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SOVIET DISARMAMENT SCHEME

The disarmament scheme put forward by the Soviet government is not just now possible of acceptance. We have not got beyond the point where we are sure to quarrel at times and the recent movement in Russia against the British Empire which seemed to have reached the boiling point as a result of skillful dissemination of specious lies by the controlled press of that country, is an indication of how necessary an army and navy is just now.

The suggestion of disarmament like many of the suggestions of the Soviet Republic, is an ideal one and not at present practicable. It is revolutionary. The British idea of making changes is to bring them about gradually. By carrying on in that way no injustice is done anyone and the country is not brought into a condition of turmoil.

No citizen of the British Empire would like to see bloodshed in bringing about changes such as was shed in Russia. We are naturally a peaceable people but we are ready to fight when necessary. Within the British Empire are tribes that only a few years ago were cannibals and even today some of them cannot be classed as anything more than savages. Not all have made the progress that have the natives of this coast. With such people force is necessary. Even with more highly civilized countries, a certain amount of force is effective. It is too soon to do away with armaments, but it is not too soon to make a beginning in that direction with a view to finally reaching the goal.

LORD DEWAR'S EPIGRAMS

Lord Dewar is a bright speaker and some of his epigrams indicate genius. Here are some of them:

No man can tell what moths lived on before Adam and Eve wore clothes.

Man wants but little here below, generally a little more than he will ever get.

The man who does nothing does somebody.

The great misfortune to mankind is that only those out of office know how to solve great problems.

The pessimist always grumbles because there is not enough gloom to go around.

Sometimes a pessimist is the man who backed an optimist.

The optimist is certain of going to Heaven; the pessimist is certain he won't like it even if he gets there.

A motor car with one horn can toss a man farther than a bull with two horns.

In the poultry industry it is a diplomatic wife who makes her husband believe he is doing it all.

Today women display more backbone than men.

It is safest to tell your wife everything—but tell her before somebody else does, and tell her that which you are sure she will find out.

To work eight hours a day for thirty shilling a week is domestic service. To work sixteen hours a day for nothing and appear to be pleased is marriage.

Experience is what you get while you are looking for something else.

The one thing that hurts more than having to pay income tax is not having to pay income tax.

When the time comes for the meek to inherit the earth taxes will be so high they won't want it.

PONTIUS PILATE WAS GRAFTER DECLARES DAUGHTER OF BRYAN

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—A municipal scandal hushed up nineteen centuries ago was aired recently before 2,000 members of the Executives Club by Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan.

Pontius Pilate, Roman governor of Palestine, she said, pocketed funds which he had been given to construct a water supply base in the hills near Jerusalem and was accused of graft. The records were seized and hidden near the water tanks and the charges of fraud were quashed but English engineers, she said, uncovered the records while they were searching for a water supply for the British army and found the tanks in 1918.

Mrs. Owen, wife of Major Reginald Owen of the Royal Engineers, was in Cairo during war times.

SHAKESPEARE TODAY IS A VITAL FORCE SUITED TO MASSES

WINNIPEG, Dec. 1.—(By the Canadian Press)—Archibald D. Flower, chairman of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon, was a visitor to Winnipeg recently from England. He friends spreading the gospel of Shakespeare as a vital force throughout the west.

Born in the great playwright's native town, Mr. Flower believes that Shakespeare stands today as the greatest of entertainers and philosophers. His aim is to eradicate the idea that Shakespeare is for the classicists and not for the masses. He regarded the presentation of Shakespeare in modern costume as an interesting experiment, stating its value lay in the fact that it demonstrated Shakespeare was timeless.

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CANADA IS NOT YET QUITE FREE

Has Not Power to Revise Own Constitution But Will Get It

LONDON, Dec. 1.—How far is Canada, the oldest of the Dominions, actually a "Sovereign State?" asks the Manchester Guardian.

"The phrase was used in the famous resolution of the Imperial Conference which recognized the autonomy of the overseas British nations, yet a conference at Ottawa has just been occupied in discussing whether Canada should now seek to achieve a first condition of sovereignty, the right to amend her own Constitution.

"The problem is not an easy one. The British North America Act, with its seventy-four highly complex clauses regulating state and national rights and safeguarding for all time the language and culture of the French minority, was the outcome of a conference of the provinces embodied sixty years ago in a British statute. That Constitution provides that no alteration shall be made in it except with the consent of the original contracting parties. At their instance, and theirs only, the British Parliament may act.

"It is not suggested even by the most ardent of Canadian nationalists that this fact is changed in any way by the resolution of the Imperial Conference. Whether or not it should be altered, whether Canada should attempt by inter-provincial agreement to present Westminster with a plan for taking her Constitution into her own hands, is the subject of the present discussion. The government puts forward a tentative suggestion that formal legislative authority should be sought from the British parliament for Canada to amend its Constitution within certain limitations that would safeguard existing rights. But even to this careful plan Quebec and the Maritime provinces maintain in the meantime a highly critical attitude. Sooner or later, as the government's supporters maintain, some such change, it would seem, must be made if Canada is in fact to keep abreast of her nominal status. But it is clear that the way will not be easy and that an anomaly curious even among the many that distinguish British Imperial relations may for some time persist."

LIQUOR TRADE OF PROVINCE

Threat Made That it Will be Removed to Mexico if Legislated Out of Business

VICTORIA, Dec. 1.—If Parliament legislates British Columbia's far-flung liquor smuggling traffic out of business at its next session, as it is expected to do, the base of the American bootleg supplies probably will be moved from here to Mexico. This is the expectation of liquor officials who have kept in close touch with export operations for many years and who are strongly behind the movement to abolish this trade altogether. The smuggling of liquor into the United States is far too lucrative a business to be allowed to perish without a fight, it is believed. After hanging on to a precarious existence for years in the face of the Provincial Government, smugglers undoubtedly will do everything in their power to avoid the fate which is foreshadowed for them in the proposed abolition of private liquor importation. But if the necessary legislation is passed by Parliament at its next session, after being rejected three times by the Senate, officials cannot see how the export traffic out of British Columbia can live. It will have to find another base and Mexico is considered ideal for this purpose.

EXPECT STRONG FIGHT

The necessary legislation, however, is not yet through Parliament. While the Federal Government has agreed to introduce it, and while the House of Commons has voted in favor of it three times before, the proposed amendment to the Canada Temperance Act, prohibiting private liquor importation, has yet to run the gauntlet of the Senate. A strong fight against the bill at Ottawa is expected here. Liquor interests will contest it on the ground that it will interfere with private rights and will inaugurate a restriction on which the public of British Columbia has never voted. This was the argument used with success in the Senate before when similar legislation was vetoed.

Even if the private importation of liquor is abolished, liquor exporters may find some way of escaping the intention of the new legislation. Undoubtedly all these possibilities will be explored by the liquor interests but if the legislation is drafted along the same lines as in the past British Columbia officials do not see how the exporters here can escape it. If all private importation were forbidden it appears that the exporters will be unable to secure supplies to ship into the United States. It is some clause in the legislation by which the exporters would be able to get supplies somewhere, somehow, that is feared here.

EXPECT MOVE If no such loophole is available, however, the vast liquor organization which has been built up in this Province since prohibition times will not allow its American trade to perish, is the opinion of those most closely in touch

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