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Futility Of Suppression.

In London yesterday the printers on the Daily Mail refused to set up an editorial article headed "For King and Country" in which was the expression "a general strike cannot be tolerated in any civilized country." Apparently the idea was that if they refused to set it, the article would not be disseminated. That was where they made a grievous mistake.

The way to impress anything on the public is first to get it suppressed. Let it be a book, a movie play, a religious sect, a red propaganda or anything else, attempted suppression is the best advertisement it can have. Everyone is then curious about it and a great deal of sympathy always goes out to the suppressed one.

So it is with the Daily Mail article. We should never have heard of it if those obliging but foolish printers had not refused to do their duty. Doubtless the other London newspapers and all the provincial papers in Britain gave much prominence to the article and eventually it would reach all Daily Mail readers as well. The publishers of the paper would see to that.

Suppression is out of date. What people want today is information on all subjects, both those of which they approve and those with which they disagree.

Much Sympathy With Strikers.

Canadians generally will have a great deal of sympathy with the striking miners in Great Britain. The life underground is not a desirable one and the pay is not at all large. The difficulty seems to be that the present state of the coal industry is such that large wages cannot be paid. At this distance it is difficult to know all the intricacies of the case. What we are aware of is that the strike is on, that much suffering will insue, that hate will be engendered, that the whole nation will suffer money loss as well as the loss of prestige and future business, that other industries will be crippled at a time when they were being injured badly by other causes.

Strikes are always an injury both to employers and employed. Yet there seems to be as yet no other method of settling industrial disputes. The worst thing is that even strikes do not settle them.

Sometimes Fight Seems Necessary.

Sometimes a fight seems necessary in order to bring both sides to a dispute to a realization of their strength. So it is industrially. It seems as if it were necessary now and then to resort to brute force in order to give both sides an opportunity to extend themselves. The strike is a sort of safety valve but an extremely dangerous one. The difficulty is that in arousing the passions of the multitude, lives are often lost, much unnecessary suffering is caused and women and children are the greatest sufferers. At any rate the strikers get the worst of it even if they win. It does not speak very highly for our civilization that it should be necessary to resort to such methods. It does not indicate that people generally are ready for responsible government when such things as strikes are the only methods of settling industrial disputes.

Era Of Peace Has Not Yet Arrived.

As long as strikes are the only method of settling industrial disputes, it cannot be said that the era of peace among nations has arrived. If the people within a country cannot live without industrial war, how is it to be expected that nations can live together without fighting among themselves. We have to change our mental attitude in all matters before we can say that "wars will be no more."

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OPPOSITION TO MEIGHEN SHOWN QUEBEC PAPERS

Montreal Star Leads Attack on Conservative Leader in Lengthy Editorial Article

(Victoria Times)

Ottawa dispatches tell us that the report, telegraphed to a London newspaper from Montreal, that Mr. Meighen may be the next Governor-General of Canada, was treated as a joke at the capital, especially in Conservative circles. Undoubtedly that was the proper way in which to treat the report, because while it might be desirable to have a Canadian as the sovereign's representative at Ottawa, there are many obvious reason why Mr. Meighen would not do. The translation of an active Canadian party leader direct to this lofty post would be an undesirable innovation, and wherever else the present head of the Conservative party might wish to be translated to, that place assuredly is not Rideau Hall.

But the party who sent the report about Mr. Meighen to London for publication was not joking. The Montreal Star, for example, no doubt regards the subject very seriously. It is so anxious to get rid of the Conservative leader that it is unable to contain itself, so a week ago it delivered itself of an editorial article over a column long from which we extract the following:

Star Article

"The Conservatives are at high-water mark in Ontario today. They cannot possibly hope to do much better in the Maritime provinces where there are only six Liberals. The Progressive-Dunning union on the Prairies will leave them worse off west of Lake Superior. Yet in the present House they are seven short of a majority.

"They must break into Quebec or break to pieces on the rocks of defeat.

"Must we endure another Conservative defeat and five more years of tariff uncertainty to convince Mr. Meighen and his loyal friends that he stands in the way of success? If so, the result may be disastrous to the Dominion. What will five years of Dunning not do?

"Sir Charles Tupper was not too proud to resign the leadership when two elections had proven that he could not win.

"We have spoken of loyalty—loyalty to the party and loyalty to the country. In this crisis, there is surely a chance for loyalty to be shown above all personal considerations. There are many capacities in which a man of Mr. Meighen's brilliant talents can serve the nation. One of them very obviously is not in leading a party to a popular victory.

"Is it not possible that the question may arise in Mr. Meighen's own mind:

"'Is is fair to the Conservative party which has so highly honored me and made me what I am to play into the hands of the Liberal party by presenting them with the best election asset they possess, a Conservative leadership which insures them a solid Quebec?'"

Montreal Gazette

The Montreal Star's pathetic appeal to Mr. Meighen to efface himself must not be likened unto a lone voice crying in the wilderness. It speaks for a large and influential element of the Conservative party in Montreal. Its more decorous neighbor, The Montreal Gazette, said the same thing in a different way a year ago. The anti-Meighen wing of the party in that locality evidently is unanimous in the view that it is impossible to enter the pearly gates of political power and preferment under the present leader, and, we may be sure, it already has a successor on order. For example, there is C. H. Cahan, M.P., from Montreal. There is R. B. Bennett, M.P., from Calgary. Both are men of outstanding ability and both, of course, would be quite regular and orthodox in their Conservatism. Sir Robert Borden is unattached, but Sir Robert would scarcely be able to break the Quebec soil.

After Other Heads

This is not the first time Lord Atholstan's newspaper, The Montreal Star, has, tried to unhorse a Conservative leader and appoint one of its own choice. In 1910 it and the elements it represents went after the head of Mr. Borden, then leader of the Conservative opposition at Ottawa—as Mr. Meighen is today—and nearly took it. They proposed to appoint, first, Sir James Whitney, then Premier of Ontario, and, when he rebuffed them, Sir Richard McBride, who also turned them down. Meanwhile, a mutiny was organized in the Conservative ranks in the House of Commons, and Mr. Borden became so disgusted with the intrigue that he was on the verge of resigning. In the end the chief effect of the conspiracy against him was the strengthening of his leadership. The intrigue from the same source against Mr. Meighen ought to have the same result. The weakness of the Conservative party in Quebec is due not alone to Mr. Meighen's leadership. It is due also to the fact that the party has the support of The Star.

THE MAN IN THE MOON says:

SOME of the older people advocate a return to greater use of the rod and the strap for the education of children. Yet see what kind of old men that system resulted in.

BURBANK had some doubt of his own immortality, yet no one else has. He will live for ever in his work

THIS is the season when there is sap in the timber and a sap in the flivver.

I HAVE been thinking of going on strike. I want more space, big headlines and a pretty border for my stuff. Somebody ought to strike in Prince Rupert so I suppose I must be the goat.

SOME London printers did not like the tone of an editorial in a London newspaper so they refused to print it. The Daily Mail editor must have arranged that suppression in order to get everybody to read the editorial in the other papers and thus advertise the Daily Mail.

I DON'T like what you say,
So be damned if you shall say it,
For only pleasing things you may
In language thus portray it.
For these are modern days
When liberty's in vogue—
It's liberty to say nice things
And not displease a rogue.

I'VE been thinking what a fine thing it would be if we had a five day week in the newspaper office. Jake says he thinks we'd be better off if all the newspapers were suppressed for a year or two.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

May 4, 1916.

The Horticultural Society, at its annual meeting last night, elected officers as follows: President, M. M. Stephens; vice-president, Mrs. F. G. Dawson; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Shockley; executive—Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, Mrs. G. H. Arnold, D. McD. Hunter, Canon G. A. Rix and W. J. Kirkpatrick.

The Catholic Club held a thoroughly enjoyable whist drive and dance last night in the Catholic Hall. Prize winners were Miss Coffe and Joe Garon. Music for the dance was furnished by Trooper Alec Gray of the 11th C.M.R.'s.

F. W. Doherty, manager of the local branch of the Royal Bank, returned this morning from Port Alberni accompanied by Mrs. Doherty and family.

TOPLEY FARMERS FORM INSTITUTE

Objects of Association Set Forth in Official Notice of Incorporation

The Topley Farmers' Institute is gazetted this week under the Societies Act, the objects of the organization being set forth as follows:

(a) To improve conditions of rural life, so that settlement may be permanent and prosperous;

(b) To promote the theory and practice of agriculture by lectures, essays, the circulation of information and other educational methods, and to stimulate interest by exhibitions, prizes, and other means;

(c) To arrange on behalf of its members for the purchase, distribution, or sale of commodities, supplies, or products, and generally to act on their behalf in all matters incidental to agricultural pursuits;

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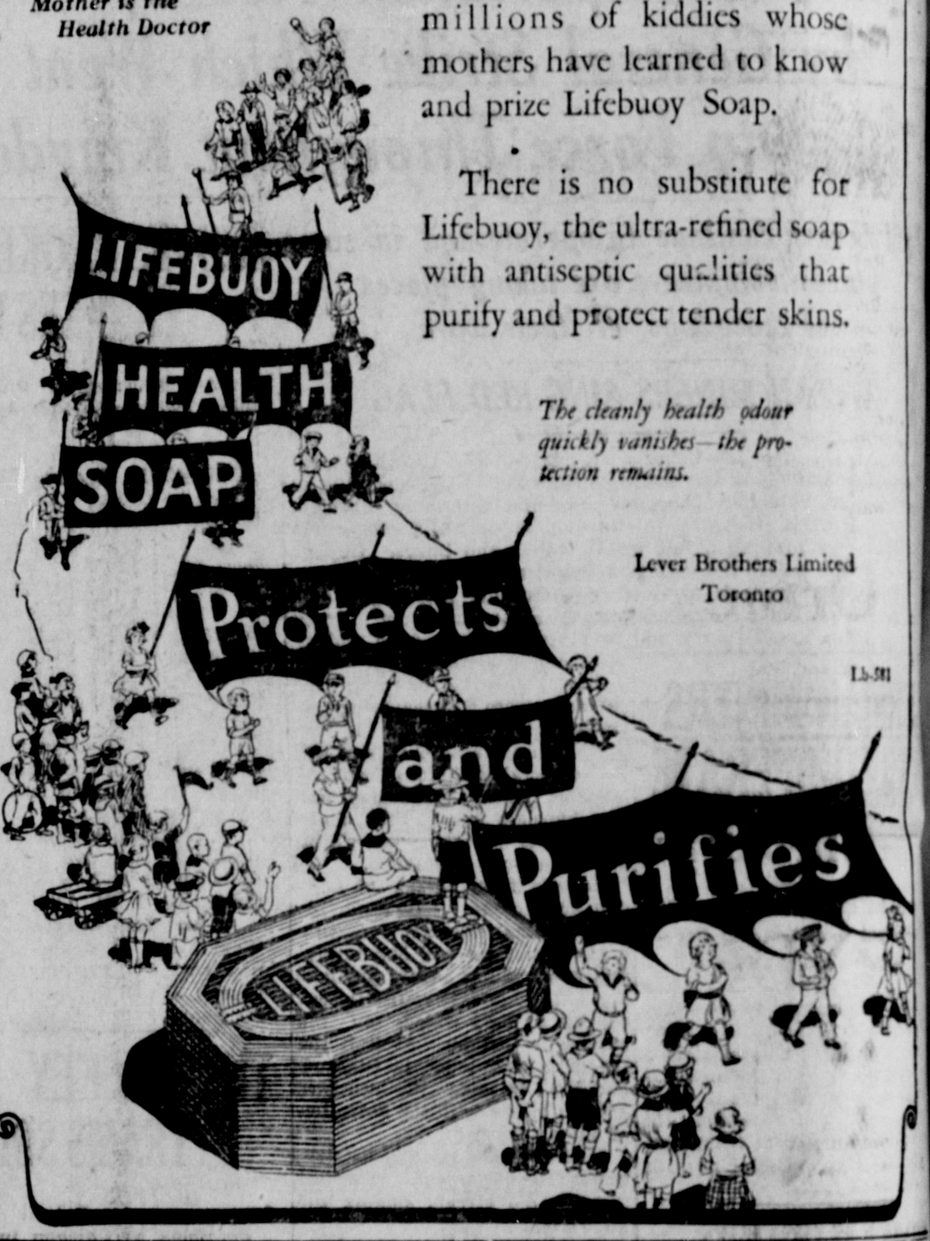

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