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SIR WILFRID

Canadians were never more proud of Sir Wilfrid Laurier than they are today, after his great and patriotic speech on the subject of Canadian co-operation in the imperial navy programme. If the members of the opposition hoped to embarrass the French-Canadian premier by their outburst of British loyalty they were quickly undeceived. In sentences that will live the premier declared the loyal devotion of all Canadians to the empire, and added that if the need should arise he would go down among his Quebec compatriots and rally them around the flag that is their greatest guarantee of liberty and peace. His thrilling eloquence strikes a responsive chord throughout the length and breadth of the country, and no partisan sneer or whispered word of depreciation can lessen the effect. The term imperialist has fallen into some disfavor because so variously interpreted, but the highest type is personified in the Canadian premier, who as an imperial statesman stands forth without a peer in Canada. Unmoved by partisan clamor, he takes an eminently sane and broad view of the whole question of national and imperial responsibility. He stands ready to cooperate with the imperial authorities in matters relating to imperial defence. More than that is not required, nor is there the slightest reason for hysterical agitation.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY

Referring to the St. John Valley Railway, Premier Hazen said yesterday that "he had been in communication with one of the most reputable and prominent contracting firms in the country, and while he was not in a position to give out the negotiations at the present time he would probably be able to do so by another session."

In the meantime, however, and as an alternative, Mr. Hazen is willing to guarantee the bonds of a company to the extent of \$25,000 per mile if when the road is completed the federal government will operate it as a part of the Intercolonial system, paying a rental of 40 per cent. on the gross earnings.

Mr. Hazen in power is not the same Mr. Hazen who was in opposition. He seeks to shift the responsibility upon the federal government, and talks about mysterious contracting firms in a way that would have stirred opposition leader Hazen to ridicule and fierce denunciation.

Stimulated by the premier's foot the Valley Railway has taken another leap into the future.

HINT FOR HAZEN

At present prices in St. John molasses is not likely to be used to a large extent in road making, even by the Hazen government, which is in eager search of highway policy. Nevertheless there will be some interest locally in the following statement of the use of molasses in road making in Boston:

"Molasses as an alternative or addition to oil in road construction to give a surface affording a firm foothold for horses and to prevent automobile skidding, has had a practical test of some months in Boston. Experts of the United States Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with the street commissioner of Newton, put down on Summit street, where there is a steep grade and sharp curve, a preparation of molasses, lime and oil, mixed with a small amount of cement. The liquid made a surface from two to three inches of heavy binding material. This is reported to have passed the tests of winter and to have formed a remarkably hard surface, with little dust producing effect from automobile traffic."

FOOLISH REPUBLIC

The great convention at Washington last year, at which it was believed a peaceful solution of all Central American difficulties had been found, was evidently not the success it was proclaimed to be. The little republics are at each other's throats again, and the chief agitator appears to be President Zelaya of Nicaragua, whose one ambition, it is rumored, is to form a confederacy of Central American republics. He is now charged with seeking a slice of Salvador territory.

The United States and Mexico cannot

regard these troubles with indifference. The New York Tribune doubtless voices the United States sentiment when it reviews the situation thus:—

"Two or three years ago a skirmish between Nicaragua and Salvador would have been regarded as an inconceivable trifle. But something important has happened since then. All those states, in the presence and with the moral co-operation of Mexico and the United States have solemnly pledged themselves to better doings. They have pledged themselves to their differences by peaceful means. The reassurances of the present situation lies in the apparently wanton violation of those pledges."

"There can be no question that the United States and Mexico have been very patient with their southern neighbors, and have been very helpful to them and hopeful for them. They have given them every opportunity and every encouragement to conduct themselves like civilized and orderly states. And because of that patience and that aid they have an ample right now to insist upon the maintenance of peace in accordance with the treaty of a year ago, and if peace is not kept, to surrender the peace-breakers to the just consequences of their bad faith and violence."

"Let us recall the words of the treaty which was made at Washington a little more than a year ago: 'The republics of Central America consider as one of their first duties the maintenance of peace; and they bind themselves always to observe the most complete harmony, and decide every difference or difficulty which may arise among them, of whatsoever nature it may be, by means of the Central-American Court of Justice.' Yet at this moment two of the signatories of that treaty are apparently at war, without having submitted their differences to the court. That is a state of affairs which can not be ignored without discrediting the very foundation of international law and order. There will, of course, be no hasty steps taken. It is supremely desirable that these faith-breaking states shall themselves realize and repeat of their wrongdoing and vindicate the integrity of the treaty of which they themselves were makers. But if they do not promptly do so a situation will arise in which other powers will be entitled to consider what steps are to be taken for the enforcement of treaty obligations and the preservation of the peace of the continent. We trust that it will not become necessary for any power outside of Central America to take such steps, but we feel assured that if such necessity shall arise the desirability of intervention will be so clear as to command the approval of the civilized world."

In an interview in this morning's Telegraph, Mr. Scully sets out in clear and strong terms the arguments in favor of the harbor bridge. The city council yesterday adopted the draft of the bridge bill. The persistence with which Mr. Scully has pressed what at the outset was regarded with general indifference, as a rather impractical scheme at the present time, has resulted in a securing satisfactory statements from federal and provincial authorities, and paved the way for taking up the work in a practical manner.

The Ontario government has given another turn of the screw in restriction of the liquor traffic in that province. Hotel licenses in Toronto (where there are no separate saloons) have gone up from \$1200 to \$1600, and the penalty for violation has been doubled. Better provision is also made for inspection, and to prevent the shipping of liquor to local option districts.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley has warned all agents and officials of the public works department that they must very carefully scrutinize all accounts, and reject all gifts or favors from contractors. The disposition of the government is to ensure business methods, in every department.

The post office department has decided on a material increase in the salaries of officials in the outside service. The department can well afford it, and the action will be generally approved, as some of the salaries are very low.

The Chatham World (Conservative) informs Premier Hazen that he is "weak-kneed and backbonesless," and tells him the government has "gone to pot" in Northumberland county. The World is an acute observer.

The Conservative provincial premier will not build any Dreadnoughts. They would be glad to be regarded as more loyal than their neighbors, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoiled the game.

ALL MARRIAGES ILLEGAL

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You pick up the bill of fare.
Eyes rove over this or that.
"Watch your overcoat and hat."

Making sure your property
Is just where it ought to be.
Lean you back and dream once more
Of the many things in store.
Glance perhaps goes to the wall.
Where in letters far from small.
Words before your vision float.
"Watch your hat and overcoat."

You are served with promptitude.
And you soon attack the food.
While a joy steals through your soul
Over which you've no control.
That's to say, each joy should steal
In upon you through the meal.
But upon the wall you meet:
"Watch your parcels while you eat."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

AT 2 A. M.

Roommate—"What is this card in your hat?"
Roommate—"Why, that was (his) the wine list, but now (his) it's my table of contents."—Tale Teller.

AN INVENTOR.

"So your boy John is an inventor?"
"Yes, he has invented a lot of labor saving devices."
"Excuses for not working?"—Washington Star.

A MOTH'S DIET.

A certain father, who is fond of putting his boys through natural history examinations, is often surprised at their mental agility. He recently asked them to tell him "What animal is satisfied with the least nourishment?"
"The moth," one of them shouted confidently. "It eats nothing but holes."

THE SPECULATIVE INSTINCT

The junior partner of a Wall Street firm was slightly indisposed and the senior partner was calling on every one of the minutes. "Why do you telephone so often?" inquired a friend.
"Well, his temperature fluctuates considerably and some of my customers are speculating on the fluctuation."—Washington Herald.

KINDRED ASSOCIATIONS.

"I wonder what attractions that woman over there has for Mr. Bangs?"
"The attraction of association, probably. She is a grass widow and he has hay fever."

HARD TO EXPLAIN

At a party recently they were playing a game which consisted in everybody in the room making a statement, and the one who made the worst face was awarded a prize. They all did their best, and a lady and a gentleman went up to one of the ladies and said: "Well, madam, I think you have won the prize."
"Oh," she said, "I wasn't playing."

ONE MEAL A MONTH.

Several ladies sat after a card party at the University Club a few mornings ago, discussing the virtues of their husbands. "Mr. Hamilton," said one of them, referring to the partner, "never drinks and never swears—indeed, he has no bad habits."
"Does he ever smoke?" someone asked.
"Yes," he likes a cigar just after he has eaten a good meal. I suppose on an average, he doesn't smoke more than once a month."

PUTTING HIM WISE

Dude—"Does this train carry animals?"
Pat—"No, but if you get into a seat and shut off the lights, you will expect pure identity."—Bohemian.

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