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MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 2

CANADIAN PANIC MONGERS.

New York financial circles have been recently and are still devoting considerable attention to Canadian affairs. They profess to be seriously alarmed over the present monetary, commercial and industrial position of the Dominion, and reading between the lines, the only conclusion possible is that this country is on the verge of a collapse which cannot be avoided. Fear is expressed that Canada cannot assimilate the immigrants now pouring in at the rate of 30,000 a month, and it is pointed out with grave waggings of the head, that immigration into the United States only approximated that figure when its population stood at twenty-five millions. That a large proportion of the immigrants are of the best class of United States farmers, no doubt, adds a touch of bitterness to this pessimistic criticism.

The Toronto Globe of Friday published on its leading financial page a despatch from New York mainly dealing with the drop in Canadian Pacific. This, said the despatch, is no longer considered in the light of an interpretation of affairs in European politics, but rather as a barometer of conditions in the Dominion of Canada. It went on to suggest that the decline indicated a reaction in the Dominion's affairs. Cheek by jowl with this despatch, The Globe published what looks like editorial comment on the New York strictures which it professed to deprecate, while affirming the presence of conditions, particularly in the west, which substantially justify them. We see no reason for apprehension in the immediate outlook.

On Tuesday, The Wall Street Journal contained a despatch from Ottawa, evidently intended to suit the United States palate. Speaking of the order issued by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to "this classmen in the senate," to reject the navy bill, the writer said that "the act of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberals is a slap in the face of the imperial government, and shows how absurd is all the talk of British imperial federation. It also reveals the hollowness of the much-vaunted loyalty of the French-Canadians, but it may have far-reaching financial effects." The question is then asked: "Will the English investor grow furious at Canada over the refusal of this gift or loan of battleships?" If English capital switches, "Canada will have to halt in her march of progress." The kind of comment and information appearing in New York papers invites the inference that financiers in that city would not be adverse to a set-back in Canadian affairs. Canadian newspapers should not assist them in their effort to create a sentiment of doubt and distrust.

CITY GOVERNMENT IMPROVEMENT.

A resolution has been adopted by the executive committee of the Municipal Improvement Association in favor of the extensions of the term of office of the mayor, controllers and aldermen to two years. An educational campaign will probably be inaugurated.

It is not very long since the question was up before, and the general feeling then among the people was that a year was long enough for a poor official and a good one could easily be re-elected. The change was rejected by a large majority. It is thought by many that a better class of men would be brought out as candidates if a longer term were adopted.

The object of all the suggested reforms recently brought forward is to get better men in council and to improve the standard of city government. Whatever tends to strengthen the prerogatives of the council, it is believed by some, will tend to attract stronger men to it. The method of election is also discussed. It is believed that better men could be elected if the three aldermen for each ward were elected for A, B and C seats. In the case of the legislature, the weak men creep in by a minority vote in many cases, and if each seat had to be fought for the better man would prevail.

The fact that the present element in the elections does much to defeat the desire for reform. The parties are not responsible for their men, but the parties support party candidates some think the quality would be improved.

Others look for improvement from a fairer method of voting. Various systems of voting have been adopted in Australia, France and elsewhere and there is a variation in the results, but authorities are disagreed as to whether it is for better or worse.

We look for more chance of improvement from the separation of the legislative and administrative work of the city government than from any other reform. When the aldermen assume the part of directors in a company and appoint permanent officials to do the business of the city we will have better aldermen and a higher standard of government with less wasted money and scientific economy.

HANNAFICATION.

"The flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la, la, have nothing to do with the case," but the people of Whitby are of a different opinion and they greeted Hon. W. J. Hanna on his appearance at the new hospital village for the mentally defective with the couplet, surrounded by spring flowers. "You are welcome, W. J., as the flowers that bloom in May."

The big feature of Mr. Hanna's official policy has been the reorganization and rehousing of provincial institutions like the prisons, asylums and hospitals, and his administration marks an era in Ontario in this respect which breaks away entirely from the older unenlightened tradition.

The new hospital at Whitby is set on 640 acres overlooking the lake and will accommodate 1500 patients when complete. The late Dr. R. M. Bucke of London, a continental pioneer in the treatment of the insane, would have been rejoiced to see the work Mr. Hanna has determined on. The farm in association with the hospital duplicates the provisions of the patients as can profitably be employed in the work, while benefitting themselves by such employment and development of healthy interests. The Hannafication of these provincial institutions is one of the things that make the Whitney Government strong in the country, and among the institutions no greater progress has been made than in the care of the irresponsible. If the other ministers were all as active and successful as Hon. Adam Beck and Hon. W. J. Hanna in their respective spheres, the Whitney Government might well survive the generation that elected it.

How would it do to have Brother Hanna take over the agricultural department?

HOUSING REFORM.

A great opportunity is afforded the city just now to demonstrate the value of the proposals for housing reform for the working classes that have been so effective in operation elsewhere. There are no interests of any kind that will suffer in a city of the dimensions of Toronto from the activities of such a body as the Toronto Housing Company. The city council has sole control over its expenditures, which are to be guaranteed by the city. The city council can say where the houses are to be built and what kind of houses. In fact, the company will be merely, in material respects, an agent for the city in doing what the city needs to have done, and should do for itself. As the city will not do this work, the aldermen should see that the company is not fettered in doing it, but should cooperate in having the plans carried out in the best way possible.

The sum to be expended is the smallest compatible with economical operation. The houses to be erected are in the city near the old General Hospital. The company also owns land that will shortly be within the city limits, but which has been purchased at a rate which will make it possible to erect cheap houses for workers when the city council authorizes further building. There appear to be no objections from any builders in the city, as the class of houses to be constructed do not compete with the houses sold by builders. There is some opposition from owners of houses in the slum districts and from some avaricious owners of small rack-rented shacks which it is the object of the housing company to displace. But the city council should assist in removing these blots from Toronto.

ITS PLAIN DUTY.

It is said the Newmarket council contemplates resignation. The members should have more sense. They were elected to represent the people. They know what the people want, and they can represent the people by getting it for them. They should negotiate an agreement with the Hydro-Electric Commission and have it submitted to the people as soon as possible.

To do otherwise will only give foundation to the charges already made that the councillors are all tied up to the private electric corporation and would not make a hydro contract whether the people wanted one or not. It has been openly stated that members of the council got cheap electric rates from the corporation on condition that the Hydro-Electric Commission be ignored. Representatives of the people with any just sense of their responsibilities could not be guilty of such conduct. We think it likely therefore that the Newmarket council will do what they were elected to do, and as representatives of the people fulfil the public wish by arranging for hydro-electric power for the municipality.

A FRANCO-SPANISH ENTENTE.

For many years Britain in foreign affairs pursued a policy of splendid isolation and steadily refused to be drawn into entangling alliances. The formation of the triple alliance among Germany, Austria and Italy and its consequences compelled the British Government to reconsider its attitude and led later to the entente with France, followed after a time by the negotiations with Russia, resulting in improved Asiatic relations. This division

of the great European powers took no account of the less powerful countries, of which Spain, once the leading nation of the continent and the mistress of the new world, now can only mourn her departed greatness. Spain, although always on sympathetic terms with Britain, a legacy from the Peninsular war, has not hitherto cultivated friendly intercourse with France, and the trouble over Morocco hindered its development.

Spain is now giving signs of a change of heart, and is no longer satisfied to hold the reversion of the policy of splendid isolation. More especially since the Spanish king's visit to the president of the French Republic is there talk of a Franco-Spanish entente complementary to that both have with the United Kingdom. It speaks volumes for the improved understanding between Britain and Germany that the report of this latest move has been received with equanimity. Although Spain itself could not add much strength to the triple entente its support would give France the opportunity to recall all or part of the strong force maintained in Morocco and Algeria. Nor can it be overlooked that Spain is moving to strengthen her navy, and her position on the Mediterranean renders this of importance in the control of that international highway.

The Philosopher of Folly

By Sherwood Hart

SWAT THE FLY.

Comrades, sound the battle-cry—swat the fly! Let us take the job in hand over all our native land, each resolved to do his part with no pity in his heart in the war against this pest; let our actions all attest that it is our constant aim every fly to kill or maim; every buzzer we behold, middle-aged or young or old, let us forthwith try to slay, sparing none upon our way; in this sanguinary strife let us do our duty; let the flies of tender years melt us into foolish tears; up and swat their youths and maids of all classes, ranks and grades, flies of every style and sort, fat and thin and long and short—flies of every shade and hue—red and green and black and blue; let us whack 'em south and north till they are driven from the land, or swat from west to east till the last one is deceased; never let us rest in peace, never let our warfare cease till not one small buzzer in all Canada is seen. Brothers, raise the battle-cry—swat the rod and swat the fly!

VISIT TO NORTH BY SCRIBBLERS

Ontario Newspapermen Will Gather Information About the Country.

From the time the special train of Pullmans bearing the Canadian Press Association excursion party leaves Toronto next Wednesday at 7.30, until its return on Saturday evening, the members of the association, who are so fortunate as to have reservation on the train, will be treated to a long series of entertainments.

The latest feature of the trip is a big reception, which will be tendered the press party at Cobalt on Thursday evening by the Canadian Club of Timiskaming, which embraces all the leading citizens of Cobalt, Haliburton and New Liskeard. This affair is being arranged with that generous, open-hearted hospitality which is characteristic of the people of New Ontario.

The inspection of the mines, both at Cobalt and in the Porcupine district, is in the hands of capable local committees, who will divide the party up into groups and send them out in the care of experienced guides. In this way the best possible opportunity will be afforded of seeing the mines under the most favorable auspices. Mine owners are co-operating to make the visit of the pressmen a memorable one.

According to the schedule just issued, the party will spend Friday in the Porcupine district. They will breakfast at Timmins and spend the morning visiting Hollinger, McIntyre, Pearson and other mines in that vicinity under the guidance of the Timmins Board of Trade. The afternoon will be spent in the Hollinger Mine, luncheon will be served at their club house, after which the press special will be hauled to the Dome Mine, where the afternoon will be spent in inspecting this famous property. The Dome management will entertain the members of the party to supper.

From present indications, about 150 ladies and gentlemen will comprise the party, which is about all that can be comfortably accommodated on such a trip.

To Lead Forlorn Hope

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The object to be attained is surely worth the necessary effort to obtain it, and the only sure way to obtain that "first thousand" is by regular systematic saving. If deposited with the three and one-half per cent. compound interest we earn, it assists materially.

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NEWS OF WESTERN ONTARIO

FARMERS IN NEED OF MORE HELPERS

Shortage in St. Mary's District Leads to Complaints and More Pasture.

CHAIRS FOR GOOD BAND

Valuable Services Recognized by Half a Dozen Leading Citizens.

ST. MARY'S, June 1.—(Special.)—The farmers of this district have been complaining of a shortage of farm help this season as others. As a result there is more pastureage than formerly, and it is found impossible to keep the land in as good condition as it otherwise would be.

Phil Stover, who has been employed as assistant chemist at the St. Mary's cement works, left for his home in Kansas on Friday morning, having secured a good position as assistant superintendent at the American cement works near Jola, Kansas. During his stay in the Stone Town Mr. Stover has made many friends, who gave a dance in his honor Thursday night at the town hall.

The Royal Edward Hotel rates have been fixed at \$2 per day after June 1. Word has been received here by relatives of the death of Nelson M. Sweet of Jackson, Mich., in a motor accident. Mrs. Sweet, who is a niece of Mrs. P. A. Sparling of this town, suffered a broken ankle, while the children were practically uninjured. The auto fell 47 feet down an embankment. Mrs. Sweet having both collar bones broken and three ribs pierced, his lungs. He survived two days, passing away on Tuesday, May 13.

The funeral took place from Avonbrook, near here, on Monday, of Dr. Martin Oliver, one of the oldest and most zealous missionaries connected with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The late Miss Oliver was born near St. Mary's, and graduated from Queen's University with the degree of doctor of medicine in 1884. Two years later she went out to Indore, Central India, as a medical missionary for the Presbyterian denomination. There she remained until two years ago, returning on account of poor health. For some time her health improved, but a few weeks ago she suffered a relapse from which she failed to recover.

All Have Joined. The retail merchants of St. Mary's have practically all become members of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, of which E. M. Trovorn is Dominion secretary.

Dr. James H. Pasadena, Cal., formerly of St. Mary's, was stricken with paralysis of the right side on Sunday morning, the 18th inst. His powers are gradually recovering, although his power of speech is affected.

The Maxwell Maple Leaf Band was recently presented with a dozen chairs by one of St. Mary's leading citizens, in appreciation of their valuable services to the town.

On Friday evening, May 23, Ernest W. Clarke was married to Miss Linda B. Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, west ward. The bride and groom spent their honeymoon in Toronto. They will reside in town.

H. B. McEvoy, O.N.S., assisted by Jack Robinson, were connected in there on the annex lots in Church street, south.

F. Walsh of Cherry Grove will take up residence in the west ward, St. Mary's.

The Perth Deacons is in session here. The following speakers were present and delivered addresses: B. Lancaster, Rev. T. J. Charlton, F. A. S. R. T. B. Howard, diocesan Sunday school secretary, Miss M. Ferrant. The Rev. D. Whitaker told of his work among the Eskimoes, and the Rev. F. L. Whitaker of his labors among the Africans. Both addresses were highly interesting. Dr. Silcox of Stratford spoke upon pedagogy in the Sunday school.

St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, Independent order of Oddfellows, have elected an order of Oddfellows, as follows: N.G. W. J. Dickinson, V.G. M. Salvadge, P. sec. S. Ginn; an. sec. R. Ballantyne; treas. William Anderson; rep. dist. meeting, D.G. vice, S. G. Bartlett; rep. grand lodge, R. Henderson, S. Ginn.

FOUND WOMAN DEAD IN WELL

Drowning Apparently Due to Accident, But Some Mystery Surrounds.

GALT, June 1.—(Special.)—At Pleasant Grove, near Brantford village, two miles south, Mrs. James Tutton fell in a well, in which the water was only a few inches deep, and was drowned. Mystery surrounds the occurrence. The woman was at home with a baby boy, but friends who called, found the child alone and no trace of the mother. Finally the cover of the well was lifted, and the body discovered there. How the lid was replaced after the woman dropped in, no one can explain. Dr. Smilie and Dr. Main, attending physicians, are satisfied, however, that the fatality was the result of an accident. Mrs. Tutton evidently sought to reach a pail with eatables suspended in the well and slipped and fell over, striking her head and becoming unconscious. There will be no inquest. The death of Mrs. Tutton was the first break in a family of sixteen.

HOG CHOLERA IN BRANTFORD.

BRANTFORD, June 1.—(Special.)—Hog cholera was discovered in this city and 14 hogs were shot at the order of Dominion inspector Perdue. The swine were shipped to a Brantford packing house from an outside point and disposed of locally. The authorities propose to trace the source of supply and carry out a rigid investigation.

EXTENDED TERMS FOR MINISTERS?

Issue Will Be Live One at the Methodist Conference This Week.

LONDON, Ont., June 1.—(Can. Press.)—Is the present system of short terms for Methodist ministers as efficient as a long term or does the efficiency of the preacher increase with his length of stay? This will be one of the important matters to be discussed by the Methodist conference, which opens in the First Methodist Church on Wednesday, June 4.

The ministers as a whole are of the opinion that a pastor does his best work towards the end of the four years' term, and at that time only reaches the highest efficiency. The contention is that the time lost in changing pastors, and their becoming acquainted with the people and the work to be done and under way, is a loss to the church. Statements have been made by ministers that if the practice is not stopped, the church will go backward and not forward. Rev. R. Whiting is strongly in favor of a longer term, and has so expressed himself on different occasions.

The laymen are the ones to be converted to the ideas of long terms, and it is expected that the needs of the long term will be so strongly presented at the conference, that a memorial will be passed on to the general conference asking for the change to be made.

The billing committee is hard at work completing arrangements for the accommodation of the 400 delegates, who will be in attendance when the conference opens on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

EXCURSIONS TO O.A.C.

Schedule for June is Announced.

GUELPH, June 1.—The Ontario Agricultural College authorities have finished their list of June excursions from the various counties in the province. The complete list is as follows: Friday, June 13, Prince Edward County, Lennox and Addington, Hastings and South Wentworth.

Saturday, June 14—West and North Bruce, North Grey, Lincoln and West Huron.

Tuesday, June 17—Halldam, North and South Huron, Centre Simcoe, West Wellington and Halton.

Wednesday, June 18—North and South Brant, Welland and North Perth.

Saturday, June 21—Dufferin, Centre and South Grey and North Wentworth.

Monday, June 24—Perth, South Perth, Centre and South Bruce, East Huron.

Tuesday, June 25—West and South Simcoe, West Lambton, Middlesex and North Oxford.

Wednesday, June 26—Manitowish Island.

PLEADED GUILTY.

GUELPH, June 1.—Arthur Munch, motorcycleist, who ran over the young son of Rev. R. E. Knowles, was before the police magistrate charged with unlawfully driving his motorcycle in a manner dangerous to the public. He pleaded guilty.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, father of the injured lad, asked permission to address the court. He said that while Munch was undoubtedly guilty, yet he (Mr. Knowles) was there to ask the court to show leniency.

In adjudging the case for a week to see how the injured boy fares, Magistrate Blake made a few remarks for the benefit of all motorists.

"Pedestrians are now in the minority, but still entitled to the dominant right of the street. On a crowded thoroughfare motorists are not only to exercise ordinary care, but extraordinary care. They should remember that they are in charge of a very dangerous machine," he said.

Master's Chambers.

Before J. S. Cartwright, K.C., Master. Bruce v. National Trust Co.—S. G. Crowell, for defendant, moved for order setting statement of claim aside, it having been filed without any affidavit attached. C. M. Garvey for plaintiffs. Judgment: The statement of claim was filed on the very last day permissible. The plaintiff was out of reach of his solicitor at the time, but the necessary affidavit might have been made by the solicitor as agent, and it would be judicial legislation to say that no affidavit was necessary. The statement of claim must be set aside and the certificate of lien and its pendency vacated with costs.

Craig v. Leake; Leeder v. Leake—A. A. Miller, for defendant in each case, obtained, on consent, order vacating certificate of lien and its pendency.

McCord v. McColl—McCormick (Ogden & B.), for plaintiff, obtained order for substitutional service of statement of claim on absent defendant.

Snider v. Carlton—F. C. Snider, for plaintiff, obtained order for amendment of writ of summons and dispensing with re-service on original defendant.

International Importing Co. v. United Cigar Stores—H. Saunders, for defendant, moved for order transferring action from county court of Middlesex to county court of York. F. Aylsworth, for plaintiff. At plaintiff's request motion enlarged peremptorily until June 2.

Taylor v. Lucas—Cork (Ryckman & Co.), for present owner, obtained order vacating lien and its pendency filed in 1897.

SAFE GAS LIGHTERS.

Before they are withdrawn, be sure and secure one of those gas lighters. They can be obtained on The World's popular coupon plan. Those who have seen the lighter at The World office are all enthusiastic as to its merits and agree that it will fill a long felt want. The gas and range lighters will eliminate the necessity of matches and the consequent dirt and danger. These lighters contain no fire, oil or any disagreeable preparation. They consist of three brass tubes which telescope together, and when extended, permit of the gas being lit at a sufficient distance from the hand to prevent burning. Everyone who uses manufactured gas and has once seen this marvelous invention will want to possess one. It does away with the dirt, danger and trouble connected with gas lighting. Six coupons and 39 cents, presented at The World office, 40 West Richmond street, Toronto, or 15 East Main street, Hamilton, will secure one.

FINE RESIDENCE BURNED.

BRANTFORD, June 1.—(Special.)—A fine new residence, all ready for occupation, belonging to Clarence McEwen of Tutela Heights, was destroyed by fire and no effort could be made to save the house. The necessity of fire is believed to have been spontaneous combustion from rags left by the painter. The loss \$4000.

VETERAN POSTIE GETS MEDAL.

KINGSTON, June 1.—(Special.)—William Neil, Kingston's veteran letter carrier, recently retired, was honored by the Dominion Government, he being presented with the Imperial service medal. He carried letters in Kingston twenty-six years. Postmaster James Stewart presented the medal to the veteran.

THE BULGARIANS HAVE NOTHING ON US IN THE COLOR LINE

—For You Can Decorate in a Blaze of Color that Summer Cottage, Boat or Motor Car.

They are all the rage—the handsome Pennants now being distributed by The World. For one coupon and 22c you can secure one of these highly decorative Pennants in assorted colors. The present issue is a 30x12 Pennant, with the arms of Canada and the word "Canada" on a background of various colors. There is no other type of decoration that will add more to the beauty or appearance of the living room, den, boat or motor car than one of these handsome Pennants. Clip the coupon from another page of this paper and present it at The World Office, 40 Richmond Street West, Toronto, or 15 Main Street East, Hamilton. If by mail please add 2c extra for postage.

At Osgoode Hall

May 31, 1913.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Motions set down for single court for Monday, June 2, at 11 a.m.:

1. Royal Bank v. Kennedy.