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THE SITUATION IN EUROPE

The situation in Europe is far from satisfactory and official circles do not attempt to conceal their anxiety. France and Great Britain are on the most friendly terms yet on the one great question that is disturbing the continent they are distinctly at variance. France has recognized the government of General Wrangel, the anti-Bolshevik leader as the de facto government of Southern Russia and is supported by the United States. Great Britain has refused this recognition. On the other hand Great Britain and France have undertaken to save Poland from the Bolshevik or Soviet Russia and have issued a joint ultimatum to the Bolshevik threatening that further inroads against Poland shall be regarded as an act of war against the Allied powers. The Bolshevik inroads upon Poland continue and Warsaw, the Polish capital, is likely at any moment to fall into their hands.

The situation is further complicated by the attitude of British Labour which has threatened to tie up all British industry and commerce if Britain in any manner makes war upon Bolshevik Russia or carries out her threat to blockade Russia. Moreover at the conference recently held in London they instructed the Council of Action to remain in existence until it secured guarantees that the British forces would not be used in support of Poland or General Wrangel or make any naval or military move against Soviet Russia. They demand guarantees also that British naval forces blockading Russia be withdrawn and that the British government recognize the Soviet government of Russia and establish unrestricted trading and commercial relations between Great Britain and Russia.

To harmonize these conflicting conditions is the problem now confronting Great Britain and France. They are all war-weary and exhausted. Nobody wants war but everybody apparently is looking for war, and to the outsider it would appear that Bolshevism is spreading unchecked with no available means of checking it.

A LIBERAL "SAMARITAN."

Mr. W. L. MacKenzie King undertook, at a mass meeting of Bruce County Liberals, to reply to a speech delivered the previous day at Stirling by Premier Meighen. He is quoted as picturing Mr. Meighen as an "autocrat" "walking down the middle of a highway ignoring those on either side." "I am reminded," he said, "of the Pharisee who kept to the middle of the road without allowing his garments to be touched by suffering humanity. There was another figure in that parable and if Mr. Meighen wishes to play the role of the Pharisee I am content that the party I lead shall take the part of the Good Samaritan and do what it can to bind the wounds and better the conditions of humanity."

How characteristic of Liberalism! A personal attack but no argument; but, apart from that and the blasphemy and misquotation of scripture, what kind of a Samaritan has Mr. MacKenzie King proved himself to be? When his fellow Canadians were being wounded and killed where was he? Not even in the "middle of the road," but, like the Pharisee, "on the other side"—of the American border and as far away from it as he could get! And after he returned, when his fellow Canadians were in danger of being decimated, when he himself could not, or would not go to their assistance, did he try to get others to go? Not he, on the contrary he conducted a political campaign against sending such assistance and advised the Germans of North Waterloo to vote against the Borden policy of conscription and building of dreadnaughts with which to fight the Germans. This was the kind of "oil" he poured into the wounds of his country and his countrymen. A nice kind of a Samaritan he is!

THE CHOICE OF TWO EVILS.

Moreover, an alliance between Lenine and Ludendorff, could not last. Some day the issue would have to be fought out, and fought out in Germany. Ludendorff is an optimist most of the time, and probably thinks he could win; but Dr. Simon's warning to the Reichstag of the reactionary menace shows that there are sensible people in Germany, who do not want to start something which could result only in a destructive German civil war, with monarchism or Bolshevism as the outcome. Better the Peace Treaty and its drawbacks than the burning of German cities and the slaughter of Germans by Germans.—New York Times.

BRITAIN AND INTERNATIONALISM

Whatever internationalism may do for others, it offers nothing but disaster for the people of this country. In allowing themselves to be made the dupes and tools of leaders, who are themselves the dupes and tools of the avowed and implacable enemies of Britain, they are encompassing their own certain undoing. Let them remember that the advantages which they now enjoy are only theirs by force of the effort and sacrifice they made to defeat Germany; and that the continued possession of advantages will be impossible to a nation shorn of its prestige and dominion, sapped of its strength and its resources, and subject to the governance of an international council in which its enemies will be paramount.—London Morning Post.

CURRENT COMMENT

A cause for real and serious complaint has been found, by Liberals in federal arena in the fact that ultra Conservative and Protectionist papers which were formerly so pronounced against Union Government are now falling into line, and are "satisfied with Hon. Mr. Meighen's utterances." No one expected that this cementing together of divergent wings of the party by the new Premier would be taken resignedly by the Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King and his confederates and this ass's kick is their natural resentment. The Toronto Globe always foremost in anti-mortem declaration, is worrying itself over the tariff commission in this connection and assuming to speak for "the people of Canada" asks why "a moribund and discredited administration undertakes to determine so important an issue" as a revision of the tariff. The two amusing features are, first, in the Globe's assumption of being in any sense the mouthpiece of the Canadian people, and the second its conclusion that an enquiry amongst the people as to their wishes upon tariff matters, constitutes the determination of an issue by this or any other government. Of course, in solidifying the party and bringing its policy into close touch with the wishes of the people, Liberalism seeks breakers ahead barring their entrance to the port of their ambitions and who can blame them for being nervous over the situation.

Instinctively, drowning men grasp at straws. Not that the frail thing will provide a support but because it is the only hope in sight. One of the numerous resolutions moved in the Legislature by Hon. Mr. Bell and his associates was reproduced, in Wednesday's Guardian. Because it did not implicate the Opposition to the extent of all their other resolutions, manifestos, press declarations and platform utterances, the Patriot dances in raptures of delight to declare that "this resolution settles and settles forever the question as to whether or not the Liberals in opposition promised to conduct the affairs of the province without resort to taxation." What a small thing will please the baby. Perhaps, in the opinion of our unsophisticated friend, this resolution also "settles forever" the Poland-Russia war. If no other resolutions but this existed, if there were no manifestos, stump speeches or press reports available, if the people were only a little more defective in memory, how happy the Patriot and the Government would be! But the clean, splendid memory of the electors and the inflexible evidence of clear, cold type, is the ghost of the past to make miserable their peace of mind and to disturb their revelry.

But let us see. What comfort does this resolution give them on the TAXATION question? It promised to ABOLISH THE WAR AND HEALTH TAX. What did that mean? Was it a promise to reduce TAXATION, or was it as the Patriot feels to believe, an assurance of their purpose to tax them TWENTY TIMES AS MUCH? Impudently it asks the people, "Do they realize what they have escaped?" Yes, we think they do now. They have escaped the \$30,000 War and Health Tax to be buried under the avalanche of the Bell Government combined TAXATION of about \$400,000. Truly a disastrous escape. Truthfully

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HOMELY MAXIMS FOR HARD TIMES

Take care of your money. Look well to your spending. The ale jug is a great waste. In all other things keep within compass.

No matter what comes in, if more goes out, you will be always poor.

The art is not in making money but in keeping it.

Little expenses, like mice in a barn, when there are a great many, make a great waste.

Hair by hair heads get bald; straw by straw the thatch goes off the cottage and drop by drop the rain comes into the chamber.

A barrel is soon empty if the tap leaks but a drop a minute.

When you begin to save begin with your mouth; many thieves pass down the red lane.

Never stretch your legs further than your blanket will reach, or you will be cold.

In clothes choose suitable and lasting stuff, and not tawdy fineries.

To be warm is the main thing; never mind the looks.

A fool may make money, but it takes a wise man to spend it.

Remember, it is easier to build two chimneys than to keep one going.

If you give all to back and board, there is nothing left for the savings bank.

Fare hard and work hard when you are young, and you will have a chance to rest when you are old.

the Patriot declares this "Province has not yet realized the EXTENT OF THE CALAMITY THAT THREATENED THEM." No, nor will they until they get delivery of all their provincial government tax bills. Then, with their cup of TAXATION running over they will realize it all to the full.

Then on Section 5.—Falconwood Hospital, the Patriot says,— "Let any one who choose enquire what, even in the face of enhanced prices of foodstuffs, the cost per meal and he will be more than satisfied that the utmost care and economy is being practiced." The Grand Jury enquired and their report is that low grade meat is being fed to these unfortunate peoples. Now you can buy all grades of this from the 10 cent neck cut to the sirloin roast, and from the cheap tough bull to an expensive steer. The Arsenault Government procured only the best, always approved by Grand Juries, who have condemned the Bell Government's low grade economical supply. Not unlikely some economy is applied to the other food supplies. It is cheap meals they are after, regardless of health giving or life sustaining quality. It will show its effect in a reduced number of cured and discharged patients. Then with no Matron's salary to pay, and the buildings allowed to tumble down for want of repairs, make another big reduction in the apparent cost. But it is not economy as will be fully learned when the Conservative Government, coming, will have to again put it in a habitable condition.

The Government is taking fright, and is attempting to go to the aid of the honest, Navy before in the history of the Province has a similar incident occurred. A public meeting has been called at Tryon at which the Commission of Agriculture, will meet the electors, not to discuss the campaign of the representation carried on by the Liberal opponents of the Government. Wherein is the need? Hasn't the Patriot repeatedly told us that everything is all sunshine in approval of the Government, that "there is an air of confidence and satisfaction amongst the people," that "the tide of Liberalism is rising in amongst the people that the tide of Liberalism is rising in Prince Edward Island" and that it was Mr. Lea at the Cape Traverse meeting who "completely turned the tide in favour of himself and the Government."

What is the matter with this tide now? Is it getting cranky and running again in the opposite direction? Won't it stay put? Or was the former "rising of the tide" another of the Patriot's frequent hallucinations? And who are these "opponents of the Government"? The very men who elected them, those strong supporters of the Liberal party who labored hardest to elect the Bell Government. And what does the Hon. W. M. Lea, Commissioner of Agriculture call "misrepresentation"? Straight, solemn facts and truth, which neither he in his plausible sophistry nor the Patriot, with all its wiggling and squinting can either eliminate or gild.

But no, it is a case of deep-rooted and genuine alarm. The people in seething, boiling and justifiable indignation are after them. They are up against it in whatever direction they turn. Every expedient of themselves and their versatile organ in camouflage, alternate evasion and contortion of truth and fact, in abortive threats and plaintive appeals has been resorted to, and by the indignation grows stronger as the days go by. The suggestion to pursue the proper course and consult the people through the medium of an election sends cold chills creeping down their backs. And so some effort must be made to stem the tide and if possible pacify an enraged electorate. And while the Premier nois, and the Attorney General takes vacation, the Commissioner of Agriculture is sent out upon a mission of special pleading to escape the punishment which they so richly deserve.

SUGAR REFINERS WAGE A COMPETITIVE BATTLE; PRICE SLUMPS IN WEST

WINNIPEG, Aug. 14.—The price of sugar in the retail grocery stores of Winnipeg dropped one cent yesterday and a further decline is expected next week.

A decline of \$1.25 a hundred-weight in the wholesale price, caused it is said, by a competitive battle between refiners in British Columbia and those in Eastern Canada, and these in Eastern Canada, is responsible for the lower retail prices here.

When a woman's bliss lies in her ignorance it is folly for her to read the letters she finds in her husband's pockets.

THE PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT

Sir,—I understand that a meeting to organize a branch of the United Farmers will be held at Cardigan Bridge in the near future. The question, no doubt, will be asked as usual, by those who know little and care less of conditions in the country: "Why are farmers just now taking such active interest in public matters and why are they so dissatisfied with their lawyer representatives?"

It is a recognized principle that you cannot have agitation without a cause; and the causes for the present one are many and most glaring.

Although taxes are being heaped on the farmers, the price list of the standing grain contest is being cut down and stinted. And although a brand new and unnecessary set of officials have been appointed to look after the roads, and are being paid \$6,750 per annum from our hard-earned money the roads are in a shocking condition—even within a mile or so of the village of Cardigan where, about a year ago, our lawyer representative, then in Opposition, made the rafters ring while expressing his disapproval of the then existing roads and road system giving us to understand that once he and his party were elected to power the valleys would be filled and the rough ways planned. On the Launching Road, leading towards the church and village, while driving along the dump across Foley's Cove, the traveller is suddenly confronted by a yawning chasm, caused by the absence of the bridge which was washed away over four months ago. As aeroplanes or car ferries are not in sight, the traveller then has the option of turning back or driving (at the risk of his life to say nothing of the horse and rig) down a winding cow-path which leads to the bank of a ravine. Should he happen to reach the bottom alive he may attempt the crossing on loose sticks, gathered apparently for the convenience of foot passengers, and then after making temporary repairs to harness and rig, taking administration to somewhere else)

along breath, and commending his spirit to Heaven (and the Bell Ad he begins, without even the assistance of an Alpine guide,—the perilous ascent out of Foley's Cove. While thousands of dollars are being wasted in unnecessary speed-ways, the interests, the rights—yes, the rights—of the farming community are being treated in this contemptible manner.

If any of our Liberal members doubt the accuracy of this description they may take a trip along the road themselves. But I should advise taking out an accident policy first. In the case of the Representative of the District we

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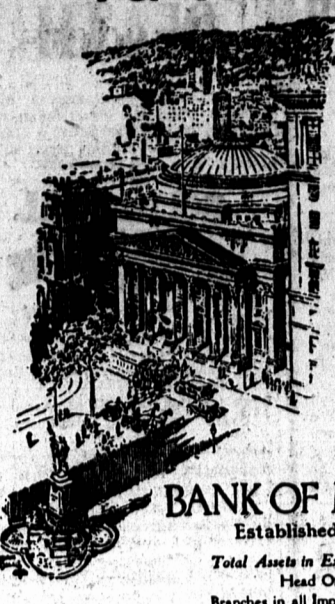
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