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### POLITICS IN SOUTH AFRICA interesting news may be expected soon from South Africa. There has been

situation, which the soldier-states—credit for the achievement by an General Smuts, thinks can only "Farmers, Labor or any of its opposite. cleared by a general election. The "ents."

Our contemporary also declares that Our contemporary also declares that Ortake at the close of the Boer war "there are still sneerers who refuse action for which as the Journal of to believe that patronage has actually be cleared by a general election. The "ents." or which as the Journal of the been abolished." There are a considerable number of people—call them lorg be honored—was responded to in a fine spirit by the late General Botha and his friend General Smuts. In time of peace and in time of war these ers of the Dutch people gave loyal Service regulations is well enough and effective service to the Empire.

Botha, sad to say, was carried off by death just when his great talents and number of positions under the Governe most needed. He left a ment where educational examination successor in General Smuts. would be no test of qualification at all who has been laboring to carry on the Applicants for these positions must be same loyal spirit. recommended by some one; yet the he notable Dutch leader. General moment a politician puts in a good fertzog, has been playing a different word for any applicant, that is at to create a move once sufficient to utterly squelch ent to separate South Africa from chances he might have of getting it re. He has had sufficient sup-cases have occurred round the city take the position of General here of men having applied for par to make the position eneral election in March the the employer—and being told the Smuts Government was sustained, but no strongly. Something like the colitical confusion that is found no there parts of the Empéreurose in South Africa, there being a exernment party, a Unionist party of of selecting appointees to office; it biefly composed of the English sethal often been abused, and for that ers), a Labor party and a Hertzog reason was condemned; as long as i General Smuts feels that to was practiced on the principle of "to e this confusing situation the victors, the spoils," it was very would be to give General Hertzog op-pertunity to do mischief. Therefore stall many positions to which nomina-smuts has decided on a direct appeal tions are necessary, and the representto the people on the plain issue of re ative of the constituency should have some say in regard to them.

SATAN REPROVING SIN The Y. M. C. A. is the latest organi- fact given. If there was to be any

in others a practice which it not only permits but encourages within its own unrisdiction. It does not hesitate to permit the whole prestige and influence of the Church to be used, should circumstances require, to promote political propaganda where the interests of members of the Catholic fakh are concerned and permits its priests to diotect to their people the line of conduct they shall follow in political matters, jobs.

In the mem or nations which conceived it, and started it out as a body to be dominated by the chief at lies in the late war. At the late as sembly something was done to make it and independent body, but the And her little snatch of song; Her head, both light and empty, She holds high as any queen, She holds high as any queen, the moment of all the members were as big as their little snatch of song; Her head, both light and empty, She holds high as any queen, Thus upon the street is seen, What dwells within the compass

they shall follow in political matters. Under such circumstances condemnation of the Y. M. C. A. for preaching Christian detrines comes with very bad grace from the Church of Rome.

THE PATRONAGE QUESTION

In the opinion of the London Free Press. One of the biggest accomplish. "ments of Ution Government was the "abolition of patronage. Ever since "Confideration political parties have been promising in their election platiforms to get rid of patronage a promise conveniently forgetten upon return to govern. The Union Government, was it went to the country in "1911, repeated this promise, and, continued to get rid of patronage a promise to when the country in "1911, repeated this promise, and, continued the promise and continued the promise and promise the promise and promise the promise and promise and promise the promise and promise and the was a promised to the promise and promise and the was an appromised to the promise and what ambitions and what ambitions and what ambitions and what ambitions and what are promised the promise and promised proval among those and what ambitions and what ambitions and what ambitions and what are will the the promise and promised proval among those are required proval among those and promised proval and promised proval and promised proval and promised proval and pr

ST. JOHN, N. B., FRID AY, JANUARY 7, 1920. "criment unpopular. The sholtion of "did not like it. The sholtion of "patronage did much to ruin political "organizations. The Government, on "the other hand, was never given "credit for the achievement by the

inction day will be January 14 and polling will take place on February 8. In the presence of the plain appeal of General Smuts on the Imperial quentum in the way (of raising the height of the new bridge) is the result that stands in the way (of raising the height of the new bridge) is the result that the location of the new bridge) is the result that the way (of raising the height of the new bridge) is the result that the way (of raising the height of the new bridge) is the result that the way (of raising the height of the new bridge) is the result that the way (of raising the height of the new bridge) is the result that the way (of raising the height of the new bridge) is the result want a rest."

Impregnable Self-Conceit.

(Philadelphia Ledger.)

George L. Moore, the Y.M.C.A. worker who did so much for the soldiers abroad, said in New York.

Wrongned et people are a great nuisance to deal with. We come Smuts and it is believed that this com-lineties will prove strong enough to should exist? The greatest marvel is antial victory and make it that any individual or body of individucicar to General Hertzog that his dis als can muster up sufficient "gail" to being confronted with a passage in the New Testament contrary to her pared months ago, filed with the proper authorities, and due notice of the The Y. M. C. A. is the latest organization to incur the displeasure of the Catholic Hierarchy, the cause of of fence being that the Association is usn; its influence to promote Protest antism. This is a new accusation; in most instances the complaint against the possibility because of ignorance of the British and their affairs and participant work, and leaving the whole structure, samebody is setzed with the notion and most instance where the simpling industry is going to be interfered with. What would have have no knowledge of what conditions in 'his regard may be in the United States, but certainly in this part of the continent, the charge that the shopling industry is ranted. It is difficult to see just how any organization professedly formed for Christian and provincial matters was when the plans were being prepared—one type the plans were being prepared—one daily plans the plans were being prepared—one type the plans were being prepared—one that the shopling industry is going to be interfered with. What would have any organization professedly formed for Christian faith purposes can properly carry out its objects without some connection with religion in its work. Dut it is just exactly this feature that the C.P. R. for "reluctance to complete the work of connection with religion in its work. Dut it is just exactly this feature that the C.P. R. for "reluctance to connection with religion in its work against the condemns, as calculation of the period of the British and their affairs and participation with the people of this country."

"Is echims the rushing now?"

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"What it is he rushing now?"

"Is echims the rushing now?"

"Is echims take the rush hour."

"What it is he rushing now?"

"In the rushing now?"

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the Papal secree condemns, as calculated to "uproot the Christian faith under the cloak of welfare work." It the Y. M. C. A. is to discard the semi-religious features of its work, it may servers who in milder phrases have servers who in milder phrases have expressed doubts so to the league's last well go out of business. It is the elevating influences which the long life. There are also those who christian element in this work are supposed to have, that furnish it with its greatest claim to support.

The Roman Hierarchy is condemning in the connection depends on the institution itself, and more, per in others a practice which it not only haps, on the men or nations which conceived it, and started it out as a That intrigues the passerby.

### I SEE IN THE STANDARD

Bir Lomer Gouin, former Premier of the Province of Quebec, b leaving on a trip to the Mediterranean for the winter months, Since he relinquished the poet as head of Quebec, he has had an opportunity to enjoy travel and to visit scenes from which the cares of office barred him.

The Liberal chieftain was born in Groudiues, Que, in 1861, the son of one of the oldest French Canadian families in the province. His education was secured at the schools of his native province then he entered the law office of the late Sir John Abbott to fit himself for the legal profession. Upon being called to the Bar his advancement was rapid so that by 1910 he was chosen Batonnier-General of the Quebec Bar. For one year he was an alderman of the City of Montreal, but the provincial arena had more attractions for him and he quit the municipal field to centre his career about the Legislature.

Premier in 1905.

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In 1906 he was appointed Premier and three years later his Knighthood was conferred upon him. His position as Premier he retained until a few months ago, when he resigned it and also his seat in the House to enter into other work. He associated himself with Le Presse of Montreal; that post he quit a few weeks ago when he was elected a director of the Bank of Montreal.

Sir Lomer is credited with being one of the first politicians of Canada to discern the danger of the United Farmer movement to the old-time parties of Canada. It is said that he urged all the Liberal premiers to hold elections in their districts at once if they would retain their power for he predicted drastic changes when the Agrarian movement was full grown. He took his own advice and swept the Province of Quebec, leaving his political rivals with only five seats in the Leg-Islature.

### WHAT OTHERS SAY The Quick and the Dead.

(Liverpool Post.)
nversation round the dinne The conversation round the dinner table ended, as do so many conversations nowadays, with the subject of spiritualism. Most of the company gave their opinions as do whether or not the dead could communicate with the living, but it remained for "Sweet Sixteen" to present the only original Sixteen" to present the only original thought on the subject. "It's hard enough for me now to keep up my correspondence," she said. "When I die I want a rest."

### A BIT OF VERSE

What dwells within the compass

## Benny's Note Book

Me and Lerry Shooster and Sam Cross was setting on Sam

Crosses back tents jest setting there with our feet hanging over,
and some tuff looking hid started to go past with a red swetter to
on, and us follows started to bang our feet agans the tents jest to
show we dident give a darn how tuff he looked, and he stop
ped and made a fearne face, saying, Hay, are you banging your
feet at me?

test at me?

Us 3 not saying enything as if we thawt he wasent werth ansering, and he sed, Come down heer, ony one of you, and ill puntch your face in so quick youll think you was run over twice in the same place.

Us 3 keeping on not saying enything, and the tuff kid sed, I can lick eny 2 of you.

Wich we dident say he couldent, and he sed, I can lick eny 3 heine all those was and he made a grantle of word.

with we disent say he countent, and he sed, I can lick eny 3 of you, 3 being all there was, and he made a cupple of more feares faces and kepp on wawking down the alley, Sam Cross saying, Heck, whose he think he is, enyways? and me saying, He's a big bluff thats all he is, and Leroy Shooster eaying, Jest-because he's got a red swetter he thinks he's Jack Dempsey in

And we waited till he was about a block away and still going and then we all started to yell. Come back heer if you wunt a site, come back heer and we'll show you, come back heer.

Wich wat did the tuff kid do but start to come back, and us 3 quick jumped down off the fents into Leroys yard and the tuff kid started to bang on the gate saying, Well wats you going to do, wats you going to do, you 3 big stiffs? Come on out heer and get licked or Ill clime over after you. Wich he started to do, and us 3 quick ran in Leroys kitchen and locked the door, and we waited about 5 minuits and then were out. the door, and we waited about 5 minnits and then went out again and looked over the fents carefill, and the tuff kid was 2 blocks away and still going, and we all yelled, Come back heer, you, come back heer we dare you, come back heer.

Wich he dident, either on account of being afraid or elts on count of being tired of coming back, and us 3 climbed back on top of the fents and started to bang our feet agen as if

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Famous Words of Famous Women.
"Are you going to get down here
to breakfast or aren't you!"

Predict Weather For Months Ahead.'
This headline reassuring to many whe had been fearful on account of terrible shortages we have been experiencing in so many other things.—Detroit News.

Arrived There. "I wrote a poem once, an Ode

Oblivion."

"What became of it?"

"It reached its destination."—Boston Transcript.

Kept His Word. "So Joe married that homely old helress. I'm surprised; he once told me that marrying for money would be the last thing he would do."
"Well, he hasn't done anything since."

stacle."
"In what way?"
"He's discovered that she spent more mon y for Christmas gifts for her people than she did for his people and the row is on."



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He Bit.

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Second Chass Scout: "Yes, what about it?

First Chass Scout: Well that house was built with money made from many sufferings, writhings, agonies, and much blood.
Second Class Scout: What beast lives there?

First Class Scout: My dentist.—
Boys' Life.

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science.
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The payment of fees and o tion of classes took place and talk was given on the prograbe carried out. The classes were all well a and it was pointed out that it to enter classes it is necess applicants to be present at class, because of a large wait

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