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What's the Solution?

A solution of the Manitoba's election stalemate will not be easy, albeit the Winnipeg Tribune was able to offer one as early as last Tuesday, when it first became apparent in what direction the winds of public opinion were blowing. Summarily the Tribune offered the opinion that Premier Bracken and his Government resign. It had been "decisively defeated," the Winnipeg paper argued, "at the polls."

Obviously there are degrees of decisiveness, all according to the views taken. But, rather than deciding anything, the "defeat" has created the confusion for which the Tribune seeks a remedy. Beaten so far as a working majority is concerned, the Liberal-Progressive group captured the largest number of seats of any of the five parties, whose character and widely divergent philosophies preclude coalitions and, thereby, tighten the deadlock and deepen the confusion.

The Tribune is the first to deny coalitions the privilege of government. In order to govern at all, the Bracken Administration, it states, is dependent for support on the Independent Labor and Social Credit groups, and "to carry on government under the dictatorship of minority parties is a denial of democratic principles." That much may be generally admitted, but having admitted it there is greater difficulty in finding the logic of the Tribune's solution under the present circumstances.

What the Winnipeg paper proposes is to remedy confusion with more confusion. For Premier Bracken to resign and give the Conservative leader, Mr. Errick Willis, the "opportunity of forming a Government and going to the people for endorsement" means, the Tribune admits, "a state of confusion for a time." Further, it admits that "there would be no certainty of a decisive result in another election."

It is difficult to read the Tribune's argument and avoid the conclusion that the solution it seeks is temporary power for the Conservative Party, which would enable it to complete its organization work under a new Leader and go back to the people at a time most suitable to itself. If such a solution would mean a decisive verdict from the next election it might be a wise one for the Province to adopt. Of that, however, there can be no assurances. The first fact Manitoba has to face, therefore, is that it has voted itself into a mess. It must retrieve its position at another election, and that, for its own benefit, as soon as possible and with all political expediency.

Premier Bracken still leads the major party. By custom rather than convention the largest elected group forms the Government, and if it cannot or thinks it cannot carry on it advises the Lieutenant-Governor to that effect. Thereupon the Leaders of the largest groups are called upon to discuss the situation and decide upon a course to be followed. There have been times in history when these minorities have been able to form a union that could form a Government. Such a development is possible but improbable in Manitoba, and so it would seem the logical course is a new election.

From all analyses of the situation, Mr. Willis, as Premier, could do no better, and would be forced to follow the same procedure. Why is it necessary for him to become Premier and further add to the electors' confusion is a little difficult to understand.

Who Wins?

The nations of Europe are not at war. That is, their armies are not, as yet, inflicting death upon one another by means of bombs, shells, poison gas and bullets. This fact, however, seems to be almost the only indication that a state of hostilities does not exist among the Powers. The language used by the rulers and diplomats does not differ from what it would be if their armies were actually engaged in a life-and-death struggle.

No nation so far has proclaimed that it desires war, and most of them have been loud in insisting that all they want is peace. Innumerable attempts have been made to smooth out the difficulties of the troubled continent of Europe, but the manner in which the results are received by those involved is scarcely indicative that any real good has been accomplished.

No matter what accord is reached or what pact is signed, one party is always ready to proclaim a "victory", while the other feels that it has suffered a "defeat." The signing of the Dardanelles treaty which allows Turkey to fortify the Straits is celebrated in that country as a great "victory," a holiday is proclaimed and flags are flown.

The withdrawing of sanctions against Italy is considered, not as an opening for greater accord and friendship between her and the other members of the League, but as a "victory" for Italy and a "defeat" for the rest of the world. The same is seen in all international affairs. Germany has been winning "victories" on the Rhineland and Danzig "fronts."

Why should these diplomatic adjustments be regarded as "victories" Who wins, and what exactly is won? The nations are not gaining greater prosperity, greater happiness or greater hope of a future of peaceful accord in Europe. The only thing which is being won is the surer possibility that they will soon be at each other's throats.

If the affairs of nations during a time of peace are to be conducted, as though the world were in a state of conflict, and the one thing to be most desired is so to outwit and "defeat" another as to be able to win and proclaim a "victory," there is small hope for the future.

The Awakening Dragon

Menaced by foes within and without, the Kuomintang meets in Nanking to determine a policy that may seriously affect the future of China. Dominated by General Chiang Kai-shek, virtual dictator of Central China, the Kuomintang, or central executive committee of the Nationalist party, in turn dictates the policies of the Nanking, or Central Nationalist government. The Kuomintang finds itself in the jaws of a nut-cracker. From Japan comes an insistent demand for "improved relations" between China and Manchoukuo, Japanese puppet-state, and "co-operation" in driving out Communist bandits from Central China. In the southwest, the Canton government clamors for war with Japan and threatens civil strife if Chiang refuses to come to grips with Nippon. In the northwest, the problem is complicated by Prince Teh, ruler of Inner Mongolia, who is reported to have formed an alliance with Japan, to offset the defensive agreement between Outer Mongolia and Soviet Russia.

Chiang accuses the Cantonese leaders, perhaps justly, of accepting aid from the Japanese. An open break between the two Chinese governments would react inevitably to Japan's advantage. Wholesale desertions of Cantonese aviators to the Central Government, however, and Chiang's apparent willingness to crush the Cantonese opposition if more conciliatory methods fail have brought the southwestern leaders to the point where they are willing to discuss united action. It is reported that they may be agreeable even to reorganizing their military forces under Nanking's control.

In advance of the Kuomintang sessions, Nationalist leaders emphasized the need of unity, if China is to defend herself against foes outside her borders. If Chiang Kai-shek can avert civil war, and amalgamate the Chinese military forces, Japan may find a serious obstacle to her plans for expansion.

SNAPSHOTS

A clergyman tells us that there are more organizations and less community spirit in Fredericton than in any town he ever was in. Perhaps he is right.

They have cut the burdocks on the back streets, and the married man has to keep his borrowed girl off the grass.

The report, in a provincial paper, that E. J. Poirier of the Provincial Normal School was married recently was very much exaggerated.

We received a funny anonymous letter this morning, but as we knew the dear girl's writing, it was not so effective.

We are going to tell her about it when we meet her, so she had better keep out of the way.

It seems that there was a hot time in the old town last night. In the West End.

When a man favors a "dictatorship of the people" he means people who let him do the bossing.

A normal man is one who loves liberty but says at times: "I wish somebody had kept me from doing that."

What's the use? The less people monkey with gasoline, the more there are to monkey with tricky rowboats.

Note to Science: Curing pains is all well enough, but what about the mental states that keeps us miserable anyway?

We are at the crossing point of the world, according to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, but the Victoria Times thinks it the double-crossing point.

Board of Trade

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building of the bridge. Our Ottawa correspondent informs us that certain negotiations regarding the C. N. R. bridge were being made with the C. P.R. could not agree with certain propositions put up by the C.N.R. He also stated that according to the laws that at present exist no capital expenditure can be made without the consent of Parliament.

At last night's meeting of the Board of Trade the matter was discussed by Hon. R. B. Hanson, K.C. and W. G. Clark, M.P. President S. S. Miller asked Mr. Clark for a statement concerning the new bridge Mr. Clark replied that he had the word of the Minister of Railways that "the money was all right."

Hon. R. B. Hanson, K.C.: Does not the money have to be voted by Parliament?

W. G. Clark, M.P.: "Mr. Howe says the money is all right."

Mr. Hanson: "If it is to be a capital expenditure, Parliament must vote on it according to the C.N.R. Act."

Mr. Clark: "The Minister of Railways stated that the bridge would be built as a matter of course."

Mr. Hanson: "It was not in the estimates, therefore it is not a capital expenditure."

Mr. Clark: "Evidently not."

Mr. Hanson then suggested that the Board of Trade inquire from Deputy Minister of Railways Smart to see if the estimates had been made.

President S. S. Miller said, "We will take the words of Minister of Railways Howe and Mr. Clark on this matter."

Mr. Hanson had no doubt but that the bridge would be built but the question was, when. Mr. Clark told the Board that it would be started when the C.N.R. and the C.P.R. reach an agreement.

The Saint John Telegraph, following the lead taken by The Daily Mail, also wired to its correspondent at Ottawa yesterday, asking when construction would commence. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of transport, told the Telegraph-Journal's correspondent that "construction would commence as soon as negotiations now pending between the C.N.R. and the C.P.R., bearing on operation, are completed, and that actual construction will begin as soon as the two railways have reached an agreement on certain operating matters."

He added that plans for the new bridge were being made and were nearing completion.

At the Board of Trade meeting last evening President S. S. Miller informed the board that that body should accept the statement of Hon. C. D. Howe that the bridge was "all right." This was the promise that Hon. Mr. Howe made to Mr. Clark, M.P. It is not quite in line with his telegram to The Daily Mail that the matter was out of his hands and that he has no information in regard to it. It would seem that if the Canadian National Railways have any information regarding the Fredericton bridge it would be in the public interest to make this information public and not be beating around the bush in regard to it. It is time that some of these railway people recognized the fact that they are servants of the taxpayers whether they hold ministerial positions or official ones.

DAILY FOREIGN NEWS COMMENT

JAPAN'S RISE TO POWER

Perry, the admiral in charge of the powerful American squadron sent to Japan in the middle of the last century, to persuade Japan to abandon its policy of isolation, was only too successful. Finding negotiations dragging, he hurried them along with one or two bombardments, of Japanese ports. The Japanese accepted these blessings of Western civilization with impeccable courtesy and threw their country open at once to foreigners and foreign trade. But those odd little brown men did not act like other nations, for they were proud. They were not content to buy western goods or accept western shells without making a suitable return in kind. It seemed that courtesy demanded that they should put themselves in a position to return these western favors at the earliest possible date.

They sent delegations at over the world to report which western nation had the best army and which had the best navy. Their delegates reported that Germany had the best army and Great Britain the best in naval power, and that Japan should borrow officers from both countries to put their military services on a sound basis. The officers were gladly lent for both Germany and England for various reasons then feared Russia's aggressive Imperial policy and thought Japan would make a suitable counterweight in the Pacific.

The war between China and Japan, which the latter won handily made both Germany and England very proud of their new pupil. In the Russo-Japanese war, Japan effectively blocked Russian expansion by the capture of Port Arthur the strong Russian Pacific base. Indeed, an apt scholar! What a credit to her instructors and how useful!

When the world war broke out Japan seized the opportunity to attack and capture the strong German base at Kiau-Chau, thus eliminating one of her masters from the Pacific. Since then by fortifying the islands mandated to her (contrary to the Versailles Treaty and the regulations of the League of Nations), she has given her other old master, John Bull, many anxious moments. He begins to fear that she has opened a school of her own and is getting ready to give him a lesson.

—H. M. P.

Rebel Forces

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tian. A co-ordinating column moved toward Gijon, farther to the west.

As night fell, the rebels appeared to have made little progress and new fighting broke out near the French border in the province of Navarre.

The offensive, marked determination of Fascist to dislodge the strongly entrenched loyalists along the sea-coast, and provide a northern port through which the rebels could receive supplies.

DIED

FISHER—At Douglas, July 6, 1936, Henry Fisher, at the age of 76.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon with service at the Chapel Funeral Home, Westmorland street, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. W. J. Bate will conduct the service and interment will be made in the Church of England cemetery at New Maryland.

SHIELDS—At Lincoln, August 5, 1936, under tragic circumstances, Thomas Shields, aged 50 years.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon with service at the home of Phair Shields, Devon, at two o'clock. Rev. Mr. Wood will conduct the service and interment will be made in the Raymond cemetery at Margerville.

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Recently, Warner Bros. purchased the movie rights from author William Hazlett Upson covering those side-splitting adventures of the "natural-born" tractor salesman, Alexander Botts, which have featured a famous weekly magazine for several years. Joe E. Brown, the cavernous comedian, was perfectly cast in the starring role of Alexander Botts. June Travis and Carol Hughes furnished the love interest. Guy Kibbee, was assigned the role of the reluctant and often rebellious prospect. These screen favorites were supported by such well-known players as Dick Foran, Gene Lockhart, Olin Howland and Joseph Crehan.

But the title role was still unassigned. What other machines could have been selected to play the part of "Earthworm Tractors" but the products of Caterpillar Tractor Co., and since the picture was to be up-to-the-minute in every respect, the Company's latest Diesel models were chosen. One machine of a much earlier vintage was used in the film. (Incidentally, Messrs. M. W. Black of the Canada Construction Co., of this city and C. H. Dexter of the Dexter Construction Co., are now using on New Brunswick road contracts, machines of this early type as well as the up to the minute Diesels.) It was a veteran tractor manufactured in 1914 that was still in daily service after 22 years on a ranch near Hollywood. The machine was rented for the production and the owner is now proudly displaying it as the tractor that was a co-star in Joe E. Brown's latest laugh sensation which is showing at the Gaiety Theatre on Friday and Saturday, Aug 7 and 8.

During the progress of the film, the tractors were called upon to perform some of the most dangerous and gruelling feats in machinery annals. Demolishing a railroad station, running wild through a Mississippi swamp, climbing mountain cliffs, crashing over automobiles and scampering across town with the prospect's residence in tow are but a few of the stunts that have caused critics to acclaim "Earthworm Tractors" as the most thrilling as well as the funniest of all Joe E. Brown's films.

TWO WEEKLY PROGRAMMES

The Dutch short-wave station PCJ, at Eindhoven, Holland, operating on a frequency of 9.59 mc., is building up a large U. S. audience of all-wave listeners. The programmes are of good quality and very little fading has been encountered on the signals.

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