound up with the permanence of the republic, which gives the only promise it ever had of honest and progressive government and of a return in the future to its glorious past—a past illustrious in the annals of literature and discovery, illuminated by the great names of Camoens, Vasco da Gama, and Prince Henry the Navigator.

CONDEMN THE PRIZE FIGHT

The newspapers in Alberta which have expressed opinion upon prize fighting for the most part insist upon the enforcement of the law and the prohibition of the prize fight. They seem to have but little consideration for the quibble that the events which have been held in Calgary, Edmonton and Medicine Hat of late are boxing bouts and not prize fights.

The Calgary newspapers have expressed themselves as opposed to the professional prize fight and believe that events such as have been held in Calgary should be eliminated.

The Edmonton Bulletin says that Alberta can get along without the prize-fighter, the fight promoter, and the hanger-on. And the majority of the people in the province would like to see this trio sent elsewhere. If the laws provide the legal scope necessary to put a stop to these so-called "boxing contests," it is up to the officers of the law to exercise their power. If the law does not give the officers this power, it is time the law was changed.

The Medicine Hat Times declares that the result of the recent battle in Calgary will be "that there will be no more prize fights in Canada for some time to come. Those which have been recently held are undoubtedly illegal proceedings, permitted by the indulgence of the authorities on the demand of the sporting element of the community."

The Edmonton Journal favors the sport, quotes Theodore Roosevelt, who has a good word both for prize fighting and for prize fighters, but concludes that "the problem that the authorities should face is not the elimination of the sport, but the freeing of it from demoralizing influences and the reduction of real danger to a minimum."

The Medicine Hat Call hopes that the result of the event on Saturday last will not be that boxing will get a black eye and that less respect will be paid to the manly art of self-defence.

The Edmonton News-Plaindealer says: "Alberta will lose nothing that is worth retaining if the unfortunate occurrence terminates prize-fighting within her boundaries. The promoters, pugilists and ringside gamblers contribute nothing to the country's welfare. Their well staged brutal exhibitions do not improve the good taste and morals of the scores of young men who patronize them. The officials of Calgary and Edmonton should take steps to prevent the staging of any further prize contests if they are within their legal rights in doing so. If not, the law should be amended so as to give them this authority."

IS IT THE HAND OF "KRUPPISM"?

Edward G. Smith, Hon. Sec. of the Rationalist Peace society, publishes a letter in the London (Eng.) papers, in the course of which he remarks that as a result of reading—and reading very carefully—Sir R. Baden Powell's book entitled "Scouting for Boys," he comes to the conclusion that it contains a large amount of militarism and incitement to militarism. Many of its precepts and principles seem by no means to be part of a peace training, nor intended to be. Mr. Smith agrees with General Sir Ian Hamilton in his recently published pamphlet, that it is quite time the truth was told about the Boy Scout and Cadet Corps organizations; that they are, in fact, concerned with real war.

Thus admitted, as it is admitted by a soldier so distinguished as Sir Ian Hamilton, one cannot but recall the recent exposures of "Kruppism," as it may be called, by Dr. Liebknecht in the German imperial parliament, which have created a world-wide sensation. It is impossible, in view of those revelations, not to experience a feeling of keen curiosity as to whether we may not trace the hand of the said Kruppism in the fostering of the Boy Scout movement on both sides of the Atlantic; in the "booming" of it in the world's press; and in the phenomenal rapidity with which it was disseminated from the land of its birth to other countries of the world. Were it to inquire too curious, by to so inquire?

Editorial Notes

And now all the United States is wrought up because a certain editor said that Theodore Roosevelt looked too long upon the wine when it was red, and T. Roosevelt is asking the gentleman to prove his statement. The next thing we know some newspaper person will refer to Rev. Mr. Michener as the cigar smoking leader of the opposition in Alberta.

Calgary has a million or more to spend on extensions of public works which will help along some, but the city should not stop there but should hit the money market again, for Calgary needs many millions in public works this very season.

The Albertan in 1911 advised Leader Michener to leave well enough alone and be content with his four victories and permit the cabinet ministers to go in by acclamation in 1912, but he did not listen. The elections of 1912 were disastrous to the opposition and checked the little reaction which had set in against the government. If Mr. Michener were a real wise man, he would not contest the election in 1913. Because he will sure get a somewhere near the political cervical vertebrae if he insists.

Let no person be gulleless enough to believe that the Borden government will abolish the senate, even if that said, august body should become an architecturally giddy with power. As long as a senatorship is the choicest plum in the fruit basket and every able bodied Conservative who belongs to a committee expects eventually to get one, Mr. Borden is not going to be very rash with the second chamber. He may change it, clip its wings, dismember it, but abolish it or remove the annual salaries—never!

The interesting feature about the debate upon the cheapening of the National Transcontinental line that no person can understand very much what the members of parliament are talking about and the members themselves give very plain evidence that they do not know themselves very clearly what all the big words and strange expressions really mean.

If a minister of the gospel believes that the newspapers are giving up too much space to the report of prize fights, he has right to say so. Probably he is correct. But it is also true that more people read the reports of ordinary prize fights when the reports are well written than read the reports of ordinary sermons when the sermons are well delivered.

Now let the sun stand still for a while until we get our bearings. The Calgary Herald announces that it too is for tariff revision downwards. There is another sign of the times. The wave of lower tariff is sweeping merrily along.

The Borden naval policy is responsible for some excitement in the senate, which is another terrible thing. If this thing is carried up, one honorable senator will be throwing a blue book or a wool sack at another honorable senator and the constitution will automatically fall to pieces.

The Albertan once more is forced to ask for the conservation of its readers. Despite all efforts we have been unable to overpower the force of the living springs which were struck beneath the basement of the new building, and have accordingly been unable to use our own press in publishing a paper. However it looks now as though the springs were beginning to be somewhat reasonable. As soon as they yield the work of completing the plant will be enough. At present we are indebted to The News-Telegram, which has been the best neighbor that a newspaper could have.

It is true that the board of trade made no effort to secure a terminal elevator in Calgary, and it is true that it has taken but little part of late in the battle against freight rate discrimination in the west, but did it not get its coat off and defeat the Manufacturers' Industrial building, one of the best propositions which has been placed before the ratepayers for some considerable time? The board of trade does move sometimes.

Letters to The Editor

FENCES AND DOGS

Editor Albertan—Relative to your editorial on "Ideas," which appeared in Wednesday's issue, and with which most of your readers, in company with myself, are in sympathy, permit me to mention that although Calgary has outgrown the cow-town stage, and it is no longer necessary to fence our front lawns and flower gardens against stray bossies, it has not yet outgrown the stage of allowing the canine tribe the freedom of the city. It is inconceivable that any sane person—and Calgary possesses a few—would unnecessarily incur the trouble and expense of fencing his property, when all are agreed that it spoils the appearance of his place. Therefore, there must be a reason, and that reason seems to be nothing more nor less than dogs. You suggest a new city charter. Why not embody a clause in it providing for the destruction of any and every dog that has been seen running loose about the streets? The fences would soon disappear then.

Thank you, Y. CITIZEN.

In Memoriam

Every recurring April 19, the following will appear in the "In Memoriam" column of The London Times: BYRON—George Gordon Noel, Lord Byron, died nobly for Greece at Missolonghi, April 19, 1824.

"When love who sent forgot to save the young, the beautiful, the brave, 'The Bride of Abydos.'"
Sir Walter Scott, speaking of his hero, said: "It is as if the sun had gone out."

This notice annually is paid for under the terms of the will of a lady who greatly admired the poet, and is to appear, we understand, every year in The Times until a memorial of Byron is admitted to Westminster.

The Gall of Injustice

With more patience men endure the losses that befall them by mere casualty than the damages they sustain by injustice.—Sir Walter Raleigh

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY



A Sale of Ladies' Suits We Can Never Hope to Equal

HERE is the most important news this store has announced to Calgary society in many months, for it involves 38 of the season's most beautiful novelty suits, recently launched by prominent American designers, who are in constant touch with the fashion trend abroad. An opportunity offering savings of an unusual character on the season's newest novelty suit creations.

Suit of Copenhagen blue mistle cloth, Persian trimmings; Danube blue Ottoman Cord, Roman stripe trimmings; Copenhagen blue Bedford Cord, lace collar; Copenhagen blue Faille Delaine, Bulgarian trimmings; Alice blue stripe sponge, embroidered collar; Men's wear navy blue serge, embroidered collar; Navy blue diagonal worsted, Oriental collar; light tan Bedford Cord, Irish crocheted collar and cuffs; Pheasant shade Bedford Cord, Oriental trimmings; tan stripe sponge, Oriental trimmings; tan plain sponge, with lace frilled collar and cuffs; Sape Cafe Alla shade blue stripe basket weave, embroidered collar; black and white, grey and black, blue and black stripe Bedford Cord, embroidered collar; blue and black and white silk stripe Bedford Cord, Royal blue French serge, Bulgarian collar; Alice blue and white and tan and brown stripe Ottoman Cord; fawn silk poplin; Copenhagen blue and grey stripe. Surely a choice to suit the most discriminating, and there are many others. All sizes in Misses' and Women's. Regular \$40.00 to \$50.00. Sale price \$35.00

A Group of \$19 to \$35 Suits Priced at \$15.00

Together with the more expensive novelty suits on sale today and Saturday we have gathered 29 stylish little garments to sell at a fraction of their original making. These are principally innixed tweeds, in shades of light grey, brown, heather, etc.; a great many being shown in Norfolk styles, suitable for young girls' and misses' wear. All are strictly man-tailored, beautifully lined with satin and up-to-date in every detail. Regular \$19.00 to \$35.00. Sale Price \$15.00

The Week End Grocery News

Hawaiian Pineapple—Large tins, in heavy syrup, Reg. 30c tin. Today and Saturday Special 25c
Marmalade—H. B. Co's guaranteed, made from Pure Cane Sugar and Seville Oranges only, and 5-lb. tin, per gallon, 70c
Macaroni—1 lb. pks., Today and Saturday 10c
5-lb. box 35c
Coffee—H. B. Co's "Imperial" blend, The coffee with a flavor, per lb., 35c; 3 lbs., \$1.00
Jelly Powders—H. B. Co's guaranteed pure fruit flavors, 3 pks., per lb., 25c
Christie's Soda Biscuits—Boxes of About 15 lbs., Today and Saturday, per lb., 10c
California Peaches, Pears and Apricots—In heavy syrup; large tins, Today and Saturday, per tin 30c
"Bisto"—The gravy maker, per tin 30c
Mason's Delicacies Pan Van Pickles—Today and Saturday, per bottle 25c
Flour—H. B. Co's Hungarian patent; guaranteed, 38-lb. sack, \$3.15; 49-lb. sack \$1.65
Mason's Delicacies Pan Van Pickles—Today and Saturday, per bottle 25c
Bananas—Large ripe; doz. 30c

Tempting Candy News

A sextette of popular favorites selected from the Candy Store to meet the wishes of week-end shoppers, who appreciate wholesome confections at reasonable cost.

Lowney's Best Assorted Chocolates—Special, per lb. 50c
Cocoanut Marshmallow—Special, per lb. 25c
Barley Crisp—Per lb. 30c
Melba Assorted Chocolates—Reg. 90c lb., 40c
Wrapped Caramels—Per lb. 30c
Nut Bar Milk Chocolate—Special, 4 for 15c

Another Bargain

Trio from the Whitewear Store

WITH values so exceptionally good it is necessary to stipulate that phone orders cannot be accepted. The entire quantity will be needed to supply those customers who come in person. And the beauty of these dainty white garments is more than surface deep.

Corset Covers

Well made of fine Nainsook; very daintily trimmed with embroidery and lace, ribbon and beading. Several styles and designs; in all sizes from 34 to 42. Special 50c

Ladies' Drawers

Made of a fine quality even weave cambric and nainsook; daintily trimmed with embroidery and some with lace; in several designs in both open and closed styles. Special 50c

35c Art Scrims at 25c

The fortune of war—we find ourselves too plentifully provided with these pretty art scrims, so have planned to reduce them considerably by requesting the price as much as ten cents a yard.

There are hundreds of yards of these to choose from, double width, double bordered in a large variety of the most desirable colorings. Immensely popular for summer use in living rooms, bedrooms, bungalows and country homes. Regular 35c a yard. Sale price 25c



9 TO 10 O'CLOCK ONLY

60 Ladies' Waists at 50c

They are prettily made from a fine quality lawn, daintily embroidered fronts, finished with lace and tucks, three-quarter sleeves trimmed to match. Very smart garments, sixty only, and in all sizes. Regular 75c to \$1.00. Today, 9 to 10 a. m. 50c

Cushion Forms Price Tumble

Every time of year planning a fresh supply of summer cushion forms there's no telling how long this quantity will last at the special prices we've marked them.

18-inch square, Special 40c
20-inch square, Special 55c
22-inch square, Special 65c
18x22-inch oblong, Special 55c