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## MR. VENOT'S AFFAIR

On the face of things, now, does it best like a reasonable probability that Premier Meighen would offer seat in his cabinet to Mr. Venot? What is there to prompt him to do such a thing? What would he gain by Mr. Venot's acceptance? The closest student of political affairs would be sorely puzzled to discover any advantage that would accrue to the Premier by having Mr. Venot as a colleague. The very suggestion that Premier Meighen would offer seat to Mr. Venot is an endorsement of Mr. Venot's acceptance of the offer. But standing in his place in the House of Commons, as Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Meighen emphatically declares that he did nothing of the kind. That settles the matter therefore for all responsible, thinking men.

There is nothing odd for Mr. Venot therefore but to produce the proof he says he has that the offer was made to him. His announcement that he is willing to do this before a parliamentary committee sounds very big of course. Every one knew when he said he had had the offer and could prove it that he would make no such statement unless he left himself with some sort of a loop hole to crawl out at. He knows perfectly well that there will be no parliamentary committee appointed for such a trifling purpose as to test his veracity, so he feels he is safe in consequence. He is not, as we said yesterday, a practical politician for nothing; he knows that the House is within a few days of prorogation and that the opportunity for going through the formalities of appointing a special committee and setting down to business could not be had this session without upsetting other arrangements; and further that his own convenience would have to be consulted to some extent, and it would most likely happen that under the circumstances, this convenience would be very exacting.

The position in plain English comes to this. Mr. Venot has stated that certain letters were made to him by a person who presented him with a letter signed by Premier Meighen. Mr. Meighen flatly denies from his place in the House that he made any overtures. Until Mr. Venot produces the proof that he says he possesses to support his statement he must lie down under the imputation that he is not telling the truth; and it will not help him in the least to just simply assert that he is. Mr. Venot may say that his word is just as good as Premier Meighen's; then it ought to give him the most intense satisfaction to be able to turn the tables on the Premier and show the public that it is really the latter who is in the wrong. A man who wants to lay down conditions under which only will he consent to clear his own character cannot have very much regard for it.

At one o'clock this morning a despatch has come through from Ottawa which sheds some more light on this interesting situation, and incidentally makes Mr. Venot look to be a rather more gullible individual than those who know him best. It was the correspondence relating to the matter which Premier Meighen had before the House last night, shows very clearly that Mr. Venot never did have any offer to enter the Meighen Cabinet as he claims he had. The whole incident appears to have arisen from an idea which occurred to the fertile brain of some St. John man, who felt that Mr. Venot would be an acquisition to the Government in more ways than one. He seems to have written Mr. Meighen before he ever had any communication with Mr. Venot about it; and all that the Premier did in the matter appears to have been to courteously acknowledge the receipt of the letter and say he would talk the matter over with Mr. Wilmot. The summary of the contents of this correspondence gives Mr. Venot no grounds whatever for such a statement as he made to the Fredericton interviewer, which distinctly leaves the impression that he had received from Mr. Meighen an invitation to join his Government. Mr. Venot, has thanks to his St. John friend, been placed in a very foolish position, which he himself has only made worse by the manner in which he has dealt with it.

## THE SPEAKER'S CHAIR

A ceremony unique in the annals of the Canadian Parliament took place yesterday afternoon, when the formal presentation of the chair for the use of the Speaker of the House of Commons, the gift of the Empire Parliamentary Association (United Kingdom Branch) to take the place of that destroyed in the fire of February, 1916, was made by the Rt. Hon. Jas. W. Garfield, ex-Speaker of the British

House of Commons. The chair, as Mr. Lowther said, "is something more than a gift to the Canadian people in parliament, more than an expression of friendship and good-will from members of both houses of the parliament of United Kingdom to the House of Commons of Canada. It is a symbol of the in its presentation by us, and its acceptance by you, the great principle that the British people, whether in the United Kingdom or in the Dominions, accept parliamentary government and parliamentary institutions as the best known method by which a free people can govern themselves and by which their aspirations and dreams can best be realized or renewed."

The chair is an exact copy of the Speaker's chair in the British House of Commons, which has been in use since 1833. Like the original, the replica is a beautiful example of carved oak. It stands 13 feet 6 inches, surmounted by a canopy bearing the Royal Arms, which are carved on a piece of old oak taken from the roof of Westminster Hall. The seat of the chair is upholstered in green leather. The right jamb of the chair is inscribed: "Manus justa nardus; memor et fidelis mens conscia reus"; and on the left jamb is inscribed: "Nec prece nec pro; libertas in legibus; hostis honoris invidia, laus Deo." Accompanying the chair is a framed scroll of parchment, ornamentally inscribed as follows:

"This replica of the Speaker's chair in the House of Commons, at Westminster, is herewith presented to the House of Commons at Ottawa by the United Kingdom Branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association, comprising members of both Houses, 'as a fitting symbol of the great Parliamentary tradition which binds together the free nations of the British Commonwealth.'"

The scroll is signed: "Birkenhead, Lord Chancellor; James W. Lowther, Speaker of the House of Commons; Joint President, Empire Parliamentary Association, United Kingdom Branch, Westminster Hall."

Under an old tradition the Speaker, on leaving office, is entitled to take away the chair in which he sat as a perquisite. Of late years the custom has not obtained, although there are some chairs of both the British and Canadian Houses still in existence in the possession of families of former Speakers. It is however rather unlikely that Mr. Rhodes, when his term expires, will want to walk off with this historic chair; and it is probably more unlikely that Parliament would allow him to do it. It is practically a gift to Canada as a nation, and will be regarded as such.

In an age when it is fashionable to sneer at ceremony and ritual, there will be those perhaps who will see little but futile nonsense in the ceremony performed by ex-Speaker Lowther in presenting the Canadian Commons with a new chair; but to those who understand and love the traditions of Parliament, who realize that the Speaker's chair is the symbol of something worth-while in our British past, the ceremony was one of significance and interest.

## "ONLY A FOREST FIRE"

Under this caption, the Quebec Chronicle makes some very timely remarks upon the subject of forest fire prevention, and suggests that with the opening of another fire season, the question of forest fire losses becomes—or ought to become—of direct personal interest to every Canadian.

Forest protective organizations, Dominion, provincial and private, are increasing in strength and efficiency, but still the provision made is far from adequate in every forest province of the Dominion. Our average annual losses from forest fires still runs into the millions of dollars. Most of these forest fires are preventable.

To check this enormous drain upon our resources, it is, the Chronicle says, necessary that the individual citizen should interest himself and make his interest felt in the matters of improved administration, and increased appropriations for the better protection of our forests. Governments and legislative bodies are, for the most part, alive to the situation, but they are keenly susceptible to enlightened public opinion, and, in fact, require its support when measures are under consideration involving large expenditures or material changes in policy.

Expenditures on forest protection must be regarded as an investment not only for the future but for the present as well. It is a safeguard against the loss of the timber which is to be kept from destruction, for immediate use, and if the vast areas of young forest growth are to be preserved, to comprise the forests of the future, very substantial expenditures must be incurred for this purpose and to so administer them

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

To the Bitter End.  
 The National Women's party will continue to fight for absolute equality, until every man is subjugated.—*London States Journal.*

As Always.  
 When we are seriously disposed to think this is a dreadful age, let us remember that it has always been the custom to regard the preceding age as more vicious than the present.—*Calgary Herald.*

Fraternization Growing.  
 Among the Anglican synods of Canada the spread of Union leads the way in declaring in favor of exchange of pulpits between Anglican ministers and those of other religious denominations. The spirit of union is growing.—*Hamilton Herald.*

Keeping After Them.  
 The lives of the many evaders of Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin have been published and includes 17,000 names. A reward of \$10 is offered in each case for the apprehension of the evader. Uncle Sam does not forget and forgive in a matter like this as readily as do some others.—*Toronto Star.*

## A BIT OF VERSE

## "KING"

In memory of "King," the famous charger ridden by Major-General Sir Edward Morrison through the late war, and who took part in every battle in which the Canadians were engaged up to the armistice. Died April 25, 1921.

Noble Charger! Cavalry "KING"! You've lived the name you bear, With the out to arms, In the great front line, You stood to do and dare!

Majestic Beauty! Giant Steed! Chief of the warlike van, You've finished your task, With the cease of drum, With the sound of drum began!

Noble Charger! Chivalrous Steed! You've won the spur of deeds! You've measured up to the greatest worth, To your gallant master's pride, And your valiant master's needs.

Noble Charger! ... you've passed beyond! Out of this life to some goal, A goal that is worthy the greatest and best, The greatest of noble horse, A horse of noble soul!

Famous Charger! Monarch of the steed! We trust, in the new awakening, In that great beyond, The "realm of souls," A reward for you is waiting! A reward befitting the "Soldier Horse" Worth the dumb and lowly, Worthy of your most noble "KING"! Who asked neither praise nor glory!—*Kata.*

## THE LAUGH LINE

Sounds Like Einstein's Theory.  
 Two gentlemen riding on a train were both very much intoxicated. First Gent.—"What time is it?" Second Gent.—"After extracting a match-box from his pocket with much exertion and gazing at it intently."—*Thursday.*

First Gent.—"My heavens, I've got to get off here."—*Everybody's.*

Quite Correct.  
 Excited Fisherman (to Country hotel keeper):—"There isn't a bit of fishing about here! Every brook has a sign warning off. What do you mean by turning anglers here with a promise of fine fishing?" Hotel Keeper—"I didn't say anything about fine fishing. If you read my advertisement carefully you will see that what I said was: 'Fishing unapproachable.'"

Old Robinson was inspecting his son's "personal account" for last college term. "What do you mean by \$40 for tennis?" "Oh, that's for a couple of rackets I had to have," replied the son. "Yes, I understand, but I think we used to call them bats."

The forest is a crop, which may be perpetuated by wise use, but which will inevitably be destroyed by unwise use. Irrefutable evidence of this may be seen over thousands of square miles in both Canada and the United States.

It is of the greatest importance to Canada to perpetuate the source of the raw material upon which are dependent the great timber industries of the Dominion. These industries provide employment for some 80,000 men and an avenue for the investment of probably more than \$400,000,000 of capital. Forest products comprise one of the largest items in our export trade and are a vital factor in the exchange situation.

With adequate protection, and scientific yet practical administration, these great industries may be still further developed and maintained for all time to come. Without, they must inevitably diminish, as are already the great timber industries of the eastern and southern States, for lack of these vital elements.

## Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

I was late for supper again today, being the 4th time this week and pop being even madder than the first 3 times, saying, Well, were have you blit? What the big excuse? I suppose you were unduly detained?  
 Yes sir, I sed.  
 How, if you will pardon me for being so bold as to inquire?  
 sed pop.  
 Well in the first place there was some men putting up a big size all about the circus, I sed.  
 And they needed your assistance, I suppose? sed pop.  
 No sir, but I had to stay and watch them, I sed.  
 O, I see sed pop, and I sed, Yes sir, and in the 2nd place some man was being arrested by a policeman for being drunk with his hat over his eyes.  
 And I suppose you were needed as a witness, sed pop.  
 No sir, but I had to stay there and watch till the patrol wagon came, dident I? I sed.  
 O, so you did, so you did, sed pop, anything else to detain you?  
 Yes sir, I sed, a horse fell down.  
 With you under him? sed pop.  
 No sir, but G, goosh, pop, dident I have to stand there and watch it? I sed.  
 Yes, and by the same line of logic you'll have to stand there and watch us finish supper, sed pop.  
 With I did, taking them a fearsome long while, and then I ate mine all alone wen everything was cold, being a good eel better than not eating it at all.

## Lord Northcliffe Makes Apology Admits That His Remarks About Sir Edward McKay Edgar Were Unwarranted.

London, May 20.—Lord Northcliffe in a recent speech declared that "practically the whole of the hostility in the United States to Great Britain's alleged attitude regarding the oil question is based upon the statements of a second-rate financier who is not of English birth."

Today Lord Northcliffe publishes a letter in everyone of his papers which His Lordship has written to Sir Ed. McKay Edgar in which he admits that his remarks, which were made at the dinner of the American Drygoods Men assembled here a fortnight ago, were untrue and unwarranted. He hastens to express his sincere regret and offers an unqualified retraction.

Sir Ed. McKay Edgar is originally from Montreal. He was active in the formation of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, which opened up vast oil tracts in Persia in an endeavor to make the Empire self-supporting in the matter of oil and not dependent as it has been in the past upon supplies coming through United States sources.

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## The French Viewpoint.

On the whole, that returned sergeant who remarked, "If we had a devastated district of our own we should feel just as the French do, and a damn sight more," seems to have said something.—*Milwaukee Sentinel.*

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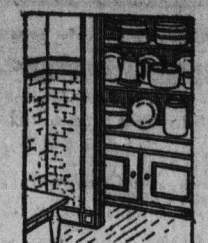
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