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COAL STRIKE ENDED.

The great coal strike in Wales which threatened the political future of the Minister of Munitions has been settled and largely through the personal efforts of this man. One can imagine his feelings when he realized the dangers of the situation.

The upheaval in Wales was an upheaval in that part of the Empire where Lloyd-George should have an influence, among his own people and countrymen, and it is quite believable that when, as a result of his intervention the miners resumed their allotted task, his heart beat with joy.

To be sure the promise of even the most representative minister must be implemented by a performance which he will surely carry out. Those who delve in the bowels of the earth discharge a duty, which, though grimy and at this time ranks with the duty of a Cabinet Minister, must be treated as men, not as mere machines. If the miners have suffered any disadvantage, financial or otherwise, they must be given relief. The humblest citizen in the Empire must realize that he counts for a great deal at this crisis.

The settlement of the Wales' strike, so ominous and disturbing in its many aspects, is due to the most powerful yet unobtrusive personality in the British Empire. Lloyd-George is not claiming any credit, but he will not be denied it.

RECRUITING MORE ACTIVE.

It all depends upon how a cause is presented whether or not it becomes a great success. Recruiting in the city is much better as a result of the great meeting which was held in the Artillery Park, and it will become greater still as the fact is pressed home that Canada needs the fighting force of every available man. Kitchener's call is for more men, and still more, and they will be forthcoming in time.

Recruiting on the voluntary principle is always slow because each man must realize the importance of the issue and must for himself decide his attitude towards it. He must feel that the nation has a claim upon his service, that if his liberty, the most precious of all national jewels, is to be his, he must do his share or bit in defense of it.

Who that heard Mr. Northrup and Dr. Clark, as they pictured in glowing language the difference between the people who are free to serve and the people who are forced to serve, but felt that he lived in a favored land and that it could only be his to enjoy so long as it was without the despotism of a falling cause?

This war is having a tremendous educational value. It is making all Canadians realize the heritage that belongs to them. It is consolidating them for the tasks of the hour. All may not go to the front, because all cannot do so, but all can be in the war for some purpose, and all may feel the responsibility that rests upon them. The smaller number go to meet the enemy and subordinate it. Some of them may not return, but those who make the sacrifice must be persuaded that it is worthy of their blood, and the memory of them will certainly be imperishable.

Canada is awakening to the place it must occupy in this great campaign, and its contribution of men will be equal to its position in the Empire. Dr. Clark, in his peroration, described the colonies as in the act of pouring their treasures into the lap of the Mother Country and rejoicing her heart in this crucial hour.

Canada has already poured of her

best, and she will continue the process until the victory that must come has been achieved.

INFLUENCE OF ORATORY.

There is a great inspiration in biography when one, in reading it, can enter into the spirit of great men and can appropriate and use it in the development of his own powers. The men we read about become very real to us, and they influence us as we admire them and their thoughts. The larger advantage follows a personal knowledge of those whose work is national in its character. Thus Kingston had, in the speakers at Wednesday night's patriotic meeting, two men who are representatives of their class, and, coming in contact with the national leaders of the past, cherish their memories, their words and their acts, and duplicate them to some extent in their own words and acts.

Mr. Northrup, M.P., is a Canadian whom the Whig has followed since he graduated from Upper Canada College in the 70's, and began the study of law and political science. He has been the member for East Hastings for many years, and is today one of Canada's most experienced parliamentarians. He represents the men of his day and generation most worthily, and it is fitting that he should transmit to posterity some of the heritage that came to him in public life, the patriotic instinct and fervor that come to us at the present time.

Dr. Clark, M.P., the Whig has known politically since he found a seat in the Federal Parliament. Canada is always looking for models, and he can be studied to the greatest advantage. He did not become an eloquent and forceful speaker by accident, and one is reminded by a contemporary of how he qualified for the splendid service of to-day. He studied the history of his country. It is the first essential of every public speaker. He sat, as it were, at the feet of the great men of his time, and, being a Liberal and free trader, Gladstone and Bright became his prototypes. He kept in touch with passing events. He became a platform power eventually by devoted public service, and the young man who wants to be a leader in his day must follow Dr. Clark's example. Thus, with voice clear and resonant, with a rare wealth of language, with graceful expression, lucid argument and apt illustration, his was an address that will be long remembered.

Some far distant day—but for a similar purpose perhaps never again, for there cannot be a war like this—it may be necessary to call up the greatest gathering that has ever taken place in Kingston, and the most momentous occasion. The local historian, or the one now young and then venerable in his experience, may look back and say, yes, it was in 1915, at the old Artillery Park. Practically the whole city was there. 'Twas a call to the colors. The Empire was at war. It was not in danger—everyone said that—but it was passing through a serious time, and recruiting lagged. Then came two men who spoke the words that changed the mood of the great concourse. They played upon the emotions of the people as men play upon the strings of their emotional instruments, and the effect was marvellous. The people stood spell-bound for a while. Then they surged as from some mighty impulse and gave expression to their feelings in loud applause. The placidity was gone. The tumult was on, but it was a tumult born of enthusiasm for a sacred cause. And men were drawn towards it with a new devotion. Yes, that was the great occasion, and it produced a great result.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Commercial Travellers, or Knights of the Grip, lead in one respect. They make the first presentation of a machine gun to the last regiment which is being organized for overseas service. This is a splendid example.

Premier Norris is right. Do the people of Manitoba want his Government to complete the clean-up in which they have engaged? Or do they want a Government that, with all its virtuous pretensions, will cover up the past and let the thieves escape.

The Pennsylvania Railway Company has a list of nearly 5,000 pensioners to whom it pays a large sum annually. And a great corporation like it cannot do better than remember the men who have grown old in its service and who have helped to make it rich.

Becker, who will meet his deserts next week, had better tell the truth when he is at it. Some things he has handed out for publication are certainly wrong. They show, however, that he was deeply concerned in the work of the men who have already forfeited their lives for their crimes.

Alberta has carried prohibition by a majority of 15,000. A large majority? Yes, but not so much when it is learned that this is a Provincial poll. The result shows the im-

portance of public opinion in Western Canada. It is emphatic against liquor traffic, and especially against the bar, and the friends of temperance will see in it the inevitable trend of things even in Ontario. Abolish the bar, as a political measure, was defeated. Will prohibition be accepted as an economic measure?

PUBLIC OPINION

A Limited Mania.
(Montreal Daily Mail.)
It will be noted that no German lunatic is ever crazy enough to shoot into his own crowd.

Very Near.
(Hamilton Times.)
If Police Lieut. Becker, of New York, is going to "sneak" he should begin now. It looks as if the end were near.

His Proper Place.
(Ottawa Journal.)
Count Berchtold, the man who dictated Austria's ultimatum to Serbia, and who later resigned as Austrian Foreign Minister, has gone to the front. No man has more right to go.

Warsaw in Danger.
(London Free Press.)
Warsaw is of little moment to the Russ. The Czar has promised to give it up to the Polish people if he wins. It belongs to the Poles and Germany will be unable to capitalize her success there.

Recognizes Neither.
(Daily Telegraph.)
"We have the confession by the enemy that in spite of all protests from neutral countries and protests on his part in the case of the Lusitania he is unrepentant. Germany has advertised once more that she recognizes no law of God or man."

A Small Offence.
(Guelph Mercury.)
John Weir of Calgary was fined \$20 for riding on a railway ticket he bought from another man. He took up just the same amount of space in the car and the railway company was getting paid for it. But that's one place where the railways have the strangle hold at present.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Prof. J. Fowler, of Queen's University, has been down at Nova Scotia gold mines looking for specimens for the museum.
A wealthy syndicate will build a large distillery in the city.
L. W. Shannon was elected president of the Eastern Ontario Press Association.

CAME 2,000 MILES

To Speak at the Kingston Meeting of Wednesday Night.
Dr. Michael Clark, M.P., Red Deer, Alberta, was interested in the result of the prohibition vote in his province on Wednesday. The Whig informed him of the carrying of the Prohibition measure. The doctor did not care, however, to express any opinion regarding the matter. The Kingston recruiting meeting is the only one which Dr. Clark is addressing in the east. He came 2,000 miles to speak to the big gathering in Artillery Park Wednesday night, and was greatly impressed with all he saw. He left Thursday afternoon for Toronto, en route home.

The Frowns of Soldiers.

Among the stories told by Mr. Harvey in his book "Irish Life and Humor," there is one relating to Lord Wolseley after his return to England from service in India. Wolseley was a fond of children, and was once introduced to a boy four years old. The child gazed at the general with an expression half incredulous, and then said: "Are you General Wolseley that fought in the battles?" "Yes, I was in a good many battles," said the field marshal. The youngster looked at him in wondering silence, and then said, "Let's hear you holler!"

Use of Corncocks.

A new use has been found for the humble corncock. This time a Kansas farmer is obtaining wonderful results by burying them in the ground beside his muskmelon patch. The coals retain moisture for the melon when everything else is dry as a bone.

Roads in Afghanistan.

More than 10,000 miles of macadam roads have been ordered built in Afghanistan since the ruler of that country became the owner of an automobile.

Rippling Rhymes
Walt Mason

OUR NEIGHBORS.

To love your neighbor as yourself, is what the Good Book teaches, to lay your hatreds on the shelf, and think all people peaches. To such a height we cannot soar, such precepts we're defying; we do not love the man next door, and waste no effort trying. He has so many grievous faults that love could ne'er abate them, and ordinary language fails when we'd enumerate them. His sins are measured by the yard, his vices are obtrusive; against such men we are on guard—we have to be exclusive. We're always looking for the sins of those who live around us; we say they bruise our mortal skins, and worry and confound us. To all their virtues we are blind, while of their faults we're screaming; we seldom look about to find their qualities redeeming. If we would train ourselves to look for good in 'other fellow, and not assume a man's a crook until he shows up yellow, we'd see our neighbors growing wings, we'd find them folks to cherish, and envy and such evil things from this old world would perish.

TO DAMAGE TRADE

BILL WILL OPERATE AGAINST UNITED STATES BOATS.

Canadian Companies Expected To Acquire Bulk Of Lake Trade — A Strong Protest.

Cleveland, July 22.—Steamship men operating on the Great Lakes declare that the Seamen's Bill, which will become effective on November 14th, 1915, will operate against American merchant marine on the Great Lakes in as deadly a manner as it is already operating on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The direct effect on the Great Lakes, caused by the bill's impossible increase in the cost of operation, they say, will be sure to drive from the Great Lakes low-cost passenger, package, freight steamships, which, on account of the present low cost of operation and high efficiency, are able to render the shipping travelling public maximum service at minimum prices.

The Northern Navigation Company, a Canadian company, is already working into the passenger business on the American side by advertising personally conducted trips through Georgian Bay and Thirty Thousand Islands from Cleveland for \$39.25 with \$2.50 extra for side trips. Officials of American steamship companies declare that after the Seamen's Bill goes into effect, it will be pretty hard to compete with the Canadian Companies.

FREE TRADE BRITAIN.

"England was looked to for the financing of the war. Many people thought her free trade policies were driving her to the dogs but she is still able to do the financing for the whole world," so spoke Dr. Clark last night, and his remarks brought forth hearty applause. Free trade Britain has made good.

ALLIES WERE DECEIVED

Germany Weakened Western Front To Strike Russia.

London, July 22.—According to the military attache of a neutral power who has just arrived, Berlin, where he spent several years in his official capacity, the effort by the Germans in making on the eastern front is expected there to prove the supreme deciding factor of the war. No doubt is entertained in German military quarters of its success. All other military considerations, for the time being, are being subordinated to the importance of giving Von Hindenburg, who is in chief command, an opportunity of striking a crushing blow. Recent reports of the westward movement of German forces were, according to this informant, engineered by Germany for the purpose of deceiving her enemies, and at the time when the report came from Holland and Switzerland that a German offensive was being prepared in the west, the German line in France and Flanders had been reduced to the minimum strength considered necessary for defense. "If ever the figures become known," says the attache, "the world will be surprised."

UNUSUAL PRECAUTIONS

New York Freight Piers Are All Closely Guarded.

New York, July 22.—The discovery of bombs among the cargo of a number of ships that have left here for Europe during the past few months has resulted in unusual precautions being taken with regard to the stowing of freight on steamships now in port. In addition to an increased number of regular pier guards, scores of private detectives, many of them disguised as laborers and longshoremen, are on all piers where freight is received and loaded aboard ships. On some of the piers every box and package is opened on the dock and the contents examined before it goes aboard the ship.

Electrical devices and mechanical instruments to detect suspicious contents of bales and packages are also in use. At one pier an X-ray machine is used to examine bales of cloth cotton, etc., for possible concealed bombs, and at another pier instruments are used by which a hidden bomb operated by clock work might be detected. Restrictions as to visitors to the piers are rigid.

The Italian Government has addressed a note to the United States Government asking it to use its influence to protect Italian subjects in the Ottoman Empire, especially in Asia Minor, where the Turkish authorities are said to be preventing them from leaving.

J. Ferriss motored to the city from Toronto on Wednesday.

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