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THE CHURCH ON TRIAL

A public man was understood to say, some days ago, that the people were students of affairs, that their judgment was sound, and that they could be depended upon to purify public life when they took the work in hand.

The laymen in the Toronto Methodist conference appear to have meditated upon the things they heard, affecting the public life and service of some men, and have been anxious to put themselves upon record. They did not refer to any person or incident, particularly, but expressed surprise that the wrong-doing of the day had been "publicly tolerated as a part of our national life."

These laymen went further and said that at a time when "demands for higher plans of living and sacrificial devotion" were so much in order, when "any splurging of the public resources, or eroding of public efficiency, seemed to be treasonable," a heart-searching of the church was most desirable. Indeed, they questioned whether the war was not a chastisement of the nations for their defections, and necessitating "a day of humiliation and prayer and a spiritual regeneration."

The church is on trial. This may not be generally admitted, but it is a fact nevertheless. The assumption is that the moral sense of the people has been dulled or blunted by the practices of the day, that there is not the reaction that was formerly felt when wrong-doing of any kind is committed. The church may be to blame for this. Its distinct duty is to teach great and fundamental principles which cannot be ignored or violated with impunity. Has the church discharged its duty fairly, honestly and heroically?

Roosevelt says the Germans have been dictating as to the man they want as president. They won't dictate very much to Mr. Hughes if he happens to be the republican candidate. He is a man of few words, but of tremendous will power.

THE IRISH SITUATION

The Sinn Fein rebellion, which the Sinn Feiners do not anticipate or desire as a part of the original programme, has suddenly, unexpectedly, and fortunately led to a better understanding with regard to Irish government.

The Sinn Fein movement is essentially ethical and intellectual. It represented nebulous and exalted ideas that ordinarily were practically impossible. This movement was seized upon by many who were aroused in the labor revolt of 1913. They expressed the sad discontent which prevailed over social conditions. They suffered from many causes, and particularly from unsanitary housing conditions. Before the Sinn Fein leaders were aware of it their movement was taking a violent turn.

Out of the debacle Ireland awoke to a new experience. The turmoil was suppressed, but the local government, long defective and deficient, had to go. At once it seemed necessary to replace castle rule with something more effective and suitable, and it is upon this form of self-government that the Imperial government is now concentrating its thought. Various expedients have been suggested. The most probable is a national council, governing Ireland, excepting Ulster, with powers such as a Canadian legislature possesses.

This form of government will probably serve the people satisfactorily, and within a few months a solution

may be reached for troubles that have been the bane and affliction of government after government so far as Ireland is concerned. And this will be the result of the Sinn Fein revolt, with aims and purposes which were entirely different from those which were intended.

The joke is on the Presbyterian statisticians who differ as to how the vote stood on church union. The scrutineers in a political election sometimes make a curious count of ballots, but no one expects sleight of hand work in a church election.

COPYING THE GERMANS

Britain learning lessons from Germany? Impossible, says one. No, not impossible, but very possible. Germany, while in the throes of a great conflict, while exhibiting surprising virility and resorting to desperate expedients in order to make advances in the war, is mindful of what may happen later on.

The German government has organized in Berlin a business department and has appointed as its head Dr. Helfferich, the present finance minister. He is not the product of the political life of Germany. He is not a politician, but a financier, and is given this new position because, as a banker, he is familiar with the world's financial conditions.

Germany had before the outbreak of the war an export trade which was valued at £504,000,000. It is gone for the present, and the nations of two continents have been conspiring, as it were, and as Germany believes, to rob her of it. The plan is to circumvent the allies and the neutrals, all enemies for the time being, and the new German business department is eagerly at work.

"The German business department will enter the arena for battle," says the London Mail, "unless the allies act betimes with a weapon they do not at present possess, an intricately perfected system of tariffs for bargaining and punitive purposes."

The Mail says that Great Britain will heartily welcome a business man at the head of a department especially charged with a task of smashing German trade. "Germany is mobilizing for the war after the war," adds the Mail, "and her commander-in-chief is about to take the field. What are we doing?" There is the evidence in a few lines of Britain's disposition to copy Germany in its business methods and enterprises.

Mr. Kelly, of Winnipeg, accused of crookedness, will not have any one to defend him when he comes up for trial on Monday next. He will be just as well off. He can depend upon a jury of his peers to give a proper verdict.

GET CLOSER TOGETHER

The New York and Chicago papers are filled these days with the story of political life as it throbs at the great Republican convention. There has not been the unanimity of party opinion which is so essential to success. The leaders of three great sections, recognized as the Hughes, the Roosevelt and the Root followings, were quite confident at the beginning of the week that they would win out. Each was sure of this. A day or two later the air of satisfaction or complacency was gone. On Thursday night there was a manifest feeling of despondency.

It was then and afterwards that the wiser men saw the folly and separation sounded the note that is always attractive when inharmony has run its length. "Let's get closer together." Sometimes men think they can succeed by fighting each other. They are supposed to have ideas, plans, hopes and aspirations, in common. They cannot accomplish anything, and jostle each other in an unfriendly spirit. This harmony—the idea of doing great things on an individual plan and in an isolated way—has to cease, and the men who not only suggest it but bring it to pass are the benefactors of their class.

The Community Builders represent those who are wearied of trying to perform feats without the good understanding which should prevail among friends. The money king has been their "friend," and he has worked them to his own advantage. He is credited with doing them good, but he has grossly deceived them by keeping them apart. Let the farmer, the merchant, the citizen, the men who are depending upon each other get together and discuss their mutual interests. When they do the days of disloyalty to local interests will pass never to return.

The Whig's artist has made a "speaking" cartoon for this day's issue. It illustrates a good point, the need of co-operation. This is necessary in everything. Had it been exhibited in greater proportions with regard to the military camp the news of a smaller mobilization and a reduced circulation of good money would not have been the doleful announcement of the day.

Everyman has been comparing the ages of the generals who are directing the war. Germany's average, seventy years; France's, sixty, and Britain's, fifty-two. If the campaign becomes one of endurance we know what to expect.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Ontario Government is making money out of its auto tags. Over 33,000 of them have so far been issued, and the season is young yet.

Why have so many of Sir Robert Borden's colleagues been anxious to get out of his government? Have they been anticipating something in the next election?

Some of these days Constantine will slip off the throne and Greece off the map of Europe. The Allies have practically assumed the reins of government, and Venezuelos must have already come back.

The Whig's advice to the business men of Kingston, to co-operate in order that the military camp might be made a success, was not very enthusiastically acted upon. The Whig has nothing to add to-day. It is useless to comment upon what might have been.

It is comforting to know that the Hampshire with Kitchener on board was destroyed by a mine which drifted into the course of the warships and a course which the mine sweepers were supposed to have kept clear of all danger. The irony of the case lies in the fact that the mine was of British production.

Hon. Mr. Casgrain, our postmaster-general, is likely to accept a public position in France and remain there. A cabinet office nowadays has been likened to an open door to a job in the civil service. Three men have occupied the office of postmaster-general during the short reign of the Borden government.

Lloyd-George would have gone down in the Hampshire with Kitchener and his staff had he not been detained in Ireland by a political conference. How very fortunate! The loss of the minister of war is bad enough, but it would have been a greater calamity if the minister of munitions had also been lost.

PUBLIC OPINION

Held Under Restraint.

(Ottawa Citizen).  
Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, in a letter to the Canadian Golfer advises Canadians to eat less sleep more and play more. We'd like to, but with Hon. Rob't Rogers caddy for us we can't take a chance on any of these suggestions except the first one.

Battleships Will Not Go.

(Ottawa Journal).  
The reports of the North Sea engagement suggest that battle cruisers may lose some of the estimation which has started to them recently. They are great on the rush, but the stolider battleships apparently stand pounding better.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Winnipeg discussed home missions and social service. Li Yuan Hung, China's new president, has declared for the people's welfare.

KINGSTON EVENTS  
25 YEARS AGO

The eighteenth General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada will open to-night in St. Andrew's church. The retiring Moderator, Rev. John Laing, of Dundas, will preach the sermon.

W. J. Wilson, contractor and builder, has purchased a fine lot on Barrie street, opposite the court house, and will build a residence.

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Mr. Hellmuth's Scheme  
Toronto Telegram  
The upshot of the whole procedure was to tie Hon. Col. J. Wesley Allison up to Sir Robert Borden's Shell Committee. Sir Robert Borden's Shell Committee was likewise tied up to the standard-bearers of Sir Robert Borden's Government. Mr. Hellmuth's eleventh hour attempt to divorce Sir Robert Borden's Shell Committee from being tied up to Sir Robert Borden's Shell Committee, the attempts in every industrial constituency of Ontario will make to divorce their candidature from Hon. Col. J. Wesley Allison. Mr. Hellmuth has failed to keep the Conservative party from being tied up to Sir Robert Borden's Shell Committee. The Shell Committee is associated with Hon. Col. J. Wesley Allison. Thus the candidates of the Conservative will have to explain their great services to Canada and the Empire, and their party's irresponsibility for Col. Allison, as they follow Hon. Col. J. Wesley Allison's "white plume" through their constituencies at the next election.

GETS LARGE ROAD CONTRACT.

Buffalo Firm to Make Clayton-Cape Vincent Highway.  
Cape Vincent, N.Y., June 10.—The Clayton-Cape Vincent state road of about fifteen miles, the largest road job of the season in the county was awarded to the H. P. Burgard Company of Buffalo. The company has the six miles of road from Chamont to Occanville well under way, working about 100 men.

G. M. Dewitt, formerly of Syracuse, manager for the company in the northern part of the state, expects to get a force of men working on the Clayton-Cape Vincent route about July 1. He expects to complete the twenty-one miles by October 15, 1917.

GEN. LOGIE'S MESSAGE.

"Thy Son Liveth," He Says, in Letter to Col. Hagarty.

Toronto, June 10.—"Go thy way, thy son liveth." In these few words in a letter of condolence to Lieut. Col. E. W. Hagarty, whose son, Lieut. Caler Hagarty, has been killed in action, has Brigadier-General Logie expressed his sympathy. General Logie adds that this Scripture was used as a text of a sermon delivered by Canon Harris at the time of the drowning of General Logie's son while attending the Royal Military College at Kingston.

The Russian Government is quietly trying to place orders for over 300,000 tons of steel rails for delivery in the closing quarter of 1916 and the first quarter of 1917.

Random Reels

"Of Shoes and Ships, and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

THE HAIR

The hair is one of nature's gifts which is never appreciated until it is all gone, or beginning to depart and leave footprints in the wash bowl. A man will start out in married life with high hopes and a thick head of natural hair, and will allow it to come up alone and unaided and lop over his ear lobes with no other encouragement than the semi-annual shampoo. Just the minute, however, that he begins to miss it from its accustomed haunts he will try to coax it back with scamp rubs, tar soap, preparations and liquid dandruff removers, only to cry "too late" and be obliged to sit for his picture with a Derby hat on.

The hair was given to man so that he would not be confused with other vegetables. It would seem that man, who of all the works of creation is the only one which can part his hair in the middle and still look 2 per cent human, would prize this gift more than he does and keep up his repairs on it better. Yet we see all around us men who once had long flowing locks, but who now retain nothing but their courage and sideburns. This teaches us that man, who is looked up to by woman as a model of wisdom and foresight, is in reality one of the most acute mental disappointments in the animal kingdom.

The hair comes in several different colors, all of which have a strong, fenidish tendency to fade, shrink and finally evaporate. Owing to the scarcity of German dyes, there is more gray hair in this country than ever before. Our towns and cities are full of middle-aged men who have become prematurely gray over night, owing to the non-arrival of some foreign coloring substance which would hold water. Red hair is going to be worn a good deal this summer, in the expectation that we are obliged to go into Mexico and put in a crop of law and order.

The only reason men wear hair is because it is cheaper and more durable than the patent fly-catcher. With woman it is entirely different. With woman it is not able to come down to dinner or to shopping unless she was accompanied by the low, rakish switch or a full equipment of the inherited hair. Women always have an abundance of hair, because they take care of what is given them and if switches were made for men only, the industry would be about as profitable as growing grapefruit in Canada.

Rippling Rhymes

THE GLAD MONTH.

I love the balmy month of June, when all the sunlit plain is strewn with handsome growing things; when every bird's so full of glee it takes its perch upon a tree, and hums itself and sings. 'Tis then the world seems at its best, for at Dame Nature's mild behest, it sheds its hoary years, and seems scarce old enough to vote, as 'twas when Father Adam smote his pair of brindled steers. From my den I can see a poor old dead and withered tree, that lightning bit one day; by June is draping it with vines, and each green tendrill as it twines, will hide some small decay. June has the warm, reviving breath; she hates the night and chill of death, and hides the tombs with grass; Old Winter wounds and mauls and mars, but June, she covers up the scars—which come again, alas! June says, "Forget all thoughts of doom! Yours are the fragrance and the bloom; sing roses blushing red; enjoy the world while it is yours—you'll be a long time dead!"



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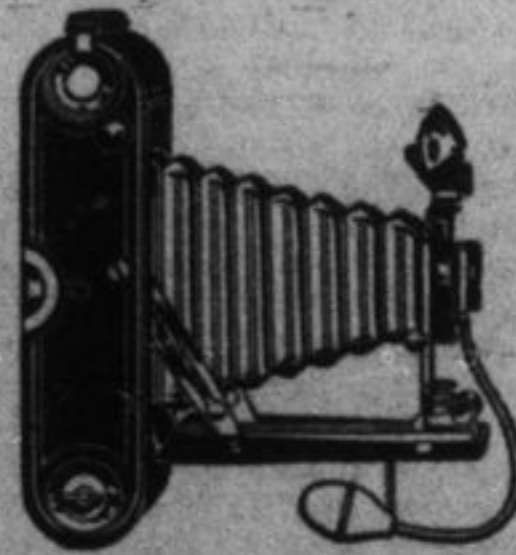
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