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Meighen the Smasher.

ALL the world loves a good loser. That fact has never been appreciated by the Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, who was turned out of office by a vote that was a landslide, and by a feeling that was almost revolutionary.

The leader of the Conservative party spoke at Port Stanley on Wednesday of this week. He had a splendid attendance of Conservatives from a wide range of territory. It was a picnic occasion, and people had time to sit down and listen to what the ex-premier had to say. They were in a mood to take in his constructive plans for the future just as much as they were to listen to his harangue against the KING government. It was surmised that the occasion might be utilized by the Conservative chief to make some worth-while announcement, telling how the Tory engineers intended to go about the business of rebuilding the wrecked fortunes of the party. There was undoubtedly a feeling of anticipation that something of importance might be said, giving a glimpse of better things for the future.

Instead, what went forth to hear? Words piled upon words, vitriolic sentences, clamoring with cutting sarcasm, for first place in the tirade of abuse heaped upon the government at Ottawa. The MEIGHEN at Port Stanley was none other than the MEIGHEN, who has bent his every effort on one thing, and one thing only, ever since he was placed in opposition at Ottawa, viz., the bringing about of a division that might defeat or embarrass the government.

He has not been constructive at Port Stanley. He has been interested in party advantage first at Ottawa; he was interested in party advantage first in his speech at Port Stanley. It is an unfortunate thing for the people of Canada and for the Conservative party that the man now leading that party should be obsessed with one idea only, viz.: that of destruction. Mr. MEIGHEN is not a builder. According to his small vision, the one and only object of having an opposition at Ottawa is to smash; to prevent a government going ahead; to make it as hard as possible to attend to the business of the country. This opinion is verified by Mr. MEIGHEN's own words. Here is his own conception of his duty at Ottawa, taken word for word from his Port Stanley speech:

"Tell me of a single pledge this government made, and I will produce to you its broken fragments out of the sorry wreckage of seven lazy months."

As the apostle of destruction, Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN occupies a high place, and few there be who want to oust him from it. What a conception of the trust placed in him by his colleagues, and by those who elected him! Show me a pledge the government made, and I will show you the fragments!

To the Conservative leader it is nothing that the KING government cut millions from the estimates, made dismissals of both Liberals and Reformers from the department of militia and defence; it is a passing joke to him that the railway problem is being approached and handled in a way that is fearless, and carries only one aim, viz.: to make the road pay, or know the reason why; he suggested no improvement in the tariff measure brought down by Hon. W. S. FIELDING, and to him it was only an opportunity to frame up a resolution calling for a want of confidence vote, a resolution which, by the way, he probably had not the courage to move, but found Sir HENRY DRYDEN ready to do so, meekly seconded by the ex-premier; the idea of the great agricultural community of the west getting a reduction in grain rates against the efforts of the railways was probably a first-class bit of fun. Mr. MEIGHEN says so, and his every move bears out his own statement, that he lives for the one idea of taking the hide off any move made by the KING government. His excess carries him to the point of personal abuse in his every reference to the premier of the Dominion.

It is in the interests of the Dominion that the Conservative party should be organized with the idea of building up the Dominion. The Conservative party has been a factor in the past in the affairs of this country. It will look in vain for guidance, inspiration or leadership to the Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, for he does not possess these qualifications.

Memorial Parks.

SEVERAL municipalities started out some years ago with the idea of establishing soldier memorial parks. Unfortunately, the memory of the people dims the farther we move on from the dread days of 1914-18.

Some centers have done well. It is possible to notice here and there memorials of various sorts, monuments, tablets, parks and halls. Port Elgin had a joint session with Saugeen Council to consider what should be done there, and the turning of a commons into a park was the idea that had the most support. One citizen offered 100 trees, or more, if necessary; from another came the offer of flowers,

and so on, with offers of cash made as well.

At the entrance to the park would be built a memorial arch, bearing the names of the men who enlisted and those who fell. There is something in the idea of turning a vacant and unsightly commons into a public park that seems to be peculiarly adapted to the purpose of keeping alive the memory of our soldier dead, and honoring the services of those who returned. When a monument is erected, there public interest ceases. It stays as it is erected, and year after year it changes not.

When the desire to commemorate sacrifice finds expression in the building of a park where an eyesore existed, something better is done. A service to the community is performed, and year after year the people of that community are called upon to work in that park, to keep up the flower beds, to plan new beauty spots, and to accomplish these by working and planning together as a community.

The people of Port Elgin are showing good sense in the matter, and although they are a little late in starting, they are on the right path. Success to them.

Price Not Everything.

IT IS pointed out that although the western crop is the best since 1915, it will not mean so much in actual returns because prices are lower.

There is, no doubt, something in such a contention, but it's a poor way to look at things, considering the state of world trade in general. Russia starving, China quaking, Austria, Italy, Greece, and Rumania hardly knowing their next move, Ireland in civil war—Canada, at peace, on the way to financial recovery, free from calamity—looking at it in a big way, are our commiserations on prices going to crowd in ahead of our thanks and appreciation for what we have, and for where we are?

Planting Hate.

MINERS and their families are being evicted from many of the coal company houses in United States coal fields. They are in some cases living in tents, or finding what accommodation they can under the circumstances.

No matter whether the miners win their strike or lose their strike, there are prejudices and hates being aroused that will live long after the strike is over.

Children in these families—and there are many of them—know only one thing, viz.: that they were forced out of their home by the coal company. In this way there is placed in the mind of the child a feeling of hate and resentment toward the coal companies and organized industry in general. It is the most natural thing in the world that the sympathies of the children in such cases should be entirely with the troubles of their parents, and impressions received in childhood are lasting and hard to change in after years.

There are not simply a few isolated cases of this kind, but there are many of them all over the coal-bearing regions. Thus, as miners and operators battle, starve and suffer, as they throttle industry and choke trade, one of the saddest by-products of the struggle will be the hate and prejudice established and indelibly stamped on the minds of children who are evicted from their homes by the coal companies.

LITTLE 'TISERS

A while ago Germany was goose-stepping—now she's side-stepping.

A man broke his leg at a dance, but ought to be still good for a one-step.

Mr. DEMSEY is putting such a long space between fights that he is being referred to as the heavy-weight champion.

The young man used to look for a wife who could cook. Now he looks for one who can afford to pay for such things.

One of the first real steps toward a business revival will be taking the mourners' bench and putting it in the kitchen stove.

Some person rises to remark that the coal outlook is black. Others refer to it as blue, while some claim it's due to the agitation of the reds.

With so much news about the coal strike now, one doesn't know whether to put a new bottom in the ash sifter or buy a new handle for the axe.

It's setting a wild, reckless pace to live next door to a man who persists in keeping his lawn cut short and the edges trimmed like a new hair cut.

Now comes some critic to claim SHERMAN didn't say "War is hell," makes little difference, as there are plenty of others who will subscribe to the statement.

When the price of cigarettes went up, the smokers left them alone, which is a mighty sure indication that some young men have more value on their bank roll than on a package of cigarettes.

Importing Welsh coal may be an expensive business, but at the same time it would fill a real want, and at the same time show miners and operators alike that they haven't got the whole world by the neck.

Mr. MEIGHEN says we must see

there is a market in Canada for Canada's goods and Canada's brains. Excellent idea. Why then did Mr. MEIGHEN's party spend about \$100,000,000 on a fleet to carry Canada's commerce to the ends of the earth?

Dr. G. H. MILES, assistant director of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology, is reported as saying that some people cannot pat their heads with one hand while they make a circular movement with the other. Such people never make politicians.

CHIEF OF POLICE DICKSON of Toronto wants some arrangements made for spanking boys, so they'll grow up to be better men. No doubt the chief has looked at Tommy GUNTER and pictured what a fine man he might have turned out to be had he been well spanked as a youngster.

Some Conservative papers seem to think it wrong for PREMIER KING to express the hope that reciprocal trade relations may yet be worked out between United States and Canada. If the critics know of a better and a nearer and a richer market for our natural products, will they point it out?

The startling statement is made by THOMAS OLSEN of the Harris abattoir, Toronto, that Canadian bacon may be forced out of the British market. This trade reached the billion-pound mark in 1915, and is now not over one-tenth of that amount. The war may have spoiled the Canadian trade, because demand in those years was a more pressing factor than quality. Canada has no chance of passing off fat hogs on the British market in the form of bacon. The British want a certain well-defined sort of bacon, and if Canada won't supply it, other countries are looking for the chance.

NOAH'S POETRY

FOOLISH FOLKS.

I do delight to see some folks who dress themselves with greatest care, who's slick right from the boots they got until they reach unto their hair.

These people always live the best, they never seem to want nor fret, and any hang thing that they see they simply hop right off and get.

I often see the bills they pay, the size of them would bust my heart, it costs them heaps to keep a car, and ridin' in their new gas cart.

Then when it comes to summer time, and perspiration damps my dome, these folks fold up their tents, by heck, and beat it to their summer home.

And there they have their friends to feed upon their summer swamp estate, they hit the big spot for two months, and travel at a dizzy gait. And while these whippers are all gorm' on I pull the things on my jaw, and reckon if I did such things I'd soon be wallowed by the law.

They don't know how to strike a pace that looks in keeping with their wad—nor yet content these folks could be to come and dwell close to the sod.

They've got a mortgage six feet through that's pasted on to all they own, their summer place, garage and car, and every trinket in their home.

And yet there's heaps of folks what try, in all they'd make up quite a heap, to trail ten thousand bones a year with only thirty every week.

—NOAH.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

HERE WE HAVE ITEMS OF LOCAL AND DISTRICT INTEREST AS RECORDED IN THE ADVERTISER OF 1897.

AUGUST 11, 1897.

The position of the court crier has been filled and the minds of many applicants may now rest easy. Mr. Fleming, governor of the legal offices, was in the city on Saturday and expressed the opinion that it would be more conducive to justice and better service on the county constabulary force if the office of high constable and court crier were separated. Acting on this advice, Sheriff Cameron has appointed Mr. Benjamin Watterworth, who does duty as deputy sheriff. Mr. Watterworth's many friends will hear with pleasure of his appointment. Having been for a long time in the sheriff's office, it would be difficult to find one better qualified to fill the position.

Fred J. Loughheed of Sarnia, who won the mile and quarter-mile bicycle championship at Philadelphia last Friday, has joined the Quill Club of New York, and will make that place his home.

The garden party held last night on the grounds adjoining St. Mary's

Church was thoroughly enjoyable. It was in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and was largely attended. Among those present were Fathers Tiernan, McCormick and Noonan. Good music was furnished by members of the musical society band.

Mr. J. H. Hopkins of St. Thomas, president of the Photographic Association of Canada, was in the city yesterday to consult Secretary E. J. Burke regarding final arrangements for the fourteenth annual convention of the association. The convention will be held at the public library building, August 17 to 20, and promises to be of much interest not only to photographers but to all lovers of art.

Rev. Dr. Beaumont of this city, formerly of Parkhill, secretary for Canada and London (England) Society for Promoting Christianity Among the Jews, has just received a legacy of \$100 from the estate of the late Mrs. Labatt of this city. Mr. John Labatt and Miss Frances Labatt are the executor and executrix under the deceased lady's will.

CAUSES OF HEADACHES

O many people a headache is just an incident to be borne with patience and doped with powders and forgotten.

A headache is nature's warning of some physical defect. Taking powders to kill the pain is just like blowing your klieg on to drown the thunder of the approaching train as you try to cross in front of it.

The thing to do when you have a headache is to look for the real source and then remedy the ailment, which may be merely constipation or indigestion or lack of exercise and ventilation. In the first case, take a purge, give the stomach rest for a meal or two, then go slowly on the quantity of food eaten. If it's lack of exercise and fresh air, take a walk.

There are a dozen or so other ailments that may cause headache. Often it's difficult to locate the exact source of trouble.

U. S. Industrial Warfare

Soldiers Have Been Used in 15 of the 48 States in Connection With the Various Strikes.

THE PRESS of Britain is watching closely the industrial struggle going on in the United States. The Manchester Guardian publishes the following review of conditions, showing the extent to which troops have been used:

The country Puritans were hard on those who disagreed with them. They came to America to find a place where they could think and pray freely in their own way, but they did not believe in free speech or free thought for others. They killed the Indians and cut off Quakers' ears with a sense of righteous duty well beyond the pale of tolerance. Something of the old violent intolerance survives in America. Undoubtedly, too, the frontier tradition has much to do with it. Certainly nowhere else in the world is the industrial struggle so consistently and bitterly violent.

Violence is, of course, usually a sign of weakness, and the railroad strike just begun with such poor chance of success has more than its share. The first week of the strike left a record of two strikers killed, six strikers and 18 strike-breakers seriously wounded (and many more bruised and battered), and two strike-breakers' homes bombed. State troops have already been mobilized in connection with this strike in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas, Illinois, Missouri and New York—not, of course, throughout these states, but at junction points and near the railroad repair shops.

That is the situation as to soldiers today. If one were to imagine a constabulary, usually mounted and well armed, and the armed mine guards and "company detectives" the list would be still more appalling. Perhaps the extent to which the energy of American labor is burned out in these violent battles explains why in constructive statesmanship American labor is so far behind British labor.

READ YOUR CHARACTER

By Digby Phillips.

NO. 293—THE ARTISTIC TEMPERAMENT.

It depends upon just what you mean by an "artistic temperament" as to what indications you look for in a person's handwriting to determine whether or not he is blessed or cursed with it.

What is usually meant by the phrase is by no means an essential element in the make-up of the real artist. In fact, it is a question whether there are not more good artists in the world who have not this sort of "artistic temperament" than otherwise.

In its most pronounced form, of course, it is spurious. It is merely self-indulgence, weak will and carelessness masquerading under the name of art.

In its natural form it is a quality which often happens to be found in artists, but is also found in other people as well. It might best be described as a tendency not to take things too literally, and not to mean things too literally. It is a characteristic more fitting to the intuitive than to the slow and reasoning type of mind. It leads to the generous use of figures of speech. It is associated with sensitiveness and usually with refinement and a pretty

fair degree of mentality. It is, in short, something very close to the element of vivid imagination. You will find it indicated in handwriting by the hasty type of hand in which the first letters of a word are more or less well formed and the last ones slurred over. Generally, too, the letters are disconnected, the writing is not very heavy or greatly shaded, and the letters are rather small.

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LEARN A WORD EVERY DAY. TODAY'S word is—BADINAGE. It's pronounced, approximately, for the original French pronunciation has no exact English equivalent—bah-de-nah or -naj, with accent on the first syllable. It means—banter, playful raillery, pleasantry. It comes from—French "badiner," to joke. It's used like this—"Recent senatorial tariff discussion has degenerated from mere badinage into downright abuse."

Our Own Country

CANADA'S RECORD COW. Q.—What Canadian cow holds the world's record for both milk and butter in strictly official tests?

A.—Canada has the world's record for butter and milk test in DeKoi Plus Segis Dixie, owned by D. Raymond, Vaudreuil, Que., yielding in 1921 32,632 pounds of milk and 1,439 pounds of butter.

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