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EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS

While the socialists lost heavily in the recent elections in France the feature of the elections in Italy and Belgium have been the marked gains of the socialists. In Northern Italy, where most of the industries are located, the socialists made a nearly clean sweep, and would be able to dominate the Italian chamber if it were not for the strength of the Catholic Party. Signor Nitti may have to resign, unless he is supported by the Catholic People's Party, or makes some kind of arrangement with the Socialists. To have to put his fate in the hands of an ecclesiastically managed party would not be in keeping with Signor Nitti's career, and he is hardly likely to get on for any length of time with the Socialists.

Apart from the triumph of the Socialists and the Catholic Socialists the feature of the elections was the marked indifference of the voters. Some attribute this indifference to ignorance; others assume it is the result of the spread of Bolshevism, whose adherents have no use for Parliamentary institutions.

In Belgium the Catholic majority which has existed for a generation in the Chamber has disappeared as a result of the elections, most of the gains being made by the socialists at the expense of the Catholic Party. This may be due to the decline of the authority of the Church over the masses, or to other causes latent in the abnormal psychological conditions of the time.

In France the Socialists claim that their defeat was due to the working of the new election laws, and that they polled a larger vote than ever. In the Department of the Seine the advanced socialists did not elect a member, though their candidates received from 111,000 to 140,000 votes each, while in Paris Leon Daudet a leading anti-Socialist was elected with only 19,595 votes.

THE LEAGUE AND DEMOCRACY

One of the arguments made against the League of Nations is that it is more a league of governments than a league of peoples. This view prevalent in some circles in America, has also been expressed by some Labor leaders in Britain and France. It is doubtless a legitimate ground upon which to demand amendments to the Covenant. Even in Britain where the government is more responsive to parliament than the American president and his cabinet are to Congress the criticism has some force. In the past British foreign policy has been largely controlled by a clique of great families and interests, and the same has been true of France. At the last elections Premier Lloyd George laid down a policy of non-intervention in Russia, but it is only recently that Britain has withdrawn from the Russian adventure, and the Premier's promises appear to have been taken with a grain of salt. Lord Robert Cecil and Mr. Balfour came out for non-intervention.

This suspicion that autocratic influences may work through the league of nations is not unnatural in view of past history. But in future people will probably scrutinize foreign affairs more closely, and governments will not be able to leave foreign policies in the control of cliques, whether of the great dynastic families or financiers.

Senator Lodge was hardly the right person to be champion of the idea that the Covenant is not sufficiently democratic. This dapper little statesman is the aristocrat of the New England aristocracy, the personification of intellectual arrogance. He comes from that exclusive stock of Black Bay, of which it is said "The Lodges talk to the Cabots, And the Cabots talk only to God."

Chicago indignantly denies that it is being swept by a wave of crime. Still, 36 hold-ups, 28 automobile thefts, 3 gun fights, 2 murders and 6 safe crackings is stepping lively for one day.

It is estimated that the United States will have to collect \$4,940,000,000 in taxes for the current fiscal year. This is about \$235 per family, as against \$86.75 in 1914. If the Ca-

nadian Government is not to go on borrowing, it will have to raise about the same per capita tax.

The total book value of the railways of the United States is estimated at \$17,000,000,000, or nearly \$75,000 per mile of road. This is a small mileage value, compared with the railways of Great Britain which paid high prices for rights of way, and where of course there are more stations and more business to the mile.

The Bancroft Times has been giving evidence of success and prosperity by coming out in an enlarged form. It has lately been increased in size from a five-column to a six-column, eight-page paper. The Times under its present editor and publisher, Mr. H. M. Price, has continued the excellent local news service that was given by the previous publisher, Mr. D. H. Morrison, making The Times one of the most useful papers in the district. The enlargement will enable the publisher to give a better display to his increasing advertising patronage, as well as more ample news reports.

We wish to congratulate Brother A. E. Calnan, editor and publisher of The Picton Gazette upon his election to the presidency of the Weekly section of the Canadian Press Association. This is the highest honor that his fellow publishers of weekly newspapers in Canada have to offer. Mr. Calnan is a forcible speaker and a capable presiding officer and we have no doubt he will carry out the arduous duties of his new position with the utmost credit.

One of the interesting by-products of the recent French elections was the swamping of the Royalist party. This party appears to be composed of a rather noisy group of ultra fashionable people who sigh for the glories of the old regime, backed by shady financiers who apparently have been hypnotized into the belief that the Royalists will be able some day to distribute handsome favors to their supporters. Their principal slogans are "Long Live the King," and "Down with the Jews," and they regard as bandits Free Masons, Socialists, Protestants, heretics, and infidels of all descriptions. Their campaign in the recent elections is reported to have been very noisy. But the "Camelots de Roi" are apparently not taken seriously by anyone outside their own queer circle.

Our excellent contemporary, The North Hastings Review, has moved into new and commodious quarters, just west of the Dominion bank, Madoc. Mr. A. H. Watson, publisher and proprietor of The Review has erected there a new building that will make one of the finest newspaper offices in the district. The Review now has a printing plant that is thoroughly modern and complete, having recently installed a Linotype composing machine. The work of moving the plant has been completed and the paper is now being issued in its new domicile. We regret to report that both Mr. Watson and his son Charles were ill at the time of the installation but we hope that both will speedily be restored to health and continue The Review in the path of good service and prosperity.

TODDLIN' HAME

Toddlin' hame when the gloamin' is fa'in,
 Weary and worn, wi' his face to the west;
 Long has he toiled sin' he left i' the dawning,
 Now he is toddlin' hame till he rests!

Hame till his rest, whaur his wife is smilin'—
 Hame till his rest, whaur his bairns are be-
 gullin'!

There has he biggit his hopes and his fame—
 Toddlin' hame!

Toddlin' hame frae schule and frae lesson,
 Doon the wee laddie gangs, whusslin' in
 pride.

Blythe is his welcome, and sweet the caressin',
 In the wee cottage by yon burnside

Yon burnside, whaur the hills o' the heather—
 Yon burnside, whaur his day dreams gather—
 Whaur the wee laddie shall mak' him a name—
 Toddlin' hame!

Toddlin' hame in our thochts and our dreamin',
 Back to the land that our orisons name;

E'en as the sun wi' his mornin' licht beamin',
 Blithely brings till us a message frae hame!

Message frae hame, dishonor aye scornin'—
 Dearest Auld Mither! we honor thy name;—
 Toddlin' hame!

Toddlin' hame when this life has grown weary,
 Daylight is dune, and the gloamin' is night!

Peace to the pilgrim! Nae journey is dreary,
 Airtit by angels, and led to the sky!

Led to the sky by a way that ye kenna—
 Led to the sky, gin it binna ye winna—
 Led to the Lovin' Ane—blest be His name!
 Toddlin' hame!

—William Wye Smith.

FOUR CITIZENS CHARGED WITH SELLING BOOZE

Three Detectives in Conjunction with Inspector Active in City at Week-end — Cases to be Tried Thursday Evening

Three detectives of the Ontario License Department created a big sensation on Monday afternoon when they made four arrests.

Simeon LeRoy McBrien, iron worker; Louis Allors, bartender; J. Farley, plaster and E. C. Sprague, merchant charged with selling liquor contrary to section 40 of the Ontario Temperance Act. McBrien and Allors are accused of selling on Saturday, Dec. 6th and the other two, Sprague and Farley on Sunday, Dec. 7th.

The four were given bail yesterday afternoon, each in his own bond of \$1,000 with one surety of \$1,000 each.

This morning the cases were enlarged until Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the bail being renewed.

The alleged sales are said to have taken place in a certain hotel and six bottles of whiskey are said to figure in the cases.

The detectives were working in conjunction with Inspector R. C. Arnott.

McBrien is being defended by Col. O'Flynn and Farley, Sprague and Allors by W. C. Mikel, K.C. Mr. W. Carnew will prosecute on behalf of the department.

BOARD OF TRADE CAMPAIGN REACHED TRIUMPHANT CLOSE

348 Members Secured up to 6 p.m. Last Night — Unreported Later Additions Will Probably Bring the Total up to 400 — Congratulatory Addresses by R. J. Graham, W. P. Shatts, R. A. Crosby and Others

"This is more than a celebration. It is a dedication," said Mr. Walter Philip Shatts of the Canadian City Bureau last night at the Y.M.C.A. at the closing luncheon of the Board of Trade expansion drive and the canvassers looking back over the week's results felt it was such. The returns last night with three teams not reporting totalled 348. A number are to come in yet, which will likely bring the membership up close to the 400 mark.

Ald. Bone, chairman of the executive committee of the campaign occupied the chair in his usual style. "Belleville is now on the road to a wonderful expansion," I believe," said Mr. R. J. Graham. "There has never been the same opportunity for industrial organizations to come here as at the present moment. We have done well to get organized just at the psychological time. With such an organization of boosters as I see here, it should not be difficult to double the population in five years."

A Citizenship of Quality

Mr. Graham offered a word of caution as to the class of the new citizens who will come to Belleville in the days of progress. "There is something in quality as well as in quantity of citizens. The government sees the truth of this in Winnipeg. Belleville has never been cursed with the foreign population. I trust that when industries are brought here, they will employ British people. We should be careful what people we invite here. It is not wise to bring in people who were anarchists at home, with the instincts of Bolshevism. We must not bring them here and then have their children in our schools."

"Some industries have come and more are on the way," declared Mr. Graham, citing instances. In the United States there is a feeling that Canada is going to have a big boom of Americans. There will be closer trade relations between Britain and her Dominions and the result will be a preference. The States appreciate this and Americans will start branches to supply not the Canadian but the British trade. We have wonderful electric power. No wonder industries are casting eyes on Belleville and Trenton.

Investing in Home Industries
 "I have religiously refrained from investing in outside industries. So far as I am concerned and if I keep my present plan, I shall not invest a nickel outside of the city of Belleville," (cheers).

Cpl. Marsh, president of the board of trade said he had kept hammering to get the board to accomplish something. "This is a proud time for me," he declared, "we have the membership. Now get the organization."

Ald. Bone said "Belleville's opportunity is now. There is no electric power available west of Toronto. Industries must come east."

Mr. Walter Philip Shatts who will now organize "The Four Hundred" made a happy, enthusiastic address.

A Dedication—Not a Mere Event.

"This is more than a celebration of an event you have been looking

forward to. It is a dedication. Now you have the raw material—the members and the money. What kind of a building are you going to put up? You have pledged your money and energies. Your first duties as shareholders are to establish a working organization—a board of directors. This is the machine that will produce the goods here as it is producing them in other places. (cheers.)

A Democratic Election

The election of directors will be fully democratic. Then will follow a definite program or purpose. The whole membership of four hundred will meet in groups. Then a new public spirit will be created. The program must be a program that works. Thinking must be made to count.

The next element of city building is that intangible something called public opinion. "This board of trade is going to control, direct and make public opinion in Belleville from now on. You are going to bring before the people big problems you want to put over. You are going to present both sides of the problems. The next vital thing is to get a secretary—who will look after things that no one is looking after now. Make him a hired man worth while, by getting behind him. There should be a practical accounting system."

"I have seen old ideals scrapped after a campaign and new ideals created."

Mr. Shatts asked the co-operation of the new board members. The job has just begun. We expect you men to put it over. This is your town movement. Your city must mean as much to you as your friend. You have created an attractive power, drawing industries to Belleville.

Mr. Crosby said he had been in Canada before but this was his first campaign in Canada. He was deeply impressed with the hospitality of Belleville during his month's stay in Belleville. "I shall watch Belleville grow," was his parting word. His duties are now practically over and Mr. Shatts will handle the organization work.

Standing of the Teams

Team No.	Captain	No. Members	Monday	Total
1	A. P. Allen	2	20	
2	Cam. St. Charles	8	23	
3	S. R. Burrows	2	2	
4	B. F. Jennings	11	15	
5	T. Blackburn	1	11	
6	N. D. MacFarland	2	19	
7	A. F. White	11	26	
8	R. J. Wray	3	16	
9	F. B. Smith	10	30	
10	O. H. Scott	6	12	
11	Chas. Hanna	11	21	
12	J. G. McFad	7	46	
13	G. A. Reid	9	43	
14	W. Belair	10	20	
15	W. E. Clarke	11	4	

Furials to Date

Name of Firm	Memberships
Ackerman, H. W.	4
Belleville Hardware Co.	2
Blackburn, T.	2
Board of Education	5
Deacon Shirt Co.	2
Elliott Machine Co.	2
Goodyear Tire Co.	2

Grahams Limited	2
Ketcheson, H. F. Co.	5
Marsh Engineering Works	5
Merchants Bank	2
Ontario Press	2
Quick & Robertson	2
Riggs, W. B.	2
Ritchie Co.	6
Wilson, J. C. Co.	2
Royal Bank	2
Union Bank	2
D. V. Sinclair	2
Quinte Battery	2
Downey Coal Co.	2
Bone, J.	2
Hotel Quinte	2
Earle & Cook	2
Schuster Co.	2
City of Belleville per J. Bone	2
Judge Jones Milling Co.	2

New Members

The new members reported up to last night were:

Holmes & Murdock, R. L. Brown, E. G. McKinnon, C. Rathman & Son, James Duckworth, H. Yanover, F. D. Diamond, A. Bennett, W. J. Smith, P. H. Willis, W. J. Yerec, Alex. Ray, A. W. Deshane, Wm. Cook, Joshua Lang, W. H. Nugent, W. M. Howie, W. J. Thompson, S. N. Huck, Wm. Patterson — Son Co. Ltd. (H. H. Naylor), R. Tannahill, J. W. Lill, W. J. Hume, P. C. Lee, L. E. Allen, Belleville Burial Co., Gerald N. Spafford, J. F. Hinchey, Miss E. Corbett, Tony Quattrochi, H. A. Morgan, C. A. Hart, Leonard Domenico, F. O. Diamond, Dr. J. A. Falkner, E. T. Austin, C. F. Bishop, J. T. Legault, T. P. Aman, Geo. A. Lee, E. F. Rutherford, C. M. Hall, Chancey Ashley & Son, J. J. B. Flint, A. Safe & Co., A. Asselstine, S. R. Artis, Musicians Local No. 371, Geo. Tett, W. J. Carter, C. Hanna, A. K. Graham, J. D. McLean, H. Harrow, P. J. Lee, S. S. Finkle, G. Tice, Tobie & Dime, G. W. VanTassel.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Board of Trade's new membership totalled 352, the following memberships having been reported today: Great War Veterans 2, John Sloan Co., Ltd., 1, and Mr. William L. Doyle, 1.

PETERBORO HAS COAL

Peterboro, Dec. 9.—The coal situation in Peterboro city and district is not sufficiently grave to cause much uneasiness at the present moment. A census of local industries made a few days ago revealed the fact that they are without exception supplied with sufficient fuel to last through the winter months.

Many of them depend upon electricity for power and coal for heating purposes. Supplies of the latter were secured early in the year. Public buildings and institutions such as the city hall and library are well supplied for the winter and anticipate no shortage. Domestic users have been able to get sufficient supplies of coal up to the present, and no immediate need is in prospect. A lot of it was put in early and there are fairly large supplies of wood in this district available for this winter's consumption.

QUINN ARRESTED ON MANY CHARGES

Police Expected Gun Trouble And Raided House in Force.

Port Hope, Dec. 9.—For committing a number of crimes which ranged as far back as 1915 to this month Thomas Quinn and his wife of McCaul street, Toronto, were arrested by the police Friday. The last crimes according to the police, happened a short while ago when Quinn and his wife rented a fully furnished house from a Mr. Marshall, Gifford St. The house was a ten-room one and it is claimed that after the Quinns had been living in the house for a short time they moved, taking everything in the shape of household clothing with them, much of which, it is said, was found in the McCaul street house Friday.

In 1915 it is alleged that Quinn pilfered a number of automatic pillar boxes, while later in the year he stole a bicycle. Another charge of fraudulently obtaining \$281 from a Miss Edna Woodley has also been laid against him. It is also alleged that he broke into the premises at the rear of 45 Elm street in the same year.

Cheapest of All Oils.—Considering the curative qualities of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil it is the cheapest of all preparations offered to the public. It is to be found in every drug store in Canada from coast to coast and all country merchants keep it for sale. So, being easily procurable and extremely moderate in price, no one should be without a bottle of it.

OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

CONSCIENCE NOT FOR SALE

When the liquor men began casting about for a man to contest constitutional prohibition in the courts, they decided to look for some one of social prominence.

They laid down on a table in front of Charles Evans Hughes a check for \$150,000. The great jurist replied: "I would not champion this cause before the courts for any sum of money you could name."

Falling to buy Mr. Hughes, they next went to William Howard Taft, and placed before him a signed check, telling him to fill it in for any amount he wanted. The reply of this statesman will be memorable: "Gentlemen, you couldn't pile enough gold on this continent to induce me to take your case before the courts and before the public, for I will have you know my conscience is not for sale."—The Christian Century.

TRUTH ON THE SCAFFOLD

After studying the lives of many eminent and scholarly men in the Schaaf-Herzog Encyclopaedia of Religious knowledge, we are simply amazed at the number of Christian men, with advanced religious opinions who have suffered death and imprisonment—even John Bunyan, the tinker, author of "Pilgrim's Progress" spent 12 long years in prison because he persisted in preaching the gospel—dissenting of course from the orthodox views of the times in which he lived. The tender mercies of contending religions are exceptionally cruel. The reason for this state of affairs lies in the fact that among many Christians there is a singular ignorance of the Book of Scripture as a whole. With a wide knowledge of particular texts, there is a strange lack with the bearing of a particular gospel and epistle. The whole subject is not considered with its context and thus we incur the risk of turning theology into an erroneous and artificial system. Texts have thus been perverted to sharpen the sword of the tyrant and to strengthen the rod of the oppressor to kindle the fagot and to rivet the fetters of the slave. The terrible wrongs done in the name and by the authority of texts have been due almost exclusively to their isolation and perversion. It is thus that the Bible has been misinterpreted by substituting words for things; by making the dead letter an instrument wherewith to murder the living spirit; and by reading into scripture a multitude of meanings that it was never intended to express. Words like the chameleon change their color with their surroundings. The very same word may in different ages involve almost opposite connotations. The vague and different notions attached to the same term have been the most fruitful source of theological bitterness and of the internecine opposition of contending sects. The abuse of texts have thus been the cause of incredible misery and mischief. To illustrate, the word Hell in the Old Testament is accepted by the Jews as the grave; with the majority of Christians as "fire and brimstone" (torment condition). Plenty of room here for contention. The remedy and solution for the different texts must be found in the due study and comprehension of the scriptures as a whole. In view of the suffering and misunderstanding endured by many Christians throughout the ages the following verse from an unknown author is singularly appropriate:—

Careless seems the great avenger;
 History pages but record,
 One death-grapple in the darkness,
 'twixt false systems and the Word:
 Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne.
 Yet that scaffold sways the future,
 and behind the dim unknown
 Standeth God within the shadow,
 keeping watch above His own.

—From "Current Topics" by H. E. Bywater in Palmerston Spectator.

DELIVERANCE PROMISED

A Conservative party, Unionist party, or any other sort of party that goes to the polls under a Borden leadership will be overwhelmed by disaster more complete than the calamities of the Conservative party that went to the polls under a Hearst leadership.—Toronto Telegram (Con.)

Love and wine get credit for making fools of some men who were born fools.

The Pro

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Poland—Conten an armistice fo groups in Russ countries to be fo conference at War awaits the app States before g this program.

For some time indications of a new with the Russian der consideration first indication ca made by the Bal negotiations with ment. These effort consequence of the short-lived success on the Petrograd tack on Riga by sian forces.

A few days ago a speech at the G rather cryptic refe that a way might make peace with bably a feeler such out from time to he sentiment. Aln ly came the news oposal.

The fact is that throwing the Bols by the method of tion which have b expiring in the bre versant with the Kolchak is being or Trotsky mat points to the coll ment upon which confidently built. J and a Yudenitch no Petrograd.

Indirect interven effective; the bloc

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At a meeting of search Society on Sir Oliver Lodge s assume, in fact, the under certain ex stances be posses temporarily possess foreign intelligence or on the whole part of it. The hind such a hypo ing or negating it tion of identity—t control. This que is, of course, a f God has fully an tion. Intercourse world through me but a very ancient by God and abomin The old time sor consent with fam present day "medi ist." The origin o better. Spiritism, is the Scriptures of T ed the subject as Founder. There w head of a host of in active rebellion or and seeking to and thwart His pun ning effort and se deceived the head o and brought abou blight of sin, su wrong. Hard, m are these that can away. The Bible a story of their origi ages the conflict h days of Noah, beca communion between ings and men, the ed by the flood. A afterwards Satan's mount. Spiritism, ever, wizards, co millar spirits, or m matists flourished. ing possession of body and soul. In God commanded Is not be found am witch, or a charme with familiar spirit a necromancer. s these things are an to the Lord; and abominations the L drive them (the fo of Canaan) out fro Unspeakable sins n tions given over to day the same thing in those parts wher ishes. Israel was to stamp Spiritism into succeeded in in tan into Israel, un Judgement fell, fir then upon Judah