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EDITORIALS

The Conservatives are very wrothy because the leader of the Liberals in British Columbia should have put in concise forms many of the old truths of the Liberal platform with a few more suggestions on his part.

The mix-up in the McBride government seems to be looking worse every day. A month ago we were to have an election on April 10.

There is a strange ring about the report that he is traveling around with J. W. Stewart endeavoring to raise money for the P. G. E.

But what is this poor "knighted exploiter" going to do with himself? Will he drop forever out of public life and go down to that ignominious oblivion which he has so well earned.

GILLETTS EATS LYE DIRT CLEANS-DISINFECTS

PERMYSL'S FALL WAS DUE TO GAY POLICY

Garrison Kept in the Dark as to Seriousness of the Russ Advance.

Permysl, April 1 (Via Petrograd and London).—Refusal to credit stories of Russian victories and the progress of Russian arms contributed largely to the ultimate fall of the permysl fortress.

The correspondent, who came into Permysl with the Russians, Monday, March 22, has since talked at length with a number of Austrian officers, one of whom spoke of the days of siege as follows:

"The morale of the men within the fortress was good at the outset, but it underwent a change after the battered armies of Generals Dankl, Auffenbach, and Bruderman straggled into Permysl.

"The fate of this fortress was decided after the sortie of the nineteenth. When this was driven back the Russians were within 1,800 yards of our outer line.

Continuing, the Austrian officer described the last hours of the fortress as awful. No doubt of the outcome existed in anyone's mind and it was with a sense of relief that the garrison at 5 o'clock that Monday morning saw the white flag of surrender.

After a girl gives her hand in marriage she may discover later that she put her foot in it.

When a man starts out to get even with anybody he is never satisfied unless he comes out ahead.

WORKINGMEN SCARED BOWSER--CHEERED NAME OF BREWSTER

INTERESTING REPORT OF RECENT MEETING IN LABOR HALL, VANCOUVER--BOWSER REFUSED HEARING AND JEERED BY THE CROWD.

The report already given in The News was only too true about the rough time the Attorney General received at the hands of Vancouver workingmen.

Mr. Bowser's opening words could not be heard for the noise, even as far as the press table. He did make heard, however, a few words and said, "I confidently expect there are a few labor people in this house--"

"This is not the breadline," someone shouted back.

"I am here to receive any criticism of the Workingmen's Compensation Bill," continued the Attorney General, when he was broken in upon again with "Why did you lay it on the table?"

Mr. Bowser—I always find when there is important legislation like this—

Voice—How about the Dominion Trust?

Mr. Bowser—If you will not listen there is not much use for me to speak.

Voices—Hear, hear. Not a bit of use. We don't trust you.

Mr. Bowser—I thought I would at least get fair play.

Voice—Did you give the Dominion Trust people fair play?

Mr. Bowser—If you do not want to hear me, there is no use wasting your time nor my time.

Voice—Get one of Price Ellison's cows and milk it.

Mr. Bowser—I had thought there were sufficient labor people here interested in what I had to say.

Chorus—Sure.

Voice—Smoke up, William.

Mr. Bowser—If you do not want to give me an honest hearing—

Voice—Who is this that talks about honest?

Starts the Chorus. At this point a man in the midst of the crowd arose as if to speak and somebody in a deep bass started, "We'll hang Old Bowser to a sour apple tree," and a powerful chorus joined; while the Attorney General turned white in the face, then red, then scowled, set his jaws and patiently awaited the end of the chorus.

The Attorney General here revived himself with a swallow of water, wiped his lips with his kerchief, opened his mouth to continue his speech, when a voice called, "Three cheers for Parker Williams." These were given. Then another man called out, "Go fetch the police." Another voice, "Send for the militia."

Those Submarines.

A temporary lull, and the Attorney General once more opened his mouth and got a word or two out, when a voice from another part of the hall calls, "Tell us about the submarines—it will be more interesting."

Mr. Bowser was ready for the next lull in the catcalls, jeers and booes, and broke in like the crack of a whip, "I always thought the laboring man and the Socialist was in favor of free speech."

Voice—How about Nanaimo? We can trust you.

Again the Attorney General braced himself and was ready again to speak, when came from the middle of the gathering a deep, bass voice, "I say, Bowser, is this a deathbed repentance?"

Another voice—How about that little boy who died in jail.

Mr. Bowser—Now, now, those who boast of free speech should give me an opportunity.

The look of appeal upon the stern-faced Attorney General had a quieting effect for a minute, when he continued: "I hope the people are interested in any legislation we bring down to hear me and I am confident when the bill comes up some of the laboring men who have probably made a deeper study of such legislation than we have will give us an opportunity to hear their views—"

"When!" cracked a shrill voice from the rear of the hall.

"Is it not a fact that the Attorney General will let the Workmen's Compensation bill lay on the table for one year, because he wants to wait until his friends and clients, the railway contractors, are through," asked a voice.

Mr. Bowser refused to answer.

Mr. Bowser—I believe there are some here who want to hear a free discussion and that is why I came to the Labor Temple. If I have made mistakes, or the government has—

"Listen to him soft soap now," came an interruption.

"Oh, that's all right," jeered back the Attorney General, "people have said at other elections, 'well, it's all over with Bowser this time.' I am not here to talk politics and I feel I do not have to appeal to you—"

Voices—We are. You've talked too long already. Go out and talk to the bread line.

Bowser—If I go away now I shall feel that the workmen do not want their conditions improved.

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