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THE PROPER SPIRIT

By George W. E. DANIELS

The burring of the front door bell broke the black stillness of the night and wove itself into the dreams of Mr. J. Ashley Parker, of 195 Burlington Avenue. In his dreams Mr. Parker was pursuing someone along an expanse of chalk white road that stretched on and on in an endless vista. He was throwing something at the fleeing figure — something that crackled and sparked and burred. Whether or not his actions were having any effect on the pursuit Mr. Parker could not tell; but the throwing filled him with satisfaction. Finally he discharged one long monstrous bolt and then was wide awake and conscious that his wife had just said: "That's the door bell — it must be the turkey after all." It was New Year's Eve, and the turkey had failed to turn up although sent off by friends in a distant town many days earlier.

Mr. Parker rose hurriedly, switched on the light, and looked at his watch. It was half past one. "Nice time this to be delivering things," he said as he donned his dressing gown and slippers and prepared to go to the door in response to another insistent baring of the bell. "That's right, ring away and play out the battery. It's quite understood that people can jump out of bed and sleep at a moment's notice any time of the night." From which it will be gathered that Mr. Parker was both choleric and sarcastic.

195 Burlington Avenue was an upper flat with an inside stairway leading down to the front door which was on the ground level. Mr. Parker unlocked and opened the door at the top of this stairway and switched on the stair light. As he did so he became aware of a confusion of masculine voices on the landing in front of the street door and a cane rapped sharply on the glass panel, while a voice delivered itself rather thickly of the injunction: "Comeonelechap — open up!"

Mr. Parker paused for a moment in some doubt, and then gingerly descended the stairs. Somehow, he thought, it did not seem just like the Express man to deliver such a command in such a tone of voice. Reaching the front door Mr. Parker drew back the curtain and reconnoitred through the glass. What he saw astonished him. A gentleman in a silk and coon coat, of unsteady gait and unsteady eye, was describing some evolutions in the snow on the sidewalk in front of Mr. Ashley Parker's door; a small man, also in a silk hat and clad in a tight-waisted cloth overcoat devoid of fur, was sitting on top of the short flight of wooden steps by which Mr. Parker's residence was approached, whistling an operatic air as well as he could (which was not very well), and conducting an imaginary orchestra with his walking stick; while a third party of gigantic stature also in a tall hat and with disordered arrangement of silk muffer round the thick neck that supported his blooming red countenance, was standing so close to Mr. Parker's door that the mere drawing of the curtain and looking forth was discomfiting. Mr. Parker dropped the curtain hastily and prepared to go upstairs again, but a very decided rap on the glass at the precise spot where his alarmed visage had been but a moment before roused the choleric in his make-up already referred to. He unlocked and opened the door.

Instantly the large man precipitated himself upon the slender and lightly clad figure of Mr. Parker and but for a supreme effort on the part of that bewildered gentleman they would have fallen together on the stairs.

"What does this mean?" demanded Mr. Parker furiously, struggling to free himself from the intruder. "What do you mean ringing me up at this time of night? Is this meant for a joke? Who are you anyway? Do you want me to raise an alarm?"

The large man, apparently slightly taken aback at this fiery outburst, relinquished his affectionate hold of Mr. Parker, and stepping back a pace surveyed that irate householder reproachfully. "Beasport," he said hesitantly. "Show the proper spirit ole man." We have come to be your first-footers — first-footers. On way home from club — Bagley's suggestion — first-foot ole Blockley — Beasport!" The effort occasioned by this lengthy oratorical effort left the speaker quite out of breath. The gentleman on the sidewalk ceased to cut capers, and apparently becoming interested in the proceedings at the doorway, essayed unsteadily to ascend the flight of steps leading thereto, on top of which the small man was now engaged in making golf strokes with his cane.

"I can be as good a sport as anybody," said Mr. Parker angrily, "when there is any occasion for being sporty. But some horrible mistake has been made here. My name is not Blockley but Ashley Parker, and I do not know you or Bagley or any of you. And I will thank you to go about your business. I will get a chill if I stand here a minute longer. Be off!"

Disturbed in his attempts to strike something with his cane and possibly confused by the unusual apparition of a man in a dressing gown (rather a scanty one at that) amid the snow and the coldness, or perhaps having his inebriated fancy stimulated by the sight of Mr. Parker's bare legs which were plainly discernible, Mr. Fuscoe without hesitation made a playful stroke at said legs exclaiming: "Naughty!" The cane cracked sharply on Mr. J. Ashley Parker's left shin bone, and then the look of the handle wound round his ankle. At the same time Mr. Fuscoe's hat fell off and rolled inside the doorway.

"Will you take yourselves out of here you good-for-nothings!" said Mr. Parker in rage and pain. "Or shall I whistle for the police? What do you mean by this outrageous carry-on? Drunken brutes — that's what you are, every one of you. Drunken brutes!"

"No," said Mr. Fuscoe finding a voice for the first time — and an unpleasant one even then — "No. Not at all. Nasty word 'drunk'. Only jolly. Old Blockley whistle for policeman — Ha Ha! — Whistle — Whistle!" He advanced with a kind of one-step movement toward the spot where his hat was lying, and Mr. Parker retreated up one or two stairs. Having recovered his headgear Mr. Fuscoe's roving eyes again found itself on the same piano as the legs of Mr. J. Ashley Parker and again he made a playful pass at them with his stick, saying: "Tee-hee-hee!"

"Touch me again you villain," said the enraged Mr. Parker, "and I will strike you — may you alive! Get out of my house!" Anger getting the better of him Mr. Parker made a violent rush at the offending Fuscoe, and in the fury of his advance would undoubtedly, under ordinary circumstances, have discharged that confused gallant right out on to the sidewalk. But the circumstances were prevented from being ordinary by the advent of Mr. Bagley, the third member of the first-footing party, the man in the coon coat. He was of portly build and looked like some shaggy animal in his winter coat. During the preceding animated conversation he had been steering an erratic course for the open door where he arrived just in time to receive the form of Mr. Fuscoe in his arms. The shock though great was not sufficient to dislodge a man of his avoirdupois, and Mr. Parker's herculean efforts to bang the door shut were quite unavailing. Still bearing Mr. Fuscoe in his arms Mr. Bagley heaved forward and pushed the door open once more. Again Mr. Parker retreated to the third step.

"Too bad — too bad!" said Mr. Bagley mournfully in a very deep sepulchral voice. "Not proper spirit." He shook his forefinger reprovingly at Mr. Parker.

"Don't shake your finger at me sir," said Mr. Parker fiercely, determined to let nothing pass. "Don't do it. I will have you all arrested for this — this outrage. You will hear from my lawyers about it. I will give you in charge — prosecute you —" Mr. Parker became incoherent in his rage and mortification. The mention of lawyers seemed to rouse the first member of the party from a profound study of the number of the house, which he had been contemplating in silence for some minutes. "I'm lawyer too," he broke in, pushing forward into the congested doorway. "Misr Bindoff — firm Bindoff & Plank. Number's correct — you can't prove alibi. Happy New Year ole chap! Beasport! Produce a drop of wine."

"Will you take yourselves away Bindoffs and everything?" said the infuriated Mr. Parker, charging suddenly into the midst of the disordered club goers. There was a curious mixture of curses, blows, attempted caresses, kicks, and terms of endearment, and then, the preponderating inclination of the mass taking a forward direction, in a moment all four were on the outside landing. The crowd of the little man's cane (which seemed to be everywhere at once) or some portion of his clothing caught the door in passing and gave it a pull that caused it to follow the course of the party and close with a snap. Mr. Parker extricated himself from the crowd with a swift movement and rushed forward in a valiant endeavour to prevent this dire happening. But he got there just a moment too late.

"The catch is set," he cried in despair tugging vainly at the handle. "It can't be opened from the outside without a key. This is the last straw — to be shut out of one's own house!" He commenced to rap on the glass and ring the bell, at the same time exclaiming dramatically: "Give me a coat or something to wrap myself in ere I perish miserably," such acute moments having the effect of raising Mr. Parker's language from the commonplace and everyday.

Still again Mr. Parker's legs seemed to rouse the amative soul of Mr. Fuscoe to action. "Naughty Waller outside like this!" he said making another stroke at the offending limbs. "How dare you!"

envelop the unfortunate householder. The coat being unusually large and Mr. Parker uncommonly small, he found himself entirely swamped by its voluminous folds. Only his indignant and fiery countenance prevented him from assuming an altogether pathetic and forlorn appearance.

"Poor little fellow," said Mr. Bagley compassionately, patting the bald spot on the crown of Mr. Parker's head.

"Don't be familiar with me sir," said Mr. Parker making the sleeves of the large garment gesticulate wildly. "Don't presume. You will have trouble enough as the result of this night's work I can assure you — trouble enough."

"Quite a snippy little chap," said Mr. Bindoff admiringly from the bottom of the steps where the vehemence of Mr. Parker's rush had swept him. "Quite snippy and brisk!"

"You mind your business," said Mr. Parker, the hairs of his head bristling. "Continue to play the fool. Don't mind me."

A noise was heard on the gallery overhead and the voice of Mrs. Parker was heard enquiring anxiously: "What's the matter Julian? Who's ringing the bell like that?"

"I am," called Mr. Parker loudly. "I've got shut out by mistake. Come down and open the door quickly. I am trying to persuade these drunken fools to go away before I summon the police."

At this juncture Mr. Fuscoe, who was again conducting the orchestra vigorously from a point about half way down the steps leading to the sidewalk, suddenly caught sight of the form of Mrs. Parker on the gallery overhead, and the romantic strain in his emotional nature becoming fired, he immediately bowed profoundly, doffed his hat several times, and commenced to warble the chorus from "Old Madrid": "Come my love the stars are shining," etc. Mrs. Parker disappeared hastily.

"If you dare to address any of your impertinences to my wife," said Mr. Parker in tones of strangled fury, "I will shoot you — yes shoot you. Do you hear?"

"Shooting's very serious business — very serious," said Mr. Bindoff with solemnity, the lawyer in him again coming to the surface. "Very risky proceeding. Advise against it."

"If this nonsense continues much longer," said Mr. Parker with the calmness of despair, endeavouring to assume an impressive attitude in his grotesque covering and failing signally, "I will shoot every one of you. Scoundrels and blackguards! Such a carry on was never known. Somebody will pay for this. Just wait."

"The Court will decide payment," said Mr. Bindoff thickly, his mind wandering again. "Question of costs also to be considered — plaintiff or defendant —"

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CANADIAN NOTES

—Twelve dollars a week as a minimum wage for women is being recommended to the Alberta government for adoption by order-in-council. \$8.50 per week will likely be the minimum wage for female apprentices under one year.

—There have been 20,508 industrial accidents to workers this year in British Columbia up to December 23rd.

—Ontario has a minimum wage law which has not been put into operation.

—It is reported that the Dominion police are investigating the movement of ex-soldiers in Toronto and elsewhere in Canada to affiliate with the ex-Seg vice Men's International, which now has over a million former soldiers in various countries enrolled. The aim of this International is to oppose war and to transfer the ownership of industry to the producers.

—A recent unemployed protest meeting in Vancouver, B.C., numbered 2000.

—C. M. O'Brien, former Socialist member from the Rocky Mountain district in the Alberta Legislature, who was charged in New York state with criminal anarchy, has had all charges against him withdrawn and is now at liberty.

AMERICAN NOTES

—The five great American packing companies commonly known as the "beef trust," made net profits of \$59,510,000 during the three years preceding the war—1912, 1913, 1914, and net profits of \$192,260,000, during the years 1915, 1916 and 1917.

—Forty out of forty-eight states have now adopted some form of granting allowances to mothers in need in order that they may properly care for their children.

—By a vote of 1,131 to 1,106 the local union amalgamated Textile Workers of America at Lawrence, Mass., has voted against joining the I. W. W.

—Two hundred thousand workers are out of work in Michigan, half of whom are in actual need of work to avoid suffering.

—Between 300,000 and 400,000 children were deprived of schooling last year in the U. S. through shortage of teachers.

—The establishment of a labor college is planned by the Trades and Labor Council of Minneapolis, Minn.

—Building trade unions and contractors in Denver, Colo., have agreed to continue the 1920 wage rate during 1921. These workers are strongly organized hence the absence of wage reduction talk.

ing could be seen, so he advanced out to the gallery. Instantly the first-footing party came into view crowded on the front steps and evidently holding a council of some kind. Before he could withdraw his head he was espied by Mr. Fuscoe who seemed to have become suddenly alert, and who cried: "There's the ole chap again!"

"Be off," said Mr. Parker, feeling more secure from his elevated point of vantage. "Be off before the Police arrive."

"Never saw such inhospitable fellow all my life," mumbled Bindoff. "No sport at all. Number's right too — quite right. 195 Bromley Avenue — no mistake —"

"This is not Bromley Avenue," said Mr. Parker catching at the name. "This is Burlington Avenue. Bromley is two streets further on."

"Not Bromley!" said Mr. Bindoff in astonishment. "Why didn't you say so at first?" His head seemed to be clearing.

"How dare you reproach me with a thing like that?" said Mr. Parker, his anger mounting again. "After all that has happened! After forcing yourselves into my house and behaving in this outrageous way? But never mind. The Police will be here in a few moments."

"Not Bromley at all," said Mr. Bindoff on whom this intelligence had apparently made a deep impression. "Stupidest thing ever heard of in my life — fellow never told us a thing —". Words seemed to fail him, for he knocked off Mr. Fuscoe's hat and then picked it up and put it on his head again. A kind of aimless wandering in circles on the sidewalk and up and down the steps seemed to indicate that the trio were getting ready to depart at last. After some further shuffling this finally proved to be the case, and after making one or two false starts and coming back again to scrutinize Mr. Parker's number once again, they eventually lurched away and were swallowed up in the darkness. The sound of their voices grew less and presently silence reigned once more in the vicinity of 195 Burlington Avenue.

J. Ashley Parker descended, fixed the catch on the lower door and closed it, rearranged the mat at the bottom of the stairs, and made his way up again. Reaction having set in he poured himself out a glass of whiskey which he took neat. "Oh the whole," he said, "considering that there were three of them and all the circumstances, I think I handled the situation fairly well."

And feeling in a slight measure heroic he prepared again for bed. "The only mistake that was made," he said, unwilling to let the occasion pass without a reproof of some kind, "was the releasing of that catch, and that mistake was yours Mercedes. It might have been a fatal piece of carelessness — so be warned my dear."

"I thought you might get shut out again," said Mrs. Parker meekly.

"Ha — Ho —" said J. Parker coughing in some confusion. "Of course there was that to consider. But be more careful another time should such circumstances again arise."

A Happy New Year To All

"The Labor World" extends its heartiest wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year to all the great army of laboring men and laboring women who by their support are making "The Labor World" in the foremost rank of journalistic enterprises in the Province of Quebec.

"We send greetings and good cheer to all those connected with the Labor Movement. The coming year will be a memorable one in the onward march of Labor. Those the present generation look back upon in Canadian history as great men were those who won for us political democracy. Those who are living among us to-day upon whom future generations will look back as great are those who are bending their thoughts, their will, their energies to the conquest of industrial democracy. The Labor Movement is great and glorious because its members are sane, know the road they travel and are confident of reaching the desired journey's end."

—The International Ladies Garment Workers' Union has purchased a four storey building in New York City for a cost of \$50,000, and will spend \$50,000 in improvements. The building will be used as headquarters for the various activities of the organization.

—F. Whitaker, a member of the United Mine Workers of America was elected judge of McRoberts county, Ky., while serving a six months sentence for contempt of court. He defeated judge Stephen Combs who sentenced him to jail.

—Increased pay of approximately 40 cents a day with a cut of one hour a day was recently granted more than 300 union taxicab drivers in Boston, Mass.

—Scrubwomen throughout the state of Massachusetts were recently awarded an increase of approximately 25% when the Minimum Wage Board awarded them a rate of 37 cents an hour.

—Perkman B. Flanders, Socialist, has been elected Mayor of Haverhill, Mass.

—Striking piano workers of Chicago, deadlocked over demands for increased wages, are planning to operate their own piano factory. A company has been formed and the strikers will put up \$50,000 to finance the company.

—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers have voted to raise a million dollar relief fund for the 60,000 union clothing workers in New York who are either on strike or locked out.

—Spokesmen of the Republican party of New York state declare that no further proceedings will be taken to oust the Socialists who for a second time have been elected to the State assembly.

IMPERIAL NOTES

—In England, the Amalgamated Co-operative and Commercial and Allied Workers' Union has fused with the National Warehouse and General Workers' Union. The new organization is called the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers, and has a membership of 200,000. Control of industry by the workers is a plank in the Union's program.

—A Farmers' party on the lines of

the Canadian farmers' political organization is planned for New Zealand.

—The Actors' Association of London, England, is agitating for a minimum wage of £2 a week for chorus girls.

Ireland has 350 co-operative creameries.

The Broken Hill, Australia, metal miners' strike which has lasted for 18 months will likely be settled soon. An interim report of the industrial tribunal awards the men the 44 hours week for underground workers, and the 48 hours week for surface workers with a substantial increase in pay.

—The Labor Government of New South Wales is improving the condition of the prisoners in the jails. Lectures, concerts and suitable entertainments will be given. An hour extra light will be allowed in the cells, and a jail newspaper will be issued to the prisoners every month.

It is the intention of the Labor government of New South Wales to Nationalize the coal mines.

The Labor party of Great Britain will hold a special convention to deal with the Irish question.

A new edition of London's great Labor paper, the Daily Herald, will be published in Manchester. To start the northern edition will cost \$850,000. The London edition of the paper has a net sale of 300,000 copies a day at 4 cents the copy.

—The Australian Labor party has refused to readmit those of its members it expelled during the war for supporting conscription.

—Labor men have been re-elected to the British House of Commons in the bye-elections in Aberlilly, where George Barker polled 15,495 votes to his opponents 7,842; and in the bye-election in West Rhondda where W. John, polled 14,033 votes to his opponents 9,950.

—Two years after the war Great Britain is spending four times as much upon preparations for slaughter as upon education.

FOREIGN NOTES

—Seventy per cent of the population of Rumania is illiterate.

—It is said the differences between the British shop stewards, the American I. W. W. and the Italian, French and Spanish Syndicalists and the Third International have now been settled.

—An ex-soldier's International has been formed with Henri Barbusse of France as the general secretary. It has a membership of approximately one million scattered throughout the European countries. The objective of this international is to abolish war, and to do this the declaration of principles recognizes that the capitalist regime must be done away with.

—Under the reaction in Hungary, in Budapest alone 23,419 persons have been charged with communist offences.

—Sixty thousand Russian fugitives from the Crimea, Russia, are expected to arrive in Mexico shortly.

—The Finnish Social-Democratic party has decided to withdraw from the Second International on the grounds that its program makes no provision for the class interests of the internationally organized proletariat.

—In Haiti, the laborer gets 20 cents a day and lives practically on fruit that grows wild.

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A THETFORD MINES
Depuis quelque temps un grand mou-
vement d'organisation se fait à Thetford
Mines et plusieurs corps de métiers qui
jusqu'ici avaient négligé de s'organiser,
ont compris que le temps était venu de
faire un travail d'organisation durable.

La semaine dernière, A. Bastien, orga-
nisateur de la Fédération Américaine du
Travail pour la province de Québec, a pré-
sidé à l'installation des officiers élus par
le Conseil des Métiers et du Travail de
Thetford Mines. Les nouveaux titulaires
sont: Président, Isaac Rousseau; vice-pré-
sident, Alcide Gauthier; secrétaire-archi-
viste, W. Grondin; secrétaire-financier,
P. McCaffrey; trésorier, Edgar Bailly;
guide, Alfred Richard; gardien, Domini-
que Pilonasold; syndics (terme de 3
ans), Lacasse, Rousseau, (terme de 2
ans), Joseph Boudard, (terme d'un an),
Caliste Paradis. Le Conseil représente
actuellement quatre grandes organisa-
tions: les mineurs avérés de trois cents
membres, les charpentiers de Thetford et
des environs, les électriciens et les machi-
nistes.

A la dernière assemblée du local 143
des Mineurs de Thetford Mines, ceux-ci
ont fait l'élection de leurs officiers pour
l'année 1921. Voici le résultat: Prési-
dent, A. Vachon; vice-président, Alcide
Gauthier; secrétaire-archiviste, V. Bou-
lard; trésorier, P. McCaffrey. Cette
union est dans la voie du progrès. Aussi
les mineurs avérés, qui mal renseignés par
le passé, avaient refusé de reconnaître la
vraie organisation qui peut leur être utile
et avant longtemps l'organisation com-
prendra la majorité sinon tous les ou-
vriers de Thetford Mines.

Cette semaine, les électriciens de l'un-
ion locale 1124 ont fait le choix de leurs
officiers pour 1921, avec le résultat sui-
vant: Président, Chs. Côté; vice-prési-
dent, Henri Nadeau; secrétaire-archi-
viste, Edgar Bailly. A la prochaine assem-
blée les autres officiers seront choisis et
l'organisation internationale des électrici-
ens local 1124 continuera son travail
pour le bien de ses membres en particu-
lier et pour le bien général de la classe
ouvrière.

NOUVELLES OUVRIERES LOCALES

—Suivant certains économistes, le Cana-
da n'a pas suffisamment de travail pour
les mains disponibles. D'autres, au con-
traire, font une propagande active en
Angleterre pour avoir des domestiques,
qui, suivant eux, font défaut ici. Les an-
nonces alléchantes qui paraissent dans les
journaux anglais portent sur fruits et
quantité de domestiques (ils se font pas-
ser pour tels, tout au moins) viennent au
Canada espérant améliorer leur condition,
mais ils trouvent, au lieu de cela, qu'ils
n'ont rien gagné à travers l'océan. Sou-
vent sans économies, leurs nouveaux
maîtres leur ayant avancé l'argent néces-
saire à leur traversée et à leur admission
au pays, ces domestiques sont exploités
par ces mêmes maîtres qui profitent de
la circonstance pour leur payer des sala-
ires moindres que ceux payés aux travai-
leurs du pays. On leur fait faire de lon-
gues heures, on ne leur accorde presque
pas de sorties et on leur assigne tous les
travaux. A quel bon se gêner avec des
gens qui doivent leur passage et à qui on
paie un salaire si minime qu'ils ne par-
viennent presque jamais à éteindre cette
dette. Une fois fatigués de ce traitement
d'esclave, ces domestiques disparaissent
en abandonnant les quelques vêtements
leur appartenant et sans argent, et ils
échequent sur le pavé de la grande ville.
Que deviennent ces malheureux? Neuf
fois sur dix, la chair à exploitation.
Si nous avions un juge spécial chargé
de faire enquête lorsqu'une jeune fille
est arrêtée pour la première fois pour
vagabondage spécial, peut-être appren-
drait-on que cette jeune fille a servi pen-
dant une de ces dames appartenant au monde
qui veut tout régenter par la force des
lois. Les deux jeunes filles légèrement
habillées, perdus dans l'ouest de la ville,
appartenant peut-être à cette classe
d'esclaves, venues au Canada attirées par
les fausses représentations des annonces
des journaux de Londres.

—L'Union des Boulangers, local 55,
qui devait tenir son assemblée générale
le samedi, 1er janvier, tiendra cette as-
semblée le 3 janvier prochain. Le pré-
sident de l'Union des Ouvriers Boulangers
souhaite une heureuse année à tous
les membres du local 55 en particulier, et
à tous les membres des unions internatio-
nales en général et espère que les unions,
au courant de la prochaine année, conti-
neront à travailler comme par le passé
pour le bien-être des travailleurs. Il es-
père aussi et souhaite que tous les tra-
vailleurs ministres deviennent membres
consommateurs de la Boulangerie Coopé-
rative, fondée par le local 55. C'est par
le système coopératif que les travailleurs
amélioreront leurs conditions et obtien-
dront justice dans cette société.

—La question des sans-travail trouble
actuellement plus d'un gouvernement, et
dire que depuis si longtemps on entendait
ceux qui se préoccupent de la question du
chômage demander aux ouvriers de pro-
duire avec intensité et traiter les travail-
leurs de paresseux parce qu'ils deman-
daient la journée de huit heures. Mainte-
nant qu'il y a surproduction, l'ouvrier
est la première victime. Si la journée de
huit heures avait été appliquée partout on
ne déplorerait pas actuellement le chô-
mage causé par la gourmandise des pro-
fiteurs.

—On nous annonce d'Ottawa, que le
ministre de la marine et le ministre du
travail ont reçu une délégation ouvrière
de Toronto, demandant au gouvernement
de ne pas permettre la réduction de
salaire par les constructeurs de deux na-
vires en chantier à Toronto. Comme le
ministre de la marine, l'hon. M. Ballan-
tray, faisait observer que ces navires ont
été mis en construction pour donner du
travail cet hiver et non pas par nécessité,
la délégation répondit qu'en permettant
une réduction de salaires le gouvernement
donnait un exemple pernicieux et commet-
tait une grave erreur, parce que permet-
tre la réduction de salaires est permet-
tre la réduction du pouvoir d'achat des
ouvriers, ce qui est toujours néfaste au
commerce et à l'industrie. Par une ré-
duction de salaires on fait souffrir les
travailleurs qui subissent cette réduction
et on atteint également le commerce qui
vit des achats de l'ouvrier. Les minist-
res ont promis d'étudier sérieusement la
situation.

CAPITALIST FINANCE

A few weeks ago the Hon. C. A. Dunning, provincial treasurer of the Province of Saskatchewan announced that province had a surplus of \$1,934,625. Mr. Dunning wanted the public to tell him what to do with it as he did not like surpluses.

The ordinary person, if he owes debts and has money on hand he does not know what to do with, naturally thinks the wise thing to do is to go and pay his debts. The province of Saskatchewan owes in the neighbor-
hood of fifteen million dollars. Why does not the Hon. Mr. Dunning use the surplus to reduce the indebtedness of the Province?

The answer is simple. The capitalist financiers do not want to see the debts of the province paid.

There are said to be two classes of people in the world those who borrow and those who lend, or those who owe money and those to whom money is owed. It is easy enough to lend money, if one is careless as to the financial standing of borrowers, but it is very difficult to lend money to responsible corporations or individuals who are sure to be able to return the money with interest. Such people usually have money to lend. They do not want to borrow. Consequently financiers are hard put to it to lend their money with safety.

The outlook of the financier is seen in the following story. An old New York financier walked a block off the main thoroughfare in order to buy himself a pair of suspenders six cents on the dollar cheaper than on the street he had left. Seeing the look of astonishment on the face of his young companion, the financier said, "Young man, we who deal in dollars sweat ourselves to make a dollar bring us in six cents at the end of the year. I have made this dollar bring me in six cents immediately."

When overworked financiers are worried to find safe borrowers of their funds, it is very decent of the Hon. provincial treasurer of Saskatchewan, not to want to use the money of the people of Saskatchewan to pay the debts of the people of Saskatchewan and thus save the people from paying interest.

If a labor union owes money, the labor union members assess themselves monthly to raise money to pay off their debt. Organized labor thinks indebtedness and the burden of interest payments are things to be avoided.

Saskatchewan owes about fifteen million dollars and being bid \$400,000 per year in interest charges. Saskatchewan has nearly two million dollars on hand and the government people pretend to be hard put to it to solve the problem of what to do with those two million dollars.

A Farmer-Labor government would easily solve the problem. That is why financiers do not like farmer-labor governments.

RUMANIAN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

In the old Kingdom of Rumania, co-operative societies of all sorts have made great advance. Sprung into existence hardly twenty years ago, co-operative societies may be found to-day in almost every village; not one, but several to supply various wants of the people. There are "credit co-operative societies" (or village banks) which rapidly supply those in need of money without recourse to cities; "consumers' organizations" that have opened up stores stocked with merchandise of all sorts for the people; "renting of leasing co-operative societies" that lease farms to be worked for common profit; and "societies for cultivation" that exploit forests and work other enterprises.

BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS
Mr. George E. Melvain, of the Babson statistical organization of Boston, speaking before the Young Men's Canadian Club at the Windsor Hotel, declared that what labor wanted as a rule was not more money and less work but better living conditions. Labor is resolved to improve its position in society and is willing to give value for the values it gets.

Many years ago Goldsmith declared: "All fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, where wealth accumulates and men decay." Canadian labor is resolved that the welfare of mankind shall be placed before the accumulation of wealth.

The Halifax Trades and Labor Council has protested the Hanna rule forbidding Canadian National Railway employees from entering politics. It is also taking steps to secure a Labor Temple for the organized workers of Halifax.

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NOTICE OF DIVORCE
Province of Quebec, District of Montreal.
Notice is hereby given that Dame Rose Siegler of Montreal of the County of Hochelaga in the Province of Quebec will appeal to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session for Divorce from her husband Joe Slatzberg of the same place on the ground of adultery.
Montreal, Province of Quebec, this 18th day of September.
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13 ins. Attorney for Plaintiff.

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CANADIAN BROTHERHOOD CHARTER REVOKED

The Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has issued an official notification that the Charter held since December 17th, 1917, by the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees has been revoked since December 14th 1920. From this date, the only organization entitled to have delegates representing this class of railway employees seated in a Trades and Labor Council is the International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees.

LABOR GLEANINGS

In answer to Senator Robertson's attempt to fasten Bolshevism on the Canadian Labor forces, The Veteran, of Toronto, wants to know if "the government of Canada has given serious and constant attention... during the past year and a half to the causes of social unrest."

To know is to be powerful, but to be wise is to be more powerful.
Stanley de Brath, an English engineer of many years practice, speaking both as an engineer and as a university graduate, says that it takes more brains and skill, for a working man to make a thermionic valve in a wireless telegraphic installation than it takes to become a lawyer or a graduate of an arts course.

Switzerland's strongest Alpine fortress, Saint-Maurice, is to be dismantled and converted into a tuberculosis sanitarium. It is said the several million francs spent upon it for defense and improvements can be readily utilized for hospital purposes. It is good to take care of the ill, but it is better to prevent illness, and it is well recognized that tuberculosis is due to bad living conditions. The real remedy is to improve living conditions.