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THE WESTERN DEMAND.

Mr. J. G. Tarriff, Liberal member for Assiniboiia, made no bones about the selfish demands of the West for the abolition of the duties on agricultural implements when he was speaking in the Dominion House upon the budget debate.

He quoted prices of same in Winnipeg and Minneapolis in order to show that charges were lower in the latter place than in the former.

Mr. Tarriff, of course, forgot to mention the greater difference in the distance between Chicago and Minneapolis and Toronto, Hamilton and Brantford, the leading Ontario centres which send implements to the Canadian North-West, also for that reason the necessarily higher freight rates. Furthermore, he knows right well that with the barriers down U.S. manufacturers of such implements would be much closer to the Prairie Provinces than the Ontario ditto. While arguing for that competition at the expense of Western industries, Mr. Tarriff, in the same speech, also contended for free wheat, on the ground that Western farmers would get higher prices for it across the border and thus, of course, increase the rate charged for flour at present on this side.

If the agriculturists of the West, because of the longer haul from the Canadian factories, have to pay a little more for such implements, they should not grumble. It was largely money cheerfully given by the people of Ontario which has enabled them to secure three continental lines for their transportation facilities, and also Government-owned elevators. In addition, why should they seek to jeopardize the splendid home market of the farmers of this province—a market largely built up because of the industrial establishments which employ many thousands of hands in this portion of the Dominion?

Tarriff is essentially of a certain class in the West which is totally lacking in an appreciation of the fact that there must be some give-and-take between the varied interests of this vast Dominion.

THE STATES AND MEXICO.

Mr. Hearst, United States publisher, possesses a chain of papers in the leading cities which possess a combined circulation of some hundreds of thousands.

When he first invaded New York, some years ago, as a young man, with a fortune made by his father, also in the newspaper business, he purchased the Journal of that city, and most members of the fourth estate there speculated how long it would be before his wealth disappeared. It didn't do that—very far from it. Hearst showed himself at once in his methods to be a yellow of the "yellows," and, unfortunately, it is human experience that there is a large class who like that kind of thing. Following his New York success, he started out, or acquired other papers in other cities, and they are all busily shrieking each day:

1—That it is the bounden duty of President Wilson to send armed forces into Mexico.

2—That President Wilson has knuckled down to John Bull in the Panama Canal matter, and that he is in reality under the dictatorship of the British Government.

In frantic tones these journals are asking if what Washington won is to be thus lightly thrown away, and a lot more buncombe of a like nature.

With regard to the sending of American troops into the land of the sombrero, it should be remembered that in such an event all the contending factions would most likely get together on behalf of resisting a power which they regard as a common enemy. Our neighbors do not maintain a very large standing army, and the number is supplemented by fewer than two hundred thousand members of the States militia. The Mexicans, on the other hand, already have splendidly-armed forces in the field, which numerically are very much larger than those which Uncle Sam could at once place into action. Moreover, these for the most part half Indian and half Spanish troops are born fighters and relentless in their methods. No one doubts what our neighbors would finally accomplish once they made up their minds, but it would be at an awful cost, and when conquered, history has shown that it would only be nominally so.

In fact, there would be a cleaning-up job far worse than that which has had to be undertaken in the Philippines. In all likelihood it is some such considerations as these which are causing President Wilson and his advisers to stand pat.

With reference to the claim that Wilson is under British dictatorship to about the extent which existed before the War of Independence, that also is such an absurdity as to deceive nobody except the extremely ignorant and the willfully vicious. All that the President has done with regard to the Canal is to insist that the word and the honor of the nation must be kept with regard to the pledge of equal toll treatment for all nations, and in this determination he is heartily upheld by a vast proportion of the people, and practically all of the newspapers of any standing.

In this regard it is worthy of note that Senator Gore of Oklahoma recently sent a letter to each of the delegates to the Democratic convention which passed the exemption for U. S. coastwise ships. Of the 418 delegates who took part, 338 have replied declaring for the President's policy, 11 are non-committal, and only 69 remain as upholding the clause.

Most of them declare that they did not know that the free tolls plank was in the platform when they helped to adopt the same.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The four New York gunmen have expiated their crime in the electric chair, while Lieut. Becker, the man who inspired them, has been relieved for a new trial!

In the Old Land a suffragette hit a labor leader, who was speaking, with a bag of flour. The sweet thing had much better have been at home turning it into dough.

A despatch announces that the suffragettes in Europe are seeking to "freeze out" Sylvia Pankhurst, who is on a lecture tour there. They evidently don't realize the kind of warm baby Sylvia happens to be.

The President of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, at the Easter service in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, placed a cheque for \$500,000 on the collection plate on condition that if accepted he should be made a member of the choir. This was done with alacrity, and maybe the members will finally consider him as dear at the price. At any rate, he has secured a first-class singer ad.

The death is announced of Mr. H. H. Cook, a veteran lumberman of high repute. It was he who charged in 1890 that he had been offered a seat in the Senate in return for \$10,000 towards the Liberal campaign fund of that year. There was an investigation by a committee of the Upper Chamber, and the Grit majority in the same asserted there was nothing to prove the statement.

Replying to a deputation at Quebec which urged a Dominion Government grant towards the establishment of a branch of the famous Armstrong shipbuilding yards there, Hon. Mr. Pelletier, on behalf of the administration, stated that such could not be given. It had been decided that while the Borden Government is ready and willing to give every reasonable encouragement to the promotion of the shipbuilding industry in Canada, and will insist that all vessels for the Canadian service must be built within the confines of the Dominion in future, it has no intention of establishing a precedent by subsidizing wealthy and powerful British concerns to enter the Canadian field and compete with this added advantage against the companies already established.

A Tribute to Chief Finch

Prominent American Engineer Writes to Guelph Paper.

The Guelph Daily Herald reproduces a letter from Mr. Goodwin Lee, editor of the Fire Engineer, published in New York, which deals with the ability and character of ex-Chief Leslie Finch, who just recently resigned his position as head of the Guelph Fire Department.

Mr. Lee roundly scores the city officials of Guelph for the attitude they held to Chief Finch. Although he never met him Mr. Lee states that he knew Chief Finch as a man of high character and standing as a Fire Engineer. The following is an extract from Mr. Lee's letter, which will interest Brantford people, who knew Chief Finch, who was for a number of years head of the Massey-Harris Fire Department here.

"I don't know Chief Finch personally, have never met him, but I do know of him, and of the character of his work and his standing as a Fire Engineer.

Maybe you people are a bit too close to him to see the man and his department in proper and just perspective, but here are his proportions in the eyes and estimation of men who are competent to determine his professional value: Earnest, honest, very capable, an administrator, a student of conditions, a close and accurate reasoner, prompt to act, efficiency and reliability of the highest order. Amply able to command and to develop, under even fair conditions, the values of a fire department of any city of the first class.

Does Guelph realize that in Chief Finch it has a man who as a fire engineer would be an asset of value to any city?

Does Guelph realize that prevention is the key to reduction of fire loss and decrease of fire insurance rates, and that in Finch it possesses a master of prevention methods, one I had thought and hoped that you in Canada do things differently.

I have no interest in this matter personal to Chief Finch. My interest lies in the matter itself. The gross stupidity of it, as it is given, hurts.

Here we are not unused to the nepotism of politic ridden communities. I had thought and hoped that you in Canada do things differently.

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSION

Colonist Fares and Settlers' Trains to the West.

Those taking advantage of above excursions, should bear in mind the many exclusive features offered by the Canadian Pacific Railway in connection with a trip to the West. It is the only all-Canadian route. Only line operating through trains to Western Canada. No change of depots. Only line operating through standard and Tourist sleepers to Winnipeg and Vancouver. All equipment is owned and operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway, affording the highest form of efficiency. Colonist fares (one way second class) to certain points in Alberta, British Columbia, California, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Idaho, etc., in effect daily until April 15th.

Homeseekers' fares will be in effect each Tuesday until October 27th, inclusive, and round trip second class tickets will be sold via the Canadian Pacific Railway from Ontario points (Azilda and East) at very low fares, for example from Toronto, also west and North of Toronto to Winnipeg and return \$35; to Edmonton and return \$43. Other points in proportion. Fares from points east of Toronto will be slightly higher. Return limit two months.

Each Tuesday until April 28th, the Canadian Pacific will run Settlers' trains to Winnipeg and West, and for the accommodation of Settlers travelling with live stock and effects, a colonist car will be attached to the Settlers travelling with live stock settlers' effects train. This car will leave Toronto on regular train at 10:20 p.m., and on arrival at West Toronto, it will be attached to Settlers' effects train as mentioned above.

For those not travelling with live stock and effects, special Colonist cars will be attached to regular trains from Toronto, running through to Winnipeg without change. No charge is made for accommodation in colonist cars. Tourist Sleeping cars are also operated on regular trains leaving Toronto 10:20 p.m. daily.

Full particulars from any C. P. R. agent or write Mr. G. Murphy, District passenger agent, Toronto.

Uncle Walt
The Poet Philosopher

WEARY OLD FATHER.

When Father eats his supper, and sits him down to read a book by Edith Tupper, or, peradventure "Queed," oh let him sit in quiet until the evening's through, and do not raise a riot o'er things he ought to do. Too often Weary Father can find at home no peace, his folks raise such a pothor, their clamors never cease. It's "Dad, go split some kindling before you have some fun; the little pile is dwindling, and soon there will be none." "Oh, Daddy, says the daughter, "I wish yourself you'd hump, and bring eight tubs of water, and then some, from the pump." "Our Noah's ark is busted," complain the little boys, and Father, sad, disgusted, begins to grieve the toys. "The cow is in the garden," shrieks Ma, "and you sit there, so help me Dolly Varden, and do not seem to care!" From suppers time to bedtime the old man's on the go, until his seeing-red time will cause some blood to flow. Some day, beneath the pressure, his brain will seem to blur, and then from here to Cheshire, he'll strew the earth with fur. His endless worries rend him, they come in such a batch, and soon we'll have to send him to some one's booby hatch.

To The Editor

THE INDIAN PROBLEM.

To the Editor,—

I trust you may favor me by finding space in your paper to print the following in defense of the Six Nation Indians. I have long thought of and wished to express myself on the probable future of the Six Nation Indians in their relations with the government, and the reforms necessary in the administrations of their affairs. In order to set forth succinctly a reform it is first necessary to set forth as clearly and forcibly as possible the evil to be reformed. That evil, I believe, and I am not alone in this belief, is the reservation system. The reform is all summed up in the words, "Abolish it"—but not in the way of the proposed amendment to the Indian Act, as reported on your paper a short time ago. That can never be. Even if the government had the power to do so, Canada and the Canadian people can not afford to bring such a disgrace and blot upon the flag and country. Such a thing would be monstrous, barbarous, in this enlightened age of civilization and Christianity. The only honorable, just way to deal with it—is make

them citizens one and all—the Indian Bureau ought to be taken at once and forever out of politics—for it should never have been in politics. The government should appoint a man most expert in dealing with Indian affairs, and instruct him to bring the Six Nations Department to a close at the earliest possible moment. Give the Indians, individually—whether man or woman, the deeds of the property they hold, which they brought into this country from the United States and entrusted to the care of the from the sales of their land here. They have plenty and are prosperous. They can pay taxes as well as any race of people. Then if there are Brantfordites who wish to possess any of that land, why go about the buying of it as men, as true Canadians, and you will find just as true men, and true Canadians to deal with. Cease to treat the Indians as red man and treat him as a man; treat him as we treat the Hungarians, Italians, Scandinavians; many of them are no better able to take care of themselves than the lowest of the lower class of Indians. They are not shut up in reservations and put in charge of politically appointed parents called agents—but we have thrown on them the responsibility of their own custody and they have learned to live by living. The future relations of the Six Nation Indians with the Government should be precisely the same as the relations of any other individual.

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This should be the objective point and the sooner the better.

Treat the Indian as other men are treated. The Indian should be a citizen and have a ballot. Set him free from his trammels. If it is in our power to do so, and bring credit upon Canada and Canadian people—instead of shame and hatred. No true hearted, full blooded Canadian could boast of the honour of his country with the Indian Act would put upon it, if it were brought into force, or attempted, in dealing with the Six Nations Indians.

CANADIAN BORN.

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An entire new range of all the latest novelties in Bags and Purses, including the new long shape, also a large range of Beaded Purses. Colors in the leather are Grey, Tan, Green, Navy, Saxe, Purple and Black. Prices are \$1.00, \$1.19, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.75 to \$13.50.

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The Castle

Those Who Are To Part in Big Drama and Production

Part one of the coming local production "A Night in Dresden" which will be presented at the next Monday and Tuesday calculated to put the audience spirits and prepare every seat for the other features to follow parts two and three. It is so entertaining and uproarious that part one will be presented as a special treat to the public. The clever interpretation of the present "Everybodys Doing It" production is a street scene in Dresden, the time is one of the In raggy steps and motion characters like are seen on every day, appear in this scene the situations, like the work street cleaner, huckster, preacher and other characters, all in raggy every minute, presents a very interesting feature of the production cast is as follows: Blind beggar, R. G. Lamb, policeman, Mr. J. Feldkamp; newsboys, Mass Duncan, William Inglis, Harther and Clarence Cockshutt; chauffeur, Mr. Iden Champ; city girl, Miss Doris Hardy; Mr. Arthur V. Brierly; Jew Mr. J. Maloney; street cleaner Pepi Fox; organ grinder M. Genet; Salvation Army, the Winnifred Watts; Aileen Handred Sanderson, Norma Conlan, Van Somerson, Edith Brown, Miss Crompton, Ida Fuller, Yaker, Lillian Miller, Katherrett, Helen Muir, Messrs Davidson, George Pawkes, Morso.

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