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A. R. Mosher In Labor Day Message Says Organization and Education Necessary To Overcome Present Industrial Ills.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 2.—A. R. Mosher, president of the All-Canadian Congress of Labor, issues the following Labor Day message: "Labor Day dawn this year upon a troubled industrial world. There are many factors in it which can bring only despair to the workers and yet there are a few shafts of rosy light which relieve the prevalent blackness and give ground for hope. The most immediate and pressing problem, the world over, in my opinion, is employment. If, on a map of the world, the areas in which people are suffering from underemployment due to lack of work were shaded in black, it would stagger the shortsighted optimist who thinks that 'all is for the best in the best of all possible worlds.' And the worst of the situation is that this is not a temporary depression, such as the workers have often endured in the past; it is now a chronic and permanent condition, due to the failure of the competitive system to provide for human welfare.

"The population of the world is large and is increasing steadily, but recent statistics have shown that the earth could sustain ten times its present population, spread out over the habitable areas. There has always been enough food to go round if it were distributed equitably; there are abundant natural resources, and man's inventive genius is so productive that there is no reason why every human being should not have enough food, clothing, and the other necessities of life. But the present economic system lays down the law that, unless you are a capitalist, you must earn your bread by the sweat of your brow, and the whole tendency of modern industry is to produce more and more goods with less expenditure of human energy.

In every country, the same process is operative; workers are being displaced by machines, while no provision is being made by government and other agencies to take care of the unemployed. The capitalist 'owners,' organized into huge corporations, appropriate the profits created by machinery. Big business in the hands of a few men is the order of the day among banks, automobile companies, chemical concerns, and so on, while international groups fight one another for control of the world's national resources.

"Against massed capital, the workers present divided fronts; many of them are yet unorganized, and the organizers split into various groups. Huge combines almost everywhere are fighting unionism and opposing every effort to improve the social and economic status of the workers. Public opinion is often misguiding, and unable to see through the mystic maze of modern finance, and civilization, based on the jungle system, is threatened with disaster.

"Such are the clouds which loom over us. Have they a silver lining? It seems to me that there is only one hope for the workers: it is not new, but it constitutes a problem for action. Here it is, in three words, organization, education, agitation. The workers in every country must become class-conscious; organize into effective groups, which in turn will be affiliated with world-organizations. They must educate themselves and the public and then by such constitutional means as may be found most practical, create a new social and industrial order. The present profit-whipping system must go and in its place we shall have a system where human welfare will receive first consideration."

Cork Bells Peeled Out Canadian Airm

(Toronto Star, Aug. 31.) "It was all wonderful," was the way William Fox, Jr., Canadian oratorical champion, summed up his seven weeks' tour in Europe, upon his return today. This free trip was given to him by The Star and other Canadian newspapers associated with it in the contest as a reward for his victory at the Arena in Toronto last May. And now, at his home in London, "Bill," as his friends call him, will begin preparing for the international oratorical finals to be held in Washington on October 13, with contestants from Canada, United States, England, France, Germany, Mexico, Japan, Cuba, Holland and the Argentine Republic.

On the ship, both going and coming young Fox, much to his delight, escaped sea-sickness, and as a result every moment of the voyage was filled with pleasure, mingling friends with the crew, taking part in the informal concerts and meeting many interesting people. "Great excitement reigned on the boat com-

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WEDDING BELLS.—A very pretty wedding took place in St. George's Church on Wednesday, July 25th, when Miss Lauretta MacDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. MacDonald of St. George's parish was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Patrick T. Sanphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sanphy of Baldwin's Road. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, the Rev. Joseph C. MacDonald, D. D. The winsome bride was attended by her sister, Miss Rose MacDonald and the groom by a friend, Mr. E. D. Cairns. After the ceremony a dainty breakfast was served to the immediate relatives at the home of the bride. The party then motored to Charlottetown for dinner returning in the evening to the groom's home where a sumptuous supper was prepared for about two hundred of the immediate friends of the contracting parties. A goodly number were present to felicitate the happy couple, showing the esteem in which they are held. A dancing pavilion had been provided and there the night was passed most pleasantly. Supper was served in the spacious dwelling house and everything provided for the entertainment and comfort of the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Sanphy will reside in Baldwin's Road where they wish them many years of marital bliss.

WEDDING BELLS AT TRACADIE.—St. Bonaventure's Church, Tracadie, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday morning, Sept. 5th, 1928, when Mr. Walter Quilty, South Shore and Miss Margaret Stewart, Donaldston, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by the popular and zealous pastor, Rev. Father MacIntyre, who also celebrated the nuptial mass. The bride looked charming in an ensemble suit of sand beige crepe de Chine and Italian lace, with picture of orchid mohair. She carried a beautiful bouquet of goldmine brides and lily-of-the-valley. The bridesmaid, Miss Estelle Morris, looked winsome in a gown of cream georgette and satin with rhinestone trimming. She carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations and maiden hair fern. The groom was ably attended by Mr. Louis Berrigan, West River, as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, where a number of friends and relatives partook of a sumptuous dinner prepared by Mrs. Joseph A. Hughes, Mrs. John P. Morris, Mrs. Joseph MacIntyre, and Mrs. James Burge in their usual creditable culinary style, and needless to say all enjoyed the rich repast. There were felicitous speeches by the Rev. J. B. MacIntyre, Hon. Judge Stewart and Messrs. Henry Hughes and Patrick Morris. The bride was the recipient of many elegant presents including cut glass, silver and china and a number of cash gifts. About five o'clock in the afternoon amid showers of confetti and good wishes the happy couple motored to the home of the groom, where a dainty supper was served to the many friends and relatives. The evening was pleasantly spent in dining and singing, and the chivaliers putting in their appearance added much to the merriment of the evening. The Guardian heartily unites with the host of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Quilty in wishing them every happiness which a long and prosperous wedded life can afford in their beautiful home overlooking the waters of the picturesque Northumberland Strait.

"While in Lucerne, Switzerland, we did some mountain climbing, only by going to the summit of Mount Pilatus which is 8,000 feet high. In Interlaken, or rather a few miles from there, we crossed half-ways over the Yrenwalden glacier.

"From Switzerland we came on to Paris. Sunday we visited Versailles, where the peace treaty was signed, and 'Mal Matson,' Napoleon's boyhood home.

"On Monday we were taken around Paris, visiting Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower, the Sorbonne University, the Tuilleries Gardens and the Bastille. Yesterday, on my own hook, I visited Napoleon's tomb at the Hotel d'Invalides.

"I certainly would not have missed it for anything. The pomp and the reverence which prevail there is the most noticeable factor of the place.

"After the tomb I went through the 'Louvre,' formerly the palace of the king and queen of France, but which has been a museum since the republic has been set up.

"I called upon Mr. Philippe Roy yesterday whom I found to be a very wonderful man. He presented me with a two weeks' membership for the 'Circle Intellec' club in Paris. That is where I am writing you this letter from. He also gave me a card to visit the Canadian Fraternity House in connection with the university, which place I intend to visit later on.

"Tomorrow we leave for Ireland. I am flying across the Channel."

The "Phillippe Roy" mentioned in Fox's letter is the Canadian commissioner in Paris who is going to be the first Canadian minister in the Canadian legation which Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, prime minister, is to inaugurate during his present trip to Europe.

AN ATTIC SALT-SHAKER

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HERE is a perfectly delicious story about Long—still call him Arthur myself—Balfour, who recently celebrated his eightieth birthday. I came across it in "Later Days," by W. H. Davies, the tramp poet, who says he heard Sir Robert Horne, former British Chancellor of the Exchequer, tell it.

Some time ago a certain dance was introduced into England which some people thought to be a little too bold and immodest for a civilized country like England.

AS is was causing a great sensation and was being discussed by religious people, some members of the Cabinet thought in the interest of the State, that they would go and see the dance themselves. When they had seen it, each gave his own opinion, one saying that the dance was disgraceful, another that it was a little immodest, but could be much worse, etc.

BALFOUR was the last to speak and they all stood waiting to hear his opinion.

"All I can see to," he said, "is this—one person seems to be trying to impede the process of one of the opposite sex."

WHICH gives me an opening to also tell a Balfour story. It was in Paris during the Peace Conference. Two young secretaries were conversing. This is what was overheard:

"Why don't you persuade your old man to get his hair cut?" said one.

"He looks like the old man of the sea,"

"I know," said the other, "but he won't go to the barber's. I can't persuade him."

A PAUSE. Then from the first speaker:

"I can."

The next day he approaches Balfour the "old man" in question.

"Oh, sir," he said, "how like Mr. Lloyd George you look with your hair long like that!"

Balfour rose and went to the barber's shop on the spot.

LORD BALFOUR is a bachelor. Commenting on the fact, Sir James Molteno, South African statesman says in his "Further South African Reminiscences."

"There is something uncanny about an unmarried man, and I have learnt to be on my guard towards elderly bachelors. The trouble of matrimony might have made Balfour a greater man."

"The trouble of matrimony?"

Come, come, Sir James!

AND that reminds me that Mrs. Bill Nye once asked James Whitcomb Riley why he never married.

"I feel sorry for Mrs. Riley," was his reason.

AND recalls the story about a very indifferent husband and father. He died. Before the burial friends and neighbors called to take a last look at him. Coming downstairs each visitor offered the widow and children words of sympathy highly praising the dead man's virtues. Finally, the poor woman could stand it no longer, turning to her eldest daughter, she said:

"Clara, go upstairs and see if it really is your father!"

TO go back to "Later Days": "If anything equals my admiration of John Masfield at his best, it is my admiration of him at his worst," declare W. H. Davies. "At his worst extraordinary good, as the following verses will prove:

Her father struck Jane on the head; Young Will upped And shot him dead.

Jane died soon: At high tide. At high noon— Jane died.

MYSTIC GANDHI

(By British United Press)

PARIS, Sept. 6.—One of the most remarkable portraits ever painted - of the emaciated form of Mahatma Gandhi, India's pious agitator and mystic apostle - has just reached Paris from Ceylon.

It is from the brush of a Hindu painter, Amarasekara, and was painted in Colombo in the spring of 1927, when, after an audience with the Viceroy, Gandhi, then a recently released political prisoner, went to Ceylon to attend the Indian Congress.

In the portrait the visionary is seen, the glance of mystic hallucination, the selfless, immaterial creature, who is but a voice, a voice that still fills India with the slogan: "Peace, gentleness, suffering."

The fleshless body, pale, brown against the dazzling white of the loin cloth, might be that of Lazarus, rising from a grave, a shadow, with the gaze of the dreamer of dreams, squats on the white matting. In the intent pose, caught by the Hindu artist, who has painted this twentieth century Primitive.

Gandhi, now nearly sixty years of age claims Home Rule for the 300 million Hindu of India. His method campaign is non-co-operation with British administration, and in the stormy days of 1921, the principle was to put into such effect that when the Prince of Wales entered Calcutta on December 24, few Indians were seen in the streets.

But Gandhi's ultimate ambition is to bring his compatriots back without violence to the ways of the Middle Ages, banishing all machines and machine-made goods, and with them, money, "the great corrupter."

He would sweep away at the same time all Western culture. To men he offers the plough of a thousand years ago; to women, the spinning wheel, and with these two implements, he considers they will have in their hands the key of happiness.

Church Considers Pension Plan

(BY CANADIAN PRESS)

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"I'm going to quit this damned outfit!"

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"Mr. President—oh, Mr. President!"

Down came a gruff question from above:

"What is the matter down there?"

"I've got a stomach ache," was the reply.

"You had better not come up here then," called out the President.

And we lost another chuckle, General Scott.

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