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THE NE TEMERE.

Mr. Borden tells an inquirer in the House of Commons that the Federal Government has no power to legalize or validate marriages solemnized in Canada. The solemnization of marriages, he says, is a provincial matter.

The questions put to Mr. Borden were put to Sir Alan Aylesworth in the late Parliament by a present cabinet minister, Col. Hughes, and were answered in the same terms. Col. Hughes had in mind the ne temere decree, and the opportunity of making party capital. Sir Alan's reply was used against the Government far and wide. The Toronto News made a specialty of it: it was a rare tid-bit for its Orange constituency. It is not a stretch of the truth to say that many thousands of Ontario electors were led to believe that the Laurier Government in some way had a hand in the promulgation of the decree.

Mr. Burnham, the Conservative member for West Peterboro, a few days ago renewed the attack in the House of Commons, charging the late Government with responsibility for the continuance of the decree. He held that the Dominion Government had power under the B. N. A. act to legislate it out of existence. Here are extracts from the discussion:

Mr. E. M. Macdonald inquired whether Mr. Burnham held that the Dominion Government had power to deal with it (the promulgation of the ne temere decree), and legislate under the British North America act. Mr. Burnham replied that it certainly had the power. It was a question that senators, synods, assemblies and conferences had all taken up. It was a very important question in Ontario, and was one reason for the defeat of the Laurier Administration.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley asked if the question played a part in the speaker's riding in the last election and if it was used against the Government.

"Assuredly," was Mr. Burnham's reply. "The country demanded a Government strong enough and willing enough to enforce the laws of the country against all who would set them at defiance."

"May I ask the honorable gentleman," queried Hon. Mr. McLean (Halifax), "if in his judgment this question played an important part in the campaign conducted throughout Ontario, and, if so, what proportion of the result was attributed to it?"

Hon. Mr. Monk said that the member from Halifax had no right to ask such a question, while Hon. Frank Oliver maintained that the question was quite in order, a warm exchange of words taking place between the minister and ex-minister. Mr. McLean meantime reiterated his question.

"I have no objection to answering it," finally declared Mr. Burnham. "The question certainly played a very important part in the election throughout Ontario. The people wanted the laws of the country vindicated and the people protected."

Will Mr. Burnham now turn his attention to the new Government? What is sauce for the Laurier goose should be sauce for the Borden gander. This particular kind of sauce, however, is invariably reserved for one party. Liberals do not deal in it, and Conservatives will not administer it to their own leaders.

JUDGE GARY'S NEW ECONOMICS.

Judge Gary, president of the United States Steel Trust, is again advocating the Government control of interstate corporations. Since his first suggestions last summer he has been elaborating. It seems a plan. He would have the great corporations licensed by a federal commission on certain conditions, such as complete publicity of methods, to overcapitalization and equal prices to all.

It ought to be easy for such a commission to ascertain the cost of production in great concentrated industries, and as Judge Gary proposes, to fix maximum prices to consumers. In this it would doubtless allow the corporations a comfortable leeway so long as they were not robbing the public. The British Trade Commission is fixing minimum rates of wages in several lines of labor, and that is a much more difficult matter than to fix the price of goods produced by consolidated capital. If a combination can fix prices, overriding the operation of the supply and demand, the state as a supreme combination can as easily do this and with greater fairness to the whole people. Let alone the combinations or mergers made by the companies, each of them is itself a large

combination of shareholders who agree together on the prices for which they will sell to the public, the Steel Trust embracing some 150,000 persons of all sorts who hold its stock. Government control of prices is only a thickening of the system already evolved.

It is known, however, that President Taft is opposed to the price-fixing idea. He dreams of restoring the conditions of unrestricted competition which prevailed last century, and stigmatizes the Gary plan as state socialism. On the other hand, ex-President Roosevelt, who created the interstate commerce commission to supervise the railroads, is in favor of this natural expansion of his "policies." Financial men for the most part laugh at Mr. Taft's ambition to restore free competition on the old lines, declaring that it would be detrimental to the country's interests as well as impracticable.

The solution of this trust problem, which is now the great lead on the American mind, and is bound to perplex Canada also in the immediate future, is going to tear up party lines as nothing else since the abolition days. It is interesting that money magnates themselves are asking or Government regulation. Twenty years ago it was a heresy to say that anything but the law of supply and demand under free competition could settle prices. Many captains of industry now laugh at the simple doctrine of the old economics.

BRAVE WOMEN IN CANADA.

Under the standard of Christianity scores of Canadian women are serving in a land where peril lurks in the shadow of the daily path. Is it not, therefore, an inspiring thing to read the calm messages of comfort that are sent from beleaguered cities by the brothers and sisters and sons and daughters of those whose minds have been filled with alarms?

There is something about a life truly consecrated that fills a woman with a valor in contrast to her natural role of the protected one. Men die that women may be first in the boats. Yet how seldom do we read that the women were first to be panic-stricken: it is more often that the odium of cowardly acts is cast upon those supposed to be by nature brave.

The cowardly woman is rarer than the cowardly man. There are few to be found if one search all the pages of history. There are many to be found whose deeds illumine the annals of the race. Their courage, proverbially, is the courage of long-suffering sacrifice. But when danger, fanged and cruel, lurks at their elbows, women who would scream at a mouse seem miraculously armed with a serene heroism.

The cowardly woman is a stranger to her sex. The heart of a mother forgets her danger if her son is in the trenches. They are almost always "nervous" only because of others, and the present crisis finds them brave and capable exponents of the supreme cause.

Will Dr. Beattie Nesbitt return home for his Christmas dinner? From all appearances he would be perfectly safe.

The Ontario cabinet is as much divided on the school problem as the Ottawa cabinet on the naval problem.

The Unionist party left the House of Commons in a body. Perhaps it was only a little grandstand play by the new leader.

"Laurierism was the nursing mother of trusts," says the Toronto Telegram. The ungrateful children! They don't deserve so kind a stepmother.

The Standard Oil Company of the United States has dissolved, but there is no immediate probability of Mr. Rockefeller's going to the poorhouse.

Premier Whitney's attitude toward the school question is a straddle between Dr. Reaume's and Mr. Foy's. He boasts of his courage and sits on the fence.

The London Globe says Borden's naval policy will be well received in Great Britain. What is it? Has the Globe scooped the Conservative press of Canada?

Either Mr. Foy or Dr. Reaume should be expelled from the Ontario cabinet for expressing opposite views on the question of bilingual schools. The incident is on all-fours with the case of the late Mr. Tarte.

The Montreal Star rebukes the Chicago Inter-Ocean for some offensive reference to Canada. If the Inter-Ocean's remarks were half as insulting as the Star's anti-American cartoons during the election campaign, the rebuke is deserved. But not from the Star.

THE COLOR SYMPATHY.
[Vancouver Province.]
As a delicate compliment to the new members, a new green carpet has been placed on the floor of the House of Commons.

WHERE LOVE REWARDS PARTY SERVICES.
[Branford Examiner.]
Essex County had 2,508 marriages in 1909, chiefly in Windsor. That's where the issuers of the marriage licenses got a real reward for party services.

IRISH DAY IN THE HOUSE.
[London Daily News.]
Yesterday was Footland's anniversary in the House, and for some inexplicable reason the House remained cold and empty. Today it was the turn of Ireland, and every seat was crowded, great volleys of applause and laughter rang from the delighted benches, the whole House was enjoying itself. First was struck when Mr. O'Brien demanded that the Ancient Order of Hibernians be considered as a Friendly Society in order

to qualify under the insurance bill. Mr. William Moore (Unionist and Orangeman, of North Armagh, Ireland) said he had nearly told the committee that he was not a Hibernian (laughter)—but he had learned a great deal from living in contact with Hibernians, and they were the last people in the world that he would call a friendly society. (Loud laughter.) What was known as the ribbon oath of the Hibernians contained such phrases as "I will wade knee deep in Orangemen's blood." (Loud laughter.)

Mr. Dillon (Nationalist, East Mayo) said the oath of the Ribbon Society had been alluded to, but did Mr. Moore remember the old Orange oath which commanded every Catholic to hell. (Loud laughter.)

A SUSPICION.
[Washington Star.]
"I declare," said Mrs. Cumrox, after making a round of calls, "all these butlers must have unimpaired baseball games."

"No. Polite but positive. They seem to have gotten into the habit of saying everybody is out."

LIGHT WRAPS.
[Aitchison Globe.]
"She wore no jewels," says a fiction writer of the heroine, "save a single ruby set in her engagement ring—anything more would have made her seem overdressed." Speaking of light wraps.

HE COULDN'T GET NEAR A HEN.
[St. Thomas Journal.]
As I drove through the country the other night, I was struck with the fact that country folks do not go to bed as early as they used to. In most of the houses along the way the lights were burning, and it was after 11 o'clock.

SURPRISING.
[Exchange.]
"How pretty and careless Mabel's hair always looks."

"Yes, and it takes her two hours to make it look that way."

THEY MAKE GOOD EATING.
[Jordan correspondence Beamsville Express.]
Of late some of our neighbors have been getting in some cattle for feeding.

NEGLECTING ENGLISH.
[Toronto Star.]
French teaching in the schools is not a legacy from any Government. It is a practice arising out of the presence in Ontario of a large and increasing French-Canadian population, now a quarter of a million. They are not with it is not to try to abolish French, but to teach English. The Liberal Government examined the question, and made special provision for teaching English through special readers, training schools, etc.

The Whitney Government did not "correct the abuses" arising under its predecessors. What it did was to neglect the question, abandon the policy of its predecessors, and allow the regulations of teaching English to become a dead letter.

No Government created the problem. It was a problem for both. The Liberal Government tackled it. The present Government neglected it.

PROFESSIONAL SLUNDER.
[New York American.]
"Throw up your hands!"

"All right, as you can. I'm on my way home from seeing a smallpox patient, and I want to change my—"

"Go on!"

GONE TO LUNCH.
[New York American.]
She— "I must see the thinnest thing you have in a shirtwaist."

He— "She's just gone out to lunch, madame."

A CONTRAST.
[Toronto Star.]
The first result of the great Imperial victory will be the repeal of the naval bill. One of the first acts of the Laurier Government was the British preference.

RATHER.
[Toronto Star.]
Judging by the debate at Ottawa, the Conservative reports of the death of the Liberal party on Sept. 21 were greatly exaggerated.

TWO LOOKS.
[Judge.]
"Was it a case of love at first sight?"

"No, second sight. The first time he saw her he didn't know she was an heiress."

A PLEASANT TIME.
[Windsor Record.]
Life must be pleasant for Toronto Conservatives these days when they read about F. D. Monk leading Parliament stalling on the navy question, while Dr. Fyne and Mr. Foy fire off skyrockets about bilingual schools that Sir James Whitney says do not exist.

THOUGHTS AT 8 A.M.
[Pittsburg Post.]
I love to think of boyhood days when I the turkey fed, fast food ere yet the sky was red;

I used to fix their breakfast food ere I used to dry-shampoo the horse and manure the cow;

I love to lie in bed and think I needn't do it now.

I love to think of boyhood days when I arose at four, And fetched the water from the well, a hundred yards or more;

And then I dragged the harrow out and harnessed up the plow;

I love to lie in bed and think I needn't do it now.

INNOCENT.
[Medical Times.]
Rastus— "What you think is de mat-caw wif me, doctah?"

Doctor— "Oh, nothing but the chicken-pox, I guess."

Rastus (getting nervous)— "I clare on mah honah, doctah, I ain't been no-whar I could catch dat!"

WHILE HE WAITED IN THE PARLOR.
[Boston Transcript.]
Mr. Spooner (to her kid brother)— May I hope to see your sister, pretty soon?

Kid Brother— "You'll see her pretty, all right. She's fixin' up to beat the band."

A FEW LINES OF MOST ANYTHING



AT THIS SEASON of the year the angel-faced child begins to live up to its physiognomy.

TWO-LINE SONGS.
Colborne Street North.
The old Oxford car, that ne'er had its match,
The dear Oxford car, I never could catch.

At Christmas time the little maid, I trow,
Wishes her size was No. 12 or so.

THE HORSE that stands for many minutes without a blanket in the severe weather is the poorest kind of an advertisement for its owner.

THE CHINESE COOKS of New York threaten a strike. The bird-nest market has firmed up because of the rumor.

THE NAUGHTY TRUSTS will be happy in the thought that Mackenzie King is not playing Santa Claus this year.

"FALLING HAIR" stopped for ten cents," says an ad. Well, what of it? Any London street car will stop for a nickel.

ALL THE LONDON missionaries in China appear to be safe. Even in the Sandwich Islands they don't go to make up the sandwich nowadays.

SOME WOMEN may not be ambidextrous, but they can spend money with both hands at Christmas time.

IS IT BELIEVABLE that his old friend, John D. Rockefeller, called off Mr. Gray? John D. doesn't believe in

Books, Dolls and China

Christmas Lines of Books, Dolls and China Ready Saturday on the Second Floor.

Ladies' Coats \$15.00

Newest models in Long Coats for women's and misses' wear, including navy, green and red coatings, trimmed with plaid. Fawn Diagonal Coatings with collar and cuffs of brown: mannish Tweeds, with wide collars; also plain navy blue Beavers. All the new features are embraced in these Coats. Prices range from \$16.50 to \$18.00. On sale Friday and Saturday at \$15.00. See them.

\$10.00

A great bargain in handsome Long Winter Coats for women's and misses' wear. In green Tweeds trimmed with plaid; mannish, gray tweeds trimmed with velvet; also plain navy blue Diagonals and Beavers, and fine black Beavers and Kersey Cloths. These are the finest Coats put on sale anywhere this season at \$10.00. If you want a splendid coat for a small price, this is your chance.

Little Girls' Winter Coats Go Down in Price Mothers who get these Coats for their little girls will be fortunate. Their price is \$3.69, instead of \$4.75 and \$5.00. Made of heavy red or navy serge, and lined with red flannel to make them warm and comfortable; some with wide collars, others with Red River hoods. In sizes to fit girls 4 to 6 years. Besides a few military red coats with Canadian emblem on the sleeve, in sizes to fit girls 8 to 10 years. Choice of these, Friday and Saturday \$3.69

Another special lot of Girls' Winter Coats at \$1.50 up to \$2.75, priced according to size for girls of 8 to 12 years.

Underwear Seconds

Mill "Seconds" in Women's Underwear now on sale. Although these garments are seconds, they come from one of the best woolen mills, and the damage is very slight, and will not interfere in the least with the fit or wear. Great piles of this underwear disappeared yesterday, but there is still plenty for Friday and Saturday selling. Values are extra good.

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MANY people postpone buying furs until late in the season, thinking to obtain them at a lower price by doing so. They do save something in price, but they get inferior furs at the same time, and lose several months' wear in the bargain. True economy lies in purchasing early and getting the choicest furs. We invite you to inspect our stock.

A SPLENDID SELECTION OF MODERATELY PRICED FURS

Only a few of our special Black Hare Sets, consisting of large stole and pillow or rug muff to match, left now to sell at a special price... \$7.75

Siberian Wolf Sets in black and blue, large rug or pillow muff, satin lined, with stole to match, extra fine quality; a bargain only... \$13.00

Black Fox Sets of fine quality. Stole is made in fancy two-skin animal effect. Muff trimmed with head and tail to match. Skinner satin lined and a remarkably fine set at... \$55.00

Mink Marmot Sets of fancy neckpiece and large pillow muff, in dark or light shades, special quality and well made, at... \$12.75

Persian Lamb Sets of long throw and pillow muff, good quality of whole skins, large and small curl, guaranteed satin linings, per set, at... \$23.75

Natural Mink Pillow Muff of splendid quality, made with eight dark stripes and trimmed at bottom with tails and paws. A particularly handsome muff and very good value at... \$65.00

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competition, at any rate.
YES, THERE IS a woman in London who goes into one grocer's and uses HIS telephone to order her groceries from another store.
WHAT SEEMS to be temper in others is always temperance in ourselves.
THE HOUSE-CAT had better be restrained from taking a nap in the fireless cooker after having warmed itself to a roasting point over the hair register.
"THIS PAPER BAG cooking is a fine thing," said the new cook, who had been experimenting, "only I didn't like

the taste of last week's funny soup-ment."
A Lively Time at Carthage.
[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]
The fine sleighing of the past week, along with election talk, has made things lively.—Carthage correspondence.
He Gave Good Measure.
[Stratford Beacon.]
Our milk boy, Master Wilson Reid, has resigned his job, owing to illness, and we miss him very much. His successor is Nelson Cormack.—Monkton correspondence.
The Hero of Harpley.
[Exeter Times.]
During the high wind on Sunday after-

noon, Mr. Mansel Hodgins' windmill wheel got loose, making it necessary for him at the risk of his life to go up and tie it with a chain.—Harpley correspondence.
He'll Never Do It Again.
[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]
Master Gordon Woods suffered a very painful accident last week, when he put his hand into a dish of boiling candy just as it got to cool. His right hand was very badly burned, but is improving nicely.—Brigit correspondence.
HE GETS THEM ALL.
[Manchester, N. H., Union.]
"When doctors disagree the undertaker frequently decides," observe the Biddleford Journal. Yep—so sometimes when doctors agree.

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quickly stops cough, cures cold, the throat and lungs.