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GOVERNOR HUGHES AND RENOMINATION.

Apart altogether from the various more or less organized parties that occupy the field of United States politics along with the historic Republicans and Democrats there are many signs that the power of the machines is more seriously threatened to-day than ever before. States normally Republican have elected Democratic governors who specially enjoyed the confidence of the people, while as regards other offices following the party ticket. Then, after Governor Hughes of New York had the Republican nomination, it was well known that he was the compulsory choice of the party bosses, to whom indeed he was not at all congenial. Certainly no responsible head of a state could have pursued a more thoroughly independent course than Mr. Hughes, who has not only maintained, but increased his hold on the confidence and support of the general electorate.

Some time ago the governor of New York intimated that he would not seek re-election on personal grounds. This, however, was before the anti-betting legislation he recommended had been dealt with by the state legislature. Had it been passed at the first asking in all probability Mr. Hughes would have retired, but the bosses thought it safe to reject the measure. The fortunate opening of a senatorial vacancy enabled the governor to secure the election of a supporter of his policy and the nomination of Senator Foeller carried the bills thru at the special session. Now Mr. Hughes has intimated that he will accept a renomination if in accord with public sentiment. His principles, he says, are thoroughly understood by the people, and if they so desire he will regard it as a privilege and a duty to continue in office. Will the Republican bosses now put up a machine man against him? That, it is said, will depend on the electoral outlook—that is if the people want him they will get him. Unless all indications are misleading they will emphatically declare for the man who has imported so much of independence and high principle into United States politics.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS AND TEMPERANCE.

We were incited to make a personal investigation of the public drinking fountains in Toronto in order to tell the truth behind certain agitations now rife in Washington, and to make an application, on the moral side, to the City of Toronto. Where shall a man assuage his thirst? The Christian Endeavor Society, at a meeting in Washington, advanced the idea that public drinking fountains should be established outside of all churches, that thereby pedestrians might be able to quench their thirst without being compelled to buy a drink—soft or otherwise—in a barroom. We made a tour on foot of a section in this city, beginning at the corner of Church and King-streets, proceeding to Spadina-avenue, then up that avenue to Queen and returning to Church-street, for the purpose of comparing the number of public drinking fountains with the number of barrooms. On King-street we counted fourteen barrooms and one drinking fountain (at Spadina-avenue). On Queen-street we found another drinking fountain (at University-avenue), and more barrooms than are on King-street. In other words, roughly, the number of public drinking fountains in proportion to the number of barrooms in the section of the city inspected is two to thirty. That is to say, a thirsty pedestrian's temptations to enter a barroom are fifteen times greater than his chances to get a drink of water in a given section of Toronto.

On the moral side, this city thus commits a double error (we use the mild term). First, it licenses barrooms, and then by not providing sufficient public drinking fountains practically compels even those who are temperate or total abstainers to enter a barroom in order to assuage their thirst. Now, we are better able to-day to understand the psychology of temptation. At its base is this truth, that, as Prof. James phrases it, "consciousness is motor." This is only another way of saying that every perception a man has, every idea that enters his mind, tends to issue in some form of bodily movement or action. A thirsty pedestrian, walking up Queen-street sees at University-avenue a public drinking fountain. The moment he spies the fountain, the perception tends to make him turn in its direction. He does so, let us say, and his thirst is quenched. If he passes a dozen barrooms afterwards the motor idea is no longer present; there is no temptation to enter the barroom. But suppose that before he came to the drinking fountain, one barroom after another should meet his view, the frequent perception of a "thirst-parlor" forms in his mind what is known as an insistent idea; and the thirsty pedestrian at last enters a saloon.

Once in the saloon, other temptations are likely to face him. He may intend only to take a "soft" drink and then immediately to go out. But, as chance may be, he finds a friend who says: "What are you going to have?" The friend himself may have before him a glass of ale, lager, whiskey, a cocktail or what not. The moment the thirsty pedestrian spies the malt or spirituous drink the tendency (because consciousness is motor) is for him to order the same as the friend is drinking, and to "pass up" the "soft stuff." Then the treating system has its opportunity to work its folly and treachery—the treachery which comes from lingering over a bar and gossiping about affairs, with the only too frequent result.

Whether prohibition is desirable and feasible or not, there can be no question about the righteousness of temperance (in its original sense). If the city licenses saloons, which under present conditions are a social evil to many, should the city not also aid in lessening the temptation to evil by providing abundant and attractive public drinking fountains. The argument in favor of them has been put humanely and scientifically, and it may truly be said, authoritatively. But whether or not it is accepted in full the proposal calls attention to a phase of social and civic reform too often neglected. The "city fathers" unfortunately are not always alive to the important principles of conduct that underlie certain details of civic administration, or to the wisdom that can make them valuable aids to public morals. In this instance it is for the people to do some sharp prodding. That never fails.

JACKIES ARE HANDY IN THE ROPED ARENA

Half-a-Dozen of Them Mix It Up Until Cook o' the Walk Remains.

QUEBEC, July 27.—(Staff Special.)—A "bottle royal" in which six sturdy sailors of His Majesty's navy figured was a sporting event which vastly tickled a big crowd of spectators on the athletic club grounds Saturday night.

The rules allowed generous latitude as each blue jacket was permitted to engage any opponent or number of opponents and the affair was only to end when a single gladiator remained. This somewhat strenuous pastime the familiar on shipboard, was a novelty to the gathering in which the contestants pitched every man another with a heavy good will. It was a veritable survival of the fittest and a mix up which would have done credit to Donnybrook fair. One husky seaman with a gile driver punch disposed of three of the surviving combatants in businesslike order, and was adjudged the winner. The fight was a good-natured, but not gentle, and ended in a knockout in the fourth round.

Alf. Lynch, a native bantamweight champion, stayed 15 rounds with Billy Allen of Ottawa, lightweight champion of Canada, who was much the heavier, and by previous agreement it was given a draw. The fight was the first in Quebec for years.

THREE CHILDREN CREMATED.

Left Alone in Locked Up House, Tried to Kill Himself.

POSTORIA, Ohio, July 26.—The three children of Mrs. and Mr. Jesse Dike were burned to death in their home here yesterday. The father and mother had gone down town shopping and left the little ones at home, locked in the house. It is supposed they attempted to light a gasolene stove. The house was burned, and the children, two girls and a boy were aged 6, 4 and 2 years.

STANDING OF CORPS

The success of any competition is measured by the number of competitors who are beginning to take an interest in it. They are beginning to marshal their forces in the big military contest now on for the World's championship. The following table shows the standing of the various corps in the competition. The figures are given in thousands of votes.

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| 2nd Regiment, London | 14,807 |
| 3rd Regiment, London | 13,474 |
| 4th Regiment, London | 11,090 |
| 5th Regiment, London | 10,320 |
| 6th Regiment, London | 8,793 |
| 7th Regiment, London | 7,280 |
| 8th Regiment, London | 7,144 |
| 9th Regiment, London | 6,987 |
| 10th Regiment, London | 6,987 |
| 11th Regiment, London | 6,987 |
| 12th Regiment, London | 6,987 |
| 13th Regiment, London | 6,987 |
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| 15th Regiment, London | 6,987 |
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| 17th Regiment, London | 6,987 |
| 18th Regiment, London | 6,987 |
| 19th Regiment, London | 6,987 |
| 20th Regiment, London | 6,987 |

BUCKINGHAM, Que., July 26.—The dead body of James MacLaren, millwright in the James MacLaren Company mill, Buckingham, was found near a belt where the man was working.

POISONED BY MOSQUITO.

CHATHAM, July 26.—As the result of a mosquito bite, the left arm of Mrs. Walter Griffin is swollen to twice its normal size, and is infected with blood poisoning.

Isaac Kune, aged 23, of Glenora, has been missing since Tuesday.

FINED \$500.

MONTREAL, July 26.—Julia Lalonde, who was found guilty a few days ago by Judge Choquet of darning money at a usurious rate of interest, was condemned yesterday afternoon to pay a fine of \$500.

CANADIAN TOBACCO.

BLENHEIM, July 26.—The local tobacco growers, who have for months waited patiently for a chance to dispose of their last year's crop, are at last rewarded by the advent of a dealer.

BOY SHOTS HIMSELF.

OWEN SOUND, July 26.—Eddie Lynch, a lad 11 years of age, shot himself thru the left eye at his home near McVickers on the Bruce Peninsula, and was brought to the hospital in Owen Sound.

81-90 Atlantic City and Return from Suspension Bridge via Lehigh Valley Railroad, Aug. 7. Particulars 64 King-street east, Toronto. 12661234

POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE

The people of Canada are into a political campaign and The World purposes to give them full information of its progress. This column will be devoted from now on to political intelligence of a reliable and, as The World believes, of a trustworthy character. We want to be fair to everybody in politics, and will be guided in this column by that idea.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson has had struck off a picture postcard bearing photograph of "Our Leaders." Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. C. W. Robinson and Mr. Emmerson, with nothing to indicate that Hon. William Pugsley has been chosen by Sir Wilfrid as the leader of the New Brunswick Liberals. This, combined with the omission of the name of Mr. Pugsley, is either in the speeches or prepared solutions at the Westmoreland convention, is an "affront" to the minister of public works, in the opinion of The Moncton, N.B., Daily Times (Conservative), which proceeds to say that it must mean that Mr. Emmerson is the man to lead the Liberals of New Brunswick. It is not easy to see where Mr. Emmerson has any strength outside the County of Westmoreland, and even here it is an unknown quantity at the present time. The late Mr. Blair, who had elements of strength that Mr. Emmerson never possessed, dropped from sight very quickly when he failed to be identified with either party, and Mr. Emmerson and his friends, who imagine that there is a political future for the ex-minister, are chasing a veritable will-o'-the-wisp. As for Conservatives, they will regard the efforts of Mr. Emmerson to unhorse Mr. Pugsley with amusement, in the good prospect of sending both these gentlemen into retirement at the next election.

The St. John Sun (Liberal), however, devoted a column to a "boost" for Dr. Pugsley. It commends his extreme modesty and energy in mastering the details of his department. "The recognition Dr. Pugsley has won," observes The Sun, "even from those who viewed with none too friendly eyes his promotion from provincial politics over the heads of many capable men with strong claims, is the more creditable to him because he has sought no publicity. Probably no minister contributed less talk to the Hansard reports than he. Except when public works business was under discussion he was more frequently found in his departmental offices than in his seat in the house. He understood his ministerial duties as a public worker, and acted accordingly, indefatigably and with an energy unexcelled in the history of his department. His resignation is evident not only in the progress made by the minister when the estimates were under parliamentary consideration, but in the handling of the heavy opposition crossfire of questions and criticisms has been described by old parliamentarians as one of the ablest bits of parliamentary strategy in this regard we have above reported. Dr. Pugsley came thru his trying ordeal with flying colors, and an established reputation as a public worker. The resignation of the first rank."

Moreover, as The Sun points out, Dr. Pugsley has "made good" in his efforts to capture the St. John, notably the St. John River wharves, the establishment of a permanent wharf at the mouth of the river, and the St. John drill hall, the construction of the first government wharf in St. John harbor, and the harbor commission solution of future port problems.

The Sun then proceeds to deal with the Pugsley charges of a half million dollar campaign fund. It says The World's statement of the facts ignores the sequel. "Dr. Pugsley made his charges in the course of a speech in Fairville, protesting against the Borden administration's accusations of political corruption against the Liberal party, and his assumption that the Conservatives in this regard were above reproach. Dr. Pugsley made no claims of superior Liberal purity, but denounced the hypocrisy of the Conservatives, assuming that if opportunity were provided for the taking of testimony under oath he would undertake to prove that the Conservatives were not above reproach. He alleged a corruption fund of at least half a million was raised and spent in the election of 1904, a substantial portion of it being expended in New Brunswick. Later, at a public meeting in Ottawa he repeated his charge, enlarging upon it to the extent of stating that \$250,000 of this was sent to Westmoreland County, several thousand more to St. John, Carleton, York and other constituencies, and offering if Mr. Borden would challenge him on the matter in parliament, to give him the amounts and dates of certain acquiescent votes of the Conservatives who received them. The conditions of this offer were never fulfilled. Some minor and irresponsible Conservative members taunted the minister once or twice, but more than that, he dropped from his subsequent speeches, both in the house and out, all reference to political corruption as an issue between the two parties. As the declared purpose of Dr. Pugsley's charge was to put an end to the Conservative leader's hypocritical accusations and pressions, on this point, it is clear that he accomplished precisely what he set out to do. If the charge, as his enemies declare, was a bluff, it is somewhat remarkable that Mr. Borden failed to call it."

The Winnipeg Tribune (Independent) refuses to become enthusiastic over the all-red route, which, it says, has offered to Hon. Clifford Sifton an excellent opportunity of advertising himself as the "deus ex machina" of a new and masterly scheme. When Sir Wilfrid Laurier first mooted the proposal, it was hailed with universal applause and linguistic enthusiasm, and its glamor overspread the whole empire. But few people, however, have cared to examine the other aspects of such a picturesque project. It will be found to "present a rather checkered picture, which is not superable to a wealthy, well-to-do man, but it is not a picture of success."

After pointing out some of the drawbacks, The Tribune goes on: "We own that from a sentimental point of view the stage effect of such an imperial route would be effective as the Quebec pageants, it would furnish a magnificent theme for Lord Milner's imperial tongue, and the pen of the editor of The Standard of Empire, and we might even see an imperial board of management presided over by Mr. Sifton with enormous sums of public money at his disposal. All of these things may be highly desirable, but a careful consideration of the practical sides of the proposal show the fallacious nature of the scheme. The British Government is too heavily interested in the Canadian shares to take it seriously, and we can imagine our Ontario manufacturers welcoming a subsidized service which will lower freight rates and the prices of British goods. Under the circumstances the enterprises may be safely left to the mercy of the many opposing interests. Even if it ever comes to pass, Western Canada will profit little, we will see the times and records in the papers and have the excitement of a new railway scheme. One thing alone has surprised us, namely, that the historic name of Macdonald & Mann has never for one moment appeared in connection with it. There is therefore some hope that this all-red route scheme will not financially affect our province or even be a subject for discussion in the local house."

That Sir Wilfrid Laurier's boundary extension resolutions are quite harmless, and bind the administration to nothing, is the firm opinion of R. L. Richardson, editor of The Winnipeg Tribune. "It," he says, "the elections are held before the next session (as seems likely) and the government and Sir Wilfrid Laurier are sustained, he can do exactly as he likes. The new parliament can repudiate what its predecessor did. It will be in no wise bound to follow the resolutions. A bill might be introduced containing entirely different provisions from those suggested in the resolution, and who is to compel the government to act differently?"

After blaming the opposition for not making the resolutions a subject of debate, The Tribune says: "The resolution was simply a little scheme of the Ottawa Government to try and play agitation in Manitoba under a variety of names like Hon. Robert Rogers and others working up any excitement over it. The time when the excitement might have been effective was when the resolution was first introduced. However, when the question came to be discussed on the hustings before the people, they will know exactly what view to take on the attempt of the Dominion authorities to gull them."

The convention which the Conservatives of North Essex were to have held at Windsor on Aug. 8, to select a candidate for the Dominion election, has been postponed indefinitely on the decision of the executive committee. "The large number of delegates," the dispatch says, "there is as yet no indication of an early appeal to the country by the government."

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