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A BATTLE FOR CANADA.

It is said that Mr. Arthur Hawkes, the leader of the British-born propaganda, and Mr. John A. Cooper, editor of the Canadian Courier, will stump Ontario this autumn in opposition to the policy of naval contribution.

Mr. Hawkes in his paper, the Canadian and British News, and Mr. Cooper in the Courier, have consistently championed the cause of the Canadian navy, discarded by its erstwhile advocates, who rule at Ottawa. As one who professed to see danger to British unity in the reciprocity agreement, Mr. Hawkes cannot be stigmatized by Conservatives as a separatist. No doubt in his coming meetings he will address himself particularly to the British-born, who listened to him not wisely but too well in 1911. At that time he was hailed as a true prophet by the whole Conservative party. They owe him too much to repudiate him now. He bears their own brand of loyalty.

Mr. Hawkes states the situation precisely when he says the old battle of autonomy against centralized government is being fought over again. Canadians who thought that question had been settled forever over-rated the patriotism of many of their fellow-countrymen. Four years ago they could not have dreamed that the leaders of a great party, then proclaiming the doctrine of Canadian self-reliance in matters of naval defence, would today be seeking to drive Canada into the helot role of tribute-payer, and degrading Canadian manhood and Canadian nationhood.

Mr. Hawke will perform a service to Canada and to the Empire if he can make some of his admirers and followers of two years ago see the naval situation in its true light. The issue is the most serious one raised in Canada in many years. The centralizers cannot win permanently because a united empire could not survive their success. The fight against the policy of contribution is a fight for the maintenance of imperial unity.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

The chief Conservative organ in Toronto has a very solemn article condemning the dismissal of members of the civil service for political reasons, and strongly advocating permanency in office. It is very good reading. Here is an extract:

"Civil servants who do their work faithfully and who consistently abstain from politics should be absolutely sure of their positions. The hunting of such public employees from office to make room for partisans of either party must always cause distress to decent people. Often 'tragedy' is not too strong a word to describe the situation of men thus displaced late in life. Their financial calculations as to provision for their old age are overturned, and the loss of their posts perhaps means an insufficient livelihood for the rest of their days."

Coming from a strong supporter of the present Government this sounds rather amusing. We have no fault to find with the language itself, but when we note the source we can only think of the old adage about Satan renouncing sin. No one more strongly denounced the evils of the patronage system than Mr. Borden—when he was in Opposition. No government has sinned more outrageously in this connection than the one of which Mr. Borden is the nominal head. We do not suppose he has dismissed many himself, for the reason that there are probably not more than a dozen or so in his department. But his ministers have been doing it with a thoroughness that must be very gratifying to office-seekers. The Minister of Customs and the Postmaster-General especially have acquired an unenviable notoriety in this respect. And Mr. Borden has either changed the views he professed when in Opposition, or else he has not control of his cabinet. The latter alternative is probably the worse of the two.

The Liberal Government was the first in Canada to take any legislative action looking towards the removal of the civil service from the evil influences of the spoils system. It placed the Ottawa service under a commission which was to have complete charge of appointments, and dismissals. It provided for a plan for promotion according to merit. It banished the old system of dismissals for partisan purposes. To reorganize the whole service was no easy matter, and the Government did not claim that it could be all done in a moment. But it started with that part of the service immediately under the eye of the minister, and promised to extend its reform to the outside service as soon as the system could be brought into full operation. Its successor has done nothing yet, except dismiss officials. When it has been dismissed out

of the service, it will be ready to adopt some plan which will insure the permanency of its own appointees. After which it will, doubtless, become very virtuous. And the next Liberal Government will follow the Liberal custom, and keep all the Conservative office-holders in their places. Which is good morals, but questionable politics, from a Conservative point of view.

IF LAURIER HAD DONE IT.

The bilingual postcard is the latest compliment to the Nationalists. The printing of a few French words on a postcard will not threaten Anglo-Saxon supremacy in this country, but if the Laurier Government had done this what a howl would have been raised from the Atlantic to the Pacific!

The Conservative press in the English-speaking provinces would have shrieked over this fresh assertion of French domination. Twelfth of July oratory would have had a new access of warmth and fervor. As an electioneering asset it would have been worth almost as much as the ne temere decree.

There will be no murmur from Ontario Conservatives. They are so tamed that they will eat out of the hands of Pelletier, Nantel and company.

SAVING LIFE AND LIMB.

There seems to be a general awakening in Canada to the ravages of life and property by railway accidents of one sort and another. Collisions, derailments, level crossing tragedies, injuries to employees, have been too numerous by far and compare unfavorably with conditions in some European countries. The Grand Trunk Railway is rousing itself to a systematic effort for improvement in this regard.

Mr. George Bradshaw has been engaged as a "safety engineer," whose duty will be to inspect the lines, terminals and shops, and to confer with the various officers on matters pertaining to the safety of the travelling public and employees. He will hold "safety meetings" at all important centres of the system, at which practical instruction will be given to employees in all departments. The lectures will be illustrated with stereoscopic views of safe and unsafe conditions. Thus the principles will be drilled in. An official circular has been issued calling the attention of officers and employees to the "great importance of an organization for the prevention of injuries and damage to property." Committees will be organized in all divisions, terminals and important shops, to look after the maintenance of safe conditions and make improvements.

The Grand Trunk is following the example of some American lines which have been moved to such action by the shocking loss of life and limb of late years in the United States. Good results have been shown there and the Grand Trunk's vigorous management expects equally good results from its own effort. Public commendation is richly deserved by this departure in Canadian railroading. While our Ontario law delays to do justice to the workmen of dangerous trades, this great corporation takes upon itself to save life and property for both employee and patron so far as possible. It is to be hoped that the work will be well done. The "safety engineer" is cordially invited to look over the crossing conditions in London and consider the fatalities which have occurred here and elsewhere from the same cause.

Those cheers for Thaw show that he is not the only paranoiac in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

The truce proclaimed by Mrs. Pankhurst seems to indicate that the cat and mouse bill has ended in a triumph for the cat.

Yuan Shih Kai is arresting and beheading members of Parliament. Whether he is a Robespierre or a Napoleon remains to be seen.

It is now disclosed that Britain wishes to include Germany in an Anglo-German-Japanese alliance, but Japan objected. The Borden Government must be thankful. Its naval policy, which stands on a wooden leg, would have been deprived of even that artificial prop.

Our local contemporary pretends that the letters signed "Taxpayer" were written by someone identified with the Advertiser. "Taxpayer" has no association with this journal in any capacity, directly or indirectly. Our contemporary cannot answer him, so it abuses him.

Jack Johnson, accused of white slavery, is being nightly cheered in London music halls, and Thaw has been given an ovation in Sherbrooke, Que. The United States cannot be proud of these specimens of American citizenship, but neither have Britain and Canada cause for pride in the hospitality afforded them.

HOW HER MIND RAN.

[Yonkers Statesman.]
Patience—I see Esperanto is taught in some of the state-supported schools in England, France and Germany.
Patience—Is that anything like the Tango, I wonder?

THE BATHYANY BLACK PEARL.

[Pall Mall Gazette.]
Pearl stories being the order of the day, one may recall the story of the precious black pearl which Count Louis Bathynany, the Hungarian revolutionist, had in his scarf-pin. Sentenced to death for his part in the rising of 1849, he gave the scarf-pin to the valet who attended him in prison. The valet bequeathed it to his son, and the son decided to sell it. It was taken to Budapest to be valued, and there exhibited in a jeweler's shop window.
Crowds assembled to stare at it, and the suspicions of the Austrian police were aroused. They instituted a rigorous

inquiry, and discovered, to their amazement, that the pearl had been stolen from the crown of England 150 years before. The British Government bought it back; but no one has been able to discover by what means it had passed into the possession of the Bathynany family.

THE PERIL OF EASE.

[Edwin Markham.]
Are you sheltered, curled up and content by the world's warm fire?
Then I say your soul is in danger.
The sons of the light, they are down with God in the mire—
God in the manger.

The old-time heroes you honor, whose banners you bear,
The whole world no longer prohibits.
But if you peer into the past you will find them there—
Swinging from gibbets.

So rouse from your perilous ease to your sword and your shield.
Your ease is the case of the cattle.
Hark, hark, where the bugles are calling! Out to some field—
Out to some battle!

A REMARKABLE WISH.

[Ottawa Free Press.]
"Long Live Canada" shout the geologists in Toronto. Seeing that these same gentlemen have certified some countries over a million years of age, we wonder what they're wishing on us.

ATTRIBUTED TO IGNORANCE.

[New Orleans Picayune.]
A distinguished authority says that the rich people live longer than poor people. In spite of this fact, people continue to be born poor. It must be attributed to ignorance.

WASN'T HE THE FOXY BOY?

[Louisville Courier-Journal.]
"Why won't you buy something at my table?" demanded the girl at the charity fair.
"Because I only buy from the home-ly girls," said the man. "They have a harder time making sales."

The girl was not offended and he worked this right down the line.
[Washington Star.]
His nose is sunburnt and his face is covered with mosquito bites.
He walks at a rheumatic pace.
And has not slept for several nights.
And yet he mentions no regrets.
He lets no word remorseful slip.
But vows when next a chance he gets
He'll take another fishing trip.

TO THE POET LAUREATE.

[Maurice Hewlett.]
Not clamor nor the buzzing of the crowd,
Bridges, beset the lonely way you took;
The mountain path, the laurel-shelter'd nook,
The upland peak earth-hidden in a cloud.
The skyey places—here your spirit proud
Could meet its peers, the lowland rout forsook:
Here were your palimpsest and singing book,
Here scope and silence, singing-robe and shroud.
Let England learn of thee her ancient way.

Long time forgot; the glory of the swift
Is swift, not acclaim, and to the strong
The joy of battle's need. Thy song
Will call no clearer, nor less surely fit
Our hearts to Beauty for thy crown of bay.

AN ORIENTAL SCANDAL.

[Charleston News and Courier.]
What a pass we have come to when a mere Chinaman like Sun Yat Sen can get more publicity than Theodore himself.

SAVED AT ALL COSTS.

[New York Sun.]
Kentucky's Crops Drying Up—(Headline).
Kentucky's most celebrated crop must be saved if the whole Ohio River has to be siphoned into the state.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.

[Edmonton Bulletin.]
The American woman certainly has her good points. An Iowa paper reports that a man there was soundly thrashed by his wife for not paying his newspaper subscription after she had given him money to do it.

NEW DANGER TO CONQUER.

[Victoria Colonist.]
A German aviator relates a story of being caught in a shower of meteors. This is a new peril of the air, and one that will be difficult indeed to guard against.

ANTI-TREATING.

[Washington Star.]
"Sanders, have another drink," a man said, entering a bar where MacHoot was just tossing off a glass of whiskey.
"Na, na," answered Sanders, "MacHoot, I wanna see another, but ye can pay for this if ye like."

EDITORIAL AMENITIES.

[White Horse Star.]
If the editor of the News would retain his seat on the water wagon as persistently as we do, he would look more like a man and less like a bungalow.

THE DOCTOR.

[Detroit News.]
All the while he has the work of maintaining himself and his family. His hours are long, his life irregular, his labor near incessant. He must find time to keep abreast of a science that is developing faster than most sciences, and with him constantly, if he is a true doctor, is the unrelenting ambition to add something to the store of that science.

HIS LATER DECISION.

[Chicago Tribune.]
"Huggins, didn't you tell me you were going to resign your job as travelling man for Spotsch & Co. next January?"
"I think I did. Snoodle, but I've just had a confidential talk with the boss himself and I find—er—I'm going to resign next Saturday."

A TERRIBLE PROSPECT.

Dr. Olive Lynn, of Colorado Springs, says: "If the woman of today wants to be beautiful, it's back to the old days of the freezing cold bedroom, the chilly sheets and the warming pan," she says. "It's back to the broom and the rolling pin and the breadboard, if she wants firm, round, white arms; to the wash tub and the mop and the task of making beds, if she wants small waist and hips; to the clothesline and the cook stove for full chest and gracefully rounded shoulders; to washing windows and weeding the garden for grace and freedom of movement."

INCREASED FREIGHT RATES
MAY HURT FOREIGN TRADE

Canadian Millers Find Recently
Imposed Schedule Highly
Objectionable.

[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, Aug. 28.—According to Hodley Shaw, managing director of the Maple Leaf Milling Company, Canadian millers could make the domestic consumer pay the increased freight rates on flour, recently authorized by the railway commission. Nevertheless the increase is highly objectionable to millers, from the bad influence they expect it to have on foreign trade.

"I do not know just what the increases are," said Mr. Shaw. "Probably they affect only the Intercolonial. But a general increase in flour rates would hit us hard. We might shift it on to the Canadian consumer, but that wouldn't help our foreign business. It would affect us badly if there were not proportionate increase in rates on grain."

"What the miller is closely concerned about is that freight rates on flour should be kept on a par with those of grain, so the milling of grain in this country will be encouraged."

Mr. Shaw has just finished a tour of the entire west. He says the crop this year is a one average. The wheat crop was much better than last year's crop did. Wheat between Calgary and Winnipeg is better than half cut. The crop was easy on to handle, the straw being short. "The quality of the wheat is generally yields well. From the farmers' point of view the crop is excellent, for the quality is better than last year by a good deal," said he.

Famous Pictures
For London's Fair

Art Building Will Be a Centre of
Attraction This Fall.

The art building at the Western Fair this year promises to be of unusual interest. Mr. W. H. Abbott has just returned from Detroit and has succeeded in securing the loan of many very famous pictures, "The Return from the Pastures," by Howe, and "The Vespers," by Gari Machers. These two pictures will be well worth the price of admission to the exhibition. They are from the Detroit Museum of Art.

In addition to these, a number of leading artists of Canada, and also some American artists are sending pictures for exhibition purposes only, while a large entry is being made for professional and amateur work for competition. This will make the art building a centre of attraction for the exhibition this year. Exhibitions close Sept. 4, and pictures should be in their places on Friday, Sept. 5. All information from the secretary, Dominion Savings Building, London.

Sudden Death of
Ex-London Lady

Mrs. W. F. Newton, wife of the manager of the Merchants' Bank at Gladstone, Manitoba, died suddenly there on Wednesday. Mrs. Newton at one time lived in London. Only a brief telegram of her death was received this morning by Mr. W. F. Newton, of John Marshall & Co., who is a cousin of Mr. Newton. The telegram stated that the remains would be brought to London for interment, but gave no further particulars of her death. She had been married only thirteen months.

Registrations For
Industrial School

Principal Beal will be in the Alexandra School every evening this week, from 7:30 to 9:30, to meet parents. Only a limited number of additional pupils can be accommodated for the day classes, which open on Tuesday next.

BIG FUR DEAL.

[Canadian Press.]
Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 28.—Half a million dollars' worth of furs have been bought at auction by the Hudson's Bay Company, Northern Trading Company and the Northwest Fur Company.

BIGGEST OCEAN LINER

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Steering Stamped.
For three-quarters of an hour they fought the fire with only the Imperator's own apparatus. Then, despairing of success, the Hoboken fire department was notified and a general alarm was sounded.

Two Were Cut Off.

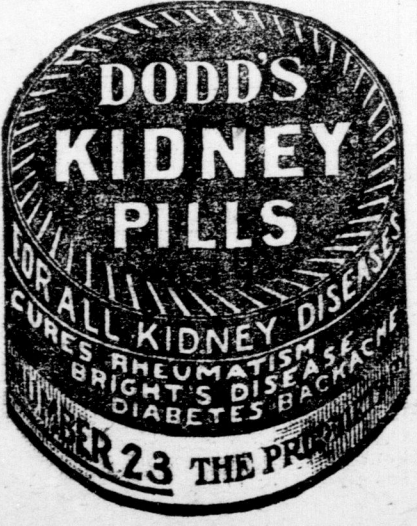
In the first sharp skirmish with the flames Second Officer Gobrecht and Seaman Otto Stumpf, caught in the withering breath of a belch of flame, were cut off from the door by which they had entered. Their companions were driven back to open air. Although they stormed the flames again and again the wall of smoke kept them from rescuing Gobrecht and Stumpf. When the fire was checked their bodies were found and taken ashore.

Gobrecht and Stumpf, like the rest of the fire-fighting force, were equipped with smoke masks and ropes, which served as guide lines.

Badly Damaged.

The whisp of smoke curling into the second cabin when the flames were first discovered, had by this time grown to a cloud. Through this cloud the Hoboken firemen rushed. The dining saloon of the second cabin suffered the greatest damage from smoke. The handsome appointments of the saloon were a wreck when the smoke cleared away.

Despite the reinforcement of the

CHAPMAN'S Store
News

Subscribers Are Asked to Call for the September
New Idea Fashion Magazine.

Careful Reading of This News Will Result in a Visit to This Store Friday

Summer is waning and fall is approaching. So everything pertaining to summer is "blue-penciled" for quick clearance. We want a storeful of new goods when alterations are completed. For this reason today's list offers many opportunities to save. Read it over, item by item.

Summer Lisle Hose

Women's Lisle Hose, in plain and lace ankle effects. Black or tan. Also Silk Ankle Hose, in black only. Every pair recommended for style and wearing qualities. All sizes in the assortment. Mostly 50c lines. To clear, per pair41c

Short and Long Gloves

Gathering up odds and ends of Gloves for final summer clearance. Women's Short and Long Length Lisle Gloves, in black, gray and tan. Several 50c lines included. Sizes 6 to 7½. A bargain, per pair35c

Long White Kid Gloves

Elbow Length White Kid Gloves, mousquetaire style. Sizes 6 to 7. Just 2½ dozen to clear. Per pair\$1.49

Women's Raincoats

Heavy quality Rubberized Poplinette Raincoats, full length, set-in sleeves and close-fitting collar. Fawn shade. These were bought specially for fall, the weight being heavier than for the spring. Popularly priced at \$6.50. Who would be without a Raincoat?

Women's Vests

10 dozen Women's Summer Vests, fine ribbed cotton, taped arms and neck. Were 10c. Sale price Friday and Saturday6c each, 5 for 25c

Novelty Tweed Suiting

New showing of Novelty Suitings in Scotch tweed effects, suitable for girls' and misses' suits. Choice of green, brown and gray colorings. Also dark tartan plaids for school dresses. Per yard50c

This Lot of Dress Goods at
a Bargain Price

We have gathered a number of broken lines of dress goods, including Cashmeres, Serges and Taffeta Cloths, in a variety of colors. You will find them on a bargain table Friday morning at 25c per yard. Regular 40c and 50c qualities.

25c
YARD

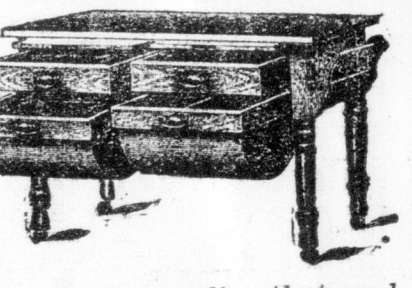
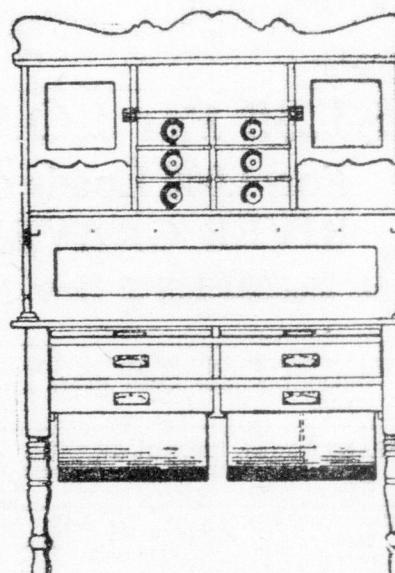
A Big Sale of Women's House Dresses

An attractive, neatly made and serviceable House Dress at 85c. Think of what a bargain it is! Dozens are sold every day. The style is waist and skirt in one, buttoned through with pearl buttons, neatly joined on belt; the neck is cut square and ¾ sleeves. Sizes 34 to 42. Choice of navy, black, gray and light blue. Special bargain at85c

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J. FERGUSON & SONS

174 to 180 King Street, Near Richmond Street.

According to hasty estimate, was greater than that to the provision room and hold, although only careful examination could reveal the extent to which the vessel had suffered. It was said that the Imperator's sailing tomorrow might have to be postponed. She arrived here yesterday.

One thousand longshoremen, employed by the Hamburg-American Line, the Imperator's owners, went on strike 48 hours before the vessel's arrival. Their places were filled by men from Brooklyn docks, and the strikers were told that they would not be taken back. Officers of the line said, however, that they believed the strike was in no way connected with the fire. Somebody's carelessness they thought had been responsible.
The Imperator has suffered several mishaps, more or less serious, since her launching May 23, 1912. Her maiden trip was postponed from month to month, first because she ran aground while on her way to Hamburg and then because of trouble with her turbines. A benzine explosion occurred aboard the vessel April 24, which caused the death of two men and serious injury to six others.

C. P. R. Special Train for Toronto

Exhibition.
Commencing Tuesday, Aug. 26, and continuing daily until Sept. 5, special train will leave London at 6:40 a.m., arriving Toronto 11 a.m. Returning special will leave Parkdale at 10:20 p.m., arriving London 2:30 a.m. Fast express leaves London daily at 12:35 p.m. Other trains 4:38 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Secure tickets and programs at C. P. R. ticket office, 161 Dundas, corner Richmond.