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ST. JOHN EXPENDITURES

It is much to be regretted that some of the New Brunswick representatives in Parliament should have seen fit to severely criticize certain lines of proposed expenditures in and about the port of St. John. The reason for this is not only that the lack of appreciation of the importance and necessity for the work, but they are also sadly out of keeping with that spirit of broad-minded and enlightened enterprise which is the first essential to progress.

It may be just as well to point out to these disgraced legislators who seem so terribly concerned at money being spent in any other places than their own particular backwaters, that practically the whole expenditure proposed for St. John is to be spent on Federal property from which the citizens receive no benefit whatever.

It will not benefit St. John people at all to have the quarantine station on Fairville Island improved and made adequate for present and future needs. That is a matter of national concern, just the same as all other improvements, and additions to the harbor and shipping facilities of the port area. The idea that some small minded people seem to have that money spent in our harbor benefits the city alone is a very narrow and selfish one. The country as a whole benefits to a much greater extent than does the city, because for six months in the year it is one of the two gateways through which all the trade of Canada must pass.

The money that is provided from the national exchequer to improve trade facilities here is money spent for the advantage of the whole Dominion. Only an infinitesimal portion of the freight and passenger traffic which comes to this port during the season comes to the city at all; it goes straight from the ship's side to its destination in Upper and Western Canada. Instead of being a source of annoyance to people in other parts of the province that money should be spent on this city and port, it should be a matter for gratification that Canada should be indebted to New Brunswick for the means of carrying on so important a share of the national export and import trade for half the year.

There is also another feature that should not be overlooked when considering the claims of St. John to practical recognition. During each season its citizens are called upon to spend hundreds of dollars out of their own pockets to relieve the necessities of people who land here, both from overseas and from other parts of the American continent, and who, but for the charity of our people would go hungry and cold. The demands upon the charitable organizations of the city are becoming heavier each year, and it says quite a lot for the open hearted generosity of our citizens that these demands are always met. The strangers who come here have no claim whatever upon us but they are never turned down. No other place in New Brunswick has this call on them.

TEN BILLION DOLLARS FOR PEACE (?)

Can the United States collect her debts from Europe without, at the same time, seriously upsetting her whole industrial organization?

That question being as yet unanswered, and by many economists and financiers considered answerable only in the negative, the issue arises: Would it be wise, on the part of the United States, to forgive the debt and start over on certain conditions, said conditions to include an all-round cancellation of war debts between the Allied countries and a proper all-round scheme of disarmament?

The world, seemingly, has reached a point of financial and economic confusion when, as Shakespeare would say, "it is as if the world were a madhouse." It is as if the world were a madhouse, and it is as if the world were a madhouse, and it is as if the world were a madhouse.

At the same time it is inconceivable that no new thing can be achieved without the employment of new methods.

To forgive at one blow a ten billion dollar debt would be inconceivable; were it not that such "forgiveness" is it conceded in certain high financial quarters, would actually "pay" the creditor on "material grounds alone," to say nothing of the "moral prestige" such a novel scheme of action would net those following it. And prestige, as everyone knows, is the very best possible commodity.

It has been argued on all sides that the debt of the allies to the United States, if not cancelled, will have to be paid through the process of international negotiations accepting their own conditions. In 1914, payment for

goods sold in the future to that country. This argument becomes, in turn, the starting point for a calculation made by a correspondent of The New York Times as to first, what the aforesaid "part payment" is likely to amount to in relation to the amount of the debt and the annual interest charges, also from the point of view of its influence on United States export trade.

The conclusion he comes to is a dual conclusion: First, that there is grave question of the debtor nations being able to repay the United States Government loans, unless the United States can and will increase its imports enormously; and, second, that a large volume of export trade is now, as always, absolutely necessary to the prosperity of the republic. These two facts form the Scylla and Charybdis of an economic dilemma. The Times' correspondent says in part:

"We cannot escape the conclusion that we shall have to do one of two things, namely, either try to collect the European governmental debts as best we can, and at the cost of choking off our export trade, and most seriously disturbing our own industrial situation, having to face the combined influence of loss of export trade and vastly increased imports, or else do the other thing, namely, forgive those debts and preserve our industrial fabric and encourage foreign trade in all its aspects. We are at the parting of the ways and cannot possibly avoid the choice of our future path."

Pursuing to deal with arguments against the "forgiveness" of the debt—such as its being a deliberate assumption of increased taxes—its benefit, at the cost of the United States, "neutral noncreditor nations"—the fear that Europe relieved of the burden would immediately turn to "increasing her military expenditures in a corresponding ratio"—the writer concludes with the idea of "forgiveness" of debt between all the allies, big and little, and disarmament as parallel issues. He says:

"The consequent relief would then go entirely toward alleviating industrial distress and promoting commercial activity in and between all the affected countries. Would not the benefit of the debt release and armament relief be almost incalculable? It would benefit the various countries in different degrees, but would it not in the end 'pay' us on material grounds alone, to say nothing of the tremendous prestige we would gain in every way? And can we, in fact, hope to collect the debt without most seriously upsetting our whole industrial organization?"

Writing editorially, this month's World Work expressed the belief that: "The truth is rapidly dawning on the American consciousness that American policy since the armistice has exercised a malevolent influence upon the course of human existence."

Would a line of action such as that outlined by The Times' correspondent best mitigate that malevolence; or would the United States do a more humane and a more civilized thing were she, simply, to repudiate the part assigned her by Germany, a part stated by the same magazine to be that of: "An agency for destroying the Treaty of Versailles?"

The death of Mr. J. W. Vanderbeck, one of the members for Northumberland, yesterday afternoon, makes the first break in the present Legislative Assembly. Few men were more widely known in his country than he, for he has been prominently identified with all phases of its public life for many years. Stiff in opinion and sometimes rather rugged of speech, he was able nevertheless to count most men as his personal friends; and the fact that he differed in thought with any man, never in any way affected the cordiality of his relations with him. Among his large circle of acquaintances he will be missed, and genuine regret will be felt at his passing.

A member of the Nova Scotia Legislature who asked that the debates of the House might be published was informed that to do so would cost \$40,000, which was more than the finances of the province would stand. They must be "some talkers" over there, for \$2,500 has sufficed to publish the debates of even the "windiest" session in the New Brunswick House, and this included the proceedings before the various committees, the answers to enquiries, and the payment of telegraph tolls to St. John and Moncton. Now \$40,000 could be spent in such a manner it is difficult to understand.

Archbishop Mannix asserts there is more religious hate between Catholics and Protestants in Canada than that which prevails in Ireland. He seems to have discovered more in a brief survey than those who have spent all their lives here.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

That Little Island. Great Britain appears to be a body of land wholly surrounded by hot water.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Something Quite Apparent. Germany may conceal her gold, but she isn't at all backward about revealing her brass.—Pascasio News.

To Be Sampled. We can't hope to settle this prohibition controversy until we make up our minds to try it and see how it works.—Utica Telegram.

Debit. Whether the world owes every man a living or, it owes him his part of the world's work.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

May Happen Anywhere. The kind of struggle now going on in England may happen in any country where a few, relatively speaking, have retained in the railroad or mining or other trades an advantage which they are not willing to surrender to the masses elsewhere. The kind of struggle now going on in England may happen in any country where a few, relatively speaking, have retained in the railroad or mining or other trades an advantage which they are not willing to surrender to the masses elsewhere. The kind of struggle now going on in England may happen in any country where a few, relatively speaking, have retained in the railroad or mining or other trades an advantage which they are not willing to surrender to the masses elsewhere.

Learned Nothing. The Dominion Opposition fighting to cut down the estimates for the Militia Department indicate that a section of this community has not greatly changed its tactics notwithstanding the lessons taught by the war.—Guelph Herald.

Limited to Water. Rainmaker Hatfield, who claims to be able to draw rain from passing clouds, was banqueted at Medicine Hat. Some of his hosts are understood to have taken him aside and asked him as to the chances of extracting other liquids from the air, but the answer they got seemed to afford them no pleasure.—Toronto Star.

A Vindictive Enemy. In cable dispatches the London Times' vicious criticisms of Lloyd George and the policies of his government are frequently quoted. It should be remembered that the London Times is the property of Lord Northcliffe, who had a personal quarrel with Lloyd George because the latter would not act on some of his suggestions, and that he has been vindictively pursuing the Premier ever since.—Hamilton Herald.

The Sporting Instinct. Johnny Liked ice-cream, but he drew the line at turning the freezer home as he was already surprised to find him working away at the crank as though his life depended on it. "One day when his mother returned home she was agreeably surprised to find him working away at the crank as though his life depended on it. "One day when his mother returned home she was agreeably surprised to find him working away at the crank as though his life depended on it."

Ring Reparter. "Ah, shaah does pity you," said a colored pugilist to his opponent as they squared off. "Ah was born with boxin'-gloves on." "Maybe you was," retorted the other; "and ah reckon you's goin' to die de same way."—Boston Transcript.

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Big Bill Coming Back To America. I. W. W. Head Now Special Guest of Moscow Labor Conference.

Chicago, May 1.—The first word from "Big Bill" Haywood, industrial worker of the world leader, now in Russia, reached Ottawa Christensen, his attorney, yesterday. A wireless message dated April 25, from Christiania, said Haywood had arrived in Moscow and was attending a conference of trade industrial unions and the Third International.

The message also added that Haywood would return to the United States after the conference, and it was expected he would immediately give himself to serve his term.

Those Nasty Little Pimples That Come On The Face Are Caused By Bad Blood. Many an otherwise beautiful and attractive face is sadly marred by the unsightly pimples and various other skin troubles, caused wholly by bad blood.

Many a check and brow cast in the month of beauty have been sadly defaced, their attractiveness lost, and the possessor of the "pimple face" rendered unhappy for years. Their presence is a source of embarrassment to those afflicted as well as pain and regret to their friends.

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He'll Make a Hit. Bacon—"I see one of the National League pitchers is moving into the movies."

Egbert—"Think he'll make a hit?" Bacon—"He sure will if they let him throw the pie."—Yonkers Statesman.

Why They Applaud. "You don't attach much importance to the applause an orator receives."

"Not much," admitted Senator Sorghum. "There is bound to be applause. You can't expect an audience to sit still all evening and do nothing."—Washington Star.

Those Considerate Lions. Teacher—"You remember the story of Daniel in the lion's den, Robbie?"

Robbie—"That we shouldn't eat anything we see."—Yonkers Statesman.

Trophy of the Chase. Motorist—"Was that guy we hit hurt badly?"

Speedup—I dunno. I just got out to cut a button off his coat to put in my collection of trophies.

Benny's Note Book

Ma was looking at the jokes in the paper and not laughing and pop was smoking and I was thinking about doing my lessons, and ma sed, Goodness me, but Im tired, Ive bin on the go all day long, it seems to me eround this house as soon as one thing gets done something else pops up and thats the way it goes all day.

If you had to put in a day down at the office you'd thank your lucky stars youve got sutch an easy job, sed pop. Hee hee dont make me laff, sed ma laffing, and I sed, G. ma, that reminds me, theres a button coming off my coat, its ony hanging on now by good luck, will you sew it back before it comes all the ways off, ma? 1

There, thats an example for you, sed ma, jest as I was sure I was throo for the day heers a button to be sewed on. A little trifle like that, wats that amount to? sed pop, and ma sed, Well if its sutch a trifle w do you do it for him? and pop sed, I will, Benny, go get me a needle and a spool of thread.

Which I went and did, and pop break off a piece of thread about 3 yards long and started to make farsee faces and try to thread the needle, wich the more he tried the more he didnt hit the hole with the thread, ma saying, Wats the matter pop, cant you do it?

Cerisy I can do it, are you blind? sed pop. And he kepp on trying and making farsee faces, and I sed, Gosh pop, youre still mistahing it.

I went miss something elts in a minnit, sed pop. Meaning part of me, and he kepp on trying and not doing it, and after a wile he throw the needle and thread down on the table saying, Confownd, how can I thread this confownded thing with that confownded boy standing there makin his confownded remarks?

Hee hee dont make me laff, sed ma laffing and she picked up the needle and threaded it with ony shot and sewed my button on, ma asking her about 10 times if she was finished yet.

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BIG STANDARD OIL COMPANY WAS OUT

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TOOK LEAF OUT JOHN D.

Acrid Messages Coup of Shrewd But to No Purpose

Eldorado, Ark., May 1.—Billion Tennessee money put a "slooper" over the Standard Oil interests in this state, and now the Standard Oil Co. Kansas just a few days bigger company and the advertising attaching in this state, and now burning with acrid messages of the Rockefeller make a choice story gold among oil men here today. The moving spirit in Standard Oil Company is Bert Apple, born near East Tennessee, and later of Georgia's Legislature. John D. Rockefeller at picnic and this freed him rich. He went to Chicago and was a member of a Chicago law school, the new Arkansas oil weeks ago without an and has not been busy ever he has not had time to out of the station baggage.

Capitalized at \$500,000 and Oil Company of Arkansas organized at Eldorado last day night. The charter by the Secretary of State morning. Publication is today morning.

The incorporators are Apple, president; John G. Berry; J. D. Wray, secretary; D. W. Young, secretary, and R. H. Alexa. Sumpter is general counsel.

For ten days rumors current here that shrewd Standard Oil Company is paring to steal a march on the Standard Oil Co. of Arkansas. "Standard of Arkansas" were promptly concluded yesterday night at Judge Rice here and executed on Friday.

Even the Standard Oil Louisiana's representative section of the country, no intimation of the charter had been issued. The fact that Standard had recently million dollars in interest in the Constantinian's holdings in the led oil men generally to the "regular" Standard would soon incorporate.

Oetopus Waken. When the fact dawns representatives of the of Louisiana, it is said, gan to buzz with angry Arthur A. Moreno, of general manager of the immediately fled a protest Kansas state authorities fort was forthcoming in as the secretary of the oil that the Standard Oil no monopoly on the new concern will be pe business, being within it.

"I might have been yet back in Georgia if Rockefeller had not come to Apple today. "Near a Savannah Valley Farm year they give a Rockefeller. The oil was on the serving com.

Tribute to Rockefeller. "I liked Mr. Rockefeller at that barbecue. I read all I could about He was a poor boy, with the world's richest oil had been done could I thought. I made up follow in Mr. Rockefeller's orado made me quit.

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