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A TIME FOR OPTIMISM

This is a very good time for the people to display a cheerful optimism, and to shun the mournful citizen who sees nothing but trouble ahead. We all know him. He tells us there is to be a period of hard-times, labor troubles, soup-kitchens and other horrendous experiences for us all. He is the same individual who, whenever the Germans appeared to be gaining an important advantage, wrapped himself in gloom and refused to be comforted. But we put the Germans to rout. These other imaginary fears will also be dispelled. Of course there will be hardship and difficulty. We expect them, but we are here to overcome them, as we did the Germans. It is merely a matter of closing up the ranks and standing shoulder to shoulder, with a song on our lips. Let us "smile, smile, smile." There are now idle men. There will be more idle men. But this is mid-winter. The spring is coming and with it public works and building projects and farming operations and other sources of employment. Senator Robertson, minister of labor, struck the right note last week in a speech before the Canadian Club of Peterboro. We quote from a press report:—

"Senator Robertson said that he did not care a snap of his fingers about the Bolsheviki policy, which, he was assured, would not gain any footing in Canada or be the source of any worry for the Canadian people. The minister went fully into the details of the government's mobilization scheme, dealing with the land settlement question, the employment problem, and other features in connection with repatriation. Of the general outlook, once the spring opens out, the speaker was very optimistic, expressing the opinion that there would be employment for everyone who wanted it in the course of a few months. He looked for a big expansion in Canada's foreign trade in the near future, and this, with the opening out on a large scale of public works by the Dominion and provincial governments and by the municipalities, would provide work for the surplus labor."

Let this optimistic spirit prevail. We will be the better able to face the conditions and make the best of them. The apostle of gloom and wretchedness never makes anything better. Give him the cold shoulder.

GOOD THINGS IN STORE

The more one studies the Standard's reviews of Foster government finances the more poignant is the regret that the Standard does not make a survey of the Fleming-Clarke-Murray period in provincial history. The record only shows that Mr. Fleming got something more than \$100,000 from Valley Railway contractors. The Standard financial critic would undoubtedly double it. He would further show, beyond doubt, that instead of a paltry quarter of a million dollars of Valley Railway money being diverted to other uses the amount was actually a million. And of course he would endeavor to show where it went. He would also, beyond question, deal with the amount of money gathered in from the lumbermen in Mr. Fleming's time. What was the amount aimed at? Was it \$100,000? The Standard would never be content with so insignificant a feat. It would surely raise the limit to a quarter of a million and think the lumber operators got off cheaply at that. And then the little in-gathering from the liquor dealers—but that was only a matter of a few thousands. The Standard would never think of it at all, or regard it as a trifling transaction not worthy of serious consideration. And yet, if the Standard favor its readers with a recital of what it knows about the financial transactions of its friends, whom it ardently desires to see restored to power, the revelations before the royal commissions would pale into utter insignificance. One can see that at a glance.

HEALTH MATTERS

The municipal council gave Hon. Dr. Roberts a kindly reception yesterday and passed the increased estimates for the board of health. The council also established a precedent by appointing a woman on the board of health, and made an excellent selection. A sympathetic hearing was also given to the delegation of women who pleaded for a nurses' home, and to Dr. White who set forth with clearness and force the needs of the general public hospital, especially relating to the need of a maternity wing. More hospital accommodation is urgently needed. With an enlarged hospital and a vigorous board of health a great deal can be accomplished for the good of the community. We may still, however, ponder over Mayor Hayes' recent remark that in many cities private benevolence does much for the endowment of hospitals. There is an excellent opportunity in St. John, although the absence of such benevolence does not excuse the community from providing for the hospital needs of its people.

The question of intervention in Russia is causing the Allied powers a good deal of anxiety. They do not want to interfere with the affairs of a democracy, but Russia at present is less of a democracy than when the Czar ruled. Order must be restored, and it may call for intervention.

THE SALVATION ARMY

The people of Canada are not asked to give a million dollars to the Salvation Army. They are asked to use that great organization as their agent to spend a million dollars for the benefit of soldiers and dependents of soldiers. And they have the assurance that they could not secure a better agent. The Army's work is known and read of all men. No organization can make a dollar go farther in helpful human service. There are still 800,000 soldiers and dependents overseas, to be brought to Canada and absorbed into the economic life of the country. The Army is in a position to do a splendid service in this direction. It was the first to have huts and comforts in the field; it is the last to appeal. The response should be on a scale worthy of so great a work for those to whom we owe so much.

HARTLAND, VICTORIA COUNTY

The Standard this morning begins a long editorial as follows:—

"The Observer, a staunch Liberal newspaper, published at Hartland, Victoria county, by Fred H. Stevens, is disappointed in the Foster administration."

When was Hartland removed from Carleton to Victoria county? The Hon. B. Frank Smith should provide the Standard with a new map of New Brunswick.

It appears that the Hartland Observer, which is trying to fill the place of the defunct Victoria County News, and get business and subscribers in Victoria county, has been grieved by some alleged remarks by Premier Foster. It says the people of Victoria county never heard of him until he went to them seeking election. This and some more the Hartland Observer says, and the Standard gleefully parades the whole grouch in its editorial column. But the Hartland Observer will now have a new grievance. It must remonstrate with the Standard for moving Hartland into Victoria county. That is much worse than Premier Foster would think of doing whatever he might say to the editor of the Observer.

Last night's annual meeting showed that the New Brunswick division of the Navy League, under the energetic lead of Col. Sturdee, is in a flourishing condition. It has an important place in the life of the people and should have a very wide membership. We must never forget what we owe to the heroes of the sea in the great war. It is especially desirable that at a maritime port of growing importance the Navy League should flourish.

Of Roosevelt one of his friends says:—

"From the beginning of his public career, in season and out of season, he insisted on common morality as the prime duty of all, both in public and in private. His own sturdy integrity carried it, and despite the sneers of his opponents about his 'Sunday school politics,' he never desisted or modified his demands."

Toronto Globe—"Mr. Peter Wright made a good point in urging the Manufacturers' Association to take a more active part in social and civic reform. To help from the inside is better than to criticize from the outside."

The Toronto city council is considering the establishment of a central purchasing department for all city supplies. It is believed more favorable prices could be secured, and a substantial saving effected.

The result of the German elections is fairly satisfactory to the Allies. It appears to foreshadow a stable government with which the Allies can do business.

A visit to the King Edward school last evening would have convinced the most obstinate objector that the use of a school building for community purposes is a move in the right direction.

UNDERPAID PROFESSIONS

(Toronto Globe.)

The Baptists of Ontario and Quebec in convention are informed that 117 pastors receive stipends of less than \$900 a year apiece. How these pastors solved the problem of making both ends meet in wartime would be instructive to economy experts. The Labor Gazette, which specializes in domestic insights, might find here a field for inquiry.

There is nothing invidious in calling attention to this Baptist confession. Unless the Globe is misinformed, only one of the great Protestant churches provides a reasonable minimum stipend for its ministers. Many hundreds of clergymen all over the country are receiving less than the rate of pay which unskilled labor commanded during the war. The scale of payment to ministers and teachers, to mention the learned professions which are on a salaried basis, testifies to the general habit of under-valuing the services of brain workers who are not directly connected with material pursuits. A country that estimated education at its true worth would honor and reward its teachers correspondingly. Similarly the religion of too many church-goers stops short of a real appreciation of the clerical office.

By responding to the appeal to fix a decent salary minimum for pastors, the Baptists may awaken other churches to a sense of their duty.

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A Fair Proposition

Mrs. Peck—My first husband never acted like you. Henry Peck—Well, if you can persuade him to come back, I'm willing to exchange places with him.—Boston Transcript.

What He Wanted to See

On an American transport two days out from New York. First Sambo (who is really enjoying the sea, to his dark companion, who has gone below)—Nigger! Come on up! We're passing a ship! Voice from below—I don't want to see no ship. You jes' call me when we're passing a tree!—Trib-Bits.

Consideration

Tommy (at Red Cross concert)—What's that man got his eyes shut for while he's singing? Friend—Because he can't bear to see us suffer.—London Opinion.

Paw Knows Everything

Willie—Paw, what is the difference between capital and labor? Paw—Well, the money you lend represents capital, and getting it back represents labor, my son.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Regarding the Truth

"De truth ain't nix easy to git at," said Uncle Eben. "A man kin sometimes say sumpin' in half a minute dat he can't explain in five years."—Washington Star.

STATESMEN TOO KEEN TO FEED THE GERMANS

So Says Capt. Peter Wright, Commenting on Attitude of British Seamen

(Toronto Star.)

"Some of the big politicians seem to be more concerned about the Huns than about their own people," was the emphatic assertion of Capt. Peter Wright, the noted British seaman, who is now in Toronto, in commenting on the announcement that the British seamen will refuse to carry any food to Germany until their claims for compensation and repatriation have been met.

"The seamen will not be outwitted by the politicians," declared Captain Wright. "This was all arranged for before I left England."

"But will the seamen be able to enforce their demands?" he was asked.

"They can't sail ships without masters, mates and men," replied Captain Wright. "These are all united. The only other move they can make is to have the British navy take the place of

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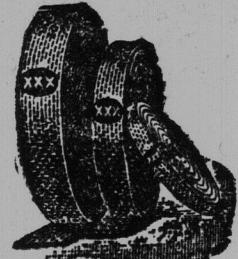
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"Just what are the demands of the British seamen?"

"At the meeting in Albert Hall we seamen pledged ourselves to the following:—

"1. The German boycott.

"2. To punish the Huns one month of boycott for every crime committed on the high seas (a total of over nine years)."

"3. Not to carry in future any Germans on British ships, and absolutely to decline to carry any food or raw material to Germany until we are satisfied that repatriation has been made for the terrible and cold-blooded murders committed by the Huns on the high seas."

"Strafed and Parbuckled"

"This is not merely a question of repatriation from the monetary standpoint, but we are determined that the Huns shall be strafed and parbuckled before we will touch them. The international political leaders, Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Wilson, must know our plans and unless they act on behalf of our seamen forthwith and give us satisfaction that our interests will be safeguarded, we will act in accordance with the dictates of humanity."

"Some statesmen are very anxious to satisfy the appetites of the Huns. We also proved by our actions during the war that at terrific cost we saved our

people from starvation, and now when the Hun is brought to his knees we must teach him an object lesson. The only logic that appeals to the psychology of the Hun is force and hunger. He starved thousands of our prisoners, he starved Belgians, Serbs and Frenchmen, and we must give him a dose of the medicine he has applied to the Russian nation during the last twelve months."

Norwegian canners import tin plate and oil to maintain their canned fish industry and a contributor to the London Mail complains they have also been in the habit of buying large quantities of sprats from the Scottish fishermen to augment their own catch, selling them back to the British in sardine cans.



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