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THE NEEDS OF ST. JOHN.

One cannot help realizing that any discussion that takes place with regard to the needs of the port of St. John, is after all, more or less academic. Nothing ever seems to come of it. Periodically the matter comes up in one way or other, is pretty well ventilated, and it is agreed that so-and-so should be done, that St. John has great possibilities and from a national standpoint is of considerable importance as an ocean terminus, and so on, and there it stops, until some other occasion arises and the same performance is repeated. This sort of thing, however, gets us no nearer the solution of the problem at regular recurring intervals for years past, and in the meanwhile, anything that is urgently needed, the citizens have to do for themselves.

It is impossible for any man, or group of men, of ordinary intelligence to come down here and look over the situation and have explained to them the great factor this port is in the trade and commerce of this country, and the need that exists for extending its facilities, without being convinced that the demands which our citizens make on this port's behalf are absolutely justified. There cannot be the slightest doubt that every visiting Senator on Saturday voiced his honest convictions when they all agreed the claims of the City were entitled to every consideration. A couple of years ago, we had a similar visit from some thirty members of the House of Commons, who were shown around the port and the requirements of the port pointed out to them, and they all expressed their cordial approval. Minister after Minister who has paid us a visit has undergone the same treatment, and they all express their sympathetic concurrence with the city's aspirations. But it all ends there; we get no further. We scan the Public Works estimates at the ensuing session of Parliament and find nothing of any material consequence included for developments in St. John harbor, excepting for Courtenay Bay, which is under contract and must be taken care of. At the same time, we always find that Vancouver, Montreal, Quebec and Halifax are pretty well taken care of. And then we ask ourselves, Why? And we wait in vain for an answer.

When any request is made for some more favorable treatment St. John is accused of being selfish and sectional. No more unjust or unfounded accusation was ever made. St. John is asking for improvements to be made for purely national reasons. As one of the two winter ports of Canada, and the one through which about four-fifths of the freight traffic is handled, it is just as much to the advantage of the whole country as it is to the City itself, that its shipping facilities should be as adequate as possible. The greater these facilities are, the greater will be their usefulness to the country, and the development and the care of its commerce. The facilities we have now are in infinitely in excess of what is wanted to take care of local needs; we are not asking for anything to better our own conditions; we are simply asking that we be treated with the same generous consideration as every other port in Canada, without exception, is treated, for national reasons.

We are advised to "get together," and point out to the people of the Western Provinces the benefit of co-operation between East and West. That sort of thing sounds very nice, but it doesn't work in practice. For another thing, why should the people of these Maritime Provinces, the Provinces which were the cradle of Confederation, go last in hand to the newcomers of Western Canada as supplicants for consideration which is theirs as a matter of right? If there is any sectionalism in Canada, the last Dominion election shows where it is to be found. We have seventy odd members sent to Parliament to push the interests of the residents of a particular portion of the country, absolutely without regard to the possibly conflicting interests of the other parts, and if necessary, in defiance of them.

As long as this spirit flourishes, it is idle to expect any practical co-operation between the different parts of the Dominion. The country is so vast in extent, that the interests of the various portions of it are bound to be diverse in character; and there is unfortunately not enough of the spirit of give and take to bring about a better condition of affairs.

The ultimate disposition of Mr. Cohen's millions will not be an interesting as the money of just how he got them would be.

The unexpected husband always has an answer ready that it is his wife who is doing the wrong thing.

THE CRITICAL MOMENT AT GENOA.

The proposal, attributed to the Italian entente and presumably inspired by Czechoslovakia, to adjourn the Genoa Conference for perhaps six months, evidently takes its failure for granted and may be inspired by the hope of carrying on its work after certain formidable obstacles have been cleared away. There were two great and difficult tasks before the Conference, the establishment of relations with Russia and the negotiation of a peace pact, and both of these seem for the present blocked. But upon these depends the value of the useful technical work upon financial and economic questions accomplished by the commissions of specialists. Their reports embody much sound advice, but Europe cannot possibly make use of it unless it takes the necessary steps. To break off now with no provision for meeting again would leave the work of the experts in the air as after the Conference of specialists held in Brussels in 1920; for reconstruction there must be a political foundation. Both parts, however, of the great plan intimated by Lloyd George for the political reconstruction of Europe seem to be blocked by the attitude of France. The tactics of Premier Poincaré are now revealed and are skillfully contrived to make battle all that has been done at Genoa. Negotiations with Russia are blocked at a single point, but that point, the title to foreign property in Russia, is delicate and vital. Premier Poincaré takes his stand on the ground of supporting Belgium, but this diplomatic manoeuvre will impose on nobody.

Similarly while supporting the peace pact in principle, France refuses it in fact by imposing conditions and by making reservations which would destroy its value. It insists that Russia be included while taking a stand that blocks the negotiations with Russia. And on the other hand it claims for itself the right to invade German territory on the plea of enforcing the treaty of Versailles, a demand insistence on which would destroy all hope of settled peace, restored confidence and the progressive disarmament for which the agreement against aggression is intended to prepare the way.

To what lengths the Poincaré ministry is prepared to press its opposition at these two vital points will be shown when Lloyd George has conversed with Vice Premier Barthoin, returning from Paris with fresh instructions. We may take with reserve the words at Genoa about the formation of new groupings by which France would be threatened with isolation. Long ago Lloyd George could have formed a powerful combination against France had that been his aim, but what he has sought and still seeks is to bring a reassured France into a reunited Europe along with Germany and Russia; a new hostile grouping would raise the old problem in a new and perhaps aggravated form. It is quite certain, however, that his ideal of a real peace, reconciliation, and a reduction of armaments has made a deep impression at the Conference as well as in Europe at large. It offers Europe incomparably more than the French ideal of a big French army and a subdued Germany; on the material as well as on the moral side France is put on the defensive when it stands in the way of the reconstruction that Europe needs and desires. Moral pressure, at least, Mr. Barthoin will certainly meet at Genoa.

There can be very little doubt, we think, that were the punishment for murder sententious for life, instead of death, there would have been no disagreement among the jury in the Paris case. The evidence adduced was sufficient to make every one who heard it morally certain that he is the guilty man, but there is just that one little link missing in it which is necessary to clinch the guilt on him. When the death sentence is passed and carried out, it is too late to rectify any mistake, and any jury may well be excused if they hesitate to send a man to the gallows while any actual proof of guilt is lacking. They probably would have little hesitation in bringing in a verdict of guilty if any error that might have been made could be rectified hereafter.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor intervened on Saturday to the farmers of the country as a class whose loyalty and patriotism was surpassed by no other portions of the community. As long as His Honor refers to farmers, no one will want to quarrel with his advice; but it is his duty to include the class of small proprietors who, call themselves farmers, there is a large element of the people who will not be influenced by his advice.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

A Tale of Two Countries.

(Baltimore Sun.)
Cohen's career, in a certain aspect, matches Lady Astor's. He made himself a political power in a foreign land, and he returned to his own to convert his hereditary blacksmith's shop into a castle. A hand-knig, perhaps, but still a being. At all events, he was no worse than the towns which crowned him, and his life is the story of a great adventure which the Old and the New World have been curiously linked together.

Genoa Must Not Fail.

(Providence Journal.)
The Genoa conference must not fail. Its responsibilities are too solemn, too vast, to be evaded. Hatreds and prejudices must give way to a statesman-like view of the needs of Europe. The Continent is on the edge of chaos. If the delegates go home without having made real progress toward a general adjustment they will invite a dangerous mood of discouragement and rootlessness among the peoples whom they set out to serve.

Good Walking Weather.

(Indianapolis News.)
Physicians say that walking is the perfect type of exercise. It calls almost every muscle of the body into play and brings a pleasant reaction if indulged in moderation. One reason so many people tire easily is that they do not walk more. Another reason is the lack of preparation for a walk. Few things are more beneficial than walking across country in the spring. It builds up the body and provides the exercise that so many need.

Newspaper Reputations.

(Springfield Republican.)
As scholarship has become more specialized, it is natural that the reputation of a newspaper should not be widely known to the public. Nor is this condition confined to learning. In art, in engineering, in medicine, in various branches of science, even in the less popular sports, many men are regarded as experts by those who know, yet their names are unfamiliar to the public. Reputations of men of talent or serious accomplishment cannot be measured by the frequency with which their names appear in the headlines.

Faith in the League.

(London Daily News.)
Mr. Lloyd George has declared sensibly enough that the conference at Genoa, before it can usefully discuss disarmament, must create a peaceful atmosphere by settling the causes of disagreement which led to war. He might have added, had he been so disposed, that an efficient instrument is already available both to remove disagreements and to organize disarmament. The constitution of the League of Nations provides for the very penalties and guarantees the lack of which must destroy the solid effectiveness of a treaty understanding such as the British Prime Minister desires.

"Now is the Time for All Good Men"

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)
The time to save Russia from hopeless ruin is very emphatically at hand. Lenin realizes this, and the astute Tchitcherin recognizes it. Money from afar is absolutely necessary in Russia. The Moscow printing presses are preparing to issue Government notes of the denomination of 100,000,000 rubles. A one hundred million-ruble note will be worth about \$25. You cannot get very far with money of this kind. Even if Lenin takes to issuing million-ruble notes he will still feel the necessity of dollars, sovereigns, francs and lire. And short of making a public acknowledgment of the need of help, the Dominion is ready to do almost anything to get them.

The Cattle Embargo.

(London Times.)
During the last thirty years there has been a large relative decrease in the number of cattle in Great Britain compared with the increase of the population. It is clear that England, Scotland and Wales cannot at present produce all the cattle that are required for the home market, and the necessity of importing Canadian cattle will help in restoring the number of herds in Great Britain to the level of a large supply of healthy cattle within reach of the farmers. By supporting the recommendations of the Royal Commission the House of Commons will at one and the same time be carrying out the pledge given to Canada by Lord Balfour, former Minister of Agriculture, and complying with a wish which the Dominion has much at heart, without in any way injuring the prospects of farming interests in this country.

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Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Ma was in the kitchen yesterday afternoon making a cake for the Dawsters of Clonpatern, saying, O dear I hope it will turn out all right, the ladies of the Passover Community are so fussy. Giving me a Moor, and I thought, G. K. who thinks it is so funny or anything she won't give it to the Dawsters of Clonpatern and we'll eat it home instead.

And when she started to smear the icing on it I said, Well, hey, ma, in case it has a funny taste you better let me try it first.

A funny taste, the idea, we should it have a funny taste? said ma, the cake is perfectly all right, we shouldn't it be all right?

Sure, ma, only you better let me taste it first and then if it is all right you won't have anything more to worry about, I said, and ma said, Don't be silly, do you suppose I can offer the ladies of the Passover Community a cake with a piece out?

Well G. K. ma, you don't you cut me off a little slice before you put the icing on, and then you can tell the space with icing and nobody won't notice it just like a fault tooth, I said, and ma said, Switch a comparison, O well, I would like to know if it tastes all right, just for my own piece of mind. And she cut off a little skinned slice and gave it to me to try. With I did, saying, Holy amoska, ma, there is something funny about it.

Well? Nonsense, how dare you say such a thing, I notice you didn't leave a crumb of it, I know what you're after, you want the cake for yourself, well you're not smart enough for me, in the original lady Sherlock Homes, said ma.

And she filled the space with icing, me thinking, O well, I had the first slice anyway.

THE LAUGH LINE

It takes a wise man to know the difference between opportunity and a gambler's chance.

One way to keep a friendship is to return it.

Quite the Reverse.
"A man isn't so apt to be about his age as a woman, but he even up the score when telling about his salary," remarks an exchange. True, but he rarely understands his salary as a woman does her age.

Curious to Know.
"An about the sun an' moon an' stars bein' millions an' millions of miles away—I wish you'd tell me who went an' measured 'em what he stood on while he done it."—New York Sun.

Not to Be Trusted.

A little boy repeatedly arrived late at school. One day the headmaster said to him:
"Next time you are late, I'd like you to bring an excuse from your father."
"I don't want to bring an excuse from father," said the boy.
"Why not?"
"He's no good at them. Mother always finds him out."

Quite a Variety.

Tourist (in village notion store)—"Whaddya got in the shape of automobile tires?"
Saleslady—"Funeral wreaths, life preservers, invalid cushions and doughnuts."—Life.

Trials of Youth.

Johnny—I had to believe in Santa Claus for pa and now I have to go to the circus for him.—New York Herald.

But Only One Commission.

"I received two orders today," wrote a canvasser to the publishing firm, "one for a set of Dickens and the other to get out."

Learning the Depth.

A naval recruit was heaving the lead.
"What water have you got?" asked the officer of the watch.
There was no reply.
"Come out of that!" yelled the officer.
"I'll show you how to heave the lead."
But just as he got the lead on the swing he fell overboard. At that moment the captain appeared.
"What soundings?" he asked.
"I dunno," said the recruit, "an officer has just gone overboard to see and hasn't come up yet."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

The Proper Suggestion.

Wags—Bill went all to pieces. And what do you think his wife said to him?
Wag—What did she say?
"Bill, collect yourself!"—Answers.

Great Reserve Power.

A Rochester authority claims that the average electric street car travels three thousand miles back and forth across the continent before it reaches the table of the consumer. And even then when you grapple it for a fight in the flesh, you find that it is not the least bit tired.

Speaking of Strawberries.

Except for bragging purposes, the strawberries that come on the market at this season are not worth much.

Long Search.

Madge—What have you been doing in all the stationary stores?
Marjorie—Trying to find an Easter greeting card with a message that comes anywhere near expressing my sentiments.

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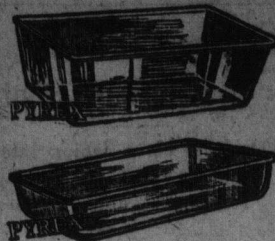
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