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Tuesday, December 25th, being Christmas Day, and a Statutory Holiday, the Morning Guardian will not be issued on Wednesday. The Evening Guardian will not be issued on Tuesday, but will be published as usual on Wednesday. Advertisers please note these changes.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22nd, 1917

FAITH IN RUSSIA

Mr. John R. Mott, International Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., and a member of the United States Commission to Russia, speaking the other day before the Canadian Club in Toronto expressed himself most optimistically regarding the situation in Russia. He told of the German propaganda which, working day and night, and spending millions of money, succeeded in turning the internal revolution in Russia into a revolt against her allies, and throwing the whole weight of her influence into the scale in favor of Germany. Mr. Mott lays much of the blame upon the Allies because they were not on the spot as Germany was to guide the revolution into saner channels. It was true, he said, that parts of the Russian army were demoralized but not all. There were whole sections that were sound and if the Allies had seen certain things eight months ago and done them, the present position of Russia would have been very different. He expressed the belief that there are elements in Russia that the Allies should still pin their faith to and that it would be unwise to let Russia slip out of our hands.

Mr. Mott's faith in these peoples is no doubt well founded. He came into personal touch with many of them, found them loyal and true to their country and to their Allies, and all that, but the trouble with Russia, as with some other places, is that there is not enough of the "salt of the earth" among them to prevent them from falling into the hands of their enemies and becoming a reproach and a menace to their friends.

It is all very well to pin our faith to the best and the stable element in Russia; all very well to believe that right will ultimately triumph in Russia, and that she shall yet assert herself as a strong nation among the nations of the earth. In the meantime there is no glossing over the fact that through her misguidance and deluded majority she has put into the hands of her enemies the knife that has stabbed and will yet more deeply stab her friends. That there is a loyal and true element in Russia is as true as that there is a loyal and true element in Prince Edward Island. It is equally true that there are in both enough of those who, although quite probably neither disloyal nor untrue, allow themselves to be hoodwinked by appeals to their personal interests or to their ignorance.

WAR CHARITIES ACT

The Canadian War Charities Act is now the law of the land. It will be remembered that this act was passed during the last session of Parliament and assented to on September 20th to become effective three months later. It is now therefore effective. The act calls for official recognition and sanction of all appeals for money or gifts for war relief, either for our own soldiers or our allies. The only organizations permitted to carry on war work without registration under the act are the churches and the Salvation Army. All others working in the interest of any fund, institution or association engaged in any kind of war relief work for soldiers at home or abroad must secure official consent. This applies to any and all collections, whether of money or goods, and refers as well to bazaars, sales, entertainments and exhibitions of all kinds. Authorization for these war relief enterprises is to be obtained from the Secretary of State, or from such local tribunals as he may deputize to act for him in various localities. Only those who receive official authorization can make appeals for war purposes, and the authorization can only be granted in cases where the collection or entertainment or appeal is to be managed by a responsible committee of not less than three persons, who will be required to keep minutes of their meetings, books and accounts of all their financial transactions, and to maintain a separate bank account for any and all moneys received in connection with the particular appeal they are making. These books and accounts are to be open to audit and inspection by the Secretary of State or his local representatives. Failure to obey the

various regulations of the War Charities Act makes the offenders liable to a penalty of five hundred dollars or three months in jail, but proceedings can be instituted only on authority of the Minister. The provisions of this act will compel organizations actively engaged in war relief work to secure immediate recognition and authorization, for it applies with equal force to those working before the act was passed and to those which may hereafter take up any form of war work. It will also be necessary to get authorization for any particular war relief appeal, collection or entertainment. No doubt the Secretary of State will at once name committees to act for him in granting authority to local organizations and to deal with the local requests which from time to time will be made. The new law will put some extra work on those who are energetic in well-doing, but it will throw around all appeals a protection which all will agree is desirable.

FOOD SHORTAGE

The question of the food supply and its bearing on our ability to carry on the war is one that from day to day and month to month is being regarded with increasing concern.

Is it possible, it may be asked, that in this land where abundance has always prevailed, we may yet be compelled to stint ourselves of plain meat and bread because of an insufficient supply? The best authorities agree that it is not only possible but highly probable in view of the fact that today, no period can be set on the duration of the war.

The situation may be gauged from the fact that to meet a wheat shortage of 455,000,000 bushels in 1918 in the countries of our Allies and in the neutral countries in Europe, Canada has an exportable surplus of 175,000,000 bushels and the United States 140,000,000 bushels, leaving a deficit of 240,000,000 bushels. Allowing the Argentina, Australia and India are provided with shipping facilities equal to last year, which is by no means certain, they will be able to market 176,000,000 bushels. If we deduct from this the wheat requirements of countries outside Europe, amounting to 50,000,000 bushels, we find that we have a total shortage of 115,000,000 bushels. This may be increased or reduced according to the amount of shipping available.

MILLIONAIRES IN BRITAIN AND U.S.

Millionaires are more numerous in America than they are in Great Britain, but the multi-millionaires of Great Britain are more numerous than the multi-millionaires of America. In other words the millions of America are more evenly distributed amongst the very wealthy as a class than the British millions amongst the wealthy of Great Britain.

Only ten people in the United States have as much as \$125,000,000 each. In Britain 79 people have each as much money. Nine citizens of the United States have \$100,000,000 each. Great Britain has 68. Only 14 people in the United States own amounts from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 but Great Britain has 45 of these. There are 73 who own from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000, in Britain while the United States have only 34, and Great Britain has 61 people with from \$37,500,000 to \$50,000,000, while America has of this class only 42.

But America has 97 citizens owning from \$25,000,000 to \$37,500,000 as compared with Britain's 83, and of millionaires in general America has 22,696 while Great Britain has only 5,154. There are also in the United States a great many people with incomes of from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year who may be in the millionaire class as regards capital owned if it is invested at only 3 per cent., or whose fortunes may be subject to fluctuations reducing their average income, and placing them on the income basis, at least, out of the millionaire class.

It has been discovered that in the United States less than 1 per cent. of the total revenues derived from taxing individual incomes comes from the millionaire class.

HOUSE-CLEANING BOSTON

Boston cleaned house in good style on Tuesday, when Mayor Curley was defeated and former Congressman Peters was elected to administer civic affairs for the next four years. Although the four-cornered fight was thought to be an advantage to Curley, he was defeated by approximately nine thousand votes, the friends of good government centreing on Peters as the most desirable of the opposition candidates. Boston had grown thoroughly tired of Curley and his methods. The election of Peters assures a better administration of civic affairs.

ANISLAND EMIGRANT ASHAMED

Sir.—There was a time when the people of Prince Edward Island and all her sons and daughters abroad could justifiably hold their heads on high, but that time is past. On the 17th inst. they placed a stain on her fair escutcheon which can never be removed. And the worst of it is that they deliberately chose the road they were advised to shun by the most unmistakable warnings, and in the full knowledge of the terrible consequences of their action. If they plead that they drew their information from poisoned wells like the Charlottetown Patriot, the Summerside Pioneer, the four Laurierite candidates and their henchmen, it is no excuse. They should have known better. Perhaps indeed they deliberately chose the poisoned drink because it was quite to their liking. If so, their reproach is all the greater. "The Island" will henceforth be designated as the black sheep of the Empire. Oh! blind partisanship and pettiness to what terrible lengths dost thou lead thy flock!

Whatever had stood to her credit in a patriotic way has been blotted out by this dark disgrace and history will record of her only that she failed, sadly failed, in the great day of testing, and moreover that she alone so failed, excepting, of course, that plague spot of the Dominion, the province of Quebec.

What cared they for their noble dead (they have defamed their memory) who are the noble living who need all their encouragement and help, when there is a chance to play the party game and secure a victory, even though it should be, as this one is, a most inglorious defeat?

The newspapers and the small politicians who are mainly responsible for the disgraceful result must surely today be thoroughly ashamed, however they may attempt to brazen it out. They sowed the wind; may they reap the whirlwind in its full force.

As things now stand, the only question that will consist of a solid Quebec, four representatives from Prince Edward Island, five or six from Nova Scotia, an equal number from New Brunswick and representatives of a few French and German constituencies in Ontario. "Ye Gods! what a combination! Partisanship bids fair, I fear, to make the Maritime Provinces the tail of the province of Quebec. If, however, they want that sort of thing, I suppose no outsider should worry. They are free to choose their own associates, but let them remember that they will be known and estimated by the company they keep, however much they may wish to disown it.

The well-meaning and broad-minded patriotic minority have the sympathy of all those who share their views in the other parts of Canada.

There may be healing and redemption for the erring, notwithstanding the saying that "as the tree falls, so it lies" but even so, it is an inconceivable truth that the bird with the broken pinion will never soar as high again.

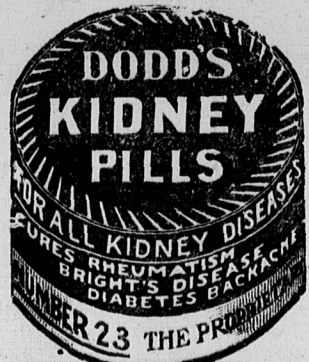
I am, sir, etc. C. CANDOR.

Montreal, Dec. 18th, 1917.

P.S.—I must congratulate you on the wonderful campaign you conducted. How any person could read The Guardian and vote opposition is more than I can fathom.—C.

ENGLAND'S FIRST WOMAN MAYOR

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, the first woman to be elected as mayor of a town in England, and a prominent physician, died at her home in Aldeburgh, Suffolk, yesterday. Dr. Anderson was elected mayor of Aldeburgh in 1908.



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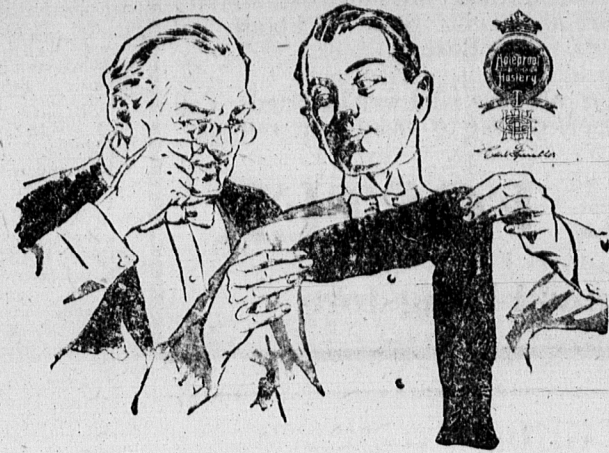
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