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THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE

The miners in 1924 demanded an increase of wages which would have resulted in the operation of the mines at a loss. The mine owners countered with a proposed reduction of wages and an increase of hours of labour in order to permit the mines to be operated without loss. The miners on no account would accept a demand that if owners could not operate at a profit the mines must be nationalized, and of- fered in parliament a Mines Nationalization Bill under which the owners of collieries were to receive State Mines Stock in return for their present holdings. The amount was calculated at \$605,000. Interest was to be paid on the amount for all time to the holders. The other words the present owners and their successors, assigned, were to be pensioned off and the public cost, and would draw as much when relieved of all responsibilities as they had been getting in the more palmy days of the past. The Government was to pay for all valuations, for the process of nationalization, pay interest on the new stock, pay all administrative expenses, and for all fresh development work.

The capitalists were not to be allowed to put any of their money back into the industry, the public debt was to pay for everything. There was to be a new department of Mines, fully staffed, there were to be pit committees, a national committee, national commissioners, etc.—all paid by the taxpayers. This bill introduced by the Miners Union as their means of solution of the economic problem of capital and labour in their own particular industry meant the appointment and payment of 50,000 new officials and committees, whether they were to do with the dispossessed owners or to draw their interest for doing nothing. Naturally the House of Commons rejected the measure as impossible, but the Miners' League put it into the mouth of the Governor General, thereby doing a deadly injury to the Government.

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SELF DEFENCE

No longer do we hope or need, we hope for anything except self-defence from the King government. The partisan character of the Tariff Advisory Board were fully established by Hon. Robert Rogers, M. P., the other day in the House of Commons and briefly reported in The Guardian's Ottawa despatches yesterday. Mr. Rogers personally knows as few do, the men appointed on this Board one of them, Donald MacKenzie. Mr. Rogers said was a members of a political organization formed to promote Liberal interests on election occasions. This organization was active during the election campaign of 1921 after which it went out of business. Before the election of 1925 it again came into existence with Donald MacKenzie again to the fore, and when it had finished its work, it

purposes." It will be remembered that one, Aoust, had been appointed by Premier King to this "honourable board" but some one interested objected to his appointment and Premier King was obliged to cancel his appointment or, as he explained it, "Mr. Aoust asked to be relieved."

The Tariff Advisory Board was the excuse offered by the King government, to the different schools of thought on the tariff. The government, he declared, would take the advice of independent, competent experts before making any tariff changes; the Tariff Advisory Board not the government would be responsible, he declared during the last election campaign. In selecting the Board he made one mistake and, on instructions from his Progressive Masters, he was obliged to change his nominee. Who advised him to select the collector and distributor of Liberal campaign funds to fill the vacancy? One thing is clear, he consulted safety in the more palmy days of the first.

And what about this hand-picked government, unwilling to take any chances even with the Board of its own selection, without making the enquiry and investigation which, before the election, he had promised to make before inter- fering with the tariff, struck back into the industry, the greatest were to be paid out of employment and all this to preserve the political life of himself and his group country committees, national com- missioners, etc.—all paid by the taxpayers. This bill introduced by the Miners Union as their means of solution of the economic problem of capital and labour in their own particular industry meant the appointment and payment of 50,000 new officials and committees, whether they were to do with the dispossessed owners or to draw their interest for doing nothing. Naturally the House of Commons rejected the measure as impossible, but the Miners' League put it into the mouth of the Governor General, thereby doing a deadly injury to the Government.

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FRENCH PRESS OPINION

La Minerve, one of the leading newspapers in Quebec, says:—

Why Meighen is Opposed "The Atholstan clan is dwindling, and its political influence has already dropped to zero. That is what vexes the Baron: that is what he cannot support. Not to be the power behind the throne and pull the political wires as he desires is unbearable. If Mr. Arthur Meighen had been willing in 1921 to pass under his Caudine Forks, to have piped the Baron's tune, then The Star would have written him up as a great statesman."

TIME TO THINK

This is surely a time for serious thought and study. Many forces, destructive and constructive are at work tearing up and rebuilding the as yet unfinished fabric which we call civilization. The labor struggle at present in England clearly exemplifies the manner in which these forces are working and one of the gravest symptoms is that the working is world-wide. For the purpose of giving our readers a general view of the situation as it is and how it originated we publish in this issue a summary of the events which have culminated in the most serious strike that has

Notes by the Way

When we read of the alarming conditions in Great Britain resulting from the general strike, it serves to recall the number of serious but more limited conflicts between employers and employed that have occurred in the Old Land within the past 30 years. In that period as summarised by an exchange, there has been an average of 732 disputes small and large, throwing out of employment an average of 581,000 workers, with an annual loss since 1910 of 12,390,000 working days. The worst year for strikes previous to the present was 1919 in which there were 1352 disputes and 2,897,000 people involved. The following year was nearly as bad, and 1,662 disputes kept nearly 2,000,000 idle for an aggregate period of 26,570,000 days.

These were since the Great War, but before the War, in 1912, over 1,450,000 workers were left in idleness for an aggregate period of 40,890,000 days. In the years 1910 to 1924, out of 25 of the more important strikes, seven involved coal miners, six involved shipbuilders, sailors and dock employees, two included railway workers, and two were in the building trades. It is noted that 66 per cent of these strikes were over wages, 26 per cent were settled in favor of employees, 30 per cent in favor of employers and in 44 per cent a compromise was effected.

The present strike is the first general one and is by so much more formidable than any that preceded it. Should it succeed the results would be revolutionary, but there are reasons for believing that it will not succeed. At the time of the strike in 1919 the membership in the labor organizations was greater by 2,000,000 than it is now, but the general strike expected to bring out more men than were out seven years ago. How many more will become active in carrying on the conflict to the bitter end in face of the clear indication that the government will use military force to suppress disorder is a problem that cannot at this writing be solved.

The vast proportions of the struggle and the fact that serious disorder, looting of stores and mob interference with the volunteer transportation services have already occurred gives rise to fear of more serious violence in the near future. Should this occur it will doubt be followed by a strong reaction in favor of the enforcement of law and order and an abatement of the feeling of sympathy for the striking miners which at the outbreak was perhaps stronger than ever before.

The general public have perceived a marked calmness so far, partly because of their British temperament and from having had experience of great privations in war time and during repeated labor strikes. Beneath this calm exterior there is, however, a growing apprehension that the more radical and extreme elements in the labor organization have gained a dangerous ascendancy in their councils of late, and which may in a day change the character of the struggle by a resort to wholesale and widespread acts of violence.

REVERENCE

"And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shall thou profane the name of thy God. I am the Lord." Lev. 19:12.

PRAYER

Thou Great and Eternal God, teach us to sacredly hold Thy name precious.

OUR NEIGHBOR

"Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbor, neither rob him." Lev. 19:13.

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Interest in the debate may be expected to revive as the end approaches and before the final vote. The Premier and the Leader of the Opposition have yet to be heard and Conservatives in Parliament and throughout the country have full confidence that their leader will acquit himself as he always



By James W. Barton, M.D.

OLD TIME HEALTH ADVICE

One of my Montreal readers lent me a book written by John Wesley, entitled "Primitive Physic or an Easy and Natural Method of Curing Most Diseases." It was published in 1772 so is more than one hundred and fifty years old.

In the preface he says "the air itself that surrounds us on every side is replete with the seeds of death; yea, the food we eat daily saps the foundation of life which cannot be sustained without it."

In these days when we believe most ailments come by means of the respiratory and alimentary tract, it is certainly enlightening to have an old time Methodist minister telling his parishioners this same thing a century and a half ago.

Reading further he asks "Can nothing be found to lessen these inconveniences which cannot be removed. To soften the evils of lie and to prevent in part the sickness and pain to which we are exposed? without question there may."

The grand preventive of pain and sickness of various kinds seems indicated by the great Author of nature in the very sentence that utters unto us "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread" (full return to the ground)."

"The power of exercise, both to preserve and restore health is greater than can well be conceived. Just think of that for a moment. A clergyman giving such sound common sense advice about curing ailments by proper food and regular exercise."

I suppose recently of the New Britain Society in Great Britain whose object was the betterment of the health of the whole nation by an attempt to supply everybody with the proper kinds of foods, at as low a price as possible.

Let us remember that the foods were whole and vegetables, and fresh root and leaf vegetables. It is said that the body is just what the food makes it. Every vegetable gets its nourishment from the soil. But the other side is just as important as Wesley points out, that is that by the "sweat of thy face" we should eat that food. Expiration even if it is not visible to the eye. This perspiration in itself means perhaps the removal of a slight amount of waste matter, but it is in the stimulation of the heart and lungs that the body gets rid of waste from the lungs, kidneys and intestine.

Before this waste can be manufactured, all the tissues are built up by the rich pure blood coursing throughout the entire body. It should keep us just a bit humbled when we remember the wise advice as to food and exercise given by a preacher so many years ago.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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That Body of Hours

A wonderful being is a Mother. Other folks may love you, but only your Mother understands. Mother works for you, cares for you, loves and forgives you; And when you leave her, like a Guardian Angel, Her memory is always with you.

Happenings of The Week

The Prince of Wales, after a flying trip from Le Bourget, France, to Croydon England, which occupied two hours and a half, came to London by motor, arriving at his home in St. James' Palace, at nine o'clock Tuesday. He was cheery and alert, and looked very fit, indicating he has quite recovered from his recent operation. The Prince went to Buckingham Palace and dined with the King. He had nothing to say about his flight except that it was uneventful.

Mrs. J. D. Stewart, wife of the Premier of the Province, was at home to her friends on Monday afternoon at her lovely home 301 Kent Street.

Tuesday was the official calling day at Government House as a consequence Mrs. Heartz was kept pleasantly busy all afternoon welcoming her visitors and extending gracious hospitality.

Mrs. C. F. Sanford of St. John, President of the N. B. and P. E. I. W. M. S. of the United Church was among the interesting visitors enjoying a brief visit to the city this week.

A wide circle of friends will be interested to know that Rev. Dr. Carruthers of Vancouver, for many years pastor of St. James Church in this city, is expected here in July to renew friendship and to take part in the celebration of St. James centennial.

Rev. A. K. Herman, the new pastor of the Highfield Baptist Church, Moncton, was a visitor with Mrs. Herman to Summerside this week.

Mr. James Maxwell Murphy, son of the late Senator Murphy of Tignish, a senior in the Marquette University School of Law in Milwaukee, Wis., was the principal speaker at the dedication of a Roosevelt memorial tablet erected in Milwaukee by Spanish war veterans on the site where an attempt was made to assassinate the late President Roosevelt in 1912.

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Daily Lessons In English

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "I don't know nothing about it." Say "anything about it." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: rapine. Pronounce the a as in "trap." I as in "in." accent the p. OFTEN MISPELLED: caricature. "Not 'char."

SYNONYMS: Immerse, submerge, immerge, sink, dip, bury. 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: IRRECONCILABLE; not to be restored to harmony. "Their different views on these questions are irreconcilable."

Where taut sheets sing and tillers tug— My soul! I would be there— Where courage mounts And red blood courses, —I know where!

I know a marsh where bitterns Are fishing all day long, Where water-lilies teeter And red-wings shriek their song, Where painted turtles bask in peace, —I know where!

In summer's scented air, Where big-eyed frogs Hide under logs, —I know where!

I know a pine-clad hillside Where shyest wild deer roam, Where trailing pink arbutus Peeps out from richest loam, Come with me friend, for spirit Finds Balm of Gilead there, Where rocks and hills —I know where!

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The Public Forum

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THE BISHOP OF FREDERICTON'S CHARGE

Sirs:—I read with much regret the letters from the Ven. Archdeacon Armitage of Halifax in your issue of the 5th inst., for I am at a loss to imagine what good purpose will be served by a clergyman in another Diocese trying to stir up dissension in our own. We can and do manage our own affairs, and resent implications of such a nature on our Bishop. The whole matter has been fully explained, discussed and settled in the Synods of both Dioceses. I was a member of the Synod of Nova Scotia in 1921 and 1922. I heard the question of the so-called "two schools of thought" discussed. Being a comparatively newcomer to that Diocese, I was quite unprejudiced, for I do not belong to any particular "school of thought," but am merely a churchman of ordinary views. The impression left on my mind after hearing the first discussion, in which one member of the Evangelical school was extremely discourteous to the Archbishop who presided, was that there existed a clique in the Diocese who would not be satisfied unless everything in the way of a schism, which impression was confirmed the following year. I had previously been a member at different times of the Synods of Toronto and Rupert's Land, and have since attended our own, and I must confess that it was only in the Diocese of Nova Scotia that I have found this state of affairs. I think it can safely be said on behalf of the great body of laymen that they do not want any cliques in the church, and that both the Archbishop (Wrenn) and Bishop Richardson have their support in the references made to that matter in their respective Synod charges. It does not require a very exhaustive study of the letter to come to the conclusion that it was written for two purposes: Firstly, to try to place our Bishop publicly in a false position; and, secondly, to prejudice the King's College campaign for funds.

I am, Sir, etc. F. SHORT.

where she was visiting her mother. Mrs. W. A. McLennan.

Mrs. Noel DeBlois returned Monday from a visit to Montreal, which was unfortunately interrupted by sickness.

Mrs. Murdoch McKinnon, left Monday morning on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Taylor, Metcalf Avenue, Westmount, P. Q.

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by the Junior and Senior pupils were extraordinary good and reflected highly upon the expert tuition given by the good sisters presiding.

This week has been given over largely to church work, and many visitors from different parts of the Province have enjoyed a brief holiday to the Capital. The P. E. I. Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, met in St. Paul's Church starting Tuesday morning, each session proving intensely interesting to those present.

In Trinity Church both the Presbytery and the Presbytery of the United Church met on the same day with large meetings and much helpful work accomplished.

The Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met on Thursday also with clergy and laymen from outside points who accomplished a great deal of important work.

Mrs. C. H. B. Longworth and Miss Ellen Longworth are leaving this morning on a visit to Boston.

Rev. Thomas Wood of California, Pa., who recently accepted a call from the Christian Church of Montague, arrived in Charlottetown yesterday morning and leaves to-day for his new field. Mr. Wood spent four years in the former field where much good was done during his pastorate. Mr. Wood will conduct the services in the Montague Christian Church, tomorrow morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Campbell of Summerside, have gone up to Montreal on a holiday visit.

At the annual meeting of the Student Body of King's University held in Halifax this week to elect their officers for the college year 1925-27. Mr. N. W. White of Summerside was made secretary of the Student Body.

Mrs. A. A. McLean was among those assisting at the tea given in Ottawa, Monday by Mrs. C. E. Tanner at the Parliamentary restaurant.

Miss Janie McNutt of Malpeque, is spending the week end very pleasantly with friends in the city, the guests of Mrs. W. A. Huestis, Prince Street.

The stocking today may be said to be skin deep. Except for sports it is sheer by day and imperceptible by night. Its colors—atmosphere, complexion, nude—reflect its character.

The prevailing shades are French nude, beige, grain, maroon chair, rose chair, peche, champagne, sandalwood, toast and reindeer. These shades are worn with white shoes. There are few exceptions to the foot rule of complexion colors. The most notable is the case of the crystal, platinum, rose taupe, gun metal or gray stockings which match a gray costume. One occasionally sees sheer black stockings.

Hand-bags are practically confined to two types; the Chanel pouche and the flat, underarm envelope. The newest fabric for the pouche is the gaily quilted peasant ptticoats from provincial France. Glove k'd, suede, moire, ribbed silk.

As to heads—there seems to be no end to the short hair. Long hair is worn when it suits the individual face and physique. The shingle is the general mode with a decided bias toward a more boyish cut, thinned to the sleekest possible cap of hair and worn with little or no wave. It may be combed down to the back of the head—a style of mind, endowed with a keen sense of humor, and acquaintances, faces and very positive in your likes and dislikes. Carb your desire to be "first" in everything, or you will not be happy in love. Cultivate unselfishness.

Your birth-stone is an emerald. Mr. Ernest Roth will be given in the Great Hall of the Hotel Trianon.

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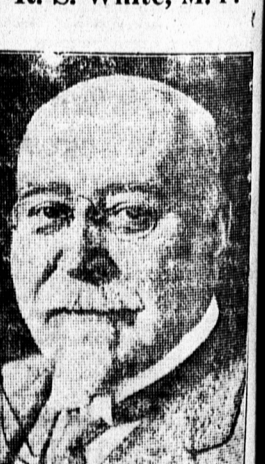
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Sproatt and Mr. Roth were elected Fellows of the Royal Institute of British Artists and last year they were awarded the Gold Medal for Collegiate Architecture in a world wide competition.

This will be of particular interest to Charlottetown people who knew Mrs. Ralph as Miss Alice Haney, who lived in Charlottetown when Mr. Haney was engineer of the Hillsboro Bridge.

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