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TIME OF TROUBLE

The Hazen government is having troubles of its own. The highway act is to be amended, but how to amend it in order to satisfy his own followers is a question that is worrying the premier. The opposition leader has already shown that the government can get around its own audit act and expend money freely without sanction of the legislature. The repair of the suspension bridge at St. John, at a cost of \$8,100,000, without tender, was bitterly resented at the time by some of the government's own supporters, is another illustration of the premier's complacent disregard of pledges. It was urged that there was no time to wait for tenders, but there were contractors ready and willing to submit figures at short notice, if they were given a chance. All these matters are now under review by an alert opposition, and the government must accept the responsibility of its broken promises.

One learns with something like a shock that less acreage was under cultivation, and the crops lighter, in most instances last year than the year before, and that the production of butter and cheese was reduced. The fact perhaps explains the readiness of the premier to credit Divine Providence with responsibility for the conditions that existed. Of course the report of the agricultural commission is expected to perform a miracle of some sort, but the people are growing rather skeptical in their attitude toward the Hazen government. There is as yet no satisfactory evidence that it is actuated by motives of lofty statesmanship or has any more administrative talent than the law allows.

THE TEMPERANCE WAVE

The friends of temperance throughout New Brunswick will rejoice in the action taken in this city to make the Father Mathew Association a greater factor in the social life of members of the Catholic church. His Lordship Bishop Casey not only sanctions but earnestly supports the movement. Yesterday, in the cathedral, he referred to the growing sentiment in favor of prohibition, pointed out that temperance is a cardinal as well as a social virtue in the Catholic church, and sternly rebuked those who through over-indulgence in drink disgraced their church and their religion. His lordship urged his people to attend the meeting last evening, to be addressed by Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, and strongly commended the Father Mathew Association and its work. Last evening a crowded house at St. Malachi's Hall heard the eloquent priest outline the career of Father Mathew and plead for the spread of total abstinence. Clearly this is the beginning of a revival of interest in active temperance work which must produce notable results. In the New Freeman on Saturday, is an article on temperance, occurs this significant sentence:—

"There are many who believe, and, as far as the average man can see, believe truly, that the only remedy is to put liquor on the list of those things forbidden by civil law."

The license law is to be amended by the legislature, and made more stringent, with a workable local option clause. With this weapon and a generally aroused public sentiment great good should be accomplished in this city within the next few years.

Bishop Casey's reference to the wave of prohibition sentiment sweeping over America will be more fully appreciated by reading the following review from the Union Signal of Chicago, of March 4th, of the work accomplished in 1908:—

"Since the publication of the article on the status of prohibition in the Union Signal of January 23, 1908, three great States, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee, with a total population of 5,940,000 have enacted State-wide prohibition laws. The voters of Texas and Arkansas expressed their desire for prohibition in the primaries of last fall. The question is still pending in the Arkansas legislature. The Texas Senate defeated a prohibition submission bill, but the temperance forces are not in the least discouraged. The coming of prohibition is merely a matter of time. The same is true in West Virginia, where, as in Texas, a submission bill passed the Lower House

and had a majority in the Senate, but failed of the required two-thirds.

"Prohibition measures of one form or another are pending in the legislatures of six States—Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, South Carolina, Utah. Ten legislatures are considering local option bills—Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

"Ohio and Indiana have passed county option measures during the year, and saloons have been voted out in both these states with amazing rapidity and unanimity. The spring of 1908 saw 1,690 saloons swept from Illinois under the township option act of 1907. Thus the states of the old 'Northwest Territory' are redeeming themselves, little by little. Idaho has just passed a county option law, and Arizona has made its law effective by eliminating the obnoxious two-thirds majority requirement.

"Arizona and New Mexico will make a strong fight for prohibition statehood. At least fifteen other states hope for prohibition in the near future—Arkansas, Florida, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.

"One feature of the struggle that is quite as hopeful as the legislative activity, is the evident awakening of the people to the possibility of dealing some blows at the traffic with the laws they already have. Michigan has discovered the value of its county option law. Pennsylvania is making use of the judicial decision in refusing licenses. California towns and counties pass prohibition ordinances. Similar possibilities in law enforcement might be named in almost every state. These are temporary expedients, to be sure, but they are tremendously significant; they mean that the saloon is going, and the brewery and the distillery likewise."

PUNISHMENT

The social standing of one who is convicted of a crime sometimes causes wrong thinking with regard to the penalty imposed. When a poor wretch who never had much encouragement to be good turns out very badly and is sent to prison the remark is frequently made that he should have been given a more severe sentence. When one whose previous record had been good, because he had every inducement to be good, turns out badly, there is frequently a protest against meting out to him the punishment which in the other case would be applauded. More than a man's previous record should be considered in such cases. His previous training and opportunity should also weigh in the scale. The well-nurtured, well-educated, well-treated man, who enjoys the confidence of his employers and the privileges of good social standing should possess a finer sense of honor than one whose home life and training were bad, whose evil propensities had every opportunity for development, and whose moral sense was blunted by association with immoral and dishonest companions. It is of course much easier for the former to redeem himself, if he but fall back upon the instincts and the training of his youth, but his crime cannot be condoned, any more than that of the other man. It is a sad necessity which inflicts punishment upon the wrong-doer, but that it is a necessity has been amply proved in human experience.

The strike in Paris has collapsed. The employees of the postal department found that they could not deliberately interrupt the business of the country and command public support. The firmness of the government was endorsed by public sentiment and the affair could not end otherwise than in failure. Doubtless the strikers have succeeded in focussing public attention on any real grievances they may have, and in this way those who have not lost their positions may derive some benefit. But the loss has been greater than the gain. As usual the greatest loss has fallen upon the public at large.

The Asquith government must yield to popular clamor or accept defeat. It may do both. The agitation in favor of a more extensive naval programme is spreading through the country, and almost assuming the proportion of a panic. It is largely political, but none the less to be feared by the government.

The fact that officials in the county are able to discover violators of the liquor laws should encourage the city slents to do likewise. Violations here are frequent, and prosecutions so rare as to excite comment.

The anthracite mine workers in Pennsylvania are not unanimous in favor of a strike. There are many idle men in the United States at the present time.

The possibility of another small land slide at Union street west calls for prompt enquiry and such action as the conditions seem to warrant.

A DWELLING BURNED

A two story dwelling house occupied by Tom Arnold in the Greenwood Cemetery, Sand Cove, was burned to the ground on Saturday at midnight. Arnold had a close call, escaping through the window. The house was owned by the Greenwood Cemetery Company and was uninsured. Arnold lost a new suit of clothes, a gold watch and chain and ten dollars.

Stores open till 8 p. m.

St. John, March 22, 1909.

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Don't go to the theatre, lecture or ball. But stay in your room to-night. Deny yourself to the friends that call. And a good long while to write. Write to the sad old folks at home. Who sit when the day is done With folded hands and downcast eyes, And think of the absent one.

Don't selfishly scribble: "Excuse my haste. I've scarcely the time to write." Let their brooding thought go brooding back To many a by-gone night. When they lost their peaceful sleep and rest, And every breath was a prayer That God would leave their delicate babe To their tender love and care.

Don't let them feel that you've no more use For their love and counsel wise. For the heart grows strongly sensitive When age has dimmed the eyes: It might be well to let them believe You never forgot them quite, That you deem it a pleasure, when far away, Long letters home to write.

Don't think that the young and giddy friends Who make your pastime gay Have half the anxious thought for you That the old folks have today. The duty of writing do not put off. Let sleep or pleasure wait. Lost the letter for which they looked for long Be a day or an hour too late.

For the sad old folks at home, With locks just turning white, Are longing to hear of the absent one; Write them a letter to-night.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

UNCLE EZRA SAYS:

"It is all right to say your opinions, but your neighbor has a perfect right to look after the ventilation."

THE GOBLIN PRESS.

There is an awful Goblin, it Gives me an awful fright. It's got an awful stomach and An awful appetite. The Goblin's awful hungry, and Just gobbles day and night; Just grin and eat and gobble up Just all a chap can write.

PAVEMENT PHILOSOPHY.

A light-colored suit should be brushed occasionally on principle. When a dog has a bone he doesn't want he buries it. Even a dog has a savings bank. The big sticks will continue to be whittled in the country groceries just the same. Don't step on the boy's marbles; doubtless you are playing games that are just as bothersome to others. It is easy to understand what lures the fish, but what is it that lures the fishers? When a pretty girl holds her muff close to her face and looks over it, strait at you, it's 10 to 1 you muff.

MARCH.

The funniest thing that ever I see, The funniest thing it seems to me, Was a wild March day not long ago, When everything was on the go. And a man came down the street, "ker-spit!" Away went his brand-new derby hat, The funniest thing was not to see Him chasing the hat O, no, sir, The funniest thing the fat man did Was to put his foot right through the lid!

WHERE SILENCE IS GOLDEN.

Beacon-Is Rydell a man who keeps his word?"

Hilli—He must be; he never gives it.

FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT.

Beacon—I shouldn't want to work in a bank.

Hilli—Why not?

Beacon—I'm afraid I'd see so much money I'd learn to hate the sight of it.

FATHER GOOSE.

There was a man in our town, And he was wondrous wise; He jumped into a mining scheme Up to his very eyes.

And when he found that he was "out," With all his might and mind He jumped out of the scheme again, But left his pile behind.

PROSPECTIVE.

There is every prospect that this year's June bride crop will be large, but subsequent legal proceedings may show that it did not come up to expectations.—Indianapolis News.

THE TRUTH ABOUT IT.

The Cheer-Up Squad is a bunch to laud When there's plenty of ease and pelf, But it's better to smile and grin When the ashes pile.

And you have to sift for yourself. —Baltimore News.

HARRIMAN NOT SICK SAYS HIS PHYSICIAN

The reason stocks did not break badly on the news of Harriman's illness is explained in the following dispatch sent by his physician to the New York American: Los Angeles, March 18.—Mr. Harriman's condition is excellent. He has no organic trouble or any physical trouble of any kind. As far as his retiring from business is concerned, he has no such idea, and it would not be a good thing for him to do.

No man who has been engaged as actively as he has should give up business. There is absolutely no reason why Mr. Harriman should not continue in the future as he has in the past, to attend to his business duties, and that is exactly what he intends to do.

Mr. Harriman is in better condition today than he has been for some time past. He has been under a great strain, and he was tired out when he left New York, but he has now entirely recovered from his fatigue. In brief, there is absolutely nothing the matter with him.

HARRIMAN TO VISIT THE PANAMA CANAL

Now it is reported from Harriman headquarters that Mr. Harriman is about to inspect the Panama Canal. It is not true that he will offer to finance it for the government or even to merge the Union Pacific with it. He simply wants to see how far along the work is and form an opinion at first hand as to when he must begin building the big fleet of ocean liners that the Pacific Mail will launch when the canal is finished. There is no hope of getting a subsidy to help Pacific Mail, chiefly because one is not needed, but all the ships of that company and more will be used when the canal is opened to carry low-grade freight from New York to San Francisco. As ocean vessels do not get hung up on switches, the Pacific Mail will be able to carry freight from New York to San Francisco by way of the canal in practically the same number of days that it takes to send the stuff by ordinary freight train.

THE TUNISIAN ARRIVES

The Allan line steamer Tunisian, Capt. Fairfull, arrived at midnight from Liverpool via Halifax, with 150 passengers and a large general cargo.

After the first day out from Liverpool, the Tunisian encountered strong gales and heavy seas, which continued until she reached Halifax. The steamer passed a large iceberg in latitude 43 deg. north, longitude 51 deg. west.

The Tunisian also met with boisterous weather coming across the bay. The seas swept her decks incessantly. No damage was reported.

REVIVAL SERVICES

The evangelical services in the Reformed Baptist church, Carleton street, will be continued this week every evening at 7.30, except Saturday. Evangelist John Wesley Lee and A. F. Ingler, gospel singer, are doing grand work and are highly appreciated by all who attend. Come and hear them.

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NAVAL SCARE MAY BREAK ASQUITH GOVERNMENT

London, March 20.—The dramatic confession of the cabinet ministers in the recent debate on the navy in the house of commons that Germany caught the British admiralty napping and has stolen a march on this country by so expediting the construction of Dreadnoughts that Great Britain will have little if any margin in the number of new capital ships in 1912, has been followed by something like a panic throughout the United Kingdom. Even the so-called "black week" during the Boer war when all the British columns found themselves checked by the Transvaal farmers hardly furnished a parallel to the present scare, and there is no doubt were Premier Asquith at this time to give the nation a chance to voice its opinion at the polls of the situation, whereby the supremacy of the British navy is threatened, there would be little left of the present radical party in the commons.

The direct vote of censure, which A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition, will move against the government on Monday, will bring the issue as to whether four or eight Dreadnoughts should be definitely included in this year's naval programme, squarely before parliament, although there is still a chance that the national outcry will cause Premier Asquith to yield and give definite assurances that the four "phantom" Dreadnoughts will be laid down this year, in addition to the four provided for in the estimate.

This promise is all the adherents of a big navy want, and they have started a campaign the least and broadest of the country in support of it. The Navy League, which represents no particular party, is in the forefront of this movement. At an "emergency" meeting today, at which Lord Elcho presided, the league decided to enter immediately upon a great campaign to arouse the people to the urgency and seriousness of the problem confronting the nation.

There is no necessity for any agitation in this direction in the big cities, but the league is arranging meetings at every market place in the more remote country

towns and villages. This movement has the support of the most influential people of the country and plenty of funds are promised. The league insists that the minimum in the programme for the construction of the Dreadnoughts in 1909-10 must be eight, claiming that nothing less will suffice to maintain Great Britain's naval supremacy.

The newspapers ever since Tuesday's debate have been filled with lurid pictures of "the German peril." Every retired admiral in the kingdom has been utilizing the almost forgotten breezy language of the quarterdeck in condemning the "blundering lords of the admiralty."

A gathering of the business men of London is being arranged by the lord mayor, to be held in the Mansion House and the chambers of commerce in the provinces are not a whit behind in their vigorous demands that the little navy policy shall be buried beyond the hope of resurrection and that immediate steps shall be taken to deal with "the national crisis."

Saturday's opening of the ladies' costume department in connection with the London Cooke Co., Ltd., proved a greater success than even the firm expected. All day and through the evening their building was crowded with interested ladies from St. John, Sussex, Fredericton and points even farther afield. The magnificent array of new costumes was under display all day by an increased force of attendants and a record number of orders, particularly in the more expensive lines, was booked. The appearance of the store attracted many congratulations and genuine surprise was expressed at the large extent and splendid quality of the stock. The opening will continue Monday and throughout the present week and all who attend from outside points and leave orders for costumes will be allowed their railway fare from points within seventy-five miles of St. John. Parties of ten or more staying at St. Stephen, Woodstock, St. Andrews, Fredericton, Sussex and intervening points may have special designs and models submitted and fittings made by the firm's special designer and fitter at their homes.

MAKING EXPERIMENTS ON BRAS D'OR LAKES

Halifax, N. S., March, 21.—(Special)—A despatch from Alexander Graham Bell's laboratory at Baddeck, C. B. says: "There is now open water on the Bras D'Or Lakes excepting in the sheltered bays, and it is expected that navigation will be resumed tomorrow. The Aerial Experiment Association fearing that the good ice in the bay will not last much longer, have decided to discontinue flights with the aerodromes Silver Dart and Cygnet Second for the present in order to secure some scientific data concerning the thrust of the advancing propeller. Experiments indicate that the rotating propeller at the laboratory with an aerodrome in flying in the air is materially different from what it is when the machine is at rest. The Aerial Association has fitted a engine and an aerial propeller upon an ice boat which makes a speed of about forty miles an hour under its own power. The ice boat carries a scientific apparatus for measuring the thrust of the propeller, while advancing over the ice at various speeds. Upon the conclusion of the tests, drumes four and five will be tried again if the ice on Baddeck Bay continues to be good."

CAMP SUSSEX

OPENS JUNE 29th
Ottawa, March 21.—The date for the opening of the annual camp at Sussex has been fixed for June 29th.

Men are so contrary that if their wives wanted them to stay out late they probably wouldn't do it.—Chicago News.

McELMAN'S MIND WAS NOT STRONG

Man Who Committed Suicide on Saturday Has Had Morbid Fancies—Always Carried a Revolver

It has been learned that Ernest McElman who committed suicide in the Fernia Hotel Saturday after trying to murder his wife, has a brother in the Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases. The dead man was consequently predisposed to insanity. He at one time was connected with the militia at Fredericton, and it is stated that he carried a revolver continuously, fearing foul play. He is said to have married another woman in Lawrence, Mass. The body was taken to Gibson Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. McElman.

THE IMPERIAL VIEW.

No strife for sectional greed or party gain. No flames of jealous fire; But an unselfish unity aim. The broad zeal of empire.

A zeal to build each part secure and well For the glory of the whole; Thus may a loyal race flourish and dwell, Bound close by ties of soil.

Though Sundered far by miles of earth and sea, By sect and creed, in night, United near the flag of liberty, For freedom, truth and right.

Each patriot in his wide, or narrow sphere, In doing faithfully the duties near, In the spirit of the broad view, By Chas. L. Patterson, Salmonville, N. B.