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UNFAIR DEBATING.

The absence of even elementary fairness from the debating of some of our Thursday last in the House of Commons. The offender was Hon. J. Hazen, Minister of Marine.

Following Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Hazen charged that the Laurier Government delayed five months in acting Near Eastern question. upon the tenders for naval construction received from British firms on May 1, 1911, and that it delayed because it had come to realize that its policy of building warships in Canada was unwise and wasteful of public money. Sir Wilfrid had already said:

"We thought as the general elections were coming that it would not be to award the contract in case there might be, as there was, a change of government."

But, said Mr. Hazen, later:

the case? The facts are that on May cessary in the near future. 1, 1911, tenders were received from a number of leading shipbuilding firms in the British Empire for the construction of destroyers and cruisuntil the 7th of October following. The been received. My right honorable friend did not retire until the 7th day of October, nearly five months after better excuse to offer, no better reason to give, for the course he took in allowing these tenders, with the de-posits attached to them, to remain in the office here in Ottawa for nearly five months, than that this Government thought that, as they might go out of power at the election, dealt with by their successors in of-

So Mr. Hazen went on to charge that as a fact the Laurier Government was hesitating and ready to draw back.

life in Quebec last year on his naval policy. But still, to one hearing Mr. Hazen's ingenious manipulation of partial truths, he might appear for the time to score a point, and a rapid reading of his speech by partisans throughout the country might impress them very strongly with the notion that Laurier had himself inclined to go back on his own policy of building in Canada with Canadian labor.

But note Mr. Graham's crushing reply when he took up the word:

"My honorable friend (Mr. Hazen) was unfair, I think, concerning the time which elapsed between the advertisement for tenders and the letting of those tenders. He said that several months elapsed. You know, Mr. Speaker, that a half-truth does not always convey the whole truth. the charge which my honorable friend made is borne out by them: On May 1 1911 the tenders were received. On May 12, the Prime Minis-Minister of Marine, the head of the naval affairs of Canada, left for England to attend the Imperial Confer-July and arrived in Ottawa on the 12th, and the dissolution took place on the 29th of July, I leave it to the House as to whether the honorable minister was fair or not."

What a roar would have gone up from Conservative leaders and lournals if in face of impending dissolution the late Government had in July, 1911, awarded a contract for naval construction! Sir Wilfrid has too much respect for the spirit of British institutions to cause his wife was an American. Those have acted in so arbitrary a manner. And doubtless Mr. Hazen would not have expected an award of contract | C. STANFORD MUST SUPPORT HIS during the election campaign or after Sept. 21?

Mr. Hazen professed to state "the facts." Mr. Graham explained them, and added significantly that had a contract been awarded by the Borden Government in the fall of 1911, there would now be at least five cruisers on the stocks in this country.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

The plenipotentiaries gathered around a table in St. James' Palace, London, are writing a fateful chapter of history. The treaty of Berlin nearly 45 years ago is a great landmark in retrospect, but the proceedings of the present conference transcend it in im- fishing bait to be pasted on the outside portance. At Berlin it was merely a of the flask matter of compromise among the great powers, but at London the little peoples, Servia, Bulgaria, Greece and Montenegro, will not be passive pawns

In the game of European diplomacy The cloud on the horizon is the longstanding jealousy between Russia and had, they might have never got rid of Austria. Underlying it are causes bewhich haunts a section of the British people, is a mere chimera. The fundamental fact is the great racial cleavage between the Slav and the Teuton. If there is to be an Armageddon it will be in eastern, not in western, Europe. Pan-Slavism and Pan-Germanism—there is the future conflict. The recent assertion of the Chancellor side which the so-called German peril.

of the German Empire that Germany would support her ally by arms if necessary, was the language of the Pan-Germanic idea. The German element is in a minority in Austria-Hunof the German Empire that Germany gary, and leans on the moral and material support of the German Empire. The 20,000,000 Slavs in the Austrian Empire strongly feel their kinship with the Servians, the Montenegrins, and the Bulgarians. Naturally Russia, the great Slav power, aspires to be the tutelary guardian over Southeastern Europe. Austria aspires to the same

role on the ground of her Slav population and of territorial contiguity. Servia will have the backing of Russia at the London conference, but Austria will resist Servia's claim for expansion to the Adriatic Sea. There will be a great game of bluff, and wily attempts on Austria's part to split the Balkan League by playing off one Balkan state against another, Even if the Christian powers can agree, will public men was well illustrated on Turkey submit peacefully to any terms imposed on her? The conference bristles with difficulties, but the suspense on the continent will not be fully shared by Great Britain. No one statement of naval policy, Hon. Mr. imagines that Britain could be drawn into the vortex of war again over the The rising of the women means the

A NEW POSTOFFICE. propriated \$150,000 for a new postof-

fice for the city. Unlike the federal square, the new postoffice will not be conditional upon the teaching of the goose-step to the

schools. The present building is centrally located, and has a certain oldwas at issue between the two parties, fashioned solidity and stateliness of reactionaries in Canada who would prime minister himself, the famous appearance, but it has been outgrown, or nearly outgrown, and if London is "What are the facts in regard to larger quarters will be absolutely ne- not of equality.

It is to be hoped the Government will not skimp the work, but will give the city a building architecturally worthy ers. My right honorable friend did of it. The Albion Block, south of the not go out of power, or resign office. present postoffice, would be an excellent location. With a frontage on Rich-September, nearly four months and mond street from Carling street to three weeks after these tenders had Queen's avenue, and a depth of 125 to imposing structure. Another great these tenders had been received, and step will have been taken in the embelyet my right honorable friend had no lishment of the city if the federal square project is carried.

Toronto has enlarged its area by ten square miles. This was not necessary to accommodate any growth of ideas.

Some of our Conservative friends are was wise to leave the question to be nervous over their own suggestion that the Opposition may force a dissolution on the naval bill. Why so scared?

Winston Churchill's contention that the mother country should defend the The idea might be absurd to one who heart of the Empire and the Dominions Round me the darkness rolls! remembered how Laurier fought for his look after the rest of it, is as sound to-

> If the advocates of Laurier's naval policy run out of arguments they can find a stack of them in the speeches of Messrs. Borden and Foster, and in the files of the Conservative press.

> The Kingston Standard says 70 to 80 per cent, of the Canadian people are unalterably opposed to a Canadian navy. If the Standard means that 70 to 80 per cent. of Canadians are in favor of the British taxpayers hiring and paying men to defend this country, it would, of course, welcome a general election as a means of wiping out the

The late Whitelaw Reld was not the greatest of the line of distinguished Let me give the House the facts as men that have represented the United to those tenders, and let us see if States at the court of St. James, but he was a sincere friend and admirer of the United Kingdom. He entered into British social life with an evident relish awake nights-and that's the ter, the Minister of Militia, and the that exposed him to mild ridicule at home. He carried on the scholarly traditions associated with his post, and ence. They left England on the 3rd of was in constant demand as a speaker at public functions. No American had so many personal friendships in Great Britain.

THOSE ROUND TABLE CLUBS.

[Toronto Star.] Mr. J. C. Walsh, of Montreal, says that the Round Table Clubs, organized for the purpose of advertising imperialism in Canada, are so carefully hand-picked that one young Canadian, whose college mates who are responsible for the exclusion must have broad views of imperialism.

CAT. [Sycamore (Ill.) Tribune.]

Notice -- If Charles Stanford does not pay board and lodging for his black cat for one year same will charges. H. N. Barker.

WITH ME. [Browning.] Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be. The last of life, for which the first was Our times are in His hand

Who saith: "A whole I planned,

Youth shows but half; trust God; see all, nor be afraid!" NO SECRETS FROM THEM. [Greenwood Ledge.] If the women ever get the franchise it is quite likely that a law will be passed compelling the ingredients of all

DID THEY SET THE DOG ON HIM? [Springfield, Ky., News-Leader.] We visited Fillmore Milburn and his estimable wife Lillie, where we stopped over night and where we certainly enjoyed ourselves very much indeed, and only for a bad, vicious dog they

COST OF BAD ROADS.

BREAD AND ROSES. [James Oppenheim in the American Magazine.]

we come marching, marching, in the beauty of the day, A million darkened kitchens, a thousand

mill-lofts gray touched with all the radiance that a sudden sun discloses, For the people hear us singing, "Bread and Roses, Bread and Roses."

As we come marching, marching, we battle, too, for menthey are women's children and we mother them again. Our lives shall not be sweated

birth until life closes-

us Bread, but give us Roses! As we come marching, marching, unnumbered women dead crying through our singing ancient song of Bread; Small art and love and beauty drudging spirits knew-

Hearts starve as well as bodies: Give

Yes, it is bread we fight for-but we fight for Roses, too. As we come marching, marching, we bring the Greater Days-

rising of the race-No more the drudge and idler-ten that toil where one reposes-The Dominion Government has ap- But a sharing of life's glories. Bread and Roses, Bread and Roses!

ENEMIES OF CANADA.

[Toronto Star.] It is useless to deny that attempts are being made, publicly and insidious- are Georgiana Lancelot, her husband, ly, to undermine self-government in Charles Lancelot; her would-be lover, Canada. The Family Compact still has think that Canada's position should be to go ahead, as all signs indicate, that of perpetual subordination and

> A COMFORTING THOUGHT. [Chicago Record-Herald.] The man who never does a thing that he later regrets doesn't do much.

A PHILANDERING PHILOSOPHER. [Samuel Johnson.]

"If I had no duties and no reference to futurity, I would spend my life in driving briskly in a post-chaise with a pretty woman; but she should be one 150 feet, there would be room for an who could understand me and would thralled the future writer of "The add something to the conversation."

> Immense and silent night, Over the darkling downs I go, And the deep gloom is pricked with points of light

Above, around me, and below. cannot break the bars Of fate; nor, if I scan the sky, comes there to me, questioning cold stars Any new signal or reply.

Yet—are they less than these.
These village lights that I do scan
Below me; or, far out on darkling seas. Those twinkling messages from man?

Out of the depth each lance of light Shoots from lost windows, thrills from And-shall I doubt that starrier height?

No signal? No reply? As o'er the hills of time I roam. Hope opens her warm casements in the And lights the heavenly lamps

WHAT'S IN HEREDITY?

[Ottawa Citizen.] descendants of Nathaniel Hawthorne and President John Quincy capitalize a worthless hole in the ground at Cobalt and sell stock to their friends?

IS IT POSSIBLE? [Ottawa Free Press.] Bob Rogers puts all Liberal news-

capers in the same category and styles hem "the reptile press." Somehow or other we do keep getting it into our

heads that Bob Rogers is a partisan.

HER ULTERIOR OBJECT. [Cleveland Plaindealer.] "Why do you encourage your husband drink so much coffee?" "It's the only thing that will keep him

chance I get to tell him what I think of THE HEIGHT OF ABSURDITY. [Chicago Record-Herald.]

"Your scheme is foolish." "Foolish?" "Yes, sir, absolutely foolish. As fool-

of a grand opera." MALLET HEAD STRUCK

LADY IN AUDIENCE

Accident at Performance of "The Bohemian Girl."

Hamilton, Dec. 16.—During the prog-ress of the performance of the "Bohemian Girl" at the Grand Opera House Friday ight, a mallet head suddenly flew off a night, a mallet head suddenly new on a mallet that a performer was using, shot across the footlights over the heads of the lower floor patrons; and struck a young lady close to the left temple. She was sitting a few rows from the stage.
The missile, which was heavy, struck her with much force, and the fact that the young lady is the possessor of a luxuriant head of hair saved her from being serihead of hair saved her from being seriosuly injured. Had the mailet head osuly injured. struck her a little nearer the temple the result would have, no doubt, been much worse. As it was her head was slightly

bruised.

The mishap was almost a repetition of a similar accident which occurred two seasons ago, when the sword of Mordkin, the Russian dancer, became unfastened from its hilt and flew through the air, striking a young man on the head, all but killing him.

BLACKHANDER KILLED

Shot to Death When Endeacvoring to Levy Blackmail. [Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 16.-Amelio Prince said by the police to be a notorious Black Hand leader, was shot and killed early today in a bakery in upper New York, According to the story told the police by employees of the shop, he had just de-manded \$100 of Joseph Gallucci, when he was shot by Gallucci's nephew, who

The police say Prince has four times been under suspicion of having done murder. In each case the police found witnesses by whom they expected to when the grand jury was ready to hear the evidence the witnesses were strangely missing. The police believe that sev-

Prince's name had long been a bye word in the Italian colony. If children were naughty parents were accustomed

Maurice Hewlett's New Novel

[By Special Arrangement With the Winnipeg Telegram.]

The publication of a new novel by Maurice Hewlett is an event in the world of literature. For every work that he chooses to turn out this author has a large constituency of cultured readers. They were drawn to him for his "Forest Lovers," "Richard Yea and Nay," and "Little Novels of Italy," the first two being pictures of life in the middle ages, and the latter a subtle and fascinating study of Italian landscape and of the atmosphere and architecture of Italian cities. Of late Mr. Hewlett has dealt with modern subjects, producing stories like "Halfway House," and "Rest Harrow," so realistic that they have been classed by healthy critics with the indecent triangle novels in which French novelists finds so constant a delight.

His latest novel, "Mrs. Lancelot" (Macmillan & Co.) is full of the Hewlett brilliance and humor. The scene is laid in the London of the early part of the last century, and the social and political world in which his characters play their parts is vividly portrayed. The story is almost entirely occupied with three men and one woman. These who was no less a personage than the of Parliament and the people, and who a young and enthusiastic poet, who made no secret of his love for Georgiana, "hymning his lady heaven-high in verse," and who for necessity's sake (for he had only £50 a year of his own,) hired himself out as a clerk to an attorney.

Although he was born of Puritan stock, Mr. Hewlett has confessed that even in his boyhood he was "homesick for the middle age." It was Malory's "Morte d'Arthur" that en-Idylls of the King," and it was the same purple narrative of the past [Alfred Noyes in Westminster Gazette.] that started young Maurice on the backward track of riotous imaginings. Like Tennyson he was also a heavy reader in his early days; he read French easily at 14, Shakespeare very early, and "Tom Jones," as he puts it, "too early." Like Stevenson he began to imitate the styles of his favorite authors. At Oxford he managed to little attention to prescribed studies. He says of his university days:

"I wasted my time; I dreamed. I tried to do things too big for me, and diligently pursued every false god. I Greece assembled today in the picture don't think I was very happy, and I gallery of St. James' Palace to meet am sure I was very miserable, and I the Turkish delegates in the momentfor short periods, when by rights I question whether there is to be peace should have been a man."

What's in heredity when the direct in London he conceived a violent af- the walls, the plenipotentiaries were fection for Italy, for Italy touched welcomed by Sir Edward Grey, him on his aesthetic side and encouraged him in his passion for the medi- good wishes for the success of the acval past. Owing to failing health, gathering. He said: he made an extended tour to the land of sunny skies and began his first serlous literary work in that country. for the success of your labors. It is my The book was entitled "Earthwork agreeable duty to welcome you on be Out of Tuscany." It was a great piece of work, showing that Hewlett was a ence is regarded in this country. His stylist of the Walter Pater order, a Majesty the King, being anxious to fakeen observer, gifted with poetic cilitate your task in every way, has placed these rooms in St. James' Palimagination and a poet's love of gorgeous phrases and warm colors. find them suitable, and at the same Hewlett's first attempt did not pass the time I assure you that His Majesty's reviewers, however, without severe criticism. One owlish Athenaeum writer prophesied that the book would not appeal to many readers. "Mr. Hewlett," said he, 'writes mainly of Florence, a city that has become ish as well, as foolish as the libretto more written about than any out of

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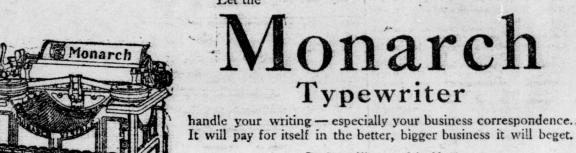
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SIR EDWARD GREY OPENS CONFERENCE

Delivers a Message From King to the Balkan Plenipotentiaries.

HOPES PEACE ASSURED

do a great deal of reading, but paid Delegates of Allies Say Turkey Must Agree to the Surrender of

Adrianople.

[Canadian Press.] London, Dec. 16. - The delegates threw them up at the first failure. I of Bulgaria, Servia, Montenegro and doubt now if I was ever a boy except ous conference which is to settle the or a continuation of the war in the Balkans. With the eyes of British sovereigns who have reigned in succession When Hewlett was a law student for four centuries surveying them from British foreign minister. His address was brief, but full of sympathy and

"Gentlemen,-His Majesty the King desires me to convey to you his welcome, and to express his best wishes half of His Majesty's Government, and to say with what pleasure your presace at your disposal, I trust you will Government will do all in its power to promote your convenience

On Neutral Ground. "You will, I believe, find in this counry an atmosphere of calm and impartiality that will be favorable to your work, and within these rooms, which you occupy, you will be really on neutral ground, where there will be no pol-

ities except your own. "There are difficulties in all negotiations for peace after a war. I will not attempt to estimate what they may e in your case. They have been no doubt the subject of full instructions to each set of delegates from their respective governments, but there can be no nobler task than to overcome these difficulties, and to accomplish peace as a result of your own efforts. and your own work. In this way you will lay foundations on which I trust will be built, by true wisdom and statesmanship, the prosperity, moral, economic and national, of your respectve countries. Without that statesmanship the gains of war are of little or no worth to future generations. With thtat statesmanship the losses of war can be repaired and bitterness merged in the realization of the blessings of peace.

Delegates Honor Grey. "I will say no more, except to wish you success in your task, and to assure you that you have the goodwill of everyone in the object for which you have assembled here, and that by accomplishing peace you will secure the respect of the whole of Europe." The chief of each delegation cordially acknowledged the welcome, and the sentiments expressed by Sir Edward Grey, who was unanimously elected to the honorary presidency of the confer-Conference Opens.

The British Foreign Secretary then left the gallery and the plentpotentiaries tions of the chairmanship, the procedure the language, etc., of the conference. Considering its historic character, the conclave attracted remarkably little public attention. Some hundreds of reporters and photographers and a few of the general public gathered in the vicinity of St. James' Palace. Otherwise nothing beyond the extra squads of policemen indicated anything out of the common. Rigorous precautions have been taken to prevent the near approach of strang-ers to the quadrangle of the palace. A strong force of police has been stationed about the ancient archway and will re-be most effective. main on duty during the conference. The Turkish plenipotentiaries were the

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Delaware, Lawrence Station, alone rose to the level of a private auto-are under arrest here today. The arrests mobile. | were made by Detective O'Reilly and United States Immigration Officer Miller, and a half, and then adjourned for uncheon, which was served in a room adjoining the conference chamber. here. They are locked up in the county jall, charged with being fugitives from The delegates of the Balkan states, efore entering the conference chamber, justice declared that within this week elter Turkey will find a way to surrender Adrianople or the war will be resumed.

less she is impelled to resistance by Austrian and German support. FLEET UNITS ACCORD WITH SELF-RESPECT

They believe that Turkey will yield un-

And Laurier's Plan Is More in Line With the British

Requirements.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, Dec. 16.-Before the Montreal Reform Club on Saturday night Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, ex-minister of labor. contended that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's naval plan was much more in line with the requirements of the British Empire and quoted from speeches of Premier Asquith and Right Hon. Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, to substantiate his claims.

Mr. King said the construction of Canadian fleet units was more in accord with what they believed to be Canadian self-respect.
Mr. Borden had gone to England, not

with the view of consulting the admiralty upon any permanent policy, but to find a way out of his difficulties in Canada-difficulties created by the alliance between the Nationalists and the Unionist jingoes prior to and during the last election. He was afraid to go to the country with a permanent naval policy for fear of offending the former. Naturally, when told that it could expect nothing from Canada of a permaent nature yet awhile, the admiralty

be most effective. SMUGGLERS CAUGHT. first to arrive. They were followed at brief intervals by the Servians. Montenegrins and Bulgarians. All these arrived in pieblan taxicabs. The Greeks Michigan, near Detroit, three Chinese

the men for some time, and learned that they were hiding in a Chinese restaurant

LOCAL OPTION

Temperance People Are Conducting Vigorous Campaign in Wingham. [Special to The Advertiser.]

Wingham, Dec. 16 .- The local option campaign is in full swing, and last evening in the Baptist Church, Rev. G. V. Collins, dealt at length with the question advancing nine strong arguments why the liquor traffic should be

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