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UNION GOVERNMENT

The formation of a union government at Ottawa will soon be complete. The Nova Scotia Liberal member has not yet been sworn in, and a representative of labor is yet to be secured. As soon as the cabinet is complete its troubles will begin. There is certain to be a radical difference of opinion in regard to matters of policy. The Liberals who have entered the cabinet are as bitterly opposed as ever to Tory policies and methods, and they cannot retain their self-respect unless there are great changes in several directions. The people are already speculating as to the length of time the new government will last. Will it outlast the elections which must soon be held? Will the elections contentedly agree to accept this or that candidate without a contest? In some constituencies they certainly will not, and the centre of interest now shifts from the capital to the constituencies. That there is a good deal of dissatisfaction is perfectly apparent, and we shall soon have indications of its extent and its probable effect upon the working agreement made at Ottawa. One thing is certain, and it is that unless the reorganized government is radically different from the Borden government in its general policy its tenure of office will be brief. A mere shuffle of portfolios would not remove the great and growing discontent in the country. We must assume that the Liberal members are fully conscious of this fact, and that they will make their influence felt or quit the cabinet. The country waits with very keen interest to see the fruits of union government. There is a distinct absence of enthusiasm over the change, and the government is on trial.

RECONSTRUCTION

They have already a minister of reconstruction in England. His duty is to study conditions and outline policies and methods of solving problems that will arise after the war. In order to repair the wastage of war there will necessarily be great activity in constructive work, and in manufacturing for which raw material must be available. In a recent speech the minister, Dr. Addison, emphasized this point. He pointed out that the Germans recognize the importance of being ready, and have been busy for some time in preparation for after-war conditions. He said: "In different parts of the world they have been endeavoring to secure for themselves the supply of material which our people need. They have been making, and are making still, extensive efforts to acquire control by purchase, or otherwise, of great mineral deposits, and have even tried to buy them in England during the war, for the purpose not only of supplying themselves, but, also, to prevent us getting them."

In addition, however, to the question of securing raw material and having it transported to the place of manufacture, there is the question of labor. There will be a problem of unemployment after the war, though Dr. Addison believes it will not be as formidable as it may now appear. It will be necessary, however, to satisfy the aspirations of labor, in order to get the best results in production; and on this point a report of the minister's speech recently says:

"Only by increased productivity should we be able to overcome the devastation caused by the war. Labor should be entitled to a share in the benefit of increased output, and be protected against cutting rates. The fear of unemployment was largely responsible for hostility to improved methods, and that had to be removed. Labor should also be brought into council on the general questions of the conditions and hours of labor."

There is a great deal of solid wisdom condensed into this short paragraph, and it shows a changing attitude on the part of the authorities toward labor. If there is to be an increased output labor should share the benefit, and should be protected against cutting rates. Labor must also be assured that more machinery and improved methods will not mean less return for labor or more of unemployment. This has not often been so authoritatively stated. Labor men have contended for this measure of justice, but their claims have received less attention than will be demanded and ensured after the war. Capital must give greater recognition to labor, and the two must co-operate. Dr. Addison makes the remarkable statement that in one case, as a result of greater efficiency of plant, method and management, though wages had been increased 20 per cent., the cost of production had fallen by 29 per cent. This could only be brought about by heavy co-operation between manufacturers and their employees.

Summarizing his views on the whole subject, Dr. Addison laid down the following among conditions as representing the primary needs of the nation in order to overcome the effects of the war:

Better co-operation between capital and labor.

Better conditions of life. Better industrial methods. Better training.

The London Chronicle, commenting on Dr. Addison's remarks, points out that so far as getting raw materials, for which there will be intense competition after the war, is concerned, the Allies have a great initial advantage, in that they control by far the larger portion of the world's sources of these materials; but that there must be forethought and preparation and concerted government action, as well as individual enterprise, to ensure the best chance of speedy recovery after the war. Referring to Dr. Addison's references to labor, the Chronicle heartily agrees with him, and makes these observations:

"The stress of his speech was laid (and rightly laid) on the need for improved co-operation between capital and labor. In particular it is essential that labor should be given, what it was too often deprived of in the pre-war days—a direct interest in improved and increased production. The Whitley committee's scheme for a system of joint councils representing employers and employees has, we think, great possibilities. But if these are to be realized, the councils must be regarded as having wider and more constructive functions than merely to keep the peace between the parties. They must be used to make labor an active and interested partner in industrial enterprise, entitled to a share in the benefit of increased output and protected against the cutting of rates. Only if the worker gets a joint interest with the employer in the improved methods, the fuller use of machinery, and the better organization of working energy, can we hope to see the necessary maximization of British output carried successfully through."

It is freely predicted that the next great war will be between capital and labor, and one English writer has pointed out that the workingmen who are fighting the battles of democracy will demand when they have won the victory that the conditions of life for them and their families be improved, even if the privilege of piling up millions must be denied the shrewd capitalist and fortunate investor. There is only one way to prevent a conflict of serious proportions. It is such an agreement as will prevent the building up of an autocracy of wealth and privilege. The golden rule must be translated in terms of industry and commerce and all that makes for health, education, opportunity and community welfare.

Universal sympathy goes out to the family of Hon. F. B. Carvell, and especially to the daughter whose husband, and the mother whose son has given his life in defence of the Empire and of civilization. Captain Fisher served in England, at Gallipoli, at Malta and in France. He was a young man of the highest character, and the end found him in the path of duty, a reflection that must to some extent assuage the grief of those who loved him, and to whom he has left the memory of an heroic life and a noble death.

The tragic death by drowning of Mr. William P. Osborne, editor-in-chief of the Quebec Chronicle, and of another member of the editorial staff is a great loss to Quebec journalism. Mr. Osborne was an able writer, whose articles on the political situation of late have attracted much attention.

Much interest centres in the German operations at the mouth of the Gulf of Riga, which are regarded as the prelude to another move against Petrograd. On the western front the British and French, despite the weather, are pressing the enemy hard. There is no change on the Italian front.

The manner in which the Standard swallows itself and seeks to gather Hon. F. B. Carvell to its bosom would give rise to serious misgivings if the people did not know Mr. Carvell, and did not also know the Standard and the sad plight of some of its directors.

Whatever may be said of the merits of any other officer, it goes without saying that to Lieut.-Col. McAvity is willing to accept the office of vacated by Brigadier-General McLean, his military record at home and overseas entitles him to first consideration.

Resumption of work at Courtenay Bay makes the remarks of the Standard in one case, as a result of greater efficiency of plant, method and management, though wages had been increased 20 per cent., the cost of production had fallen by 29 per cent. This could only be brought about by heavy co-operation between manufacturers and their employees.

Unless the city of St. John adopts a new attitude toward the care of neglected children it will pay a heavy price later on. We are developing too large a number of delinquent boys and girls.

The cold storage report shows that however lean the larder of the average citizen, the cold storage plants are bulging out with eggs, butter, meats and other foodstuffs. There is no scarcity of food in this country.

GUYNEMER

The hero of a hundred fights,
With fiery soul to fear unknown,
No longer scales empyreal heights
Nor ranges depths of air alone
To mark the foe'sman's altitudes
Lined 'gainst the blue of distant sky;
Who counted death a gain, not loss,
As swift he onward sped on high,
Could he but grapple with that foe
And send him hurtling far below!

Sky scout was he in heaven's blue,
Who trailed his foe through fields of air,
Or scanned with sight as eagle's true
The hidden battery in its lair!
Around him burst the screaming shell
As dauntless he sped on his way,
While far below flamed fires of hell
That showed where battle held its sway,
A knight in quest of joustings there,
The king of armers, Gwynemer!

Dead eagle of aerial plains,
Who half a hundred fights had won,
In years to come when Silence reigns
O'er fields where War its course has run,
Proud France will mourn above thy tomb,
And travelers from distant lands
Will note where popples reddest bloom
Above thy dust, and reverent hands
Will tend and guard his resting place—
This knightliest soul of France's race!
H. T. Sudduth, in N. Y. Times.

LIGHTER VEIN

Thereby Pleasing Many
"To Miss Howles an obliging singer?"
"Oh, yes; half the time she refuses to sing."

The Idea

"I wonder what made Miss Prim swoon at the garden party?"
"I think it was a faint hope of attracting attention."

Her Excuse

Dora—I'm surprised that you'd let a man kiss you on such short acquaintance.
Betty—Well, he said it was my own fault that I hadn't met him sooner.

He Knew Her

Wife—I've been shopping all the afternoon and saw nothing that I really wanted.
Husband (curiously)—What did you get that you didn't want?

A farmer who had recently bought a vacuum cleaner met a friend of his, and persuaded him to go home and see it work. The farmer said it would clean anything. In front of the house was a dirty cow. The friend humorously suggested that the cow be given a dose of the cleaner. A few days afterwards the friend told the farmer and said:—"Did you ever try your vacuum cleaner on the cow?"
"I did," laconically replied the farmer.
"What happened?" asked the friend.
"Milked her dry, begun!" said the farmer.

A certain business man of Rochester is of opinion that he has an exceedingly bright office boy, and nothing pleases him better than to tell how he acquired the youngster's services. A notice had been posted in the man's shop window, which read as follows:—"Boy wanted about fourteen years." A lad of that age, with little that was prepossessing in his appearance, came into the office and stated that he had read the notice. "So you think you would like to have the position?" asked the merchant patronizingly, as he gazed at the lad over the rim of his spectacles.
"Yes, sir," was the reply; "I want the job, but I don't know that I can promise to keep it for the full fourteen years."

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KORNILOFF NOT GUILTY OF HIGH TREASON

President of Commission of Inquiry Says This—Political Matters in Russia

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—General Chablovsky, president of the commission of inquiry into the Korniloff affair, has returned to Petrograd, and in an interview declared that he did not see in the actions of Korniloff and the other accused officers any character of high treason. It was proved, he said, that Korniloff throughout the movement committed no act of a nature to weaken the fighting front. Chablovsky expressed the opinion that Korniloff can be sentenced only under Article 100, dealing with attempts against the established regime and involving the penalty of life imprisonment.

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—The Orthodox council, at a meeting in Moscow, has decided against permitting the clergy to participate in the provisional parliament.

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—The Finnish Diet has been dissolved by the provisional Russian government several weeks ago for its extreme stand on the question of autonomy for Finland.

Oct. 8. The united Bourgeois and the social democrats received 5,000 of the 7,000 votes cast.

Young man (to publisher)—"Here is a little poem of a pathetic nature, sir. I showed it to my mother, and she actually cried over it." Publisher (after reading the poem)—"You say your mother cried?" Young Man—"Yes, sir." Publisher—"Well, you go home and promise your mother never to write any more poetry, and I think the old lady will dry her eyes."

A CHILD DOESN'T LAUGH AND PLAY IF CONSTIPATED

If Peevish, Feverish and Sick, Give "California Syrup of Figs"

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomachic and bowels cleansing should always be the first treatment given.

Nothing equals "California Syrup of Figs" for children's ills; give a teaspoonful, and in a few hours all the foul waste, sour bile, and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a well and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious "fruit laxative," and it never fails to effect a good "inside" cleansing. Directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are plainly on the bottle.

Keep it handy in your home. A little even today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

Whitman Pledges Support To Mitchell For The Mayoralty

New York, Oct. 15.—Governor Whitman, acknowledged head of the Republican party in New York state, announced last night that he would vote for the re-election of Mayor Mitchell in the coming municipal election.

REPORTERS FORM CLUB

At a gathering of local reporters in Bond's restaurant on Saturday evening steps were taken toward the formation of a press club. After an excellent dinner had been enjoyed, the meeting proceeded to business under the chairmanship of James H. Conlon. Speeches were made by W. E. McMonagle, J. Conlon, Fred McGuire, H. F. Goodwin, William Drake, Douglas Fritz, Laurence Manning and Roland Trentowsky, and the aims of the proposed organization were fully discussed. James H. Conlon as president, W. E. McMonagle as vice-president and F. T. McGuire as secretary-treasurer, were elected temporary officers and to act as a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws.

He Ought to Know

One dark night three friends were crossing a deep, dry ravine, the bank of which was very precipitous. As they were walking, a little too freely, one of the three had to be assisted up the incline. When, thinking him safe at the top, his friends turned him loose, he fell to the bottom. He lay very still, and the other two, supposing him severely injured, rushed down to him.

As they leaned over to discover his condition, the fallen one exclaimed: "For goodness sake, strike a match! I think I'm unconscious."—Minneapolis Tribune

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RECENT WEDDINGS

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The worried countenance of the bridegroom disturbed the best man. Tiptoeing up the aisle, he whispered: "What's the matter, Jack? Hae ye lost the ring?"
"No," blurted out the unhappy Jack, "the ring's safe eno'. But, mon, I've lost me enthusiasm."—Current Opinion.

HEAD STUFFED FROM CATARRH OR A COLD

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