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Subscribers are requested to advise promptly of any irregularity or delay in delivery of The World. TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 24, 1912 WHERE WE STAND ON NAVAL DEFENCE.

Not all the public appreciate how rapidly the question of naval defence has moved in our parliament. The facts were brought out by Mr. Maclean at the South York meeting on Saturday. He said that the Borden resolution of an immediate vote was put forward as a temporary grant; that the amendment of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was put forward as a permanent policy of a far-reaching character; that this Laurier proposal had been unopposed; that the whole transaction now practically committed parliament and committed everyone else to a permanent policy of co-operation with the mother country for the naval defence of the empire! Now let us be set down as fixed: we are into the game for good!

The next point Mr. Maclean brought out was that there never would be a plebiscite or referendum on the question of naval defence. A good deal of talk in this direction has been current for some years, and it has been discussed in parliament and out of it in various ways; but as Mr. Maclean first pointed out three years ago, and has pointed out since, the British system of government which we follow in Canada does not permit of a referendum on a vital question like that of defence. Some party or some government must take the responsibility of bringing forward a policy in this respect, and, as a fact, the Borden government and the Conservative party have brought one forward; and, not to be behind, the Liberal party, thru Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has brought one forward; and in consequence the only referendum to the people will be, that in the next general election both parties will present permanent policies in the direction of naval defence and co-operation with the mother country, and the electors will choose which one of the two they want. But there will be no plebiscite on naval policy or no naval policy.

A third point brought out by Mr. Maclean was that as for the Nationalists and their attempts to block a policy of imperial defence, they had absolutely failed insofar as parliament was concerned. While the Nationalists seemed at one time likely to interfere with the success of the Borden government, and likely to turn parliament into a bear garden, they have been beaten out of parliament for the present and probably for all time. The Nationalists have been fought to a finish by the Liberals. It has been said that the Liberals first called them into life; if so, they have also helped to put them under. Let them rest!

A fourth point made by the speaker was that a great impetus to steel shipbuilding in Canada, on the Atlantic side, and on the Pacific Ocean, will be given by a permanent naval policy. Mr. Agnew has promised Mr. Borden to give Canadian shipyards work on warships as soon as we are ready to take it. The people of British Columbia will hear of nothing but shipyards there for both war vessels and trade vessels. The people of Nova Scotia are in the same mind.

And we do not think that Mr. Maclean was very far wrong when he predicted that we would not only have a policy of joint naval defence for all the empire under the supreme control of the British admiralty, but that there would some day soon be a Canadian navy, built in Canada, manned and fought in by Canadians, and devoted to the defence of the whole empire. We can be national and imperial at one and the same time. Canada will play a full part, will have her say and share in the responsibility, and she will pay her part of the cost. Parliament is fully committed to all this. And it is a good thing that it is so. It is a clear-cut indication to all the world where Canada stands in relation to the mother country and the defence of the empire! It is a great stride forward.

count for many of these attacks on public men. Of late little has been in evidence of the revolutionary spirit that caused so much anxiety during the latter part of Lord Minto's term of office in India. He favored the movement for freer admission of natives to the higher ranks of the Indian service, and for greater self-government, since partly realized under Lord Hardinge. But it could scarcely be expected that the prejudice created and fostered by that agitation would disappear because of the concessions sanctioned by the imperial government, while the removal of the hospital from Calcutta is the historic claim of Delhi invited opposition from Bengal, the principal centre of disturbance. As yet it is indeterminate whether the attack on the governor-general was the aftermath of the earlier dissatisfaction or the result of the later changes.

ANOTHER SURPRISING CONFESSION. One paper in Canada has ignored public rights, has ridiculed public ownership, has scorned progressive ideas—The Montreal Star. It has a special class of cheap treatment for The World, and its program, and for South York. That paper could for years have fought for the rights of the people of Canada, and especially of the citizens of Montreal, against the monopolistic corporations there. It has upheld these latter all along. But now even The Star sees what is coming. We quote:

Government operation of almost anything is not a contingency we can contemplate with equanimity on this careless continent. Private operation is always much more efficient. We get a better service from a company than from a government department. Thus those of us who like good services hope that the private owners and operators will not drive the people to extreme measures. A few coal "famines" will bring government ownership of coal mines with absolute certainty. A failure in our regulation of railway rates will start a great agitation for government ownership of railways, the example of the intercolonial to the contrary notwithstanding. The powerful must not always use all their power if they want to keep even part of it.

Just a word: Is "private operation always much more efficient"? What about hydro-electric power in all the Ontario towns! What about Guelph's street cars, gas works, steam railway! What about public ownership of telegraphs, telephones, railways, in Europe! What about parcel post! And as The Star speaks of railway rates, what does it propose? Will it support the claim of our western people and provinces that parliament cure the paramount grievances rather than that they be hung up in the railway commission?

But we accept The Star's new departure. Lame at first it may be, but it will strengthen, as we hope, and we pray that the much-be-moaned citizens of the great City of Montreal will find a champion hereafter in Sir Hugh Graham and his paper. The highest career open to any man is to enlist in the cause of the people in a free and powerful newspaper!

THE CONTROLLERSHIPS. There are too many good candidates for the controllerships, and too few good aldermanic candidates. As a result the worst men are likely to get in as controllers instead of the best. Ald. Yeomans could have been re-elected in his ward, while his chances as controller are greatly less. Ex-Controller Ward took his public life in his hands and killed himself, and should have been wise enough to come back by the regular route. He could easily have been elected alderman in Ward 6, and having made good, might have won back his position on the board of control. He cannot both eat his cake and have it. Having had his share we believe Ald. O'Neill now deserves a turn. As both men cannot go on the board we look for the return of Ald. O'Neill, and recommend his support. Another man who should

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have kept on the aldermanic path is Mr. James Simpson. It is true Mr. Simpson has had a lot of city hall experience, but a year as alderman would have made people familiar with his capacities and ensured him a fighting chance for the higher office. Ald. Eweeney is a negligible quantity and we are inclined to accept The Star's straw vote in his case as trustworthy.

ATTENTION, BROTHER SOMERS & CO! The board of trade started out months ago to do big things in municipal affairs; they have all been busy in their offices that they have done little outside, except to help shape up the harbor commission. Perhaps that was a lot, and therefore we thank them.

But cannot the members of the board spare a little time now and join with other citizens in electing a first-class board of control and a good city council. Three men on the board of control and one good man from each ward, all behind Mr. Hocken as mayor, will help on a progressive policy for greater Toronto.

GAIN OUT OF LOSS. Ex-Ald. Thomas Davies is held by many citizens to have water on the brain. As a matter of fact no man in Toronto has given longer study to the question of the civic water supply. His keen interest in this important matter perhaps justifies him in taking the opportunity he has seized to place his views in an educational way before the people. We do not believe that the genial advocate of Scarborough water really expects to be elected on that issue alone. Many considerations go to the making of a mayor, and Mr. Hocken has claims upon Toronto which the citizens will not be disposed to ignore.

Mr. Davies' candidacy will have the good effect of arousing interest and bringing out Mr. Hocken's friends, and since they have to come out they may as well take a hand in the other contests and poll their votes for controllers and aldermen. The contest, should Mr. Davies not decide today to withdraw his name, may thus become a means of helping the movement which is apparent on all sides for the improvement of the council. And at the same time Mr. Davies may place a lot of valuable information about the waterworks before the public.

"These darn anarchists were after Roosevelt last month, and now they're after me," said the elephant. Too much reliance cannot be placed on The Star's straw vote. Reciprocity was carried by a large majority on a straw vote. Besides, no candidate can make hay out of a straw vote, even when The Star is shining.

Galt "Wets" Jubilant. Galt, Dec. 23.—(Special).—The voters' list for 1912 will be used at the forthcoming municipal voting, whereas anti-local optionists are jubilant. It was thought the list would not be completed in time and this large number of votes of newcomers favorable to the repeal would be otherwise unavailable. The new list will make a decided difference in the vote and renders the outcome of still greater uncertainty.

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The festive moments now are fast departing ere you upon your topmost step will stand, with wife and neighbors watching you out starting to scatter Christmas knickknacks thru the land. The winter wind will never yet blow colder than it will blow ere many hours are past, and loaded up from stiff-joint to shoulder, you face the piercing fury of the blast. With chinaware your overcoat is sagging; a ton of glass reposes in your arms; behind you on the sidewalk you are dragging more gifts for distant friends on distant farms. Your loving household thoughtfully and kindly will furnish you a guidebook and a chart; you take them out, and gaze upon them, blinking with strange sensations at your heart. You try to shift the burden you are bearing upon your bent and broken collar-bone, to some place where your skin is longer wearing, but cease the vain endeavor with a groan. Beneath the overwhelming weight of matter which presses you persistent to the ground, you feel yourself grow flatter yet and flatter, and wonder what you measure now around. And yet the Christmas spirit will come stealing upon us'neath the starlight's steely glare—a warming glow of kindly yellow-feeling will reach us, our eyes of love we bear. On Christmas Eve our tough old hearts grow tender, our frozen lives grow softer at the core; so may we all, whatever our age or gender, be thankful for a Merry Christmas more.

NEW PROJECT BEFORE THE LAYMEN'S COUNCIL. International Executive. Appoints Special Committee on Forward Movement Plan.

How much is Canada ready to guarantee towards another big forward movement fund? In connection with the laymen's movement, was the issue before the Canadian Mission Council yesterday. S. J. Moore, president, Secretary Calkley reported that J. Campbell White proposed a great project for sending delegations of prominent laymen to visit and report on the foreign mission fields. The plan was considered at the international council at New York last Friday and referred to a special committee to report

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SOLID POSITION OF UNION BANK. Annual Meeting Brings Out Interesting Facts of Institution's Growth, Especially in the West.

With extreme gratification shareholders of the Union Bank of Canada will read in the annual statement the remarkable advancement of the institution during the past year. The annual meeting, at which President John Galt presided, was held in Winnipeg, the bank's headquarters, on Dec. 17. The solid financial position of the bank was shown in the fact that the net profits for the year were \$708,327.47, after which the usual deductions were made. And considerably over \$100,000 was added to this amount, representing premium on new stock and the sum carried forward from last year.

SPECIAL TRAINS FROM TORONTO FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TRAFFIC. The Grand Trunk Railway System will operate special trains from Toronto in connection with Christmas holiday traffic as follows:

8:00 a.m., Dec. 24 and 25—For Aurora, Barrie, Woodstock, Ingersoll and London. 8:30 a.m., Dec. 24 and 25—For Brampton, Georgetown, Guelph, Elora, Fergus and Palmerston. 9:00 a.m., Dec. 24—For Oshawa, Bowmanville, Port Hope, Cobourg, Trenton, Belleville, Napawan, Kingston, Thousand Islands Junction, Gananoque, Brockville, Cornwall and Montreal.

1:30 p.m., Dec. 24—For Brampton, Georgetown, Guelph, Berlin, Stratford and intermediate stations. 1:40 p.m., Dec. 24—For Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford, Allandale, Barrie and Orillia. This train will also run on Dec. 25 to Allandale only, stopping at above stations.

1:50 p.m., Dec. 24 and 25—For Whitby Junction, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Newmarket, Newville, Port Hope, Cobourg, Grafton, Colborne, Brighton, Trenton and Belleville. 2:30 p.m., Dec. 24—For Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford, Allandale, Barrie, Orillia, Gravenhurst, Bracebridge, Huntsville, Scotia Junction, Burk's Falls and North Bay. 10:45 p.m., Dec. 24—For Port Hope, Cobourg, Belleville, Napawan, Kingston, Brockville, Prescott and Montreal.

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