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THE GREAT ISSUE

Considerable confusion prevails as to the meaning of the present unprecedented events in the Mother Land. Most of us have been so much concerned with our own affairs, our struggle for existence, our sport, our amusements that we have given but little heed to world movements, to events which shape the ends of empires. The great upheaval we are now witnessing with almost breathless anxiety is a colossal class war, or class struggle, which may or may not be bloodless. It is not revolutionary in aim whatever it may become in actuality. All its chief leaders are entirely sincere in their professions of loyalty to the constitution. But as the Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, former Labour Secretary of State for the Colonies and now one of the Labour Strike Council, admitted in reply to Prime Minister Baldwin, forces have been loosed which may lead to results previously had been stricken with London correspondent sums up the issue in these significant words: "Whether the Government or the men win, England cannot remain in a case of complete victory for deadly diseases. The advance of either side, what she has been—a careful balance of forces between capital and labor. It may mean ally halted. These and others which that the men win the trades unions, so long as they hang together, and not Parliament, will be the dominant power. If as is more probable, the Government wins, it may involve a complete collapse of the trade union movement, a general reduction of wages, and political reaction in an advanced form."

WHAT DRIFT DOES

The present catastrophic situation in the Old Country is the natural sequel to fifty years policy of drift and wilful negligence in the handling of sound economic doctrines in the rising generation. Instead of an intensive, resistless and unrelenting campaign of education and explanation of the simple basic facts of the political economy, the Mother Country has been supinely sitting back allowing the fallacies and falsities of socialism and communism to be propagated openly and practically uncontradicted by one of the enemies of the country. Instead of strong, positive and convincing policy of sound economics, the powder-hands to be held back—for fear of losing votes!—and so the Communist propagandist has had the fertile field of the rising generation practically in his own hands for cultivation and development. Now "Red Revolution" is not a thing to be dreaded but to be sung about; its consequences, alas, have yet to be realized, and apparently in the not very distant future. Both sides seem anxious for merely a war of attrition wearing out the normal patience of the other, or of their sinews of war. But history has no record of any such successful warfare.

THE AVERAGE VICTIMS

The average British citizen and trades unionist is, as sane and sound an individual as is to be found anywhere. He hates extremes and prefers to be left alone to work out his own destiny. He is not by nature a schemer, plotter, or revolutionist. He is satisfied to let well alone. In organizations the average Britisher is largely silent, leaving the extremists to fight it out between them, whatever the "it" for the time being may be. By the trade union rules, majority rules, so if a local union votes 51-49 for a strike when the delegate reports to conference the local union is reported for a strike and its total membership counted as favourable. On the other hand, of course if the local union votes against a strike, at conference its total membership is counted and doors.

THIS WONDERFUL AGE

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Everyone is ready now to talk about the weather. Charlottetown should be a good city judging by the religious meetings and the visits of religious organizations during the past two weeks. This is the time of bird nesting and the home making of the little folk in the groves and woods; the time also when the little folk of the city and country home should be very kind to the birds and squirrels and other little animals, against a strike, at conference its total membership is counted and doors.

Notes by the Way

"Clean up the Mess!" is the headline over the leading editorial in the Toronto Globe of May 3. "The mess" referred to, it is needless to say, is in the Customs Department which the Probe Committee has been investigating for months past. If any of The Guardian's Liberal readers may have thought our comments upon the revelations made before that committee were too outspoken or severe, they should take note of what the leading Liberal journal has to say in regard to it.

We quote the opening paragraph of the Globe's article, referred to. It is too much to expect Parliament fearlessly and thoroughly to clean up this sorry, sordid, smuggling mess, now that it is about it? A real start has been made by the disclosures of the past week. The public now realizes that the rottenness which seemingly has characterized the administration of the Customs for years has not been limited to the misdeeds of mere subordinates but has saturated the whole system.

"No one believes that the disease has developed overnight," continues The Globe. "This sort of thing spreads slowly and stealthily, gradually undermining the whole body politic. It cannot be cured by soothing syrups or palatable nostrums. It must be eradicated by courageous—ruthless, if necessary—treatment." The article goes on to urge men of all parties to unite "to rid the Customs service, once and for all, of the shocking looseness and laxity in performance of public duty that manifestly must have be-deviled it for years to the grievous hurt of Canadian industry."

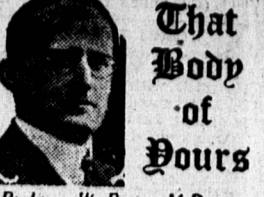
What a picture we have of the Customs Department thus presented in The Globe! A "mess" to be cleaned up, "a sorry, sordid smuggling mess," "the whole system saturated" with it, a Department "be-devilled," "diseased," and by its corrupting influence "undermining the whole body politic"—that is the picture presented! And it is the picture of a department of the public service presided over for five years past by two Liberal Ministers in succession, Bureau and Bolvin! But who will venture to say, in view of the facts disclosed, that the picture is overdrawn?

No, the picture is not overdrawn. No one would expect that an honest Liberal pen would overdraw it, or add darker colors than would express the facts as they have been attested to. It is only fair to add that The Globe includes in its commentary a statement that "the scandals splash their ugly pitch upon both parties." If this is in part true, it would be most untrue to state that both parties have been equally smirched. What Conservative of any official prominence has the "pitch" defiled? Not every politician in either party can justly claim that "he wears the white flower of a blameless life."

But as we read the evidence the "pitch" has been very unequally distributed between the two parties. A number of Cabinet Ministers and ex-Ministers have received prominent mention as having been in close relations with the offenders in these scandals and also as accessories after the fact in sheltering them from the just punishment for their unlawful acts. Is it not singular that these Ministers, present or past, and thus implicated should all be members of one party and that party in power?

What could be more clear than that D. M. Kennedy, who holds the Commons seat for Peace River, was not lawfully elected? He was declared elected, it is true, but it was by a deputy returning officer who is now in prison under a five years' sentence for switching votes from the Conservative candidate to Kennedy. Premier King, who wants Kennedy's vote to keep his usurping Government in power, denies the right of Parliament to receive a petition from Collins, the Conservative candidate who was defrauded of his seat. It may well be asked why the House of Commons has a Committee on Privileges and Elections if not to deal with cases such as this.

The House of Commons has full power to suspend or expel a member at any time for sufficient cause. And what cause could be more sufficient than that the member had not been elected? That counts for nothing with a co-operating Liberal and Progressive party to whom a single vote may be a matter of life or death! What matters it by what crookedness Kennedy may have got his seat if his vote can be counted for the Government when the division bell rings?



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

Local weather observers are looking up their memos and assure us that we had the first taste of the past winter when frost and snow made their first appearances on Dec. 6th. If this be correct we have had just five months of real winter. It is perhaps necessary to offer an apology for reminding one another of the kind of a winter we have had. Many may wish to forget it and "let the dead past bury its dead." During the past week all seem satisfied that gracious Spring has arrived to stay. Last winter's storms made an impression that will not soon fade from memory, therefore we must all for excuse if we unthinkingly drop back into the habit of complaining about the weather.

The voice of the past as we gleam it through the oldest inhabitant and the records of the newspapers resembles our own days very closely. They were then praying for spring with much greater intensity than now prevails. For example this voice is very pleasingly rendered through the poetry we read, more especially that of our well-remembered singer, "The entitled 'Spring's Holiday' we copy the following verses: "Spring's Holiday," "Now surely Winter's storms are over, The air is keen with frost no more, Descends the soft refreshing rain, The meadows flourish green again, All nature smiling looks so gay, You'd think Spring held a holiday. The air is balmy, mild and clear, The warbling choristers appear, Sweet music greets the early dawn, Sweet flowers deck the sunny lawn, And sportive lambs frisk full of play To welcome Spring's fair holiday. 'Tis gladdening light the sunbeam throws, And sparkling bright the river flows, The restless surges cease to roar, For stormy winds their fury stay, To honor Spring's fair holiday. The least the muse and I can do, Is then to honor nature too, To seek ourselves 'neath some green shade, And sing all sorrow far away, On Spring's delightful holiday. Glancing across the harbor we note that the ice has nearly all disappeared and only what is grounded on the flats and clings to the banks now remains. While there are lots of banks in the west End fields it is rapidly sinking from view and will be a thing of the past in a few days. The skies are brightening and assuming that familiar blue which the poets sing of and the artists all love to paint. Other and equally welcome scenes keep looming up in all directions. Most gladdening of all, doubtless, are the operations of the tillers of the soil where they can be discerned preparing if not already started to plant, the seed. This, however, as yet being started where the land is well drained and the snow is all gone. There is little or no ice to be seen as there was very little frost before the snow began to fall, and there was no rain falls during the winter to make ice.

The next class that are making things hum at the coast are the fishermen who are stock-taking at the factories and getting their fishing gear into order. The best wishes of all follow the daring fishermen in their hazardous occupation. In the Old Country the fishermen folk and all their well-wishers are very fond of chanting this old ditty when they man the boats or the mothers rock the cradles. It runs thus: "Weel may the boaties row and better may they appear, O weel may the boaties row that wins the bairnies breed." We are not aware whether any of the dancers and fiddlers who have been delighting music-lovers among recently had this touching song in their program or not, but whether or not, they would find it hard to play one better calculated to win applause than this very enlightening and expressive. We had the pleasure of hearing it more than once recently, judging by the way the dancers performed, not only moved their souls, but their half-soles as well. Joking aside; more than ordinary interest is felt this year by the fishermen in regard to the extent of this season's catch of lobsters. It is the opinion of many good fishermen that the catch of the summer after fall and winter fishing is permitted is largely a failure. We remember one season when there were very few lobsters caught after fall fishing program or not, in their gear on account of the scarcity of the crustaceans. It seems reasonable to conclude that there cannot be two catches in one season; but it is open to a doubt and should be carefully considered when on trial.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

HONOR AND LIFE—"Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths; I am the Lord your God." Lev. 19:3. PRAYER—Help us, Our God, to love our parents, and keep holy Thy Sabbaths, and live long in the land.

THE DAWDLING AGE

Take a boy of thirteen years, When the dawdling age appears, And in him you'll plainly see All that once you used to be. Didn't know it then, but you Seemed so weary, through and through That when morning came you'd sit On your bed and dream a bit, While your mother called below: "Hurry! You'll be late you know!" Now he dawdles, just as I In days so long gone by, Fumbles with his clothes and seems Lost in boyhood's golden dreams. Puts on stockings inside out. Sleepily he moves about; And his mother, much distressed, Vows he never will be dressed. "Hurry, son!" she goes to state, "Hurry, son, or you'll be late!" Long he bends above his shoe In the way I used to do, While the precious minutes fly, Long he fumbles with his tie, But I chuckle at it all, As I hear his mother call: "Was there ever," oft she'd said, "Such a little sleepy-head?" "Yes, there was," I mutter low, "One you married years ago!"

Daily Lessons in English

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: "Am I not?" is preferable to "aren't I," but the latter is used by some good speakers. OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: saucy. Pronounce the sau as "saw," not as in "at." OFTEN MISSPELLED: bankruptcy. Study the last four letters. SYNONYMS: complete, conclude, finish, terminate, close, end. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: REMEDIAL; affording remedy. "It is a real remedial agent for the prevention of crime."

Everybody Greeting Spring

Many Happy Returns
Winds Are Gentler and Skies Are Brighter.
Historic.

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Baldwin Gov't Will Issue Newspaper

LONDON, May 5.—The British Gazette, a daily publication of the government printed at the office of the Morning Post, made its first appearance last night. It announces it has a circulation of only 700,000, but will extend its circulation as rapidly as possible. Nearly all the newspapers have been silenced by violent concerted action, it asserts in its leading article, and this great nation, on the whole the strongest community which civilization can show, is for the moment reduced in this respect to the level of African natives, dependent only on rumors.

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TREE-TOP STORIES

BUBBLES
"Do you want to blow Bubbles, my Littles?" called Mother. Betty and Billie came running. "Ooooh! Goody! O! Yes! Bubbles, Bubbles!" they shouted. "Look at my BIG bubble!" Betty squealed. "Watch! Watch! It's going up into the tree!" "I wonder where they go when they go out?" Billie said. "Why! The Fairies come and get them to make wings for themselves," Betty said. "I'm going to blow LOTS of little, 'bitty' ones for the baby-fairies to play with."



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LAKEVILLE SCHOOL
Standing of Lakeville School for the month of April:
Grade IX.—1. Alice Rose; 2. Elsie McDonald.
Grade VII Sr.—1. Helen Jarvis; 2. Lloyd Rose; 3. Anastasia McDonald.
Grade VII Jr.—1. Mabel Rose; 2. Philomena McInnis; 3. Henry Pope.
Grade V.—1. Laura Rose; 2. Reta McDonald; 3. Lloyd Pope.
Grade III. Sr.—1. Elinor McDonald; 2. Mary McDonald; 3. Angus McInnis.
Grade III. Jr.—1. Ernest Rose.
Grade II.—1. Clarence Rose and Lergus McInnis equal; 2. Columba McDonald; 3. Cyril McDonald.
Grade I.—1. Joseph McDonald and Charlie McInnis, equal; 2. Catherine McInnis; 3. Elizabeth McInnis.

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Our season's golf supplies have arrived and are now on display in our window.
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