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It isn't company that loves misery, but merely an audience.

In this flivver age, the three "R's" are Race, Rattle and Ramble.

Strange how many things are irremediable when you have a charge account.

Rural conditions are improving, and the mortgage has been lifted from the old homestead and placed on a new automobile.

The country is sufficiently supplied with dress suits to take care of its needs for some time, but it should have more overalls.

Table: Once there was a man who didn't wriggle with delight when a charming widow told him he had such a fine forehead.

We can't raise an army in three months next time. It will take officers more than six months to learn all the nice new rules.

Think it over, who can do most for Kingston these days, Campbell and Elliott, or Ross and Nickle? Directors should think and act accordingly.

The old-fashioned women folks, says the Oswego Times, say that the country needs is fewer boards of directors and more washboards.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether it is a sin to play golf on Sunday, but there isn't any doubt that it is a crime the way some people play it.

Luther Burbank has evolved a thornless blackberry, but he will not complete the job to the satisfaction of the boy drafted into the berry patch until he makes it prickless also.

Kingston wants the highway from this city to that city called the Kingston road. That is what it is called as it starts from here—Toronto (Har. Keep up the good start, that's all we ask.

Kingston is coming back into the federal column. Elliott in the legislature and Campbell, later on, in the house of commons, will show the electors' attitude to the powers in control.

If there have been personalities in the campaign, who started it? Mr. Nickle called Mr. Elliott an anti-conscriptionist at the first go, and this organ has kept it up. And now they whine over the abuse they think they have been subjected to.

If, as the United States government declares, there is 100,000,000 tons of soft coal now aboveground, the threatened strike of the miners in the bituminous coal fields should not lead to an increase in the retail price of coal. But it undoubtedly will, for all of that.

The Standard will likely claw over the dead carcass of conscription for the next few generations. The Liberal win in the dominion surely ended that controversy. Canada had conscription—and we think wisely so under the desperate circumstances—and it helped to conclude the war. That ended the matter. There are other real problems now to be faced, but our dear old friend, the Standard, will chatter about it for the rest of its days.

HAS NO REGRETS.

The Whig did aid the Union government when it was formed. It has no regrets. It did throw the mantle of charity over many sins, but when the cloven foot of Conservatism became manifest in the federal campaign it separated itself from the flock. And it made the Tory party in Kingston look like thirty cents.

CITY AND QUEEN'S.

The election of W. F. Nickle to the Ontario legislature at the present time will be the worst thing that could happen to Kingston and to Queen's University. This is plainly evident when we consider his position, but the strange thing is that he cannot see it himself.

One of the most important reasons is that Mr. Nickle's election in opposition to the Drury government will be most prejudicial to Queen's University. This is due to the fact that Mr. Nickle is chairman of the board of trustees of Queen's University, an institution that has been endeavoring to obtain increased government grants. Indeed, a committee from Queen's, including Mr. Nickle, have been already placing the claims of Queen's before the government and the political attitude of the chairman of the board, Mr. Nickle, constitutes a menace to the government, that is bound to result in delayed action upon Queen's request for increased grants.

Kingston's interests, too, are being injured by Mr. Nickle's candidature in this election, because Kingston has been behind Queen's and desires to see her get all she needs from the government. Kingston should, therefore, decline to elect Mr. Nickle for the reason that if they elected him they would be serving notice on the Drury government to quit, thereby inviting unfavorable consideration of matters effecting Kingston.

The claim is being put forward that Mr. Nickle can do much for Kingston, and his apologists tell us of the wonderful things he could do if elected. This is a mere assertion that is made without regard to the facts, for in the past, while serving in the legislature and in the dominion parliament, Mr. Nickle did little or nothing for Kingston. We can only judge the future from the past, and judging Mr. Nickle's past in the light of facts, he will do nothing except for Mr. Nickle.

SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON. Shackleton is dead. Dead after a single day of illness. Dead on the trail of new discovery far from the haunts of civilization. Dead at forty-eight years of age. We may assume that death had no terrors for him. He had companioned with death many a time and for months together. He had seen fellow voyagers conquered by the great enemy time and time again. He had defied death in a hundred ways; for his was the unconquerable spirit of adventure, dauntless and heroic, and in this he is the lineal descendant of that heroic British breed from Driggs to Captain Scott whose contributions to scientific research and to the literature of adventure has made the British Empire what it is.

Cheerful, resourceful, courageous and devoted to the highest standards of exploration was Captain Scott's tribute to Shackleton when at the age of twenty-seven he shipped as a third lieutenant under his command. In 1907 Shackleton commanded an expedition of his own, and though he did not actually reach the South Pole, he came miles nearer it than any man had done up to that time, and was less than a hundred miles from the pole when, by the irony of fate, he had to turn back. On this expedition he did re-locate the magnetic pole. He also explored and photographed the great active volcano of the South polar region, Mount Erebus. The scientific data supplied from this expedition alone has been of incalculable value.

months in an ice-bound ship caught in an ice pack; four months later, after the ship had crumpled up and sunk, drifting with the ice floes; 300 miles in a twenty-foot open boat, in an open sea, swept almost continually by blinding blizzards; these are by no means the maximum of tests of endurance imposed upon this intrepid navigator. But they are sufficient to guarantee a singular devotion to his great passion for discovery.

Uninformed people sometimes wonder why men undertake these hazardous journeys and spend so much money on what looks to the common man as useless quests. These voyages of exploration are anything but useless. Any day an explorer may bring to the attention of science unknown phenomena or data at best but dimly guessed, which are of enormous value to the well-being of the world, and which when properly related to the sum of knowledge are bound to bless every last man on this earth. It is this conviction, that the world is still young, that the secrets of nature are for the most part still unrevealed, that only to the heroic and the unafraid does she yield, from her unwilling grasp, the movements of tides, the governing laws of the electron and the ether, to enrich the story of man's triumphant march through the centuries.

The reward of Shackleton and men of his kind is meagre, though perhaps it is sufficient, it comes not from comfort, luxury or riches; almost to a man they have despised these things. It is a reward which is primarily within the man himself, the consciousness that he has not lived in vain, that he has added to the sum of the world's knowledge, that he has made life upon this planet more pleasant or less difficult, that he has charted the unknown, and that he has felt once or twice in his brief and eventful life the matchless thrill of the man who is able to say:

"We were the first that ever burst into that silent sea."

THE PEOPLE MUST PAY. This bye-election will cost the city of Kingston close to \$3,000.

That is an extra and unnecessary burden that the taxpayers must meet.

And the Conservative party's leaders in Kingston are directly responsible for it.

In order that J. M. Campbell might be defeated the local machine brought out the strongest man they could find, Dr. A. E. Ross, and played upon his fine war record for all they were worth. By inducing him to resign his Ontario seat and content the federal election, they created the vacancy in the Ontario legislature which necessitates the bye-election of Monday next.

In order to make room for Mr. Nickle the Conservatives of Kingston deliberately added a burden of nearly \$3,000 on the already overburdened taxpayers of this city. And this at a time of depression, when their efforts should have been directed to lessening the burden instead of making it heavier. The utter disregard of the people's interests has aroused a storm of protest and has awakened a resentment that will find expression at the polls on Monday. The voters now have the opportunity of punishing the machine and its candidate by casting a vote for R. F. Elliott.

Don't give the machine another chance to pile up the city's debts. Vote for the man who will stay on the job, who will not resign as Dr. Ross and Mr. Nickle resigned when it best suited their personal conveniences.

THANKS TO TORY PARTY!

From the present indications there is every likelihood that the dairy school, which was established in Kingston as a school for Eastern Ontario, will not be rebuilt, but is a loss to this city and district. From what has been learned as a result of the visit of the deputations to Toronto this week, it is the intention of the department of agriculture to establish a dairy school at Kemptville in connection with the experimental farm there.

The whole blame for this rests upon Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Conservative leader who, as a minister in the Hearst government, had the experimental farm established in his own constituency at a cost of \$50,000. A dairy school was not added, but persistent efforts were made to close the school at Kingston and establish it at Kemptville. Under these circumstances the citizens of Kingston will not feel like supporting W. F. Nickle, a candidate of the Conservative party responsible for taking away this school.

It is pointed out that there is a remote possibility of two schools being located in this part of the province, in which event one would be located at Kingston and the other at Kemptville. This is very remote, however. Had Hon. Howard Ferguson not grabbed something for his own constituency we should have retained our dairy school, and the man whom W. F. Nickle is supporting is indirectly responsible for the loss of the school to Kingston. When the dairy school was burned down we were

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

CHRIST'S BENEEDICTION.—Peace I leave with you, my peace, I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—John 14: 27.

told that whatever happened they were going to put a dairy school at Kemptville.

Despite the black eye given to us by the Conservative party, we still hope that through the efforts being put forth the dairy school may be rebuilt and operated because there are facilities here to make it a success in every way.

Vote for Nickle and the Conservative party and lose more industries and institutions. Vote for Elliott, stability and progress.

THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

One of the criticisms constantly levelled at the church of to-day is that she has been caught between the upper and nether millstones of a social and economic system which is not only unchristian but anti-christian. It is pointed out with much plausibility that "our present civilization is not merely evil in its workings, but radically anti-Christian in its nature." It is seriously asked whether enlightened self-interest can be reconciled with the teaching of Christ, whether "buy in the cheapest market and sell in the dearest" is a maxim which by any straining of the context could find a place in the Sermon on the Mount; whether the golden rule, by any stretch of the imagination, could become the actual motto of any successful business house at the present time. These questions demand an answer.

The people who ask them are not communists nor socialists; they are observers who find that, in our present social order, there are a few who enjoy useless and unnecessary luxuries while many lack the necessities of life. And they have no alternative to offer to the present system. They recognize that the clever, the unscrupulous and the energetic are bound to have a surfeit while the stupid, the timid and the lazy are bound to be pushed to the wall. But while they recognize that these things are bound to occur under a purely competitive system, they are by no means unanimous in the judgment that they ought to occur; and they are singularly unanimous that, in the civilization in which they do occur, there is no generous following of the maxim, "One is your master even Christ and all ye are brethren."

Can the church give any lead where communism and radical socialism has failed? It is an open question. The most widely read document issued by any church on social service comes from the Lambeth Conference. This document points out faults and flaws and possible remedies, but it has not the remotest intention of condemning the present organization of society. And it can scarcely be hoped for from a church which maintains that unless there are prizes in the shape of wealthy bishoprics, deaneries, etc., it is hopeless to expect the "best" men to offer for ordination. It is probable that none of the other churches have officially advanced beyond this safety zone. No one for a moment believes that the ministry of any church is overpaid, or that it is even adequately paid, but that is beside the question.

The real question is, whether the church has any real message for the sick and sorry world, which will help it away from a system which is distinctly and dangerously competitive. She can and she ought. In the first place she must place new insistence upon the initial Christian conviction that spiritual values are higher than material, that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things that he hath." She must cease seeking for her leading lay officials men whose whole idea in life is that increased wealth is only a fortunate opportunity to live in a better house, spend more on clothes and furniture, adopt a patronizing air toward all who are less fortunate, and a fawning attitude to all into whose class, as a generous spender of money, he is not yet able to attain. The church must teach by precept and example the value of the simple and godly life, where material needs are reduced to a respectable minimum and where expensive display and luxury are not only in bad taste but positively and diametrically opposed to the teaching of Christ.

She must say to all such votaries of wealth and fashion, call yourselves what you will, but you cannot call yourselves by the name of One who said "All ye are brethren." She must believe, she must teach, she must live as though she had no remorse doubt that the goods of the spirit, knowledge, beauty, brotherhood, service and religion, are the only real wealth and the only sources of enjoyment. If the church will do this, she will not only acquiesce in the present intolerable social system as though she believed no other were possible or desirable, but she will read the way to that true "aristocracy of the spirit" and will become the prophet of a new and better world because a more truly Christian world.

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