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POLITICAL ECONOMY.

There are inveterate and incurable romanticists in political economy. Some of them are solid thinkers enough, save for their romanticism, which, of course, invalidates their whole argument, since it taints with fallacy the process. But the argument has body and impresses y reason of its gravity.

But to deprecate romanticism in political economy is not to disparage imagination. The critical imagination has as much part in political economy as the constructive imagination has in great statesmanship. But large and perceptive imagination is not the same thing at all as a taste for the romantic. True imagination rests upon realities and upon things present, not upon things remote and picturesque and probably unreal.

The economic problem is our own, in our midst, under our feet and before our eyes. It concerns ourselves, our actual conditions. It cannot be solved in Russia, or by example of Russia, or by means and methods recommended by Russia. Russia or any other land is remote from our problem and unrelated to it except by accident and in particulars.

It is a romantic notion and a fantastical hope that economic salvation is to be heralded from any other place, but here at home. To entertain the idea is to partake of the age-old illusion that "far fields are green." It is like looking for an earthly paradise on the other side of the world, like imagining the country of reason and enlightenment in the Abyssinia of Dr Johnson's fancy. It is as absurd as the voyage of Gulliver in search of the perfect state.

Youth is disposed to romanticism even in political economy—youth and ignorance, for what is youth but a variety of ignorance? Youth and ignorance hail salvation from abroad, regard the crude sentimentality of Tolstoi as the solvent for our ills, experiment with Karl Marx and with the only form of applied Marxism that has ever tried itself out, the Bolshevism of Lenin and Trotsky. Youth and ignorance are so dispositionally romantic that they would resent a home-grown political economy, even should it cure every ill. Rather than such prosaicism they would prefer retrogression where until some sort of Oriental or transcendental salvation shall appear.

IT'S DIFFERENT NOW.

When Mark Twain was a reporter on the Virginia City Enterprise, he was given an assignment to report the condition of the churches in Gold Hill. The next day he turned in the following, which the managing editor declined to print:

"Your reporter had some difficulty in securing an interview with the pastor of the Baptist Church. He found him pushing an ox-cart on the dump pile of the Overman mine. He said that he was doing this not merely for exercise, but for \$3.50 a day. He said that his clerical salary was nominally \$50 per month, but the irregularity with which it was not paid was very distressing. The butcher, he said, had been very kind to him, but his patience had limits, and lately when called upon for a beefsteak he had in an absent-minded way cut off a piece of liver. His congregation had dwindled to fourteen hearers, and the collection for the previous Sabbath amounted to but forty cents. He had made one convert, but had been unable to baptize him for the water company had refused to supply the water except for cash in advance.

"On the whole," reported Mark Twain, "the condition of the cause of Christ in Gold Hill seems to leave very much to be desired."

There has been much discussion as to what really was the cause which brought about the German demand for the armistice, which was signed on November 11th, 1918. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, in a recent letter, however, seems to set all doubt at rest as to how the war was brought

to a close. He discloses that on September 29th, 1918, forty-three days before the signing of the armistice, he requested the Chancellor, Prince Max of Baden, to make an immediate offer of peace. The reason for this request, as Von Hindenburg shows, was the military defeat of Germany. The Macedonian front had collapsed and there were no more reserves to sustain the western front.

The body of Robert Childs, the octogenarian who shot and killed the wife of his nephew at Rexton, Kent county, and wounded three other people, was found yesterday in the woods. The aged degenerate had saved the authorities further trouble and expense by ending his life with a revolver shot.

The Germans have been granted an extension of one week to present their reply to the Allied peace terms. They can be counted on to raise objections, and make a fuss, but in the end they will sign the treaty. There does not seem to be any other way out of it for them.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Supermen? Well, they're in the soup. If a man is right he doesn't have to get mad about it.

Copious tears are falling in Germany but there is no washout on the dotted line.

Common sense so often says "no" on a good time. Common sense is so depressingly Puritanical.

May is assuming her natural beauty. She doesn't have to have her eyebrows thinned nor her lips painted.

Thinking twice before one speaks would spoil most repartee. It would have no more flavor than canned peas. Fore Sale—A Guernsey cow; gives good quality milk, also rope, pulleys, stoves and refrigerators.—Stafford, Kan., Courier. Seems to give everything except a second-hand Ford.

Germany wasn't a good sport while winning and she isn't a good sport now. Yellow should be the predominant color in any new flag adopted by that country.

Supermen should not look upon the peace terms as impossible of fulfillment—Germany's opportunity for making good her boasts of efficiency is at hand.

LOCAL NEWS

Received a Fine

The Marysville youth who was remanded to jail yesterday, charged with having committed theft and assault on a young girl came before the Police Magistrate this morning and was fined \$10 or twenty days in jail. He paid the fine and was released.

Arrived at Halifax

Among the New Brunswick men arrived at Halifax on board the Caronia this morning are Sergt. S. A. Foster, M. M., and Pte. W. H. Chamberlain of this city; Spr. P. T. Dennison and Sgt. R. M. McLean of Marysville, Spr. F. B. Boyd of Stanley; and Lance Corp. Wilson of Harvey Station.

Held Patriotic Evening

The A. Y. P. A. of Christchurch Cathedral held a patriotic evening last night and there was a large attendance of young people. A program of about ten numbers was followed after which dancing took place. Refreshment were served at the close of the evening and the gathering broke up after a very enjoyable evening.

Presentation to Foresters

A pleasing event occurred at the Crown Land office yesterday when Mrs. W. C. Crockett on behalf of the I. O. D. E. presented each of the returned soldiers now on the forest survey for the department with three pairs of heavy woolen socks for use on the survey. Twenty-seven ex-soldiers who are on survey expressed their appreciation of the kind act.

Connecting by Telephone

The Provincial Crown Land Department is connecting the observation tower at Mount Hope, Penniac, which is to be used in connection with forest fire fighting, by telephone with commercial systems. About two and a half miles of line are to be constructed connecting with the Farmers' Line, the Moore Line and the system of the New Brunswick telephone company.

At Headquarters

Major W. R. Turner, D.C.M., M.C., with bar, reported to military headquarters St. John yesterday for duty. He will be attached to the Engineer's Detachment, G. R. C. E. Major Turner, who belongs to Aroostook Junction, has had a fine career overseas, having risen from the ranks to rank of Major, as well as being awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and Military Cross, and later on winning a bar to the latter decoration. Major Turner is well known in Fredericton. He attended Normal School some years ago and later was an engineer on Valley Railway construction.

The Misses Gladys and Hazel Kitchen of Vancouver B. C. are spending a few days in this city as the guests of Mrs. J. D. Palmer.

Mr. G. A. Wood of Halifax is at the Queen Hotel today.

UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL TABLET

Impressive Ceremony at Keswick Ridge—Sergt. Arthur Donald Graham Gave His Life.

On Sabbath morning, May 11th, a special service was held at the Congregational Church, Keswick Ridge, to do honor to the memory of Sergt. Arthur Donald Graham by the unveiling of a tablet erected by the members of the church and congregation as a token of their appreciation of one who had grown up in their midst and from childhood had attended the Sabbath School and Christian Endeavor and who at the call of duty had gone forth to represent them on the battlefields of France in the world's greatest war. There was no beat of drums, nor martial display when Donald Graham left the home of his childhood days, alone on June 15th, 1915 and enlisted at Fredericton on the 17th and cast in his lot with the thousands who went to face death for their country's sake.

A large congregation was present and appropriate hymns were sung by the choir. The pastor Rev. E. J. Thompson read for scripture lesson the 55th chapter of Isaiah and before announcing his text he requested that Ralph Graham, brother of the dead hero unveil the tablet which is erected at the left of the altar. As he loosed the cord which held the flag the folds dropped away revealing the tablet which is of solid brass framed in oak, 34 by 24 inches and a fine specimen of workmanship the inscription being visible from all parts of the church. The pastor slowly repeated the words beautifully inscribed thereon:—

Sacred to the Memory of
 Sergt. A. D. Graham, 26th Batt., C.E.F.
 "Killed in Action" at Vimy Ridge
 May 3rd, 1917—Aged 22 years.

"Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Rev. Mr. Thompson delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon from Hebrew 13:7. In his opening remarks he paid a fitting tribute to the splendor and glory of the matchless heroism of our young men and what had been revealed to us in the past four years. He spoke of the different epitaphs inscribed on the little wooden crosses of the other nations but he liked the British one the best—"Killed in Action"—for it was not given to every man to die in action and pass to that higher field of action in the life beyond. In passing the preacher quoted those lines of old John McCrae which have been reproduced all over the world—"In Flanders Fields."

BOTH SHIPS WERE TO BLAME

Ottawa, May 21.—Both the Imo and the Mont Blanc are held responsible for the explosion in Halifax Harbor that caused great disaster and loss of life. This is the decision of the Supreme Court which heard the appeal of the Compagnie Transatlantique versus the Imo. The Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Idington held that the Imo was solely to blame, but other members of the court, Judges Anglin and Mignault, are of the opinion that an appeal should be allowed holding both ships liable. Damages will be assessed accordingly in the Exchequer Court.

Werner Horn Not Arrived

Sheriff John B. Hawthorne arrived from McAdam at noon today and will return tonight to continue the wait for Werner Horn the German dynamiter who is being deported by the United States authorities as an undesirable and for whose arrest a warrant has been issued in this county. Sheriff Hawthorne states that there are no Dominion Police at McAdam and that he alone is waiting for Horn. The whereabouts of the latter are unknown by the Canadian authorities and the American authorities at Vancouver also are ignorant of them.

Cornwall & York

At the annual meeting of the Cornwall & York Cotton Mills, Ltd., held in their offices St. John, yesterday afternoon, the usual reports were read and confirmed. The officers and directors were then elected for the ensuing year as follows: James F. Robertson, president; Senator W. H. Thorne, vice-president; Mr. Dawson, of Montreal, managing director; A. Bruce, of Montreal, secretary-treasurer; W. V. Boyd of Cornwall, manager; W. A. Nicholas general superintendent; and James Manchester, F. P. Starr, and Mr. Morris, of Montreal. Canadian Cottons Limited controls the Cornwall & York Company.

Mr. P. J. Martel of Woodstock is in the city today.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

NOTICE—A Special Meeting of Knights of Pythias will be held on MONDAY, May 26th, 8 p.m., at Castle Hall, Queen Street.

Grand Chancellor of the Maritime Domain will visit the Lodge. All Knights are requested to attend. By order,
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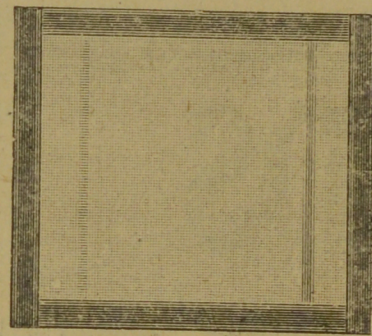
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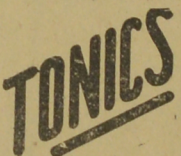
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