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## MR. KING'S ROUND-UP.

Mr. Mackenzie King is getting depressed. He long ago realized that the party of which he is leader is utterly incapable of securing the confidence of the people, so he has sent out a sort of Macedonian cry to all and sundry who are opposed to the Meighen Government to rally under his banner, and make a combined effort to upset the present regime. He is willing to enfold any body so long as they are opposed to the Government party, and no questions will be asked the new comers. The gathering is to meet today in Winnipeg. What amount of success will attend his efforts remains to be seen; but if he can put up no better arguments today than he has hitherto been able to put up for the deposition of the Meighen Government, the latter has no cause for alarm. As a long distance fighter Mr. King excels; but as a statesman worthy to become Prime Minister of Canada he leaves much to be desired.

The United Farmers are specially invited by Mr. King to attend his meeting. He will probably tell them the same story that he told the farmers at Prince Albert the other day, when he said that the latest revenue figures show that out of a total of \$230,000,000 only \$200,000 had been spent in agriculture. If Mr. King is not misquoted, he has made a statement which he as a member of Parliament must know is false. He sat in the House last session when the estimates were passed and the agricultural vote was some four millions. In addition to this vote there is a statutory estimate of over a million a year divided among the provinces for agricultural education, as a result of legislation passed by the Borden Government. Altogether five times as much is spent today on agriculture as when Mr. King's party went out of power in 1911. More money could be well spent in agriculture, but Mr. King's attempt to represent that the farming industry is being sacrificed for the development of other and less necessary matters is a cheap political ploy and as easily exposed as his other charges against the Government are.

When Mr. King can present a programme of sound and progressive policies to the people of Canada he may be able to get some of them to listen to him, but until then they will continue to put their faith in a man of proven worth and integrity, the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, to wit, a leader who not only talks, but does things.

## FRANCE AND GERMANY.

The French people cannot well be blamed if they look with some degree of alarm upon the attitude of Britain in regard to Germany's obligations under the treaty of peace. There seems to be a decided inclination on the part of British statesmen to treat the Germans with considerable leniency. The former have decided now not to confiscate German property in Britain if Germany defaults in her obligations. This is in addition to other concessions previously made to their late foe. There appears to be altogether too much philosophy in British methods to suit France.

Another matter upon which France is somewhat sore is in regard to the British attitude with respect to the remnant of Austria uniting with Germany, which is specifically forbidden by the Treaty of Versailles. France has to dwell alongside of her late enemy, which Britain has not, and it is not natural that she should be more distrustful of Germany, whose chief victim she was, than her late ally, but Britain, and also Italy, are not inclined to forbid the confederation, and France dare scarcely act alone. Hence her displeasure at them. Germany still is a nation of more than 60,000,000 even after Alsace-Lorraine, Posen and East Prussia have been taken from her. The Austrian Germans, who are all the Austrians who have not been absorbed in some other nation, number 6,000,000. They are the kith of the South Germans; economically they say they cannot continue unless they are permitted to join the latter. France, however, says that her own population numbers not 40,000,000, and she naturally fears any such increase in the German strength as the union with Austria would give her. It would be a menace to France. Seeing that Germany no longer has a navy or a merchant marine, Britain is not menaced, and Britain can afford to be philosophical about the peril which is such a reality to France.

Italy is rather inclined to permit Austria and Germany to unite, for it was not Germany that Italy feared in the past but Austria. Her menace came from Vienna and not from Berlin, and she believes that the proposed union would put an end to any possibility of the fragments of the old Hapsburg empire reuniting. Britain's foreign policy at present seems to be directed to the end of getting Europe

back to work and prosperity. France believes that her own security against further attack comes first. Her position has been weakened, she believes, by the failure of the United States to join the League of Nations, and by the failure of President Wilson to present to Congress the defensive treaty between France and the United States, to which he agreed when in Paris. France may be needlessly mistrustful, but the French character is extremely practical. France knows that she could hardly survive another war in a generation, whether she was victor or vanquished, and is not to be blamed for taking any steps which she may consider necessary to avert one.

## CONSUMMATE IMPUDENCE.

We wonder what would be said and thought in the United States if a self-appointed commission of five Englishmen, with the sincere desire to improve the relations between Great Britain, the United States and the Philippines, were to undertake the consideration of conditions in the latter islands, and to find ways and means of improving them? That such a thing should happen is of course unthinkable, because Englishmen know enough to mind their own business; but if by any chance or other it could happen, Englishmen would be justly and more likely very politely told to leave matters that do not concern them alone.

Yet we find from despatches from Washington that a commission of five persons has been formed in the United States to take up the Irish question, because "it is becoming a domestic political issue in the Republic" and that several Irish bishops, Irish mayors and other Irish witnesses will be called before the commission to give testimony. As a piece of consummate impudence, such a course can hardly be surpassed. What is happening in Ireland has no more to do with the citizens of the United States than what is happening in Russia has. It has not very much to do with citizens of Canada, but they at least have some interest in affairs in the Emerald Isle if only on the ground that both belong to the British Empire. If the Irish revolutionaries did not have the backing and encouragement from the United States that they do have there would be a much better chance of a settlement of Ireland's troubles being come to.

A despatch from Havana says: "The Cuban presidential elections were held today with comparative quiet. No serious clashes were reported. Four persons were killed last night, and two today in minor affrays, and 'come were wounded.' In order the better to look after Cuba's affairs, the United States went to war with Spain, and since then Cuba has been an American protectorate. If American citizens are so short of something to do that they must appoint commissions to inquire into conditions in countries outside their own, they might look into matters in Cuba, with which they are connected, before bothering with Ireland, with which they are not. Premises killings seem to be common in both of these islands."

Referring to the matter of teachers' salaries, the Bangor Commercial says that many teachers have sought other positions in the last few years and the reasons for the change have been similar to that which caused a Chicago college professor of fourteen years' standing to decide to enter a commercial line. The professor took action when he discovered that the man delivering goods to him from a bakery team was receiving three times the wage paid to him.

When King's College was destroyed some few months ago, someone suggested that it be removed to St. John, and the U. N. B. amalgamated with it. Judging by the escapades of U. N. B. undergraduates, the farther away from St. John they are kept the better for the city. Never a year passes without Hallowe'en being marked by some idiotic act of vandalism perpetrated by some of their number, and on Economics night no unoccupied building in the neighborhood of the university is safe.

Sylvia Pankhurst appears to find it difficult to keep out of trouble. For years she annoyed the Government and the public as well in her militant campaign for female suffrage, but now has received a jail sentence on the charge of sedition. It being claimed that she is representing the third international and is in correspondence with the Russian leaders. Unless release comes the query, "Where is Sylvia?" can be answered for the next six months, as that is the length of her sentence.

The Montreal Gazette rhapsodizes over Hallowe'en, and says it is of great value to find our young people entering into the spirit of it, "with the

porting effects." The effect of Hallowe'en on the status of one poet at any rate did not add to its value; and just where "the sense of beauty and poetry in the human spirit" that prompted such a foolish freak is not very apparent.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

**A Seductive Suggestion.**  
 (Guelph Herald.)  
 With fruit rotting on the ground in many orchards throughout Ontario, it would appear to be a pity that grovers do not let it be known in the towns and cities that the fruit may be had for the picking. With so many autos around the offer would eagerly be taken advantage of.

**Lessons of the Leaves.**  
 (Kingston Standard.)  
 We should draw a lesson from the leaves, which put on their gayest. They make the landscape one gorgeous mass of color; there is no sadness in them. We know their future; how they will help in beautifying and enriching the earth in some other form; and so with us there is the knowledge that when our autumn has passed, we shall in some form serve the purpose of a wise Creator.

**O. B. U. Dying.**  
 (Halifax Chronicle.)  
 From all appearance, says a Canadian Western paper, it is quite feasible to believe that the One Big Union is on its last legs. For some time now failure has dogged all its efforts. This has been occasioned by the activities of organized labor against its operations. As soon as the trades unions began to realize that this organization was threatening their existence they commenced their efforts to stultify the work of this outcast body, and to regain the position they had at one time held in the ranks of labor. That they are being very successful is shown by the large decrease which has recently taken place in the membership of the O. B. U.

## A BIT OF VERSE

**THREE NAMES.**  
 When Governor Simcoe ruled this land—  
 Oh, York it was muddy and dank—  
 He built him a house, and after his wife,  
 He christened it Castle Frank.  
 One day of eve, on the rainy morn,  
 He came home late for his tea,  
 And his loving dame lived up to her name  
 And was Frank as Frank could be.  
 "Why now," cried she do you this up-  
 set  
 "Your invited guests and me?"  
 "Because my Council could find no names!"  
 He said "for new townships three."  
 "You men are dense!" said the witty wife.  
 As she gave her head a toss,  
 "Go name them after my lapdogs here,  
 "Tiny and Tay and Flos."

So the thing was done, and those frisking dogs  
 Will live this land for aye.  
 You will find their names on the latest maps,  
 Tiny and Flos and Tay.  
 Ottawa, Oct. 26.  
 —James Lawlor.

## THE LAUGH LINE

**A Bargain.**  
 Artist—This is a fine picture, the best in my collection, but you can have it for half the catalogue price.  
 Friend—What does the catalogue cost?

**Some Relief.**  
 First Listener—"Isn't Miss Squawble's top note soothing?"  
 Second—"Oh, isn't it? When you hear that you feel you have passed the worst."

**Not a Gift.**  
 Dyspepsia Specialist (irritably): "But, madam, you must chew your food. What were your teeth given you for?"  
 Female Patient (calmly): "They weren't given to me—I bought 'em."

**Ready For a German Holiday.**  
 "Have you everything here? What is in the small box?"  
 "The wardrobe."  
 "And in the large one?"  
 "Our paper money!"—Lustige Blatter (Berlin.)

**None the Less Tough.**  
 "We won't discharge you, Mr. Perkins," said the manager. "We will allow you to tender your resignation." "Tendering it won't make it any the less tough," gloomily returned Perkins.

**Very True.**  
 Mrs. Figgers (in newspaper): "Do you know, Henry, that every time you draw your breath someone dies?"  
 Mr. Figgers—"Well, I'm sorry; but I can't help it. If I quit drawing my breath I'll die, too."—Classmate.

**Would Need Explanation.**  
 "Have you any potted geraniums?"  
 "No, sir. We have some very fine hydrangeas." "Nothing doing! It'd be a nice thing to have my wife come home and find the geraniums she left in my care turned into hydrangeas, now wouldn't it?"—Boston Transcript.

**Vanished Joy.**  
 He who would taste life's happiness  
 Be glad today, if now you may,  
 He must not wait some future date  
 The present sweetness cannot last.

**Age unto youth cannot return.**  
 The tides of pleasure cannot wait,  
 Be glad today, if now you may,  
 Tomorrow it may be too late.

**Not Likely.**  
 A bishop was travelling in a mining country and encountered an old Irishman turning a windlass which hauled up dirt out of a well that was being dug. His hat was off, and the sun was pouring on his unprotected head.

"Don't you know the sun will injure your brain if you expose it like that?" said the bishop.  
 The Irishman wiped the sweat off his forehead and looked at the clergyman.

"Do you think I'd be doing this all day if I had any brains?" he said.

## Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PATZ

**THE PARK AVE. NEWS.**  
 Weather. Days shorter, nights vicer virtus.  
 Sports. Maud Jonson is getting fatter instead of thinner, but the fatter she is the madder she gets when somebody calls her a female Puds Simkins.  
 Society. Mr. Sam Crosses tuff cousin, Mr. Puggy Miller, finished visiting Mr. Cross and went home last Sunday, which wife he was leaving several members of society stood up at the corner and gave 3 cheers to show they weren't afraid of him or anybody like him. Among those cheering was Mr. Benny Potts, Mr. Sid Hunt, Mr. Leroy Shooter and Mr. Charles (Puds) Simkins.  
**POEM BY SKINNY MARTIN.**  
 That's Different.  
 I don't mind going on a trolley car  
 And I like to go on a train.  
 I love to go on a merry go round,  
 But going on a errand is pain!  
 Intriguing Facts about Intriguing People. Sam Cross gets more bad marks in arithmetic than any 4 fellows in the class put together and he wants to be he's harder on rubbers on the end of pencils than anybody else in the hole school.  
 Lost and Found. Found—Bag containing 4 sour balls. Owner can have but 2 sour balls providing they are still left. See Arlie Alexander.

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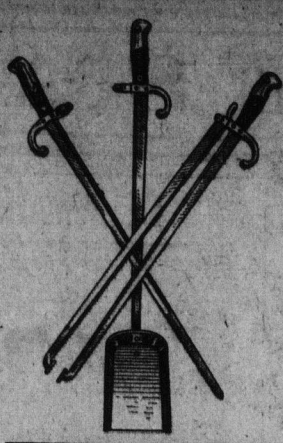
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