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"NEVER AGAIN"

The anniversary of Germany's declaration of war against Russia was celebrated in Berlin by a demonstration in which the dominant note was "Never Again." These words were inscribed on thousands of banners; preachers used them as a text for pacifist sermons; the war crippled veterans shouted them and the people re-echoed them.

Within the past few months a man who had served a term in a Canadian penitentiary for a get-rich-quick adventure succeeded in victimizing other get-rich-quick adventurers to the tune of fifteen to twenty million dollars on a scheme which the authorities declared to be absolutely impossible of fulfillment. No doubt Ponzi had sung the "Never Again" song when caught in his first exploit, but with a world full of people ready to be victimized he could not resist the temptation.

And so we go on alternately getting bitten and singing "Never Again." The majority believe just what they want to believe regardless of the logic of fact and of reason. The get rich artist comes with his plausible story the victim swallows it and eventually sings "Never Again" and the artist gets the money.

THE PATRIOT BLUFF

The Patriot, inspired, no doubt, by its long continued bluff, has for several days past been trying to make its readers believe that neither Premier Bell nor any of the Liberal candidates had promised not to increase taxation. The attempt argues a very poor opinion of the intelligence or the memory of its readers. The Patriot knows, as every intelligent person in the province knows, that the whole Bell campaign was conducted on the understanding that if the Liberals were returned to power there would be no increase of taxation.

A few days ago, in response to one of its frequent challenges, we asked the Patriot to explain what Mr. Bell meant by the following clause in his manifesto:

"With proper economy, out of their additional revenue of approximately \$2,000,000 this (Arsenault) government should have been able to apply considerably more than \$30,000 towards the increase of teachers' salaries."

The Patriot of course declined to express an opinion. Will it now do so? Was there any hint in this that the then revenue was insufficient? Was it not a direct promise to the electors that the Bell government could pay the teachers out of the then revenue at least a little more than the Arsenault government had done? If this was not the meaning of it will the Patriot tell us just what meaning Mr. Bell expected the people to get out of it?

It complained in tearful capitals, and gave as one of many similar reasons why the Arsenault government should be defeated, that "the government has kept on the so-called War and Health Tax of \$30,000 a year after the need of it had passed." Did this give the electors any intimation the revenue was insufficient, that the taxes must be increased?

Premier Bell held, and the Patriot re-echoed it, that the War and Health tax should be abolished as there was sufficient revenue without it and at their first session they not only partially re-enacted it but about quadrupled all the other taxes.

Now we know the Patriot will dodge all this, will squirm around the points at issue and whine that the Guardian is abusing it, but it cannot deceive the people. Its bluff is a laughing stock to all who read it and in fact we owe our readers an apology for wasting so much space over it.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

Nothing will take the various distempers which the city and artificial life breed out of man like farming—like direct and loving contact with the soil. It draws out the poison. It humbles him, teaches him patience and reverence and restores the proper tone to the system. Blessed is he whose youth is passed upon a farm. make much of it, put yourself into it, bestow your heart and your brain upon it, so that it shall savor of you—radiate your virtues after your day's work is done.

CURRENT COMMENT

The revise of Mr. Hession's speech at the Sturgeon meeting has been published in the Patriot. Like all recent Liberal productions it contains a lot of words, with the usual conspicuous emptiness of solid matter. There is no scarcity of phrases and sentences of the kind borrowed from dime novels, and stump orators from the "cotton belt," and happily no one expected anything more. He reproduced the stereotyped Liberal humdrum on "democracy," "Bolshevism," "Socialism" and all the other isms that go to make up the common Liberal vocabulary, but in the whole five columns, not an argument to the point. What the unpublished portion of his speech contained we do not know. No doubt it would have been much more interesting but perhaps not just the right stuff to give to the public. That he was somewhat muddled is evidenced in his statement that Mr. Anderson, Provincial Auditor, declared "under oath" that "the overdraft in the bank of Montreal was \$232,422.05," and that this "was SUPPRESSED AND KEPT IN THE DARK from the people of this province IN THE HOPE THAT THE ARSENAULT GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RETURNED TO POWER." He surely must have been scanning the Patriot's beautiful blue sky and seeing stars when he conjured or dreamed of this. And he challenges the "editor of the Guardian, to meet (him) in Sturgeon," etc. Surely he has sense enough to know that we are not lost to every consideration of self respect.

Several times we advanced the proposition that the depletion of our oyster supplies was due, not to diseases but to natural causes, principally the fishing depredations, to which inept and negligent government control was contributory. These views were frequently contributed through the press, as well as by personal interviews and private letters. Fishermen from Richmond Bay and vicinity are now reporting the presence of young oysters in sufficient quantity to justify belief in the disappearance of disease and the promise of a return to good fishing conditions. In real fact the recovery of the beds is due to exactly the opposite of those which caused the depletion, and are natural in their operations. Because fishing became unprofitable, the fisherman left off ravaging raking and tearing up the beds, and the fish having this period of rest have taken advantage of the opportunity to recuperate and revive. It will be found however, upon investigation, that this improvement is not general but only in those places and under those conditions wherein human destructiveness has not made recuperation impossible. We still maintain, for reasons set forth at length some time ago, that human agency properly directed can bring these fisheries back fully to their former productivity, and that there is not and never was any fatal disease on our oyster beds.

The Montreal Star produces a cartoon, by the artist Racey, in which father Neptune rises from the St. Lawrence to tell young Canada that "four million electric horsepower, equivalent to \$800,000,000."

Daily Selections Guardian Readers

JUST FOR TODAY Make the voice of His praise to be heard.—Ps. 68:3.

Our Father, we thank Thee for the day which is before us. Its light awakes us with gladness; and its evening shadows will beckon us to rest. It is an emblem of Thy gift of life to us. For life is made up of joy and sorrow, like the clouds with the sun shining through, and of tolls and responsibilities, and memories glorifying, all like the rays of the sunset. Help us to be grateful and worthy of Thy gift. O Lord, we are thankful above all for this household of ours. Through Thy ministry we better understand Thee. What we are to our little ones Thou art to us; and what our children are to us, we are to Thee. When we think of it, love sweeps over us like the summer, and we know the joy of Thy favor, and feel the security of Thy care. In parenthood Thou dost come close to us, and in childhood we draw close to Thee. Bless Thou our children and all our loved ones, and make each one of us worthy of love and confidence and divine. We are sorry for the harsh word and the unkind act. Even as we are sorry for our faults, we forgive one another. Do Thou forgive us each one, O Father, for every indifference and sin against Thee. Guard us and keep us today. Amen.

N. MCGEE WATERS, D. D., Brooklyn, New York.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

The younger son of Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Lord Charles Cavendish who arrived at Rideau Hall this week will remain with his parents until September.

The wet weather Wednesday did not dampen the ardor of lovers of the race course as it is estimated that upwards of three thousand people were in attendance at the Montague races, coming by rail and auto from long distances. The citizens of Montague did all in their power to make the visitors welcome and it was certainly a gala day for the town.

Mrs. Logan and little daughter who have been spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. James Paton, are leaving Monday for Montreal.

Widespread sympathy is extended to Mr. D. R. Laird and family on the death of Mr. Sydney Laird, which sad news was received here last Sunday. A young man of sterling qualities he will always be lovingly remembered by his hosts of friends.

Many Charlottetown friends will be interested to know that Mrs. John R. Gates, accompanied by her two young daughters, Harriet and Mary, have reached England from East Central Africa. They travelled twelve hundred miles to Cape Town, South Africa, and sailed from there on July 2nd for England, which they reached on July 22nd. They immediately sailed for France and Switzerland. On July 21st they sailed from Southampton for New York on the monster steamer S. S. Imperator 58,000 tons. They will reach New York this week and after a brief stay they leave for Moncton direct to visit Mrs. Gates' mother, Mrs. W. W. Lodge, Sr., on North Street, where they will remain some time. They commenced their return four days ago. It is about five years since they left Moncton, or Umtali, Africa.

Dr. Alfred Thompson, M. P., left Ottawa this week for Dawson City, Yukon. He will be accompanied by Colonel Perry, of New York. Mrs. Thompson and Miss Alfreda are spending the summer in Prince Edward Island.

Quite a number of Charlottetown visitors were in Sackville this week attending the 63rd annual meeting of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the Maritime Provinces at which over four hundred delegates were in attendance.

Mr. John Basset of Ottawa has joined Mrs. Basset and children who are summering at Brackley Beach.

Miss Dorothy Dexter, of the Staff of Vocational Workers for returned soldiers at Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Dexter, of Truro.

The garden fête at Shaw's Hotel, referred to last week, was organized by Mrs. M. H. Ball of Moncton, who is summering at Brackley Beach, assisted by some of the guests of the hotel. The fête was held at the hotel of the Julia Drummond Hotel for Business Girls and realized \$113.

Dr. Bagnall has gone up to Ottawa to attend a meeting of the Canadian Dental Association.

Principal MacKinnon, of the Presbyterian College, Pine Hill, and Mrs. MacKinnon have arrived home after a much enjoyed visit to Newfoundland. During his absence Principal MacKinnon was filled the pulpit of one of the leading churches of St. John's. Both he and Mrs. MacKinnon are feeling much refreshed by their trip.

Among the tourists who are at present in the city are Mr. Kilham and party who motored here from Norfolk, Va., and are greatly pleased with the Garden Province having visited many points of interest, including several fox ranches.

The fox first and the easier waltz steps cannot be supplanted, according to members of the International Association of Masters of Dancing which opened its twenty-seventh annual convention in Cleveland, O., on Tuesday. The dancer of today does not want to exert himself mentally or physically, hence the gradual demise of the vigorous steps. Since the freckle steps began to wane, waltzes and the two steps of ten years ago, have been making a strong bid for a comeback, but it cannot be done, in the opinion of the dancing masters.

Mrs. C. H. Miles entertained very delightfully at six tables of Bridge on Thursday afternoon.

Judge Stewart has returned from a short outing at Shediac Cape.

Dr. Herridge of Ottawa, one of the most brilliant preachers in the Presbyterian Church in this country, passed through the city recently en route to Hubbards, where he is spending the month of August.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stanley and family are visiting in Montreal preparatory to taking up their permanent residence in Ottawa, much to the regret of their Charlottetown friends.

Others' View Point

Women Wear Chinese Hair (Kansas City Star)

Women who wear false hair do not realize how likely it is that their "added extra" tresses are derived from the heads usually unclean, of Chinese people.

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At that rate its original cost was a bit more than \$3 a pound; but we get the choice stuffs the longer and finer grades. Europe buys the coarser and shorter hair, largely for industrial purposes.

Special grades, extra fine, are made into hair nets, which most American women wear in these days. The automobile has made small hats fashionable and on this account the hair is worn compact, also in order that it may not blow about when the motor car is speeding.

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A World of Boys PAPER SUITS (New York Tribune) (Toronto Globe) All this talk about the possibility of paper suits of clothes might interest folk more if they did not realize that, at the present price of newsprint, the paper suits are liable to cost more than those most people are now wearing. Dispatches from London indicate that the calling of an international Boy Scout conference was a happy inspiration and Sir Robert Baden-Powell is receiving congratulations on all sides for the splendid showing of his organization. London has extended an enthusiastic welcome to the young invaders and indeed, his will you may have to do it over it must be a thrilling and exciting again next day.

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