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THE UNITED STATES ELECTIONS.

The victory for decency in the State
of New York yesterday was not so de-
cisive as responsible Americans had
hoped for. The returns at this writing
indicate that Hughes has been elected
by 50,000 plurality, which is less by
30,000 than the plurality of the Repub-
lican candidate for governor two years
ago.One satisfactory feature was the
failure of Hearst to poll the normal
Democratic majority in New York City,
even in alliance with Tammany. The
metropolis was his stamping ground,
and it was feared that his appeals to
class hatreds and the spirit of discon-
tent would be only too successful in a
city where masses of people are steeped
in poverty.The fact that Hearst ran behind his
associates is evidence that thousands
of Democrats were loyal to their party,
but could not stomach the head of the
ticket. The Democratic and Independ-
ent League candidate for lieutenant-
governor and others jointly nominated
by the same parties have been appar-
ently elected. If this proves to be the
case the rebuke to Hearst is the more
sympathetic.On the other hand, Hearst's victory in
such cities as Buffalo, Rochester, Utica,
Troy, Elmira, and Rome, is a disquiet-
ing symptom. The farmers and the
people of the villages and towns saved
the day for Hughes. The salvation of
the country will depend upon these
conservative elements if the cities of
the State of New York are a criterion
of the urban democracy of the Republic.Hearst has not been killed, but merely
"scotched." His inroads upon the
Republican strength will give him a
pretext for continuing to nurse his
presidential ambitions. It is probable,
however, that he may find conditions
less favorable to him in the future. The
Republican regime in New York State
has been vicious and incompetent, and
the air is filled with the stench of
corruption in high places. Corporate
wealth has plundered the people, and
debauched the legislature. No doubt
many voted for Hearst who had no
respect for the man, but regarded him
as the handiest weapon with which to
chastise the trusts and corporations. A
clean-handed administration of affairs
by Mr. Hughes, and the vigilant prose-
cution of law-breaking trusts by the
Washington Government, will cut much
of the ground from beneath Hearst's
feet.The congressional and state elections
on the whole afford little comfort to
the Democratic party. The Demo-
cratic gains in the House of Repre-
sentatives were slight. In Massa-
chusetts the Democratic candidate for
governor, an imitation of Hearst, was
badly defeated. In Pennsylvania the
Republican machine triumphed over a
fusion ticket of Lincoln Republicans
and Democrats. The country is evi-
dently well satisfied with the adminis-
tration of President Roosevelt.

AFRAID OF THE LIGHT.

Our local evening contemporary
believes that public opinion will force
the extension of the inquiry into cor-
rupt practices to the Conservative
side of politics. But this needs a
basis of operations. Are the Grits
aware of any more "conspiracies" to
be broken up? If so, they should lay
a charge and apply to have all
parties arrested. Send them to keep
company with O'Gorman, O'Meara, et
al. Specify the case, then ask public
opinion to get busy. Don't talk in
riddles."—London Free Press.Our contemporary is repenting the
spasm of virtue which prompted it the
other day to exclaim, "Let No Guilty
Man Escape!" It is backing down from
the highly moral but unaccommoda-
tion position which it first took with regard
to the request of the Liberal counsel to
be permitted to summon wit-
nesses at the crown's expense.
"There is not a 'decent citizen
of London,'" it said, "nor of any west-
ern electoral riding, who will not heart-
ily second the proposal to make the in-
vestigation as thorough as the Liberal
party could wish for. Let all offenders
of whatever party stripe, be brought to
book, and suffer the penalty due to any
illegal practices which they may have
committed. Let no man be shielded
in political crime under the aegis of a
Conservative administration."These were brave words, but they
were out of harmony with the spirit of
the Free Press, and it is not surprising
that they have been so soon recalled.
It now raises technical objections to
an investigation "as thorough as the
Liberal party could wish for." A
charge of conspiracy must be laid, for-
sooth, with a Toronto end to it. It
would be very easy for the Liberalparty to lay such a charge if it were
as little concerned about justifying it
as the prosecution in the present in-
quiry. The proceedings went on for a
month before there was a single at-
tempt to prove conspiracy or establish
jurisdiction in Toronto. In neither par-
ticular has the prosecution succeeded.
A witness, whose story is open to doubt,
claims that he conspired in Toronto
with one of the defendants to commit
illegal practices, but there is not a
tittle of evidence to show that the other
defendants were ever in Toronto on
election business. The charge of con-
spiracy was merely "faked" in order to
circumvent the statutes, and bring the
case into a Toronto court. The Liberals
may, with as much ground, charge any
number of Conservatives with con-
spiracy, take them away from their
business and keep them in Toronto
while the court is sitting, and make
them pegs whereon to hang an invest-
igation of Conservative election
methods in any constituency in Ontario,
at any time in the past hundred years.
Every purpose of the investigation will
be served if the Attorney-General will
merely allow counsel for the defendants
to summon witnesses at the public ex-
pense, as counsel for the prosecution is
doing. If the Attorney-General re-
fuses, the partisan nature of the present
prosecution will have to be openly ad-
mitted by the friends of the Ontario
Government.What the Free Press really intended
to say was: "Let no guilty Grit escape."It is too late in the day for the At-
torney-General's department to raise
"technical" objections.A panic has been caused in the city
by the demand that the light be turned
on Conservative election methods. Con-
servative workers wanted an open in-
vestigation, but not one open at both
ends.Mr. Hearst claims that the election
was stolen for Hughes by the trusts.
The charge does not lie in the mouth
of a man of whom someone has said
that his only political assets are cheek
and a check-book.Some Conservative newspapers have
presumed to cite the Walker-Carling
election of 1874 as an evidence of Lib-
eral corruption and Conservative vir-
tue. They can have no knowledge of
the facts of that contest. It is a subject
they had better leave alone.A writer in the Toronto Sunday
World says that "Mr. Fielding is un-
doubtedly clean-handed; that, although
as minister of finance he might have
amassed a fortune by graft, he has not
accumulated any private estate." This
is the testimony of every man who
knows Mr. Fielding.

TWO NOT ALWAYS "COMPANY."

[Punch.]
Aunt (showing small nephew, who
has come on a visit, round the
grounds)—Now, dear, I'd just take you
through the orchard, and then—I
must really go and lie down.Nephew—Auntie, if you'd rather go
at once, you know, please do. I—I
shouldn't be a bit lonely.

A WOMAN'S WAY.

[Chicago Tribune.]
Gladys—You say you can't endure
that tiresome Jack Harkaling, yet you
seem to be encouraging him with all
your might?Irene—I want to have the satisfac-
tion of refusing him. He hasn't pro-
posed yet.

SILENCE IS SILVER.

[Chicago News.]
Waggs—I hear old Miserly has un-
derd wealth.

Jaggs—Who told you?

Waggs—The tax collector.

THE BOOK-WORM.

[Ernest Crosby in Papyrus.]
My bookshelves are my prison-bars;
My study is my cell;
My student-lamp supplants the stars,
And floods my desk full well.My books are windows in the wall,
Through which I'm wont to view
The world the poets make of all
That's beautiful and true.But if I ever break away
To see the outdoor skies,
I shrink before the light of day
With unaccustomed eyes.And when I gather strength to look
At birds and grass and trees
I find the stories in my book
Are not at all like these.I wander in a foreign land,
Nor comprehend its tongue;
I feel too old to understand
My country so very young.Indoors, my books like panes of glass
Revealed a brilliant scene;
But here they seem opaque, alas!
And thrust themselves between.Nay, let me to my cell repair.
Freedom were bought too dear
If I must brave the open air,
Where all is strange and queer.

AUTOMOBILES FOR \$200.

[St. Paul Pioneer Press.]
Tom Edison's latest announcement
that he has at last invented an auto-
mobile motor, to sell at \$200, and cap-
able of an unusual length of service,
would be received with more interest
had he not repeatedly disappointed the
country by his failure to make good
several previous announcements; none
of which, however, claimed quite so
much as the present one. People have
begun, despite the substantial achieve-
ments of "the wizard," in past years,
to put him on a level with Nikola Tesla,
as too apt to base his promises on theresults of insufficient tests. However,
he may be, as he expresses it, "dear-
sure" this time. If so the era is not
very far off so often predicted by the
Pioneer Press, when a good, serviceable
automobile, capable of taking the place
of the ordinary top-buggy as a vehicle
of pleasure and business for multitudes,
may be purchased for \$200 or \$250, and
maintained in serviceable condition at
less than the keeping of a horse.

NOT A LIBERAL INVENTION.

[Sarnia Observer.]
Toronto World: "But is there any
evidence that the Conservatives ever
knew the art of ballot-box stuffing and
ballot switching as the Liberals of the
present day have perfected their sys-
tem?"Certainly there is. What about Bir-
mingham's pupil, the "good man in
North Bruce," who was sent to Mani-
toba to teach Tory deputies the slight
of hand art of ballot switching? If a
patent were sought for the Conserva-
tive claim to it on the ground of prior
discovery would be unassailable.

RECORD SENTENCE FOR ERRORS.

[Exchange.]
A grammarian was talking about
grammatical slips that, through their
magnitude, merited immortality."There is one sentence," he said,
"that has lived for a hundred years
on account of its tremendous incor-
rectness. In this sentence every
word, every single word, is ungram-
matical. It's hard to beat that, isn't it?"The sentence was spoken by a little
girl in a sheep pasture. Looking at the
flocks, she said to the shepherd:
"Is them sheeps yours?""This sentence, with every word in-
correct, holds the record in its class."

AGE OF THE EARTH.

[London Daily Mail.]
"The discovery of radium has gone a
long way toward solving an important
controversy between mathematicians
and geologists," said Sir Robert Ball.The controversy referred to concerned
the time required for peopling the
earth, and it appears that radium has
come to the relief of the geologists and
given them the victory. Sir Robert,
explaining the controversy, dealt with
figures of bewildering magnitude.Lord Kelvin has calculated that not
more than 20,000,000 years ago the
earth's surface was so hot that water
could not rest upon it, and the oceans
were vapors. He based his calculations
on what was then known concerning the
condition of the cooled rocks of the
earth's crust."The geologists," said Sir Robert Ball,
"complained that they could not make
their calculations agree with the deduc-
tions from that miserable allowance of time;
but the mathematicians, going over their
calculations again, would not give them
a week longer."It seems that geologists wanted a
modest 300,000,000 years, and the dis-
crepancy of 780,000 years was dis-
concerting for it looked as if science
was contradicting herself. The geolo-
gists knew they must be about right,
and the mathematicians knew that
figures could not lie."The Hon. Mr. Strutt, son of Lord
Rayleigh," said Sir Robert, "has shown
that in the rocks in the crust of the
earth there is a considerable quantity
of radium, which is forever pouring out
heat at a great rate.""This being the case, the date at
which the earth first became cool
enough for life must have been far more
remote than 20,000,000 years ago. It
must have been sufficiently remote to
give the geologists all the 300,000,000
years they demanded to account for the
phenomena they have found."

BANKERS WHO DISAGREE.

[Simcoe Reformer.]
Two great looking authorities have
been touring through our west. These
are the E. S. Clouston, vice-president of
the Bank of Montreal, and Byron E.
Walker, general manager of the Cana-
dian Bank of Commerce. Mr. Clous-
ton declares the west has too many
banks. Mr. Walker is quite as cer-
tain that there are not enough.

MEXICO'S HANDLING OF TRUSTS.

[Savannah, Ga. News.]
The Mexican Government fights
trusts in a practical and di-
rect way. When the meat trust
advanced the price of meat to
a practically prohibitive figure, so far
as the poor were concerned, the Gov-
ernment went into the business and
underdressed the trust at the same time
giving better meats. The competition
had its effect and the trust quickly re-
duced prices. The Government has
made arrangements whereby it can go
into the meat business on a very large
scale at any time the trust becomes too
greedy.

OF AN UNOSTENTATIOUS TURN.

[Washington Star.]
"Is that all the work you can do in
a day?" asked the discontented em-
ployer."Well, sun," answered Erastus Pink-
ley, "I spoke could do more, but I
never was much of a hand for showin'
off."

LORD ROSEBERY'S DEFINITION.

[London Bystander.]
It is to Lord Rosebery that we are in-
debted for the most modern definition
of memory. "What is memory?" said
a friend one day to him. "Memory," re-
plied his lordship, "is the feeling that
steals over us when we listen to our
friends' original stories."

A NOVA SCOTIA VIEW.

[The Eastern N. S. Chronicle.]
The Tories of Ontario may or may
not have a case against Mr. Hyman's
supporters in London, but of the two,
vote buying in London is better than
arresting Liberal politicians in London
and carrying them down to Toronto
for trial. What would be thought here
if the Government of Nova Scotia re-
quested a lot of Mr. Tanner's support-
ers in Toronto to be members of the
Halifax for trial. The action in
itself would be a greater outrage than
the buying of a hundred votes, yet
such action would run on all four
wheels with the action of the Tory Gov-
ernment in Ontario. One of the chief
principles of British criminal law is
that a criminal must be tried where he
committed the crime, and that wit-
nesses must as far as possible give
evidence among the people that know
them.LAMENT FAMINE
IN ART OBJECTSLondon Dealers and Collectors
Deplore the Scarcity of
Treasures.London, Nov. 6.—With increasing force
and with greater justice than ever before,
an art dealer and collector's lament is
heard about the truly alarming dearth of
works of art in the market.For a considerable time now the finest
pictures by great masters, and the
choicest pieces of porcelain, European
and Oriental, old silver and all other
kinds of art objects have been steadily
absorbed by the millionaire collector,
and not a small proportion of them have
been sent on a journey from which there
is no return—that is to say, across the
Atlantic to swell the collection of Ameri-
can art lovers. The result is an extra-
ordinary state of exhaustion.The historic firm of Christie has in a
century and a half of existence never
been so hard put to find attractive mat-
ter for its frequenters. After three
months' vacation Christie still finds the
cellars practically empty, and the open-
ing of the auction season is likely to be
postponed to the end of November, and
this alarming state of affairs is likely to
turn from bad to worse as the years go
on.It is not too much to say that the
whole United Kingdom and indeed the
best part of the continent have been sys-
tematically searched for works of art and
the possibility of workable discoveries is
reduced to a minimum. If things go on
at this rate it soon will be a sensational
event if a first-class example by an old
master appears in a saleroom, unless the
necessarily enhanced value of such
treasures induces even wealthy owners to
realize the promised tempting profits.Another unavoidable result of this
dearth of antiques—and this is the most
hopeful side of the question—is the chance
to artists of the day. It is an un-
deniable fact that they have suffered
neglect in the prevailing craze for every-
thing that has the hallmark of age, but
the collector of the future will have to
exercise his judgment to pick out from
among the overwhelming mass of art pro-
duction of the day such works as are
most likely to survive and become in
years to come as highly valued as are
now the creations of two or three cen-
turies ago.The lament extends with equal force
to the book world. Last season's sales at
Sotheby's and minor auction rooms pro-
duced about \$150,000 less than those of
the preceding season, and judging from
the book sales season at Sotheby's, which
is to be even worse. There is not a
single sale of real importance in view,
and the value of the Duke of Suther-
land's collection, removed from Trentham
Hall to Sotheby's, which is made the
subject of a weighty catalogue of nearly
200 pages, has been overrated by the
press. The whole collection has scarcely
half a dozen really notable items, the
chief of which is a fine copy of a rare
third folio edition of Shakespeare's works.It is worth noting that nearly all the
valuable Shakespeare works, from a
unique first folio, sold at a record price
of \$8,500 to the Sotheby's library in New
York, in 1902, to the practically unknown
quartos sold last season, have gone to
America, and the day is near when there
will be no rare Shakespearean works in
England outside of public libraries and
museums.A highly interesting and important col-
lection of rare books and manuscripts
unearthed from an old country library
will make a fitting opening for
the book sale season at Hodgson's rooms
in November. First in importance is a
practically perfect copy of the first edi-
tion of Shakespeare's poems, far superior
in every respect to the copy sold for \$1,250
in 1905, which, by the way, lacked two
introductory leaves.Among other notable items is an ex-
cessively rare second edition of Edmund
Spenser's earliest work, the "Shepherd's
Calendar," of which only one copy has
appeared in London salerooms during the
last twenty years, and of which only two
copies are known, one in the Huth
library and one in the British Museum.

PICTURESQUE ONE GONE

Original of Billy Kirker in "When a
Man's Single."London, Nov. 7.—London has just lost
a picturesque personality by the death
of R. G. S. Mann, who for years was
one of the best known of political
newspapermen and a prominent mem-
ber of the House of Commons press
gallery. Clad invariably in brown vel-
vet, with a horn rimmed monocle in his
eye and one or more ugly-looking bul-
dogs at his heels, Mann was an un-
commonly striking figure, and he was
interesting to all literary folk in this
country as the original Billy Kirker, of
J. M. Barrie's laughable book, "When
a Man's Single."Barrie met Mann at Nottingham in
the early days, a score of years ago,
when the author of "The Little Minis-
ter" was writing "leaders" for the jour-
nal of that town. Mann was chief re-
porter on the paper and the ideal leader
of the old bohemian school.Barrie took to him at once, as did all
who met him, and the result was Billy
Kirker, of the Silchester Mirror.
Though a sketchy caricature, all who
knew the man recognized him. The
original enjoyed the fun of the exag-
geration as much as anyone. In the
book he is named president of the Fry-
ing Pan, a bohemian club. In real life
the club was named the Kettle. Several
of the original members are distin-
guished figures in law, literature, polit-
ics and art today.Mann never wearied of telling of
Barrie's introduction to the club and
election to membership."Barrie was a dismal little chap," he
used to say, "and I thought that to
be a member of the Kettle Club would
cheer him up. But the more he drank the more melancholy he
became. His performances filled me
with despair. I washed my hands of
the cheering up business with him after
that night."Mann had a languid, aesthetic air
about him. One of his early gods was
Whistler. Mann wanted to be an artist
and sighed that his lot kept his nose
at the journalistic grindstone. He never
had any lessons in drawing, yet couldJ. H. CHAPMAN & CO
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WOODS' FAIR

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