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SWEDEN'S ATTITUDE

GERMANY has been dicking with Sweden ever since the war began; and recent despatches inform us that the little Scandinavian nation is threatening to don the war paint. The fact is that Sweden is decidedly pro-German. The so-called higher classes are favorable to the Teuton combination; so, too, is the army. The only element which has been averse to participation in the war on the side of Germany is the commercial interests. The reason is not hard to seek. Swedish merchants have been reaping an extraordinary harvest in German traffic since the war began. Unlike Norway, Holland, and Denmark, Sweden has persistently refused to refrain from exporting to Germany any goods imported from foreign countries. She insists that to consent to anything of this kind would constitute an impairment of her "sovereignty." The consideration, of course, is purely commercial.

Sweden seems to forget how deeply indebted she stands to Britain and France for the territorial integrity of the kingdom for the last hundred years. When Russia became possessed of Finland in the early part of the XIXth century the boundary line was not definitely adjusted, and Russia laid claim to the town of Lyngsten, near Tromsø, which should give her an ice-free port on the Atlantic. Britain and France, at the pressing instance of King Oscar intervened, and a treaty was concluded by which they pledged themselves to maintain, with their armies and navies, if necessary, the integrity of Norway and Sweden. The object of the treaty, devised by Lord Palmerston, was as stated in Article II thereof, to "resist the pretensions or aggressions of Russia," and it was announced in the

Speech from the Throne by Queen Victoria, in 1856.
Some twelve or fourteen years later, when Russia again became aggressive, Charles XV invoked the aid of Great Britain, and Russia was induced to abandon hostile designs.
The Swedes have forgotten these services of Great Britain, apparently; and while some excuse may be found for the Teuton tendencies of the aristocracy which is in reality a Teuton offshoot, little or none can be found for King Gustav who seeks to forget that he is the great-grandson of a French soldier-of-fortune, Bernadotte, and to emphasise the German blood in his veins which comes to him through his mother who belonged to the insignificant Wied branch of the Teuton dynasty.

Sweden, egged on by the wily Potsdam Butcher, pretends to be seriously alarmed at the fortification of the Aland Islands in the Baltic, by Russia. Russia asserts that this is simply a temporary measure, and is a military necessity. Unless Russia fortified the Aland Islands the German navy could at any time secure command of the waters that in turn command both the Gulf of Bothnia and the Gulf of Finland—with Petrograd at its inner end.
The fact is that just at the moment, it would best serve the cause of the Allies if Sweden declared war against Russia. She would be promptly starved out of existence and the main base of German supplies would be cut off.

How can one account for this peculiarity, if not, as we have said time and again, by admitting the total absence of what is commonly called public spirit. This want of public spirit is due to our education or rather we should say lack of education in regard to public affairs. There has been too much of the spirit of "well let the other fellow do it," which is a very bad policy for any people to adopt. We have not exactly adopted it, it has grown upon us, or grown up with us, and we see it in evidence in national as well as in civic politics.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

June 20
ACCESSION of Queen Victoria, 1837.
James Cantwell, Tizzard's Hr., drowned, 1863.
Governor Musgrave married second time, 1870.
Shamrock cricket club started, 1874.
Meeting of Benevolent Irish Society to prepare for celebrating O'Connell's centennial, 1875.
Captain William Staunton, master-mariner and seal-killer; he made a voyage from St. John's to Waterford in six days, in a sailing vessel; died, aged 79, 1884.
Fred Kenny's motto over Narrows, welcoming Bishop Howley, completed, 1892.
A little girl named Mary Ellen Walsh drowned in Municipal Basin, 1899.
Society United Fishermen celebrated their silver jubilee, 1898.
Robert J. Parsons, sr., died. He was one of the fathers of Responsible Government, and for forty years a member of the local parliament, 1883.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT DEAD

The unfortunate man Stanley White who was seized with an epileptic fit on the Smith Coy.'s premises yesterday morning and fell from a gallery 10 feet to the ground, sustaining a fractured skull, died at the General Hospital at 2.30 p.m. yesterday. He was given every care and attention at the institution but did not regain consciousness. He leaves a widow and child, father, mother and two brothers to mourn him and to whom *The Mail and Advocate* extends its sympathy.

ANOTHER DROWNING ACCIDENT

The Department of Justice had the following message yesterday from Magistrate Bart, Botwood:—"William Snow, aged 15 years, son of George Snow, Lewisporte, was accidentally drowned in Northern Arm on Sunday morning; body recovered."

REVEILLE
BY CALCAR

THIS column has devoted itself in a very especial manner to civic matters, our apology for this lies in the fact that there is great need for a screwing up of public sentiment on this subject. There has been too much of the let it alone kind of spirit among our citizens, because of the fact that there has been too little said, in a public way, that might tend to direct general attention towards the ideal that the city is the property of its people, and the manner in which that city is kept is a reflexion of the character of its citizens.

Individually we are as a rule neat and tidy and it seems like an anomaly to say that collectively we are very untidy. Paradoxical as this appears, it is nevertheless quite true, as everybody must admit, who takes the trouble to think just a minute over the position.

Sometimes down right narrow insular selfishness which causes it, sometimes it is absolute indifference and again it is often the fruit of natural diffidence, bashfulness and a distrust of our own ability to judge affairs. We are too prone to submit ourselves entirely to the direction of the other fellow, we fear to stand on our own feet as it were. We should make an effort to get over this, study our own affairs, form opinions and express them.

As to this advice, it may be objected that there should be no direction where all pretend to know, and that our country should soon be like a meeting of jays, all chattering and not much else. This is really no valid objection at all, for not many men are inclined to speaking in public and all the encouragement of this kind in the world can succeed in producing a babel. When men know they impress their knowledge on those around them, and every man who studies a subject is almost certain to discover some little thing not noticed before. What we want is a state where every man takes as keen an interest in public matters as if these were his own private affairs. It is with an idea of helping people to get this notion into their heads that these lines are written.

It is very encouraging to see young men like Mr. Walter Kelly coming forward as a candidate for the Mayorality, and Mr. Harry Brownrigg as a candidate for Councilorship. We want above all to see the young men taking a lively interest in the city and country, for this is apt to kindle a new civic spirit among us.

We must earnestly hope to see the formation of this Civic Improvement League, for there is a whole lot waiting to be done that such a league might put life into.

Miss Amelia Hodder made a fine hit at Carew Street School concert, the song was "Somewhere in France."

Mr. Gosling Writes On New Charter

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir:—The announcement made by the members of the Board already published states shortly their attitude in respect to the Charter.

The question has been asked, 'If I vote for the members of the Board will I be endorsing the Charter?' The answer is 'NO.' And any statement made to the contrary is only intended to deceive the electorate.

The members of the Board themselves are not in entire accordance in respect to all the sections of the Charter.

There are several which I am going to try to get altered, and other members have similar designs on other sections.

The Board was commissioned to prepare a Charter, and has submitted to the Legislature the finding of the majority in the shape of a Bill, and also several minority reports.

In the ordinary course of events the Legislature, through a Committee, or by the usual procedure, would debate the matter of each section, and it is presumed that the decision would represent the will of the majority.

The Government, however, decided to do more than this in order that a correct conclusion should be arrived at, and accordingly submitted it to a committee of Citizens for their criticism.

It must be recognized that it is impossible for all to be of one mind on every section. For instance:

- (1) Owners of houses will naturally object to being made responsible for all the taxes.
- (2) Ground landlords, whether resident or absentee, will not approve of the clauses dealing with Lease-holds.
- (3) Many people will think that the powers given to the Council to remedy the housing problem are altogether too large.
- (4) The people who do not want to pay any taxes will think the provisions for collecting taxes too severe. Those who always pay regularly will think them not strict enough. It is, therefore, evident that you cannot please everybody.

The members of the Board have endeavored to settle all these knotty points by one and the same method. They have asked, 'What is right and just?' 'What is best for the City as a whole?' and have formed their decision upon the

reply, so far as they could determine it.

I am of opinion that the Citizen's Committee and the Legislature will arrive very nearly at the same conclusions as the Board has done in regard to the Charter. In any case it is in their hands, and voting for or against the Board will have no effect upon the issue.

The Board has no opportunity yet to explain the Charter, and I am confident that when it is understood it will be approved. I have noticed that nearly all the criticisms that have been levelled at it are from individual and selfish view points, while the Charter was designed for the City as a whole, and it is as a whole we must learn to regard the City, if it is to be made a pleasant place to live in and one that we can be proud of.

Yours truly,
W. G. GOSLING.

June 20th, 1916.
You never hear of a poor old man marrying a rich young girl.

SHIPPING

The Prospero left Conche, going North, at 11 a.m. to-day.

The S.S. Setonia left Botwood yesterday for Cadiff with 2729 cords of pit props.

The Kyle's express with a number of passengers and the mails arrived here yesterday afternoon.

The schr. Olive May, Captain Housell, is ready to sail for Battle Hr. with salt and provisions for the Cape Charles Cooperative Coy., Ltd.

The S.S. Sisu left for the North at 10 a.m. to-day, taking a full freight and as passengers—E. Roberts, Mr. Hall, Miss A. Squires and 3 in second class.

Mr. John Kelly, the well known and respected wine and spirit dealer of the Cross Roads, Riverhead, died to-day after an illness of several months duration.

REID'S STEAMER REPORT.

Argyle to leave Placentia early this a.m. for West.
Clyde Left Lewisporte 3.20 p.m. yesterday.
Dundee left King's Cove 7.20 p.m. yesterday outward.
Ethie left Flower's Cove 7.15 a.m. Sunday going North.
Glencoe to leave Port aux Basques after arrival of Sunday's No. 1.
Petrel left Clarendville 9.35 a.m. yesterday.
Meigle leaving St. John's 6 p.m. to-day for Labrador.
Saguna north of Twillingate.

TRAIN REPORT.

Sunday's No. 1. left South Branch 8.20 a.m.
Yesterday's No. 1. left Gambo 7.15 a.m.
To-day's No. 1. leaving Port aux Basques after arrival of Lady Sybil.

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SUNDAY EXCURSIONS.

BOWRING PARK. First Train leaves West End Promenade at 2.15 p.m. and every hour during the evening.
TORS COVE. Train leaves St. John's Station at 2.00 p.m., and leaves Tors Cove returning at 7.30 p.m.

KELLOGGERS. Train leaves St. John's Station at 2.30 p.m., and leaves Kellogg's returning at 7.07 p.m.
(This Train will not stop at Waterford Bridge leaving St. John's).

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