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SUICIDAL GENEROSITY

The mad extravagance to which Western cities are driven is the subject of a temperate and well-considered protest, entered by The Saskatoon Phoenix. The method adopted by the council of the progressive Saskatchewan city in its recent negotiations with the Quaker Oats company might reasonably arouse the indignation of The Phoenix, whose protest is not without a lesson for every one of the rapidly growing cities of the West. It has been made quite clear, says The Phoenix, that so far from attempting to arrive at an understanding with the company upon a basis of pure business the council was more concerned with procuring a bait of unreasonably generous concessions, so as to leave no doubt of the ultimate outcome of the negotiations.

As an illustration of the unreasoning eagerness of the city council to secure this new industry at any cost The Phoenix draws attention to the fact that, without any data which would enable them to arrive at the actual cost of the production of electric energy, they undertook to supply the company with power at three-quarters of a cent per kilowatt hour. After the agreement had been made it was thought that the rate was perhaps below cost and an appeal was made to the company to give their consent to an increase of the rate to one and a quarter cents per kilowatt hour. With sweet reasonableness which is not commonly characteristic of such concerns the Quaker Oats company consented to the increase of the rate.

A fixed assessment for twenty years is another feature of the agreement, and The Phoenix rightly protests against such concessions, as working hardships upon the taxpayers who must bear the burden from which this wealthy industrial concern is exempted. "There is," says this journal, "no municipal policy more vicious than that which aims at the creation of a class exempt from its just share of the responsibilities and obligations of citizenship, and if any agreements of this kind are entered into in the future, privileges with regard to taxation should be rightly excluded."

The blundering stupidity of the Saskatoon council is by no means a fault peculiar to that body. The rapid growth of the West and the competition for settlement and business would appear to have turned the heads of the members of almost every Western municipal body. The spread of the disease with which they are afflicted doubtless receives no little encouragement from the pernicious and all-prevailing influence of those real estate operators whose one object is the immediate gain to be derived from the enhancement of land values. It is unfortunately within the power of any municipality at any time to make a free gift to private corporations of that which belongs by right to the citizens of the future. New industries are thus secured by gifts which might better be characterized as thefts. The dealer in real estate quickly pockets his gain, the operator of the new industry rejoices at the gullibility of Western cities and grows prosperous, while the taxpayer of the future is left to "pay the piper."

It is unfortunate that the cities of the West have so little regard for their own best interests that they are unable to combine for the purpose of mutual protection.

FOR CLEANER ELECTIONS

The practice of "nursing" constituencies, which in England fills the place of the more direct forms of political bribery to be found elsewhere, will become a thing of the past if a bill, now before the House of Commons, receives the assent of that body.

The rigid enforcement of the laws directed against corrupt practices at elections and the requirement that each candidate shall render an itemized account of all expenditures made by him for the purposes of the campaign have given to Great Britain cleaner elections than are to be found in almost any other country. So far, however, the law has tolerated what is known as the "nursing" of constituencies, a form of indirect bribery which sometimes takes on the character of blackmail in which the candidate is the victim. So soon as his candidature is announced the aspirant for political honors becomes the legitimate prey of every organization in his constituency that lives by subscriptions. The candidate who has little principle and much money is not, of course, averse to spending freely in order to convince his constituents that he is "a good fellow." His opponent, whatever the state of his purse, is forced to approach as nearly as possible to the pace thus set.

Many people who are quite honest contribute to the evil by thoughtlessness. The candidate is regarded as legitimate prey for the subscription hunter and is besieged with requests which he is afraid to refuse lest he may be stigmatized as mean. Charitable organizations, literary societies, cricket, football and boating clubs and even churches, swoop down upon him like the vultures that blacken the sky after a day of carnage on the field

of battle, with the result that the conduct of a campaign in almost any constituency is much more expensive than would appear from the published statement of the candidate's "legitimate" expenses.

The proposed legislation should accomplish much good and might be expected to receive the more than willing support of a majority of the members of the House of Commons. Not only should it have the effect of giving cleaner elections, where a high standard has already been established, but it should also do justice to the political aspirant who, while blessed with the will and the ability to serve his constituency, is cursed with the poverty which in existing conditions places him under a serious handicap in a contest with a wealthy opponent.

EXTRAVAGANT TALK

From this distance it is difficult to account for or to excuse the extravagance of the language used by many of the British politicians who are prominent in the debate upon the question of home rule. Contracted at first by that Mad Mullah of the British Tory party, Sir Edward Carson, the disease has become epidemic and is infecting the minds of some of the more sober and sensible members of the opposition. The latest victim is the British Unionist leader, Mr. Bonar Law, of whom Toronto Saturday Night says that "Canadians who are proud of him as a talented fellow countryman would feel more secure in their admiration if he would use less extravagant language when dealing with such a question as home rule."

In a speech delivered recently, Mr. Bonar Law said that the passage of the home rule bill "would light the fires of a civil war which would shatter the Empire to its foundations." It is difficult to imagine that any intelligent man, even though he enjoyed the vital interest in this question felt by the inhabitants of Ulster, could imagine that its settlement either way could under any circumstances result in any such condition as that which Mr. Bonar Law predicts. The foundations on which the Empire rests are not of a material so fragile that they are likely to be shattered by the warring of a shillalah in Belfast or even by an incipient rebellion headed by so doughty a warrior as Sir Edward Carson. While a vote taken in Canada at the present time would probably reveal a large measure of sympathy with the cause of home rule, it is not likely that Canadians, or indeed the citizens of any one of the over-seas Dominions, would desire, even though it were in their power, to interfere in any way with the domestic concerns of Great Britain. Mr. Bonar Law insults them when he suggests that their loyalty may be affected by such influences.

It would appear to be a prevailing rule that the politicians who prate most of loyalty to the Empire are most distrustful of the existence of that sentiment elsewhere than in their own bosoms or in those of the gentlemen of the same political complexion. Mr. Bonar Law was one of the those who had the effrontery to hail the result of the last Canadian federal election as the salvation of the Empire from impending dismemberment. Now he has fallen victim to the delusion that the Empire, of whose might he delights to talk with many a rhetorical flourish, will be shattered to its foundations by a disturbance in Ulster. The assaults of the militant suffragists would seem to have broken the nerve of many of the British political leaders and made it impossible for them to approach the discussion of any public question save with the shrieks of hysteria.

THE CHURCH AND WAR

The duty of the churches in face of the wild talk of the possibility of war is set forth in a most impressive manner in the following editorial, which appeared in a recent issue of The Toronto Globe. The subject was suggested by the recent protest of Professor Jordan of Queen's University, against the flippant talk of the prospect of war with Germany and may well call for the careful perusal of many militant ministers of the gospel. The Globe says:

"The churches of today in Canada, in Britain, and in Germany are being tested and their real character is being put to the proof in this clash of ideals between Christianity and paganism. The greed, the selfish ambition, and the bigoted jealousy on both sides that make appeal to strife and brute force are, in the nations as in their individual citizens, alike in spirit and in purpose, both 'barbaric and godless.' They are more remote from the Sermon on the Mount and from the teaching of Jesus and Paul than are the diabolical imprecations of the Jews against the daughter of Babylon: 'Happy shall he be that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us; that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.' In that hell of paganism and hate they still live who today, in Germany, or in Britain, or in Canada, desire war or provoke the prejudices and enmities that tend to make war inevitable.

"But it is needful, urgently needful, that the prophets of the church do more than believe, and hope, and pray that war be averted. The watchmen on the towers must warn. The preachers of righteousness must give their lives to answer their own prayers. They must denounce the agencies that selfishly or blindly exploit the war scares. They must burn through the refuges of lies set up by the war syndicates, and the armor-plate lobbyists, and the militarist jingoes who in every capital of the world play the war game with dice loaded for their own advantage. And they must preach with new earnestness and assurance the message of Christ to the foreign office and to the admiralty, and to the parliament of the nations—the message not of a suppliant and craven spirit, but of an honest diplomacy, and of a national ideal which will make unselfish service of all humanity the supreme standard of the new Imperialism.

To be indifferent to justice in international affairs, and to back up a preposterous diplomacy with the pagan gospel of Dread, says the thing would be monstrous, hideous, barbaric, mother nations in Europe.

TROUBLES IN EDMONTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Petition Circulated Asking For Resignation of Medical Health Officer

Sanitary Condition of City Said to be Unsatisfactory Condition

Edmonton, Aug. 9.—On the ground that the medical health officer, T. H. Whitelaw, is failing entirely to perform the functions of his office to any degree of satisfaction either because of incompetency or disinclination, and that the board of health has not given and is not giving time and attention to the conditions of the city as demanded by conditions, a petition is being circulated at this time calling upon the city council to make a change in the personnel of the head of the health department and to likewise request the resignation of the members of the board of health, who are appointed. These steps are taken by citizens as a last resort to get certain undesirable conditions eliminated after all other efforts have been in vain.

The petition is self-explanatory. It is as follows: "Whereas, the sanitary condition and the general cleanliness of the city of Edmonton is anything but what it should be, and in innumerable instances a disgrace, and "Whereas, the medical health officer and board of health have failed to take any steps to improve the sanitary conditions of the city, and "Whereas, the public health is being endangered by the unsatisfactory condition of the city, and "Whereas, the petitioners are convinced that a change of personnel in the department of health would be to the general welfare of the city; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, that we, the undersigned, do petition your honorable body to make a change in the personnel of the office of medical health officer as quickly as is practicable; and, further, be it

"Resolved, that the petitioners request the appointed members of the city board of health to tender their resignations forthwith."

Robertson's Wrapped Lady Caramels, regular 40c pound. Special 30c
Assorted Chocolates, regular 40c pound. Special 30c
Fudge, regular 40c pound. Special 25c
Cowan's Milk Chocolate Cof. fee Drops, regular 60c. Special 50c
Mott's Nut Milk Chocolate Bars, four for 15c
Grocery Phone 6131

CHANCELLER LLOYD GEORGE MAY BOLT LIBERALS TO LEAD LABORITES

London, Aug. 9.—That Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd George will bolt from the Liberal camp and accept the leadership of a new progressive party, including the Labor and Socialists, is the growing belief among politicians. J. Keir Hardie, the veteran Socialist leader, gave expression to this belief when he said in a speech at Newton Abbot that the battle which is going on in the cabinet over the question of naval expenditure may "end in such a development as to give the Labor party a new leader and a new following which may make all the difference to the history of England."

Keir Hardie, challenged as to whether the means Lloyd George refused to go any further than to say he preferred to allow the potential new leader to remain a dark horse, but everybody knew that he did mean the chancellor. Lloyd George scored a temporary victory in preventing the Earl Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill appropriating more than \$2,000,000 for his supplementary naval estimates, but it is believed he cannot hold out against the demands of the Conservative and the Socialists. The more moderate of these have gotten tired of the extremists' domination of the trades unions and would gladly unite under such a leader as the chancellor. It is understood that official advances toward this end already have been made, but at present neither Lloyd George nor the Labor party will make any statement.

NO MORE OBJECTIONABLE ADVERTISING ALLOWED

Chief of Police at Zurich Warns Newspapers Regarding Advertisements

Geneva, Aug. 9.—The chief of police at Zurich has just formed a special branch to supervise and control advertisements in the newspapers and the walls of the town. The newspaper managers have received a notice stating that in future no objectionable advertisements will be allowed. The notice is included in announcements relating to hair restorers, complexion beautifiers, etc., etc., will be permitted to be published. This step, which will probably lead to an interesting investigation, is the result of the publication in the local papers of many objectionable advertisements.

Sloth and silence are a fool's virtues, says Poor Richard, so he not blather to you, but tell you that you will soon suffer the fruits of your folly; neither be silent, but speak often and briefly through the Want Ad of your ability for a better position.

HOW ECONOMICALLY YOU CAN SHOP AT THIS STORE, WE TELL TODAY

WHILE little prices play a most important part of what's doing at the big store today, far more important is the fact that every item in the list is Hudson's Bay Standard which means that you may thoroughly depend on service and satisfaction. People have come to expect these occasional opportunities at the Bay and today is one of the best.

Dress Goods Savings That Will Set Women Talking

To tell you that we have never at any time offered better values in fine quality dress materials is in itself sufficient to create widespread enthusiasm. But worthy of special emphasis is today's offering, coming as it does when women are on the watch for just such economy news. The only regret is that the quantity is not large—eleven pieces altogether.

You can procure a dress length of all wool materials in this season's newest fabrics for \$2.00, that would cost you in the ordinary way from \$5.00 to \$8.00. The saving is too good to miss. An early visit is important. Regular \$1.25 to \$1.50 a yard. Today 50c

We'll "Deal Out" 25c Playing Cards Across the Counter at 15c a Pack

Goodall's Imperial Playing Cards. Any person who knows anything about cards will tell you that these are the highest standard of quality. And half the game is in playing with smooth, well-finished cards. At today's price we'll deal you a winning hand.

Many will wonder at the sharp reduction on such a well known make. This we are keeping to ourselves. The most important to you is the price—practically two packs for the price of one. Goodall's Imperial Cards are known throughout the world as the standard of quality. Lay in a supply for the long winter evenings now. Usually sold everywhere at 30c a pack. Today 15c

Candy Specials Treat Yourself Today

These weekly specials from this popular section of the big store are becoming extremely popular with Calgarians with a tooth for sweets. These for today:

Grocery Phone 6131

A Notable Sale of Dainty Lingerie Party Dresses

The collection, our regular stock, includes dainty Lingerie and Voile Dresses, charming creations for evening wear for fall and winter, afternoon teas and other social functions, graduation and dinner gowns. American and New York models that must be seen to be appreciated. Here's a partial description of four picked at random from the lot on sale today.

A pretty creation in voile in heavy Macrame and filet lace with touches of American beauty red. An all over embroidery gown in the new one-sided effect poke-a-boo embroidery and many other charming and delightful creations. All have been reduced for today after the following fashion. \$10.00 dresses, \$7.95; \$15.00 dresses, \$11.95; \$19.00 dresses, \$14.95; \$25.00 dresses, \$19.95; and so on.

95c Should Make an End to These \$1.50 Wash Skirts

We haven't given such values in Ladies' Wash Skirts this season, nor have we heard of better values offered at any time.

Women's colored Wash Skirts, in black and white duck, natural Holland linen and natural colored lawn. Not a great quantity, but in good range of sizes. Made in plain and attractive tailored styles. Regular value \$1.50. Today 95c

Coat and Suit Sale Continues Every Serge Suit and Coat - Half Price

Today women can choose from our entire stock of smart Cream Serge Suits and Coats at exactly half the original price. Just imagine the saving to those who are planning a new suit or coat for this season. We have never offered such an exceptional bargain from this popular section in months. All are fashioned in best styles and beautifully finished inside and out.

Mostly plain tailored styles with a few novelty effects, such as cream corduroy and fine cream serges with blue stripe and cream with red, stripes. The suits run:

One, size 36, regular \$30.00 for \$15.00

One, size 36 regular \$22.50 for \$11.25

One, size 16, regular \$35.00 for \$17.50

Five, sizes 18 36 and 28 regular \$85.00 for \$42.50

One, size 36 regular \$39.00 for \$19.50

The Coats run as follows:

Two cream rifle black stripe, sizes 36 and 40; original price \$15.00. Sale price \$7.50

Three Coats, sizes 36 and 40, regular \$43.00. Sale price \$21.50

One Coat, in size 36; regular \$21.00. Sale price \$10.50

Child's Lisle Sox

Lay in a supply of these for the little tot at today's price—two pairs for the price of one.

6 dozen only children's Colored Lisle Hose in pink, tan and sky; sizes 4 to 12. Regular, 15c. Today 7-12c

Child's Sunshades

Won't the little girl be proud with one of these cute little Sunshades. Mother can get them today at big savings.

Fancy figured designs in pink, sky, green, mauve, etc. Regular values up to 75c. This morning 25c

35c Ladies' Neckwear 25c

It is an uncommonly wide and varied collection of the newest effects, and for this reason it is important for women to see them. At today's price women will stock up for future wear as well as for present.

Dutch Collars, Jabots, Sail or Collars, in new and pretty effects, in linen, muslin, Swiss lawn trimmed with Swiss embroidery, and a wide range of pretty embroidery collars. Regular 35c. Today 25c

100 Ingrain Rugs To Be Swept Out at Generous Savings Today

What glad tidings this news will bring to those housekeepers who have a room they want to add a handsome rug to. Greens, browns, crimsons, blues, tans, and remember that in each and every case today's price is much lower than regular Hudson's Bay marking, but qualities are high. Hudson's Bay prices are low always. Today they are lower than usual. Listen!

Size 2-1-2x3, regular \$10.50. Sale price \$6.95
Size 3x3, regular \$12.00. Sale price \$7.50
Size 3x3-1-2, regular \$14.50. Sale price \$9.50
Size 3x4, regular \$16.00. Sale price \$11.75
Size 3-1-2x4-1-2, regular \$18.75. Sale price \$13.75

WE EXPECT A SCRAMBLE FOR THESE JAPANESE MATS TODAY

On a previous occasion when we announced a sale of Japanese stenciled mats, as many Calgarians would remember, we were swamped—couldn't begin to supply the demand. Today we have exactly 300 and considering we have reduced them less than half their regular price, we advise early morning shopping.

Oriental colorings and designs, suitable for halls, bedrooms, etc.; 36 inches by 65. Regular 55c. Today only 30c

EXTRA!

Roses' Lime Juice

A cool, healthy and refreshing beverage that should be used in every home. A quantity to clear today at the following reductions:

Regular 40c size, special 20c

Regular 50c size, special 30c

Regular 75c size, special 45c

Liquor Phone 1944

Choose From Hundreds of New Hatpins at 5c

We have just opened up a special shipment of the newest ideas in hat pins from fashionable France. As an introductory offering we have marked them extremely low.

They come in a wide variety of new and pretty effects in gilt and bronze or silver chased or set with stones, also in dull or polished cut jet. Today, each 5c

Child's Bibs

These bibs are well made, of good quality cloth and rubber and are completely waterproof, clean and sanitary. Prices 10c and 15c

Short Prices on These Long Silk Lisle Gloves

At all times this store is known to excel in its glove stocks. Today we are specializing on these long Silk Lisle Gloves. It is a most seasonable offering, for women will need these right now to protect their arms from the wind and sun.

Flown's Fine Silk Lisle Gloves, perfectly made and finished; 2 dome fasteners, in black and white and in all sizes; 12-button length, today 85c
16-button length, today \$1

Sizes 27x64, regular \$1.00. Sale price 70c
Sizes 30x72, regular \$1.50. Sale price \$1.10

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