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## WE WHO ARE ABOUT TO DIE

The local Conservatives continue to pour the tale of their hapless condition into ears of a public which displays but a very languid interest in the whole affair. The Conservatives are agitated, but the country is composed. Perhaps the country knows what will happen to them presently, and would therefore respect more or less agitation at the present time.

It will be remembered that the Standard, after the recent senatorial appointment, foresaw complete disaster, not only to Hon. Mr. Wignome, but to the Meighen government and all its followers in this province. Numerous correspondents of the Standard rose up forthwith to announce that they also had seen in a vision the utter destruction of the Meighen-Wignome phalanx. Then came Senator Fowler to warn Mr. Meighen that he would see the Conservatives of New Brunswick had long, long memories of wrongs endured at the hands of any leader. In short it seemed about all over but paying the bill of the funeral director and the band.

At this juncture, however, Senator Thorne, wise old counselor of other days, cast an appealing eye over the country at large and was evidently startled by what he saw. To an observer from the windows of the Conservative side of the Red Chamber a matter of patronage here or there would be of little moment compared with the fate of the miracle-workers, the Great N. P. If the Meighen government went down—how could the N. P. stand up? And if New Brunswick Conservatives helped to pull down the Meighen government because Mr. Wignome had held in his stride—what would it profit them? For besides the Cots there were the Farmers—and who knows to what a state of chaos the country might be brought? Hence, whether the party swallowed Mr. Wignome or vomited him forth, it must not forget the great principles—it must stand by the government. All this Senator Thorne said to the Standard, and through the Standard to all those who had been voting vengeance and cleaning their weapons against the day for battle. He urged a party convention. The Grand Old Party must get together, stop picking its wounds in public and get ready for the general election to be held within a few months. It seems clear in the senator's mind that there are dangers looming up elsewhere than in New Brunswick, and that there have been "grave mistakes" in addition to that of Mr. Wignome; and that the government must go to the country before the going is much worse.

The Standard is evidently impressed. It mildly observes that for months it has been urging the party to organize, but there was no response; and it wishes Senator Thorne better luck. Senator Fowler has not yet announced a change of heart, nor has the Standard's correspondents in Westmorland and the north shore counties, who wanted Mr. Wignome's political hide nailed to the barn-door and Senator McDonald cast into outer darkness. Will they bury the hatchet, or leave the handle sticking out? If there is a convention will Mr. Wignome be there? Will he be put on the grid-iron and have the support of his colleagues at Ottawa? Will he tell the whole story of the senatorial appointment? Will Senator Fowler be there? Will Senator Thorne be able to get the party to stand by the government if the government stands by Wignome?

Of course these are not questions of great moment so far as the province and what the province will do to the Meighen government are concerned. That is another story. But in relation to the tribulations of the old Conservative party they are of passing interest, along with the boxing championships and other minor features of the news of the day.

England is so little disturbed by the declaration of the new American naval secretary regarding a greater American navy that her naval estimates provide for only sixteen capital ships in full commission, compared with thirty-eight in 1914 and twenty last year. England does not talk naval disarmament. She moves steadily in that direction. President Harding and his advisers can hardly fail to see the point. Secretary Denby should remove the chip from his shoulder.

"He profits most who serves best," is the motto of Rotary. There is nothing selfish about that slogan. Men who line up to it must be good citizens, putting service above self, and giving it an interpretation as wide as the needs of the community in which they dwell. Subject to the limitations of human nature in each individual, Rotary is a satisfying force for human welfare and for clean, honest, helpful living. It has no other purpose.

Not only this city but the maritime provinces and the Dominion are to be congratulated that one of the representatives at the great international Rotary Convention in Pittsburgh in June will be Canon Armstrong, rector of Trinity. One of the fruits of that great conference will be a growth of better understanding between the two great branches of the English-speaking race.

If, as Sir Auckland Geddes says, Canada is the interpreter between the Empire and the Republic, Canon Armstrong can express with eloquence and force the spirit of Canada, and her desire that no discordant voices disturb a fellowship that means so much for the peace and progress of the world.

The Emma Skinner Plaque Memorial Fund Committee does well to encourage the study of French in the high school. For business reasons in this province itself, as well as in relation to Quebec, a knowledge of French is of increasing value, and we expect our trade with France to grow from year to year. A working knowledge of the French language will be more and more essential to representatives of business houses, and its study should be encouraged in the schools.

St. John Standard:—"Apparently, in the view of the authorities at Ottawa Canada begins at Quebec and ends at the Rockies." Why then ask the most-comprehensive provinces to support those authorities? Why not let them?

St. John extends a hearty welcome to Rotarians from Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown, Moncton and St. Stephen. May their stay be most enjoyable.

TOO MANY "DEAD RAISINS"

Streets of Port Vue, Pa., choked with "Hootch" Raisins. Pittsburgh, March 13.—Port Vue, the bustling borough which adjoins McKeesport and houses the great Port Vue tinplate works, the largest of the kind in the world, is also the abiding place of many "hoosegans" if the evidence to be seen on Port Vue avenue, the principal street in the borough, is any indication of what is going on behind walls and in cellars of the town. The main thoroughfare is so choked with huge piles of "dead raisins" that the board of health of the town has taken action. If for no other purpose than to guard the health of Port Vueites. A few piles of "dead raisins" here and there did not disturb the city officials and the board of health, but when some persons or persons trumped several truckloads in the business section of the town "a wave of indignation" forced the board of health to act.

According to S. J. Palmer of the Port Vue board of health, one offender dumped into the street nearly half a ton of the refuse, packed in old whiskey cases, and drove away before he could be apprehended. It is said that the matter to the attention of the board of health and Secretary Arthur Davis was authorized to make this statement:

"We want to inform manufacturers of 'raisin jack,' residing in McKeesport, that we, the Board of Health of Port Vue Borough have no objection to the making this particularly mentioned 'hoosegans,' but we do object to the dumping of dead raisins on this side of the Youghiogheny River."

BOY MISCREANT IN CHURCH FEIGNS PRAYER BUT POLICE GET HIM (Montreal Herald)

A thirteen year old boy, one of a gang of youths who had planned to rob the sacristy at St. Mary's church this afternoon was arrested by Constables Chaput and Lacasse of No. 8 police station yesterday at the church where the police had been watching for the last several days.

With his head bowed down on his hands and with one eye peering out from separated fingers, the boy's manner was so convincing that the police did not come up to the constable's idea of respectful attention to service. Some time later the lad walked towards the poor box near the altar and catching sight of the uniformed men he became a devout worshipper at the moment's notice. This time the heavy tread of the two policemen diverted his attention and when told to take a walk he obeyed.

Without any questions the youth admitted that he had taken the key and had stolen from the poor box at the church.

## LIGHTER VEIN

Overlooked a Bet. Bob Taylor (holding a post-mortem)—All I need was a king to—Jack Potter (interrupting snappishly)—Well, why didn't you advertise in a Swiss newspaper—Buffalo Express.

Irreparable Loss. "Anybody hurt in the wreck?" "One gentleman, I believe." "Bones broken?" "I think it was his heart. He sat down by a leaking suitcase and shed tears."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Trophies. Mudge—Did you send his presents back when you broke the engagement? Marjorie—Of course not. Did you send back the silver cups you had won when you resigned from the golf club?—New York Sun.

Personal Dynamics. "Sambo, I don't understand how you can do all your work so quickly and so well." "I'll tell you how, boss. I stick to match on enthusiasm to de fuse oil yanger—and jes naturally exploded, I does."—Nashville Tennessean.

## FLIERS EAGER TO FIGHT WARSHIPS

They Want Navy Gunners to Fire at Them as in Actual Battle.

Washington, March 15.—Army aviators have become so enthusiastic over the proposed experiment of bombing naval vessels under approximate war-time conditions that scores of them have suggested that the fleet be allowed to fire back at the planes with anti-aircraft guns.

While admirals and generals have been advancing and disputing claims that the airplane is far superior to the battleship as a war weapon, army pilots have been a good deal more direct in their opinion with pleas that the matter be settled under honest-to-goodness war conditions. They have been all wrought up over the subject since that not distant day when Josephus Daniels, then secretary of the navy, offered to take part in the exercise of a battleship and let Brig. Gen. Mitchell, head of the air service in the war, take a crack at him with a bombing airplane.

Lieutenant C. C. Mosely, victorious pilot in the recent airplane race at Miami Beach, Fla., has a plan—anything he declares he would be "tickled pink" at the opportunity of a real fight with the navy gunners.

"I firmly believe," he wrote his chief, "that a bunch of those gobs would have about as much chance of hitting one of us (especially if the old battleship were in motion) as the proverbial snowball." With a little more of this kind of talk, it is likely that the navy will be forced to let the army have its way around all shot over the Atlantic fleet and let them shoot at me with anything they have.

Army fliers claim that they could sink the biggest battleship with one direct hit with a 1,000-pound bomb dropped from an altitude of 5,000 feet. "They contend that the explosive would have such force it would break in the plates of the warship, making it impossible to keep afloat."

SKULL AND BONES ON MURDER VICTIM

Slain Man Put in Burlap Bag Before Death Found on Marsh With Mysterious Mark.

(New York Times). Trussed up in a burlap bag, with the hands of the victim bound by a blunt weapon, evidently a heavy hammer, the body of a muscularly-built, smooth-shaven man, thirty years old, was found early yesterday in a strip of marshland in the Eastchester section of the Bronx, near Fort Schuyler. From a pair of grey silk gloves worn by the man when he was murdered and the presence of a black skull and crossbones worn into a gray sweater on the body, detectives began to search for clues leading to a secret society in the Bronx believed to have ordered the death of two of its members in the last three weeks.

When the body of an unidentified hold-up man was found in a snowbank in Crotona Park, Tremont, about three weeks ago, the police were puzzled by a mysterious figure the murdered man wore which contained a skull and crossbones design similar to that worn by the latest victim of the supposed murder band. Detectives expressed the belief yesterday that the band killed the man found in the marshland at a meeting somewhere in the Bronx on the preceding night. They advanced the theory that the first victim could not be induced to attend a meeting called for the purpose of slaying him and that certain men of the band were delegated to kill the man after they had arranged to decoy him to Crotona Park.

Further mystery has been added to the slaying of the first victim, the detectives pointed out, as they have not been able to establish his identity, although convinced that he was a red man of the Bronx. They succeeded to the extent of having him identified as one of two robbers who held up several cigar stores on the west side and in the Bronx in the three months preceding his murder.

Both victims Italians. Both men were Italians, the detectives believed, but were unable to find anybody who would admit that they ever had seen the men before. The detectives also believed that warning had been issued through mysterious channels to residents of the various Italian colonies in the Bronx not to identify the victims, and expressed the opinion that

## RUSSIAN NOBLES IN LOWLY POSTS

Drifting Into Constantinople to Take Any Job That Will Net Them a Square Meal—Admiral as Hall Porter.

Constantinople, Feb. 28.—(Associated Press, By Mail)—Russians of noble blood and high rank are fighting the wolf from the door in the uniforms of porters and waiters in Constantinople, center of the crumbling Empire's refugees. Some are small shopkeepers and many who knew court life in Petrograd are waiters and waitresses.

Wang's remnant of an army is disintegrating and many commanders are drifting into the city where they pocket their pride and tackle the hardest problem of their life—the mere getting of enough to eat.

General and admirals have sold their decorations at a little daily auction in the courtyard of the Mosque Agha-Jami in Istanbul where women of court circles dispose of furs, jewels and their last bits of finery.

Four Russian generals are making their living by catching and selling fish. Dozens of aviators and officers are waiters.

One Russian officer is chauffeur for the American military attaché here. Others are dock laborers and stablemen. Many titled Russian women are selling flowers and newspapers, Princess Galitzin, Princess Shalvolski and dozens of others are waitresses. Countess Vera Tolstoy is teaching English.

No one in Constantinople does not seem to count when there are thousands in the same plight and they are starting life over again, earning their own living.

## FIGHTERS WILL DIVIDE \$60,000

Middleweight Rivals Prepare for Long-Awaited Clash on Thursday.

A purse of \$60,000 was the crystallizing medium which finally induced Johnny Wilson, world's middleweight champion, and Mike O'Dowd of St. Paul, former holder of the title, to affix their signatures to contracts for a title bout at Madison Square Garden, New York, on Thursday night, March 17.

Tex Rickard took over the famous arena with the revival of boxing under the Walker law.

No official announcement of the monetary reward for both boxers has been made, but it has been learned from O'Dowd's reliable source that at least \$60,000 will be divided between the boxers in their forthcoming fight. It is said that Wilson will receive at least \$40,000 and O'Dowd in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Inasmuch as the battle will be for a championship, O'Dowd's promoter, Richard, will be permitted to charge top prices, ranging up to \$16, as provided by a ruling of the Boxing Commission. Indications are that a capacity crowd will witness the battle, for there is intense interest in this meeting.

Announcement of the successful termination of negotiations for the bout put an end to a period of delay and hickering, which has seldom been recalled in boxing matchmaking. About a year ago Wilson started the world by dumping from pugilistic obscurity into the world's middleweight championship. He gained a referee's decision over O'Dowd in a bout at Boston, Mass. O'Dowd immediately attacked the validity of the official award and emitted loud and raucous demands for a return bout.

Wilson, extremely thoughtful of his new-found ring honors, eagerly deferred consenting to a title bout against the former champion. O'Dowd's demands became insistent, and finally Wilson declared his readiness to demonstrate his ability against the man from whom he took the title.

O'Dowd Was Reluctant. Then O'Dowd backed out. Promoter Richard headed a list of the country's boxing conductors who were eager for the match, and steadily he worked at negotiations. Financial matters, it was said, deterred O'Dowd's acceptance. Instead of being eager for a chance at his lost laurels, as is ordinarily the custom with a defeated champion, O'Dowd's demands were said by Richard to be prohibitive and totally out of proportion. Wilson, as champion, naturally exercised his prerogative and demanded the lion's share. Then the match hung suspended in air, so to speak, until during the last week, when equitable terms were finally agreed upon.

The coming bout will demonstrate the truth or fallacy of the opinion entertained in many quarters that Wilson is "an accidental champion." O'Dowd, concededly not up to the standard of the men who have made ring history as leaders of this popular class, nevertheless is regarded in many parts of the country as Wilson's superior. The champion has made one appearance in the local district since gaining his crown. He boxed Sollier Bartfield in Newark and failed to impress. There were excuses, at best, but a crude, awkward, ineffective boxer who neither advances nor recedes in his ring career. Wilson is his domestic ability to make ridiculous the effects of first-class boxers to beat him. Bartfield possesses the verbal mine. In the bout against Wilson this condition was accentuated by the southpaw style of the champion.

The body of the man found yesterday would be buried in Potter's Field with his identity unexplained.

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You will find many things there of special interest just now—the Spring Millinery Opening display is at its best—an exposition of Spring Styles for Men and Boys is in progress at the Men's Shop. The Ready-to-wear and children's department have taken on their spring attire and will be of very decided interest tomorrow, featuring a parade of manikins revealing the very latest and most authentic spring styles for women and children. The daily advertisements of this store will inform you of the hours set apart for this display.

All of the departments will prove interesting to you—if you should be looking for a suitable souvenir to take home to remember this occasion, the art department of this store will prove a source of inspiration.

## "PERSECUTED" MAN IS WALKING CURIOS SHOP

Writes to President for Protection, But Carries Arsenal Outfit.

Washington, March 15.—George E. White of Owatonna, Minn., alleged gun "nerd" who applied to President Harding by a twenty-page letter for a squad of detectives to run down a band of persecutors who, he claims, had been hounding his ancestors since 1810 and recently turned their attentions to his family, was remanded for mental observation today, when arraigned in police court on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

When searched, the police found he wore a false moustache and had in his pockets a lock of red hair, which he took out from the head of a woman who had tried to marry him; a knife, a dried rabbit foot, two guns and a belt of ammunition, and a large knife.

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