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### ACTION COMING

"Parliament must deal with Maritime Province grievances," says the Toronto Mail and Empire editorially. Party politics, as the game is played in Canada, produces some rather humorous developments. While certain Conservative journals, honestly enough, have taken up the cudgels for the Maritimes and have thundered at Ottawa, demanding that the Maritimes be given reasonable satisfaction with respect to their place in Confederation, a few of the Opposition newspapers, while singing this song stoutly, betray their fears that the Government of the day will really succeed in placating public opinion down here, the sea—which would be good for the Maritimes, of course, but which, on the other hand, would not enhance Conservative chances of beating Hon. Mackenzie King in the House.

The Maritimes, of course, may regard any such angle of the situation with both complacency and amusement. Down here we do not care particularly from which party we get federal justice; the main thing is to get it, and, whatever the complexion of the ruling party at Ottawa, we shall never rest content until we have been placed on all fours with the other six provinces in the matter of federal politics and enterprises.

It is very seldom that the enemy's tactics are acceptable. The appointment of the Duncan Commission appeals to the Mail and Empire as a useless sort of gesture, insincere and wholly unlikely to produce the desired results. That journal says:

"Instead of at once consulting with the members of the House representing that part of Canada and taking their best advice for the remedying of the economic ills of the people in the Maritime Provinces, the King Government appoint a Royal Commission to find out what those ills are and to report as to what should be done about them. That was scarcely less than an affront to the men the sea—which would be good for the Maritimes, of course, but which, on the other hand, would not enhance Conservative chances of beating Hon. Mackenzie King in the House."

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Enough Inventions. (Thomas A. Edison, in Popular Science Monthly.) The world doesn't need any more inventions just now, until general intelligence has increased so that men can be had to operate what we have.

Why An Outsider? (Winnipeg Tribune.) The appointment of Sir Andrew B. Duncan, an English coal mine expert, to head the Maritime Province commission, to determine the problems of the provinces, is the last word in overlooking the more or less useless commission habit with a piece of deadwood. The people of the Maritimes will instinctively know it, and, knowing, resent it.

The Hare and The Tortoise—New Version. (Christian Herald of America.) "If you want to get ter somewhere, Walk ahead! Don't loiter by the roadside, Playin' dead. Walk, an' whistle when yer walkin'; And you'll get there without balkin'." It's been said that a tortoise, fat an' funny, beat a real swift-movin' bunny, When they raced ter win some money.

While the Mail and Empire objects to Hon. Mr. King's method of procedure, it insists that Parliament shall be prompt in meeting all reasonable demands from this part of the country. "The Maritime Provinces," it says, "must be admitted to full enjoyment of their share of the blessings that must come to this Dominion under a really National Policy, in contrast to the policy of playing section against section, mainly for the benefit of the United States." The Mail and Empire heartily approves of Hon. Mr. Meighen's course in challenging the Prime Minister to go to the country on the question of reciprocity, asserting that no part of the Dominion would go so far as the Maritime Provinces in resisting any policy which would make Canada "an adjunct of the United States."

advent contributions were worth more to the Conservative cause than several millions poured into the campaign chest.

It is an excellent development that both Liberal and Conservative journals in Toronto, and indeed throughout Ontario, have come to the point where they are denouncing the Maritimes as being given their place. This is proof not only that the Government of the day is determined to get something done that will satisfy public opinion here, but also that all three parties in the House are of the same mind. The quarrel as to methods is merely the usual partisan exhibition. The vital fact that emerges is that, with Parliament in its present mood, and with public sentiment throughout Canada favorable to our cause, we may await the outcome with confidence.

### Odds and Ends

April Fool! However reserved and dignified an individual the world may regard the dean of Wall Street bankers, his friends know George F. Baker as a most amiable and merry companion. He likes good jokes and likes to tell them. Following is one he related to a group of friends on April 1:

A little girl coming into the living room from the kitchen of her home said to her mother, "Oh, mama, there's a man in the kitchen kissing our cook." The mother started for the kitchen to investigate.

"April fool, mama," cried the little girl after her, "it's only papa."

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Among old politicians this will prove a smile. In expressing the idea that Hon. Mackenzie King should have accepted Mr. Meighen's challenge, disavowed the House and appeared to the people on a reciprocity platform, at this particular time, the Mail and Empire probably had difficulty in keeping a straight face. It is very generally recognized that in 1911, when reciprocity was the main issue, was defeated largely through a flag-waving campaign assisted very greatly by certain indirect utterances by President Taft, and by Champ Clark, who was then Speaker of the House of Representatives. Taft, at the crisis of the campaign, talked about Canada becoming a sort of commercial adjunct to the United States, and Clark predicted that the day would come when the Stars and Stripes would wave over all the territory from the Mexican line to the Arctic line.

### Just Fun

"CONSTANT dripping of the water" is a sign the faucet needs a washer.

THE modern woman will not have anyone dictate to her. The modern man will not have anyone dictate to him. That is what all the trouble is about.

PROGRESS: Man dies for a principle; ten years later men decide the principle is wrong.

SOME men marry for a home—and then stay away from it.

HOW COME? We have to wait while soon gets hot.

And then we gotta reverse the rule.

For we have to wait before consuming.

Until the dog-gone stuff gets cool.

HALF the going about downtown legs are no moss.

A BOOTJACK is used for pulling shoes and a bootlegger for pulling legs.

"FATHER, may I eat all the jelly I wish?"

"Yes, son, but be sure to keep out of the traffic jam."

WHEN the saleswoman calls it a "simple little thing," that generally means \$10 more.

IN most Broadway shows the missoes are the hits.

FUSSY lady in a barber shop: "You might at least offer me your place."

Man Customer (chagrined at the shop being overrun with women): "Sit down, lady, and wait. This is no street car, and the double standard doesn't go at all here."

I am only a poor Glass-eter.

The youngest of ten, by Heck!

And I don't mind eating a bottle; But darned if I'll eat the neck.

FOR SALE: House in good neighborhood, by an invalid lady three stories high and heated with a furnace.

"GIVE me a ticket to Springfield."

"Which one? Ohio, Ill., Mass., Mo., or Ky.?"

"Which is the cheapest?"

IF an apple a day keeps the doctor away, what will happen to the poor fellow who has apple-plex?

SOMEWHERE IN FLORIDA JIMMIE (from a porch): "Hey, Mother, that Jones boy is sailing his boat in our front yard again!"

THE value of authority needs no amplifier.

FLAPPER GEOGRAPHY "Are you Hungry?"

"Yes Siam!"

"Cum on 'til Fiji!"

THE hunter with the finest gun kills the least game, and the fisherman with the finest tackle catches the fewest fish.

IF a woman's hair is her crowning glory some of them don't have very much glory after their locks are shaved.

IT usually takes three generations to get from the country back to a country club.

Who's Who

FLORENCE E. ALLEN.

THIS first woman to sit upon the Ohio Supreme Court bench, Florence E. Allen, is now a candidate for the U. S. Senate. She hopes to get the seat now occupied by Frank E. Willis, Republican.

Judge Allen plans to make outlay of war the main issue in her campaign. Both she and the present incumbent are in favor of the World Court, but she contends they do not regard war in the same light. She will also attack Willis' support of former Attorney General Daugherty and Truman H. Newberry, former Senator from Michigan.

After her graduation from the New York law school in 1913 Judge Allen has been pioneering in politics. She was the first woman in the state to hold such a position and was believed to be the first Cleveland woman to hold any governmental office.

The judge was graduated from Western Reserve university 22 years ago. Afterward she taught school, got a taste of daily newspaper work and became a lecturer for the New York board of education. She was admitted to the bar of Ohio in 1914, the year after her graduation at law and began practicing her profession in Cleveland.

One of the conspicuous incidents in her career was her pleading the cause of the women of East Cleveland before the State Supreme Court and winning for them the right of suffrage which had been conferred by charter and then challenged in the courts. Before going to the supreme bench she achieved a noteworthy record as a judge of the common pleas court in Cleveland.

True Too. (Kansas City Star.) "William Wrigley says the sun never sets on Chicago chewing gum, but everybody else does."

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### POEMS I LOVE

"To Helen," by Edgar Allan Poe.

The saddest figure in American letters, the most tragic career of any great man—that is how one inevitably thinks of Poe. His was a life of storm and struggle and it is ironic to think that the simple cottage which sheltered this genius who suffered the bitterest poverty, is now a shrine which thousands of people visit each year. One could not do better than to read the life story of this great poet, so filled with pathos and unbelievable grief. George E. Woodbury has written a most sympathetic volume, "Poe, The Raven" and "The Bells," are too long to be given here;

but "To Helen," though shorter, is equally beautiful.

Helen, thy beauty is to me Like those Nicean barks of yore That gently, O'er a perfumed sea, The weary, way-worn wanderer bore To his own native shore.

On desperate seas long wont to roam, Thy hyacinth hair, thy classic face, Thy Naiad airs, have brought me home To the land of the living.

To the glory that was Greece And the grandeur that was Rome, Lo! in your brilliant window-niche How statue-like I see three dead, The agony within their hands! Ah, Psyche, from the regions which Are Holy Land!

THE BEST OF ADVICE

BY CLARK KINNARD

IT IS CUSTOMARY today to derry through a corner full of ferns, a quaint old hollow tree, which may give us something.

"When I look in the mirror," he continues, "I see that every line in my face means pessimism; but in spite of my face—that is my experience—I remain an optimist. Time with an unsteady hand has etched thin crooked lines, and deepening the hollows, has cast the original expression into shadow. Pain and sorrow flow over us with little ceasing, as the sea-larks beat on the beach. Let us not look at ourselves but onwards, and take strength from the fact and the signs of the field. He is indeed despicable who cannot look onwards to the ideal life. Public opinion would show contempt for anyone who neglected to act in such a manner. Not to do so is to deny our brightness of mind."

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### The Very Idea!

By Hallock

LITTLE PROWLER

IT'S maybe two or three a.m. when you wake to sense the pitter-pat of tiny feet. It's in a cautious whisper that you hear somebody call, an' course you know some tiny tot is comin' down the hall.

Your bedroom door is open and there's someone peekin' through. Just kinda hesitin' and a-wondrin' what to do. It's only for a moment that the night prowler stands, and then your bed is jolted by the youngster's little hands.

Another timid whisper, as the three-year-old grows bold. "Move over, dad! I'm crawlin' in with you and mom. I'm cold." And then the youngster snuggles down. You never hear a peep, and, before you know it, little prowler's fast asleep.

Some girls have a roll of money in their stockings, and others just a roll. He used to be a boarder.

But, shucks, he never said a word. Maybe an Indian wears feathers to keep his wigwam.

What we never could understand is why they don't put the steering wheel of an auto in the back seat—just to save argument.

Must be a slip when the price of kerosene was recently increased. It's gasoline, not kerosene, everybody's using.

FABLES IN FACT

A YOUNGSTER PROMISED HIS DAD HE WOULD BE A GOOD BOY ALL DAY COMMA AND THE DAD PROMISED THE CHILD A LICKING IF HE WAS BAD DURING THE DAY COMMA AND ADDED COMMA QUOTATION MARK BUT AS LONG AS I DIDN'T KISS MY PROMISE COMMA DADDY COMMA I WON'T HOLD YOU TO YOUR QUOTATION MARK PLEDGE.

Similarly, Mr. King, the Prime Minister, has no moral right to look to Mr. Kennedy's vote to maintain his government in power.

SAVE THE FORESTS. (Winnipeg Free Press.)

It must be obvious to every Canadian who cares a button about the welfare of his country that the destruction of the forests must be prevented. Those who go into the forests must be made to feel the responsibility that rests upon them. To man who observed conditions about a neighbor's premises likely to cause the destruction of his house by fire would fail to prevent it. Public opinion would show contempt for anyone who neglected to act in such a manner. Not to do so is to deny our brightness of mind."

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