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THE DOCTRINE OF DISPAIR

Commissioner Jones writes a letter on harbor commission which is printed in today's Times. That letter calls for some comment. Commissioner Jones lays entirely too much stress on what Hon. Mr. Ballantyne is reported to have said. The citizens of St. John will not be disposed to hand over their harbor on the strength of anything any minister may say, least of all a minister who is a member of a government that has but a brief tenure of office. Mr. Jones takes it for granted that the government will "provide for any deficiency, as is done in the other ports which have been nationalized." No port in Canada has as yet been nationalized. The nearest to it is Halifax, which has had millions upon millions spent by the government without any question of harbor commission. The ports of Quebec, Montreal and Vancouver have not been nationalized. They have harbor commission, and Quebec constantly complains that under commission it cannot get the development it should enjoy. If that is the case in Quebec, what chance would St. John have? Montreal, because of its position as a great financial and political centre usually gets what it wants, but the delegation now en route from the maritime provinces to Ottawa is the only evidence needed regarding the interest Ottawa has in this port of Canada.

To ask the people of St. John to do anything on the strength of an assurance from Mr. Ballantyne is not good business. The government refuses even under commission to pay this city what its own engineer said the harbor property was worth. If we had a harbor commission it would be tied hand and foot so far as development is concerned. Unless the government agreed to its strong and enlightened citizenship. He who never loses touch with the innocence of childhood, or ignores its appeal is never very far from the Kingdom.

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THE SMALL GROUP.

A writer in the New York Evening Post says: "Normal schools, kindergartens, evening schools, music teaching, drawing, manual training, household arts, physical training, school nurses, visiting teachers—everything that we accept as 'worthwhile' public education—came into being only because somewhere there was a small group of citizens who were willing to fight for them."

The same writer notes the fact that among the millions of people in New York the Public Education Association numbers only twelve hundred persons, and that it was necessary to put on a "drive" to secure that number. And yet this small group of earnest people has accomplished much. Besides, watching legislation affecting education and securing improvement in the condition of school buildings, we are told that it has:

"Organized through a committee, in co-operation with the school authorities, and is directing classes for cardiac children in the public schools and acts as a clearing house for hospitals and organizations throughout the city dealing with children suffering from heart disease."

"Maintains a staff of specially trained visiting teachers to aid in solving the difficulties of children who, on account of home conditions or the impossibility of individual attention in the class room, are not adjusted properly to the regular work of the schools."

"Has organized and is directing classes for children whose intelligence is above the average."

"Is engaged in a comprehensive experiment in grading children according to mental ability rather than age. This work has been developed in Public School 64, Manhattan, and the leadership of the association."

"Has been active in securing a wider use of public school buildings for social purposes, the appointment of competent advisory boards, and the selection of the best type of superintendent and other officials in the system. It has been successful in the establishment of school lunches, the introduction and early development of kindergartens, the extension of nature study, and the organization of 'net works' in the schools."

Every city has cause for thankfulness that there are small groups of citizens interested in various phases of community welfare and willing to fight for that which is needed. And if a few, working patiently year after year, can accomplish something of value, what would the modern city be if all the people agreed to give up a little of their leisure time to neighborhood or general civic welfare work?

A LOVER OF CHILDREN.

The late Franklin K. Lane took a very deep interest in health education, and especially in promotion of the health of children. This is one of the phases of his character for which he will be kindly remembered in the United States. A writer in the New York Evening Post says:

"Mrs. Frederick Peterson, dedicated her 'Rhymes of Chee-Choo's Grandma,' one of the new Child Health Organization books that are transforming health teaching in the schools, to 'Franklin K. Lane, friend of child health, whose gentle, wise, loving spirit toward America she wishes every American boy and girl might imitate.' Those who knew Secretary Lane will recognize every word in Mrs. Peterson's little book, as in other things, the Child Health Organization has done, that spirit of happy wholesomeness that attracted Secretary Lane into the field of health education for children. Mr. Lane had precious little use for organized schooling of the mechanical type, but he had tremendous enthusiasm for free activities in education. He could visualize the education of the adult immigrant in terms of a bigger and better America; he could see in the school and home garden movement a breaking away from the bonds of tradition that was spiritual as well as economic; and, above all, he could be counted upon to go to any length to help children to be healthier and happier."

Thus, a man who could achieve greatness in public life was not so absorbed in it but that he would give his sympathy and support to movements for the betterment of conditions surrounding child life. And by many the latter will be regarded as the nobler service, since it lies at the base of a strong and enlightened citizenship. He who never loses touch with the innocence of childhood, or ignores its appeal is never very far from the Kingdom.

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CHALLENGE.

(By Louis Ginsburg.)
Let me not hide behind the pane,
Too sheltered and too snugly warm;
But let me drink the wind of fight
And brave the buffets of the storm!

From every torpor set me free—
Past rocks of struggle make me fling
My spirit's waters into song,
As bolders make the brook to sing!

LIGHTER VEIN.

Two Views.
"Maud protests against being called a spinster," she declares she's a bachelor girl."

"What's the difference?"
"Well, a spinster thinks of marriage as a duty, while a bachelor girl thinks of it as something she has escaped!"—Boston Transcript.

His Authority.

Frenzied Orator—These aren't my own figures I'm quoting. They're the figures of a man who knows we're talking about it!—The Passing Show (London).

A Jolt For Father.

Father—What did the teacher think of that essay I helped you to write, Dorothy?
Latterly Dorothy—"She said I was getting stupider every day."

Fully Wacker Out.

Two pins, one quart,
Two quarts, one fight,
One fight, two cops,
One judge, one jury,
On judge, thirty days.

Tough.

Clerk—We can't pay you the twenty-five dollars on this money order until you are identified.
Man—How do I identify myself?
Clerk—One man in town who can identify me, and I owe him twenty.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

Seven young men are under arrest in Sydney as the result of an attack made on a young girl on Sunday night when they lured her into an automobile and took her to a lonely place and there attacked her. Her cries brought help and seeing some coming the young men, ranging in age from fifteen to twenty years, jumped into their car and dashed off. The girl was taken to a house nearby where she was found to be seriously injured.

The miners and mine owners in England have been given to understand that the government has said its last word to them and that they must either agree or submit their dispute to arbitration, which arbitration will be compulsory.

The national chapter I. O. O. F. opened its sessions yesterday in Toronto. They were officially welcomed by Mayor P. L. Church, D. M. Balfour of Saskatchewan, responded on behalf of the delegates. In her presidential address, Miss Arnold dealt with the needs of Canada today and that part of the I. O. O. F. should play.

A disastrous fire occurred yesterday in the village of Albert when the Waverley Hotel and the residence of R. Chedoke, together with three barns, a garage and all outbuildings of the two properties were destroyed. The hotel was a large three-story building owned and operated by E. R. Chedoke. His loss was partly covered by insurance. The fire started in the kitchen attic of the hotel.

Yesterday in the township of Caledonia, Ontario, Constable Ernest Johnson shot and killed a farmer, Oliver George Sproule, aged twenty-eight, said to be insane. At the time Johnson shot the farmer he had a loaded revolver held against the breast of a deputy sheriff who with the constable had gone to make the arrest. The bullet struck the farmer in the head and he collapsed and died almost instantly.

John Theriault, twenty-six years of age, belonging to Bathurst, committed suicide there yesterday morning by jumping into the river. His body was found floating on the surface. He had been despondent ever since his wife died.

Rev. B. H. Thomas, formerly Protestant chaplain at Dorchester penitentiary, has received a call to the First Baptist church at Washburn, Me. The call carries with it a good salary and parsonage.

Rev. Norman A. MacNeil, for more than seven years pastor of the Salisbury group of United Baptist churches, has tendered his resignation and has accepted a unanimous call to the Baptist church at Marysville, N. B.

The convention of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses and the Canadian National Association of Education opened in Quebec yesterday. Among the delegates is Miss Edith Haslam of St. John. A tea was tendered the visitors at the C. N. A. and the evening an informal reception was given by the Quebec Rotary Club.

LESS MEAT STORED.

Washington, May 31.—Total stocks of meats in cold storage warehouses and packing plants in the U. S. are 211,000 pounds under the three year average, according to the Bureau of Markets. The total meat cured stocks this month are 145,000 pounds under the five year average, the bureau announced.

It was decided to award contracts for the harbor department:
Colwell Coal Co., Ltd., hard, West Side, \$16.40 ton.
Dominion Coal Co., Ltd., soft, \$8.25 ton.
Consumers Coal Co., Ltd., hard, East Side, \$16.00 ton.

In speaking of the tenders Mr. Bullock said that the Colwell Coal Company was the only one that had stood by the city when the latter could not get coal and the other companies would not make any offers.

It was decided to award contracts for the harbor department:
Colwell Coal Co., Ltd., soft, West Side, \$8.30.
Consumers Coal Co., Ltd., soft, East Side, \$9.00.

Mr. Thornton moved that the following tenders be accepted for the public safety department:
Colwell Coal Co., Ltd., 40 tons broken, hard, East Side, \$16.00.
Colwell Coal Co., Ltd., 10 tons broken, hard, East Side, \$16.00.

The following amounts were awarded to the Consumers Coal Co., Ltd.:
Police Dept., 70 tons broken, at \$16, 10 tons net at \$16.25.
Market Bldg., 12 tons chestnut at \$16.25.

Fire Dept., 10 tons broken at \$16, 30 tons net at \$16.25 and 6 tons chestnut at \$16.25.

Mr. Thornton said that he did not intend to make any recommendations in regard to soft coal until later.

From the Colwell Coal Co. at \$16.75 a ton and there was considerable comment in regard to this.

Mr. Jones recommended that the following tenders be accepted for the harbor department:
Consumers Coal Co., Ltd., 35 tons, East Side, \$16.
Colwell Coal Co., Ltd., 10 tons net, West Side, \$16.

Mr. Frink said that he did not have his recommendations ready at the moment.

LOCAL NEWS

A kitchen shower was tendered to Miss Annie Brown, who is to be married in the near future, at the Y. W. C. A. last evening. The evening was very pleasantly spent in games and dancing.

A farewell dinner was tendered last evening at the Royal Hotel to E. S. Ross, local manager of the Famous-Lasky Corporation, by the Exchange Managers' Association. Mr. Ross has been transferred to Toronto.

George Chagnais was fined \$200 in the police court yesterday afternoon on the charge of having liquor in his possession other than in his private dwelling. James Boyle, charged with assaulting Annie Boyle, was fined \$20.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Waterloo Street Baptist church held its closing meeting last night. A short programme was carried out. C. Rupert, Rev. L. B. Gray and Miss Gladys Dyer were reading. Reports of the officers showed that the year had been a successful one.

A case of silverware was presented to S. B. Stokes, the retiring general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. by the members of the staff yesterday. Mr. Stokes left last evening for Ontario and will take up his duties as general secretary in the Hamilton conference.

At the closing meeting for the season held last night the Epworth League of Fairview Methodist church presented to Rev. Thomas Marshall a handsome leather writing case. This is Mr. Marshall's last year as pastor of the church. He replied suitably, thanking the members for their kind remembrance.

While pruning a tree Saturday afternoon George Lund, of Sackville, received an ugly blow in his right eye from a dead limb. He suffered severe pain at the time and it is feared that the sight has been injured. Mr. Lund's many friends will regret to learn of the accident.

The Simms Brush Factory will close down at the end of this week, but officials of the factory report that operations probably will not be suspended much longer than the usual two weeks, annually given for complete overhaul. Three hundred will be out of employment as a result of this shut-down.

At a meeting of the Municipal Chapter of the I. O. O. F. held yesterday afternoon, satisfactory reports were read of the recent Empire Day pageant. Greetings were sent by the municipal chapter to the national chapter now in convention at Toronto. Miss Zela Lamoureux went from St. John to attend the national meeting while Mrs. Heber Yroom and Mrs. George K. McLeod are also expected to be present.

The fifteenth anniversary of that epoch-making four-armed boat race in which the well-known "Pants" crew of St. John defeated an English crew on the Kennebecas River on August 28, 1871, in a race in which Renforth, one of the English oarsmen, died in his own boat after "pulling his heart out" will be commemorated on August 28 of this year by the Renforth Outing and Athletic Association.

A delegation representing the employees of the M. B. Power Company called on the Mayor and commissioners yesterday when they explained the men's side of the controversy. The delegation was informed that the wage difference was purely one between the men and the company and concerning the one-man car the delegation was told that this matter would be taken up with the company.

The Mayor and commissioners of course promised to investigate the report that the company had brought fifteen private detectives here.

Miss Gertrude Wilson, elevator operator in the store of E. W. Daniel & Co. fell down the elevator shaft in the store yesterday afternoon and although not seriously injured received several bad bruises and a severe shaking up. When the elevator reached the ground floor she stepped out of it and through some mistake the elevator shot up. The girl not knowing this stepped back, falling down the shaft to the cellar, a distance of about nine feet. She was taken to the General Public Hospital.

At the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club in Bond's restaurant at noon yesterday the feature was an address by Rev. Harry B. Clarke on present political conditions in Russia, in which country he was a chaplain with Canadian forces. H. G. S. Adams was the chairman for the day and members were present with the usual Rotary songs, with M. C. Ewing at the piano and De Witt Cairns leading. Among the guests were W. P. Webster, delegate from the Halifax club to the national convention in Edinburgh.

The G. W. V. A. fair last evening in the St. Andrews rink was a success. More than 1,000 people, who seemed to take an exceptional amount of interest in the display of basket work and other articles in the Lancaster Hospital. The door prize last evening, a cut glass bowl, was won by ticket number 2225. The ladies' bean toss prize was captured last night by Miss McCrackin and the gentleman's by Mr. Parfitt. The door prize this evening will be a forty-eight pound bag of flour. The City Cornet Band furnished the music during the evening.

KRUPPS ARE EMPLOYING MORE MEN THAN AT THE CLOSE OF THE WAR.
New York, May 31.—(By Canadian Press).—A correspondent of the Guaranty Trust Company, writing from Berlin, reports that the Krupps are employing 15,000 more workmen now than in the month immediately before the outbreak of the war. This total does not include workmen in five other manufacturing undertakings which are controlled by, or work in alliance with, the Krupps. At Essen, in addition to the casting and rolling operations formerly carried on, seventy-three different kinds of machines, apparatus or technical articles are being produced. The Krupps cast steel works have been extended from a pre-war area of 242 acres to 1,400 acres, and the construction of railway material has reached enormous dimensions.

The Krupp concern has now absorbed the Rhine Metalware and Machine factory and that great war plant is now engaged in the manufacture of agricultural machinery. Krupps control the Brenauwerk Works, Dresden (large manufacturers of cameras and movie picture apparatus), and also are specializing in the manufacture of cash registers, textile machinery and oil and sugar refining machinery.

BRITISH COUNCIL OF COMMERCE.
London, May 31.—(By Canadian Press).—The seventh annual report of the British Imperial Council of Commerce states that as a result of the formal recommendation of the Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, held in Toronto last September, it is hoped that a number of additional chambers will affiliate with the council and take their share in promoting the interests of imperial commerce.

At present 118 chambers and associations of chambers are on the list, and these comprise most of the larger bodies, but over 520 British chambers are in existence.

AGAINST POLYGAMY.
Washington, May 31.—An amendment to the federal constitution which would prohibit polygamy in the United States is proposed in a resolution now before the house. The amendment, it is said, would remedy the situation existing in some states where civil laws do not prevent plural marriages.



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
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