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Growing reports have come in the past few weeks from Toronto, Windsor, Leamington, Blenheim and other towns, of the enjoyment afforded by the artists making up the concert company. In this city, three of whom are among London's most prominent musicians.

Mrs. Evelyn H. Braithwaite, soprano, is possessed of a voice, clear, sweet and under excellent control. Her personality is most winsome, adding charm to the part she plays in the recital programs. On Saturday night, she contributed two numbers, "Birds of Day" (Sunderland), and "Golden Bird" (Haydn Wood), responding to an encore with "Annie Laurie."

Brilliant Instrumentals.
Mrs. Cordia Ward-Buchner played with her usual captivating vivacity, and her playing by Mlynarski, given by request; a Spanish dance by Fabian Refeld, Carl Bohm's "Romantic Motion," and as an encore "Rosaire."

Mr. Mitchell played brilliantly, a Paganini "Capriccio," with which he grouped a Chopin "Nocturne," marked in the interpretation by the singing tone and poetic feeling and a Chopin "Waltz," given with daintiness and sprightliness.

A group of his own compositions evoked enthusiastic applause, the delicate and elusive "To a Rose," and a Minuet in which stateliness and liveliness are happily mingled.

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President Moore of Dominion
Trades Congress Lays Case
of Labor Before London
Audience—Rev. Dr. Peever
Also Speaks.

That by far the greater portion of organized labor still has confidence in the constitutional methods of obtaining its rights was the statement of Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada at the Labor mass meeting held on Saturday evening in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, Rev. R. G. Peever, D.D., of the First Methodist Church, who also addressed the meeting emphasized the need of all sections of the country standing together for the common good at this crisis.

The meeting was attended by 500 representative workers of London, who came out to hear the speaker on questions of the day discussed as they affect labor and the country generally. Quietly the listeners sat through the meeting, but applauded the sentiments that took particular hold of their thoughts.

Introducing Tom Moore, Chairman Fred Young called him the "veteran" from the front lines, and he had been that it was the man from the midst of the fight who could tell "how goes the battle."

Referring to organization, President Moore in his opening remarks stated that it was only through organization that the worker had a chance of expressing his views and that the thoughts of unorganized labor if they could be expressed, would be lost to the world. He then expressed by the labor organizations. He was glad to see so many men in khaki present, and he had no doubt that many of those in khaki had only recently made the change from the uniform of their country. He had been asked what organized labor intended to do with relation to the returned soldier. "I may say that it will take care of its interests as it has in the past, while he is overseas, and before he signed up. Why, the soldier is only coming back home when he comes to the labor meeting."

Looking After Interests.
"While in the trenches the soldier could take no steps to remedy conditions in his home which he found unjust on account of the increased cost of living, and it was on this account that the soldier looked up this duty."

Referring to the G. W. V. A., the speaker intimated that labor had no desire to interfere with the ranks of that organization, but that it was always ready to give assistance in putting through any measure the soldier organization thought necessary. "There is no room for more than labor to help the soldier get an adequate pension. Men who claim their rights and lose them by not receiving pensions on which they cannot subsist, and this must be remedied."

Referring to the fact that everywhere is wondering what will be the condition of the country now that the war is over, the speaker said there are two classes of workers and two classes of employers. "There are those among organized labor who still have confidence in constitutional rights, and those who are happy to state, are in the majority. But there is a minority who are a minority in numbers and in mental qualities to think for the majority. This is the danger for the worker to get his rights."

Among the employers we find two similar classes. Some of them are willing to meet their men and grant concessions, but there are some still living who are a menace to this and every other country. The revolutionary spirit among some of the men is but a reflection of the spirit of the employers.

Resolutions Not Enough.
Touching on the question of the various associations of the employers who have met and passed resolutions in support of their employees, Mr. Moore intimated that while this was a step in the right direction it did not go far enough.

Passing resolutions is not enough; the lines of co-operation suggested in the resolutions. This country of ours has a responsibility to the world, and the responsibility of the action of the masses. There is a seething undercurrent, and the masses cannot be restrained at all times.

All that is needed to start a great revolution is a match, and the match of some of the employers may furnish this match. It is to prevent, if possible, this conflagration that these resolutions are being arranged in London and throughout the country.

Ministry of Powers.
Government by order-in-council was touched upon by the speaker. "Our country is a democracy, and it is a mistake to attempt to repress the extreme element by a misuse of its parliamentary powers. The two aspects of order-in-council and that order has not yet been repealed. We have no quarrel regarding the restrictions, but we have when harmful expressions might have caused the sacrifice of life, but they should be removed, and I am not here to back up the extreme element."

We are asking the Government to remove these restrictions, because we hold that it is not the right of any section to deny men the liberty of thought and speech. Any attempt to do this by force causes more progress of the extremists than all the propaganda could have done."

That autonomy had grown in the industrial field with an alarming pace was intimated by the speaker. Capital to-day has gathered to itself greater political and social powers than was attained by any of the kings of the past. It is in the power of the employers to say to their employees, "Go home and starve until you think as I do." They also have and are exercising the power to say to a man who does not want to work for them, "You shall not work for me, but you shall starve because a friend of mine does not want you, and I am not here to back up the extreme element."

Many Walking Streets.
"The workers must be organized, and they must be free to earn their living, and receive due recognition for their services. I do not know how the situation is here, but in Toronto there are 20,000 men walking the streets without the means of buying the goods which their labor helped to produce. This is a strange thing. It is also strange that there are many other workers who have to live with relatives as their wages are not sufficient to enable them to pay the rent and live."

This condition is due to the apathy of the workers themselves. They did not take the proper steps to prevent such power being in the hands of one class. It is now up to the workers to use their combined mental forces to bring about better conditions. There is no need for

bloodshed. Everyone is sick of slaughter, and no one is any longer thinking of holding up Russia as an ideal, our British institutions might better be held up as one.

Coming to the question of shorter hours for labor, Mr. Moore said that there was some fear that any action along this line might curtail production, but he thought that underconsumption was more to be feared than underproduction. That there are employers at present using their men for 9 to 11 hours a day was a question for regrets, he thought.

As an employer of labor, in his opinion, the Dominion Government was far from perfect. In the conclusion he related that when the armistice was signed the Government was employing men on some of its farms and in its mills, and they were working 9 hours a day. Immediately after the armistice organized labor requested the Government to shorten the hours of work instead of laying off any men.

Instead of the Government doing this it laid off 25 men and the work is now proceeding on the nine-hour basis as before. What is the use of asking to private employers when the Government sets such a glaring example? Organized labor is asking for a reduction in the hours of labor and this could be much easier accomplished if the Government would take the lead. In asking for a shorter work day, we hope to bring about a fairer distribution of labor."

Touching on home consumption and exports the labor leader expressed the idea that rather than sending a mission to Russia the Dominion should look to the home markets and make it possible for the people to purchase as much of the products of the country as they need. He also expressed the thought that each country should produce enough above its home consumption to provide the necessary trade balance to pay for the imports which cannot be secured at home.

Production for Profit.
"In the past production has been for profit rather than for use. The workers have been the slaves of industry and we want to change these conditions. Industry should be increased for the use of the masses and shortening the hours of labor will lay the foundation for the workers' time for their intellectual development."

Dealing with the question of homes, Mr. Moore intimated that the Government had wound too much red tape in connection with the building of houses for it to be of much value. He suggested that the Government should have placed the money in various banks to be loaned to the men after they had come back from the front. As it is he thinks the results will have been passed by the time the money was available, and otherwise the houses would have been under construction now, and there would have been no delay in the building.

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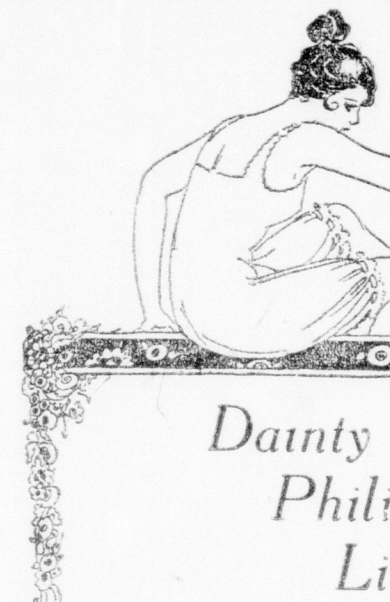
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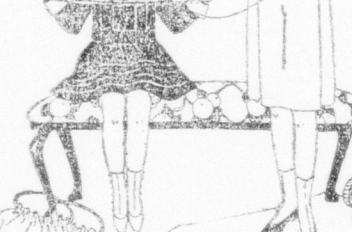
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having Rev. Dr. Peever for one of the speakers. The audience was informed that a letter had been received from the Ministerial Alliance stating that that body uphold Rev. Dr. Peever, Rev. W. R. McIntosh, and the other ministers of the city in their stand for the rights of the laborer.

"It is needless like this that will make of Canada what it ought to be," said Mr. Peever. "The Canadian army was the best example of this that the world has ever known. The meaning of the word 'standing together' and that is what the Canadian boys did 'over there.' We are glad to see so many of the boys here tonight, and we will stand together."

He announced that at the next meeting, which would be held on March 25, Rev. Dr. C. MacGregor and Bishop N. F. Fallon would be the speakers. A. E. G. Stead, violinist, Miss M. Patterson, Miss Lulu Upworthy and Miss M. Griffith enlivened the meeting with songs and instrumental selections.

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Liberalism's Chivalrous Chief Lies at the Door of Death

News of the critical illness of Sir Wilfrid Laurier comes to all his friends and followers as a severe shock. With tens of thousands of others in the nation, they will send up a prayer that he may survive the sudden stroke which came to him after more than forty years of strenuous living in the public affairs of Canada.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has occupied the principal position in Canadian Liberalism for a long period. His integrity and ability lifted him to a position of fame and honor, but it is doubtful if any other man by reason of his high place in affairs has become the target for such severe and unwarranted attack as this fine Canadian. The purity of his noble record and the serenity of his unblemished character have placed him on a pedestal, however, with the unprejudiced people of Canada. All his life has been a struggle to maintain a human machine powerful enough to support him in his great tasks, and he has been active in the fighting ranks of his party during the most critical periods of its history. It may be destiny has written that he must retire from active political life. It may be that the Liberal party must take final leave of its beloved leader. But it can never be that his memory will not be a living influence and inspiration for Liberalism and for the highest conception of Canadianism.

While life remains there will be hope that Sir Wilfrid Laurier may be spared to bestow upon Canada the benefit of his rich experience and his philosophic temperament. He has lived gladly and vitally; as a political leader he has lived dangerously; he has never let expediency become twisted into a party "principle"; he has faced, and will face, the inevitable with that same high courage and chivalry which have marked his life each day he lived.

Extreme Methods Not Wanted By the Workers of Canada

At Saturday night's rally in the Auditorium to hear discussed the economic issues of the day, it was demonstrated that if industrial unrest in this country culminates in serious disturbance the blame cannot be laid at the door of organized labor. President Tom Moore of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress made it clear that his organization, the most powerful of its kind in the Dominion, was for the co-operation of all classes to solve Canada's economic problems, and that unconstitutional methods would not be tolerated. This is reassuring, and augurs well for the successful meeting of tasks of reconstruction which are certain to develop some friction between employer and employee. A spirit of give-and-take, a working together for a common benefit is, of course, the only path to industrial and economic accord and harmony which we must possess if the nation is to remain stable and progress. That this has always been the spirit of organized labor is well known to those who are in touch with it, but by skillful propaganda a dangerous radical element, extremists who preach physical force, succeeded in creating an impression that some of its "Red" ideas were acceptable to the decent labor bodies of Canada. The whole tenor of Saturday's gathering, a distinctly representative body of London's trade unionists, was for an orderly constitutional progression towards that fuller life which labor the world over is determined to achieve. Bolshevism has no place in the aspirations and plans of Canadian labor, was clearly the most vital message which President Moore had for his fellow workers and the public.

Suspicion Is a Busy Member of the "Blue Devil" Tribe

Suspicion may be born in an infinitesimal bacterial group. How quickly these virulent germs, like those of jealousy, grow beyond microscopic size and become destructive to the finer feelings of self-respect. How simply the human mind is tricked into going about looking for stilettoes in every hand, for masked envy or hatred in the glances of friends, and malice and venom in the chance words that fly like arrows to pierce the one to whom they are attracted by a feeling of over-sensitive distrust.

Is it not all a matter of distrust in ourselves? If we go about expecting that people are thinking unkind and unfair thoughts of us, are we not the accusers of ourselves? Do we not feel ourselves capable of being thought of as we believe they have thought of us?

A chance remark is heard in a shop or an office or at some social affair. It fits a condition that may apply to anyone. The supersensitive and suspicious person fits the idle remark to his own mental shape. It hurts him deeply. He is certain and uncertain. He cannot face his accuser and demand the truth, for he would quickly realize that he appeared a fool in demanding explanations for all the vagaries that assail his vanity. So he goes his miserable way, trusting no one, losing faith in himself, never quite getting the confidence of the brothers he cannot trust. He is to be pitied. He is a little sufferer with the victim of jealousy or morbid introspection or all the other members of the tribe known to each and all of us, and classified in a general way as "blue devils." It is these inward, secret enemies of character that make us "blue." They are not such a formidable troupe, these indigo imps. If we will face ourselves in the mirror of

candor we can classify them without great difficulty.

Suspicion is one of the ugliest of these tiny, but relentless assassins. Can he be defeated and cast out? Is there a simple remedy? Surely. Believe in yourself. Wear a tough armor for the daggers that seem to be cast about. Believe in people as you learn to believe in yourself. You will discover that very few people are trying to "knife" you and you will learn to know the whistle of the weapon when it is cast at you.

City Should Have Voice as to Phone Rate Increases

Why should a municipality have no direct authority over such a public service as the Bell Telephone Company? Why should rates for local service be established by an Ottawa commission rather than by the London City Council? Is it any less reasonable to say that the London Street Railway should go to the Dominion Railway Board to secure an increase in its fares? One corporation carries the bodies of citizens; the other carries their voices.

It is true that the city was permitted to file its complaint against the increased rates of the Bell Company, but the company did not find it necessary to make any application whatsoever to the city council, and further than to receive general consideration along with the claims of many other municipalities the city had no voice in the matter of rates. Beyond this the city has no chance under the present procedure to exact certain returns for any increase that might be granted. The company makes a national bid for increases, and however definite and just may be the objections of the municipalities, they have no legal machinery with which to examine the case locally and to meet the arguments of the highly-experted telephone company.

For instance, before London was ordered by an Ottawa tribunal to increase its payments for telephone service the whole local case should have been examined expertly and the city's side of the argument put together in some form different to the haphazard case prepared on a last-minute call. It is no more fair to refuse the street railway an increase than to silence while the Bell Company exacts its advance.

The Bell Telephone Company is probably the luckiest corporation in Canada in many respects. There is no doubt that it affords great convenience and strives for good service, but at the same time it is a natural monopoly which controls the field with as little agitation and public complaint as is possible. It does not come often into public limelight, but it is certain that it gives very little to the country for what amounts to an exclusive franchise. It has many arguments in favor of securing increased rates, but it is doubtful if the public's side of the case has been examined any more than superficially. The present instance proves that the telephone company is most favored in having no contract in London, no street or pole rental to pay, no free phones to provide, and no direct responsibility to the community it serves and which it proposes to mulct for a large percentage of increase.

Allies Abandon Russia to Work Out Her Own Destiny

It has been increasingly evident for some time that the Allied decision to withdraw from Russia and leave that country to work out its own salvation is the only logical and safe course. Amazing as it may seem, the Russian people as a whole appear willing to accept the Bolsheviks' slay-and-loom policy. It is gathering adherents by the tens of thousands daily in all parts of Russia, and is today the only government in that country that can be called representative. If large sections of Russia prefer a tyrannous Red rule to a moderate system of real democracy, the Allies cannot but accept that view. Instead of the early collapse expected, the Bolsheviks are gathering strength. Further intervention, as Lloyd George points out, would mean a new war, this time between Russia and the Entente powers, with possibilities of other powers becoming involved to the point of another world-convulsion.

The success of Lenin and Trotsky appears to be due to a skillful use of terrorism and license. Terrorism is used unsparsingly where the slightest hostility appears, and reaches every class, from the peasant to the prince; license to rob their wealthier neighbors appeals to a half-starved and long-persecuted lower class irresistibly. That the Allies should ask for a conference with these destroyers amounts to seeking a compromise with anarchy, but that is less dreadful than the other alternative, plunging the nations into a new struggle that would cost millions of lives. And in time Bolshevism will burn itself out. We have an almost perfect parallel to the French revolution in the present Russian situation. Lenin and Trotsky are a Robespierre and a Marat leading a mob partly composed of rogues and partly composed of the misguided or the terrorized. There will assuredly be a reaction in Russia that will sweep away detestable Bolshevism just as the French masses, sickening of bloody excesses which brought no easement of their condition destroyed their leaders and established reasonable government. The widespread dense ignorance in Russia may give the Bolsheviks a prolonged stretch of power, but it is inevitable that they shall fall. Russia is in for a harsh experience, but that at present appears to be the only path by which she can reach the light. Save by offering to act as arbiters the Allies cannot help her further as intervention now would be interference.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

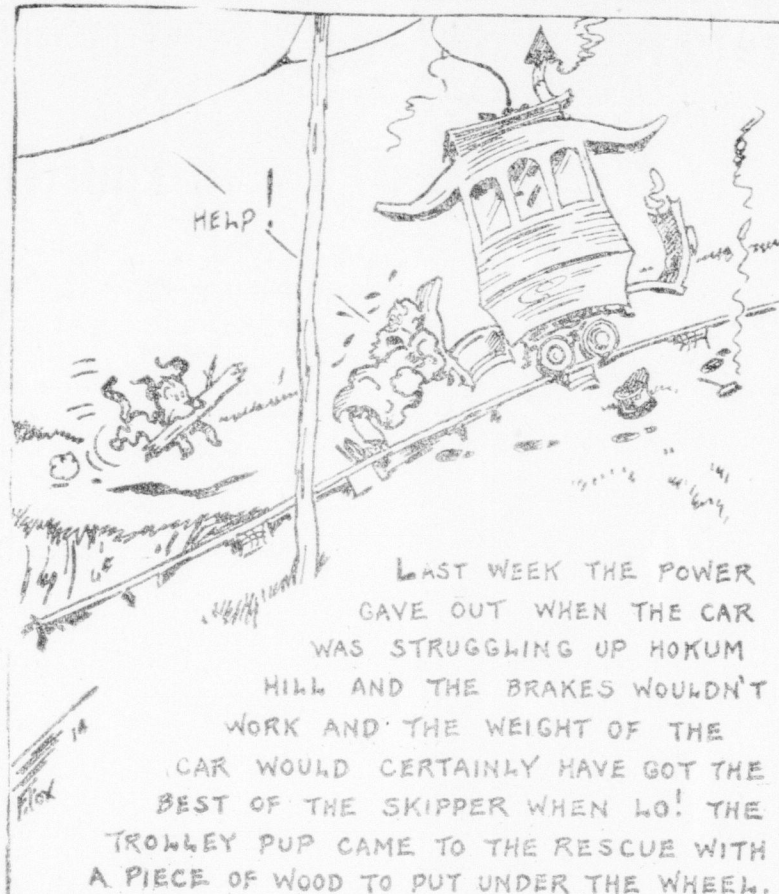
Everybody hopes the league of nations' constitution will prove a hardy one.

Ludendorff is writing a text book on war. He should base it on the text, "They shall not pass!"

As we understand it, the league of nations says anybody who tries to scrap a treaty will invite a scarp.

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By Gerald St. Etienne.

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