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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

CURING RUSSIA BY "MAXIMS."

SOMETIMES "maxim" means a rapid-fire, light gun—and sometimes "maxim" means a wise saying. British Labor wants the British troops and their "maxims" withdrawn from Russia. If the maxims of force are withdrawn, can we regenerate Russia with the maxims of wisdom?

A maxim that we would like to recommend to Russia is "Co-operation means Success." It is the maxim so successfully practised by Labor in Canada. The Democratic form of Government in vogue in our country and other English-speaking countries is the kind of Government to which the struggling nations look for guidance, example and encouragement.

Co-operation and education will place us farther each year on the pathway to real Democracy, where all are for the country as a whole and none for a clique class or party.

If the struggling nations look at us and find that after all we are just a bunch of "scrappers"—one class trying to take advantage of another class—our example won't do them any good. Therefore, load up that old maxim, "Co-operation means Success"—and let's give our benighted brothers several rounds of good example.

KEEP YOUR MADE-IN-CANADA DOLLAR IN CANADA.

AN excellent suggestion for all Canadians is to demand Made-in-Canada goods when you hand your Made-in-Canada dollar over the counter. Labor and all other sections of our population will understand the advantage of maintaining as many lines of industry as possible in our own country.

MAKING THE SWEATERS SWEAT. THE Honorable Mr. Macdormid in the Ontario Legislature has chalked out the pattern and lining of a bill to make sweater shop employers sweat. For a long time Labor has been trying to remedy the unsanitary conditions and unremunerative tasks of tailors and tailoresses who toil in sweater shop tailoring establishments.

A COURAGEOUS COLONEL. COLONEL A. C. PRATT has not only shown his courage by active service in France, but also by his courageous stand in the Ontario Legislature. Colonel Pratt stood up in the local Legislature as the champion of the Canadian private soldier and braved the javelins of those in high places to say a word for the man in the ranks.

TOM AND JOHN. WE are glad to see Tom Moore and John Bruce on the National Industrial Commission appointed to inquire into industrial unrest. Tom and John are good men with a good understanding of the big job they are about to tackle.

MOONSHINE. The Toronto "Globe" says that talk of a working-man's strike because of prohibition is all "Moonshine." "Moonshine" is pretty strong stuff; real beer would be better.

A FUEL PROBLEM. The Kaiser has been putting in his spare time sawing wood over in Holland. The poet who writes our "stove lengths" poems suggests that Bill won't need any fuel in the country where most people would like to send him.

SPRING. In Spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to love—and a new \$27.00 suit.

SENATOR ROBERTSON ON UNITY OF ENDEAVOR

The "get together" spirit among employers and employees is the keynote of the industrial unrest of Canada, according to Senator Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, who addressed a gathering of business men at the Hotel McMillan last night.

"Why should the present acute situation between capital and labor be allowed to become more acute?" asked the Minister of Labor. "Why not get together and solve the problem of the great nations of the world, and now try to adopt a spirit of co-operation and arbitration to settle our differences, rather than dispute our claims by strikes?"

Senator Robertson said that the rights of labor must be fully recognized, and that he ought to be reasonably and adequately paid, so that he can live with at least the same degree of comfort as in pre-war days.

"But it behooves all business men and employers of labor to take up their part of the responsibility to realize that this spirit is growing and will continue to grow among workmen unless they are convinced that they are fairly treated."

FROM THE CONGRESS LETTER BOX. A letter addressed to President Moore, from Toronto, runs as follows: Sir: Knowing your genuine interest in the cause of the working man, I take the liberty to write you about the case of farm help.

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In a very interesting and thoughtful address on "The American Revolution and Constitution" delivered last Sunday, April 6, before the members of the Party, Mr. E. P. Hurley traced the Genesis of the American Revolution and the cause for the secession of the original thirteen states or colonies from the British Crown.

The speaker stated that the cause for the secession of the original thirteen states or colonies from the British Crown, was the maintenance of the rights of the people of the United States, as well as that of the people of the thirteen original states of the Union, by which they consented not to relinquish any of their sovereign powers to a central authority but to act in co-operation through that central or federal government in the prosecution of a war, the maintenance of post offices and roads to regulate commerce with foreign nations, to borrow money on the credit of the United States, to maintain a navy, and to provide for the execution of the laws of the Union, to suppress insurrections and rebel foreign invasions.

The winter session will close on the last Sunday in April, and the Party has every reason to be gratified with the attendance at all the lectures. The type of addresses has been of the highest quality, and the organization in the city, and the esprit de corps that prevails at the meetings is one of the many reasons why they have been so attractive.

ONE BIG UNION IDEA. In view of the recent event at Calgary of Western laborites on the "One Big Union" move, the following article is of timely interest: "To build up such a powerful industrial organization that we shall be able to make repeated assaults upon the citadel of capitalism, choosing our own time and our own battlefields, culminating in one gigantic struggle to overthrow the rule of the capitalists and to establish a socialist commonwealth."

THE DELEGATES OF THE DOMINION POSTAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION, AT PRESENT VISITING OTTAWA, INTERVIEWED THE DAY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, DR. R. M. COULTER, MR. WM. J. CANTWELL, DOMINION PRESIDENT, AND MR. J. W. GREEN, DOMINION SECRETARY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF POSTS.

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MR. PHILIP GIBBS ON THE BALCHAY MENACE.

"Today the world is faced with a worse menace than in the days when the Germans in all their might, stood in the lines before the Allied armies in France. That menace is Bolshevism, which is now being foisted by the enemy, and which is sweeping over the world, so that neither this country nor any other is immune from it."

Hardly had the scheme of Prussian domination gone down to its unholy grave than barbarism reared its head in still uglier form, and with the battle cry of "BOLSHEVISM UBER ALLES" it is making war upon civilization.

Bolshevism means that personal property is no longer recognized. A mob with rifles and bayonets can go to any home and take what it wants—household belongings, clothes, food, anything. It can shoot the breadwinner and carry off even the babe in arms.

Bolshevism means that the man who is respectable, hard-working and ambitious is looked upon as a traitor to "the cause."

Bolshevism means the death of religion and the worship of Brute Force. It means that the Government is transferred to organized robber bands called "committees" or Soviets, who are not elected by the people and in whose doing the people have no voice.

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AS LABOR VIEWS PARLIAMENT.

From the standpoint of labor, the past week in Parliament has been an interesting one. Overshadowing everything else was the announcement of Senator Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, to the effect that a commission would be appointed to investigate labor conditions in Canada, with a view to formulating a plan for industrial co-operation between capital and labor.

There has been considerable misunderstanding as to the scope of the commission and its work, so that it might be well to quote the exact words of Senator Robertson. He said: "It is proposed that a small commission of five or seven members, composed of men who absolutely command the confidence of the people of Canada, and who are personally and deeply interested in this serious problem, should immediately proceed to perform a study of the conditions of labor in Canada and hold consultations with the employers and the workmen, just as I have been doing here in a similar way."

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The speech of Senator Robertson was a comprehensive review of the labor situation in Canada, and the development of recent years which has compelled the Government to consider the possibility of a closer relationship between employer and employee closer together.

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of St. Lawrence. It may at once be realized the enormous loss of territory, for example, the world of the United States had Quebec listened to the voice of the charmer, it was the French inhabitants of Quebec who saved us from the clutches of the British. We should not forget this fact in these days when the loyalty of the oldest province in Canada is frequently called in question.

Passing to the Constitution of the United States, the speaker showed in what measure it differed from that of Canada in as much as that of the former is a mere agreement of the peoples of the thirteen original states of the Union, by which they consented not to relinquish any of their sovereign powers to a central authority but to act in co-operation through that central or federal government in the prosecution of a war, the maintenance of post offices and roads to regulate commerce with foreign nations, to borrow money on the credit of the United States, to maintain a navy, and to provide for the execution of the laws of the Union, to suppress insurrections and rebel foreign invasions.

An interesting side light on early Canadian history was here introduced by the speaker in his reference to the terms of the Ohio valley were reserved to the control of the Province of Pennsylvania, and the Canadian Commercial legislation," said Mr. Lackie the historian, "was signed a chasm between the mother country and her colonies, and it was not until the latter had become sufficiently strong to lead to separation."

The quarrel between England and her American colonies which finally resulted in the American Revolution, the latter was the most important factor in the evolution of colonial government. It showed that no civilized nation of any size and an increasing population could be kept in a state of permanent political tutelage, and it had the effect that England was ultimately led to adopt the policy of colonial autonomy.

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