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A GOOD CACKLER BUT A POOR LAYER



Old Liberal Party: "All that cackle, and no policy eggs!"

NOTE—While Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal party opposed and obstructed the Government's war tax proposals on the pretext that the poor man was discriminated against, the British preference interfered with and the privileged classes protected, they offered no alternative proposition, thereby admitting their inability to formulate any war tax measures which would be more effective.

CHICAGO AND HYPHENATED AMERICANS

From The Toronto World. Chicago is said to contain more people of German descent than any other city in the world except Berlin and Vienna. It is, therefore, not without significance as an indication of the trend of United States opinion, that at the recent municipal election, William Hale Thompson, the Republican primary candidate, beat Robert W. Sweitzer, the Democratic primary candidate in the mayoralty contest, by a plurality of 140,000 by far the largest ever given. Chicago is normally Democratic, but not invariably, for other than political reasons have naturally some influence in the result. On this occasion, however, the election appears to have turned mainly on the record of the Wilson administration, in so far as at least as the successful Republican candidate could make it so. The result is generally accepted as an indication that public opinion is turning against the Democratic party.

But a further element was introduced into the election in the shape of an appeal issued by many Chicago residents of German descent, urging the return of Mr. Sweitzer on the ground that he too was a hyphenated American, and in sympathy with the Germanic powers that are responsible for the European war. Chicago Germans were called on to cast their votes for Sweitzer for this reason and also because his election would be flashed around the world as a message of cheer for the kaiser and his Huns. Evidently the appeal was ignored by the great majority of Chicago electors who are of German blood. They have shown themselves to be American citizens first, and as believers in democracy and democratic principles. Chicago women electors, who polled practically the same proportion as the men, gave sixty per cent. of their vote to the Republican candidate.

FEEDING LONDON

The British Navy and Canadian Railway Expansion

The present conflict in Europe has demonstrated beyond the possibility of doubt that the maintenance of Britain's superiority at sea, and the expansion of the wheat areas in British dominions, have been linked together as basic factors in the consideration of plans for Imperial offense and defence. The lawmakers in London, as a matter of policy, have allowed nothing to interfere with the building up of an all-powerful navy, and they have steadfastly ignored the protests of Englishmen who have contended that Great Britain would be in an impossible position if a war should develop with a powerful maritime power. There were numerous men in England who believed that in the event of an important European struggle involving Great Britain, "the hunger of London would dictate terms of peace." But the Admiralty were convinced that the sea power of Britain would keep all the routes open for foodstuffs. The lands in the British Isles which might have been devoted to the growth of more wheat were left as before, and the investors of Britain by placing their funds in the bonds of railways in Canada, in South Africa, in Australia, and in New Zealand, where vast stretches of fertile country remained to be opened up, encouraged the production of a steady supply of foodstuffs which might be called upon in case of emergency. The under-water craft of Germany have failed to throttle the shipping of Great Britain. Her ships come and go almost as they please. And the resources of wheat lands, in themselves many times the area of the British Isles, are available for the need of the people of Britain.

In facilitating the expansion of the various railway companies in the Dominion during the last 30 years, the successive governments, federal and provincial, have enabled Canada to take up the burden of a greater production in this year of the Empire's peril. Canada is measuring up to her advertised destiny as the 'granary of the Empire,' or, more emphatic still, "bread-basket of the world." The prophecies of leaders of

thought for three decades are on the verge of fulfilment. The large exportable surplus of the wheat fields in Canada will go to feed a fair proportion of the dependent millions of England, and probably the war-harassed Belgians as well. The railway lines which have been constructed east and west, and north and south throughout the country have made her present possible. Without these essential traffic arteries the Dominion would have been merely a helpless spectator while the greatest war in history rumbled through to a conclusion. Canada's most important contribution to the cause of Empire is in wheat and flour and bread.

The bulk of the supplies of Canadian wheat for export are drawn each year from the wheat fields of the prairie provinces. The total supply may be computed by a study of the carryings of the railways. During the crop year 1913-4, the Canadian Northern alone handled from the territory served by its western lines, 4,125,000 bushels. Estimating the increase this year at 20 per cent., the C.N.R. should haul out approximately 50,750,000 bushels of wheat from the provinces lying between the Great Lakes and the Rocky Mountains. That quantity of wheat, converted successively into flour, and into standard loaves of bread, would feed greater London, with its estimated population of 7,252,963 for more than four and a half years. According to the millers, a barrel of flour, 196 pounds, is made from 4 1/2 bushels of wheat, and, according to the bakers, 187 standard loaves of 24 ounces each, are made from one barrel of flour. The anticipated carryings on the Canadian Northern this season, then, represent 12,611,111 barrels and 2,358,277,757 loaves of bread. If this were divided receive 325 each individual would receive 325 loaves. If you divide the population of the capital into families of three, each family would be provided with 975 loaves. Allowing a liberal supply of four loaves a week to each family would extend the foodstuffs over 244 weeks, or more than four and a half years. There is no need to carry the illustration further. So long as Britain holds command of the seas the available supply of foodstuffs from Canada alone should suffice to overcome the handicap her critics maintain she imposed upon herself by producing but a quarter of the wheat she annually consumes.

DARKIES' CORNERS.

A few of the farmers in this neighborhood have started plowing. Miss Edna M. Ritchie returned home Saturday, after spending the Easter holidays with friends in Toronto. Mr. F. Hoerst entertained a number of friends on Friday evening. Mrs. J. Vessie of town spent Wednesday with Mrs. C. Ritchie. Mrs. Cook, and little son, of British Columbia, are visiting her friends at Priceville, and were callers on Mr. and Mrs. Neil McCannell last week. Mr. Geo. Herd of Allan Park is visiting his sister, Mrs. Robert Lindsay. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lawrence attended the reception held in their honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. McCormick, Swinton Park, on Friday evening. A meeting was held Monday night in Ritchie's school to reorganize the Sunday school for the coming season, which Mr. W. opens the 2nd of May, with Mr. J. Young as superintendent and A. M. Bell secretary-treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunt, Allan Park, visited at Mr. Robt. Lindsay's on Sunday.

A Sailor's Ghost Yarn

By MILLARD MALTBE

"You want a yarn, mates?" said the old salt. He was somewhere between eighty-five and ninety years old. "Well, I'll tell you one that'll give you an iceberg chill."

"A ghost story?" "Yes, and a story of a real ghost. I didn't see it myself, but I see the man that seen it and where he was a-lookin' at it, too, and he tole me."

"How did you know he wasn't lyin'?"

"How did I know that? Did you ever see a man that was seen a ghost? No? Well, when you do you'll know there's no mistakin' what he's lookin' at."

"To begin at the right end o' this yere yarn I must say that in the day when ships broke out with a cloud o' canvas agin the blue sky, instead o' movin' under a lot o' greasy machinery below, I sailed before the mast in a full rigged brig in the China trade. There wa'n't no Suez canal in them days, and to git around the African east coast one was obliged to double the Cape of Good Hope. "One o' our crew was a feller that none of us felt like messin' with very close, though he didn't seem to want to mess with us neither. He had a naggod look about him, and if anybody come up behind him, suddent-like, he would start as if he was afraid he was goin' to git a knife in his ribs. There was stories about him among the men, though they was whispered and couldn't be tracked down to a startin' point. One o' 'em was, if I don't disremember wrong, that he had shipped on a pirate in the West Indies. That might 'a' been, for he was more'n fifty years old, and that would throw him pretty nigh back into the century afore the last, when the pirates in these waters was still cruisin'."

"Murdock was his name—Joe Murdock. We didn't call him by his first name, as we did one another, but Murdock, which was part because he was so much older than we and part because he wasn't one of us anyway. Well, one day when we was makin' northward along the east coast of Africa I was one o' the watch, and so was Murdock. We was on the fo'castle, we two, collin' ropes, when we met a Dutchman that passed us so near we could see everybody there was on deck to'able plan. "All of a suddent Murdock caught at the capetan, and I thort he was goin' to fall on the deck. Thinkin' he'd been took sick, I caught ahold o' him, and lookin' into his face, I saw the most onearthly—well, it was what I was tellin' you at fust. He was starin' straight at the Dutchman amidships, where there wa'n't nobody, and was shiverin' as if struck by an arctic wind. His eyes follered the Dutchman while she was sailin' past; then he fell into my arms like a lump o' lead. "The second mate seen me holdin' him up and come along to see what was the matter. I tole him Murdock had been took sick, and he called some men to help carry him below, but he come to himself and, bracin' up, tole the mate he had had a dizzy spell and if he would send me with him nobody else would be needed. I supported him down, and when he got to his bunk he first covered his eyes with his hands awhile; then he says to me: "Did you see a man on the Dutchman amidships leavin' over the gunwale?" "No. I only saw the man at the wheel, some men bolystoin' the after-deck and a man aloft in the fo'most riggin'."

"Murdock looked up as if he was goin' to collapse. "You mought jest as well out with it," I says to him. "And he did, though he wouldn't 'a' done it unless he'd been in the shivers. He tole me that when a very young man he had sailed with a Cap'n Webster; that the cap'n was mighty friendly and had promised to make him an officer. One day they was captured by a pirate on the Spanish main. They was all required to walk the plank, but Murdock saved his life by offerin' to tell where there was a treasure box concealed on the ship, and to join the pirate crew. When Cap'n Webster stepped off the plank he had turned and looked at Murdock—jest looked at him; didn't say nothin'.

"But Murdock never forgot that look. He served a year with the pirates—the only man of his ship's crew left alive, then made his escape. "Since then," said Murdock, "I've been sailin' over the world's waters keepin' the horrible secret. And every oncet in awhile when a ship passes I sees Cap'n Webster lookin' at me—sometimes in the fo'castle, sometimes in the riggin', sometimes over the taffrail, but whatever place he takes it's always where there's no one else. And he always gives me that same look as when he turned and saw me just before he was goin' down into a watery grave."

The old man stopped and there was silence among his listeners. Presently one of them said, "Didn't it ever strike you that this man Murdock had thought so much about his cap'n lookin' at him that a way that he made up the cap'n's ghost himself?" The narrator received this suggestion with contempt. "If you'd 'a' seen him as I did you'd 'a' knowed he was lookin' at the real thing."

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An Interesting Address

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Preliminary Draft of O.L.A. Clubs

The preliminary draft of the O. L. A. clubs was made in Toronto on Monday night and a record year is promised for the national game. The final draft will be made on May 3. Below, we give the groupings for this part of the province, as well as the number of the group the several teams belong to.

INTERMEDIATE.

- Group No. 1. Owen Sound, Warton, Tara. Group No. 2. Dundalk, Orangeville, Shelburne, Markdale. Group No. 3. Chesley, Hanover, Walkerton, Durham. Group No. 4. Mount Forest, Harriston, Listowel, Palmerston. Group No. 5. Port Elgin, Southampton, Paisley

JUNIOR.

- Group No. 1. Meaford, Collingwood, Barrie. Group No. 2. Owen Sound, Hanover, Durham, Walkerton.

JUVENILE.

- Group No. 1. Owen Sound City League. Group No. 2. Hanover, Durham, Mount Forest, Walkerton. Group No. 5. Chesley, Paisley, Tara.

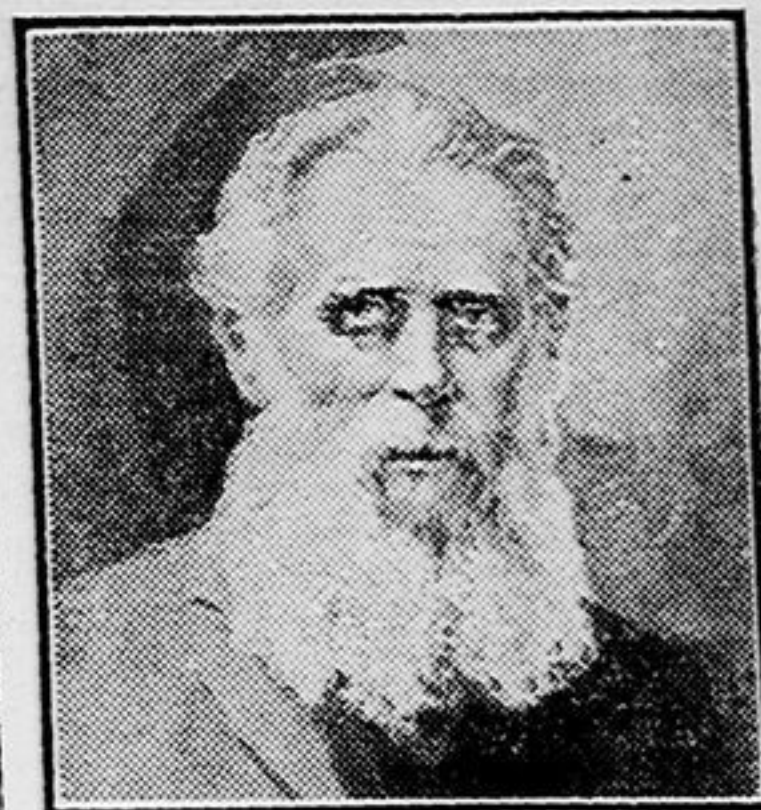
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MARKET REPORT

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Milling Oats, Feed Oats, Peas, Barley, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Flour, Oatmeal, Chop, Live Hogs, Hides, Sheepskins, Wool, Tallow, Lard.

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are 27 groups; in the junior, 12, and in the juvenile, 20. At the final draft on May 2, it may be found necessary to add more groups. It is very evident that the national game this year will experience the greatest boom in 25 years, and place the sport on the footing of an amateur national sport it is entitled to.

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