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A PUZZLED WHISTLER

It's a puzzled whistler, rather than an uncrowned King, who is now working his way back to Ottawa from the far west. A few weeks ago on his way westward he was able to boast to an audience in Winnipeg and other western centres that he had secured for their sole use and benefit a renewal of the Crow's Nest Pass agreement which gave them special railway freight rates at the expense of the rest of Canada. Before his court of the west was concluded the Railway Commission put the hoodoo on his gift by rescinding it—although the Progressives had paid for it by their support in parliament. The Railway Commission not only cancelled the agreement Mr. King had made with these westerners, but they called it unjust, discriminating, not founded upon any principle, &c. &c. When asked what he was going to do about it now, the uncrowned King had nothing to say except to excuse his dumbness by telling them the matter was sub judice and consequently not to be discussed.

But he still whistled. They had a great wheat crop, in the west, the country was still flourishing under his benign rule, the country was prosperous and satisfied, taxes were going to come down, the cost of living was also coming down, they had balanced the budget and would balance it again in the same way, even with a depleted revenue and a greatly increased expenditure—and all due to the economic and business-like administration of his government.

The Crow's Nest agreement was had business for Mr. Mackenzie King, Mr. Meighen had told him so during the session of 1922 when, on the demand of his western supporters, Premier King was going to re-establish the old agreement. Mr. Meighen advised him then to leave it alone and he took his advice. But necessity knows no law. The Progressives became insistent; they must have the old agreement renewed or they would withdraw their support and the King government would fall! He yielded, renewed by Act of Parliament, an agreement which he, as well as the Railway Commission, knew was unfair, unjust, founded on no principle, and now even the western members who alone were to benefit by the agreement know that he was a coward and an opportunist when he gave in to their request.

The Progressives have no other use for Premier King than as a tool for their own advantages.

Now, that they have discovered that he is of doubtful use even as a tool, they are ready to shake him. Of course he will still continue to barter for western support, for without it he cannot hold office for a minute. He will no doubt persuade them to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. Such an appeal may possibly be delayed even beyond the next session of parliament and he may still pose as the champion for western "rights" but it is doubtful if he can win back their confidence. Canada has no use for a coward and Mr. King has more than once shown abject cowardice.

KEEPING FAITH

"That man's word is his bond" is about as concise and expressive a certificate of character as can be given regarding any man. This is the kind of man the merchant wants to do business with, the kind of man the banker will accommodate, the kind of merchant and banker the people want to deal with. The man whose word is not his bond, the man who will lightly give his promise and as lightly break it or forget it, is the man of whom the merchant decries, the banker shuns, and the people avoid. His load of produce before advancing money, the man whom the on an intensive advertising campaign with a farthest tomen in Ontario this winter

accept his note without an endorser. Forgetting to keep a promise may not mean actual dishonesty, it serves the same purpose however, and the man who forgets or carelessly neglects, unless he has a satisfactory reason to give, and gives it promptly, cannot blame those who refuse to take his word. All business is founded on mutual confidence. The merchant must trust his customers, the customer must trust his merchant otherwise the business of both must be unsatisfactory.

A promise may sometimes involve little of real importance or of value. The thing that is of value is the promise itself and, whatever it may involve, the honorable man will keep it sacredly.

No merchant or trader refuses to do business with a man because he is poor. If the man is known to be truthful and honest he will be trusted but, rich or poor, if his word is not to be relied upon no one will trust him except on a cash on delivery basis. It pays to be honest, but to be honest, because it pays is not honesty. A man make keep his promise scrupulously, his goods may be all that he represents them to be, but if his motive is only to do a better business, he is at heart dishonest.

It pays to be honest for honesty's sake, for right's sake and the satisfaction of having done right is its own reward, the only reward worth working for while the greatest stigma that can befall is the consciousness of having achieved something through crookedness.

NOT RESPONSIBLE

The Montreal Daily Star, whose political opinions are not always taken seriously even by itself, has this, among other things to say about certain rumors now current in England with reference to Canada:—

"Never for a moment was the alternative of separation of Canada from the Empire, raised by any responsible persons and it is merely laughable to suggest that it was gravely discussed by our legislators."

As Mr. Mackenzie King is the only person who ever suggested that separation from the Empire was one of the possibilities in Canada's destiny, this thrust was evidently aimed at him. With the Star's statement that no "responsible" persons raised the point we fully agree.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Dark November opened too brightly!

Work on the Soldiers' Monument will be re-commenced this week.

Should Lloyd and Winnie cross swords in the House the members will enjoy the encounter.

Moncton is "all het up" for a Provincial by-election with Mr. Ivan C. Rand, the new attorney general as Liberal candidate.

The "uncrowned" King did not risk a Sabbath reception for the mal-contented of Winnipeg on his way back to Ottawa. He says the Conservative victory in Britain necessitates his presence in Ottawa.

Curious isn't it that only Conservative women have been returned to the British House of Commons, this too after all the clamor of the "regiment of women" suffragettes in the good old days before the war.

A special representative of the Toronto Globe visiting the Maritime says people in Ontario are "all at sea" regarding the prosperity of the Maritime Provinces, especially the Island. He says the Island Fox breeders intend putting money, the man whom the on an intensive advertising campaign with a farthest tomen in Ontario this winter

NOTES BY THE WAY

The by-election campaign in West Hastings, Ont., is now in full swing. As our readers know, Mr. Guss Porter, the Conservative member who has represented this riding for twenty-two years past, at the last session of Parliament preferred certain charges against Hon. Mr. Murdock the Minister of Labor in the King Government. The matter was referred to the Committee on Privileges and the majority of that body, and later a majority of the Liberals and Progressives in the House, affirmed that the charges were not proven and exonerated Mr. Murdock. Mr. Porter then resigned his seat in protest and challenged the government to bring out a Liberal candidate to oppose him.

All stratagems are said to be fair in love, war or politics and the government has found a candidate to oppose Mr. Porter. This gentleman, Mr. Hanna, is said to be very popular and has been Mayor of Belleville but does not suit the Conservatives, because he has been as long a Liberal Conservative and therefore does not conform to the terms of Mr. Porter's challenge. His nomination by a Liberal convention, however, is construed to make him a good enough Liberal to be a candidate.

And Mr. Hanna's nomination shows shrewd strategy on the government's part. He now being the official Liberal nominee, is expected to get every Liberal vote in the riding and along with them many Conservative votes and so be elected! In this confidence the Liberal campaign was opened at Trenton on Tuesday night last with a heavy broadside from the ministerial batteries. There was scream of shot and burst of shell and bellowing of mortars so to speak. Hon. Mr. Robb first opened fire and next came Hon. Mr. Low and Hon. Duncan Marshall, then Mayor Fraser of Trenton, and then Mr. Hanna, the "Liberal" candidate said a few words and a Mrs. Thornburn of Ottawa put on the finishing touches.

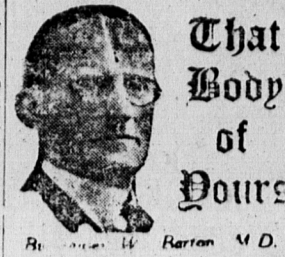
Hon. Mr. Robb was the chief speaker apparently and praised the thirty million Liberal surplus (1) Liberal economy, Canada's trade balance, our low taxation and so on. Then he attacked Mr. Porter. Why had Porter been selected to do this job? Was Murdock the only man who had drawn his money from the Home Bank? Had he not paid it back without being asked and he a poor man? How many others had done that? Why attack the Minister of Labor? What was it but an attack on Labor itself? He and other speakers represented Murdock as a martyr and Porter as the villain of the drama. From this we judge that strategy and hot air are relied upon to elect Mr. Hanna. And whatever the final result may be the campaign during the next few days promises to be lively.

The death of Peter McArthur of Ekrid, Ont., humorist, poet and widely known as a literary man, unrivaled in his descriptions of farm life and its incidents, has been learned with regret by thousands of newspaper readers. Mr. McArthur had done years of journalistic work in New York and London and had formed many friendships in high literary circles in the United States, Great Britain and Canada in his 58 years of life. Years ago he retired to the little farm of 25 acres on which he was born, and lived there in happy seclusion with his wife and family while contributing tri-weekly letters to the Toronto Globe.

The troubles of a government without a majority are many as has been proven in both the Mother Country and Canada. But a government with too large a majority is not without its own peculiar embarrassments and dangers. There are embarrassments of riches as well as of poverty, though the average man may much prefer the former to the latter. In one respect it is not unlike having more guests around a table than there are chairs to sit on or food to satisfy. Such a condition may nurture rivalries and beget dissensions that are not apparent in the moment of victory but may develop rapidly and in time become formidable.

Boys will be boys, especially at Halloween, and some of their elders could accuse themselves of tricks they had themselves played in their youth that they have since learned to regret and would not like to have their own boys repeat. Last Friday night in a few cases where the homes in which there was serious illness or in which there were aged or feeble women alone in charge, were disturbed by noise and breakage of gates or fences. These things ought not so to be, especially where the assailants after being warned, persisted in their offence.

Tomorrow some twenty odd millions of our free and independent



Dr. W. Barton M.D. PASSING IT ALONG

Some one has said "Happiness really never was any good in this world except to give away. You can lead it but you cannot borrow it. You can earn it, but you can't buy it."

In other words the happy person is the one who is passing happiness along to other people.

Now what I've been thinking, is about some folks who suffer a great deal with their "nerves."

Sometimes they call it simply "nerves," at other times "neurasthenia," and again hysteria.

They are not dull people at all. They are normal in brain power as far as you can see, but there is something just a little unstable about them. If somebody comes along and happens to tell them that they look badly, that their symptoms are very serious, and that they should consult a doctor at once, they actually take it all as the whole truth, whereas the "friend" who tells them this does not know much, never did know much, this nervous person knows this, and yet he takes it all, as I said above, as if it were the actual truth.

In other words he doesn't call to his aid his own common sense, but accepts the "suggestion" of his "illness" without a moment's thought.

In fact he is "easy," as it were, along this line, is actually on the "look out" for his friends and acquaintances to tell him about his health.

What's the trouble behind this man's condition?

Simply that he is thinking of himself all the time.

His mind is on anything and everything that has to do with him and his. He thinks of his health all the time, of his comfort, of his work, everything "his."

He spends so much time thinking about himself that no matter how brainy he is, he gets very narrow in his outlook.

He makes of himself, as it were, a regular pile of inflammable material, and then goes around looking for some one to put a match to it. There follows naturally, a most terrific headache, an attack of nerves, of mental depression, of hysteria.

Does this mean that this kind of person is selfish?

Not necessarily. But it does mean that by thinking of himself he doesn't think enough of others, and therefore is not in a position to pass along "happiness" to others.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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SPEAK THE GOOD WORD:—Heavenness in the heart of man maketh it stoop; but a good word maketh it glad. Proverbs 12:25.

PRAYER:—O Lord may Thy spirit apply to us the redemption of Christ, then we shall have the merry heart that doeth good like a medicine.

GOOD-BYE!

We say it for an hour or for years, We say it smiling, we say it choked with tears, We say it coldly, say it with a kiss, And yet we have no other word than this— Good-bye!

We have no dearer word for our heart's friend, For him who journeys to the world's far end And scars our soul in going, thus we say

As unto him that steps but o'er the way, Good-bye!

Alike to those we love and those we hate, We say no more in parting at life's gate: To him who passes out beyond earth's sight, We say, as to a wanderer for a night, Good-bye!

endeavor to elect a new President or endorse the one they have as good for four years more. It will be a busy day, and whoever may be chosen by the majority there will be many who will be disappointed. But oh, "the grand and glorious feeling" of victory in the ranks of the winners! No small part of the joy, and satisfaction will be in having "licked" the other fellows. And in that aspect of elections Canadians and United States are very much alike.

THE CANDY PROBLEM "Mama," said small Betty, "can I have just one piece of candy?" "Why, dear," protested her mother, "you had three when you came in."

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Youthful Murderers Under Death Sentence

When Judge Caverly of Chicago, in sentencing Loeb and Leopold to life imprisonment, said that it was because of their youth that he did not sentence them to death, he was perhaps unconscious that he was "starting something." Naturally he expected the chorus of criticism, mingled with a few approving words, which followed the sentence, but he did not think of the problem he was creating for the Governor of the State of Illinois and for Judges and Governors in other States. There are awaiting execution in Illinois and other States several boys no older than Loeb and Leopold. There have been others sentenced to death since Judge Caverly took a merciful view of the crime of the two most notorious murderers of the generation. One and all have protested that it is not right that they should be hanged while Loeb and Leopold escape. They cite Judge Caverly in support of their pleas. If they go to their death it will be with a new bitterness born of the words of the Chicago Judge. They will say and think that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor.

A Heart-Breaking Appeal

Perhaps what they say is not important. We do not suggest that it is. But it is apt to have a heart-breaking sound in the ears of the officials who must take the responsibility of sending them to death or relieving them. One case in Chicago is particularly appealing, for there seems to be a strong presumption that the condemned murderer is innocent. Of his youth there is no doubt whatever. The prisoner is Bernard Grant, nineteen years old, the product of a Chicago slum, a boy of whom it might be said that he never had a chance. He was convicted of the murder of Ralph Souders, a police man, in the course of an attempted hold-up of a Chicago tea store before Christmas, 1922. He was sentenced to death, but has been given a three-months' reprieve by Governor Small. There had been an epidemic of raids upon a chain of Chicago tea stores, and Souders a young policeman with a fine record, had been detailed to guard one of them. One robber entered the store and held up the clerk while a second one began to rick the till. Souders rushed in. There was a fight and he fell dead.

Boy's Hair Turns White

The police soon laid hands on Walter Krauser, who confessed firing the shot. He received a police grilling and named Grant as his accomplice. The detective who arrested Grant says that he, too, made a confession, but this Grant later denied, and asserted that he was not with Krauser. He swore that he was at home at the time of the murder and his father, mother, brother and sister supported the alibi. Some days ago Krauser made a new statement in which he exonerated Grant. But apparently he is regarded as guilty, the statement of the detective being believed and the alibi of the family being regarded with suspicion. Clarence Darrow has interested himself in Grant's case as have some other prominent people, and has offered to defend him for nothing, a luxury Mr. Darrow can well afford to indulge in after a recent case. Grant's hair has turned white in the course of his incarceration.

Girls Indicted for Murder

Edward Randolph Perrygo, twenty-one years old, is also under sentence of death for a murder he committed when he was seventeen years old. In his case, too, there seems to be mitigating circumstances apart from his youth. One day he took a drink offered by a stranger, and after that he says he remembered no more. Next morning an old woman was found dead and beside her an iron bar smeared with blood. Her savings had gone. Perrygo was arrested and convicted. At the trial, an alienist testified that the youth had

Your Birthday

NOVEMBER 3.—Cultivate cheerfulness, and learn to look before you leap. You will love with great strength, and will demand the same love from your mate. You will travel and make friends abroad. You are generous and kind, and take great pleasure in helping others or adding to their happiness. Your birth-stone is the topaz, which means fidelity. Your kower is the chrysanthe-

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China Withdraws Ban on Students (Special to the Guardian) PEKING, Nov. 2.—The minister of education had rescinded his recent instruction to the provincial authorities that the sending of students to America be discouraged in order to avoid "a special intellectual influence" growing up in China as a result. In his new instruction the minister says: "A letter has been received from the ministry of foreign affairs stating that the American State Department has instructed its consuls in China to issue non-immigrant passports to students going to America for the purpose of study in those institutions recognized by the United States government. Thus, since the obstacle has been removed, examinations should be held as usual without suspension." A Movie Fan. "You must make home so attractive that your husband will want to stay at home evenings." "How can I?" asked the married young woman. "Even if we had a moving picture machine, I couldn't make arrangement, for all the first run films." Village Church Keeps Treasure (Special to the Guardian) LONDON, Nov. 2.—As a contribution to English national pride and the wide feeling that English soil treasures should be kept in their own country, the wardens of the Little

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