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FOSTER, HAZEN AND CARVELL

In its review of the cabinet changes at Ottawa the Financial Post, with a brutal disregard for the feelings of the St. John Standard, says that Sir Robert Borden "will make a very bad mistake if he does not take advantage of the shuffle to move Foster from the Department of Trade and Commerce."

WEALTH CONSCRIPTION

"This is a time of sacrifice for all. The man who gives his life at the front gives all that he has. But the man who gives every cent of profit he has made out of the war gives nothing at all."

THE TEST OF DEMOCRACY

Canadian democracy is on trial. If it cannot put an end to profiteering and prevent unnecessary increase in the cost of living; if it cannot protect the interests of the poorer people, upon whom falls the greater burden of the war; if it cannot secure something like equality of service and sacrifice on the part of all classes—then it ought to perish.

The problem is not merely up to the government, but to the people. Food Controller Hoover has put the issue very clearly before the people of the United States, where conditions are much the same as in Canada. He says:

"One looming shadow of this war is its drift toward Socialism. For the gigantic sacrifices of life the world is demanding a sacrifice of property. We will surely drift to that rocky coast unless we can prove the economic soundness and willingness for public service of our commercial institutions. It is worth while examining the developments in Russia from this point of view. There no practical or effective form of commercial regulation or distribution was undertaken. In consequence of speculation, profiteering, and failure in commerce to serve public interests, the condition of the industrial classes became so intolerable as to steam the hotbed of revolution. Justifiable as great a cause of liberty as it may result, no one can deny that the whole trend of this revolution has been Socialistic, and the latest phase is a development into practical Socialism. This strain in the revolution, I am convinced from much experience in Russia, was the reaction from failure of the government and the commercial classes to meet their public duty."

"The other end to be attained is of profound importance. The alternative to failure of our commercial system to maintain its place and at the same time serve public interest, is rigid autocratic governmental organization of industry of the German type. Such organization is autocracy itself—it breeds bureaucracy and stifles initiative, and thus democracy, at its birth. We must organize—we must mobilize—our every national energy if we are to win this war against the organization perfected by autocracy. Either we must organize from the top down or from the bottom up. One is autocracy itself—the other democracy. If democracy cannot organize to accomplish its economic as well as its military defence, it is a false faith and need be abandoned.

"The food administration has appealed to the commercial community to march with it to an organization democratic in its inspiration and vital to our defence. If we succeed we shall have assisted, our commercial institutions to their own stability in after years, and beyond this they will have proved that democracy is a faith worthy of defence."

The Toronto Globe regards Mr. Hoover's remarks as a warning to Big Business, and declares that the Big Interests are definitely on trial. If the leaders of finance, commerce and industry fail to accept their very grave personal responsibility, and furnish "an example of patriotism in keeping with their power and opportunities," carrying on their enterprises "in the spirit of public service," a dangerous social unrest will arise.

ly to blame, for it had the power, as the instrument of Canadian democracy, to challenge the profiteers and very largely put them out of business. The new government must take up the task, and if it also fails the next parliament will have to apply the remedy.

March passed in sullen deadlock in the tense and grewsome game. Move and counter-move in order left war's chess board still the same. Hindenburg somewhere in Flanders, moved his bishop, king and pawn, vainly striving for a "checkmate," while a breathless world looked on. Came the day, the sixth of April, when the news reached Strayfoot's ear "Woodrow Wilson signs the war bill, U. S. troops will soon be here. While a southerner heard the news with worried frown, "Where, oh, where, is Pete McGinnis? Will he ever settle down?" Suddenly, the fog banks lifted and the Germans got the range. Then, from weeks of trench stagnation, came a swift and tragic change. Bursting shell and poisoned gases for the Teutons cleared a path. Swept the field and choked the trenches with the victims of their wrath. "Retreat," the order sounded, sharp above the shrillness of the whine. "Each man out and take your chances, till you reach the second line." At about this time in Kansas, somewhere in a little town, A moth prayed that Strayfoot would come home and settle down.

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Holding His Own Rodney, who was six years old, and small for his age, made his first appearance at school one bright Monday morning, entering the schoolroom just as the bell rang, and plunging himself down in the first vacant seat that caught his eye. After the opening exercises were over, the teacher came to his seat and sat down by him. "My dear," she said, "what is your name?" "Rodney Halpin," he answered. "What year are you in?" "I am in the second year, sir," he replied. "Five, goin' on six," he declared at the firmness of his reception. "How old are you?"

Slight Persuasion "Did I understand you to say that this lad voluntarily offered to playing truant?" asked a school attendance officer, addressing the mother of a small and dirty boy. "Yes, sir, he did," the woman responded. "I just had to persuade him a little and then he told me the whole thing voluntarily."

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HOW STRAYFOOT SETTLED DOWN

"Strayfoot" was his title, Pete McGinnis was his name. Got his title from the home folks in the old town whence he came. Saw some service on the border, once he'd crossed the Rio Grande. When the greasers started trouble in that hell-infected land. Feeling there to ease the hunger of his vagrant soul, to roam. Got discharged and paid up to the old folks back at home. Stayed a single day, then drifted from the quiet Kansas town, and his people sighed and wondered if he'd ever settle down.

Like a festered scar, set deeply, in the troubled face of France, Stretched a trench where weary "pollus" waited orders to advance. Gray the day and gray the spirits of the men who formed the line, Naught but hope for France and freedom kept their faces to the Rhine. Caked with mud, his beard in stubble, gone his old time smile and brag, Strayfoot's heart ached for a vision of his country and his flag. Meanwhile gossips back in Kansas in a little crossroad town, Wondered at his prolonged absence—wondered if he'd settled down.

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Strayfoot did not hear the order, or, if he heard, did not heed. For his eyes were on the trenches coming on with quickened speed. With his automatic popping through the smoke's confusing veil, Sought to stem the awful torrent of that engulfing hail. Two hours later, cheering pollus, winning back their precious ground, Stumbled on the lone defender, bleeding from a fatal wound. And they wired, at his dictation, to a little Kansas town, "Stopped the bunch I've settled down."

Out in Kansas, where the sunflowers and the bluebonnets grow, Where the prairie schooners rumbled o'er the trails of long ago, One today may hear the rattle of the army trucks and vans, And the tread of brown-clad troopers as they train to fight in France. Some day, in the golden distance, when the word shall be at once, And the strident voice of Justice shall command this war to cease, We will take the time to linger in a little Kansas town, And hear again the story of "How Strayfoot Settled Down." —Will Ferrell in the St. Louis Republic.

LIGHTER VEIN The Curator's Part The difference, not merely of degrees but of kind, which is supposed to separate the English rector from the inferior order of curates, is amusingly exemplified in the following. Referring to his parish after his autumn holiday, a dignified country clergyman, noticing a woman at her cottage door with a baby in her arms, asked: "Has the baby been baptised?" "Well, sir," replied the curtsying mother, "I shouldn't like to say as much as that, but your young man came and did what he could."

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St. John, N.B., Oct. 15, 1917. To the Editor of the Times: Sir,—I read with a good deal of amusement the remarkable effusion of the farmer in your paper this evening. Mr. Sheehan in your paper this evening in answer to Mrs. Lawlor. He says the time I beg to differ with him right there, for the farmer, while an important individual, he's only part of the picture. The whole picture is certainly ignorance with Mrs. Lawlor that the farmers are, and have been for some time, holding up the consumer for not only large but extortionate profits. I personally know of three farmers who have in their own cellars at the present time a story of a certain milk can containing a quart of butter for the whole lot, to the value of at least 75 cents going to hold his lot for at least 75 cents. Poor innocent farmers, my only wish is that it may spoil on their hands. Mr. Sheehan tries to blame the cold storage plants for all the soaring prices. Then why does the consumer bring to town say a carcass of beef, ask 18 to 18 cents per pound for the whole lot, to the value of at least 75 cents. The retailer, must ask 35 cents for the steak. Then, in regard to milk, he gives as the reason for the charge of 12 cents per quart the excessive cost of feed. Since we put up with the farmers given their cows feed during the season of good pasturage and this year it has been better than for many years past. I have been on many farms at different times during this summer and fall, and have always noticed the cows brought from the pasture, milked and driven back to pasture again without getting any feed at all, and they were sleek and contented cattle, too. I remember a story of a certain milk man Frederick a few years ago when feed went skywards who immediately raised the price of milk on that account. When a year later feed went back to normal he was asked if he was not going to sell his milk at the old figure, as feed was cheap again. Oh, no, said he, that doesn't make any difference as we don't give our cows any feed at this time of year, any way. Again there is a farmer in the Eastern townships, Quebec, who runs a dairy farm and at the present time delivers his milk to his customers for 7 cents per quart and the highest grade milk at that, not the poor watery stuff we put up with under a false name. I prefer condensed milk in my coffee which I get most everywhere for 18c net per tin, or two for a quarter. I would also prefer good margarine any time to much of the rancid grease that sells under the name of butter in St. John. W. HUMPHREY. NOTE:—Both sides having been heard, this controversy is now ended. EDITOR TIMES.

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