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## HARMONY ESSENTIAL

It may be that very few of the ratepayers of Brandon realize just to what extent the war has altered the situation in relation to the management of the civic affairs. We are facing new tasks, have been facing them for some months, and are undertaking serious business. Not a day's task as we have known it in the past, but new duties weighted down with new responsibilities that must be mastered by bringing to bear upon their solution every ounce of business ability and knowledge. The time when the office of Mayor was considered as merely an honor to be bestowed upon some citizen who had served in the council or some other capacity, has gone by. The occupant of this office must be equipped with the very best training and calmest judgment possible. He must be prepared to devote long hours and careful study to the interests of the city. Above all he must be able to command the undivided support of the aldermen elected to serve as a council.

What are the records of the two men who are seeking the suffrage of the electors of Brandon in this respect?

For four years Mr. Cater was an alderman. During that time he earned for himself the title of the "Stormy Petrel." Rarely did it happen that Mr. Cater and the other nine aldermen agreed on matters under discussion. In fact on almost every occasion Mr. Cater was playing a lone hand. Why? Surely no one will have the hardihood to suggest that Mr. Cater was always right and that his nine colleagues were always wrong? But whatever the reason, the fact remains that while Mr. Cater was in the

the evil effects of friction in the council has been all too plainly evident and there is nothing in the record of Mr. Cater to show that his administration, if he were elected, would not prove of a similar sort. Bad and all as the effect of such a policy has been during the past year, the effect of such a result during the coming year would be positively disastrous. It would be a crime to permit the slightest possibility of such a thing happening. And yet if we are to judge by the past experience with Mr. Cater is it not possible that such would come about if he were returned as mayor for 1915? The causes might not be the same, but there are more ways of killing a bird than strangling it, and what difference does it make how the demise is effected, if the burial becomes necessary?

No, the people of Brandon need to go carefully before choosing Mr. Cater in preference to Mr. McDonald. The latter has the ability to command the attention and co-operation of the men elected to serve with him on the council and this is one of the first and foremost essentials in the man who is to be elected Mayor of the city at the present juncture. It is no time for experiments and the safest man possible is the only one to elect.

## A CHANGE NEEDED

Alderman Bourke is a candidate for re-election to the city council for Ward Five and his supporters are asking his return on the ground that he has given such excellent business administration during the past two years. In its recklessness and disregard for facts his newspaper even goes so far as to bring forward the police matters which have been such a bone of contention on the part of some during the year. One would have thought, that neither he nor his supporters would have had the hardihood to have touched on this question in view of recent events. A short synopsis of what has occurred in this matter may prove interesting.

At the commencement of the year Alderman Bourke was appointed chairman of the Police Committee of the City Council. A few weeks after taking office an investigation by the city council was necessary on the police department in view of certain charges made against the then chief of police, Berry. Had the investigation been held before a judge, as a more recent one in Regina was held, it is difficult to say just what the verdict might have been. However, the result was an acquittal for the chief. Later Mr. Berry received an appointment as chief of police in Regina and left for the western city. Alderman Bourke resigned his chairmanship of the police department. Alderman Trotter was appointed to succeed and Chief of Police Esselmont was appointed to succeed Berry. From that day

until now Alderman Bourke has scarcely ceased his direct opposition to all and everything that the police or the police committee have done or have attempted to do. From the minute he stepped out of the chairmanship he has embarrassed and criticized the administration. Unlike any fair minded man who was elected to serve the city and not any personal grudge, he never once showed a disposition to give the occupants of the office a square deal, but by narrow partisanship strove in every conceivable fashion, it would appear, to harass and annoy the chief and the chairman of the police committee.

Let the ratepayers of Ward five and all other wards answer the question for themselves, does such action indicate a broad mind or spirit, and does it indicate that the possessor of a mental attitude of this sort is a fit and proper representative for you on the council board of Brandon?

We hardly think so.

Not only that, but his record from the day he entered the council discloses nothing to indicate that he has been of more use to the deliberations of the board than any other seat warmer. Alderman Bourke may possess abilities in many directions, no doubt he does, but in so far as his work on the council is concerned his efforts have been distinguishable chiefly for their narrowness and carping criticism.

In J. S. Gibson the ratepayers of Ward Five know of a certainty that they will have a representative who will be fair and just.

## ALDERMAN A. A. EVANS

Although the election of Mayor naturally is more in the limelight than that of the aldermen, yet it should be remembered that these gentlemen are just as important as the civic head in the administration of the city's business and the selection of the different representatives in the wards should be carefully considered.

In Alderman Evans, citizens have one of the most level-headed representatives on the council and the selection of this gentleman as Chairman of the Legislative Committee will in itself show the high opinion in which he is held by the other aldermen.

A considerable amount of legislation for the city of Brandon has been put through the Government these last two years of a most important character and the business like way in which this has been handled by Alderman Evans stamps him as a man who should certainly be returned to the Council Chamber.

There is apparently very little doubt but that the electors will endorse this view yet no stone should be left unturned to see that his majority is a sweeping one next Tuesday.

## NOTE AND COMMENT

The cost of operation and maintenance of the Police Department under chief Berry in 1913 totalled \$22,236.42, with receipts from licenses, fines and costs amounting to \$11,938.15, making a deficit of \$10,298.27. For the eleven months of 1914 the cost has only been \$14,813.68, with revenue from licenses, fines and costs amounting to \$12,881.00, leaving only a deficit of \$1,932.68.

Gibson, the popular aldermanic candidate in Ward 5 has a record to be proud of. His long connection with the Summer Fair Board and the businesslike co-operation among the directors, proves him to be the type of man wanted on the council.

According to the Sun all Rosser Avenue merchants are debarred from taking part in the election of Alderman McDonald, or else Mr. McDonald must wear the sobriquet, "The Rosser Avenue Candidate." What next?

By what authority does the Sun demand the withdrawal of Mr. Shewan from taking part in the municipal election on behalf of Alderman McDonald unless the latter gentleman is to wear the title of "Rosser Avenue Candidate?" When Mr. Shewan supported Mr. Cater a year ago did Mr. Cater of necessity become the "Rosser Avenue Candidate?" Somebody ought to start a kindergarten on Tenth Street with the Sun scribe at the foot of the class.

The Sun bewails the fact that two factions held sway in the city council during the past year. There is an easy way-out of the difficulty. Get rid of the chief disturbing element—Alderman Bourke—Ward Five can do the city of Brandon a real service by placing a broad minded citizen in his place. The election of J. S. Gibson to the city council will remedy the defect that the Sun and all others deeply deplore.

## Does Bourke want Berry?

Why are all the important things performed by Ex-Alderman Cater when he was in the city council not made public? Why all the secrecy and lack of detailed information? Last year the Sun failed to enlighten the ratepayers on this point and this year the same amount of light prevails.

After reading the scathing denunciation of ex-chief Berry in Judge Farrell's finding in the Regina Police investigation, who would you rather have at the head of Brandon's Police Department? Chief Esselmont or Mr. Berry?

## CORDIAL AND CAUSTIC

Comment on Matters of Some Importance, and on Some of No Importance

Even a minority attendance of ladies at the ratepayers ward meetings show that the feminine mind is quite able to grasp community questions and to be interested in their solution.

The city can't get those open air skating rinks started any too soon to suit most of us.

Though the number of social affairs and their elaborateness have been greatly lessened this year, we notice there is always a pot of tea to be brewed and a few biscuits ready, any time we call.

After you leave the centre of the city "keep in the middle of the road." You'll be very much surer of keeping on your feet.

The skater has been deserted since the skating rink was opened.

It's about half a day's work to carry around these winter ulster of ours.

President Whidden of the Brandon College may have no especial objection to the country south of our Dominion but when at the ward 5 meeting Wednesday evening he said: "When I went to the United States to spend a few years in exile" one had to assume that at least he didn't find exactly congenial company there.

We feel that we shall be earning our money until after election, anyway.

Ward 5 ratepayers doubtless feel at home in the Alexandra school. King ward I are inconvenienced by the George but the person either at centre of the city going to venturing most feels as if he were venturing into the wilderness.

It is a fortunate arrangement that the city of Brandon has elected a one half of the council is that as the year. There is no doubt aldermen end two year terms of the much good alternately, there is hard to re-material brought for are retiring, place a hose who alderman succeeded the chief of the council for the ratepayers the community in general. But even if they do not succeed themselves, the city is not thrown into the chaotic state that it would be if the entire ten aldermen retired at once. Even if members elected newly to the council are of the greatest capacity and highest ability, there is experience needed before affairs can be administered promptly and effectively. The first part of the municipal year is generally a period of slowness and hesitation in the council, due to the unfamiliarity with methods by some of the new men. In a way it is so much time and service lost to the city, so that as we remarked it is a wise provision that we only elect half the board in one year and leave five seasoned members always at hand. And the more of the retiring board that are re-elected the less hiatus there is the first of the year and the more facility and expedition is business conducted.

LASTING PEACE  
SOCIALIST HOPE

ZURICH LEADER URGES NEUTRAL COUNTRIES TO REFRAIN FROM HARSH JUDGEMENT

Bern, Dec. 11—A conference of Social Democrats was held a short time ago in the new and spacious building which is the headquarters of the party in Switzerland. A great impression was created at the opening of the session by the speech of greeting made by Mr. Troelstra, the Dutch delegate, who had come thru after visiting Germany, and the substance of whose address was that the war had taken the party by surprise, and it was their duty to see that they were not similarly overtaken by peace. They must prepare before hand for the latter, in order that the interests and endeavors of the working classes might be adequately protected.

Herr Grimm, delegate for Bern, reported that as a result of a conference between the President of the Swiss Republic and the Socialist party in the National Council, the latter had promised to hold himself ready to unite with other neutral countries at the propitious moment with a view to urging the conclusion of peace upon the belligerent powers.

Proletariats Opposed  
Herr Lang of Zurich, speaking on the subject of "Our Party, the War and the International Union," contrasted the resolution passed at the Stuttgart Socialist congress with what



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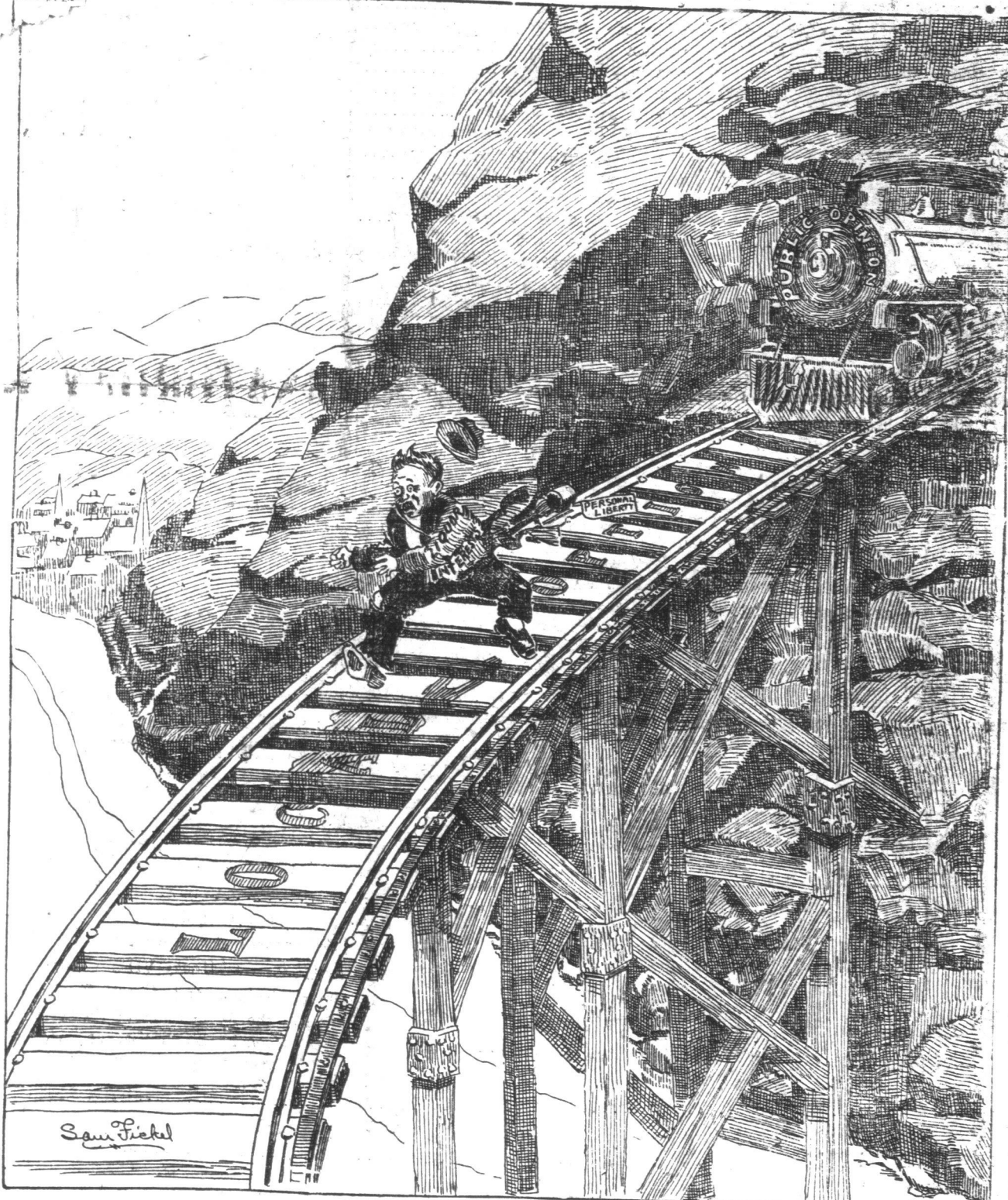
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## D. A. REESOR

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THE CRASH COMES ON TUESDAY.

had actually taken place upon the outbreak of war. The proletariat of the various countries now stood opposed to one another, whilst in certain states namely in France and Belgium, the Social Democrats and the authorities had become a solid body in consequence of the entry of the former into the government.

Those in neutral countries must, however, refrain from unloving and harsh judgment, avoid animosity and appeal to Social Democratic sentiment. The terrible destruction of property and so forth which was taking place led him to hope that this war would be the last, since it would be clear that it was no longer advantageous to capitalism. A lasting peace must be concluded and one which would render war an impossibility in the future. To this end there should be no annexation, in accordance with the declaration made upon the subject by the Socialist party in the German Reichstag.

The war would, it was true, continued Herr Lang, entail a great economic revival, but it would lead at the same time to a great concentration of capital and industry, to the

ruin of small traders and to the multiplication of the working class. The latter would again enforce its claims and combat the inroads of opportunism.

## Understanding Urged

He begged his hearers to learn to understand their comrades in neutral countries, who were always striving for comprehension, and pointed out how desirable it was that all should act toward one another as brothers and friends. Finally, all must maintain their faith in the common ideals during this difficult time, in order that after the war the International Union might go on its forward way with new strength.

Speaking upon the same theme, M. Naine of Chaux-de-Fonds said that the foregoing speech had pronounced sentence upon the war. It had revealed its underlying causes—those of capitalism, and had deprecated national isolation. The efforts of their colleagues in neutral countries toward the furtherance of peace must be supported by action on the part of the International Union, in order that the war might be brought to an end as quickly as possible. The ex-

ecutive of the Swiss Social Democratic party, in particular, must do all in its power toward that end and demand of all their comrades in belligerent countries to make decisive protest against any policy of annexation.

A long debate upon militarism and anti-militarism concluded with a recommendation to the Social Democratic party to arrange for the publication of a pamphlet defining its position with regard to the same. Declarations against the war from Jewish Socialists in Russia and women Socialists in England were read.

## GERMANY'S IRON PRODUCT

Berlin—According to the report of the German Iron and Steel Industrial Union, the production of iron on German soil during the month of September amounted altogether to 580,087 tons as against 586,661 tons in August. The daily production was 19,336 tons as compared with 18,925 in August. The total production of iron for the first nine months of 1914 amounted to 12,016,888 tons, as against 14,455,886 tons in 1913.