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THE COPP CHARGES.

DEFINITE charges of the most serious fraud in the taking of the soldiers' vote, both overseas and at home, were made in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. A. B. Copp, Liberal member for Westmoreland, N. B.

If there is even a vestige of truth in the charges—and it seems difficult to believe that they are not supported by the most clinching evidence—the whole matter of the soldiers' vote should be brought before the country in the form of an investigation before a real commission, but not a whitewashing machine. The 32 charges form the basis of the most scandalous election fraud in the history of Canada, or the world.

Surely neither the people at home nor the soldiers serving overseas wish to see a Canadian Government in power which attained its place by corrupt methods! Then the whole sordid story should be opened to find out whence came the plans for getting the vote, from what fountain-heads of professional purity, to find the master hand of election-winning.

Union Government may possess the brute strength which came from an unnatural alliance of big politics and money power, yet even these cannot be retained in power unless their child is free from taint. Let the people see the mantle torn aside today when the heat of election battle is past, and they will demand "in tones of thunder" an accounting as they demanded it of the Borden Government—an accounting which they never received through a sudden declaration of political bankruptcy and a flying to the covering wing of the Big Interests.

The Kite charges helped to explode one government. The Copp charges are of a more far-reaching and vital character. They concern the good name of the country, and it will be a shameful proceeding if a searching investigation is not at once forthcoming. Or is Sir Robert Borden content to let them pass as he passed many other Liberal charges until stung to action by the whiplashes of public opinion? The country will be listening.

Since the above was written, during last night a motion by Mr. Copp to secure a judicial investigation of the charges has been defeated on a straight party vote.

SWATTING THE POOR M. P.

THE PRIVATE member of the House of Commons, sitting on the "Union" side, found out just where he stood Tuesday. He stands and waits, for the most part, which is said to be a part of serving. He stands and waits while the cabinet consults with this or that deputation from this or that element in the community. He is suddenly aware that an order-in-council has been framed or a bill brought down. He is told to swallow it or to vote for it. The women or the labor men or the farmers may have been consulted, but the House of Commons is not. The rule of the autocrat, and not precisely the benevolent autocrat, has been heavy upon the private member.

In the debate on titles and the Yukon election during the session of Tuesday, Sir Robert Borden took an attitude in his threat to resign which may be capable of two constructions. The one was, "I am Emperor!" though his words denied the baubles of class distinction; the other was, "I won't play unless I can have my way!" Seen in whichever light, either as the strutting monarch who in fury made his henchmen cringe, or as the spoiled boy who held the other boys in the game because of the fear that it might be broken up, it was a pretty spectacle for a Canadian House of Parliament. On an issue which, while great in the offense it has given the people, will not serve any body of parliamentarians from an active program of winning the war, the members of the Unionist side of the house were compelled to deny themselves a free prerogative to vote as they saw fit. "I will resign if you do not carry through my wishes!" he shouted and in so many words called down the royal wrath upon the heads of hapless members whose influence in the present session has been as potent as that of the average page on the house floor.

Sir Joseph Wesley Flavell, Bart., looked down upon Sir Robert as the latter upheld titles to a greater extent than his followers desired to uphold titles. It was a wonderful night for Sir Joseph. It was a black night for the private member—and the people who sent him to represent them. There may have been revolt among those private members. It was expressed to some extent by many, but only one or two partisans were willing to risk the downfall of the party leader, who remains a party leader under any other name. Others dodged the issue; for the most part these were Liberal-Unionists. A man of the stamp of Hon. W. S. Fielding voted on both occasions with the Opposition. Private members appealed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier as to the possibility of defeat being regarded as a vote of lack of confidence; the premier demanded why Sir Wilfrid should be consulted. He, the premier, was the only one to be consulted, and he would deem any decision against this amendment as sufficient cause for resignation. So he held the collective private member between his fingers and glared at him. Thus was the autocracy of the Canadian Unionist Government, buttressed with its measures against free

speech, with brute strength, with its election machinery of every conceivable kind at its disposal, with its disregard for pledges, proclaimed unmistakably. Upon such a question as titles the House of Commons should not be permitted to express its mind. The gag upon the Government's own supporters! Let them take the humiliation and swallow it! Titles should not be abolished to the extent that they and their constituents wished! Sir Joseph Flavell, Bart., was in the gallery. Titles would be abolished—but with a reservation that would take care of the faithful present and the more faithful past.

BANK MERGERS.

THE TREASURY committee appointed by the British Government to inquire into large bank amalgamations recently consummated in the Old Country, has recommended that legislation be enacted providing that approval of the Government must be obtained for any further mergers of the same kind. The British committee says, that while at present there is no resemblance to a money trust in the British Isles, there is the danger that some approach to such a condition might be produced.

The action of the British committee at once brings to mind the recent warnings as to bank mergers delivered in the Canadian House of Commons by Mr. W. C. Kennedy, M.P., of North Essex, when he made his maiden speech on the budget. Mr. Kennedy pointed out that in ten years the chartered banks of Canada had decreased from 34 to 19. In another ten years, he said, it possibly might be found that three or four banks and a dozen men would control the financial affairs of the country. He suggested that before further amalgamations be permitted, the minister of finance should be compelled to bring the proposals to the banking committee and then to the House of Commons. "Banks," he declared, "are but trustees of the people and as representatives of the people we should say whether or not these banks should be permitted to amalgamate." Mr. Kennedy burned no red fire over the matter. He was not "baiting" the banks, but pointing to a danger that it also being recognized in the British Isles.

DILLON CONDEMNS SINN FEINERS.

UTTERLY repudiating the Sinn Feiners and declaring his belief in Britain's good faith towards Ireland and just cause in the war, John Dillon, M.P., Irish Nationalist leader, has struck a blow for the right and has announced his return to sanity and moderation. It has been feared lately that he was being carried away by the strength of old prejudices and was losing his grip on the essentials.

Mr. Dillon adheres to the late John Redmond's statement that "the cause of the Allies is the cause of freedom." Holding this view, he could do much to reduce the anxieties of the Irish situation by preaching it throughout the length and breadth of Ireland. It has been said that what the Irish lack is a true understanding of the cause of the Allies, Britain's attitude and the terrible results which would follow a German victory. John Dillon can help to give this understanding, and in doing so might succeed in making the conscription of Irish manhood unnecessary.

No one doubts the courage of the Irish; no one ascribes the comparatively poor recruiting results among them to fear of the enemy's guns or bayonets. They have been taught to look on England as the foe of freedom and do not realize that she is, actually, its most powerful friend. When they learn this lesson and see that the war, now going on, is fought purely and simply in the interests of universal freedom, they will fall in line and wipe out any stain which attaches to their present luke-warmness in the cause, once the realization comes that Britain, along with her Allies, is giving her blood and treasure in unending stream that tyranny may be ended and liberty may become universal, all doubts as to her policy towards Ireland must cease. The most doubting Patrick will see that anything less than the utmost degree of freedom for Ireland would be impossible in a free world; he must become aware that, even if his distrust of England were justified outside opinion would force the issue in Ireland's favor.

John Dillon could expound these views throughout Erin's Isle, if he would, and thereby not only reap honor for himself, but save his fellow-countrymen from disgrace and the paralysis which civil strife would bring.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Well, if von Hindenburg has died his address in future will be known to all and will be permanent.

Abundance of apples is promised for this season, but this must not be taken as an excuse to let them go to waste.

Borden would throw up win-the-war and the sponge rather than be stripped of his "Sir" and see Sir Joseph lose his "Bart."

Every torture inflicted by the Huns on British prisoners makes more evident the impossibility of the war ending in any way but in the decisive defeat of the central powers.

Economies in Canada and the United States have restored the normal compulsory rationing quantities of meat in Britain. So little was the sacrifice and so great its result!

Sinn Feiners are discovering de Valera's feet of clay. They boasted he would never be taken unwounded and many believed him proof against all weapons. The idol has fallen.

Talk of turning the other cheek: that's easy compared with the task of the Toronto man who had to press the wedding trousers for the man who was carrying off the presser's wife.

"The Kaiser's cup" of solid gold, won by an American yachtsman in 1905, is to be melted down for the benefit of the Red Cross. Letter of thanks for donation should then be sent Wilhelm.

Britain is to refuse to permit amalgamation of banks unless the public can be shown to reap advantages, and in their turn banks will not want to join unless there are definite gains to them. It must be proved of national advantage, and that is no easy task.

Have you got into the High Price Habit?

PRICE is the deciding factor in making a purchase with most people. While some seek the lowest price, there are many who are willing to pay the top-notch price, feeling that highest-price means highest-value. Both are wrong. Willingness to pay a high price is as wasteful as the false economy in paying too low a price.

Take shoes for instance. You can pay extravagant prices, but above a certain point the advance in price is not warranted by increase in usefulness or appearance or durability. In paying top-notch prices, you may be paying for extravagances that, in these days of economy, are quite unnecessary.

Consider the price when buying a shoe. Don't assume the highest price is necessary.

Buy the shoe that meets with your requirements at the price that gives the best value for your money.

You will find it possible to obtain shoes at reasonable prices which have all the qualities that you require. Ask your dealer to show you a shoe bearing the A.H.M. trade-mark. See if an Ames Holden McCready fine shoe (for men or women) at, say, \$7, \$8, or \$9 is not in every respect satisfactory in style and appearance. When you buy them, keep a record of the wear

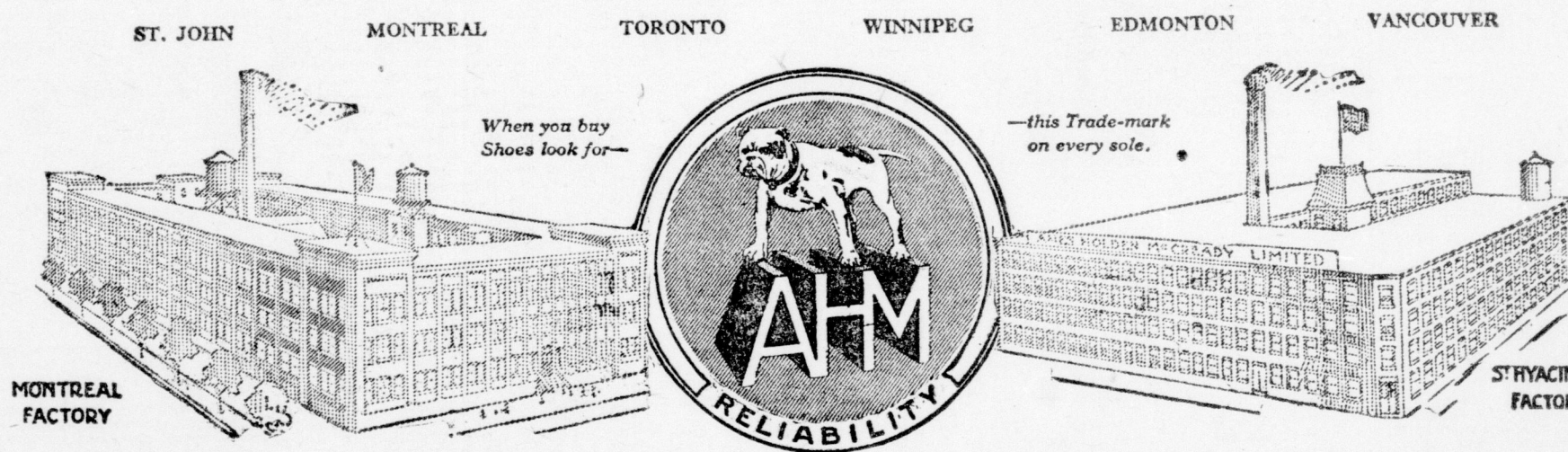
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When buying shoes, look for the A.H.M. trade-mark on the sole. This trade-mark is important to you. It is your assurance that you are getting standard value and a protection against cheap, unsatisfactory goods. Tell your dealer that you want A.H.M. shoes, tell him for what purpose you want them, and about what price you want to pay—you will find it worth while.

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No Joke.
A fast young man is Oswald Bott.
But though he's fast, the boob cannot keep up with his expenses.

Paw Knows Everything.
Willie—Paw, what is the best way to combine faith, hope and charity?
Paw—By lending a man your umbrella, my son.

Correct.
This you'll observe, if you are wise,
The older people grow,
The more they come to realize
How much they do NOT know.

Haw! Haw!
The old bachelor was buying a wedding gift for a friend, and said:
"Well, he's a fellow, 'this is one case in which it is better to give than to receive.'"

Same Old Story.
The Champ licked fighters in a row.
Till he had whipped them all;
Then one day he got his K. O.
From old Kid Anchool.

The Wise Fool.
"Honesty is the best policy," observed the Sage.
"Not when you have a chance to steal a kiss," commented the Fool.

Advice.
This is good dope, as you will find:
Keep your tongue in your cheek;
But, son, if you must speak your mind,
You must mind how you speak.

From the Album.
If a woman had a sense of humor she wouldn't get mad when her husband laughs when he looks at the photograph of the happy couple that was taken 20 years ago, an hour after the ceremony. He is sitting down, looking like a scared rabbit, and she is standing with one hand on his shoulder, and an "I will protect you, never fear!" expression on her map—Luke McLuke.
We got you, Luke. And behind 'em is an artificial lake, with a lot of white lilies and a swan musing up the still surface, prophetic of the paleness of the future and the swan song to close the session where the scared rabbit sits still long enough to allow the junior partner of the affair to get up close and make a snap-me-quick expres-

sion of love and protection.—Wilmington Republican.

Going Down!
Mrs. Sine Quick sells poultry in Laurinburg, N.C.

That Baby.
The baby swallowed a hunk of clay:
Maw sent for Doctor Bland:
Who said, "A loyal baby, eh?
He loves his native land!"
—Ball Crank.

Aw, Gwan!
Dr. James Almonds of Cliffside, N.C., was in his cabin on board a yacht when one of the sailors cut his foot and the captain yelled: "Almonds on deck!"

Our Joe Miller Contest.
Andy Wochter claims that the oldest joke is the one about the boy who said to his mother: "Maw, is it a sin to say damn?" "Yes," replied his mother. "Then is it a sin for my cofferdam?" asked the boy. "No," replied his mother.

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head that it is a woman's sunny disposition that makes it warm for a man. And where does a man get the idea that he has a right to treat his neighbors like he treats his wife's folks? The world is a great martir. It takes more than a flock of Buffalo Bill hair to make a man famous nowadays.

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