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GOVERNMENT TACTICS

The political campaign has progressed far enough to reveal the fact that we are to witness one of the most barefaced attempts on the part of the government to humbug the people that has ever been attempted in this province. Not only are the columns of the press to be filled with large display advertisements written by specialists in the art of fooling the people, but the news is evidently to be colored, and much of it manufactured on the premises. Sitting at a desk in St. John, for example, a writer with a ready pen and lofty disregard for truth may turn out what purport to be special despatches from all sections of the province, predicting overwhelming victory for the government candidates. Not only so, but genuine despatches may be cooked to suit the purposes of those directing the publicity campaign of the government. It is clearly the intention of the latter party to flood the province with misleading and incorrect information concerning the progress of the campaign. It is apparently believed by the dividers of the party that if they are bold enough and reckless enough in their methods they may overwhelm the opposition by mere effrontery and reiteration. The less reputable organs of the party are fast descending to the plane of abuse. That such is the apparent condition of affairs is greatly to be deplored by fair-minded citizens, since it indicates that the members of the government believe the people of New Brunswick deserve the reproach flung at them last week by the Canadian Courier, that "the great majority seem to prefer to vote with those who hold the purse strings." Such a reproach may have been suggested by the record of provincial elections for a score of years, but surely it is not justified by the present state of public sentiment. It is true that the government holds the purse-strings, both at Fredericton and at Ottawa, for the purposes of this campaign; and every plan that clever campaigners may be able to devise will be adopted to make the appeal to self-interest effective. But the people are not likely to forget the causes which have moved them to complaint against this government and its methods, or to overlook the fact that to give the ministry a new lease of power would mean the perpetuation of those acts and methods which have been so injurious to the best interests of the province. The appeal made on the ground of new policies to be carried out is to be measured by the standard of past performances, and by this the government is utterly condemned.

UNHAPPY PORTUGAL

The dreadful tragedy at Lisbon on Saturday, when the king and crown prince were slain and Prince Manuel wounded, was the culmination of a conspiracy to establish a republic. There has long been a republican wing of the radical party in Portugal, and of late it has been extremely active. Only a few days ago an attempt to assassinate Premier Franco was frustrated. M. Joao Chagas, the leader of the republican wing, was lately arrested. To gain some knowledge of the bitterness of the campaign which he has waged, we quote from a recent article from his pen, in which he attacked Premier Franco. This article was refused publication in the Lisbon press, but appeared in the Neue Freie Presse of Vienna. In it M. Chagas describes Franco as a reactionary, a rogue, and a reckless adventurer. We quote:—"The whole of his administration is saturated with deceit and falsehood. His liberal programme—a lie; his administrative programme—a lie. He has set a yoke upon the neck of Portugal which the country can never shake off, except by revolution. This man cries out against corruption. Portugal has never had a minister so utterly corrupt. He has begun, moreover, to corrupt the king, and has completely corrupted the upper classes, whose help he felt he needed. He is an adventurer who seeks adventures, at any cost, tragic or bloody, or what not. A certain friend recently told a story of his boyhood. 'If I should ever reach the summit of power in the kingdom,' he is reported as saying, 'I will never give up my position until I am thrown out of the window.' Perhaps, indeed, this will some day be his fate."

We can imagine the feeling that would be engendered among the discontented spirits of the country by such statements as these. An English writer paints quite a different picture of Premier Franco, but it is clear that in the minds of the republicans of Portugal he had become a dictator, who ruled the king as well as the people. An attempt to assassinate the royal family on Saturday was so nearly successful that the life of the only male survivor—a mere boy—hangs by a thread. The world will now turn with the keenest interest to Premier Franco, to whom has come the supreme test of statesmanship and leadership. Humanity is shocked by the dreadful crime of the Portuguese republicans. It reveals a state of mind among large masses of people which regards murder as a justifiable means of attaining a political end. The crime will have the effect of giving encouragement to men of like mind in other countries, and other nations may have cause for anxiety for the personal safety of their sovereigns. This blow falls like a bolt from the blue. There had been rumors, and fears had been expressed and precautions taken; but the world had no thought that so horrible a deed would stain the annals of Portugal. Swift vengeance visited some of the murderers, but there are anxious weeks in store for the people of that unhappy country.

Since the above was written a cable announces the resignation of Premier Franco. Apparently the republicans have accomplished a part of their purpose—but at what terrible cost.

FOOD FOR REFLECTION

The grim procession to which Police Clerk Henderson directed attention in the address, a summary of which is given elsewhere in this issue, marks the failure of society to protect its weaker members. Gravely considered, with all that it implies, the picture presented illustrates far more effectively than any great or sudden calamity the tragedy of human life. Behind the unhappy prisoner may be discerned in the shadow the careworn face of wife or mother or sister, the ill-clad forms of children, the misery of equal homes, the wistful eyes that tell of buried hopes. At the root of all this wretchedness lies selfishness, of the individual and in the mass. If there be ignorance, if there be indifference to existing conditions—and is there not both?—it is because self-interest obscures the larger view, or selfishness controls the actions. We may boast of our institutions, of our charity, of our piety, of our patriotism, of our achievements as a people; but so long as this gloomy procession wends its tortuous downward way under the very shadow of our institutions, and in grim mockery of our boasted altruism, the shame of it cannot be hidden, nor the ultimate responsibility shouldered aside. It is the age-long tragedy of the 'streets of Cain,' reenacted with modern settings on the stage of today, in the Christian city of St. John.

MAYOR SEARS

The Sun charges the Times with "branding Mayor Sears as a liar and a bribe-taker." The Times has done nothing of the sort. It has told the unvarnished and uncontradicted tale of the mayor's effort to secure a federal appointment, and has pointed out how the local government party stooped to the despicable act of forcing him into his present undesired position as the head of its ticket in the city of St. John. The public has a right to know the facts, and to be able to measure a party by its acts. Mayor Sears did not want to be nominated. He said so. It is fair to ask, therefore, why it is that today he heads the government ticket. It is an old and not very clever trick to endeavor to create sympathy for a man by picturing him as the victim of personal attack. In the case of Mayor Sears it is the party leaders who are attacked, rather than the none too happy victim of their machinations.

Harry Thaw was glad to be adjudged insane, but not prepared to accept the penalty. The actors in this tragedy were a product of social conditions which still shame the American people. The curtain has been partially drawn aside, and the world has seen and turned away in disgust from the revelation. The enjoyment of wealth by those who are without any sense of responsibility, and who give themselves up to lives of dissipation, folly and vice, inevitably leads to evil results, and not infrequently to tragedies like that of which it may be hoped we have heard the last.

The Montreal Shareholder has been impressed by the series of short articles in the Times entitled Some Thoughts for St. John People. Its reference to them is printed in another column of this issue. The central thought of these articles is that St. John people should take note of passing events, realize the opportunities lying at their doors, and display that progressive spirit which avails itself of every opportunity to advance local interests and prepare for future development.

By persuading two office holders to enter the lists the government has succeeded in securing a ticket in Kent county. None of the former members was considered

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strong enough to face the indignation of an aroused electorate. But, of course, the government press will claim everything in Kent, as elsewhere.

Senator Gillmor has been summoned to Charlotte and Senator King to Queens. With the aid of senators, office holders and what-not, Premier Robinson hopes to be able eventually to secure presentable candidates in all the counties. The majority of these candidates will be defeated.

Clergymen are taking an active interest in the question of purity in elections. Concerted action on their part, backed by leading members of the churches would do much to develop a healthy sentiment and promote the cause of political honesty.

The temperance campaign begun by Mr. John H. Roberts, under the auspices of the temperance federation, promises to de-

SOME DAY
Some day, O Seeker of Dreams, they will seek even us!
Some day they will wake, Fellow Singer, and hunger and want
For the Ways to the Lonely Height!
So let us, Shy Weaver of Beauty, take heart,
For out of their rust they will call to us yet!
Let us wait, and sing, and be wise,
As the sea has waited and sung,
As the hills through the night have been veiled!
For we are the Bringers of Light, and the Voices of Love,
Aye, we are the Soothers of Pain, the Appeasers of Death,
The Dusk and the Star and the Gloom and the Loneliest Peak!
And when they have found and seen, and know not whether they tread,
They will come to us crying aloud like a child in the night,
And when they have learned of our lips,
Still back to their feet they will grope
For that ultimate essence and core of all song.
To usher them empty and naked, then, out to the unanswerable stars,
Where Silence and Dreaming and Music are one!
—Arthur Stringer, in Everybody's.

IN LIGHTER VEIN
REASONS FOR CONFIDENCE.
Knicker—"How do you know you will be accepted? Did you play poker with her father?"
Booker—"No; but I played bridge with her mother."—Puck.

HIS CIGAR.
"One important thing about these cigars," said Klossman, after handing a weed to his friend, "is that they last so long."
"Do they, really?" asked the visitor, holding his at arm's length, "or does it merely seem long?"—Philadelphia Press.

AS A STOREHOUSE.
The Joneses are living in an automobile now.
"What have they done with their furniture?"
"Got it with 'em. You know they had always kept house in a Harlem flat."—Judge.

PRACTICAL.
"Now that you have accepted me," said the happy young man, "I'm going to get my life insured in your favor."
"Perhaps you'd better attend to that before we spring our engagement on papa," responded the girl.
Then he knew he had won a practical helpmeet.—Philadelphia Ledger.

SEEMS LONGER.
Bill—"A farmer lives one-third longer than a tradesman."
Jill—"I guess that's right. I spent a few days on a farm and I knew they were the longest days of my whole life!"—Yonkers Statesman.

BLOW OUT THE GAS.
"Pa," asked little Willie, looking up from his books, "what are gastronomies?"
"Oh—er—lemme see," replied his pa, doing mental somersaults, "why—er—they're these jays from the country who meet accidently in city hotels."—Philadelphia Press.

LOOKING FORWARD.
Mrs. Noear—"Do you think my daughter will be a musician?"
Professor—"I gant say. She may. She dell me she some of a long-lived family."—Pick-Me-Up.

MAGAZINE VERSE.
Out of the dark tarn sudden rain
Into the night,
Faces that tarnish and turn again
Amethyst white.

Round me the pausing, misty years
Limitless gloom.
Downpour and eddying swirl of tears—
Terrible doom!

Reader, picture these awful scenes.
Why do you sigh?
You don't know what this poem means?
Neither do I.
—Washington Herald.

PEOPLE OF NOTE



Henry M. Flieger

Henry M. Flieger, a big factor in the Standard Oil Company and one of John D. Rockefeller's two original partners in the oil business in Cleveland, O., was born at Canandaigua, N. Y., in 1830. He was first a clerk in a country store, but soon tired of this and went to Saginaw, Mich., and later drifted to Cleveland and became interested in the oil refining business. He met John D. Rockefeller and soon went into partnership with the oil king. Besides his wealth locked up in the Standard Oil, he owns a number of magnificent hotels at Florida winter resorts and over 600 miles of railway trackage in Florida.

ST. JOHN AND THE C. P. R.

(Montreal Shareholder.)
The Evening Times, of St. John, N. B., is publishing a series of articles entitled "Some Thoughts for St. John People," the trend of which seems to be to impress upon the people of Canada's winter port how closely their interests are bound up with the great railway corporation, and to arouse them from their lethargic condition in respect to the possibility of losing the C. P. R. If, as is affirmed, the advantage St. John possesses over its rival ports is nullified by reason of the C. P. R. being obliged to call at Halifax instead of going direct to Liverpool, the question is of more than local importance; it affects the country as a whole. The great disability Canada labors under in securing an outlet to the sea in winter is surely severe enough handicap without adding to it for purely political reasons. The Evening Times is doing a good work in directing attention to this question of such great public interest, as the trade of Canada must not be subordinated to the petty jealousies of rival communities. The Evening Times articles are thoughtful and well reasoned.

During the storm Saturday night, about 9 o'clock a chimney fire occurred in the building at the corner of Brussels and Richmond streets occupied by James McInerney and James A. McKenney. The firemen responded to an alarm from box 14. The chimney box was taken to the roof and the fire reached from the top of the chimney.

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