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BLANK CHARGE BLUNDER-BUSSES.

The Star remarks that Mr. Rowell and his friends have a progressive platform of social reforms, and the merits of this platform are not affected by temporary reverses. The force of these remarks is in the application. If they have a progressive platform why don't they fight on it? And are the reverses sustained temporary? We were told that Sir George Ross' reverses were temporary; that Hon. G. P. Graham's reverses were temporary; that Hon. A. G. MacKay's reverses were temporary. These gentlemen are all out of provincial business, and yet we are told that Mr. Rowell's reverses are temporary, while he is advised to stick to his methods, which are the methods of his predecessors.

We had hoped to see Mr. Rowell adopting a new and forward policy, and stirring up the enthusiasm of the younger generation of Liberals for the great advances of the future. But Mr. Rowell, after adopting and speaking well of a number of fine planks, leaves them all at home when he goes campaigning. More effective weapons are required than the old blunder-busses of former years. It is quite true that the scandal blunderbuss of 1904-5 did deadly and effective work. But it was loaded, which makes a difference.

We believe if Mr. Rowell took example by the English Liberals he would make more progress than he can under the mentorship of The Globe and Mr. Proudford. Mr. Lloyd George does not spend his time disrupting Tory scandals of the past, or abusing Mr. Balfour, or chasing academic questions, which in England would parallel the "abolish-the-bar" cry, such as, for instance, the education question. Mr. Lloyd George has gone steadily ahead on questions of real reform and he has stirred the loyalty and enthusiasm of the British people to a depth not reached before in generations. If Mr. Rowell had put half the energy into a campaign for tax reform that he has wasted in pursuing the best provincial secretary that Ontario has ever had, he would have conserved instead of dissipating Liberal enthusiasm, and he would have gained sympathy, if not victory, where he has alienated friends and cultivated defeat. How often must Mr. Rowell hear that constructive and not destructive campaigning alone avails in the solid work of politics?

WHY REFUSE TAX PAYMENTS?

That is a common defect of the official mind which tends to encourage the imposition of arbitrary and unnecessary restrictions and the liberal observance of regulations, probably justifiable, but ridiculous when regarded from the viewpoint of common sense. No country, even the newest, is entirely free from the problem presented by the existence of red-tape, not in single coils, but in packages, and of experts in nice discrimination, who take pride in enveloping the ordinary citizen in its coils. Red-tape is customarily attributed to the laggard countries of the old world, but the newer nations have not been exempt, and have in some cases indeed bettered the instruction.

Yesterday, for example, The World was asked why the banks refused to accept payment of taxes before the arrival of the twenty-first of the current month. Of itself, the query suggests an individuality far removed from that of the average taxpayer, who is credited, at least by custom, with a chronic disinclination to discharge the most important of civic obligations until the very last moment. Yet, according to the complainant, he hied to the bank most convenient to his place of residence, only to be informed that his entire laudable desire to assist the city's finances could not be entertained. So he perforce retired, not possibly a sadder, but, at least a wiser man. But why, in the name of common sense, should his contribution have been refused, since there must be numerous cases when an anticipatory payment would be convenient to the citizen, as well as acceptable to the city's exchequer.

INDIA IMPORTING, NOT HOARDING.

Altho British rule in India is commonly described as an exploitation of that vast dependency nothing could be further from the truth. In the United Kingdom itself, especially among those circles that are more or less dependent on the Indian import trade,



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the complaint is that the Indian Government gives so much attention to the native advantage as to unduly handicap the British exporter. This of course, is the selfish view, but the point is that it could not be taken were the policy of the Indian Government conditioned exclusively by consideration for British interests.

For the last few years, India has been attracting gold to an extent which made the drain an important factor in world currency. In one year alone, India absorbed \$150,000,000 of gold, whereas only a fraction ever reappeared as a medium of exchange. Of late a tendency has become apparent in India to use gold instead of hoarding it and the figures for the current year show that the movement has been more rapid than was anticipated. Imports are now increasing in a much larger ratio than exports, and this can only mean that India is learning how to place profits to greatest advantage.

BOUND TO COME.

The North Carolina congressman who declared some months ago that government regulation of railway rates must end in government ownership, was not so wide of the mark. Regulation of the rates can only be efficient when there is government supervision over the issuing of railway securities and over the application of their proceeds. While it is true that the rate charged for the service should be what the service is reasonably worth, it is impossible to disregard the rights of those who have honestly invested their savings in railway stocks and bonds. Such securities are often held by widows and orphans, because the capitalists of high finance make it a point to unload securities, apt to become valueless, upon the weak and confiding.

If the government, therefore, creates a railway company, grants to it a franchise, superintends its stock and bond issues and fixes the rates to be charged by it, what is there left for the company to do? Obviously the one thing for the company to do, is to operate the road by creating and maintaining an efficient army of employees.

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The government has also been forced by the reckless mismanagement of many railway companies, to prescribe regulations protecting the lives of employees and passengers, and to examine into and deal with many shocking accidents. In short, private ownership has so broken down in the matter of railway management that the interference of the federal and state governments is necessary at almost every point. Evidently the federal government could and would operate the railways of the United States more satisfactorily than they are being operated at present by the companies.

Government ownership can be brought about more easily in Canada, because there are only a few companies to deal with. Moreover, in Canada the railways have been substantially built by the gift of public money and the loan of public credit.

There can be no logical distinction drawn between a highway designed for the conveyance of passengers and goods by animal power and motors, and a highway designed for a similar service, but upon a gigantic scale, by steam power. The railways must in time be owned by the public, as are the ordinary highways, and from that it is but a step to government operation.

In the United States the operation of the railways by private companies since 1870 has caused a greater loss of life, and greater amount of suffering, than the civil war, while the economic waste has burdened the country with a debt which means paying perpetual tribute to the bankers and investors of Europe. In Canada the economic waste has been no less startling.

Government ownership and operation is coming quickly in Canada and in the United States, more quickly perhaps than many of us appreciate.

NOTHING LIKE THAT IN OUR FAMILY.

State Senator Stillwell, having been sentenced to Sing Sing for soliciting a bribe, is now expected to "come thru" with some startling revelations about graft in the New York Legislature. There is said to be no little uneasiness at Albany, for juries make short work of crooked legislators. Indeed, contrary to our general belief in Canada, many men of wealth and prominence are every year severely dealt with by the courts of the United States.

We have no such scandals in our capitals. Men are accused of graft in parliament, in the press, on the stump, but seldom if ever in the court room. There were startling charges made and apparently proved before the public accounts committee at Ottawa, between 1905 and 1911, but we do not recall any case which the grand-jury of Carleton County was asked to investigate. During this period it was computed by serious-minded men of the parliamentary opposition, that not less than ten million dollars a year was being grafted from the government, and yet—Well, it is the custom of the country

to let bygones be bygones after a general election. It may or may not be a good custom, but we must bear in mind its existence when we marvel at our freedom from disclosures like those which are expected from the unfortunate man now on his way from the senate chamber to Sing Sing.

Every time the Liberals have had a licking in Ontario since 1905 The Globe blames everybody and everything but itself and those who conspire with it to produce defeat.

Sir James Whitney's motto: "Honesty is the best policy." Mr. Rowell's motto: "Abolish the bar is a better policy." The people choose the comprehensive one.

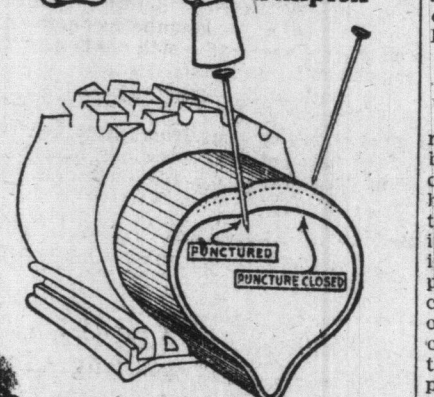
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The Philosopher of Folly

By Sherwood Hart

OFT IN THE STILLY NIGHT.

I hear in busy night skitters around me, oft in the stilly night, ere slumber's bound me. Clearer and yet more clear, higher and higher, rings on my anxious ear their eerie choir. Loudly their trumpet shrill as they surround me; then comes a deathly still when they have found me. Oh, how the second stretch ad infinitum as I, poor, troubled wretch, wait there for smite 'em! Over my limbs and joints millions seem hastening, picking the choicest points for piercing; then in the stilly night, just for a second, one lands with footstep light where I least reckoned; placing his sting and sheath, fearfully serious, he stabs an inch beneath my epidermis. Then my hand descends, he has departed; he and his many friends once more have started their high-pitched melody, strident and galling, till my room seems to be full of them calling. Oh, Jim Sockologer, how these pests could ease us! List to our plaintive cries: good John G. Burroughs; smooth from above their shining bright, which would give us flash! gleams in the stilly night fiery fashion. Give us a skeet-er-bug glowing and gleaming, which we could rise and while we were dreaming; then I would sing you songs blessing your science, which the mosquitoes' throngs set at defiance. If you would do this thing loud in your praises would my poor near-harp ring—louder than blazes!

At Osgoode Hall

July 15, 1913.

Single Court.

Before Britton, J.

Niagara Navigation Co., Provincial Motors Limited.—E. N. Armour, for plaintiff, obtained ex parte injunction restraining defendant, its officers, etc., from entering upon or committing trespass upon plaintiff's lands, wharves and premises, until Thursday, 17th inst., with liberty to file further material.

Bates v. McBrady.—E. W. Boyd, for plaintiff, obtained ex parte injunction, restraining defendants from receiving any money and the other defendant from paying over moneys due under a certain mortgage made by a Miss Hayes, until Thursday, 24th inst.

Australia's New Bank.

(Victoria Chronicle.)

The remarkable record made by the new State Bank in Australia will probably prove an incentive to other countries to follow her example. This bank is apparently enjoying a thrift to a national degree. For instance, it has a savings bank department and interest at 3 per cent. per annum is paid on sums from \$5 to \$1500. The commonwealth has a population of only four and three-quarters millions of men, women and children, yet there are more than 1,600,000 separate accounts in the savings banks, both federal and state. In other words there is one account for every three of the men, women and children of Australia. The security of the National Bank is the whole of Australia. There is no limit of amount of capital. Commonwealth is the whole of the other banking institution in the world, for it should be remembered that the shareholders comprise the whole population of the country, and their bank of this character seems certain to prove an immense asset in the development of the country for its investments, loans, and its entire operations will be confined to Australia and will centre on the material progress of that country.

NIAGARA FRUIT FOR PANAMA EXPOSITION.

ST. CATHARINES, July 15.—(Special.)—Representatives of the immigration department of the Dominion Government, under the direction of A. E. Despard, are in the city to prepare exhibits of fruit grown in the Niagara district for the Panama Exhibition at San Francisco.

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SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., July 15. (Can. Press)—Death solved the mystery this morning of the parentage of Jack Stanley, a member of the Cornell Price Stock Company, when a few minutes before he died in very humble lodgings here, he announced himself a son of Sir Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer and a graduate of Cambridge University and Heidelberg, qualifying in medicine and surgery at the latter institution.

He was aged 32 years and was married four years ago on the stage of the Odeon Theatre at Clarksburg, West Virginia, but the quizzed by his fellow players as to his identity he had remained silent, tho he had impressed them with his evident learning and good breeding.

Two years ago while in a delirium he dropped remarks which partly informed his wife of his parentage, but he bound her with convalescent never to tell anyone. One year ago he journeyed to England but returned almost immediately. Death was due to consumption and came just as he was about to say something regarding "his little girl." He had traveled in Africa, India, Egypt and the Orient. There are no children.

ORANGEMAN SUES MAYOR OF SARNIA

Friction Arising From Refusal to Grant Use of Town Hall Responsible.

SARNIA, July 15.—(Can. Press).—A summons has been sworn out by James F. Cox, a well-known local Orangeman, as a result of the dispute which arose here on Saturday last when the mayor refused the lodges the use of the town hall, as is customary on such occasions.

The hall and market committee gave permission for the officials to use it, and the mayor stepped in and called a halt. Later Mr. Cox met the mayor on the street and his worship used insulting language to Cox, so it is alleged by the plaintiff. The case will come up in court tomorrow morning, and has already aroused considerable comment in the town.

This is the after-effect of the demonstration which was held in the main street here on Saturday night, when a crowd of Orangemen prevented the mayor's automobile from proceeding on the street and howled down the efforts he made to speak.

It is said that he secured a policeman and paraded the street with his machine.

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