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PREMIER ARSENAULT'S SPEECH

Those who had the pleasure of listening to Premier Arsenault on Monday night—and considering the last hour of his speech and the other important meetings held that evening—the attention was largely—and an opportunity of seeing at once the strength of the government's position and the extreme weakness of that of the Opposition, or rather that of the leader of the Opposition. Mr. Bell's bare political friends recognized that when he brought up the question of the presentation of the Arsenault's claims he was "putting his foot in it." The Liberal record in the matter of claims has long been a matter of history, notorious history to the Liberal party and when Mr. Bell in his first address on the reply, made the statement that the present government had not presented our various claims at the

Germany's New Man of Iron

Germany has developed a new "man of iron." His name is Noske, Gustav Noske, and he is as famous a name as his name implies. He is Minister of Defence in the new German Cabinet—they used to call him the "Imperial Minister of War," but "war" and "imperial" are unpopular in present-day Germany, so the title is changed. On Wednesday of last week the Spartacists who had been shooting at the Berlin suburbs decided that the new Minister of Defence was too much for them. They wanted to call a strike and withdraw with honours even. "Not if I can help it," Noske retorted. "Unconditional surrender any day. And every man who renders with weapons in his hands will be shot. Every piece of war material must be turned over to the Government tomorrow."

Independent Policy in Reichstag

From the first he showed independence and he was soon out of sympathy with the spineless attitude of his party with respect to the war programme of the German Junkers. He criticized the Government on numerous occasions. In May of last year he created a sensation by leading an open protest against the programme which the new Fatherland Party had been spreading in the ranks of the German army. This programme was aimed against the democratic movement in Germany and denounced the famous Reichstag "peace resolution" of July, 1917, which had been forced through against conservative opposition by Noske and his colleagues. As a result of Noske's agitation the Government was obliged to curtail the activities of the Fatherland propagandists and the Social Democrats were granted equal rights with the other parties in communicating with their adherents among the members of the army and navy. Noske was a vigorous opponent of the Brno-Litovsk treaty and was one of the first members of the majority faction of the Socialists to realize that a thoroughgoing house-cleaning was essential to Germany's regeneration, even if it required a revolution.



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(Experimental Farms Note)

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HINTS FOR THE MOTORIST

ALBERT L. CLOUGH, Editor Motor Service Bureau, Division of Dr.

REALIZING FUEL ECONOMY EXPECTATIONS. Faulty Adjustments Prevent Realization of Claimed Efficiency. Not infrequently it happens that a motorist who purchases a car, fails to obtain from it as high gasoline economy as he has been told in advance that he should secure or so high as other users of cars of the same make and model are known to be achieving. This is always a cause of dissatisfaction and chagrin for it is natural for every owner to desire to do as well as anyone else in this regard. Some of the chief causes for low fuel economy are comprised among the following: Too rich running adjustment of the carburetor. Means should be provided for temporary enriching the mixture when it is required, but the regular adjustment should be made while the engine is heated and should be a little leaner than that giving maximum pulling power. Lack of tightness of the cylinders. Questions of general interest to motorists will be answered in this column, space permitting. Address Albert L. Clough, care of this office.

and in which those who so desire may develop their mechanical skill. It should be equipped with the necessary tools, including anvil, forge, work bench, vise, tongs, hammers, hardies, punches, drills, square, chisels, saws, wrenches, etc. To carry out this work systematically a properly fitted work shop is necessary. It provides a comfortable place to work in during bad weather.

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COMMUNITY LABOR BOARDS

In the United States Community Labor Boards have been organized in a number of centres. The function of these boards is to advise in regard to industrial matters generally and to agree and advise upon such undertakings as may be in progress in the community.

The idea underlying these boards, which is co-operation, mutual helpfulness, collective as well as individual service. In this province of ours we have not yet learned the secret of co-operation. We preach it at our conventions, through the press, at our public gatherings, but in too many cases we do not practise it.

There was a time in the history of this province when we depended almost exclusively on our local market. This market was easily glutted and the man who got there first had a better prospect for price than the man who came later. Out of this condition grew the habit of each looking after his own interests. The co-operative idea was unknown and in fact, undesirable from the point of view of self-interest.

We of the intervening generations have inherited much of this spirit and even the fact that there

LABOR AND CAPITAL

It is scarcely fair to assume that there is a perpetual feud between labor and capital. The so-called feud has been greatly exaggerated by agitators in both ranks. There have been feuds, there have been injustices, there have been many and great improvements in the relations between the two for the interdependence of the two is such that the one cannot exist without the other.

That the position of labor has greatly improved in recent years, largely through union and co-operation, is evident on every hand. Reasonable hours of labor have been secured, reasonable, and in many cases very generous, remuneration has been secured. With sane, level-headed and reasonable co-operation between the two there is no reason why labor and capital should not each enter upon a brighter and more prosperous career than ever before.

There are dangers that must be guarded against, and the dangers in both cases are from within. There are unreasonable demands on the part of labor, unreasonable selfishness on the part of capital. The other day in Chicago a Labor Union demanded a six-hour day, with two hours for luncheon, in addition to a daily wage which a few years ago would not only be regarded as extortionate but as absolutely impossible. There are dangerous kinds of labor, there are atmospheres in which it would be unsafe to remain for more than a few hours a day, but a six-hour day for a day's wage in ordinary labor is on its face an absurdity. The most numerous class of labor-

WHO BEARS THE STRAIN

Somewhere must bear the strain of every burden—the only question is who? We are foolish, and wrong, if we insist upon bearing the pressure and strain of any burden that belongs to another. And every burden of our life belongs to another—our Lord Jesus Christ. Have we found the secret of letting Him bear them? A Christian man, writing to a friend about the severe illness of a loved one, says: "The Lord Jesus is most precious to me these few weeks past, so full of anxiety and strain, but I have borne neither the anxiety nor the strain—He has done it all. Bless His name!"

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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WHO BEARS THE STRAIN

I do not ask that either wealth or fame should be my portion down life's troubled way; I only ask that there be given me the needed strength for work from day to day. Just strength, that with the morning's fresh sweet dew I may arise, and fully rested be. Renewed in mind and body so that I may do the waiting day's work cheerily. The strength to meet the fretting little cares And trials so prone to vex, with sunny smile. And grace to say the gentle kindly word To those I love, and patient be the while; The grace to let the hasty, angry tone Go by unheeded, and to ever be So strong that in confusion and distress I may be helpful, yet so quietly.

NOVEMBER'S MAN OF THE PEOPLE

Who is our November Man of the People? The Book of the Month Club has chosen "The People's Choice" by Woodrow Wilson, Editor, Socialist Reichstag member, internationalist. And he has been most successful in each one of these six capacities. Like almost every member of the Albert Schweitzer Government is a man of the people. His father was a poor Brandenburg peasant who could not give his son more than the elementary school education prescribed by law. He was apprenticed to a woodworker in Brandenburg and for twelve years worked at his trade in such cities as Halle, Frankfurt, Amsterdam and Berlin, taking a life interest in the Socialist movement against which Bismarck was making a vain fight in the years when those Bismarckian laws of "exception" which obliged the German Socialists to carry on their propaganda underground were in effect. Noske absorbed Socialist doctrine and began writing for the radical newspapers. His ability resulted in his appointment as an editorial position on the Socialist Brandenburg Zeitung in 1897 at the age of 23. From there he went to the important Koenigsberg Volkszeitung, and in 1902 became editor of the Volksstimme—the leading Socialist newspaper in Prussia. He soon became the acknowledged leader of the Social Democratic party in the Chemnitz

MEASURES

Three weeks ago when the Spartacist demonstrations again assumed dangerous proportions, Noske appeared to the Council at Weimar to maintain authority to quell the disturbance. There was some reluctance to accord it, as it was feared that Noske believed in stern measures. But the situation became worse and Noske had his way. Two weeks ago he summoned 20,000 troops to the German capital and since their arrival things have happened. The first order issued by Noske after he had received authority from Weimar to suppress disorder by whatever means he thought best read as follows: "All found opposing Government troops with arms in their hands will be shot on the spot."

BIG PRICES FOR FURS

(Special to the Guardian)

NEW YORK, April 8.—Following the receipt of more than \$400,000 in advance pledges to the forthcoming Victory Loan about half a million dollars' worth of choice pelts were disposed of here today at the opening of the annual spring sale of raw furs in the Mascoie Temple. The sale will continue throughout the week and if today's high prices are paid for other furs sold, the grand total will come close to the five million dollar mark. Buyers were present from all parts of the United States and Canada as well as from England, France and Norway.

One of the outstanding features of today's selling was the disposal of a choice lot of Russian Sable skins hardly larger than a man's hand for \$500 each. This is the highest price ever paid for Sable at a local sale. Other high prices obtained included \$555 for a Silver Fox, \$340 for a Blue Fox and \$175 each for the best lot of Fishers. A freak fisher which looked something like a Silver Fox brought the record price of \$237.50. The prices obtained today were for the most part even higher than the most bullish of the trade expected. Compared with the midwinter sale of the New York Fur Auction Sales Corporation the average prices showed these percentage increases—Wolverine, none; Beaver, ten; Fisher, sixty; Russian Sable, thirty; Blue Fox, twenty-five. The sharp advance in Fisher, Sable and Blue Fox are attributed to their great vogue as stunner furs and present scarcity of these grade skins.

The Charlottetown Board of Trade Quarterly Meeting

The regular quarterly meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade will be held in the Board Rooms on Wednesday next, April 9th, at eight o'clock, p. m. sharp.

WALLACE L. HIGGINS, Secretary-Treasurer.