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A Bomb In British Politics.

Not in years has a letter so stirred a nation as that of M. Zinovieff, of the Russian communists, urging the workers of Britain to revolt for the purpose of overthrowing British institutions. The question as to the bona fides of the letter is doubted in some circles, but Premier MacDonald, in his speech at Cardiff yesterday, was inclined to the view that the letter was genuine, and that it represented the attitude of the Russian communists. The Moscow government is indignant to the point of being hostile, in denying that the government had anything to do with attempting to carry on propaganda of a revolutionary nature in Britain.

The letter comes as welcome political capital, especially to the Conservatives, who have been outspoken in their opposition to dealings or agreements of any nature with the present government of Russia. They can be depended on to make the most out of the episode in an attempt to discredit the Labor government which has been carrying on negotiations for a trade agreement with the Russian government.

If the letter is not genuine, and has been thrown into the election for political purposes, it shows the length to which some of the political manipulators are prepared to go to bring about the downfall of the Labor government. If the letter is genuine, Premier MacDonald has faced it squarely in a statement that Britain will tolerate no interference from outside countries in spreading propaganda for the purpose of undermining British institutions. The vote on Wednesday will show to what extent the Zinovieff letter has damaged the Labor members in the eyes of their constituents.

If it turns out to be a genuine document issued by the communists of Russia, it is a matter for Britain to take up with that nation. If later developments show the letter to have been a fake, then Britain should deal quickly with the fakirs.

Interpreting the Verdict.

Owing to the manner in which the news was first sent from Toronto, the impression was created that both Hon. Peter Smith and Aemilius Jarvis were to pay a \$600,000 fine, whereas it is a joint fine of that amount, and can be paid by mutual arrangement between the two parties.

In this light, instead of the sentence being a confused one, it appears to be one in which justice is handed out in a very subtle way, if such a term can properly be used. The greater prison term is handed to the man who committed a wrong against the public when he was a servant of the people, and the greater amount of the fine can be paid by the man who made most out of it.

The conditions of the sentence, whereby neither Mr. Jarvis, with his six months' term, nor Mr. Smith, with his three years, can be liberated until the total fine is paid, opens the way to some speculation as to how the contribution of each to the total shall be apportioned. On the surface it appears that the weight of financial argument rests with the one with the longer term to serve. Mr. Jarvis' freedom at the end of six months is conditional upon the total fine being paid, and leaves those acting for Mr. Smith, with two and a half years yet to go, in a rather favorable position to name terms.

The Incident At Kingsville.

A fiery cross burned on the streets of Kingsville at a late hour Saturday night. The structure was surmounted by a letter "K," supposed to be emblematic of the K. K. K. It is not possible to state what was behind the demonstration, as those responsible for it did not have the hardihood to stay and explain their actions.

Local comment is to the effect that it was a warning to bootleggers, as a similar sign was given at Royal Oak, Mich., a few weeks ago, followed by a war on the illicit sellers of liquor. That explanation is not sufficient, for the very apparent reason that in this country we have a force for law and order, and it is centered in the state, and not in any irresponsible organization which seeks notoriety through an attempt to supplant the state in this function of law enforcement.

There is no place in Ontario, or in the dominion, for the Ku Klux Klan, and that point ought to be driven home at every indication of its appearance, official or otherwise.

Staying Out of Politics.

An exchange says that many papers years ago became disgusted with political matters, and for that reason are inclined to leave them severely alone.

At best that form of reasoning is lame. If followed to its logical conclusion it would mean that where a defect becomes apparent in an organization or a community, a newspaper must draw off to one side for fear of becoming tainted. Politics, after all, is the science of government. It may take on peculiar forms at times, and strange things may be done in its name, but back of all this is the fact that through this activity the people are being elected who go to the parliaments of the country where our laws are enacted, and the spending of enormous sums of money ratified.

And the disinterested party who holds aloof because methods are not to his liking can depend upon it that others are ready to become mixed up in the process, and the more he stays out the greater the opportunity for the man who has an axe to grind.

16,000 Killed In One Year.

The automobile was never intended to be an instrument of death. It was conceived as a vehicle for pleasure and business, but it is performing a dual role. The Chicago Tribune presents the case as follows:

"Five died Thursday under the wheels of motor cars in Cook county. Two died Wednesday. Two died on Tuesday. Three died Monday. Five died Sunday. The procession marches on without halt. The white gravestones camp on armies on the hillsides. In Cook county 540 have been killed by motor cars bearing a 1924 license. In the United States more than 16,000 lost their lives in 1923 under automobile wheels. "We face an emergency. Cities are not safe and country highways are a risk to life. Barbarous North Africa is safer. Race riots that killed five a day would justify a call to arms. Wars that killed 16,000 a year would be an international concern. A murder now and then or rapes and lynchings arouse terror and anxiety. One kidnapping alarms parents and guns are carried. But the motor car each day kills a child, an old woman, a young business man, a college girl, with mechanical regularity."

We have not the Chicago situation here—may never have—but we have an increasing amount of traffic, and each new car adds to the possibilities of the accident list.

Drivers in Chicago and Cook county will probably claim they are careful drivers, but the record of 540 dead people and two months yet to go still stands, and no claim of careful driving can wipe it out. Chicago has all manner of regulation—through streets, stop streets, and squads of traffic officers—but the casualty list is emphatic enough to say they have not succeeded.

Cities here must not only study the problem, but they must place more power in the hands of their traffic commissions. What the drivers of cars like or do not like cannot be the deciding factor.

Through College At 15.

The educational prodigy of Columbus university is a boy of 15, a son of one of the professors. He has just graduated from the university, and has mastered a dozen languages, dead and alive.

Perhaps he doesn't need sympathy, but all the same one can't help feeling sorry for this youngster.

He knows a great deal, but he has missed a great deal. It looks as though his young head had been crammed to the roof like a well-filled silo in Middlesex. Can't help wondering if he ever stole green apples and had the colic, if he ever played "chaw raw-beef" at the village swimming hole, or ever had a share in a robber's cave dug in the side of a hill.

He may be a regular walking encyclopedia, but all the same he's missed some happy hours that somehow should be wedged into the life of every normal youngster.

Note and Comment.

The Chinese war has been won, but so far we haven't been able to figure out who won it.

It's no use furnishing food for thought to people whose brain is on a perpetual hunger strike.

When the Republicans state they have a well-defined policy, there's danger of the voters thinking of the oil well.

Prisoner who got away from Winnipeg, officer made a mistake in coming back to London, the city where the police catch them.

Occasionally a barber used to find a cane or a spectacle case left in the shop, but one London barber found a powder puff and two chocolate bars.

Sir Henry Thornton is going to Hamilton, probably with the knowledge that the people there have a list of demands as long as his arm. The "serious consideration" route is his one chance to get out alive.

A correspondent suggests that the system of municipal elections is a costly piece of business, and that money could be saved by a contest every two years. The 1923 election cost \$2,500, less than five cents per capita. If we get the right class of men as the result it is a good investment.

James Bell, Esq.

In lookin' over estimates for payin' all the city's bills, and countin' up the coin what flows from out the tax collector's tills, I often wondered how it was they balanced up the thing so well, until I watched the workin' in the shop of Jimmie Bell.

It must be great to sit in there, where all the money's stacked about, and holler to this one "Come in!" and to the next one "Hey, get out!" Some job like that I'd like to have, if I sat on the money chest, I'd have a mallet in my hand, brass buttons sewed upon my vest.

And when the mayor come shinin' in with some new scheme just newly born, I'd jump from off that box at once and trample on his worship's corn, and say "Hey, mayor, get out of here, this scheme of yours it can't be did." I'd show the buttons on my vest and once more squat upon the lid.

When aldermen come pryin' in to talk of buildin' road and walk, so at election time they'd go and have somewhat on which to talk, I'd say unto them "Get from here, I ain't now makin' votin' hash, you have no chance around this place to start a raid upon the cash."

How come, James Bell, that you can go and sell your bonds when money's low, you seem to know just when to stop and when to start again and go.

Do you keep squintin' all the time to see just how the markets lay, decidin' next week's goin' to get a better price than yesterday? The men what buy the bonds they think they're hard to drive a bargain with, and that you dicker for a week to find the last red cent they'll give.

It must be great to have a job like what you hold at city hall, a-fururin' in the summer time just how much cash we'll have in fall. The place you've got your office in it is not a show spot in the town, in fact some folks have riz to say there's danger of it tumblin' down. But when we rear a civic pile we'll pen you in a coop that's swell, we'll paint gold letters on the door, "the private office of James Bell."—ARK.

Rarebits By Rex

THE MODERN MAID.

Harken to this simple saga on the maiden of today—

Unpretentious little anthem you may warble by the way.

Many things you've read of her
And far too much believed;
Many things are said of her
By which you are deceived.
I'll defend
Till the end,
Spits of an arling churl—
Planet rocking,
Spinster shocking,
Wholly-modern girls.

Let me ask you to consider ere you totally condemn;
Let me urge you use your brains, if you've a modicum of them.

Old-time dame and old-time maid
Were shocked and thought it rude
For one to call a spade a spade,
Or call a nude a nude.
Hence I sing:
"Take your fling—
Have your little whirl,
You're no bit
The hypocrite—
Honest, modern girl."

It is reported Mrs. Jay Gould has decided to collect antiques. She might begin on the Canadian Senate.

A couple of mid-Victorian senators would go well, in fact, with almost any collection that had a fossil department in it.

If young women were as particular about the kind of husbands they collect as they are about the kind of furniture they collect, there wouldn't be so many divorces.

An antique is anything that hasn't got a leg to stand on.

The man with the largest collection of old coins is a cobbler in Virginia. He was too busy collecting coins to collect coin.

All brides do not make good cooks, but they seem to have been born with a knowledge of the junk collecting business.

To be a real antique a table has to be more than just useless. It must be expensive.

It is said the older antiques are the more valuable they are. If you don't believe this, just buy your wife a new dress and see how loath she is to part with her old one.

Our waiter is an antique collector. He serves us one every morning with our bacon.

A PROMISE.

"I love you," said a suitor poor
To a very wealthy miss;
"Please marry me and I am sure
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I promise every day to bring
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To give you almost everything
Your money, dear, can buy."

"Wife Assaults Spouse With Broom"—Headline. There are few men who can meet such a sweeping argument.

PAINFUL PATHOS.

"I feel so tired this mornin', Maisie, that I musta had a better time at the dance last night than I thought I was havin'."

Dr. Frank Crane

WAR VICTIMS.

Recently, at Wembley, the splendors of the Empire pageant were dimmed for many by the sight of a row of stretchers placed on the platform of honor in the stadium, supporting over thirty men broken in the Empire's war. They were incurable patients from St. David's home, Ealing, and had been asked to see the pageant by the generosity of Sir William Furse.

The cripples and wrecks of humanity that remain with us are pitiful reminders of the stupidity of mankind in settling its international quarrels by war. The war's front may be splendid enough with the beating of drums, the blare of trumpets and the march of troops. But after war, the spectacle of the maimed, the bruised and broken, leads to the conclusion that there is nothing more terrible than a defeat, except a victory.

It is difficult to see the good that has come out of the late war, with Germany bankrupt, France in a bad way, and England struggling with her high taxes and unemployment. If the people had been consulted, instead of the few leaders, there would have been no war.

It is the people who pay and the spectacle at Wembley was a striking illustration of the terms of their payment.

Death, disease and poverty are widespread and remain to afflict the generations which follow the warriors.

In time the common sense of the human race will devise some other method of settling their disputes.

Most people want to go on and lead their lives reasonably, and this ambition is interrupted by the ambition of the few rulers who are willing to sacrifice the multitude for their own advantage.

If we could always keep before us the picture of those who are broken and wounded by the wars there would never be another one.

Press Comment

On No, He Won't.

Just a few more days and the golf widow's husband will be home for the winter.—Ottawa Journal.

Danger in Prosperity.

The trouble is that when we have bumper crops the price is apt to get bumped.—Los Angeles Times.

The Thing That Hurts.

Political difference is wholesome. It's political indifference that hurts the country.—Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.

And Then He Quit.

Candidate (on stump): "I am willing to trust the people." Voter in rear: "Where's your store?"—Boston Transcript.

It Makes a Large Class.

The hardest people to satisfy are those who want peace preserved, but wartime prices or wages with it.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Of Course He Could Lick Him.

When a man gets the worst of an argument he always declares that he was only trying to draw the other fellow out.—Chicago Daily News.

EIGHT RUM BOATS AND CARGO SEIZED

Whiskey Row of Cape Cod and Ann Scattered by Prohibition Navy.

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Associated Press Despatch.
Boston, Oct. 27.—The rum rows off Cape Cod and Cape Ann were scattered today as a result of their first major engagement with the United States prohibition enforcement navy, and eight prizes were tied up at docks here and at Gloucester and New London, Conn., with more than a score of prisoners to show as the spoils of the victors. The coastguard cutter, Tampa, yesterday brought into Boston harbor the Newfoundland two-masted schooner Marjorie E. Bachman, rum laden, and five United States motorboats. Another motorboat was taken into Gloucester and one into New London.

The eight prizes with their crews and contraband liquor valued at \$100,000, represented a week's operations of the Tampa, assisted by a squadron of fast rum chasers, off Block Island, Cape Cod and Cape Ann. The captured vessels were taken in a running battle Friday, in which the Tampa authorized her 8-inch guns and pursued a scattering rum fleet for more than an hour near Stellwagen Banks, 20 miles off the coast, at a point half way between Cape Cod and Ann. In the fleet of rum ships were more than a dozen vessels, according to coastguard officers, including several British and French craft. Some of the speedier vessels disregarded warning shots from the Tampa and on these the fast picket boats of the enforcement fleet opened fire with machine guns and rifles. Numerous chases proceeded in the haze of the early morning, the attack having been made at dawn Friday, and one of the rum runners, heading for shore, was made a special target by the coast guardsmen. Bullets from a machine gun shattered the windows in the pilot house of the craft but she escaped. None of the rum vessels returned the coastguard fire. Officers said that more of the rum fleet could have been captured had the coastguard been willing to fire directly at their quarry.

The Marjorie E. Bachman is a new vessel, registered from St. John's, Nfld. She carried \$50 cases of liquor valued at \$30,000. Captain Harry Ritchey and a crew of eight men were among the prisoners brought here.

POLICE PROBE DEATH FROM ILLEGAL LIQUOR

Three Men Engage in Drinking Bout—One Dies As Result.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Windsor, Oct. 27.—Reports that a foreigner, employed on a farm near Belle River, had met death from the effects of moonshine liquor last week, and later had been buried by two companions without proper notification to the authorities, were being made the subject of a thorough investigation by provincial police officers today.

Meagre information, placed at their disposal by a man whose name is being withheld, is to the effect that the foreigner, a farmhand, was buried in a rough grave by his two companions. The police were told that his death followed a drinking bout in which all three men engaged. Two recovered and a third, so the report goes, succumbed to the poison which the liquor was said to contain.

TAX OFFICE SYSTEM WAS BAD FOR YEARS

Witness Declares Hamilton Civic Department Was in Deplorable State.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Oct. 27.—That the system in the tax and treasury departments were in a deplorable state and apparently had been for a long time, was the assertion of A. P. Dowie, before Judge Gould at this afternoon's session of the civic probe. The court was in session less than an hour and adjournment was made until Thursday afternoon when a complete report on the bookkeeping system will be given, together with criticisms and suggestions for improvements.

To the Editor

Seats in British House.

Standing of Parties in Two Houses With Election In Between.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir—What was the standing of the parties in the British parliament in 1923, and what at the time of the dissolution of the last house?

London, Oct. 27. H. W. T.

The standing of the parties in the House of Commons after the election of 1923 was as follows:
Conservatives 342
Labor 144
Liberal 118
Various 7
Vacant seats 4

Total 615

Government majority, 73.

The standing of the parties at the time of the dissolution on Oct. 9, 1924, was as follows:

Conservatives 246
Labor 187
Liberal 156
Ulster Unionists 11
Co-operatives 6
Independents 3
Independent Liberals 2
Nationalists 2
Sinn Fein 1
Vacant seat 1

Total 615

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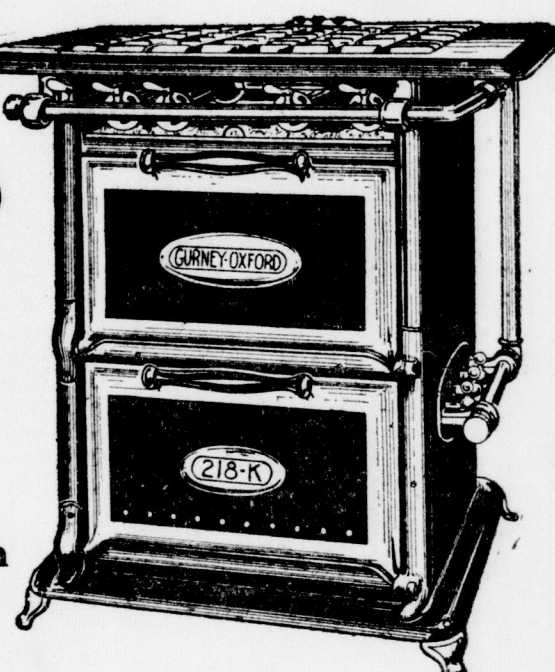
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