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RUSSIA THE MADHOUSE.

RUSSIA has been held to the Allied cause by a rope of sand. The bond between the Slav and the Anglo-Saxon was largely intangible. Visiting commissions and the ringing cry of democracy have no influence in the philosophy of the anarchists who won control from the moderate Kerensky. The single thought of the political yeggmans who grasped their greed, to oppress the thoughtful elements in the race and to let world democracy go hang. At the same time they throw themselves into the clutches of the Prussian. No greater misfortune could befall a misguided people.

At last there is this to be said about Russia's complete defection—she is Germany's problem now. The Allies have to face the certainty of more prolonged warfare, and the acquisition of vast food supplies by the enemy. But all the internal strife and anarchy, all the factional slaughter that only bubbles now and must boil over, becomes the affair of Germany. To acquire the full benefit of Russia's resources Germany must tackle a task of reorganization that will be like a maze of winding, crooked paths even to German efficiency. Russia is today a madhouse. The Allies have had to place their dependence upon a nation gone insane. Better to know that this madman has gone over to the other side and to have the fight more difficult, but clearly defined.

To reach through the Chinese empire or from India into the vital parts of Russia may be an insurmountable task. Yet the Japanese might essay the effort, harnessing their neighbor, China, into double harness. An attack through Manchuria might divert German forces, might open a new theatre of war, and change the whole outlook of the struggle. "The little brown man" has been active recently. He has been arming thousands of Chinese troops. The president of China has announced his resignation, confessing his weakness and his lack of the "fighting spirit." At a time when the Canadian people are condemning Chinese labor for the farms, the nations of the world alliance may be looking to the heathen races to smite the Russian traitors.

Whatever comes of this Russian surrender, this complete loss of spirit in a new democracy that might have shone as a world example, there is good reason to feel that the western front, should the Allied nations find themselves thrown on the defensive, will present an impenetrable barrier if the kaiser chooses to bring the issue to its culmination by the supreme campaign of the war.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LEGISLATION.

SOME suggestions for legislation at the present session of the Ontario Legislature are herewith offered:

1. Pass such acts as will enable returned soldiers to earn a living. Any desiring to engage in farming should be assisted in New Ontario.
2. Abolish all tax exemptions.
3. Abolish all fixed assessments.
4. Return to the days of the Mowat-Meredith Legislature, when both sides of the House respected the British North America act, and desired to legislate according to fixed and sound principles.
5. The worst departure from such principles has been in allowing money bylaws to be passed by a bare majority.
6. If the election of a member of the Legislature is secured by fraud there is provision to set it aside. There should be a similar provision to set aside a money bylaw obtained by fraud, and to give such damages or other relief as innocent third parties may have suffered and be entitled to.
7. Restrict the powers of municipalities to such acts as are within the purposes for which they were created.
8. The limit or fixed rate of taxation should include all rates, general and special. The effect of special rates is sometimes to make the total rate too high.
9. The school law should be amended. At present the school trustees make the expenditures and look to the council for the money to meet the expenditure. The body charged with the duty of raising the money should have a voice in its expenditure.
10. All tuberculosis hospitals should be taken over by the province and managed as are institutes for the blind and hospitals for the insane, etc.
11. The hydro commission should be made a department of government, accountable to the Legislature, and the people.
12. The hydro-radial scheme proposed some time ago should be abolished. Suitable feeding lines as needed may be constructed.
13. The greatest use should be made of Niagara power, and at the same time small powers wherever they can be obtained should be developed. Niagara power would in this way be relieved and a break would not affect all.
14. At the time of the distribution of the municipal loan fund the city of London's expenditure on account of the London and Port Stanley Railway, was not taken into consideration. London paid large sums and sustained large losses annually for the general benefit of Western Ontario. Its loss should be partly made good, its whole loss runs into millions.
15. The Western University is growing larger from year to year, and is destined to become one of the best on the continent. London,

as a city, and the people of Western Ontario, tributary to London, are doing their share. The university should be recognized and supported in every way for the good it is doing. No time should be lost.

BREAD WRAPPING PROHIBITED.

WHEN the practice of wrapping bread at the bakeries became popular in Canada, it was looked upon as a step forward and as an insurance against those diseases spread by flies and dust. It was very generally welcomed, and most people who could afford to pay the slightly higher price were glad to do so.

Now wrapping is to be prohibited. Dispatches from Ottawa give no reason for this decision, but it is presumed that conservation of paper is one cause and, possibly, an idea that the prohibition will remove any opportunity for the bakers to charge increased prices on the excuse of the extra cleanliness.

It is a question whether this prohibition is wise. Spring and summer with their flies and blowing dust are coming, and bakers' wagons are not dust-proof vehicles by any means. If the danger of germs from these sources is one-tenth part as great as authorities declare it to be, will the saving effected not be extremely costly in health?

By all means let us have laws which will conserve foodstuffs, and any other commodities which are necessities, or which will strengthen us in the great struggle, but wherever it is possible health precautions should be maintained. Good health is one of the nation's greatest assets.

THE R. N. W. M. P. TRADITION.

THE vast spaces of the Canadian Northwest yield little crime, and much of the peacefulness of our frontiers must be attributed to the quiet resourcefulness of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. The word "efficiency" was not in such general use when these rangers of the plains and mountains had already established a flawless tradition for keeping the peace in a land where the opportunities for crime were almost limitless. The "wild and woolly period" of the usual frontier did not exist in a serious sense for Canada, and while all the rugged romance of the new lands awaited the adventurer, he had to regulate his ideas of lawlessness by the calm dictums of the horse constabulary.

Recently a couple of troopers of the R. N. W. M. P. showed that the old tradition flourishes when they saved the life of a mine manager from the vengeance of an infuriated mob of hundreds of foreign miners. Two men meant little to an inflated crowd of men; the power behind the intrepid force meant more. The constables might have been torn to pieces, but always the fear of the force would have pursued the culprits.

New York State and Pennsylvania, each with certain lawless elements in mining and lumbering regions, have fashioned their state forces after the mounted police. The same methods of intelligent action and quiet strength are borrowed from the plains police. Indeed, throughout Canada the dignity of forces for the maintenance of law and order has been upheld, and the morale of all officers improved because of the example of these intrepid guardians of the great west.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Russia has grievously wronged several nations, but worst of all the Russian.

The Bear that is supposed to be weather wise is no more dependable than the Russian bear.

Another day or two like Tuesday and growls will be heard about the objectionable and depressing weather.

The submarine captain who treated his American prisoner to wine must have been anxious to loosen his tongue.

Ottawa city considers the fuel situation acute when it has only two days' supply ahead. London has seen worse conditions than that.

It is possibly true, as the Germans say, that this will be the year of decision. Everyone hopes so, and no one in the Allied countries doubts who will be counted out.

The people would appreciate a full and accurate statement from the Government of what expense has been incurred in food control and what has been gained.

The stage is set for the great battle on the western front, which may begin at any moment. Where are those 25,000 Canadians who were to be in readiness by January, according to Gen. Mewburn?

C. E. Russell, member of the Root mission to Russia, has apparently imbibed some Russian notions. He predicts an overwhelming German advance in Italy and France. It is to be hoped his disillusionment will be complete, and that he will regard it as pleasant.

The Ursuline College at Chatham has been prompt in giving a full and satisfactory explanation of the delay experienced in discovering the smallpox outbreak. It now appears that an especially good system of isolating dubious cases exists there.

TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE.

[By Sir Owen Seaman.]
Each to his taste; if you prefer
The Kaiser's whip across your flanks;
If you enjoy the bloody spur
That rips your cannon-fodder's ranks;
If to his boots you still adhere
Kissing 'em as you've always kissed 'em,
Why, who are we to interfere
With your internal Teuton system?

If from your bonds you know quite well
You might, this moment, and release,
Changing, at will, your present hell
For Liberty's heaven of lasting peace;
If yet, for habit's sake, you choose
This reign of steel, this rule of terror,
It's not for us to push our views
And point you out your silly error.

Herein I speak as I am taught—
That your affairs are yours alone,
Tho, for myself, I should have thought
They had a bearing on my own;
Have I no right to interfere,
Urging on you a free autonomy,
Just as your U-boats shove their nose
In my interior economy?

I'm told we have no quarrel, none,
With you as Germans. That's absurd,
Myself, I hate all sorts of Hun,
Yet will I say one kindly word:
If, still refusing Freedom's part,
You keep the old Potsdam connection,
With all my sympathetic heart
I wish you joy of that selection.

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MASQUERADING.
By Vincent G. Perry.

Chester Hall carefully arranged his skirts as he sat in the big comfortable chair, and from his vanity case and powder box he took a small mirror and looked at his face. He was a handsome fellow, and his hair was as straight and his ears were not coming out, he put his neatly shaven face in the mirror and looked at it. He was a handsome fellow, and his hair was as straight and his ears were not coming out, he put his neatly shaven face in the mirror and looked at it.

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Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical Author, says physicians should give the more organic iron—Nuxated Iron—for their patients—says anemia—iron deficiency—is the greatest curse to the health, strength and beauty of the modern American Woman—sounds warning against use of medicine which may injure the teeth, corrode the stomach and in some cases thereby do more harm than good; advises use of only Nuxated Iron, when three times per day, as it will increase the strength and endurance of weak, nervous, run-down folk in 10 days' time in many instances. Dispensed by all good druggists.

learning fast. Before he could speak again the encore had ended and his partner had led him back to the palms. The boy sat down in the chair, apparently exhausted.
"You silly thing, get up. I'm supposed to be a girl, and—," but Chester finished with an exclamation of surprise. A curl was hanging down from the "boy's" head. The straight black hair was a wig.
"You're a girl!" Chester gasped.
"And you're a boy," the girl laughed.
"Who are you?"
But before the girl could answer Bob Merrifield, Chester's chum, came from behind a big palm and introduced them. "So you are Muriel, and heard all I said about you," Chester groaned, after he recovered sufficiently to find voice.
"Yes, but what does it matter?" Muriel smiled. "This wait is going to be a splendid one. I have my curls tucked up, so if you will let me lead you to the floor I'll promise to talk a little."

Bits of Buylay
by Luke McLuke
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The Wise Fool.
"Lightning never strikes twice in the same place," observed the sage.
"Then lightning struck a bit like hard luck, is it?" commented the fool.

Oh!
The birds have a hard time during the winter months and we should see to it that they are fed when the ground is covered with snow. But what we started to say was that Bird Crum is a student in the fronton (Ohio) High School.

Ouch!
"Eat fish if you'd develop brains," she heard the doctor say.
"My husband, then," said Mrs. Haynes. "Should eat a whale each day."

Ho, Hum!
"It must be tough to have to go to bed and face the music," said the bachelor as he left the benedict at the home of the latter at 2 a.m.

Gosh!
Some years ago Mr. Potts married Miss Kettle in Hindridge, Tenn. And now that end of town contains a lot of little cooking utensils.—New Market, Tenn.

Quick, Doc!
Dr. R. E. Leave of the Club's Medical Corps is on his way to Statesville, N.C., to do something for I. N. Paine of that city.

Dusty Miller's Experience.
[Wilmington Journal Republican.]
Luke McLuke remarks that when a man's wife finds a five-dollar bill in his pockets she spends the next five weeks wondering what he did with it. That was true in Cincinnati, Luke, but up at Wilmington when a man's wife discovers a five-dollar bill in his pockets, she spends the next five weeks wondering where he lost it.

Our Darty Specter.
Honesty May Be Slow Pay, But It's Sure.

Luke McLuke Says.
Knowing that a preacher is only human, we have often wondered just what he exclaims when he swats his thumb with a hammer and there is no one around to hear him.
Aspiration will never get you anywhere unless you can make it produce Perspiration.
This is also the kind of girl who

would rather have a man break the Ten Commandments than break an engagement with her.
Marriage is something that in five years will turn a perfect 25 into an imperfect 48.
A man will always put his shoulder to the wheel when the load is assigned to his address.
And a woman's heart never gets so hard that a diamond can't make an impression on it.
People expect too much from children. Mother will go around Easter Sunday morning with a red finger and a blue finger and a yellow finger and a purple finger on each hand and then expect the kids to believe that the Easter Rabbit colored the eggs.
Some women always start just early enough to be late.

A woman's idea of affluence is to have enough silverware to entertain company without borrowing.
The older an unmarried girl gets, the more she can't remember things that happened 15 years ago.
The reason why a lot of ambitious young men never get anywhere in this world is because they want to start on high. Any automobilist can describe this one for you.
Maybe Father would be more affectionate if he did not kiss his wife. Love begins to act, spoony. Mother will tell him that he has been drinking again.
There are many, many times in his matrimonial career when a husband wonders who the Heck put that "woolsey" in the female portion of the marriage service.
He may be the light of her life during the engagement. But after marriage she discovers that he goes out too often.

Wait a Minute!
By J. H. F.
The Union Government to date has developed a fine dispute as to who is to succeed Sir Robert Borden, whether N. W. Rowell or Sir Thomas White. The rest of the country's business can wait a spell.
Bill Proudfoot's idea of leadership apparently is to hand over the Government to the Heurist crowd forever and forever.
Abdul the Damned is dead again. He is about four deaths ahead of the crown prince. However, he was quite a bit older.
The Russians are being talked about today. A skunk at a garden party is a lot more popular.
Lord Beaverbrook is called the power behind the throne, which, if true, will make it the power behind the throne.

Japan will probably make a lot of hash in Eastern Russia, but may not. The Japs are at least fighters, and play the game. The world would not miss all of Russia very much.

This is to be the year of decision, says a German officer. Yep, if the decision is right, but not for the Germans.

The Governments are apparently much more interested in the production of votes than in the production of food. Seeding is close at hand, and not a thing stirring.

Not a whisper against slush. We would much rather paddle than freeze.

The events of the day will be recorded as profane history, and the events in Russia as most profane.

A newspaperman put over a story about a locomotive engine running from Toronto to Buffalo without stopping.

Next thing we know they will have the Bolsheviks running without gab.
Work is all right provided it is followed by workless, tireless, nothing-doing days.
We should worry. We have that nickel's worth of coal in the cellar. How we love that lump.



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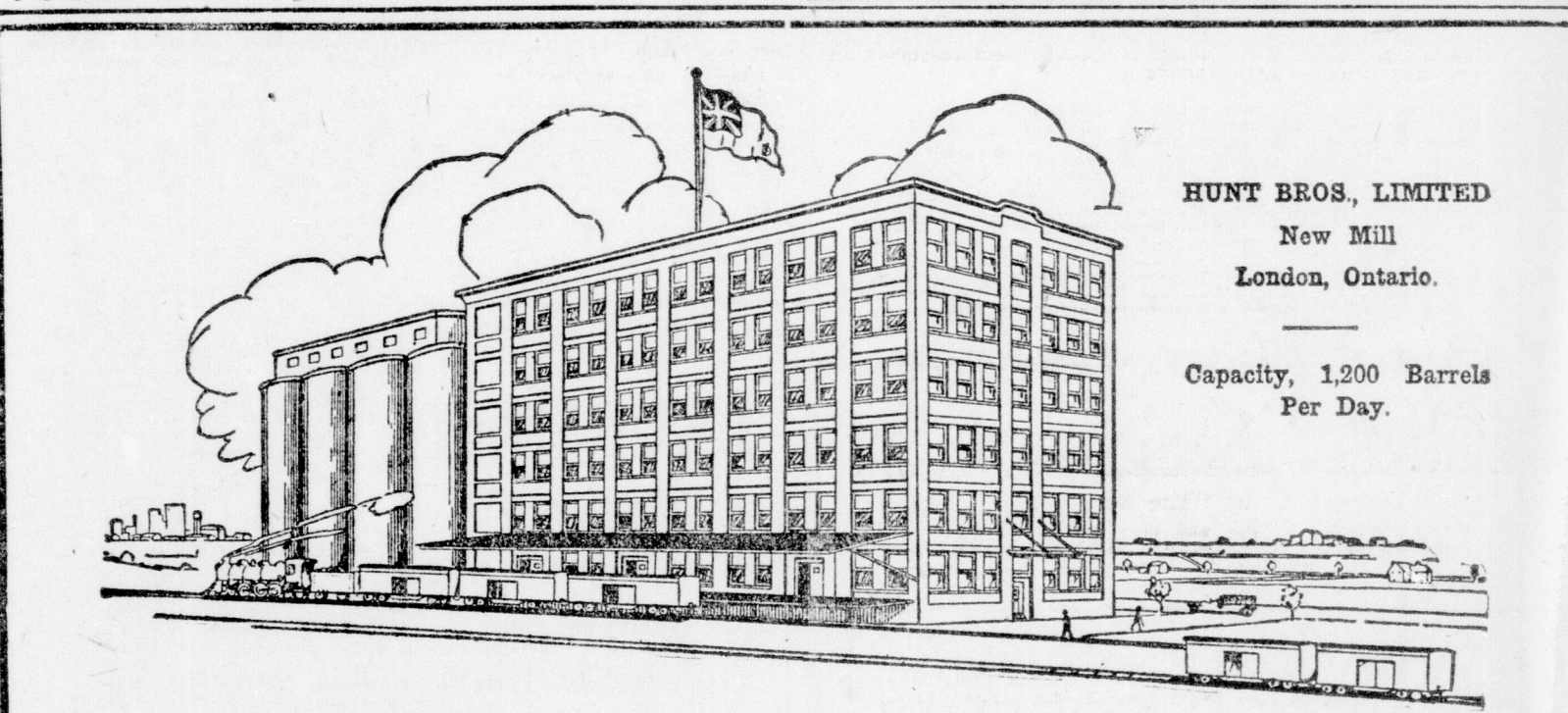
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