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## LESSONS OF THE BELGIAN STRIKE.

After the successful issue of the general strike in Belgium, it was only natural that the syndicalists should claim it as a justification of their aims and methods. Syndicalism began in France, and the word is the counterpart of the English term trade unionism, but now connotes concerted action for common purposes. But in its inception the Belgian strike was not syndicalistic nor was it confined to wage earners. It had, as its objective, franchise reform, and the greatest value of this strike, as was pointed out by Mr. Philip Snowden, one of the best known British labor members, was the evidence it supplied of the willingness of the workers to endure privation for an object not primarily economic. General strikes for economic reforms have usually failed. The Belgian strike succeeded and refutes the older notion that economic interests are alone sufficient to secure solidarity.

Franchise reform in Belgium was not the demand of the workers alone. The forces arrayed for and against it were not divided by class prejudice, but by religious and political sentiment. The Belgian electoral system was designed to favor the Conservative Centre or Catholic party, which has been continually in power since 1884, and eleven years ago was assailed by a general strike which failed of accomplishment. This latest strike had the sympathetic support of many of the middle and commercial classes, who favored electoral reform, and its success shows that the existing system had not the approval of the majority of the people. It was, in effect, a mild form of revolution, and the great lesson it affords is its demonstration of the power resident in solidarity and united action.

## ALIEN LAND HOLDING IN CALIFORNIA.

California's determination to prevent Asiatics from holding agricultural land within state territory again calls attention to the character of the United States constitution. The difficulty that has arisen is not without important bearing on the position of the British Empire, particularly with regard to the relationship between the United Kingdom and the self-governing dominions. These, as is now conceded, are virtually in the position of sovereign states, for although the imperial parliament has in theory jurisdiction over the whole empire, that right is never likely to be exercised except at request and of consent of the dominions. It remains in abeyance and affords an easy and effective method of providing for constitutional amendments and regulating common interests.

President Wilson is a firm believer in the Democratic doctrine of state sovereignty, as is his secretary of state, and the right of each state to legislate upon land holding is admitted by them. Whether rightly or wrongly, California is afflicted with the Asiatic menace and sees in the industrious and thrifty Japanese, who are producing more at less cost from the soil, an enemy that will before long lower the native standard of living. Hence the effort to prevent further ownership of land and the argument again advanced that no federal treaty can override the sovereign power of a state over its own territory. But the federal constitution expressly provides that all treaties made shall be part of the supreme law of the land, and that the judges shall be bound thereby.

The bill as originally introduced in the California Legislature debarred from the ownership of land all individuals ineligible for citizenship. That privilege only covers peoples of the white race and negroes, and had it become law, the courts of the United States might have been required to pass upon the Japanese claim that they are of the same blood as Europeans. In response, however, to the president's protest as presented by Mr. Bryan, his secretary of state, the California Government has redrafted the bill in strict conformity with the terms of the existing treaty. This, the state attorney-general contends, will prevent Chinese or Japanese from acquiring land holdings for agricultural purposes. The choice lies between a state act of this character and the negotiating of a new treaty on the basis of the Japanese prohibition of alien land holding in Japan.

## THE CIVIC WARWICK.

If we are to regard Controllers Church and Foster as irreconcilably committed to the policy of The Telegram, which is to block everything that Mayor Hocken attempts to do, beginning with the purchase of the street railway and the Toronto Electric Light Co., then the whole responsibility of insuring a progressive municipal administration for the year devolves upon Controller O'Neill. He joins "The Two Tommies," Mayor Hocken and Controller McCarthy, will be heavily handicapped in securing the transaction of public business. No doubt, they will have the co-operation of the aldermen in forwarding the city's affairs. Did Controller Foster have any depth or judgment in the pursuit of his own private aims at civic preferment, he might have been the arbiter on this year's board of control and dictated his own terms. But he was not long-headed enough to realize this, even had he been strong enough to carry out such a policy, and after his miserable surrender to The Telegram on the Gary appointment, he became a mere pawn in The Telegram game.

Controller O'Neill thus becomes the civic Warwick, and as he has changed sides on four occasions already, it is not easy to judge what he may do in the future, unless we are to suppose that he will continue to follow The Telegram's instructions as on those four occasions. But the people will not need to judge until next New Year's Day, and if Mr. O'Neill gives himself in the meantime permanently with the "no accounts," the people will doubtless pass righteous judgment. Mr. O'Neill, however, is a much shrewder man than Mr. Foster, and it is quite unlikely that he will continue to block the transaction of city business at the dictation of any power, or lose the opportunity he has obtained to prove to the electors that he has at heart the interest with which they entrusted him, and that he is independently capable of looking after those interests and carrying out the wishes of the community.

Controller Church, as usual, is trying to appear to be in favor of what he works against. He did this in the North Toronto annexation, to mention one of the many instances. He proposed it; he should in favor of it; he voted against it. He now professes to be in favor of buying the street railway, but votes against taking any steps in that direction. It is a sad reflection on the wisdom of an evening contemporary, to say that Tommy Church would make a better record if he followed his own independent judgment, such as it is, than by following the siren voice of Melinda Street.

Meanwhile Controller O'Neill can control a great deal for the city's benefit or otherwise. We do not believe he is the kind of man who wishes to take the part of Mr. Facing-both-ways. He will earn the gratitude of the citizens if he will keep in mind that, as The Telegram has shown, there will be a million people here in ten years, and help make ready for them and to relieve the civic difficulties and distresses of those who are already here.

The Telegram is denouncing the whisperers. This is a good sign. It might cut out the "holier-in" as well and talk sensibly.

## BANK IN NEW OFFICE.

The Home Bank of Canada recently purchased the premises on the southeast corner of Dundas street and High Park avenue, and the West Toronto Branch of the Home Bank has been moved to this new office.

## The Philosopher of Folly

By Sherwood Hart

### A PIRATE SONG.

When spring comes and the buds unfold, and the fields are green and gay—when the woods laugh and the waters call, then our thoughts fly far away; they turn back to our boyhood days and an old familiar trail, which we raced down of a shining morn to a shivering beach of shale. Then we cast off, and we steered our ship from the lark's shining shore, we set a black flag at the fore! Fleece, terrible men were we on our low and rakish craft, as we pushed out for the Caribbean with the "Jolly Roger" raft; our course set for the little bay at the head of the tiny sea, where the creek croons to the sandy beach, and the life is wild and free. Heave-ho; past the fallen birch and over the baby bar; up the creek to the old fir cave, and once more here we are! All off of our aqueous-craft, with a rousing hip-hurroo, for this spot is the Spanish main, and we are a Pirate Crew! Near here is a pirate's cave, with a hoard of wealth untold; near here is our pirate's oath, at the foot of a pine, hid deep—a fierce, awful, terrible oath, which we dreamed of in our sleep. Little did we know, our neighbors think as they chat with us, that we in the days of our youth were buccaners, and the terrors of the sea!

### GROWTH DEPENDS ON CAR SERVICE.

Superior (Wia.) Telegram: There is much in the growth of any city which depends upon the street railway service. In the other hand, a street railway policy which is carried out on the plan of squeezing all the juice out of the lemon and capitalizing public generosity, making people pay interest on their own liberality, and giving them in return as little as possible, has the effect of greatly hindering the growth of any city which submits to such treatment.

### ALL RAILWAYS UNDER COMMISSION.

The recent absorption of a number of provincial railways by railways subject to the jurisdiction of the Dominion Railway Commission should not exclude the former from the control of that body.

The argument is advanced that a road built under a provincial charter is not subject to the Dominion Commission, even tho it is leased and operated by a company incorporated under a federal charter and subject to the federal government's commission. A case in point is that of the Quebec Central Railway Company, incorporated under the statutes of Quebec. On Oct. 2, 1912, this road was leased by the C.P.R. for nine hundred and ninety-nine years, but it is not subject to the Dominion Railway Commission.

### SAMUEL COMING IN AUGUST.

LONDON, May 1.—(Can. Press.)—The Canadian Press is informed that unless official business intervenes, Postmaster Samuel proposes making the visit at the end of August. The intention is to remain in the Dominion about two months.

# THE BEST SPRING TONICS

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

May 1, 1913.  
Judge's chambers will be held on Friday, May 2, at 11 a.m.

Peremptory list for appellate division for Friday, May 2, at 11 a.m.:  
1. Patterson v. Township of Aldborough (to be continued).  
2. Spinks v. Campbell.  
3. Re Roydon Park subdivision.  
4. Park v. Fletcher.  
5. Farah v. Capital.

Before J. Cartwright, K.C., Master. Antiseptic Bedding, Ltd. v. Gurefsky, P. Arnold, K.C., for plaintiff. C. A. Moss for defendant. Motion by plaintiff for further affidavit on production by defendant to include Insurance Brokerage Company's books and other documents of the company on the hypothesis of the identity of the defendant and the Insurance Brokerage Co. being true.

Judgment: No such allegation appears on the pleadings, and as discovery is relevant only to what appears thereon, motion cannot succeed at present. The proper course to take now is to give plaintiff leave to reply so as to set up his present contention, and direct defendant to file a further affidavit in which these documents will be produced on their non-production justified or accounted for in some way. The plaintiff will then be entitled to further examine defendant if desired. Under the facts in this case costs will be in the cause.

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Single Court.  
Before Middleton, J.  
Myerscough v. Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company—W. S. Brewster, K.C., for defendant. W. T. Henderson, K.C., for plaintiff. Appeal by defendant from award of arbitrators awarding plaintiff \$1300 damages against the company for lands taken by the company. Enlarged sine die.

Lawless v. Tibbitts—H. J. Macdonald for plaintiff, on motion to continue injunction, stated that defendant had written him, asking two weeks enlargement, the injunction to be continued meantime, and that he does not object. O. H. King, for the trust company. Enlarged two weeks. Injunction continued meantime.

Re Medbury Estate—F. McCarthy, for applicant, on motion for order appointing trustee, says all parties desire enlargement until May 5. Enlarged until May 5. Re Archibald McLean Estate: re Alexander McLean estate—A. F. Wilson (Marshall), for executor. G. W. Holmes for adult heirs, and appointed to represent one infant in different interest. W. Douglas, for administrator of estate of Gillem McKinnon. E. C. Cattanech, for two infants. Motion for order sanctioning settlement of matters of estate between parties entitled. Judgment in accordance with consent minutes.

performance of alleged agreement for sale lands on Oak street, Hamilton, by defendant to plaintiff, for \$2200, and damages for breach of contract. At the trial the action was dismissed with costs. Appeal argued and dismissed with costs.

Maple Leaf Portland Cement Company v. The Owen Sound Iron Works Company—R. McKay, K.C., for plaintiffs. Appeal by defendants from judgment of Kelly, J., of Jan. 31, 1912. Action for return of money paid (\$1000) and note given (\$200) by plaintiffs to defendants for machinery used by defendants, which it is alleged was found unfit for damages for breach of warranty. At trial judgment was awarded plaintiff for return of money and note, with costs, and for reference to master in ordinary to ascertain damages.

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## CAPT. RITSON WILL GENERAL POLO TEAM

(Special Cable to The World). LONDON, April 30.—(Copyright.)—At the request of the Duke of Westminster Capt. Ritson will captain the English polo team at Meadow Brook. The Times says the team is generally approved by all who followed polo form. Lord Wedgwood and F. Preake will go as reserve players. Ponies to the number of forty leave on the Minneapolis Wednesday.

## NO HIGHLANDERS' PARADE.

Owing to the horse show, the 45th Highlanders will not parade on Friday night, May 2. The regiment will parade on May 9, and will practice the troop, preparatory to the trip to Buffalo. Shooting on the rifle ranges opens on Saturday, May 3.

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