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CHALLENGING THE STATE.

The Marquis of Londonderry, in his reply to A. J. Cook, General Secretary of the British Miners' Federation, merely repeats in somewhat more popular language the statement made recently by Premier Baldwin, that never have the British people allowed themselves to be dictated to by a minority.

Cook's challenge has been clearly, incidentally phrased. In a recent statement directed at the Prime Minister he said that the Government had surrendered, and must be reminded that it would have to surrender again and again; that what the miners had brought about on this occasion under a threat of industrial paralysis they would be able to bring about again.

The British people have no liking for being taken by the throat, and the words of the Marquis of Londonderry derive their importance not from the fact that he is a man of title, or a great mine owner, but because his reply is shot through with truth recognized by a very great majority of the people of the United Kingdom. He says that it is possible that Cook and those like him may bring about a revolution, but if that evil day comes they will soon have their fill of it; and he is right, because the people at large will not hesitate to defend and vindicate the orderly forms and processes of government under which they live.

Fortunately Cook's words threaten more than he can perform. The extremists are, after all, but a small proportion of organized labor in Britain. But when the Prime Minister is compelled by circumstances to answer the challenge of a mad minority, he speaks not as a man of party, but as one representing the most orderly, conservative and resolute people in the world, and in a great national emergency, if such unhappily should come, they would make his words good, at any cost.

SIR ADAM BECK.

The death of Sir Adam Beck removes one who by the sheer force of personality gained a commanding position in Ontario and became an outstanding figure in Canada. In 1906, when he was Minister without portfolio in the Whitney Government, he introduced a bill by which the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario was created, and of this Commission he became chairman, a position which he held up to the time of his death. It was said to be Sir James Whitney's view that the province should not expend more than \$6,000,000 upon power development, but under Beck's leadership, and with the driving force of his enthusiasm, the project grew to immense proportions, involving an investment of some hundreds of millions of dollars.

Frequently in recent years Sir Adam encountered criticism and opposition, and on more than one occasion he was a storm centre. He was charged with autocratic methods and with committing the province to developments which could not be economically justified, but his faith was unwavering and he commanded the support of strong elements in both the Conservative and Liberal parties. Within the last fifteen years power from Niagara and other sources has been carried throughout the Ontario municipalities. It was contended by Sir Adam's opponents that Quebec, which has relied upon private enterprise largely for the development of its waterpowers, was following a sounder principle, but a majority of the Ontario people were converted to public ownership and control very largely through the popularity and prestige which Beck achieved. He established a wide reputation for honesty and enterprise, and even his critics have always been ready to admit his devotion to the public service.

Sir Adam, who was successful manufacturer, was a sportsman of note, and a well-known owner and breeder of thoroughbred horses. During the war he acted for some time as director of remounts, and supervised the purchase of army horses for the Canadian forces. He was knighted in 1914. He will rank high among the famous sons of Ontario.

IN 1927.

When the Canadian Confederation was fifty years old this country was still engaged in the great war, which overshadowed everything, and naturally it was in no mood to celebrate the anniversary in the fashion that would have prevailed under other circumstances. The Diamond Jubilee of the Dominion will come on July 1, 1927, and it is being suggested in the Central Provinces that there should be local celebrations from coast to coast, that the federal and provincial governments should give assistance to the project, that every city, town and village should have its own local organization,

Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends." From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

Courtesy a City Asset

(Winnipeg Tribune.) "I was going to give you the third degree, but I see you are a stranger. No left turn here, sir!" This speech from a Winnipeg traffic officer, says a visitor, did more to make him feel at home in Winnipeg than any other thing. "It showed that when they give us cards at the border, extending the official hospitality of the city, they were extending genuine hospitality and real courtesy, and no mere sham."

One of the complaints of the long-distance motor tourist is that as he enters a strange state or an unfamiliar city he is unfairly treated by traffic officers. If, in his ignorance of local traffic rules he commits an unintentional error, he feels that he should be set right rather than "bawled out" or held up as a criminal—even if he is not at fault.

All tourists approaching Winnipeg are directed to the Tourist and Convention Bureau at the Parliament Buildings, by cards issued by the Mayor. These cards are distributed by border officials, traffic officers, Boy Scouts and others. At the Bureau are supplied maps, advice, and road information of every sort. Assistance is given in securing lodgings; the visitor is given a distinctive badge for his car, and generally made to feel that he is among friends who have a definite interest in his welfare.

Every city desires motor visitors. The thousands of free-roping grounds throughout the country were established as a means of attracting them. Entering upon the highway of courtesy is a step further, and brings a new element into the motoring world. If the hundreds of letters of appreciation that have come to the Tourist and Convention Bureau are an indication, this plan already has paid large dividends to its good-will and admiration for Winnipeg.

Size

(Manitoba Free Press.) We see by the papers that a gigantic prehistoric dinosaur has been discovered near the city of Washington. This gigantic animal left behind it a skeleton eighty feet from stem to stern and fifty feet in height. We have no longer any animals living that are as big as this. An interesting point always rises out of these gigantic measures (this one's jaw was eight feet long), and it is this: Why did they pass away? Why have all the huge animals of the fossil stage and left the surface of the world to the small creatures? And here is another question: Why were the smaller creatures not grow bigger? We give both these problems up, of course, but nevertheless they still remain: there they are.

If a dinosaur could grow to eighty feet by forty feet, what in the world made it do that? If the elephant is a descendant of the mastodon, and the mastodon was the descendant of a mammoth, and it was the offspring of a land turtle, what made the elephant shrink? Why did growth cease and not expand? Why did the new and the grasshopper not grow to the size of elephants instead of the mastodons dividing up the world with the dinosaurs and megaliths passing out altogether?

We admit freely we are quite unable to answer these questions, which, at least, are quite easy to ask. But there they are. And every time the boys dig up another gigantic dinosaur, they come to mind again, and we realize that if some perhaps quite small and insignificant balance wheel in the great scheme of nature were ever so slightly readjusted, we might all keep on growing till we were as big as the Woolworth Building. And now, we ask you, wouldn't that be interesting?

Bobbing Will Last

(Victoria Colonial.) An English barber thinks that the bobbing and shingling of hair will continue because they are something more than mere fashion. They are, in his opinion, part and parcel of the movement for the emancipation of women and a triumph of convenience over convention. The reason for the change is the desire to save trouble and to free women from the incubus of a mass of hair, which, some say, performs no useful function, except to please the other sex. The barber says nothing of the beauty or otherwise of bobbed and shingled hair, but he has been described by one of the world's great artists as "the most hideous fashion yet to have come out of that is probably very much of an exaggeration."

Seems Odd

(Manitoba Free Press.) In the New Brunswick elections last week the voted had to write the name of the candidate of his choice on a blank sheet of paper or else hand in to the returning officer the name of the candidate of his choice on a slip handed him by the scrutineer for the candidate. Does this argue a higher educational standard of the New Brunswick electorate in that it is presumed able to write the candidate's name correctly and that where the elector has to mark an X which invalidates a New Brunswick ballot it argues illiteracy on the part of voters in general, or is it merely a survival of the days when the only people who had a vote were the land-owning classes who presumably were the only educated ones in the community? Anyway, New Brunswick must be about the last place on earth where the system of writing the candidate's name prevails.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Perfectly Content. "For heaven's sake!" ejaculated a hypercritical tourist in the Stippery Slap neighborhood, "why don't you wash your windows? You could see—"

"Aw, well," replied Ogg Onken, a well known bachelor of the region, "I've seen everything, anyhow."—The Kansas City Star.

Extended Weariness. "I observe an old scythe hanging in a croch of that tree which apparently has been there so long that it is grown over," remarked a motorist who had stopped for a drink of water. "No doubt one of your relatives hung it there back in the sixties, went to war and never returned."

"Well, no; not precisely," replied Gog Johnson of Humpus Ridge. "About twenty years ago I got sorter tired using the scythe and hung it up there. 'Peers like I hadn't got right good and rested till plumb yet.'"—The Kansas City Star.

TRUCK LOAD OF SIGNATURES



A petition was recently presented to the British House of Commons containing a million signatures on behalf of the British Legion praying for certain alterations in the granting of war pensions. The presentation was made by Major J. B. Cohen, M.P., who lost both his legs at the Third Battle of Ypres. He is seen in the bath chair.

SKULL FRACTURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Car With Five Summer Visitors Turns Over Near St. Andrews.

ST. ANDREWS, Aug. 16.—With a compound fracture of the skull, Banquo Richardson, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richardson, of New York, is now a patient in the Chipman Hospital at St. Stephen hovering between life and death. He was one of a party of five young people, guests of the Algonquin Hotel, who were motoring from St. Andrews to New River Beach Saturday morning about 10 o'clock, when the large car made a double somersault going round a sharp turn on the road two miles east of Chamcook.

Miss Ethel Joseph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Joseph, of Montreal, received minor injuries and is still in hospital, but her condition is not serious. The car was a large Chrysler, and was driven by Fred Cowans, son of Percy Cowans, of the firm of McDougall and Cowans, Montreal. Young Cowans is about 17 years of age.

DOCTORS SUMMONED

Dr. H. P. O'Neill, of St. Andrews, was hurriedly summoned to the scene of the accident and accompanied the injured boy to the hospital in the Royal Commission. It is to investigate conditions in the coal industry. [This was the decision which the cabinet reached on Saturday after long discussion. The miners, however, will be allowed to cross-examine witnesses through their counsel and it is likely that Sir Henry Slesser, Solicitor-General in the MacDonald administration, will be briefed to look after their interests. The men's lawyers will also have no direct representation on the commission, but will be granted similar privileges to the men.]

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NEW THREAT ISSUED.

They have issued a new threat which is contained in a leaflet which was widely broadcast entitled "Communism Unmasked." On the top of the pamphlet are these words, "the first of three warnings," and in the body of the tract it says, "We are ready for you and your dupes and our vengeance will be swift, sudden and sure. We long for the day when we can cleanse our country from such blackmalers as you and today we are five hundred strong."

MR. COOK REPLIES.

To this effusion, Mr. Cook replies this morning that he was born of British parents and that all his relatives are British and all the threats in the world "will not deter me from doing my duty towards the men I represent." Mr. Cook adds that such organizations as the Fascisti will only cause similar organizations to be formed among the working classes leading to the possibility of civil war.

Newfoundland Gets Part Liquor Cargo

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Aug. 16.—The Dominion of Newfoundland receives 1,000 cases of fine quality whiskey and 300 cases of dry champagne, as the result of a settlement adjusted last night, between the finance minister and the steamer Herbert Green sized last month as a rum runner.

By this settlement awarding the government one-third of the cargo, this ship will be enabled to sail with the remainder tomorrow. The arresting officers charged that liquor had been sold over the ship's side.

MINERS BARRED FROM BRITISH PROBE BOARD

Will Be Allowed to Cross-Examine Witnesses Through Own Counsel

British United Press. LONDON, Aug. 17.—The miners will not be represented on the Royal Commission that is to investigate conditions in the coal industry. [This was the decision which the cabinet reached on Saturday after long discussion. The miners, however, will be allowed to cross-examine witnesses through their counsel and it is likely that Sir Henry Slesser, Solicitor-General in the MacDonald administration, will be briefed to look after their interests. The men's lawyers will also have no direct representation on the commission, but will be granted similar privileges to the men.]

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Ship Grounds During Mist In St. Lawrence

MONTREAL, Aug. 16.—Carrying a general cargo, the freighter Victorlita went ashore during a mist this morning at Verceilles, in the River St. Lawrence. The ship will probably be hoisted after some of her cargo has been removed. The Victorlita was bound for Montreal for Southampton.

Nearly \$1,800 For Orphans From Picnic

The gross receipts of the annual picnic of St. Peter's and Holy Trinity churches amounted to \$1,768. It was announced yesterday. The expenses have not been totaled but it is expected that they will amount to about \$800 so that there will remain about \$1,000 to be given to the maintenance of the Catholic orphanages. This sum is in excess of the proceeds of the Portland picnic during recent years and much of it will be used for the maintenance of the orphanages.

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