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Are the Soldiers to Be Ignored?

The Woodstock Sentinel Review recently issued a declaration of fair play and independent thinking, and it is in this spirit it makes the following comment:

LA-COL. A. C. Pratt, who represents South Norfolk in the legislature, has been indulging in some plain talk to his party friends. He deals some hard knocks to the Healey government and demands to know why the Conservatives of Ontario should be compelled to quiescent under obsolete policies and a moribund cabinet.

This is admirable both in tone and spirit. It does not make the mistake of minimizing a representative soldier's view, and it recognizes that the whole body of soldiers have had an experience which lifts them out of the common account, and gives them a claim to consideration which cannot be put aside and for which no patronizing substitute could be accepted.

Col. Pratt's position, which is being so widely endorsed, is not only reasonable but modest. Representing his comrades of the Conservative party he thinks that the time has come when if they are to be regarded as members of the party at all, they should be admitted to the party councils.

That the Conservative party should single itself out among all the others as refusing to allow the soldiers or the electors of any kind to take part in the formation of a party policy on the first available occasion after the war, is an astonishing violation of the Whitney tradition itself, but it also cancels any possible excuse for the extension of the life of the legislature, a step which was avowedly taken because at that time the soldiers could not properly be consulted.

Can it be possible that the government is fearful of admitting the soldiers to a convention which must inevitably consider many matters of interest to them? Should this be so, then the government is weak indeed.

Why We Have No Food Control. In the United States it has only been necessary to threaten the food profiteers and demonstrate the good faith of those who have the prosecution of offenders in charge, to bring down prices.

It takes the people a long time to find out that they are themselves responsible for the kind of government they have, and that what is done is not done by an outside interloping body, but by their own representatives for whom they voted, not usually because they knew them as good men, or for the principles they advocated, but simply because they were loyal to the party.

ing the best approved remedy, but in the absence of such a measure the only way in which improvement can be secured or by which it may be hoped for is in the personal interest which each voter takes in his own ballot.

If the people of Ontario or of the Dominion desire to have stricter attention given to their interests they must make it their business to see that their representatives understand that votes are only to be had in exchange for principles. Men who are elected on account of their principles will see that the party they belong to does not neglect principle, and such a party never fails to look after the people's welfare.

THE CITY'S LAW DEPARTMENT

By IDA L. WEBSTER.

In the board of control's report on Wednesday there was a little item of \$7100 for outside legal advice. When the mayor read the itemized account it was enough to make the tears roll out of the eyes of a snake, which little item, we understand, has never been paid, and nevertheless so pitiful was the business that it was overwhelming.

The outside advice was needed in regard to legislation, but when the city of Toronto knows that at both Ottawa and Toronto its wishes and desires are merely laughed at as mere brainstorms of the council, why should it be necessary to pay for outside help in the matter?

Is it not bad enough for the legal department in the city hall to know that the suggestions and aims of the present city council are like so much dust in the eyes of the parliamentary forces, annoying but by no means serious, without blazoning the news to all the lawyers in the country?

Another thing: if the men now employed as lawyers by the city cannot handle the business of the city why are they retained? Taxpayers cannot be asked or expected to pay out thousands of dollars every time that there is a legal fight, or question to be decided, and especially when it is necessary to dig up the money to pay the regular men of the same name.

If the members of the law department were "docked" to the amount of the outside counsel it would be an entirely different thing. Then they could call in advice whenever they so desired, but as it is now, they are being paid, and their duties, when there are any, are carried on by men on the outside.

The general routine of the city's business is nothing to write home about. Of course, the answering of the questions by the various members of the board of control or the city council when it is in session, which is seldom, may be irksome, but by no means does it take any remarkable brain power, for the simple reason that if any one displays it would be over the heads of the persons inquiring, and anyway, what is there to tell a man whether it is legal to renege a street or not?

Having attended a number of meetings where the learned representatives of the law department have been in session, or in action, we should say, we know from personal observation how deeply they are required to think before they give an answer to questions put to them.

As a glaring instance, we might call your attention to the advice given by the city's lawyers on the sealing of handbags for liquor by civil police. Reasons like that are probably why it is necessary to spend so many dollars in finding out just how far the city may go in its various issues.

Perhaps it might be cheaper for the citizens to pay for a post-graduate course for all the members of the department, or perhaps it might be a good idea to get in some new blood. At present now the lawyers employed by the city of Toronto are a luxury which the taxpayers cannot afford.

MUSKOKA VISITORS ARE FIGHTING FIRES

Driest Season for Twenty Years—Flames Threaten Farms and Cottages.

Gravenhurst, Muskoka, Aug. 14.—There has been no rain here for many days and no sign of any, despite the earnest hopes of summer resorters and settlers, who, in many districts have been fighting bush fires for weeks, and are in sore need of assistance from the skies.

Farms and forests all thru the Muskoka district are suffering badly from the lack of drenching rains. The old timers say this has been the driest season for twenty years heretofore.

JUGO-SLAVS INVADE AUSTRIAN TERRITORY

Laibach, Jugo-Slavia, August 14.—Jugo-Slav troops yesterday occupied the territory east of the Mur river in Austria, allotted Jugo-Slovakia by the peace conference. The troops advanced to Bohnyand, north of Murau, occupying the territory and disarming the Austrian troops. Guns, munitions and locomotives were seized by the Jugo-Slavs. The advance will continue until the new Jugo-Slovakian frontier running thru Hungary is reached.

THE WESTERN CROPS. It is estimated that about 15,000 men will be required to work as Farm Laborers to assist in harvesting the crops in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The Canadian Pacific has arranged its advertising usual special fare of \$12 to Winnipeg, and will run special trains from Toronto, Tuesday, August 12th, and Thursday, August 14th.

THE NICKEL QUESTION, THE WORLD AND W. F. MACLEAN

COMRADE GEO. R. SWEENEY, President. COMPRISE THE Army and Navy Veterans in Canada. The Grand Army of Canada. His Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans' Association. The Naval Veterans' Association.

THE VETERANS' LEAGUE OF TORONTO 97 KING STREET EAST TORONTO Aug. 13-19.

W. F. Maclean, M.P., Toronto World Office, City.

Dear Sir:--I have been instructed to forward you the enclosed resolution of the Veterans' League of Toronto.

Edward A. L'Estrange, Secretary.

RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE VETERANS' LEAGUE MEETING, AUGUST 12.

Whereas various veterans' associations are receiving newspaper articles relating to the nickel question, from The Toronto World, and whereas Mr. W. F. Maclean is proprietor and editor of the said newspaper, be it resolved that this league is of the opinion that this is a question for the Dominion government to deal with:

And, whereas Mr. Maclean is a member of the Dominion House of Commons, he be requested to bring the matter up of the nickel question at the next session of the Dominion House of Commons, where the question may be thoroughly discussed, and the blame, if any, arising from Canadian nickel having got into the hands of the Germans before or during the war, be laid against the proper authorities.

This resolution was passed under the presidency of Comrade George R. Sweeney, a brother of the Right Rev. James, Bishop of Toronto. It is satisfactory to know that the veterans have not lost interest in a matter which concerned them so nearly during the war, and it is satisfactory also to note that Comrade Sweeney is now taking an interest in the question.

The returned men are entitled to have all information on this question from both houses, and are quite right to pursue investigation and enquiry thru Mr. Maclean or any member of either the house of commons or the legislature.

Mr. Maclean has not hesitated, whenever possible, to bring the nickel issue before the house of commons, and before the people of Canada, and will continue to do so, but Comrade Sweeney might remind himself that when it is deemed desirable to catch a 'coon it is always customary to stop both ends of his burrow.

A more satisfactory communication is to hand from the "Originals Club," of which Mr. A. Kenneth Coulter is president. The letter, which is signed by Mr. O. J. Winslow as secretary, is as follows:

I have been instructed to write to you endorsing your action taken in asking the Canadian Government for a full and explicit explanation in regard to the nickel which was exported during the war and finally reached Germany.

NEW THRESHING RECORD EXPECTED IN MANITOBA

Winnipeg, Aug. 14.—Threshing is well under way in Manitoba and by the end of August more than half the work will be finished, according to J. H. Evans, deputy minister of agriculture. If weather conditions remain favorable, all threshing will be finished by the first week in September, thus setting a record.

DISCUSSED AMENDMENTS TO TRANSPORT BILL

London, Aug. 14.—After disposing of the profiteering bill, by which the government will be empowered to take drastic action in lowering the high cost of living, the house of commons, which sat all night as a committee of the whole, took up the house of lords amendments to the transport bill this morning. Some of these amendments were not accepted by the lower house of parliament. After being in continuous session for seven-teen hours, the house rose shortly after nine o'clock this morning.

Australian Seamen's Strike Is Likely to Be Settled

Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 14.—The Australian seamen's union has issued a statement advising the striking sailors to accept the terms of settlement offered by the government. It is believed that the men will give up the strike and return to work. The strike has lasted two months.

NEW HUNGARIAN CABINET.

Berlin, Aug. 14.—According to a Budapest despatch to The Aht Ur Abendblatt the new Hungarian cabinet follows: Premier, M. Lovassy; foreign minister, Count Julius Andrássy; minister of war, Stephen Friedrich; minister of public welfare, Garame Fedi; minister of agriculture, Stephan Szabo; minister of education, Herr Huezar.

RUMANIA WANTS UNION WITH HUNGARY

Statement Attacking Britain and U. S. Presented to Archduke by Representative.

Vienna, Aug. 14.—A statement attacking Great Britain and America, demanding that Hungary be united with Rumania, under the sovereignty of King Ferdinand and threatening to strip Hungary if the Rumanian army is forced to withdraw from that country, has been presented to Archduke Joseph, head of the Hungarian government, by the authorized Rumanian representative at Budapest, according to despatches received here.

The text of the communication follows: "There are 250,000 workmen in Budapest who are only waiting for the Rumanians to leave Hungary to immediately take the situation into their own hands, which means the return of Bolshevism. The Hungarian government cannot depend upon the entente powers for assistance, for those powers have withdrawn all their troops from Russia, and America is unwilling to send a single soldier. We do not trust the entente, which wants only to humiliate us. We are willing to withdraw our troops, if necessary, starting tomorrow morning, but we will carry off everything and strip the country just as Field Marshal Mackensen did Rumania."

The only grudge the entente has against us is that we refuse to have British and American capital dominate Rumania. Hungary must follow Rumania's policy in not accepting British and American capital. Whatever would remain after the Rumanians' retreat would be taken by the entente anyway. The entente idea is to have Rumania and Hungary fight and destroy each other, the entente thereby would be taken by the entente or Premier Clemenceau of France wants to do or is doing. We will follow our own policy.

We expect an answer from Archduke Joseph, head of the government, by eight o'clock tonight. If an answer is not received by that time, we shall inform Bucharest, which will decide what action should be taken.

BRITISH ENGINEERS THREATEN TO STRIKE

London, Aug. 14.—A demand for speedy settlement of their wage dispute, which was construed as being in the nature of an ultimatum, was made today by the locomotive engineers and firemen upon Sir Auckland Geddes, British minister of reconstruction. About 65,000 men are involved.

The letter forwarded by the railwaymen's executive today declares that unless progress towards a settlement is made during an interview with Sir Auckland, which they demand shall take place tomorrow, it is feared the leaders will be unable to restrain their men from taking action.

The letter states also that standardized wage scales offered to the men have been rejected by several branches of the railwaymen's organization particularly at Liverpool and Manchester.

Humorous Questions May Disturb Accord

London, Aug. 14.—In the house of commons today the Hon. Walter E. Guinness, Unionist member for Suffolk, asked Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader, to give the usual discussion over to the present position of the black races, but his request was refused. The questioner responded by asking whether it would not be a graceful act of reciprocity to place at the disposal of the United States the benefit of British experience in governing negroes in return for the discussion of Irish affairs in the United States senate.

Captain William Wedgwood Benn, Liberal member for Leith, asked Mr. Bonar Law to do his best to prevent efforts to sow dissension between Great Britain and America by alleged humorous questions.

Mr. Bonar Law said the government recognized that the future peace of the world depends upon the good relations between the two countries.

Yorkshire Industries Affected by Strike

London, Aug. 14.—The industries of Yorkshire, particularly textiles, have been seriously affected by the coal shortage arising out of the strike of 200,000 miners, who voted yesterday to return to work. More than 50,000 men and women are out of employment because of the shortage of fuel. Steel and iron mills in Lancashire have begun to shut down because of lack of coal supplies.

Engine Struck Street Car; Eleven Persons Met Death

Parkersburg, W. Va., Aug. 14.—The death list, as a result of the crash between a street car, crowded with women and children, en route to a picnic, and a railroad engine at Parkersburg, two miles north of here today, was increased to eleven tonight when eight persons succumbed to their injuries in hospitals. More than a score of others were injured.

City of Chatham Faces A Serious Ice Situation

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, Aug. 14.—The city of Chatham is facing a serious ice situation. It is expected that a movement will be launched with the view of bringing about the erection of a municipal ice plant to care for the city's needs next year. Grocers complained that from Friday of last week until yesterday they were unable to get ice.

What's the Value of Your Life?

Every man's life has a certain definite commercial value based upon the income he is able to earn.

What is the value of your life? Let us assume it to be \$15,000. This amount at 6% would produce a yearly income of \$900. So you see \$15,000 is not an excessive valuation.

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USE OF KNIFE EARNS TWO YEARS

Exemplary Workman Narrowly Escapes Charge of Murdering Comrade.

Romeo Dutrizac was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary yesterday by Judge Coatsworth for having wounded Archie Singer during a drunken row on May 31 last. Dutrizac was employed at Polson's, where, according to his foreman, Wallace, he was a good workman and bore an exemplary reputation.

On one occasion, when an acetylene tank used in welding took fire and all other men near ran, Dutrizac shut off the flow of gas and saved the ship and the lives of the crew or more men working on her. For his gallantry he was given an increase of pay.

Dr. Sullivan said that the wounds inflicted on Singer might have easily proved fatal.

"The whole thing was due to the alcohol he had to drink," said Mr. Ross, who asked leniency on behalf of his client, who has been in jail since the end of May.

It is a miracle that this man is not charged with murder," said Mr. Greer. "We have always given stiff sentences in this case for the use of the knife, and as a result we have comparatively few using it."

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OSGOODE HALL NEWS. Master's Chambers. Before N. F. Patterson, K.C., Registrar, Registrar vs. Foster & S. White, for plaintiff, moved for interim alimony and disbursements. J. M. McEvoy for defendant. Enlarged one week.

Both vs. King—H. A. Harman (McCarthy & Co.) for plaintiff, obtained final order of foreclosure. Hollans vs. Jenkins—M. A. Brown for defendant, obtained order on consent dismissing action without costs and vacating its pendens at 15 days. Judge's Chambers. Martens vs. Stewart—M. Arnold, K.C., for plaintiff, obtained leave to serve notice of motion on appeal from Kelly.



W. Raceman, in N. Y. World.