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## Mr. Dooley on Armand Lavergne's War Appointment

(Ottawa Free Press.)

"O I see b' th' pa-apers th't Captain A-armand Lavergne, av' th' sixty-first fusiliers, is not goin' t' riprisint th' Canadian a-army in th' Balkans after all," said Mr. Dooley, knocking the ashes from his pipe.

"An' why wer' they goin' to sind a captain av' militiay whin they hev' hundreds an' hundreds av' kurnels an' gin'rils on th' headqua-arters sthaff?" queried Mr. Hennessey. "Don't th' gin'rils learn more about th' a-art av' war sittin' all day long at th'er roll top desks lookin' out av' th' window, th'n Mither Lavergne ever learnt in th' poolitical circles av' Quebec?"

Mr. Dooley hesitated. Such a lack of information greatly annoyed him.

"Don't y' know th't A-armand Lavergne is wan av' th' greatest war commanders in th' country?" said he. "Did ye niver hear av' th' battle av' Wurtemberg Sthreet in Siptimber av' nineteen illivin, wh'n he sthormed th' Tory camp single-handed in favor av' his frinds Bourassay an' Monk an' th' rist av' th' Nationalists? Did ye not know how he came t' Ottaway an' fought Mither Borden an' J. S. Willy-son, an' Sam Hughes, an' Hammy Hill, an' th' rist av' th' Ontario Tories th't were buildin' th' Borden Cabinet? 'Fall in,' says A-armand t' th' innimy; 'form fours,' he says; 'rear tu-urn, quick ma-arch,' says he. An' whin th' Borden fooces got back fr'm th'er retreat they found th't A-armand had app'inted Mither Monk an' Mither Pelletier an' Mither Na-antel t' th' Cabinet, an' had announced it t' th' country. A-armand might have gone right up to Constantinople on a special C.P.R. train t' dictate terms on behalf av' th' Balkans with th' Sultan himself. War, strategy, there's little about it th't A-armand doesn't know."

"But why did th' Minister av' Militiay app'int A-armand t' learn more about war, knowin' th't his own wing av' th' Conservativ' pa-arty would hev' t' fight th' Nationalists ag'in?" asked Mr. Hennessey.

"Some men are app'inted; others app'int th'mselves," declared Mr. Dooley thoughtfully. "It all depends on who y' ar'."

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(Vancouver, B.C., News-Advertiser.)

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