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NOTHING TO SETTLE

Never was a grosser misstatement made than that the papers are responsible for a whole lot of the trouble in connection with the situation between the Power Company and its employees. The attitude of the entire press in this city, so far as we have been able to observe, has been absolutely fair to both sides. In giving publicity to both sides of the question it has possibly incurred the displeasure of one party, which would perhaps have preferred that facts telling against itself should have been suppressed.

Reports current yesterday were to the effect that no further progress had been made towards a settlement. Why should there be? What is there to settle? The matter is over and done with. The Company has issued a statement announcing the terms upon which it proposes to conduct its business, and offering work to all who are willing to conform to those terms. There is nothing more to be said. An employer of labor has a perfect right to lay down the terms upon which he proposes to carry on business; and any man who does not like those terms is not compelled to go to work on them. If the employer cannot get men to work on his terms, he must either alter them or shut up shop. He cannot be made to keep open, just to oblige the men. Once the principle is conceded that an employer shall only be permitted to carry on his business on such terms as labor approves, then there is an end to all industry, for no man is going to put his capital and his interests and sympathies in a business which he is not to be allowed to control.

We understand that the late employees of the Power Company claim that the terms now offered are unreasonable, and insufficient to meet the cost of living at the present time. In view of the fact that the Company has had no difficulty whatever in filling the places of the men who went out, the claim appears to be insupportable. The new employees apparently do not find the present terms unreasonable or insufficient, or they would not be willing to work on them. There is undoubtedly a feeling of regret among the citizens generally that the present difficulties should have arisen between the Power Company and its late employees, but it is also felt that if the control of industry is to be left entirely in the hands of labor, without regard to the interests of capital, then we have reached Communism, which is the beginning of the end of all prosperity.

MR. KING'S DIATRIBE.

It is hard to take the Hon. Mackenzie King seriously. It is very doubtful indeed if anyone takes him seriously except himself. His orations are full of bombast and that spread-eagle type of eloquence which was popular in the days of our great-grandfathers. He is now carrying his message of political salvation into the Eastern townships of Quebec, using his best deplorable style, coupled with extravagant rhetoric and rolling platitudes. But what the country wants is something definite from Mr. King as to where he stands on the issues of the day. The Liberal party has a tariff platform, solemnly adopted in 1919 at the Ottawa convention. The platform is fairly specific. Mr. Melchior has more than once challenged Mr. King to state whether he still stood by this platform. Mr. King refuses to commit himself.

Mr. King is elusive, but as nearly as one can nail him down, he is not a protectionist nor a free trader, but stands for tariff for revenue only, whatever that means. For 15 years Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in power and was supported by Mr. King. During that period the average tariff was 26 per cent. as against 21 per cent. today. Yet this 5 per cent. forsooth, was a tariff for revenue, and the same tariff which is in force today, except for reductions in some lines, is described as a high protectionist, "big interest" tariff. Anyone can discover the difference between the "tariff for revenue" policy of Mr. King and the "protectionist" policy of the Government, let him speak. Mr. King's "tariff for revenue" policy is mere twaddle. It is a term used to allow a man to sit on the fence and appeal at the same time for protection and free trade support.

Mr. King, in the course of his speech

relieved himself of the following line of talk:

"I ask Mr. Melchior who gave him the authority to lay down any four points in the name of the people of Canada. He is a usurper, and is representing Canada in England by right of no authority. He has stolen the authority he is exercising, and has no right in the name of Canada to lay down any rule or any policy with respect to international and imperial affairs. That is a right that must be left to the people's representatives in Parliament, newly and freshly elected by the people of Canada."

This is the kind of bunk one would expect from a Bolshevik soap box orator and not from the responsible leader of a once great political party. It is foolish and even dangerous demagogic oratory unworthy of a man who holds his position.

Talking of interests, Mr. King was elected leader of the Liberal party by the Quebec members because he opposed conscription. They openly boasted of it in the Yankina by-election. These same members, under the influence of Montreal interests, have been bitterly antagonistic to public ownership and take every opportunity to say so. Mr. King knows that these same Montreal interests opposed the selection of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen as prime minister because he was an advocate of public ownership and because they thought he was too advanced in his views. The real reactionaries in Parliament are the Liberal opposition members. They opposed women's suffrage, they voted against the establishment of a national health and child welfare department, and they are always ready to fight government ownership.

Mr. King would have done himself and his party more credit if he had honestly and frankly stated his position on the great questions of the day, such as the tariff, public ownership and the railway problem, rather than have indulged in general abuse of the Prime Minister and the Government, whose chief crime, according to the Liberal orators, is that they were sponsors for a measure designed to give the Canadian army at the front every possible support against the German menace.

THE STREET CARS

The Globe appears to be under some little misapprehension regarding the non-operation of the street cars. It says that the Power Company is now in a position to resume operations, "but awaits an invitation from the 'city to do so.' According to our information, the Company is not operating the cars—although willing to do so—because there is an impression abroad that an opportunity would thereby be afforded to create trouble for a certain element in the community to resist taking advantage of. For this attitude the Company is certainly to be commended. After all is said and done, why worry? The lack of car service does not appear to be seriously inconveniencing ninety per cent. of the citizens. In fact it is probably doing them good. They are getting the opportunity to indulge in a little walking exercise during this lovely weather which is good for their health, to say nothing of the fresh air they enjoy. Doubtless those who live on the outskirts of the city and have to get in to work early in the morning find the lack of street cars somewhat of a nuisance. It is a little tough naturally on a man who has to get to his work at 6:30 a. m. if he has a couple of miles or more to walk from his home. Still "it's fine to get up in the morning, when the sun begins to shine," so our friend Laurier maintains.

TO PROTECT INVESTORS

In a letter to a Montreal paper, suggested by the recent heavy losses made by Canadian investors in certain paper and sugar stocks, Mr. L. W. Bailey, formerly of Fredericton, but now of Quebec, makes a proposition that is worthy of consideration. It must be apparent to everyone that, as Mr. Bailey points out, there are thousands of Canadians with small savings who become victims of occasional financial crashes, because they have not the means, the time, the necessary education nor the opportunity of investigating the relative merits of the various offerings to the public of stock or bond flotations. Very often they are influenced by the investments of friends, who are no better informed than themselves. The Government cannot of course be expected to assume for investors all responsibility and risk, as endorers of public issues, but Mr. Bailey's suggestion seems to point a way whereby it can do much by authorizing the classification of such issues of stocks and bonds for the benefit of investors, to remove the growing tendency to with-

hold investments from a sense of almost panicky nervousness. It will be a serious menace to the further development of industry if recent depreciations of values should have the effect of deterring the general public from investing savings that are required in the healthy development of our natural resources. Such investments might, no doubt, be stimulated, if some such guarantee as suggested by Mr. Bailey can be given to investors that they are not likely to lose their money, if they permit themselves to be intelligently guided by a study of the proposed government classification of public issues, upon such lines, for instance as the following:

Class A.—Dominion and Provincial Government bonds, and bonds of the larger cities and municipalities.
Class B.—Bonds of smaller, and more remote municipalities and towns.
Class C.—Preferred stocks of old established companies and common stocks of undoubted value, such as Bell Telephone, Shawinigan and C. P. R.

Class D.—Other stocks having some value but of a more speculative character. It should prove of some advantage to intending investors, liable to be carried away by a wonderfully prepared prospectus, backed by the slick tongue of the salesman, if they be given an opportunity of ascertaining how the highest financial authorities of the Government classify the flotation in question.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

The Man of Troubles.
That unique day may yet arrive when we are told that Premier Lloyd George is not facing another crisis.—Calgary Herald.

Not Their Fault.
"The world revolution has been postponed," says Trotsky. Through causes over which Trotsky and his friends have no control.—Hamilton Herald.

Risky Business.
We noticed that Ambassador George Harvey did not speak when the ancestral home of the Washingtons family was rededicated in England the other day. Making speeches in England these days is risky business for Americans. There are four parties to please: The English, the Americans, the Irish and the Irish-Americans.—New York Sun.

Our Mites.
A little over \$200,000,000 was contributed to Protestant churches by Americans and Canadian members last year.
That's about a tenth as much as we spent on tobacco in the same period.
Churches christen us, marry us, bury us, give us moral advice and try to save us from hell. What we give them in return should make us ashamed.—Vancouver Sun.

True Everywhere.
But if we are to extend an invitation to summer visitors from the head of the lakes we must get away from the belief that the ideal method of spending a summer vacation is to contemplate "castles of commerce," and we must develop our scenic attractions just as faithfully as we have striven to enlarge our commercial enterprises. The fellow who brings his wife up to the head of the lakes is probably a man just like one of ourselves, who has had eleven months of commercial life and who would rather lounge under a tree than climb the stairs of a grain elevator, and paddle his own canoe than be solemned by the roar of a steamship.—Fort William Times-Journal.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE FIELD BY THE SEA.

On a gray day by the sea,
I looked down from the window and saw
The beautiful companions of the
probable doing them good. They are
getting the opportunity to indulge in
a little walking exercise during this
lovely weather which is good for their
health, to say nothing of the fresh air
they enjoy. Doubtless those who live
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naturally on a man who has to get to
his work at 6:30 a. m. if he has a
couple of miles or more to walk from
his home. Still "it's fine to get up
in the morning, when the sun begins
to shine," so our friend Laurier main-

My heart, too, is a field,
Peopled with shining forms,
Beautiful as the companions of the
grass.
And herded by swift gray storms.

A thousand shapes of joy,
Sunlit and fair and wild—
All the bright dreams that make the
heart of a man
As the heart of a little child.

They dance to the tune of the world,
The star-troddden grasses run,
Glad as the wind-blown multitudes of
the grass,
White as the daisies in June.

But over them, ah, what storms—
In from the unknown sea.
The uncharted and ever-sounding
dreadful main
We have called Eternity!

They shudder and quake and are torn,
As the stormy moods race by,
And then in the teeth of remorse, the
tempestuous lull.
Once more the hardy cry:

"Fear not, little folk of my heart,
Nor let the great hope in you fall!
Being children of light, ye are made
as the flowers of the grass,
To endure and serve and prevail."
—Bliss Carman.

THE LAUGH LINE

The thermometer equals a pretty woman in silliness.

Love.
"She ought to be happy."
"Why?"
"Her husband seems as fond of her as he is of his golf."

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

THE CIRCUS.

Hurray for the circus!
It happens inside of a tent.
And first you're glad you're going
And then you're glad you went.

Hurray for the trapeze acrobats
Turning tumblesalts in the air!
How dare, as their expression is
As the wind blows thro' their hair!

Hurray for the bareback riders
Including lady ones in tides!
People go all over the world and back
Without seeing better sides.

Hurray for the way they jump on and off
While the horses run all their miles!
We wouldn't even do it in the afternoons
But they do it again at nights.

Hurray for the elephants wawking around
Holding each others' tails!
It would be fun to keep one in the city
But they're probably not for sale.

Hurray for everything in the side show
Hurray for every clown
And hurray for the way you crack peanut shells
And drop them empty down!

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

St. John, N. B., July 5th, 1921.
Editor, St. John Standard,
City.

Sir:—It has occurred to the writer that the property owners in this city do not realize how many men there are out of employment in the City of St. John, and who are in absolute need of work. If they realized this fact I think that they would be prepared to spend a little money on necessary repairs to their property instead of letting the work run for another year or two. It must be apparent to anybody that there are hundreds of houses in the City of St. John that certainly need painting. Let the property owners show their interest in the welfare of their city and in their fellow citizens by having the work done now, and not next year or the year after.

Yours truly,
"PROPERTY OWNER."

His Authority.
Prenzled Orator—"These aren't my own figures, I'm quoting. They're the figures of a man 'oo knows wot 'e's talking about."

Her Last Probably.
"Agree going to marry that man? Why, I thought he was only a chance acquaintance."
"He was, but he's a chance she's willing to take."—Boston Transcript.

To Square Accounts.
"Harry, dear, promise me that if I die you will marry Jane Jones," she said thoughtfully.
"Jane Jones?" he exclaimed in astonishment. "Why, I thought you hated her."
"I do."—Life.

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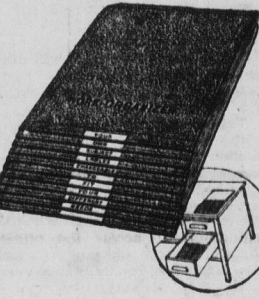
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this year is about \$1,700,000 more
about \$6,500 higher.

Following are the particulars:

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Tobacco For All

"Pen" Prisoners

Government Regulation

Changed to Permit Convicts

to Have the "Weed."

Ottawa, July 5.—Prisoners in Pen

month penitentiary at Kingston

not the only ones to be allowed

use of tobacco this year. When

estimates of the Department of

tice were put through the House

session provision was made in it

for money for the purchase of tobacco

for convicts in all Canadian peni-

tiaries who had been in the habit

of using the weed previous to their

incarceration.

The use of tobacco in penitentiaries

was cut off in the time of Sir O-

liver, 24 years ago, and from

until very recently none of the

viets have been allowed the solace

of a puff at pipe or cigarette.

RATS STOLE NECKLACE.

Rome, July 5.—Mrs. Helen Wen-

an Alsatian residing in a fashion-

hotel here, recently reported to

police that she had missed a

necklace from her jewel case. A

thing was done to find out what

became of the gems. Detective

triered hotel employees but no

could be found. A day or two

one of the men searching about

rooms and corners of Mrs. Wen-

room found a piece of the necklace

near a tiny hole in the floor. A

search investigation was then

and from all that was found, the

detectives concluded that rats had

away with the lady's string of pearls.

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