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FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 12.

Mr. O'Connor's Urgent Job.

How does a \$18 bog turn into 70-cent bacon? This is one of the problems—a characteristic one, which Mr. W. F. O'Connor proposes to solve in his capacity as a board of commerce commissioner. No doubt it is better late than never, but one cannot help regretting that he was not permitted to make the attempt two years ago. Conditions must now be faced, and the whole country has to get down to brass tacks in the matter of economy. The extravagance that has discredited and would now insist upon the maintenance of high prices must be curbed. The exorbitant profits that have contributed to this extravagance and the reckless luxury of men have accompanied it must also be bound up. All these things go together.

The middle class which has had no increase in salaries, whose incomes and annuities have been fixed quantities, have had to practice the severest economy all through the war, and are suffering today as few others can understand. Bank clerks, for example, are not as well paid as street car conductors. Labor has been able to exact something more adequate in proportion to the increased cost of living, and, of course, at the upper end of the endowed and property-owning classes and among the profiteers there has been no uneasiness. The professional classes in some respects are worst off of any. University lecturers and many professors are unable to carry on under recent and present conditions. The whole structure of society is affected, and while much of the agitation is attributed to labor, it is really when the brains of society begin to be sharpened by poverty that most of the revolutionary ideas are born.

Work such as that which Mr. O'Connor is undertaking is not directed at profiteers as such, so much as at a wrong principle which threatens the whole structure of society. The profiteers, big or little, should understand that their own safety—perhaps their existence—depends upon their accommodating themselves to the common interests of the nation. Opposition to any measure now being taken to remedy existing conditions can only be dictated by a dangerous ignorance of conditions, remedies for which cannot be too drastic or too speedily applied.

The London Times and the Grand Trunk.

London, Sept. 11.—(C.A.P.)—The Times financial writer says that if the report is correct, the most of the Canadian cabinet and Sir Alfred Smithers, purchaser of the Grand Trunk may be left to arbitration, should prove true, it should be received with relief by stockholders, meaning that the deadlock has been overcome in Canada. To force the issue now would be to open up a line of inequitable, would have done irreparable harm to Canadian credit, says The Times.

The Rosedale Stadium.

Rosedale as a social centre has been the main point of view in considering the stadium question, and the habit of considering questions of a general civic interest in this way is apt to lead to distorted views. There is little doubt that as a place to play games, the old lacrosse grounds are equal to anything to be found in the city. This is the main question. Access is next in importance, and it was never found in years past that the situation in Rosedale prevented anyone attending a match who wanted to go. A street car line is due up thru Rosedale and will probably be in operation before we find a successor to Mayor Church.

CABINET CRISIS IMPENDS IN AUSTRIA

Vienna, Sept. 11.—There are reports that the impending cabinet crisis will culminate upon the return of Karl Renner, head of the Austrian peace delegation, or immediately after ratification of the peace treaty, when the Christian Socialists are expected to try to force the issue on certain questions of internal policy.

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