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OUR GREAT MENACE.

There are many menaces hovering over this world of ours and occasionally one falls with disastrous results. When too late we realize the fact that we had ignored or even nursed the menace as a panacea for certain ills. Probably the greatest menace in the world today is the agitator and never before has there been more room for him or more fodder to feed upon.

After a period of world disturbance, when all human activities were turned upside down by a war which involved practically the whole civilized world and all but exhausted its resources, there naturally is unrest and want and suffering. Prices are adverse; we cannot buy at former prices; we cannot sell at profitable prices; the laborer, weighed down with the high cost of living, is constrained in self defence to ask a higher wage than his labor is worth; the seller for the same reason asks more for his wares; the buyer demands a lower price for the necessities he is compelled to buy. As a result the seller holds back his product, the buyer shortens his purchases, the laborer refuses to work and the combined result is an aggravation of the evil.

In such an environment as this the agitator finds scope for his activities. His gospel is simple; he preaches the abandonment of existing methods; we must have something new, and the dissatisfied laborer, the dissatisfied buyer and seller listens to the new gospel and is led away by it.

Probably never in our history, at home or abroad, have we had as many agitators in the field as we have today; and never before has the gospel of change been so effectually preached. Throughout the Dominion and to a lesser degree, in our own province we have the country divided into classes, as the direct result of agitation. In an Ontario constituency the other day no less than five different political classes appealed to the people for sympathy with their respective nostrums. Of these two were the old standard political classes which in turn had ruled the country since confederation; the others were exponents of the new gospel of change. "Do away with the old system and take my way" said Labor. "Do away with the old system and take my way" said the farmer. "Do away with them all and take my way," said the Independent. The inevitable result was confusion worse confounded and the constituency is represented by a man whose views on important questions are not the views of the majority.

This is very largely the work of the agitator and similar conditions prevail elsewhere throughout Canada, and, for that matter, throughout the world.

Analysis of the farmer and labor political movement shows similar origin. Neither with the farmer nor with the workman have matters been satisfactory during this period of unrest and the agitator has been among them both with his nostrum for change. A striking instance of this was the evidence given before the Tariff Commission while in session at Ottawa, a report of which has just come to hand. Mr. M. H. Staples, Educational Secretary for the United Farmers of Ontario submitted a brief which he claimed had the approval of Mr. Morrison, Mr. Burnaby and other leading lights in the movement. He claimed that protection was responsible for almost all the ills under which the farmers were now laboring. To quote directly "Protection did not correct the evil of unemployment." He admitted there was unemployment in Great Britain. "Protection has failed to maintain a remunerative market for farm products." "Most disquieting of all, the protective tariff has failed to prevent the spirit of unrest"—and similar absurdities. Therefore he wanted to abolish protection!

In our yesterday's issue we pointed out the danger threatening our pork industry because cheap American pork is admitted to our market. Will any reasonable farmer claim that we eight million Canadians can successfully compete with a hundred million Americans in our own market? The thing is so absurd that a moment's thought will settle it. Yet the agitator advises change as a remedy, advises the removal of the small protection we have because it has failed to keep competitors out of our market!

What we need is a careful study of the situation not the unreasoned prescription of paid agitators who recommend abolition of things as they are and the adoption of untried and absurd remedies.

THE "SHIP OF STATE."

The Patriot gravely informs its readers that the "Ship of State," otherwise the Bell Government has a "more precious freight than has been the case for many years." This statement has given rise to a good deal of guessing and many differences of opinion as to what the freight really is. Some declare it is the stock of various liquors imported for medicinal purposes and the "preciousness" of which in dollars and cents has never been doubted. However, we believe it was only a bit of rhetorical effusion on the part of the Patriot for in the same connection it asserts that the people have "full confidence" in the captain and crew. If this opinion has been formed from the indignation meetings held throughout the province and from the unanswered charges against the government, we can only infer that the Patriot's mind is

CURRENT COMMENT

The betrayer is of all creatures the most contemptible. MacKenzie King, W. S. Fielding, et al. sold the Liberal Party and its principles, IF IT HAS ANY for a useless transient seat in Parliament, which it can not hold in a straight general election contest. Judas was overcome by remorse at his criminal deed, threw up the bribe money and went and hanged himself. The Liberals, instead of repenting in the bitterness of their humiliation, are joyfully rejoicing over the fruits of their iniquity. What matters it to them that the Ottawa platform of the party has been tattered and torn and thrown to the winds; what care they that the promised offering of their trade policy to that of the Western Farmer's party, made by their leader MacKenzie King, has been ruthlessly violated; what differs it if the Liberal dogmas which they adopted that policy and the rank and file of the party all over Canada have been deceived and betrayed by their leaders? They have won the fair price of silver, the price of betrayal and they have upon their hands the guilt purchased prize, an unenviable seat in West Peterboro.

The Liberal press, including the downcast and wearied Patriot are happy and why shouldn't they be, just as happy as the small boy on the wharf who after fishing day in and day out for a whole year, experimenting with every conceivable

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"HELPING LAME DOGS"

By Charles Kingsley

Do the work that's nearest. Though 'tis dull awhile, Hoping, when we meet them, 'Lame dogs over stile.

See in every hedgegrow Marks of angel's feet; Epics in every pebble Underneath our feet.

BE STRONG: DO YOUR BEST

O face to face with trouble, Friend, I have often ston. To learn that pain hath sweetness, To know that God is good, Arise and meet the daylight, Be strong and do your best, With an honest heart and a child-like trust, That God will do the rest. —SANGSTER

The glory of life is to love, not to be loved; to give, not to get; to serve, not to be served. —HUGH BLACK

BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

Let me live in a house by the side of the road, Where the race of men go by. They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong, Wise, foolish; so am I. Then why should I sit in the scorners' seat, Or hunt a cyntic's ban? Let me live in a house by the side of the road, And be a friend to man. —SAM WALTER FOSS

Kind of bait, has at last caught a gudgeon Who can blame the poor

back to where it was before the election when it revealed in wild rhapsodies about the extravagance of the then government and promised that if returned to power the Bell Government would reduce taxation.

PAYING FOR RESULTS

When the British miners struck last summer for higher wages the government very wisely refused to grant their request. Instead, they submitted a proposition agreeing to pay according to results. If the miners produced a maximum of 80 man y tons per month they would be paid a certain extra wage per month, but if production did not increase neither would the wages.

According to information gleaned by the Banker's Trust of New York through their English Information service the British miners produced in 1920 approximately 231,000,000 tons compared with 229,000,000 in 1919. During the five weeks ending December 18, which constituted a test period the weekly production averaged 5,215,150 tons. This is at the rate of 260,758,000 tons annually, allowing for two weeks of holidays, in the year. On this basis the miners receive for January this year one shilling and six pence per day in addition to the two shillings per day granted in adjustment of the recent strike.

The settlement was a prudent and mutually beneficial one. Previous raises without any reference to output had resulted in an actual reduction of output. When production is increased an increase of wages is perfectly justifiable but to grant an increase of wages without a corresponding extra increase in labor or efficiency is not business.

had for thinking that he has caught the whole sea, and for making preparations to run the fish business of the world, he has caught the gudgeon, and there must surely be some cobblers where that came from. Or so change the metaphor the dreamy and vacillating MacKenzie King is strutting around like a bone peacock on a large lawn, with a single feather in his mouth and pompous in the imagination that he has caught the whole flock, and like Robinson Crusoe is monarch of all he surveys, the lord of the low and the brute. He is already issuing orders for a general election with as big a feeling as if he were enthroned in the offices of state, but these orders are directed to an obdurate officialdom which takes no stock in the ravings of a political freak possible.

MacKenzie King is to the country, an apt illustration of a broody hen. After setting upon twelve eggs (representing twelve bye elections) he was hatched out one, but instead of being true to its kind it has turned out to be a young wild duck and persists in paddling in protection waters, while the anxious old duck or must stay on land in terror and worry while the fledgling gambols and sports in the waters. Now in the infant days of the bird the broody old woman was fuss around with a pride as though the world was hers, but ere long, as it develops strength and commences to assert its nature, it will be the vegetable thorn in the side. As the punishment of his duplicity forced upon him MacKenzie King will be constrained to cry out "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have the faithless child." It would have been better far for MacKenzie King to have set an egg of his own tariff and political species, which while it would surely have failed to hatch out, would have left his reputation and the credit of his party, at least in this instance untarnished.

What of the result? Reading the Liberal press a casualist might imagine that a general election has been held and the Grieg aggregation swept into power. Of course they have had so far little to crow about since Premier Meighen took charge, their pent up feelings must burst with the greater force on the first opening of an outlet. In point of fact but for the division of the Conservative vote which is not likely to occur in a general election the Liberals would have had a look in but would be literally snowed under, AND THEY KNOW IT, Premier Meighen had the offer of holding the seat upon the same terms that MacKenzie King got it, AND HE SPURNED THE PROPOSAL. If he were willing to accept J. H. Burnham, the resigned Conservative member, as the Government candidate, on his personal policy at variance with that of his party, just exactly as Mr. Gordon was accepted by Mr. King, there would have been no division of the vote AND THE MEIGHEN CANDIDATE WOULD HAVE BEEN HANDSOMELY RETURNED.

As to the principle upon which the Liberals claim the election to have been run the decision on all

four is absolutely with the Government. They repudiated their trade policy to declare that it was rather a question of democracy and the right of the people to rule was the issue to be dealt with. The St. John Telegraph and other Liberal papers claim the result as a vindication of this idea. But it is the direct opposite of this. Mr. Burnham resigned his seat before his term to test his constituency upon this question of a general election, AND HIS CONSTITUENTS BY A MOST SWEEPING VOICE, PUTTING HIM ALMOST AT THE FOOT OF THE POLL, DECLARED MOST EMPHATICALLY AGAINST HIS DOCTRINE AND TOLD HIM THAT THEY DID NOT WANT A GENERAL ELECTION. Premier Meighen on the other hand in straightforward manliness told them that Protestion versus Free Trade was the real issue, AND BY A VOTE OF NINE THOUSAND TO THREE THOUSAND THEY ENDORSED THE TRADE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

Our friend, the Patriot, has again got the Bell Government basking in the sunshine of popularity and enjoying the "full confidence" of their storm scattered craft will be "steered safely into the haven of security," and its language would almost imply that this hoped for safety, to their ship of state includes "figure head" and all. But hasn't the Patriot got things a little mixed? It says "Premier Bell is at the helm." Is he, and if so when did he remove from his fixed position at the bow-sprit to go to the wheel house? In point of fact would he dare to look at the compass or lay a finger upon the steering gear? If he ventured to an independent move would there at once be a flapping of the sails with the black flag of mutiny upon the mast head? Our Liberal friend complains that "the wreckers are still upon the headland" but is more easily silent about the wreckers in the forecastle. But it assures us that the "Captain is aware of these political pitfalls." It is well if he is, but how often is the knife secretly sharpened and the victim stabbed before he knows it?

The Patriot tells that the "Ship-of-state sails proudly with a more precious freight than has been the case for many years." Of what nature is this "precious freight"? A hospital ship has had her freight described as "most precious," a convict ship has never basked in the sunshine of poetic admiration, while a freightage of imbeciles has been accorded the sympathetic term "precious. Is it to any of these classifications that our Liberal friend refers, and if so, to which? Is it to the hospital or political wrecks or the political imbeciles both in a plea for public sympathy that our romantic friend has reference? Or perchance it has reference to the gold supply, the hard earned money of the ground down taxpayers, stored up in the treasury vaults to provide for the salary increases and the squanderings of the days to come. Is it this or will the Patriot please enlighten us and relieve the suspense?

Urge U.S. to Complete Naval Program

(Special to The Guardian.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—A United States Navy at least equal to that of any other power is advocated in a report of the Senate Naval Committee filed today in the Senate. The committee replying to the Borah resolution said it is not practical or is it not a sound policy to suspend naval construction for a period of six months or at all. It urged the completion of the great 1917 naval program, except that two huge naval air craft carriers be built in place of the twelve destroyers and six submarines which had been authorized but not yet contracted for.

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Communist Member Refused Privilege

(Special to The Guardian) THE HAGUE, Feb. 10.—The second chamber of the States General today refused by a vote of 84 to 2 to allow communist member Van Ravesteyn to interpellate Government concerning the recognition of the Irish Republic. The President of the Chamber said, the interpellation was not admissible as he had no knowledge of any Irish Republic.

Worst Snowstorm In Thirty Years

(Special to The Guardian) ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 10. Newfoundland today began its fight to beat back its worst snow storm in 30 years with monumental drift blocking the gates after a four day blizzard. Railroad, steam and highway transportation was suspended last night although the storm had ceased.

Arrested For Murders in 1918

(Special to The Guardian) EDMONTON, Feb. 10.—Word has just been received from Grande Prairie from Chief Detective Nicholson, provincial police, that Richard Knoche, farmer of that district has been arrested charged with the murder of four men in 1918, almost three years ago. The quadruple murder remained unsolved together with two other murders a short distance away on the same day. The accused married the widow of one of the murdered men shortly after the tragedy. He was arrested early in the morning at his shack about a mile from the scene of the murder.

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