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### MR. A. R. MOSHER AND UNEMPLOYMENT

No one as a rule pays very much attention to the scrawled outpourings of Mr. A. R. Mosher, of the C. B. R. S., because he is a propagandist when it is impossible to follow. His latest trouble is regarding the present conditions of unemployment, from which he anticipates most serious results unless something is done, and done quickly, to alleviate them. Apparently neither Mr. Mosher has not much faith in his friend Senator Molloy of St. John, or else he cannot be aware that the latter has just succeeded in getting the appointment of a Committee of the Senate, to take up and deal with unemployment, with a view to finding some sort of remedy.

There can be no doubt whatever that the unemployment question is a very serious one. It did not need Mr. Mosher to point this out; the people are unfortunately only too well aware of it. It is quite easy to talk about it and bemoan the fact that it exists, but no one has any practical remedy to suggest.

Mr. Mosher refers to the organizations which were called into being during the war to provide the necessities for carrying on the struggle, and he wants to know why the same energy and the same methods cannot be put into operation to relieve the present situation. Mr. Mosher fails to grasp two most important facts. First that the demand for manila was something that had to be supplied at any cost, for they could not be done without; and secondly, that nearly half a million workers were out of the country and did not need to be found employment here. Now these men are back again, only to find that their places are filled by women, and younger men who have grown to working age in the last few years.

There can be no doubt that, as Mr. Mosher says, we need food, clothing and shelter to sustain the life of the nation. We do. Is it his idea that the Government should operate farms and factories and build houses in order to supply these needs? Because if so, it is to be feared that with one quarter of the workers of this country that Mr. Mosher says are now idle, fully employed, there would soon be such a glut of these things, that no one would know what to do with them.

The present condition of unemployment is caused from various reasons. One of them is the general depression of trade. Another is that men will not work except upon their own terms. They want the working conditions laid down to suit themselves, with short hours and high wages. Some refuse to go to work at jobs they can readily perform, but have not previously been used to; they would rather loaf around than adapt themselves to circumstances. Others again would go to work readily enough, only they allow themselves to be persuaded by agitators and so-called labor leaders not to do so, because other men less willing to work refuse to, except on their own terms. The genuine labor man appreciates the difficulty of present conditions and will go to work at any thing that offers for the time being, and will take the first opportunity that offers to better himself. Another prolific cause of unemployment is the fact that positions formerly filled by men are now filled by women, who, having fewer calls upon them, are willing to work for lower wages. There is hardly a sphere of labor that has not been invaded by women, who have pushed the men out, and left them with no place to go. There is only a certain amount of work in the country available; and if all the opportunities that offer for providing employment are filled, where are the surplus men to go? The Government may be able to make work for a certain number; but at the best, this must be limited. We notice that Mr. Mosher, for all his diatribes on present day conditions, has nothing to suggest to remedy them.

### A SUCCESSFUL AMBASSADOR

The Duke of Connaught is on his way home, after his visit to India, where he represented the King-Emperor with grace, tact, dignity and cordial feeling. All the Royal Family are taciturn to a degree; and it was said of the late King Edward that in none of his public speeches did he ever utter a tactless word. That also, coming of popular feeling is an art which all the members of the Royal Family have cultivated with unusual success.

The Duke of Connaught arrived in India at the moment when the new home rule measure—as it might be called—was about to be put into operation. In that connection the Duke made several conciliatory speeches, couched in soothing terms, and which evoked to the benefit

### WHAT OTHERS SAY

Much Better.  
 It is said that British troops increased their army from 341,000 men of all ranks to 641,000. Why not? Better pay out money to real soldiers than to idle men in unemployment doles.—Joseph Herald.

Building Cost.  
 On account of high building costs it has been decided to postpone the erection of the projected Presbyterian college at Sackville. That is only one of thousands of such decisions.—Toronto Star.

Second Thoughts.  
 A contemporary says that when there is a crowd and the police use their batons it is always the innocent bystander who gets hurt. It is frequently that which the police have a theory that sometimes a man becomes an innocent bystander after he has got hurt.—Toronto Star.

Church Union.  
 The question of union between the Presbyterian and Methodist churches of Canada may be decided a few weeks hence, when the Presbyterian General Assembly meets. It is doubtful if the spirit of church union is any stronger now than it was a year ago.

It appears to be much stronger in Britain than in Canada. Such an impression was made yesterday by the Archbishop of York at the meeting of the Baptist union could hardly be expected from a high dignitary of the Anglican Church in Canada. The Archbishop told the Baptists that the bishops of his church confessed their share of the guilt in dividing the church and believed in the spirit of the recent Lambeth conference.—Hamilton Spectator.

But Canadian Goods.  
 Sir Henry Drayton addressed on Tuesday the Women's Canadian Club and the Local Council of Women in Toronto and gave them some plain talking. He proscribed to them the anarchistic propaganda which is everywhere prevalent, and whose purpose is the physical and moral ruin of human society.

### PROHIBITION'S DRAWBACKS

It is becoming more and more evident that the task of making the United States really "bone-dry" in the present state of public opinion in that country is beyond the powers of legal agents and social reformers; but there is also reason to believe that, although there may be much less drinking, cases of alcoholism are increasing both in number and severity as the result of the enforcement of prohibition.

Attention is drawn by the New York World to this feature as one of the immediate effects of such enforcement, which refers for proof to reports on alcoholism published by the Commissioner of Public Welfare covering King's County and Bellevue hospitals. From these it is seen, as just stated, that not only is there a marked increase in such cases for 1920-21 over 1919-20, but that their seriousness is also notably greater.

The figures given by Dr. Mortimer D. Jones, Medical Superintendent, stand on their merits and cannot be denied. "During the first nine months of the prohibition period," he says, "six months partial and three months bone-dry, 302 men suffering with alcoholism were brought to the hospital, also fourteen women. For the same months a year later, with the additional three months of bone-dry enforcement, opportunity intervening, there were admitted for these last nine months of bone-dry prohibition 385 men and sixty-five women, a total of 450 people suffering with acute alcoholism, an increase of nearly 170 per cent."

The obvious conclusion reached by the New York World is that "with the shutting off of the lighter alcoholic beverages, people who had been accustomed to drinking beer have been getting their alcohol in its worst and most concentrated form. Alcoholism under prohibition is increasing in extent and degree, as one of the local blessings of the national reform decreed by Congress under intimidation by fanatics."

### GERMAN COMPETITION

Secretary Hoover calls for immediate action by Congress to check the German inroads into American trade. It is the old story over again. Before the war the German government was liberal in its subsidies to German business and it is now continuing these on a larger scale than ever. In some lines of business the subsidies paid amount to half the cost of production, creating a competition that American concerns are naturally unable to meet. During the war few thought that German trade competition could be so speedily renewed. Then there were declarations that German-made goods would not be bought in Allied countries for many years after the war but these have not proven correct. It is very possible that the German government in its effort to rehabilitate German trade is following a course that will lead to a fall. It is difficult to see how the government can stand the payment of such large subsidies in its present impoverished condition.

But in the meantime German competition, according to the Banner-Commentator, is making itself distinctly felt in the United States.

According to the Mail and Empire, the Hon. Mr. Raney is a good deal harder to please in the matter of qualifications for Police Magistrates than the Hon. Mr. Drury is in the matter of qualifications for an Attorney-General.

## Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

THE PARK AVE. NEWS.  
 Weather. The later the darker. Sports. The Invincibles played their first game of the season against the Park Wanderers last Saturday, the score being 43 to 43 and both teams claiming they were the ones that made 43 and the empire ran away in the middle of the argument on account of believing in safety first.  
 Intriguing Facts About Intriguing People. Sam Green is always on time, even to places where he's not invited.  
 Pome by Skinny Martin.  
 ITS A HABIT.  
 I'm glad I am not short and fat,  
 I'm glad I'm long and thin,  
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 Salsbury. Miss Maud Jensen was observed picking threads off of Mr. Ed Wernicks coat as if she owned him but they both deny they are engaged or anything.  
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### Sinn Fein Attack

On Rev. Dr. Maguire  
 Two Shots Fired at Him as He Was Leaving Mission Meeting.  
 Belfast, May 5.—Two shots were fired at the Rev. Dr. Maguire, former president of the Methodist Church in Ireland and his son-in-law, the Rev. Frank Mettrick, were leaving the headquarters of the North Belfast Mission last evening.  
 The Rev. Dr. Mettrick received a wound in the forehead, while a passerby was wounded in the eye from fragments of glass as the second bullet passed through a glass panel at the side door of the mission.  
 The Rev. Dr. Maguire is a prominent Orangeman and one of the best known clergymen in Ulster.  
 He had a narrow escape from being shot in the rioting of last August, a boy standing close to him in York street being fatally wounded.  
 He is the father of the Rev. Charles W. Maguire, who toured Canada with the party of clergymen from Ulster in January of last year.

Answers Dr. Straton's Attack On Theatres  
 John Golden Takes up Cudgels for Playhouses—Does Not Rob Church of Sunday.

New York, May 5.—The diatribe against the stage delivered by the Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton at the Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday, provoked the following answer yesterday from John Golden, theatrical producer.  
 "Dr. Straton says we are taking the Sabbath away from churches. If he is a spokesman of the lack of charity in our churches, I hope we are doing this; but we are not, at least not from churches whose pastors keep within the scope of their Christian duties.  
 "He makes this sensational charge against a profession, when to distinguish and famous member of that profession in American history has been subject to such scandal. Does he include in his sweeping condemnation the names of Edwin Booth, Mary Anderson, Joseph Jefferson and the many others?"

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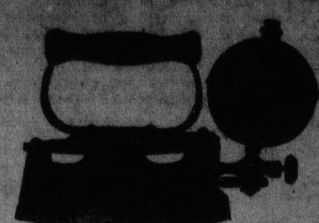
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