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A Republican Landslide.

The only surprise in the presidential election was the completeness of the Republican victory. No one doubted Roosevelt's re-election, but few expected that he would sweep the country as did McKinley four years ago.

While the anti-trust feeling is a force to be reckoned with by the politicians, the American people appear to have faith in the integrity of the President, and to credit him with a sincere desire to curb the lawlessness of the combines.

Canada's interest in the election was not substantial. Even had the Democrats won, the Republicans, through their control of the Senate could have blocked tariff legislation during the next four years.

Mr. Stratton Eulogized.

The Provincial Secretary last night gave a dinner to the superintendents of the public institutions under his charge and the officials of his department. The function is generally interpreted as a sign of Mr. Stratton's retirement from office before long, though he made no announcement.

These are words to which no persons will subscribe more sincerely than the officials of the public institutions, who are in a position to estimate the Provincial Secretary at his own true worth. They know that he has taken a keen personal interest in the duties of his office, and that he could not be more zealous than he is for the efficient management of these institutions, and the welfare of the inmates.

Judge Parker and Mr. R. L. Borden ought to have a fellow-feeling. The defense of Port Arthur has been heroic, but heroism is becoming folly.

If the Ontario Government is undecided what to do it isn't for the lack of advice.

This is not a good year for Opponents. Mr. Whitney should take warning.

One of the drawbacks of having an M. P. on the mayor's chair is that the mayor in transacting municipal business cannot forget that he is an M. P. P. and needs votes.

The Whitneys are decidedly flimsy over the prospect of a general election. They have been longing to get at the Ross Government—so they have said. Now they feel their courage oozing.

The story of the dispute between two business firms, and the city council's part in it, published in last night's paper, should make people think. It is one of the results of political manipulation of municipal affairs.

If a general election can be postponed till the holidays are over the Provincial Government ought to do it. But as the bye-elections must be brought on unless the House dissolves, it is hard to see how a December election can be avoided. If an appeal to the country is to be made.

Prices of Art Treasures. [Pittsburg Dispatch.] Mr. Morgan having returned the celebrated stolen cope to the Italian Government, inquiry has again become general as to how the prices are fixed upon these things.

Personality is a great power in a democracy, and the Republicans had the advantage over their opponents in this respect. Roosevelt's virile and aggressive qualities appealed to the imagination of the people.

Seniority in Parliament. [Exchange.] The seniority of the Conservative members-elect who have sat in three Parliaments or more is as follows: Huggart, Sprout, Taylor, Cochrane, (Tisdale, Wilson, Lariviere), Henderson, Ingram, Reid, Hughes, Bennett, Maclean.

The seniority of the Liberals from Ontario who have sat in three Parliaments or more is: Paterson, Sutherland, Mulock, Campbell.

A Dead Issue. [Hamilton Times.] Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, has a majority of 1,700. Hon. Sydney Fisher's majority is 868. These are the two ministers on whom DUNDONALD and those who would give catspaw made a dead issue.

Repatee. [Puck.] "Pa, what is a repatee?" "Oh, merely an insult with its dress suit on, my son."

Easily Satisfied. [Detroit Free Press.] Hostess—What part of the chicken will you have, Willie? Willie—Either half, I'm not particular.

The Difference. [Town Topics.] Crawford—I heard you talking to your wife. Did you have a row? Crabshaw—No. When there's a row she does all the talking.

Still Sore. [Hamilton Spectator.] When it is found possible to elect a Grit member in Hamilton, it is high time that the evangelists Crossley and Hunter were coming this way.

Strenuous King Edward. [From the London Telegraph.] His Majesty the King takes all the roles which involve upon him in his capacity as monarch seriously and earnestly. On the one hand he has achieved more in the interests of concert and good will among neighboring countries than it has fallen to the lot of many sovereigns even to attempt.

Politics in Municipal Affairs. [Toronto Telegram.] The Hamilton Spectator and Ottawa Citizen are always busy telling the Toronto Tories to go in and run their municipal affairs on party lines.

Burned to Death. Houston, Texas, Nov. 7.—The Silerton Queen Hotel in the Sour Lake oil field was destroyed by fire today and four people burned to death.

Dowie's Personal Attendant. Chicago, Nov. 8.—Freeman Hilton Hachnel, ordained deacon in Dowie's Church last week, will leave in a few days for South Africa where he will resign over Zion lands as the "second personal attendant of John Alexander."

A Frivolous Comment. [Washington Star.] "He is going into the Russian army to make a name for himself." "What is the use?" said the young man with a monocle. "No one can pronounce a Russian name after it's made."

STOESSEL SAYS THERE'S NO HOPE Learns From a Correspondent of a Reverse to General Kuropatkin. Chicago, Nov. 8.—Edward Emerson, Jr., Daily News correspondent, cables his paper as follows: "Nagasaki, Nov. 7.—After having arrived along with a companion, at the lighthouse on the Liaotian Promontory, close to Port Arthur, the boat in which we had sailed from the Miaotai Islands was picked up by a small Russian torpedo boat attached to the battleship Peresviet and towed to that vessel, which lies two miles outside the harbor."

The Peresviet is as badly battered by Japanese shells as the Czarevitch. Both ships and crew were in a filthy condition. From the Peresviet we were taken to Admiral Wiren, who was on board the Bayan outside of the Tiger's Tail. The Bayan was also badly damaged and dirty.

"Admiral Wiren asked news of the Baltic fleet, and learning that it was then still at Revel, expressed his despair. Altogether there are 15 fighting ships in the harbor. None of these are on board, and only the small machine guns have been sent ashore. There is plenty of coal, but ammunition is scarce. In the distance, 10 miles off, can be seen the smoke of Admiral Togo's blockaders. The Japanese fleet has been doing little bombardment of late. In the naval prison behind Golden Hill there are 25 Japanese."

"From the flagship I was escorted to the harbor-master, who was found in a bomb-proof cellar under the Admiralty building, equipped with telephone, telegraph and electric mine connections. We were then escorted to Gen. Stoessel's house. All along the road to the general's house were seen the ravages of the incessant bombardment. The Japanese guns fire at 10-minute intervals. The Russian reply every half-hour. One battery of 10 guns is placed a few rods from the general's house. Ninety per cent of the Japanese shells do no damage. Most of the killed are coolies, the weekly average being 20. The city is remarkably tranquil, and the street traffic goes on smoothly. The shops are open all day. Two restaurants are running. Meals cost two roubles (\$1). There is no fresh food except horse flesh. Ten horses are slaughtered daily. One hundred horses were all that remained when I left. There is plenty of canned stuff and large supplies of rice, wheat and bean cake. There is no

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Andrew L. Keller, a Missoulian, has a Bible 206 years old, and it is in an excellent state of preservation. The covers are of boards, supposed to be hite oak, covered with pigskin. A genius is a man who refuses to believe in the impossibilities of other people.