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## Attempting the Impossible.

It plans go through for the amalgamation of all the unions of British workmen there will be brought under one management the greatest labor autocracy that Britain has ever seen. Under the plan full authority passes into the hands of a comparatively small executive body and all funds of the unions will be placed at its disposal.

The most drastic feature is that this executive will have power to declare a general strike, or to declare a strike by any one union without the members of that union being asked to take a strike vote. That arrangement creates something that is not far short of autocracy. The individual worker ceases entirely to have any point of contact with his employer; he surrenders that to a far greater extent than he does under ordinary union regulations.

There is a very grave possibility of a coal strike in Britain. If it were being managed under the proposed central plan, the executive could order the suspension of train services if it were considered desirable to do so; if it were further desired to tie up industry the men employed in making railway rolling stock could be called out, or a shop making a product used by the railroads could be ordered to suspend work. It is quite probable that in many of these trades there would be no point in dispute between employers and employees; wages might be all right and working conditions fair to the men. Yet when the order came from the executive of the central body to quit work all these favorable conditions would be brushed aside.

Such a plan would probably defeat its own purpose because it would be bad for both employers and employees. Labor unions have taken pride in the fact that they regard a contract made by them as binding. Employers sign these contracts because they recognize in them a definite basis on which to operate and determine costs of production. If a clause were inserted to the effect that the agreement become void if a strike were ordered by some outside organization, no matter if no reason existed for it locally, there would be no more contracts signed.

Too much autocracy in a labor organization is as undesirable as too great a centralization of power in a monarchy, and the common sense of the people will quickly decide when the line has been crossed in either direction.

## Betting On the Horses.

During the 1924 racing season a total of \$52,600,633 was wagered on horses in Canada. Ontario leads all the other provinces, and the figures in recent years are:

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| 1921 | \$56,818,594 |
| 1922 | 44,249,242   |
| 1923 | 36,283,856   |
| 1924 | 36,392,027   |

Four-year total \$173,758,819

The other feature about that figure apart from its size is that it represents an amount greater than the people of this province can afford to bet on horse races. More than that, it by no means represents the entire amount put up. These figures are those bet in the pari-mutuel machines from which the government gets its rake-off and of which record can be kept. They do not include the amounts bet in other ways, which would probably run into millions more.

It is claimed in some quarters that if all the racing sheets that give information on horses were suppressed it would put a crimp in betting on horse races. We doubt it. It might cause some slight falling off, but the real cure is for the person who is starting out to bet the races to take a look around and see what has happened to those who have tried it before. He will find that he is tramping around in a place that looks very much like a poorly-kept graveyard, for the victims are many and those who come to care for their broken fortunes are few.

## All For a Drink.

Week-end excursions have turned out to be a profitable undertaking for the New Haven and the New York Central railroads, particularly those that make the circuit from New York to Montreal and back. The first trip carried 2,003 persons at \$10 per head, and since then the number has been increased.

The railroads, of course, do not label their trains as "booze specials," but that is exactly what they are. These roads operate in a "dry" country, whose government is spending millions of dollars to keep it dry. It would be illegal for them to carry liquor to the people of New York, so they carry the people to the liquor instead.

An 11-hour trip packed into the day coach of an excursion train in order to get a drink, or many of them, and then another 11-hour trip back in the same way seems a questionable way to have a good time, but thousands are doing it, and the railroad companies continue to supply the coaches and rake in the revenue.

The Wall Street Journal, commenting on the new development, says: "Last week these two roads carried so many hot and arid New Yorkers on an education excursion to the famous old Canadian metropolis for \$10 a head, and delivered back, that both refused for several days

to make public the number of excursionists for fear an envious public might demand excursions every day. The trains were operated on fairly fast schedules, but not as limited trains, and the cars were day coaches, but the eager tourists didn't mind that at all. They returned Sunday night the same way, arriving in New York Monday morning—and minded the trip back even less."

## The Offer Still Stands.

Both J. Allen Gilbert of Portland, Ore., and his wife were inclined to believe in spirit manifestation. Before her death in 1917 Mrs. Gilbert promised her husband that she would, if possible, communicate with him under test conditions that they agreed upon in order that he might not be deceived. A password was written, known to them both; this was placed in a safety deposit box, and Mr. Gilbert made a standing offer of \$500 to any medium who would bring to him a message from his wife, the only stipulation being that it should contain this password in order that he might know it was genuine.

The Scientific American gives the results from the \$500 offer that has been standing now for several years. Mr. Gilbert has received 139 messages purporting to come from his wife, but he is satisfied none of them are genuine, because not one has been characteristic of her, most of them are trivial to the point of being silly, and never at any time has there been anything approaching the password agreed upon before his wife's death.

Mr. Gilbert's offer and the whole arrangement appears fair. If these mediums who make such remarkable claims of communicating with those in the spirit world are genuine, they have here a chance to establish their claims in this case.

## A Poor Way To Finance.

Walkerton is preparing to issue debentures for \$14,000 to take care of deficits which have been accumulating since 1920. An audit of the town's books, the cost of which was about \$1,300, showed that in 1920 the balance was on the wrong side by \$821; in 1921, \$4,300; 1922, \$875; 1923, \$3,300; 1924, \$5,514. Last year's deficit, it is explained, was largely accounted for by the expenditure of \$3,800 which had not been provided for in the estimates.

It is explained that the entire shortages of these five years will be covered by a debenture issue "spread over a term of years so the taxes of the town will not as a result be boosted to any extent this year." That may be so, but if the debentures are for ten years the town will have to pay interest and sinking fund for that period for something that should have been paid up regularly.

A town may now and then be forced to the position where it will face a deficit, but it is difficult to conceive of the same thing being tolerated five years in succession. A deficit from 1920 should certainly have had first place in the estimates for 1921 and so on right through. Walkerton was not well served by those who allowed such a condition to exist and keep on existing.

## Note and Comment.

If Loeb and Leopold were crazy why shouldn't Scott be the same?

One advantage of squeaky brakes is that it makes the traffic officer think you are making a supreme effort to be careful.

Johnny Hunter has apparently started a column in his Kincardine Review-Reporter to give advice to young people, for he writes: "A homely face is the best chaperon."

The St. Thomas Times-Journal remarks that "Toronto boys were summoned to the police court for playing ball on Sunday. Their elders, perhaps, were golfing with officials of the court."

New words are continually coming up to claim standing room in the English language. Thus when the dog catcher in Hamilton resigned, it was recorded that the city was dog-catcherless.

Iowa in 1920 had fifty-six bank robberies and losses of \$250,000. The bankers armed vigilance committees with 2,289 pistols, 1,200 rifles and 240 sawed-off shotguns. Last year there were six robberies with losses of \$2,500. Robbers as a general thing prefer to do all the shooting themselves, but this line-up was too stiff.

In case there are any readers who do not understand exactly what is meant by evolution, we quote Herbert Spencer's famous definition: "Evolution is an integration of matter and a concomitant dissipation of motion, during which process the matter passes from an indefinite, incoherent homogeneity to a definite, coherent heterogeneity, and during which the motion undergoes a parallel transformation." Nuff said!

One of the most notable English divines recently preached a sermon on "Social Sins." They were so clearly enunciated that even their enumeration is a discourse in itself:  
 1. Politics without work.  
 2. Pleasure without conscience.  
 3. Knowledge without character.  
 4. Industry without morality.  
 5. Science without humanity.  
 6. Worship without sacrifice.

In the last ten months 17,000 more common laborers left United States than entered it. Years ago the Greek or Italian went to United States, worked and saved until he could send for his family. Today he finds the quota that can enter from his country filled up for six or seven years to come, so he takes his savings and goes home. The New York World puts it bluntly when, after reviewing the situation, it asks "Who's going to do our dirty work?"

## On Evolution

In simple way we prove to you how evolution is not bunk, for once I had a motor car, today I have a pile of junk.

To make things plain for folks to see it's often far the safest plan to illustrate it so it comes as plain as mud to any man. So evolution we'll explain in ways as plain as A, B, C, and put it out upon a plate where all you do is look and see.

Five years ago I bought a car, it was a dandy in its day, it cost me seven brindle cows, ten bags of oats, a load of hay. And when I drove upon the street the neighbors rushed to see me pass; it was a pleasure in those days to feed it linned oil and gas. For I was driving in a car that purred just like an old tom cat, the same sensation that you get from wearin' out a tall silk hat.

Now that's the lesson number one, I've tried to make that plain to you, and now that we have bought the hack we'll start on lesson number two.

I drove that car ten thousand miles, I made it climb a mountain side, I never paid much heed to what was takin' place beneath its hide. It came quite clear as how that car was not like what she used to be, so now we'll start upon the next, which in this lesson's number three.

When I had gone four years or more a dealer came to me one day, and made an offer unto me to take my rattletrap away.

For when I went to start the thing it roared as though the boiler bust, and when it rolled upon the street it raised an awful cloud of dust. And neighbors laughed as I pulled up and parked beside the corner store—so now we'll turn the page and start upon the lesson number four.

Just yesterday I tried in vain, for all that cart would do was stall, and though I sputtered for an hour the thing it wouldn't go at all.

So those who hold there is no thing like evolution on the map, come gather round 'n my back yard and view my ancient rattletrap. For then no longer you'll declare that evolution is all bunk, for once I had a motor car, today I've got a pile of junk—A.R.K.

## 25 Years Ago Today

An issue of Canadian Northern Railway bonds is offered at 4 1/2 per cent, to complete a line from Port Arthur west.

Rev. Dr. John G. Paton, the missionary from the New Hebrides, will visit Petrolia during October.

St. Marys lacrosse team defeated London 7-1. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will go to Arthabaskaville today.

W. L. M. King of Toronto, who has been appointed to take charge of the Labor Gazette in connection with the dominion labor department, has arrived at Ottawa.

London retail grocers had an excursion to Niagara Falls, but upon their return they were covered in very short time. From Wynedham to Tillsonburg, 23 miles, was travelled in 18 minutes, which is equal to 77 miles an hour, and between Hawtreys and Port Dover the train ran at the rate of 80 miles an hour.

A meeting of No. 3 committee of the city council was held last night to purchase new hose for the fire department. Those present were Chairman Plant, Ald. Ross, Garratt, Jenkins, Wray, Acting Mayor Brenner, together with Secretary Bell, Engineer Graydon, Chief Roe, Inspector Bell and Market Clerk Wilson.

## Where Force Failed

DRASTIC police measures and the employment of military force have alike proved unavailing to check the criminal activities in Herring and Whitson county. State troops have been quartered there, but upon their withdrawal lawlessness in many forms broke out afresh.

And now a sudden change has come over the people of that district. Instead of shooting each other, men are attending prayer meetings. Guns have been thrown away. Bootleggers are seeking legitimate means of livelihood, and their customers are swearing off. A remarkable moral transformation is taking place. It is all due to the work of a lay evangelist, Howard S. Williams, who has been holding a series of meetings in Herring and the surrounding district. The meetings have been attended by scores of thousands, and hundreds have professed conversion. It is evident that a powerful religious revival is in progress there, and that it is having the effect of awakening the consciences of men and bringing about the regeneration of their characters and lives.

Where force failed the power of the Gospel is succeeding.

## Editorial Opinion

### PUTTING IT ON A HIGH PLANE.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review)  
 IT IS said that Mat Koldice, the bank bandit who was killed at St. Davids, lost \$2,000 betting on the races before he started out to be a bank robber. And probably he never had the satisfaction of knowing that he contributed his money to a worthy cause. Horse racing is necessary for horse breeding, and horse racing cannot exist without betting; therefore whoever bets on a horse race encourages horse breeding—isn't that the way the argument runs?

### YES, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.

(From the Chesley Enterprise)  
 WHAT A mighty contrast between William Jennings Bryan prosecuting a school teacher for the offence of teaching a theory which he believes, and which every biologist believes, to be a reality and Gladstone, the gifted author of The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture, and John Bright, the Christian statesman, demanding that the infidel Bradlaugh should not, merely because he was a professed atheist, be denied a seat in the British house of commons!

### EXPERT JUDGMENT.

(From the Ottawa Journal)  
 A YOUNG lady who was kissed by a young man demanded damages in a court of law. The jury awarded her six cents. In our opinion that jury hadn't any sense of values, equity or law. If she looks like the girl in the tooth paste ad, that kiss should have been worth at least half a dollar.

## MAGISTRATE WARS ON YOUNG DRIVERS

St. Thomas Official Promises Stern Action Against Parents in Future.

Special to The Advertiser.  
 St. Thomas, July 26.—The practice of allowing young boys to drive motor vehicles must be stopped, it was stated by Magistrate Maxwell, Saturday morning. A Yarmouth farmer paid \$10 and costs for allowing his son, under 16 years, to drive his car. Too many young boys and girls are allowed to take their parents' cars to Port Stanley, it was pointed out, and in future, parents will be severely dealt with.

Boon to Farmers.  
 Installation of a grain cleaning machine at the Empire Flour Mills, Limited, will enable farmers in this locality to obtain a higher grading on their wheat.

Grain weighing 58 pounds as it comes from the threshing machine will weigh 60 pounds after passing through the new apparatus, and the price received by the farmer will be accordingly be higher. The fee charged by the mill for the service is minimal, and the screenings may be used as chicken feed.

Failed to Pay Fees.  
 Coincident with the presence in the city for the first time of a female doctor, a local physician appeared in police court Saturday morning, on the unusual charge of issuing liquor prescriptions without having paid his fees to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

The charge was withdrawn when the fees and costs were paid. The physician had failed to pay the annual medical fee for the past six years.

The woman government agent, together with a male colleague, is investigating reports of large liquor shipments being unloaded in local railroad yards, it is understood.

Line Nearly Completed.  
 Erection of a new hydro-electric line between St. Thomas and St. Thomas, is almost completed, and a number of motorists are stopping their cars on the highway towards Talbotville to notice the poles laid three abreast. Five hundred and thirty-seven sets of poles are being used.

Hotel Stock Sold.  
 A large block of stock in the proposed hotel at Port Stanley has been sold by J. Anstey, of Detroit, who is acting for a promotion firm in that city, and erection of the hotel is practically assured, it is understood. The expected expenditure will be about \$50,000.

First Apples Appear.  
 Apples appeared on the local market for the first time, Saturday, and small quart baskets were selling for five cents. Butternut beans which have also been scarce, were selling for 10 cents a quart.

C. N. R. Clerk Collapses.  
 Over-exertion of the heart, due to playing softball and tennis, is regarded as the cause of the fainting of Vale Wimbush, a C.N.R. Wabash clerk, Saturday morning. After Mr. Wimbush had been helped to his feet by two men, he collapsed again, and collapsed, he was removed to his home, 6 Edward street. He complained of peculiar numbness of the lower limbs, and it was at first feared that he had suffered a stroke. Dr. Porter attended him.

High Wheat Averages.  
 Reports of excellent wheat yields in the surrounding country continue. Eight acres on the farm of John McFarlane, South Delaware, showed the remarkable average of fifty-one bushels to the acre. John D. McWilliams, of Dutton, reaped 46 bushels from ten acres. R. D. Hamilton, Aylmer, reports an average of 40 to 44 bushels in that locality.

Many pigeons loosed in this locality by owners living in other cities refuse to go home and are becoming a nuisance. Too often they are monstrosities, according to a local fancier, and are not worth feeding.

Gives Organ Recital.  
 A short organ recital was given Sunday evening in First United church, following the services, by Stanley Oliver, musical director of St. James' United church in Montreal. The program consisted of strains by Mendelssohn, Bach and Rheinberger.

## WOMAN HURT IN CRASH FOLLOWING BLOWOUT

Thrown Through Windshield of Detroit Car Near Hensall.

Special to The Advertiser.  
 Hensall, July 26.—When a front tire blew out, a large Detroit car, one of a party of three which were on their way to London after a day's fishing up north, and which was said to have been travelling at a fast rate of speed, took to the ditch, dashed several rods, and smashed into a telephone pole, breaking it in two places, about half a mile south of Hensall. A young woman occupant of the car was thrown through the windshield and was severely cut about her arms and face.

The telephone wires became tangled in the car and caused the machine to take fire, damaging it to quite an extent.

It was some time before a doctor could be secured, but finally Drs. Hyndman and Dougall of Hensall were brought to the scene of the accident, and the injured woman was removed to the home of John E. McEwen on the London road, where her injuries were attended to.

Three or four other people were in the car at the time but were uninjured. The car was towed into town, and is almost a complete wreck.

## "BLIND PIGS" RAIDED.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
 Windsor, July 25.—Twenty-five men were arrested as frequenters of "blind pigs," and 100 cases of beer and a quantity of whiskey seized in a series of raids over the week-end by provincial and city police.

## MOTHER ARRIVES TO FIGHT FOR SON

Crowe Returns To Chicago To Take Charge of Scott Case.

Associated Press Despatch.  
 Chicago, July 26.—A friend and an enemy came to Chicago yesterday to help and to fight Russell Scott, twice saved from the gallows within the past ten days, almost at the hour set for his execution. Mrs. Rilla May Scott of Cleveland, mother of the former Canadian financier sentenced to hang for the murder of Joseph Maurer, 15-year-old drug clerk, came to add her help to that of Scott's wife and father, who have worked unremittently four months in his behalf.

At the same time, Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, returned from a vacation to take charge of the state's case when Scott is brought into court on a sanity hearing, the latest move to save his life.

Defence attorneys spent the weekend in seeking facts to uphold the contention that Scott has become insane while in jail, a plea that won him a stay of execution from Judge Joseph B. David, four hours before his scheduled hanging Friday. At the insanity hearing on August 3, they will attempt to prove Scott a victim of prison psychosis.

Alienists, including some who testified in the trial of Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold, Jun., will be called by the defence. Among these will be Dr. Douglas Singer and Dr. William O. Krohn, who have discussed prison psychosis in their book, "Insanity and the Law."

## BALL BATS TO SWING—NO ANVILS WILL RING

Horseshoers and Carriage Workers Will Hold Picnic at Port Stanley.

Horseshoers and carriage workers and their families from London and Western Ontario will hold their annual picnic at Port Stanley next Wednesday, July 29. Instead of anvils ringing, baseball and bats will swing, and a real good time is in store for all who attend this picnic. An excellent program of sports has been arranged to please both young and old, 30 events and handsome prizes. A strong committee has been selected to carry out the details of the program.

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