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THE EMPIRE SAVED

The people of the United Kingdom do not appear to be as grateful as they should be, for their salvation at a moment when the unhappy country was tottering to its fall.

Nor has the Canadian press done its full duty toward the noble band of rescuers who leaped into the breach and frightened the German navy out of a year's growth.

It is true that the British Empire has been worrying along in an uncertain way for a long time, and that the men at the head of its affairs in London, and scattered over the world, are specially trained for their task.

But, when all this has been admitted, it is obvious to the Canadian mind that, in a crisis such as that which lately threatened, these jaded old-world statesmen of a decadent period could not save the Empire.

What they needed was a lawyer from St. John, a lawyer from Halifax, and a lawyer from Quebec, to teach them a few lessons in up-to-date statesmanship.

Happy the needed instruction has not been withheld, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Borden and Mr. Pelletier are on the job and it is not difficult to understand how completely their advent altered the complexion of affairs.

A man who had practiced law in Halifax, another who had done the same in St. John, besides appointing a Central Railway Commissioner and an Agricultural Commissioner—these two alone would suffice; but when they were aided by the man who had sat at the feet of Henri Bourassa in Quebec, the combination was irresistible.

We can well understand that on their arrival a sense of security would steal over Westminster, and extend even to Buckingham Palace. The weary Titan heaved a great sigh of relief, and the German bogey hid itself in the depths of the Black Forest.

The ungrateful part of the business is that some of the "blasted Britabbers" do not seem to realize what has been done for them. They are disposed to assert that Canadians have no cause, and yet to talk about and call themselves the saviors of the Empire.

There is even a disposition in some quarters to maintain that if the government of the Empire were handed over to the present aggregation at Ottawa several things would happen, including the election by Kaiser Bill of Windsor Castle for a summer cottage.

This is, of course, very gallant to the citizen of Digby, Canada, who knows that the arrival of the Three Wise Men from Ottawa in London saved the Empire; and who also knows how admirably fitted they are to solve all the problems that press upon the Aquatic government at the present time.

JAPAN'S RULERS

Japan's great Emperor, the man whose reign witnessed the awakening of his country and its rise to rank among the great powers of the earth, is dead, and his son has assumed the momentous responsibilities of the imperial office.

The passing of the Emperor is an event of world-significance. He was one of the world's great rulers, and his death marks an epoch in the affairs of his country.

The new Emperor is said to be a man of ability, and he has been well trained for his great task. The people are devoted to the Emperor, but he must prove his quality.

Happy the statesmen of Japan are men of a splendid type, with an earnest ambition to serve their country, and there is at the time of the new Emperor's accession no serious cloud on the horizon.

Moreover, in a very real sense, because of the religious beliefs of Japan, the Emperor, being dead, yet speaketh to his people.

The Canadian ministers are now saving the empire at banquets in Paris.

One of the strongest temperance sermons ever preached was that order of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, forbidding the men in its transportation service to drink liquor either when on or off duty.

Mr. W. Burton Stewart brings good news whenever he visits St. John. Not only is he confident that St. John will have great steel plant, but he says more British capitalists are coming out in the fall to look the provinces over, with a view to investment.

Since the militia department has provided the city of St. John with some old cannon, there is no good reason why they should not be mounted on the squares. In years to come, if not at present, they would be regarded as interesting curiosa.

The Privy Council has sustained the decision of the supreme court of Canada and leaves the marriage law question in the hands of the provinces. That is to say, each province has exclusive power to make laws relating to the solemnization of marriage.

The matter having been thus decided, it remains to be seen whether those who supported the Lancaster bill will press for an amendment to the British North America Act. It would not be surprising if this course were pursued.

RICH AND MELLOW You'll Like The Flavor Money back if you don't. KING COLE TEA

IN LIGHTER VEIN VERY SUSPICIOUS. A well-known New York millionaire for his cautious habits was recently called upon by two promoters, who tried to interest him in a new money-making scheme.

They talked to the great financier for about an hour, then they took their leave, having been told that his decision would be forwarded to them in a few days.

"I believe we've got him," said the first, hopefully, as they left the office. "It don't know," rejoined the other, "he seemed very suspicious."

"Suspicious?" said the first. "What makes you think he was suspicious?" "Did you notice," was the reply, "how he counted his fingers after he had shaken hands?"

WHY HE ASKED. "Now, old man, make yourself comfortable, and let us talk over the good old times. We haven't seen each other since we were boys together, I told you I was married, didn't I? By the way, did you ever live in Painesville?"

"Yes, I lived there three years." "Ever meet Miss Katiah?" "Ha! Ha! Why, I was engaged to her! But that's nothing—all the fellows in my crowd were engaged to her at one time or another. I see you've lived in Painesville. Why did you ask about her in particular?"

"Why, I—er—I married her." NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH. On little Arthur's birthday he received a present of a very large furry toy monkey. Two days later, his father found it lying in a corner with both eyes missing.

"My boy," asked father, "more in sorrow than in anger, why have you pulled that beautiful monkey by pulling its eyes out?" "Didn't!" replied Arthur, bravely. "Don't tell any untruths," snorted father, more in anger than in sorrow, "or I'll punish you. Why did you pull the monkey's eyes out?"

"Didn't!" repeated the little Arthur defiantly. Then he hurried on, as father took off his slipper. "I pushed them in!" CHARITY. "He said he would kiss me or die in the attempt." "Well?"

"He has no life insurance and I pitied his poor old mother." IN THE SERVANT'S HALL. The young man who was always bragging about "My friend, Lord This," and "My pal, the Hon. of That," was chatting one day with a friend when the conversation worked around to fish.

"At once," he said, "I'll give you a chance. Do you know," he began, proudly, "I was dining at Lord—'s the other evening, and I was much surprised to find that there was no fish served!" The friend also said his chance. "No need to be," he said, "I expect they'd eaten it all upstairs."

NATURALLY. "Do you play any instrument, Mr. Jump?" "Yes, I'm a cornetist." "And your sister?" "She's a pianist." "Does your mother play?" "She's a sitherist." "And your father?" "A pessimist."

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Excuses for Eve. Auntie Briggs was being shown through an important collection of Masters. As Auntie proceeded down the line, the Old Masters did not seem to be making the rule any less lenient. Auntie's face was getting crimson, and then more red than that. Finally, as she was about to explode with indignation, somebody ran her up in front of an Italian masterpiece which depicted "That Eve." Now Eve, to overlook certain things, was a person who could not be regarded by Auntie as anywhere near as vicious as the others. Eve was in the book. So she felt obliged to say something in extenuation of this painting. She thought a minute. Then she said: "Well, even if she is as—bare—as any of 'em, anyway she looks as if she didn't know."

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MORE SIGNATURES NEEDED FOR EARLY CLOSING MOVEMENT. The common clerk reported that the petition calling for a referendum in connection with the early closing by-law had the signatures of only 1,179 qualified voters as several of the signatures were not those of persons who had voted in the last civic election. The petitioners will be notified and will have ten days in which to get the additional signatures. There were 6,533 voters in the last election and it required the signatures of 1,207 of these to secure a referendum.

At the weekly meeting of the city commissioners yesterday the recommendations of the commissioners as published in yesterday's Times, were adopted. In connection with the proposal to notify the St. John Pulp & Paper Company to remove their machinery within ninety days, it was pointed out that the cost of keeping this mill was about \$5,000 a year, and it was thought that the city would be in money by disposing of the property.

Another resident of Nelson street, West End, sent a protest against the closing of a portion of that street and allowing the dominion government to use it. A communication from the secretary of the Chief Constables Association notifying the city that the next annual convention would take place in St. John during the summer of 1913, was referred to the commissioner of public safety.

The superintendent of the Aberdeen playgrounds asked that a band concert be arranged for the grounds and suggested that Wednesday evening, August 21, would be suitable. The mayor was given power to act. The meeting then adjourned.

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