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A CRYING NEED.

The need of a superintendent of neglected and dependent children for the province of New Brunswick has been urged upon the government for some years, but not with sufficient force to get results. That such an officer should be appointed, to organize Children's Aid Societies throughout the province, is painfully obvious to all those who have to do with child-welfare in a general way. Rev. George Scott, agent of the Children's Aid Society for the city and county of St. John, has within a week received letters from three counties urging him to take action in the case of ill-used children. The writers of those letters are not aware that the St. John society and its agent have no jurisdiction in those counties. On the other hand, there is no Children's Aid Society in either of the three counties from which the letters came. Mr. Scott is continually in receipt of such letters, and all he can do is to point out by correspondence the course to pursue under the law. But where there are no Children's Aid Societies to which to commit children, or whose members could see to it that the conditions under which a child or children lived were improved, there is very little that can be done for people who neglect or abuse a child cannot always be trusted to heed an admonition that he has not behind the penalty of the law. All over this province there are neglected children. We are told that the great aim of the public health department is to save the babies and develop healthy children. That will never be done as it should be done until there is a superintendent of neglected and dependent children, and in every town and county a Children's Aid Society. It should therefore be the aim of the government to take from the proposed appropriations to improve roads, or save cows, or increase the number of bees, or other work of that nature, enough money to provide the means to save and improve children—the most valuable of all provincial assets.

THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

Premier Meighen delivered an address at Portage La Prairie yesterday. The keynote was "get together." He declared that all the people of Canada "cheer up and get together." They have been wanting to do that for some time. They desire to get together and elect a new parliament, and if Premier Meighen will give them that opportunity they will no doubt cheer up at the same time. The premier referred especially to Quebec, quoting some remarks by Premier Taschereau on the subject of harmony and co-operation. There are those who believe that if the Conservative government under Sir Robert Borden had been a little more willing to promote harmony in the early stages of the war, the feeling in Quebec would have been quite different today. However, that is past, and Premier Meighen should give the people of Quebec, as well as of the other provinces, an opportunity to "get together" as the polls. Mr. Meighen also expresses a desire to remedy injustice wherever it appears, making due allowance, of course, for differences of opinion. Where such differences exist it is customary in democratic countries to decide by majority vote, at least in matters which affect industry, trade and commerce. Some people believe the present tariff is unjust. Others believe there is too much protection. Others believe democracy in administration is not exercised. Others regard it as unjust that a parliament elected for a definite period should go on after the time limit had expired. These are matters which ought to be submitted to the people for a verdict by the majority.

There will be general approval of the premier's remark that enemies of ordered government should not be permitted to pursue their course without opposition. In a time of general unrest, following a great war, there is need of the moral force of right thinking people. That force can best be mobilized under a government which knows as the result of an actual vote that it possesses the confidence of the people at large.

The Poles and Russians are debating terms of peace. It is a momentous conference, for upon it hangs the issue of peace or a greater war, which would involve other nations. Even while representatives of Poland and Russia are getting together their armies are still fighting, and the Bolsheviks are making desperate efforts to capture Warsaw. Their strength and their ability to keep armies in the field amaze the world. Kerevsky explains it by saying that the Bolshevik leaders are able to play upon Russian national sentiment in the face of an enemy.

The Montreal Herald says: "Representatives of American financial interests have been in Montreal recently holding conferences with leading Canadian paper interests. A number of possible consolidations are being discussed and negotiated. It is known that plans for reorganization of companies that have been in private hands for years are being brooded out. And, following the consummation of these plans, there will be some extensive development work entailing the erection of many new plants."

DR. ROBERTSON'S VISIT

Conservation of natural resources, conservation of health, and conservation of boy life are the causes to which Dr. James W. Robertson has elected to devote his time hereafter. His enthusiasm in relation to them is infectious. It is impossible to hear one of his addresses without feeling a sense of personal responsibility in relation to the cause he advocates. Not merely does he disarm criticism, but he impresses upon his hearer's mind the vital importance of the subject and the call to service. The Rotarians heard him yesterday in relation to the Boy Scout movement. He was able to invest the subject with a new and personal interest for every listener. 'That is because he so deeply feels what he utters, and because his clarity of thinking and facility of expression in simple words take hold on the mind and leave a distinct impression. The Boy Scout movement in this city and province has not been as widely successful as it should have been because of a lack of leaders. Dr. Robertson appeals for such leaders, to the end that the boys of today may grow to be better men than the men of today. There is the more reason for such leadership because there are so many appeals to the boy of today, and so great danger that his inclinations may tend in the wrong direction. The Boy Scout remedy has been proved. There is no doubt about its quality and efficiency. The need is leadership, to make it a vital influence in the development of the boy. There is a provincial council for New Brunswick, with the lieutenant-governor as its patron, and under the inspiration of the message of Dr. Robertson, who is chief commissioner for Canada, a notable spread of the movement should be assured.

But Dr. Robertson also told the Rotarians about the new work of the Red Cross, which in co-operation with health departments is destined to do a great work in all Canada, and in the world at large. The Canadian Red Cross is financially strong and is inspired by the memory of invaluable work done during the war. It is exceptionally good organization ensures splendid results.

Bangor Commercial: "A New York paper, who accumulated 200,000 pounds of sugar in various warehouses, has been found guilty of hoarding and the presiding judge has imposed a sentence of two years in prison. It was shown that this culprit had accumulated sugar much in excess of the requirements of his business and the facts were plain. It is satisfactory that the court did not content itself with a fine. The hoarders do not particularly mind a fine as such can usually be paid from the profits, but a prison sentence is something very different and will tend to discourage producing as fines will not."

Fredericton Mail: "No section of Canada offers better opportunities for mixed farming than New Brunswick, particularly the St. John Valley. There is lots of room here for immigrants who have had some experience in agricultural pursuits. Stock raising, fruit growing, including small fruits such as strawberries, raspberries and gooseberries yield large returns in this district. Poultry raising can be carried on here at a good profit and there is no question about a market."

In Soviet Russia work is compulsory. At a recent trial by a railway tribunal some loafers were given ten years with hard labor, some eight years, some three years, and some hard labor without imprisonment.

A Winnipeg despatch says: "Estimates place the wheat harvest in the three prairie provinces at 800,000,000 bushels and yields of other grains proportionately heavy."

A lady enquires if the federal parliament has finally granted the franchise to women. The answer is that women voted in the last federal election.

There will be a huge bill to pay for destruction of property in Ireland after order has been restored in that country.

Father at Fifteen.

London, Aug. 3.—Albert Haines, now sixteen, was summoned to court by a nineteen-year-old girl named May Knight, who alleged that he was the father of her child, born last September. He wanted to marry the girl, but his parents objected. The magistrate ordered him to contribute to the child's support.

Child Killed in Odd Way. Plainfield, N. J., Aug. 3.—Alfred F. Knaus, three years old, lost his life in a strange accident. He was playing in an unused cemetery with his two brothers and a sister, and one of the boys stood on a tombstone to pick cherries. The tombstone fell and the child was crushed beneath it.

Boy Solves Court Problem. Lambeth, Eng., Aug. 3.—Judge Parry tells a story in which the late Lord James and his colleagues of the appeal court figured. The whole court was hopelessly at sea over a small amount. Lord James asked the court officers to work out the sum. They passed it on to their solicitors. Finally the office boy worked it out for the court.



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SMOKE OF BATTLE

The smoke of battle now will rise, and for four months obscure the skies. The two great parties now are set to make things hum, already yet. The candidates, good men and true, with ardor or alarm will view, and show catastrophe begins the day the other fellow wins. The two old gags, decayed and weird, and chestnuts of the long gray beard. We who have struck for higher pay, and shorter hours, and cheaper hay, will now be asked, by statesmen bold, as we've been asked so oft of old, to strike for altars and for fires, and for the green graves of our sires. And view the fuss severely now; we won't throw bricks in such a row; but in three weeks or maybe six, you'll see us busy throwing bricks, and dodging rocks by others heaved—will all be rattled, mad and speeded. And when the smoke has cleared away, the morrow of election day, we'll wonder why we acted thus, and tore our garments in the fuss.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

CHAMPLAIN WITH THE HURONS

A few days after Samuel de Champlain reached the Huron land in 1615 when he landed on the shores of Georgian Bay near the present town of Penstemon, he decided to pay a visit to the villages of the tribe. Situated near the shore of the bay was the Indian village of Otouache with a population of several hundred red skins of all ages. His arrival there was hailed with delight and savage hospitality was lavished upon the French guest for the couple of days he remained. Then he proceeded to Carhagoua, a triple-village situated somewhere in the present township of Thyn, and near the present village of Lafontaine. Here he was joined by Le Caron, the fearless missionary to the Hurons and with him, Champlain planned a great mass for the 15th of August. It was the first service ever held in the Huron country and was attended by the Hurons and by the French. Leaving this village Champlain continued on his tour of the country visiting a number of villages until he reached the Narrows, now the prosperous town of Orillia. Here he completed arrangements for the following year he visited the Petun Indians in their winter homes near what is now Willingwood. In May he returned to Quebec. Champlain found, it is thought, about 10,000 Hurons living within the bounds of the present townships of Thyn, Tay, Floe Medate and Orillia. The villages were well built—far Indian homes—of log and much better than most redskins of the age had constructed. A few years later, however, was destined almost to wipe out the tribe through warfare raiding.

A PROHIBITION STORY.

(New York Evening Post.) Commuters on the roads which lead out through rural New Jersey have been commenting on the sight of a car driven by a woman in the country who dwells there. Almost every night, and sometimes in the daytime, a car has been seen in groups or singly, wandering in the fields which skirt the tracks, searching about in a haphazard way and often cutting off great clusters of white daisy-berry bloom. Housewives in the little towns have also noticed this and have kept an eye on their own neat garden patches. But their flowers and fruit have been spared, as they have been in no danger at all. It was a seasoned city man coming out to the country for a week-end, and he had been told by a friend that the reason for this sudden interest in daisy-berry was, of course, he said, "You make it of the blossoms. This is a great place for it, isn't it?" He went on, musingly, with an approving and appraising eye out of the car window. And he had been wondering just how best to entertain this somewhat suspicious guest, sat back contented in his seat, the problem of entertainment solved.

72,679 MORE AUTOS.

New York, Aug. 3.—There are 72,679 more automobiles in New York State today than a year ago. Up to July 1, 1919, 400,000 from car and chauffeurs' licenses had been received at the office of the secretary of state. It is predicted there will be 600,000 cars in the state within the next few months.

Women Look After Soles.

London, Aug. 3.—Society women are paying more regard to their shoe bill. With the price of brocade-satin and kid at a fabulous figure, they are going in extensively for repairs. Old shoes are being sent to the repairers and come out again almost new by a method of hand sewing and re-covering.

Steel Cable.

Paris, France, Aug. 3.—An electric cable laid down near Lille at a cost of about \$200,000, was cut into small pieces by the inhabitants and sold for old metal. Charges have been made against 20 persons.

Weighted 11 Pounds 13.

London, Eng., Aug. 3.—Frank Straton, three years old, weighed 11 pounds at death. He died suddenly, and a doctor was not called in until after death. A verdict alleging neglect and inattention from birth was returned.

Chinese Maids for France.

Paris, Aug. 3.—Just as France has had to support foreign workmen to take the place of men killed in the war, so in the last few months she has had to support Chinese girls. Statistics show that for every 150 places there are only ten servants.

Bigamist at 77.

London, Aug. 3.—Edward Dawson, 77, formerly a court stenographer, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment for bigamy. He married twice within the last few months, and lived with each wife only a short time. A previous conviction for the same offence was proved against him.

ONE OF STORM CENTRES.



Fire Chief Kelson of New York presided at the International Fire Fighters' convention over the naming of a day-dryman to pronounce the invocation at the opening ceremony in Toronto.

BETTER TIMES FOR MEXICO ARE COMING

People Seem Anxious to Get Back to Work Again

Labor Unrest Still a Menace to Be Contended With—Bolshevist Danger Too Is Feared—Elections Ordered.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Telegraphic orders for the holding of special elections in States of Mexico where such voting privileges have been denied the public, have been issued by the Department of the Interior at Mexico City.

Mexico City, Aug. 3.—Cordial telegrams have been exchanged between Francisco Villa and Gen. Eugenio Martinez, chief of operations in the States of Coahuila and Nuevo Leon, who is arranging surrender terms with Villa.

Addressing Villa as "esteemed general," Martinez telegraphed to him from Torreon that he would arrive in Sabina for a conference and would leave nothing undone to render Villa and his followers elements of Mexican progress. Martinez concluded, "embracing you fraternally."

Villa replied, among other things, that he awaited Martinez to embrace him with all his heart. Villa signed himself, "Your friend."

It was announced at Provisional President de la Huerta's office that Villa probably would arrive in Mexico City and place himself at the disposition of the president.

Better Times Seem Nearer.

It is very far too soon to prophesy better times for Mexico at least they seem very much nearer than was the case even a few months ago. The provisional government has its ill-wishers still no doubt, but there is no party with anything even resembling a rival program, and the great bulk of the people of whatever class, are only too willing to give up revolutions and get back to work again. The total failure of the revolting generals still in the field to gain any considerable following is the best proof of this.

One other danger there is, which seems to carry menace with it, that is one faced by practically every government in the civilized world just now—the labor unrest. There are strikes all over the country and where one is settled two spring up in its place. There are plenty of economic reasons for them here as elsewhere, but here, also as elsewhere, you find the anarchist who seizes in every effort of the sweated poor to earn enough to keep his family from starvation the dark menace of Bolshevism. Just as was the case in New York a little time since, numbers of people, otherwise perfectly sensible, have lost their heads entirely and the most absurd stories circulate freely. Some will have it that Bolshevism originated here more than ten years ago, when thousands of Spanish anarchists driven from their native shores came here to plot and have been plotting ever since.

Others, seeking any stone to throw at a dog, whisper that the provisional government has at heart the Bolshevist and quote the appointment of a working man, Senor Garza, as governor of the federal district. They say that the government is practically doing nothing to suppress Bolshevism, but that Bolshevism is actually doing nothing to suppress Bolshevism, but that Bolshevism is actually doing nothing to suppress Bolshevism.

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SELLS BONDS AT HOME.

(Toronto Globe.) It is possible that another western province will become more independent of the east in the matter of provincial loans. This is British Columbia, where the government recently disposed of a bond issue of \$2,500,000 to a syndicate of British Columbia bond houses in competition with eastern firms, and a few days later another issue of \$1,500,000 to a British Columbia syndicate. Such transactions managed by local institutions has raised the question in the province as to whether the people of British Columbia themselves could not supply the money needed by the government instead of selling the bonds outside.

British Columbia made a notable record in the Victory Loan campaigns, and the people, as the British Columbia Financial Press points out, have become educated to the desirability of this class of security.

The desirability of the finance department," says The Times, "making a popular provincial loan are several and noteworthy. It is always desirable for the government to have its own debt to its citizens, thus making the province self-contained, and causing a great deal of interest in the financial affairs of the province through the holding of its securities by a wide number of its citizens."

That done, and the labor difficulty boldly faced, it is not too much to say that the vast majority of the late president have been issuing to the provinces a local opinion, both Mexican and foreign, the matter must be cleared up.

One other point there is, perhaps the most serious. It is essential that no more time be wasted in settling the real authorship of the murder of the late president and bringing the guilty persons to trial and punishment. Doubtless there are excellent reasons for the delay, but the time has certainly come when, in local opinion, both Mexican and foreign, the matter must be cleared up.

Let it be said in favor of the unhappy Gen. Gonzalez that whether he was a traitor or a victim, he was a man of courage, nothing in his career has become him like his exit, for it is the best thing that has happened for Mexico for quite a long time.

Wants to Be a Terror.

A messenger boy in the Broadway office of the Postal Telegraph Company is always reading lurid novels. The manager said to him the other day: "Charlie, what's your ambition in life?"

The boy put down his Indian story and said gravely: "To have people tremble like leaves at the mere mention of my name."

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TO BUILD NEW OLD LINES.

London, Eng., Aug. 3.—In view of the proved economy of the oil engine the British-India Steam Navigation Company has ordered three large motor ships designed to carry 150 passengers in addition to 100 tons of cargo.

New Coal Field.

London, Eng., Aug. 3.—A new coal field is being opened up at Llay Mawddoch, which will employ 1,000 miners. Five million dollars has been expended in development, and 2,000 houses are being provided.

Smoking Aids Workers.

London, Eng., Aug. 3.—Dick Kerr & Co., big contractors of Preston, find that smoking helps the workers to increase the output. Three months ago their men were granted permission to smoke during fifteen minutes in the morning. The government has proved popular with the firm's output.

Canadian Case Dismissed.

London, Eng., Aug. 3.—The privy council has dismissed the appeal of Rex versus Paulson, etc., with costs in favor of the principal respondent. The appeal was from the judgment of the Dominion Supreme Court as to whether a mining case was properly forfeited under the Dominions Land Act.

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