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FALCONWOOD REVELATIONS

Now that the Patriot's little tempest over the Falconwood matter has devolved into an inane defence of the indefensible action of the Bell Government in criminally neglecting, for a whole winter, the comfort and health of the inmates of that institution, we shall give a few facts for the benefit of those who are really interested.

One of the difficulties encountered by both the former Liberal and Conservative Governments in connection with Falconwood was to procure a sufficient supply of water. This difficulty continued from year to year; wells were sunk to varying depths but none of them yielded a sufficient supply for the institution. During the summer of 1918 the Arsenault Government had all the wells connected and preparations were made to have the increased supply of water piped into the building. During that summer, 1918, the new power house and tank for this water system were completed in preparation for the installation of the complete system during the coming summer. A report of this scheme was given at the last session of the legislature with the intimation that the work was to be completed during the coming summer, (1919).

Early in the summer of 1919 the Arsenault government resumed this work. They purchased, on the advice, no doubt, of their engineer, and the then resident physician, the material for all needed repairs. This material was purchased through a local dealer on a five per cent commission basis and cost \$1,915-37. The material consisted of closet bowls, enamel tanks, gate-valves, pipe fittings, automatic syphon ranges, etc., etc., and included 18 lavatories, 6 urinals, 8 baths enamelled within and without and all of the most modern design and make, to replace a system that was antiquated and much of it in bad shape. Had this material been purchased in the regular way it would have cost 20 or 25 per cent more. If it were purchased today it would cost probably double what it did when purchased.

Now here is the point: THIS MATERIAL WAS PURCHASED EARLY LAST SUMMER, DELIVERED AT FALCONWOOD DURING JULY AND AUGUST AND WAS ON HAND IN THE BUILDINGS WHEN THE BELL COMMISSION MADE ITS INVESTIGATION ON FEBRUARY 9TH.

Why then, the stage play put up by the Bell Government and the Patriot? Why did not the government use the material on hand? Why did it appoint a commission in February? Why did it hide all the essential facts from the people?

The facts are as clear as noonday. The Bell government and the Patriot concluded, with a certain degree of logic, that the people who believed their pre-election fables of last summer would believe anything. They now want to borrow money and increase the taxes which they promised to reduce and as a preliminary published their now famous Falconwood Commission report. The Patriot, with pious cant and a "heaven forbid that any newspaper should try to make political capital out of an asylum for those mentally afflicted," spreads abroad a story that it knew was less than half a truth, and that proves very conclusively that the worst forms of mental affliction are not those within the walls of Falconwood. Whoever staged this camouflage commission trick has struck the Bell government the severest blow it has yet received and places both it and its organ in a position out of which no explanations or quibblings can extricate them.

PROFITTEERING, ETC.

It has been observed that when one refers to his own financial success he studiously avoids the word profiteer; when another's success is mentioned there is no such compunction. Profiteering is a virtue or a vice according as it represents self effort or that of another.

What is profiteering? In the general acceptance of the word in these high-cost-of living days it means the price some one charges us for our requirements. Sometimes of course it means that he has charged us much more than he had a right to, that he made an exorbitant profit. Yet practically all the shining successes in the industrial and financial world have been made through exorbitant profits, profits which, under the searchlight of high-cost-of-living ethics, would be called unjustifiable.

A curious feature of the situation is that it is largely out of this "unjustifiable" profiteering that the world's progress is built and maintained. Take away the incentive to profit, even to exorbitant profit and you place a handicap upon industry, upon commerce, upon invention. Take away the exorbitant profits and there is left a monotonous mediocrity in all the activities of life; the captain of industry would rub elbows with the day laborer; the colossal business houses and manufacturing plants would have no existence. Profiteering, the Twentieth Century sin, is the inspiration, and the source of our phenomenal Twentieth Century progress. Whether this sin can be curtailed without retarding the world's progress is a question; whether the world would be happier and saner if the pace were slowed up, if the captains of industry were to revert to the ranks, if no colossal fortunes were made, is still another.

CURRENT COMMENT

The British Columbia Liberal Government are in difficulties. They have a big majority but a sadly divided following. Cowper, Liberal member for Vancouver charges the Premier with obstructing civil servants and officials in their conscientious duty in protecting valuable assets of the province. Glolma, soldier member for Victoria, claims that the government should resign. The Liberal member for Yale was most severe in his criticism of the public works department. The minister of finance claimed a million dollar surplus, while the Premier announced that "they would have to float another loan to make both ends meet." The farmers movement is also making the path an avenue of thorns.

Hon. Arthur Meighen has returned from the West where he has been interviewing public men and enquiring into the political situation from every standpoint. His utterances on the tariff have attracted much attention from men on both sides.

Hon. Robert Rogers was the chief speaker at the Ottawa Conservative Association, Tuesday 24th. Many prominent old line Conservatives were present. Mutual friends were trying to get him into consultation with Hon. Mr. Meighen. These two men are stalwarts with a status which means business when they get together.

The "sleeping sickness" has attacked the local government. It is causing much anxiety amongst the party "healers" outside. Loaves and fishes are not as much in evidence as they are expected. The Falconwood Commission was no doubt a bright thought to work out a few jobs for the hungry mob. Necessary repairs, which might serve the purpose for some years to come, would not meet the views of those whose dreams and visions were for bigger things. Tear down and rebuild, is the demand.

But that disappointing treasury. Public accounts, and Conservative leaders, repeatedly told them that funds were limited. They wouldn't believe this and regaled their families with dreams of an inexhaustible treasury. There was also unlimited gold due us from Ottawa. They were going to collect this, which, added to the enormously increased government income, would work untold wonders.

Thus the unrest amongst the "healers". Why don't they rake out the hoodle? Where is that Ottawa cash? And those election promises to reduce salaries, and to increase salaries; to lop off the horde of useless officials loafing around the buildings, to systematize all departmental work, and give efficiency in all public service.

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THE WEAVER AND HIS WORK

Let us look at the woof—the cross threads. All things work together for good. When the weaver has stretched his warp on the loom he then fills his shuttles with variously colored threads and thrust them back and forth, weaving the warp-threads together. The warp is not a web of cloth; you cannot cut off a piece and clothe yourself. It must first be woven together by the woof. The word "together" is the emphatic word of the text. We sometimes hear this verse quoted "All things work for good." That is not true. It is not true to Scripture. It is by no means true to life as we know life in experience. There are some things which, in themselves considered, are evil and only evil. There are some things in the providence of God which, if taken by themselves, are cruel, some things which find their expression in the words spoken on the cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" These things cannot be explained by themselves. At the weaver's hand are many shuttles, filled with differently colored threads. He now thrusts in white, a blue, a black thread. You cannot judge the purpose of the weaver by the thrust of one shuttle, or the weave of one thread, or the white or black. You must wait until he has emptied all of his shuttles, until he has thrust in all the woof and knit up the warp together. No, can we judge God or man upon his ultimate purpose in our lives by any one event in our experience or by any one day or year in our lives.

Looking on that final outcome of the loom of Providence David said, "It was good for me that I was afflicted." Jeremiah said, "It was good for me to hear the yoke to my youth." James said, "It was to my joy that I fell into divers temptations." Paul said, "My light afflictions worked out a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." At last when God was done it appeared to them as yet it will appear to us that "all things work together for good to them that love God."—Robert Mackenzie.

vice. How can they do this without help from the heeblers. And how can they satisfy heeblers with an empty treasury?

The inspired mouthpiece is out with another letter after increased indemnities for members. Another "salary grab." More money. The vaults must be overflowing. Let it out. No taxation was the election cry. Those wicked Tories will tax your soul out of you if you don't turn them out. Elect Liberals and have your taxes reduced. What a rude awakening to the country. The Conservatives scoured you with whips but we will scourge you with scorpions. The Liberal government are in sore straits for money. The Asylum Commission, the Patriot's black pictures and the whines of its inspired "Voter" are messengers to prepare the way for a spending revel and a taxation scourge to eclipse every past record.

The Patriot says there "are writers and newspapers in this community who try to justify the conditions existing so far as those responsible for them are concerned." This is not true. Certainly not of the Charlottetown Guardian. We denounced it as "not an ordinary but damnable crime." Even the Patriot has not dared to defend the Bell government's culpable and criminal neglect for the last six months. The most they have ventured is to plead excuse for the short time in office, and try to put the blame on other shoulders. But no excuse will atone for six long months of shameful neglect, of conditions such as they represent. The blame rests on the shoulders of those in charge.

First Real Princess Barring Pocahontas

It is rather tough luck that at a time when blood royal is in a slump as a result of the war an American woman should be the first of her sisterhood to become a real princess. There have been American and even Canadian princesses before, but usually of an Austrian or Hungarian strain, and in those countries a prince may turn out to be a grade lower than a baron. This time there is no question about the rank, and Miss Nonnie May Stewart becomes a member of the royal family of Greece, her husband being Prince Christopher, brother of the deposed Constantine and uncle of the reigning monarch, Alexander. One determined to marry into a royal family might have made a better selection than that of Greece. Of course, the Windsors would be a great catch, but so far as we are aware, and to say it in all kindness the former Cleveland girl would be more suitable as a mother than as a wife for any available British prince. In fact, this is her third matrimonial experiment; and it may be that it was the second that made the third possible.

A Regular Royalty

The laws of Greece concerning royalty are more democratic than those of most countries. Morganatic marriages are not recognized. The American girl, who was, is no third rate princess. Her rank is that of royalty. She becomes thus a cousin of King George, and of Queen Victoria of Spain, and even a sister-in-law of the former Kaiser and through her husband's mother a relation of the Romanoffs. Before her marriage, the bride, then Mrs. Leeds, entered the Greek church and was welcomed as Princess Anastasia. But it is as Mrs. Leeds that she will likely be remembered, for she is a woman of strong character and has made much newspaper copy in the past. Before her marriage to William Bateman Leeds, called the "Tin Plate King" of the United States she had been married to George H. Worthington, of Cleveland. When Mr. Leeds died his widow was left a very rich woman, and her fortune today is estimated at \$14,000,000. She has seen much of European society, and from time to time her name has been coupled with the name of many a titled fortune hunter, none of them, of course, having the rank of her new husband. To recall them now would be ungenerous.

Liked England Best

In 1911 Mrs Leeds burst into front page newspaper celebrity when from her apartments in a New York hotel she announced that she was about to follow the example of William Waldorf. As for and shake the dust of her native land from her feet. She had one son, William Leeds, and she said that she was about to take up her residence in England so that the boy could be properly educated. "William will grow up rich," she said. "I don't think wealthy

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

The Marquis of Blandford, son of the Duchess of Marlborough, was married last Thursday afternoon to the Hon. Maud Cadogan, daughter of Earl Cadogan, at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster. The wedding was the most important event of the kind since the marriage of Princess Patricia of Connaught to Commander Alexander, R. M. Ramsay, R. N., a year ago. King George, Queen Mary, Princess Mary, Dowager, Queen Alexandra, Princess Victoria and Princess Louise, sister of King George, witnessed the ceremony. The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Earl Curzon, the foreign secretary, and several other members of the government were also present. The gifts were many and costly. They included a diamond brooch from King George and Queen Mary, a diamond pendant from Dowager Queen Alexandra, and presents from other members of the Royal Family.

On Thursday evening the Rotarians attended a nicely served dinner at the Davies Hotel to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the birth of Rotary. Rotary which for a decade and a half has had as its mission the pushing of this world of ours onwards and upwards. Fifteen years measured in terms of the age is a mere bagatelle.

Young American men are precisely a credit to society. Their idleness makes them dissipated. Young Englishmen are different. They have a lot of healthy amusement, and grow up clean, healthy and strong. Then, too, at an English school, no one will toady to William because he is wealthy. It will make no difference to them. They will respect him for what he is, not for what his father earned for him. He will learn that over-drinking is not tolerated in good society, as I fear it sometimes is here. Mrs. Leeds' other reason for going abroad was not more flattering to American pride. She said that conversation in the United States was just one scandal after another. In England people talked of things that could better stand talking about—art, music, literature.

A Million in Emeralds

So Mrs. Leeds departed to England and her son William was sent to an English Public School with what results it is too early to say. She visited Paris each year and there her gowns and jewels created a sensation. It is none too early to remark that Mrs. Leeds was famous for her beauty, and that, according to the French painter, Helieu, she had 98 points out of the hundred constituting feminine perfection. What two points she was shy on were not mentioned. In 1912 she gave a ball that caused a tremendous sensation. There were 150 guests. The cotillon favors were, for the women, hats by the leading Paris milliners, and for the men specially prepared cameras and gold match boxes. Even Paris gasped, for at no private ball had such costly souvenirs previously been distributed. At the ball itself there was an even greater sensation when Mrs. Leeds entered, her gown covered by a million dollars' worth of emeralds. It seems probable that she is the only woman who ever wore a million dollars' worth of emeralds at one time.

Family Quarrels

Once before her jewels had brought her into prominence. The occasion was in 1906 when a Paris jeweler arrived in New York with a bag of pearls for Mrs. Leeds, valued at \$220,000. He was about to pay the ten per cent duty when some official said that Mrs. Leeds had agreed to purchase the pearls for \$340,000, and that a duty of \$110,000 should therefore be paid. The jeweler paid under protest, but entered action to recover, and after several years of litigation, the excess was refunded. In 1910 Mrs. Leeds, then living in the United States had a quarrel with her step-mother and her step-sister, which resulted in Mrs. Stewart being forcibly ejected by a constable from the Leeds home in Montclair. Mrs. Leeds said that the extravagance of her stepmother had ruined her father to penny. Mrs. Stewart retorted that Mrs. Leeds' father had treated her cruelly. The incident proved that Mrs. Leeds was a woman of strong personality who did not shrink from publicity when she had to perform a duty, as was proved later on when she wore a million dollars' worth of emeralds.

BIG PRIZES OFFERED FOR SEAPLANE CONTESTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Albert, king of the Belgians, has offered a challenge cup and \$100,000 in prizes for winners of an international seaplane contest to be held in Antwerp, next July, the Aero Club of America, announced here Saturday. The contest, which will include endurance trials, speed and tests for security in flight and on the water, will be open to two divisions of seaplanes, classed according to speed and power specifications.

telle; yet in this space Rotary has become a force to be reckoned with, a force for good which has scored great victories over sham and selfishness.

It was in 1905 that the idea of Rotary was conceived. Four men, unassuming prophets, were responsible for it, ignorant of the tremendous momentum which they had set into motion. Few communities are untouched by its influence, an influence as potent as that of the Crusaders of old, who cherished an ideal and who fought for it with all the vigor of body and mind. Rotarians have their grill, a grill as beautiful as noble as that of the knights of King Arthur's circular table;—they seek the happiness, the welfare of humanity;—they will not be content until they find it. Rotary, like the Boston of the anecdote, is a state of mind, a very beneficial state of mind at that.

Mrs. Donald Nicholson and daughter Miss Blanche have gone up to Ottawa to join Mr. Nicholson, M. P. and to be present at the opening of Parliament.

It is pleasing to note that Mr. R. H. Morris who was quite ill early in the week, is now recovering.

His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada will go to England to attend the marriage of his daughter, Lady Dorothy Cavendish, to Captain P. MacMillan, which will probably take place within a few months. The date His Excellency will leave has not been fixed.

Subtly has the influence of Lent stolen into the social life of the city and for a few weeks dancing, excessive card playing and the gay festivities of the our crowd less and on all sides there is a universal denial of chocolates or some other will high impossible (?) undertaking among the younger set.

It is pleasing to report that Rev. G. W. F. Glendenning who has been ill for the past ten days is convalescing.

Mrs. W. H. Pethick has been up in Bedeque visiting her mother who has been quite ill.

Mrs. Hutchison who is visiting her parents, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Fitzgerald, is being quietly entertained by her numerous friends who are delighted to have her, and her little son, with them again.

The annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. which is to come off next Tuesday closes a most successful year, a year in which a great deal of efficient work among the girls of the city has been accomplished and the home made an established fact in city life. At the closing of the Basketball class on Monday evening, the teacher, Miss Jean Blanchard was presented with a lovely leather hand bag by the members of her class, as owing to the closing of the Rena MacLean Hospital her duties as a technical teacher in this city end. Miss Blanchard has made many friends and she is followed with best wishes.

Miss Hookirk was hostess at a most enjoyable afternoon tea early in the week.

The many friends of Mrs. D. R. MacLennan and her daughter, Miss Katherine, will hear with pleasure that they are recovering from their severe illness of the past few weeks.

The victory for the Abbies was hailed with delight on all sides on Thursday night, but the visitors put up a good game and also received their meed of praise. The Amherst hockey players will always receive a cordial welcome in this city for clean manly sport.

At a specially called nomination meeting of Ottawa Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E. Monday afternoon in Carnegie Library, Lady Hope was re-elected regent by acclamation, the members deciding that she had so capably filled the office during 1919 that it was in the best interests of the chapter to retain her services as leader.

The Country Club is growing in popularity and hostesses are taking full advantage of its lovely surroundings. Hardly a day passes that someone doesn't entertain at afternoon tea or at a one table Bridge while others do so on a more elaborate scale as occasion calls.

Mrs. (Justice) Fitzgerald who has been quite ill is gradually regaining her usual good health.

Miss Beatrice McKinnon, who is now in Toronto is getting on very successfully with her art studies and greatly enjoys her work.

A cordial welcome awaits Professor Fletcher the new organist of the Methodist Church, who with Mrs. Fletcher and two children are to arrive in the city from Truro on Wednesday.

For those who follow closely the new dances and there are not a few in this city, the latest word comes

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that hypnotism applied to dancing is the latest Parisian fad. It was launched Monday night at a fashionable ball by Mrs. Caro Campbell and Senorita Umbra Luigini, two of the most beautiful leaders of fashionable society this season. The intricacies of the tango and the complications of the fox-trot will no longer be unapproachable by the uninitiated, if the new "art" proves what its patronesses claim it to be. All that is needed, they say, is a few minutes of hypnotism practised upon a willing devotee—she must be willing, for otherwise the "influence" will not work. After that she will be able to perform the most difficult and daring dancing feats with perfect grace. Those who attended the ball say the large fashionable crowd was held breathless by the marvelous performance of a girl who had not mastered the simplest steps when they arrived, but went away fully conversant with all the newfangled tricks of the art.

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