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WORK FOR ST. JOHN

The members of the city council and board of trade will do well to work continuously in concert, with reference to the question of increased harbor facilities. It is important that Hon. Mr. Hyman should be made thoroughly conversant with the conditions and the needs of the port, but this is not enough. The people of the west need to have impressed upon their minds the fact that along with western development must go the development of eastern ports, and that this is a matter which concerns the whole country. It is true that much has been said in parliament and in the press, but people who are absorbed in the splendid activities of that great growth of the west are apt to forget about other sections of the country, and perhaps to wake up and protest a little when these other sections press their claim for necessary public works. St. John must realize that however good its claim to recognition, and however important it may be from the national standpoint that this port be equipped to handle the greatly increased traffic, the rest of the country is not concerning itself very much about the matter, having needs of its own to attend to. Therefore the city council and board of trade should carry on a continuous campaign of education. This does not imply that St. John should be offensively in evidence, always shouting its needs; but with intelligent and dignified insistence its people should maintain that as the development of the west proceeds the equipment of this national port should keep pace, in the interests of the whole country, and that it is not the affair of St. John people alone, but of all Canadians. It is well, therefore, that attention should be given to the question of additional steamship berths and where and how they may best be provided on the west side, as well as to the question of the berths already planned. Moreover, if the port is to be nationalized at any time in the near future, the city must be in a position to present its case and discuss the subject intelligently from the standpoint of the civic interests involved.

A STRIKING SPEECH

A Labor Day oration delivered by Mr. John T. Wheeler at the celebration of the day in Houston, Texas, presented in a very striking way some plain truths to members of labor organizations. He pointed out that while the new movement to secure reforms by the use of the ballot is a great advance upon cruder methods of the past, yet it is not enough to put candidates in the field and support them. "It," he said, "labor is serious in its new role it will discover that a candidate must have some other qualifications besides a paid-up card. The union label alone is not enough to commend it to the purchasing public alone. The article must be fair or the label will not make it fair. The public is entitled to the best it can get, whether it be a cigar or a candidate for the legislature. Put your label upon nothing, whether man or cigar, unless the thing itself is fair."

The three dangers to be met and overcome by the new democracy were thus set forth by Mr. Wheeler:

"The Red Peril, or the rise of the demagogue.

"The Black Peril, or the rule of the boss.

"The Yellow Peril, or the dominance of wealth.

"These three are interwoven and concurrent. They are the three great enemies of legislative witchcraft."

Mr. Wheeler told his hearers that legislation hostile to wealth is political suicide. If, he continued, no one would sell a vote no one could buy one. "If there were not a lobby at the capital congress could not be run from an office desk. There could not be a lobby without a machine. There could not be a machine without a boss, and there could not be a boss without a majority misled by the mouthings of a demagogue."

Taking up the question of Socialism, Mr. Wheeler said:

A perfect government can not be made from paper plans. Democracy demands a working model. Winners of their class, some of the dreams of Socialism will assume shape.

Somewhere in an ancient book I have read "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good." Darwin stated the same thing in another way when he announced the doctrine of the survival of the fittest. The refining process of democracy acts along the lines of Darwin and Christ. Democracy does things not as a matter of expediency, but as a matter of right. Simmered down there is no act of man that

affects the life of another man that is not either a question of right or wrong. Applying this test:

The public school is socialistic, and no one complains because it is right.

The postoffice is socialistic, and on one complains because it is right.

The reclamation of the arid lands of the West, improving private property at the expense of the government through a gigantic irrigation scheme is socialistic, and no one complains because it is right.

The grade of the city of Galveston is being raised by money that would otherwise go into the general coffers of the state; again some of the people are being helped by all the people; it is socialistic, and no one complains because it is right.

The illustrations could be continued. In each instance, it will be found that the principle involved is, "Is the thing proposed right or wrong as affecting the common good?"

Upon the question of government ownership. Perhaps not today, but some day, after successful and unsuccessful experiment, those things that the government can best do for the people without loss to the people will be done by the government, and those things that the individual can best do will be left to the individual.

From Savannah to Jefferson every new idea affecting the art of government has met the same reception that is accorded a strange bull by the herd. If strong enough he survives and becomes a part of the herd, if not, he is gored to death.

Democracy will always award its prizes to drift and fragility. The socialist is either propounding a sound or an unsound theory, but when he tells me for example that which has become private property by honest toil, mental or manual, shall be swept into a common fund, confiscated by taxation, or some other way, as one who believes that democracy is intelligence plus honesty, I am forced to say that he is simply asking me to call theft by a longer name.

Because of the political foolishness of the present hour, great is the responsibility of the American voter. The twentieth century does not belong to the class made law. Its glories are the property of the common man. Briefly have I endeavored to touch upon the new movement that seems to me to be the first step in this writ of possession.

To my mind the chief problems of our time are the degradation of man through poverty, the ruin of woman through starvation and the physical and spiritual night that blights the flower of childhood. That these wrongs be righted, there is asked of you and me an intelligent and ever-lasting cheer, that in America the will of the common man is the law of the land, and because of that fact democracy is triumphant.

The departure of Mr. S. D. Scott and his family from St. John yesterday for their home in Ottawa doubtless marks the permanent severance of Mr. Scott from journalistic work in the maritime provinces. From the standpoint of these provinces it is a distinct loss, but western journalists gain. A man so well equipped cannot but make his influence felt, whether he remain in Ontario or settle in the farther west. It is to be regretted that those eager partisans who headed off the proposed citizens' banquet to Mr. Scott permitted him to depart from the city after so many years of active and useful work without some expression of the universal esteem in which he is held.

Press despatches from Washington convey the assurance that nothing short of a "general conflagration" in Cuba would prompt the United States to intervene. At the same time it is pointed out that a cruiser has been despatched to Key West to be in touch with Havana, and that other naval craft could be quickly sent to Cuban waters, while "the army is prepared to answer any call." There is a humorous suggestion in this solemn assertion of a lofty unconcern, coupled with an elaborate account of the state of preparedness for any trouble that may arise.

The Times today devotes a good deal of space to the address of Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent of the Methodist church in Canada, to the General Conference, which opens in Montreal today. His remarks on the question of church union will be read with interest.

The fanatical hatred of Jews in Russia has led to many scenes of brutality and bloodshed. In a free country the same class of people who are massacred in Russia are found to be good and law-abiding citizens.

The city will not receive the new water supply from Loch Lomond for some time yet. The delay now appears to be chiefly due to the failure of the city to have its portion of the work completed.

A BRUTAL SERGEANT

This Sort of Business Might go in Russia But not in Canada if the People Know it.

SYDNEY, Sept. 11 (special).—During the entrainment of the horses which accompanied the 17th field battery to the Aldershot Camp yesterday, one of the drivers who objected to placing twenty-five horses in one car, was promptly knocked down by a blow on the face by one of the sergeants. The act was otherwise unprovoked and came in for some severe remarks on the part of the by-standers.

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Total number of visits by seamen.	20,295
Visits to women.	2,140
Admission of children.	83
Packages of reading matter placed on board.	6,200
Outward vessels.	200
Religious services.	15,000
Attendance of seamen.	1,250
Attendance of women.	100
Socials and concerts.	15,000
Attendance of seamen.	15,000
Visits to hospital and destitute.	100
Unemployed and destitute.	400
Comfort bags given out.	7,200
Letters written.	7,200
Letters received for seamen.	4,200
Letters posted.	1,600
Ferry tickets given.	4,000
Hand protectors for frozen.	4,000
Seamen attended.	10
Graves decorated.	5
Seamen's lot visited.	5
Visits to sick seamen on ships.	200
Medicine supplied to seamen.	200
Bibles and Testaments given out.	200
Visits to citizens in the interest of the work.	850
Wrapping paper and envelopes supplied.	10,000

Preparatory to the winter-port work, at least \$800 in cash will be necessary, besides fifteen thousand magazines, ten thousand pieces of carpet and a large supply of boots and clothes for shipwrecked men.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—(Special).—Nine tenders have been received for the construction of a lock and dam to permit navigation between Winnipeg and the Red River and Lake Winnipeg. Tom Kelly, of Winnipeg, was the only western tenderer.

It will take two or three days to extend the items so as to find the lowest tenderer. It looks as if Larkin & Sanger, of Winnipeg, were pretty low, and they may get the contract.

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