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IMPERIAL FEDERATION

The question of imperial federation still excites some discussion in England. From a recent issue of a London paper we take the following report of an address delivered in London by Mr. Edward J. Duven on an Imperial Parliament.

"This imperial parliament he suggested might be composed of members selected by each of the parliaments of the self-governing states, and would be representative of the different parties in those assemblies. Representation in the imperial parliament would have to be found also for India, the crown colonies, and the various dependencies. The parliament would meet in annual session in its own parliament house in London. The functions this imperial parliament would exercise would be limited to matters which concern the empire, and naval and military affairs would fall under the control of the imperial parliament. Among other questions to be dealt with by this body would be (i) the Commercial Relations of the Empire with Foreign Countries; (ii) Treaty-making Powers; (iii) Patent and Copyright Legislation; (iv) Coinage and Currency; (v) Mail Services; (vi) Fisheries; (vii) Bureau of Trade Statistics; (viii) Naturalization; and (ix) Emigration. Such an imperial parliament could only proceed from an alliance based on preferential agreements. He ridiculed the suggestion that the empire must not be saved because preference, which is the only means for bringing about this result, involved the abandonment of free trade. If free trade was inconsistent to close imperial relations, then away with free trade. It was not a valid objection to the federation of the German Empire, the creation of the United States, the consolidation of the Australian Commonwealth or the South African Union that one of the constituent states, acting independently, might have preferred a free trade fiscal system. Similarly there was no reason why the empire should not be consolidated because one of the constituents might be compelled to sacrifice free trade for this great object."

Mr. Duven explained that he regarded such a parliament as necessary because there were certain disintegrating influences within the empire that should not be permitted to go unchecked. What or where those influences are he did not state, and he was not apparent to the average observer. Rather does there seem a tendency toward closer relations, as illustrated by the movement for imperial defence. The out-and-out plan of imperial federation will not commend itself to the people of the various states. They will prefer to meet conditions as they arise, and progress toward closer unity without any sacrifice of the principle of autonomy. What the future may develop along lines of imperial control and administration it is idle to attempt to predict. At present there is no general desire for such a scheme as Mr. Duven proposes.

ON KING SQUARE

Should St. John place its loaves on exhibition for the benefit of tourists and sight-seers, and as an advertisement of what the city can produce?

If not, the seats along the west side of King Square, facing Charlotte street, should be removed to a less conspicuous place on the square. Those benches are never used by ladies or children. They are the resort of loafers. Why should the city provide seats for these gentry, where they become conspicuous, beside one of the best streets in the city? Why should the city provide a comfortable resting place between drinks for men who do not work, and who gratify day after day between these benches and the saloons? Of course this is not true of all men who may be seen there, but it is true of many. There should be no seats along that walk. They should be placed on the less frequented portions of the square. The city should not convey to visitors the impression that it is proud of its loafers and desire to have them in the front row for exhibition purposes. The mayor, or whoever has authority in the matter should have the benches removed entirely from the walk that fronts on Charlotte street. Either that or let it be told in the literature of the Tourist Association that Exhibit A on King Square, St. John, is a rare display of the genus *Loafer*, which flourishes in the glorious climate of the region and may be inspected at leisure and without charge at any hour of the day.

REMARKABLE GROWTH

The trade of Canada grows at an amazing rate. For the month of May it was almost \$80,000,000, or more than 30 per cent greater than that for May of last year. The increase is general. An Ottawa despatch states that the total trade for the current year may reach \$800,000,000. These figures tell of wonderful progress. The country is prosperous in all departments of activity. The rapid increase of population creates a great demand for both native and imported merchandise. The newcomers are bringing with them a large amount of capital, which creates business, makes larger markets, and gives an additional impulse to every line of industry. It is true the greatest growth is in the west, but eastern products find a market there, in ever increasing quantity, and there are also evidences of healthy development in the east. With growth of trade comes increased revenue, and a surplus of large proportions. The government is extremely fortunate, in being able to meet all legitimate demands and keep the finances in a most healthy condition. Present day conditions in Canada are the best possible tribute to Liberal policy and Liberal administration.

ABUSING SIR WILFRED

The campaign of Mr. Borden in Ontario has developed a new phase. Sir James Whitney joined the party at Niagara Falls, and according to the Standard report coupled the name of Sir Wilfrid Laurier with that of Paul Kruger. Some other Conservatives have thought it clever to compare Sir Wilfrid with Mr. Botha, but since the latter has been chosen premier of United South Africa, and highly honored by the imperial government, there is less disposition to make the comparison. Now it is the name of Kruger and not of Botha that is selected, and Sir James Whitney attempts to classify one of the ablest and most honored statesmen of the empire as an enemy of the flag.

It would have been better for Mr. Borden to have conducted his own campaign without the aid of the premier of Ontario. The people of Canada are disposed to hear both sides of an argument, but they will not approve of the course pursued by Sir James Whitney. The attempt to inflame Ontario with prejudice against Quebec and a French-Canadian premier is the last resort of a reckless politician, not the policy of a statesman. The Standard informs us that Sir James delivered "a whirling speech." This is wrong. It was the wind, and the whirlwind will find Sir James's party at a later date.

The people of Canada have too high a regard for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to tolerate such attacks as that to which the Ontario premier stooped yesterday. They remember the brilliant service Sir Wilfrid has rendered Canada and the empire, and they know that his career has been marked by the highest sense of public honor. That his political opponents stoop to abuse is the best evidence that they lack more effective material.

THE TWO PARTIES

The Montreal Witness, discussing Mr. Borden's speeches in Ontario, says:—"He does not prove that the standards of public life are lower today than heretofore, but rather that they are raised; and that the grafters, who have always preyed on succeeding governments, have during recent years had an enormous increase of opportunity owing to the increase of every kind of government activity. To the victors belong the spoils was, as it were, an order of nature in good old Tory days, and the scandals of those days are not yet forgotten, and are not likely to be. In those days the civil service, for instance, was unregenerate, and 'place' was almost invariably the reward of party service instead of essential fitness. The civil service has many blemishes still, but the Liberals have at least reformed the indoor branch of the service, and established the doctrine there of appointment for merit."

The Witness gives Mr. Borden credit for having assisted the cause of civil service reform but adds:—"When public opinion judges, however, between the parties represented respectively by Mr. Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it finds little encouragement to believe that the placing of Mr. Borden's party in power would be an improvement; and that is why Mr. Borden remains Leader of the Opposition. For one thing, Mr. Borden represents the party of Privilege as a Principle, and such privilege has everywhere meant Corrupt Practices."

There should not be any room in St. John for ferocious dogs that attack children.

The awful news comes that the governor of Nevada also may refuse to permit Mr. Jeffries and Mr. Johnson to honor that state with their fistie encounter. In other words, the Reno sports may fail to get the rhino.

In the British House of Commons yesterday Under Secretary Seely stated in reply to a question that Canada's treaties are made with the full knowledge and consent of the imperial government, and that the same course would be adopted in respect to the other overseas states. This is an important statement. It disposes of

the charge that the Canadian government has been running counter to imperial interests in its negotiation of treaties. It proves also that in relation to all the overseas states the home government is moving in the direction of a wider recognition of the principle of autonomy. Instead of being a disintegrating influence this policy tends to closer sympathy and a greater mutual regard.

It is stated that two gentlemen from Nevada have discovered copper in New Brunswick, and may organize a Nevada company to develop the mine. New Brunswick companies have dug some holes in the ground in Nevada. It would be a sort of poetic justice if some Nevada capital dug holes in New Brunswick.

AN OLD SONG

"Heart of my heart I love you so—
The song is as old as the winds that blow,
Centuries since, when it was sung
'Twas already old, though for ever young;
A sigh blown down from some winged Ago—
'Heart of my heart, I love you so.'"

Heart of my heart I want you so—
Without in the sunshine the roses grow,
But the summer day is sad and gray,
Where is its joy with you away?
The stars seemed dimmed as I whisper
'Heart of my heart, I love you so.'"

Heart of my heart I miss you so.
Sometimes in the starlight the tears will flow,
Blurring your picture before my eyes
But never the one in my heart that lies
Clear and deep-cut as a cameo—
'Heart of my heart, I love you so.'"

WANDER-SONG

(By Horatio Winslow.)
Faith! It was dawning yesterday,
And soft in the cool of the sheets I lay;
And I'd closed my eyes for a moment
When a little bird came and sang to me.
Short was the song and of scanty art,
But it brought the red blood back to my heart,
And 'twas never a hymn nor a true-love ode
But the song—the Song of the Dusty Road—

I've battered my sheets for a star-lit bed;
I've traded my meat for a crust of bread;
I've changed my book for a sapling cane,
And I'm off to the end of the world again.
—Washington Star.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

OBLIGATIONS.
"So you are a bill collector," said the person who is careless about debts.
"I am."
"Well, you shouldn't be short or dis courteous. If it weren't for people like you I'd have been out of a job long ago."
—Washington Star.

WHAT SHE LOOKED TO SEE.
"I think we shall like our new neighbors."
"That so. Have you met any of them?"
"No, but I watched their furniture being carried in yesterday, and there wasn't a photograph of a dog in the outfit."
—Detroit Free Press.

BERTHS ENGAGED.
"All aboard," called Noah, as the ark was about to leave the dock.
"Hup! Wait for us!" called the family that had been kidding his scheme the day before.
"Too late!" chuckled Noah, pulling in the gangplank. "We already have a pair of asses!"
—Cleveland Leader.

HIS VANITY FLATTERED.
"That candidate insists that he was defeated by the trustee."
"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum.
"Whenever a man gets the worst of it he likes to console himself with the idea that he had a mighty big antagonist."
—Washington Star.

CAME OFF SECOND BEST.
"Prisoner," said the judge, "you say your life hit you on the head with a plate. Is that so?"
"Yes, sir," answered the prisoner.
"But," said the judge, "your head does not show marks of any kind."
"No, sir," responded the prisoner with a touch of pride, "but you should have seen that plate!"
—Stray Stories.

A HUMAN CHOICE.
A conscientious Sunday school teacher had been endeavoring to impress upon her pupils the ultimate triumph of goodness over beauty. At the close of a story in which she flattered herself that this point had been well established she turned contentedly to a five-year-old pupil and inquired: "And now, Alice, which would you rather be, beautiful or good?"
"Well," replied Alice, after a moment's reflection, "I think I'd rather be beautiful—and repent!"
—Lippincott's Magazine.

IN NARROW QUARTERS.
For many years old Colonel Lee resided in Ninth street, New York, near the Battery. He is still remembered by hundreds of New Yorkers for his bright manner and happy, apt remarks.
When the project for erecting an equestrian statue to General Washington in Union Square was proposed, Colonel Lee was intrusted with one of the subscription papers for circulation. Shortly after receiving it he approached a well-known citizen and asked for a subscription. But the citizen declined to subscribe, stating in a rather pompous manner: "I do not consider, sir, that there is any necessity for a monument to Mr. Washington. His fame is undying; it is enshrined in the hearts of his countrymen."
"Is he enshrined in your heart?" softly inquired the colonel.
"He is, sir."
"Well, all I have to say," retorted Colonel Lee, "is that he is in a tight place."
—New York Sun.

YES, BROTHER

The following unsigned communication has been received at this office:—"To the Editor of the Daily Times and Star: I wish you would publish A few assertions that Our Saviour made in the new testament Mark 7th Chapter and 7 verse. They are those:
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The high price brought is Dalbille Tibbie, 2nd, sire Commander of Dalbille, by Commander of Southwick, out of Daisy of Dunlop; dam Dalbille Tibbie, 2nd, by Watchman of Aitchison's Bay, second dam Tibbie of Sarkahills, by Braithwaite of Sarkahills; third dam Susan of Sarkahills.
The cow won first prizes in Scotland and is by the same sire as the London Ayrshire show winners of 1907, 1907 and 1908. The sire won three firsts as a yearling, and her granddam won first five times in 1905.
The cow was from the consignment of Robert Hunter & Sons, Maxville, Ontario, Canada. Other fancy prices paid were \$675 for a cow imported from Scotland and \$500 for another animal, all from the Maxville, Ontario, farm. The sale was conducted at the New England fair grounds under cover and was considered one of the most successful sales of the breed ever held. In all, 100 cows were sold and the total price paid was \$14,045.

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