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CALLS IT ROBBERY

The Times copies on another page today the Telegraph's special New York letter on the astounding revelations made at the Harriman enquiry. It is the most remarkable story of watered stock and financial jugglery in the history of railroads. The press of New York denounces Harriman and men of his kind as robbers ,and the term is certainly not misapplied. The Journal of Commerce, in a long article says in part:

"A man who uses his own capital, or that borrowed on his own credit, and takes his own risks in stock speculation may be entitled to all that he can make by the exercise of his sagacity and judgment as to the course of the market. But a man who is a dominating director and the chief executive officer of a great railroad corporation, holding a fiduciary relation to the body of stockholders and to the public for whose service that corporation is chartered, has no moral, and should have no legal, right to use the capital, credit and corporate power thus intrusted to him in speculative ventures for his own enrichment, even though he may make them profitable also to the corporation. This is what Mr. Edward H. Harriman seems on his admission to have been doing for about ten years past, though he protests against calling his operations speculations because they have incidentally had other objects. It is largely by such operations that the enormous fortune with which he is credited has been amassed and not by the value of his services in directing the business of transportation by railroad.

"Now wholly apart from the main purpose of this investigation into the capitalization and mutual stockholding interests of railroads engaged in interstate commerce these disclosures have a moral aspect upon which it is well to have the fierce light of publicity turned. It shows how some of our enormous fortunes are made as well as what motives and purposes sometimes prevail in the use of the power intrusted to the directors and officers of corporations. It is a simple and elementary principle that all values are created by the productive activity of capital, labor and ability in industrial operations of one kind and another. No wealth comes out of nothing but all must be produced and distributed and what one gets by indirection another loses or fails to get. The personal profits of these speculative operations in which the capital, credit and power of corporations are used by those intrusted with their direction come out of the general body of stockholders whose interests are sacrificed or out of the public of investors who are lured and deceived or out of shippers who are overtaxed for the service for which railroads are chartered or out of all of these in varying proportions. In other words they are the fruits of robbery."

One sentence of this article is worth repeating and applying to certain exploits in recent Canadian finance:—

"A man holding a fiduciary relation to the body of stockholders and to the public for whose service that corporation is chartered, has no moral, and should have no legal right to use the capital, credit and corporate power thus entrusted to him in speculative ventures for his own enrichment, even though he may make them profitable also to the corporation."

A SIGNIFICANT VOTE

This is an era of sensations. In the British house of commons last night a resolution in favor of the disestablishment and disendowment of the church in both England and Wales was adopted by a vote of 198 to 90. It was not a government measure, but merely an expression of opinion. Such an expression, however, is so significant, when coupled with the declaration of the Hon. Mr. Birrell, who said he could not see how the continuance of an established church could be justified, that it will evidently not be many years before the government will be forced to take up the question and introduce legislation to provide for disestablishment. A significant change, with regard to matters concerning religion, is in progress throughout the world. It is a process of readjustment, concurrent with the development of individualism. There is an ever growing disposition in religious as well as in secular affairs, when one man delivers the dictum, "Thus saith the Lord," to ask in return the question: "How do you know?"

THE BURDENS OF JAPAN

Recent mail advices from Japan indicate that the great burdens imposed by the recent war and by the ambitious programme of national development since inaugurated have brought the country close to what some native observers describe as a financial crisis. It is stated that:

"Count Okuma, formerly finance minister and considered one of the most prominent political economists of the Mikado's empire, speaking at a general meeting of the Progressist party, a political aggregation of which he was the leader—he resigned the position at the meeting—said that under the present financial economic conditions in Japan, the nation would meet with great distress before long. The Budget for the coming fiscal year showed a deficit of nearly 200,000,000 yen in the revenue, which was simply made up with surplus from the past. This deficit would necessarily have to be made good by means of an issue of bonds, or a further increase of taxation before the lapse of two or three years. The further issue of bonds, however, was out of the question and—on the other hand—so was an increase of taxation. Through the special war tax, each individual in the country was made to bear an additional burden of a few yen, and the people could not possibly bear a further addition to that burden of 3 or 4 yen. When the time came for this difficulty to be faced, the people would certainly be involved in heavy distress, while commerce and industry would be paralyzed."

On the same subject the Victoria Colonist of Feb. 9th says:

"The steamer Empress of China brought advices that the new Japanese budget for 1907-8 is severely criticized by Japanese newspapers. Apart from the fact that a total sum of $305,000,000 is required, $60,000,000 more than last year, and twice as large an amount as was required to cover all expenditure prior to the Russo-Japanese war, several extraordinary appropriations are made for which provision is not in sight even after a lapse of some years. The budget provides large appropriations for naval and military increment, greatly increased over those of last year, when funds were taken from proceeds of public bonds as reserve funds, while this year they are to be taken from ordinary revenue. Schemes abandoned during the war are being revived and appropriations are included for improvement of rivers and harbors, extension of railways, telephones, iron founderies and establishment of new colleges and technical schools. Increased expenses for postbellum enterprises will amount to about $140,000,000, and the Japanese press asks where are the resources for this. The Nichi Nichi thinks increased taxation inevitable and Count Okuma takes the same view, though he says taxes are now as high as they can conviently be made."

The Nova Scotia government has introduced in the legislature a bill to provide for technical education on a broader scale than at present exists in any part of Canada. There is to be a central institution in Halifax, with subsidiary schools in industrial centres, including schools of mining, the whole to be under a director of technical education. The example of Nova Scotia should be followed in New Brunswick. The need of greater facilities for technical education is conceded. The duty to provide for it is equally plain and urgent.

If the following paragraphs from the Amherst News are read together, the inference that may be drawn is perhaps not exactly what Amherst folk would desire:—

"We have had no Scott Act Inspector for a month and strange to say, the average number of drunks is less than when we have an Inspector on duty."

"At the meeting of the town council last night, J. H. Arthur, formerly chief of police, was appointed Scott Act Inspector for the ensuing year."

Is any further effort to be made to fight the white plague in New Brunswick? There was hope when the Medical Society took up the question with the government that something would be done, but there is not even a campaign of education in progress. A return shows that there are more deaths from tuberculosis in the United States than from any other disease. The like is doubtless true of Canada and of this province.

The railway commission has reported two railways to the Ontario and two to the Quebec government for criminal negligence causing accidents. If prompt punishment is meted out in all such cases the record of accidents on Canadian railways will become less formidable.

A Boston court has awarded damages to a construction company which was interfered with by labor unions and a Christian Science church, which insisted that it should employ only union men. The court again declares the righteous principle of the open shop.

The Newfoundland legislature is fiddling with a fast Atlantic steamship and railway project. There is little likelihood of any practical results.

This climate is not a healthy one for immigrants who are addicted to whiskey and firearms.

DISESTABLISHMENT OF CHURCH FAVORED

British Commons Passes Resolution to Dis-Endow it in England and Wales.

London, Feb. 27—In the house of commons tonight a resolution in favor of the disestablishment and disendowment of the church in both England and Wales was adopted by 198 votes to 90.

This resolution does not commit the government, but the debate upon it was interesting on account of a statement made by Augustine Birrell, the chief secretary for Ireland. Mr. Birrell said he failed to see how the continuance of the established church could be justified. The church had done the state no good, and the state had done the church nothing but harm.

Personally, Mr. Birrell said, he believed that disestablishment, far from harming the church as a spiritual body, would restore it to a position of spiritual authority throughout the land. The government's hands, however, were already too full to assume any responsibility in the matter.

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Addressed Meeting of Carpenters and Joiners Last Night.

In Union Hall last evening the carpenters and joiners of the city held a public meeting. Owing to the severity of the weather the attendance was not large.

The president of the Carpenters' Union, George Breen, presided, and in opening advocated the organizing of the carpenters.

From the standpoint of a union man, Ald. Sproul spoke of the introduction of the sliding scale of wages for union men, saying that there should be different prices for the different classes of workmen. President Breen said that the carpenters were not in sympathy with Ald. Sproul's idea of a sliding scale of wages.

W. Frank Hatheway addressed the gathering, and said that in Portland, Me., carpenters received $2.25 per day, and the living there is cheaper than in St. John, where but $2 per day is paid.

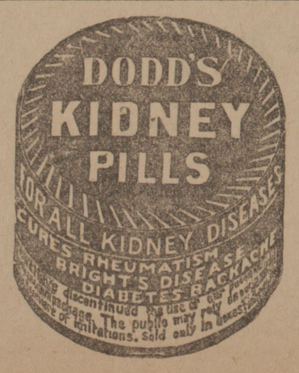
Mr. Hatheway said that the argument most commonly advanced against trade unionism was that it necessitates a common wage, which Ald. Sproul had brought out. He also referred to the remark of Judge Forbes, "Would to God there were no trade unions," and then said in part:

"Judges are paid alike; there are wise judges and there are others not so wise," said the speaker, "yet they all get the same pay. All aldermen are not of the same calibre, indeed some are much more brilliant than others, especially at dinners, but they draw the same amount from the city."

As Mr. Hatheway was leaving the hall Ald. Sproul said that he did not concur with all of Mr. Hatheway's remarks and that he was sorry that the latter gentleman had left the hall without a discussion. Mr. Hatheway caught the remark and turned back, saying: "Oh, I have not left yet, Ald. Sproul, I am right here."

Ald. Sproul again spoke strongly in favor of the sliding scale of wages and predicted that unless it was adopted the union would not be a success.

Sanford Smith, J. W. Boyd and B. Hallam also spoke, advocating union.



BACK TO LINDY'S

I want to go back to 'Lindy's—back to the old farm place,
Where the friends I knew were true as blue and poverty no disgrace;
I want to forget the sighing, the rush and the rattlety-bang,
The whistle's toot, the rumbling cart and the car bells' noisy clang,
I'd like to go back a-roving in the drowsy afternoons,
And drown the sounds of the grimy town in an ocean of clover blooms.

I want to go back to 'Lindy's—back to the "Stubtoe Land,"
Where it didn't take much of learning to make folks understand;
Where the grasp of the hand was rugged, but the clasp was firm and true,
And the eyes of the man behind them looked honest and frank at you,
I want to steal off at twilight as I did when the sun sank low,
And dream the dreams that were mine to dream in the hazy afterglow.

I want to go back to 'Lindy's—back thro 'the stretch of years,
I want to go back to the boyhood track beyond the doubts and fears;
It seems but a step back yonder to the fields and the rose leaf rain—
A step in miles, but ah! the years—they're linked in an endless chain!
What little of spoil I've garnered, what little the world has doled,
I would barter it all, thrice over, to live in its sweet enfold.

I want to go back to 'Lindy's—where the white road winds away
O'er valley and hill and dale and rill to the rim of distant gray;
I want to get out in the open, where a fellow has elbow room—
Where's he's never afraid to cross the street for fear he will meet his doom.
Back to the fragrant orchard and the cool of the grateful sod—
For that was as near, I reckon, as ever I've been to God.

—Exchange.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

GUESS.

A widow in half mourning
Doth by that sign confess
That she is half a mind to—Nay,
It's up to you to guess.

—Puck.

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WINTER SCENERY.

See the snow a-falling, falling,
Swirling 'mongst the leafless trees;
See the people through it crawling,
Cold of feet and damp of knees.

—Philadelphia Ledger.

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THE MAN WHO SMILES.

I hate the man who always smiles
Be fortune fair or fell;
I want to stick a pin in him
And try to make him yell.

—New York Sun.

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WHY HE SAID IT.

"Your husband says he would walk on hot ploughshares for you, Mrs. Luckie," said an envious neighbor.

"Yes, because he knows he doesn't have to," retorted the wife, bitterly. "But just watch his expression when I ask him to bring up a scuttle of coal."—Baltimore American.

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GIFT AND PURCHASE.

There was a young fellow, I'm told.
Whose wife was a terrible scold.
Said he: "People say
A bride's given away,
But it strikes me the bridegroom is sold."

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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A ROLLING STONE.

Very Fat Gentleman (to street boy)—Sonny, can you tell me the quickest way I can get to the station?

Very Naughty Boy (after looking him up and down carefully)—I should say you'd better lay down an' roll over 'bout twice.—Tit-Bits.

A TALMUDIC TALE

Which Introduces the Great Mogul, Admiral Adam and the Ludlow.

Now it came to pass about the time that the winter was drawing to its close that one morning, whilst it was still early, and when the people were going to their usual occupations, a great noise was heard in the streets of the city and the citizens were amazed and dumbfounded and looked at one another and stopped in the streets and said one unto another, what is the meaning of this uproar and blowing of horns which is in our ears, pray tell us? but no man answered, neither was any man able to tell the reason thereof. Whilst they were then standing and gaping at one another, lo and behold, there came towards them a man wrapped up in a great coat, even from the crown of his head to his heels, and as he came nearer to them they perceived that it was the Great Mogul who had been appointed by the Elders of the City to look after the Harbor and see that the vessels coming there were properly moored. Now, when the people perceived who it was coming towards them they ceased speaking, and one of them stepped aside and stood before the Great Mogul and stopped his way, and said unto him: Tell us, I pray thee, what manner of noise is this which is sounding in our ears and what is the reason thereof? Then answered the Great Mogul and said unto them, what manner of persons are you, and where have you been that you know not what is going on in your city, are you all squirrels from the Washademoak? Know ye not that the great ferry-boat Ludlow, which was built for your elders at a very great cost, and has been an invalid for these many months, has now been discharged from the hospital by the physicians, and has been returned to your Admiral, even Adam; and that she is now plying in the harbour and the noise which ye hear are sounds of horns and trumpets blown by the merchants and dwellers along the water side in honor of her recovery?

Then the people were pleased and shouted at the top of their voices, "Long live Admiral Adam and his darling Ludlow." And so it came to pass that the "Ludlow" once more resumed work and the minds of the people were at rest.

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