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**THE NEW PARTY.** Sir Robert Borden has announced his resignation of the premiership, to take effect in a few days. The Unionists have held a caucus and decided to carry on under a new leader, but without some of the Liberals who have hitherto been members of the party. A new name has been chosen—the National Liberal and Conservative party. We are told it will be known for brevity sake as the National Party. In reality it will be the Conservative party, with some adhesion from the Liberal ranks.

Hon. N. W. Rowell, however, has tendered his resignation, and several other Liberals have made it known that they are not in sympathy with the scheme. To continue the present men in power without an appeal to the people.

The platform of the new party is published. It contains the usual high sounding phrases, but its strong point is the tariff. The tariff is to be revised, but not at present. The tariff plank in the platform says:

"While a general revision of the Canadian tariff based upon the foregoing considerations is due, it must be realized that, owing to the war, economic and commercial conditions the world round have been profoundly disturbed and that, as a consequence it is neither practicable nor possible in the national or public interest to undertake such revision until a thorough enquiry is made to ascertain the essential facts upon which tariff provisions must necessarily be based."

The protected interests have very little to fear from this deliverance. We are told that the Liberal-Unionist members with a few exceptions, have endorsed the platform. They have done it without waiting to get the views of their constituents. An appeal to the people is apparently not to be made, and the shuffle of cabinet positions, we are told, will be made in such a way as to avoid elections. The new deal is obviously open to the criticism that the gentlemen at Ottawa are afraid to trust the people.

There is still the question of leadership, and a rather adroit plan for choice has been adopted. Each member of the party is to indicate his choice to Sir Robert Borden. This will obviate the necessity of a public declaration of preference. Sir Robert will examine the list sent in, and recommend the man who has the most supporters. This does not necessarily mean that all will support the choice, and it is possible the leadership may yet prove a serious source of contention. The people of the country will look on with some cynical interest while the gentlemen elected for a specific purpose and period of time proceed to extend the period and announce other purposes without a warrant from those they profess to represent.

Five names are suggested for the leadership—Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. J. A. Calder, Sir Henry Drayton, Sir Thomas White, and Sir George E. Foster. It is said the preference lies between Hon. Arthur Meighen and Sir Thomas White. A few days should tell the tale, and meanwhile the country will have time to digest the platform of the new party and estimate the value of future performances by a reference to those of the past.

## LAW AND THE CITIZEN.

Bishop Fallon, of the diocese of London, Ontario, is not in sympathy with the Ontario Temperance Act, but he believes that being the law it should be observed. His address to the clergy at their annual retreat last week is a ringing call to duty which ought to be heard from end to end of this country. Bishop Fallon said:

"No matter what you or I think of it, the O. T. A. is now the law in this province. It was enacted by competent civil authority, it has undoubtedly been the approval and support of the great majority of the people of the province, it invades no essential right that demands or justifies resistance or disobedience, and while you are at liberty, under the form of responsible government which, thank God, obtains in this free country, to agitate for the mending or ending of the act, to educate public opinion along these lines, there your liberty ceases. So long as the Ontario Temperance Act is the law of the land, it demands your respect and your most loyal effort to have its provisions observed. The authority behind it is lawful and competent civil authority, and the Catholic Church teaches that all authority is from God. This Catholic doctrine, which ennobles obedience, also inexorably exacts that obedience to all laws not manifestly unjust, even though the wisdom of their enactment is open to question."

Bishop Fallon, adds the Toronto Globe report, depicted in scathing terms the debauching of the public conscience, the debauching of the individual conscience, and of the official conscience, by the state of things publicly known, or at least generally alleged, to exist in the district.

"For, mark well," continued his lordship, impressively, "this particular law cannot be brazenly violated, and in this particular instance cannot be openly flouted, without going far, dangerously far, toward bringing all law and all authority into contempt."

If the principles laid down by Bishop

Fallon were universally honored there would be no complaint about the illicit sale of liquor, for there would be no buyers. It is not the law, but disregard of it that causes the trouble. And yet we sometimes boast that we are a law-abiding people.

## SIR ROBERT BORDEN.

The retirement of Sir Robert Borden from the leadership of the government of Canada is an event of the first importance. The country regrets that ill health has forced him to give up his post, although there is little reason to doubt that the country would have relieved him of his responsibilities had the general elections been held at any time since the close of the war. For Sir Robert himself the people of Canada have never entertained other than the kindest feelings. As a public man he maintained the integrity which had marked his private life, and he retired from office honored and esteemed. As the representative of Canada in London and Paris at the close of the war he manifested a breadth of view, a dignity and force of character which won for him the highest praise, both at home and abroad. It was his good fortune to be the prime minister of Canada during a great national and imperial crisis, and he applied himself to the arduous tasks of the period with a devotion which in the end weakened his powerful constitution and has now forced his retirement.

There is a feeling, however, that Sir Robert remained a little too long in office, and that he would have been wiser to disregard the advice of his colleagues, and go to the country when the war-time parliament had finished its work. In success or in defeat, his reputation as a statesman would not have suffered by trusting the people. In the history of Canada his name must ever hold an honored place, because it is associated with the period of the great war, in which Canada acquitted herself so nobly and so well. That he may yet represent his country with distinction in a sphere less arduous than that of premier is quite possible, and in every way desirable.

The Democratic platform committee has decided that it will present no plank relating to prohibition. It has turned down both the rigid enforcement plank of Mr. Bryan and the more moderate one of Mr. Burleson. The majority of the members prefer to let the matter alone. Prohibition is the law of the land, and a rigid enforcement act is based on the statute books. They are willing to let it go at that. Mr. Bryan declares he will carry the fight for his plank into the convention.

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The water sports at Crystal Beach yesterday attracted a very large crowd, despite the threatening weather of the early part of the day. The river is shallow and the water is very warm, and the swimmers were scattered along the little beach for a long distance from the little wharf. The races which attracted most interest were those in which oarsmen competed, and it is good to see a revival of this class of sport. We shall see more of it before the summer is over.

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The various other groups are so strongly represented in the new Manitoba legislature that the government cannot carry on if they combine against it. It has an apparent majority over any two of the other groups, but until all the returns are in its full strength by comparison cannot be determined. A coalition appears at present to be the way out. It is interesting to note that Rev. Wm. Ivens, the radical preacher, has been elected Winnipeg.

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Parliament prorogued for the breakwater at St. John. That delegation proposed early last spring should have gone to Ottawa. The Commercial Club lost an opportunity to place the condition of affairs at this port before parliament and the country in the most effective way.

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The Democratic convention has no lack of candidates for the presidency as fourteen have been put in nomination. With them as with the Republicans a dark horse may be the winner.

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**HOLIDAY WAS ENJOYED.** Although threatening weather yesterday morning, after the terrific rain Wednesday afternoon and night, did not augur well for a delightful holiday the atmosphere was cleared by a shower about noon and the sun came out, making the remainder of the day an ideal one. Many sporting functions and picnics were postponed, but those who were prepared in the morning took advantage of the opportunity in the afternoon. The St. John Power Boat Club held races at Crystal Beach, while sports and races were held at Hampton, Westfield, Renforth, Fair Vale and Public Landing. The Old Country Club held a picnic at Morris.

The annual Dominion Day picnic of the local Salvation Army was held at Seaside Park yesterday afternoon. The time was passed in games and sports and all had a very enjoyable time. Many people attended the circus also.

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**Mining de Luxe.** Cardiff, Wales, July 2—Workmen in colliers at Swansea are going to their work in motor cars. Alderman T. J. Samuel declared, in an address on the need for national economy. He cited this instance as a sample of extravagance.

# Rippling Rhymes

Walt Mason

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**TIJUANA.**

In Mexico, across the line, Tijuana merchants sell you wine, or any kind of sudden death with which you like to paint your beach. And dead game sports go there to drink their favored brands of purple ink, and cough up seven bits a throw for little drinks of liquid woe. And when they're lured through sunny bars they climb into their motor cars, and throw on all the motor's power, and hit a hundred miles an hour; and oftentimes they break their necks and leave their costly auto wrecks; and jailing this some moral cop stands in the road and bids them stop, and leads them to the nearest jail, and then a jurist takes their kale. Oh, gents who mourn our freedom lost, and say the dry law don't work! There you may drink a peck of gin, and no cheap sleuth will run you in, and though you wade in beer and rye, no magistrate tell us what you think of this punk, tyrant ridden land, where all he bugjine graft is banned.

## CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

### THE YOUNKON GOLD.

Although it was not until 1894 that the Youkon gold rush started, and so brought forth from all parts of the world the hardy searchers for the hidden treasure, it was known—of rather reported—so far back as 1859 that there were great stores of the yellow metal in the far north. A fur trader's assistant heard from the Indians of streams where gold was found in the gravel and he said he often intended to go north in search of the place but he never got the time.

But in 1894 a small party of explorers arrived in the Youkon from Nova Scotia. In the rush that year were Robert Henderson, a Nova Scotia man, and George Carnack with their Indians and helpers. During the first year Henderson found a little gold along the Indian River.

It was in that year, too, that Carnack shot a moose on the Bonanza River and took a portion of the animal to the stream to wash the meat. While doing so he saw some yellow particles in the water. He washed out a pan of the gravel and found more nuggets in the pan than he had ever seen in one pan before. He staked his claim; the news spread rapidly and in a short time there came a rush to the spot. Henderson, who had advised Carnack to go to that district in his hunt for the precious metal, the Youkon gold, was also a discoverer of the Klondike wealth. All sorts and conditions of men flocked to the Youkon to make money and others to lose money and honor in the chase for the riches.

### OTTAWA.

Since first I stood at gaze by Windsor, I have not seen such beauty in the earth.

All vistas I have known assemble here, All scenic charms in one horizon—A nation's life is mirrored in this stream, Where water roars and wrestle lisp and glide.

Whose source is hid far in those hills of dream, Whose journeyings are lost in ocean's tide.

Fair Canada! Britain's favorite child, Nursling of Hope, cradled upon the seas, Schooled mid the fitful moods of Nature wild, Tutors in war to stern self-mastery.

Where Beauty, Toil and Peace are reconciled.

—J. Lewis Milligan, in the Toronto Globe, June, 1920.

### IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Her Query.

"George," she said, "before I give you a final answer you must tell me something! Do you drink anything?"

"A smile of relief lighted his handsome countenance—was that all she wanted to know? Proudly, triumphantly, he held her in his arms and whispered in her shell-like ear: "Anything!"

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**Cutting.**

A physician, entering a military hospital surgery, met Pat Doyle, the orderly, and asked what he was doing there.

"I'm a surgeon," said Pat, with an indicative jerk of his thumb he pointed to where, on the table, lay a case of surgical instruments.

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**See What He Left.**

"Does your wife object to you going out with your men friends?" asked Jimkins.

"Not my married men friends," replied Sheard. "But she draws the line at bachelors."

"Why?"

"She says whenever I go out with a party of bachelors I always return home greatly depressed."

### NEW AIR SERVICE.

Geneva, July 2—An aerial service between Paris and Geneva was opened yesterday. The plane carried two passengers and mail. It was piloted by a French aviator, Duraud, and negotiated the distance between Paris and Geneva in three hours and fifteen minutes.

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**PRICE OF BEAN IN FRANCE TO BE BOOSTED.**

Paris, July 2—It was announced in the chamber of deputies yesterday by Minister of Commerce Isaac that the price of beans in France will be raised to one franc thirty centimes a kilo and for wheat to 100 francs a hundred-weight.

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**TRURO DOCTOR IS DEAD IN HONOLULU.**

Halifax, July 2—A despatch received here announces the death in Honolulu yesterday of Dr. Harvey V. Murray. He was aged fifty-four years and formerly of Truro, N. S.

## LIQUOR PHASE

OF MURDER CASE

IS DEVELOPING

Elwell Said to Have Been One of "Whiskey Ring"

New York Prohibition Official Says He Has Information of Plans for Big Profit Making in July and August

New York, July 2—James S. Shelvin, supervising prohibition enforcement agent, announced last night that he had obtained information that Joseph Brown Elwell, turban and waist expert, shot to death in his home here on June 11, had been engaged in the purchase of large quantities of liquor for speculative purposes a little while before his death.

Elwell, according to Mr. Shelvin, was a member of a "whiskey ring" which included several prominent business men and sporting associates of the plain turf.

His information, Mr. Shelvin said, showed that this "ring" had made plans for a large profit through the sale of liquor in this city and at Saratoga during July and August.

Mr. Shelvin's information was obtained through the examination of a man said to have been in close touch with Elwell. "Although we have not yet obtained evidence as yet to support the theory that these transactions led to his murder," he said, "we are seeking such information."

## BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE CONVENT

Some 2,500 Delegates at Gathering Opened in Toronto.

Toronto, July 2—The international convention of Baptist Young People opened here yesterday. About 2,500 delegates are in attendance, representing practically every state in the union and every province in the dominion.

The church was packed to the doors at the opening session. Mayor Church and others welcomed the visitors, and Dr. F. L. Anderson responded.

Rev. Dr. J. Evans, the president, spoke of the Canadian and United States delegates as being all "Americans," and said they all stood for liberty under the law.

Regina, July 2—The council of union churches of western Canada, meeting here, decided to accept the offer of the matter of the preparation of a uniform constitution along the lines of the local union for the use of churches at present organized.

## LOCAL NEWS

One hundred officers and 8,000 Czech-Slovak soldiers are expected to pass through New Brunswick about the middle of the month on their way to Halifax, where they will board the steamship Minnekunda. The troops will be taken to Hamburg on their way home from the East where they were cut off by the Bolshevik forces and obliged to come by way of Canada.

Dr. Hugh A. Farris of St. John, New Brunswick, a brother of Attorney General Farris, is a delegate to the Medical Convention. Dr. Farris is known in his profession as a specialist in tuberculosis.

While in Victoria last week Hon. Mr. Farris held a family reunion, at which his three brothers were present, Dr. H. A. and Messrs. Bruce and Wendell B. Farris, with members of their families.

—Vancouver Sun, June 24.

Fraser D. Saunders, liquor inspector, has seized thirty cases of Jamaica ginger from one resident of Chipman and forty bottles of the same preparation from another person in the same place. Both were fined \$50 and costs by Magistrate Baird. Six cases of liquor were sent at Minto and sent to the government strong room at Fredericton. The C. N. R. station agent at Chipman was summoned before Magistrate Baird and fined \$50 for refusing to allow Inspector Saunders to look over his books.

## INVESTIGATE THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN MASSACHUSETTS

Boston, July 2—Thomas J. Boynton, former U. S. district attorney, yesterday began an investigation of the textile industry in this state to determine whether there has been profiteering. He will act as a special assistant to Attorney-General Mitchell Palmer.

Holiday Traffic Not Heavy.

Montreal, July 2—Traffic passenger officials of the various railways said yesterday that the travel for Dominion Day had been little better than the ordinary good week day business and hardly up to the usual July week-end traffic.

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