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ASKING PARLIAMENT TO KEEP FAITH

Mr. W. A. Black, M. P., of Halifax, has placed on the order paper of the House of Commons for discussion early in the session a resolution calling upon Parliament to keep faith with the Maritime Provinces with respect to the use of our ports and the adjustment of freight rates on the Intercolonial. Mr. Black, in bringing these matters before Parliament, proposes to direct attention to the Dominion-wide demand existing to-day for the routing of Canadian traffic through Canadian channels, a demand that is daily growing in strength. His resolution confronts Parliament, also, with the fact that when the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Transcontinental and the Canadian Northern were built there were written into the statutes of Canada certain specific undertakings that have not been lived up to. Mr. Black's resolution is as follows:

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this House, good faith be kept with the Maritime Provinces and other interested parts of the Dominion in regard to the recorded assurances and undertakings of governments and Parliament and the agreements set out in the statutes of the Dominion respecting the routing of Canadian trade over Canadian territory and through Canadian ports."

"Further Resolved, that freight rates over the Intercolonial Railway be adjusted in accordance with the understanding of Confederation."

In support of his resolution Mr. Black proposes to quote from the speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier when he introduced the Grand Trunk Pacific legislation in the House of Commons in the summer of 1903, at which time he said that the Government laid it down as a principle, upon which it was prepared to be judged by friend and foe, that Canada was to have a Transcontinental railway with its terminus in this country, every inch of the line in Canadian territory, and that this was a necessity to our commercial independence. "Now," said Sir Wilfrid, "there is another feature of this contract to which I shall call the attention of the House. If we have gone into this contract, our intention has been, as stated in the preamble, to force traffic in Canadian channels and through Canadian ports. We have made it a special condition of the contract."

Sir Wilfrid referred to paragraph forty-two of the contract, in which it was set forth that the aid to be given the railway was "for the express purpose of encouraging the development of Canadian trade and the transportation of goods through Canadian channels," and that the railway was bound to carry the traffic by way of Canadian ports unless it was specifically routed otherwise by the shipper. Mr. Black quotes also from the Canadian Northern agreement, by which that railway was bound in the same way. The Halifax Herald, in referring to Mr. Black's resolution, says that the claims of the Maritime Provinces will be pressed to the fore early in the session, and it refers confidently to the strong national sentiment prevailing to-day in favor of utilizing Canadian routes instead of permitting not to say encouraging—the carrying of Canadian freight to alien outlets, and it demands that the proper use be made of the Transcontinental.

PARLIAMENT.

Owing to the delay in receiving the official return of writs from many constituencies, Parliament is not to meet until January 7. It is suggested that if the Government then commands a majority of the House upon a test vote, by-elections may be held without an adjournment, to provide the seats for the Prime Minister and some members of his cabinet. How long it will take for the House to get down to business, and how much business of importance can be transacted before another general election, are questions regarding which the country will be pretty much in the dark until the opposing forces line up in the House and their plans are made clear.

The Alberta Progressives a few days ago declared that they would "co-operate" with the Government, and this is accepted in the West as meaning that the Progressives generally will give the Government their support; but it may be that a Conservative motion, soon after the House meets, will be presented proposing action along lines to which the Progressives are already committed. Rural credits is suggested as one instance in which a Conservative motion may place the Progressives in an awkward position, but, as was the case in relation to some tariff votes at the last session, the Progressives may prefer to regard such a resolution as a want of confidence motion in disguise.

The delay in calling Parliament is unfortunate, though it seems unavoidable. There are important public issues which press for action, notably the all-Canadian transportation problem and immigration. Therefore members on both sides carry a grave

responsibility. They will have to decide whether it is better for the country at large that there should be another election at the earliest day possible, or whether the House should proceed with routine business while matters wait. The position of some of the Progressives and Independents is still uncertain. Only a test vote—which should come as early as possible—can throw any light upon the probable length of the session and its usefulness.

The Pennsylvania mine owners have rejected Governor Pinchot's plan for ending the anthracite strike, and it is said to-day that the contending parties are about as far apart as they were when negotiations were broken off in August. How long is it going to take Canada to recognize the necessity of utilizing its own coal resources and so making itself independent of the uncertain supply of fuel from Pennsylvania?

Thanks to the public-spirited action of the City Cornet Band, The Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund will get a big boost on Thursday evening. The band's Around-the-World Fair in St. Malachi's Hall will be continued specially on that one evening for the benefit of the fund, thus giving the public a fine opportunity to assist in spreading Christmas joy and comfort among the unfortunate children.

The Locarno pact was signed to-day in London, and is the subject of general congratulation and rejoicing. At the same time London is discussing with some gravity the increasing likelihood of war with Turkey over Mosul. The Turks have strong forces in readiness, and there appears to be substantial reason for believing that should the decision of the League of Nations favor the British contentions, the Turks will disregard the judgment and attack the British forces. It seems to be conceded that the British troops in the Mosul area are not at present sufficient to resist a Turkish assault.

Odds and Ends

A Week in Epigram

I like dining with the medical profession, for it is agreeable to find that mine is not the only profession that does not always practice what it preaches.—Dean W. R. Inge.

Whatever the case in a world of Eustacia, or in Russia, over most parts of the world two and two are still believed to make four.—Stanley Baldwin.

I limit myself, when I can, to ten or twelve hours' work a day.—Lord Cave.

The men who control Tammany are successful lawyers, successful business men, and I might add, constant but successful golf-players.—Walter Lippman.

A more wretched form of entertainment than the modern cinema can hardly be imagined.—The Duke of Northumberland.

Painleve's is a phantom government groping for a shadow majority in the darkness.—Le Temps.

Modern theories of psychoanalysis hold that there are no longer any goats and sheep.—Hugh Walpole.

You can't really be intimate with people who know you well.—Christopher Morley.

"It is the voice of frustration, satirizing its own misery."—Gerald Bullett.

Conscience and public opinion enforce the laws; the police suppress the exceptions.—Arthur Twining Hadley.

Many people have the habit of reading for study, information, or enjoyment, but as an opiate for the trials of the world.—Lord Eustace Percy.

"The barbaric yawn" of the babe is the best example of self-expression.—Charles Hall Grandgent.

It seems to me that this pleasure-generation has lost the art of enjoyment. A stomach full of raspberry jam is not a happy stomach.—G. K. Chesterton.

No man dare write the truth about marriage while his wife lives.—George Bernard Shaw.

The Name Sufficient.

(Boston Transcript.)

"Speaking of epigrams," writes W. B. "Mr. Roosevelt once showed a friend a gravestone in Oyster Bay which bore the inscription: 'Here lies Ananias Doughty, who died in 1751.'"

"The first member of the Ananias Club," jollied the friend; "but doesn't it strike you that 'here lies' is superfluous?"

Enduring Man.

(Arkansas Gazette.)

Moonshine hooch, put in the radiators of Chicago police cars to prevent freezing, was found after four days to have eaten out the rubber connections and to have started in on the steel. Thus showing why an all-wise Providence didn't line the human race with rubber and steel.

How It Goes.

(Chicago Tribune.)

Rich men's sons spend their money foolishly and poor men thereby accumulate great fortunes which their sons then spend foolishly.

Fixing the Furnace.

(Ottawa Journal.)

Wanted, a mild-mannered father who can fix the furnace without shedding fountain pens and pencils like a porcupine sheds quills.

Just Fun

POEM

The shades of night were falling fast,
When for a kiss he asked her,
She must have answered "yes" because,
The shades came down still faster.

A BIRD in the hand is worth two on the bush, but, who wants any birds anyhow?

ANY free citizen can do as he pleases, except for his conscience, his wife, his landlord and the neighbors.

YOUTH: How many kinds of milk are there?
Prof.: Why, there's condensed milk, and evaporated milk, and—why do you ask?
Youth: Well, I was drawing a picture of a cow, and I wanted to know how many facets to put on her.

JUDGING by the copy received in a newspaper office, great many people learned darned little in schools or the schools taught them darned little.

BUDDING JOURNALIST: I intend to work on a paper when I graduate.

Editor: What route do you want?

NEARLY every man becomes an earnest booster for his home town after he has left it for good.

THERE was a time when a woman couldn't get anywhere without clothes. Now she can't get anywhere with 'em.

THE old-fashioned girl who put everything she had on her back now has a daughter who puts on nothing below her knees.

THERE are 4,867 kinds of lunatics, including those who undertake to classify the others.

I gave her all the line I had,
To catch her with my wish.
Do not come me for getting mad—I lost the dog-gone fish.

DR. FRANK CRANE says trousers are ugly but he isn't doing anything about it. What can he do?

SOME honeymoons last for years, others end before the first hotel bill is paid.

IT TAKES nine men to win a ball game, but any one of them can lose it.

NEVER take a man seriously as long as he flatters you—wait until he begins to criticize about your nose, your hair-cut, or the length of your skirts.

A PROTRACTED meeting when held in town is a revival.

TOUGH WHITE BOY: "Gosh, it's awful scarpin' these niggers. Yuh don't stand a show of givin' 'em a black eye."

WHEN you stop to figure out that all lips it you've got to admit that nature is a grand thing.

A FRIEND in need should have come to see that your account and he wouldn't be that way.

AMONG the boarding house pests we have known are the guys who get up at five o'clock Sunday morning.

Dinner Stories

The famous criminal lawyer had won a shockingly bad case by eloquence and trickery, and a rival lawyer said to him, bitterly:

"Is there any case so low, so foul, so vilely crooked and shameful that you'd refuse it?"

"Well, I don't know," the other answered with a smile. "What have you been doing now?"

The late John S. Sargent, the artist used to tell a story about an old man who once called at his Tate street studio, saying he had just been discharged from the hospital, and asked for a little food or money.

Mr. Sargent gave the old fellow a half crown, and then decided that he would make a good model, and sent a maid out to call him back.

"Hi, come back," said the maid, as she overtook him. "The master wants to paint you."

The old fellow hesitated.

"Will he pay me well?" he asked.

"Oh, yes," said the maid. "He'll probably pay you a pound."

The old fellow took off his shabby old hat and scratched his head. Still he hesitated.

"It's an easy way to earn a pound," said the maid.

"Yes, I know that," said the old man with a troubled smile. "I was only wondering how I'd get the paint off afterwards."

A young life servant girl was asked if she slept well and enjoyed her bed.

"I sleep well enough," she replied, "but I can't say much about my bed."

"Dear me, why?"

"Just because I'm nae suner bedded than I'm sleepin', an' nae suner wakened than I'm up. I've nae time to enjoy meel' awa'."

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Babe: "My daddy is taller than your daddy."
Berlie: "But my daddy is taller across!"

From the Passing Show.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD
THE BALANCE WHEEL.

HOW fortunate it is that neither the old men nor the young men dominate this world!

From the standpoint of youth, life seems to stretch away into an endless future; from the standpoint of age, to go back but a little way in the past. In youth life presents us a picture in which the objects appear a great way off, as though we had reversed our telescope; while in the end everything seems so close. To see how short life is, a man must have grown old, that is to say, to have lived long.

Youth and age, inspiration and experience, working together, give us the proper balance.

AS the years increase, things look Schopenhauer observes; "and life, which had so firm and stable a base in the days of our youth, now seems nothing but a rapid flight of moments, every one of them illusory; we have come to see that the whole world is vanity."

Time itself seems to go at a much slower pace when we are young; so that not only is the first quarter of life the happiest to most persons, it is the longest of all; it leaves more memories behind it.

A man's recollection of what has happened always becomes proportionately shorter, the more things that have occupied him in life. The things we did in years gone by, the events that happened long ago, like those objects on the coast, to the seafarer on his outward voyage, become smaller every minute; more recognizable and harder to distinguish.

Poems That Live

TO A YOUNG LADY.

Sweet stream, that winds through yonder glade,
Apt emblem of a virtuous maid—
Silent and chaste she steals along,
Far from the world's gay busy throng;
With gentle yet prevailing force,
Intent upon her destined course;
Gracious and useful all she does,
Blessing and blest wherever she goes;
Pure-bosomed as that watery glass,
And heaven reflected in her face.

—William Cowper.

The leak in a gas or a water pipe may be temporarily stopped while awaiting the plumber by making a paste of powdered whiting and yellow soap and applying to the hole in the pipe.



Don't miss the point!

How many good stories are ruined by missing the point!

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Who's Who IN THE DAYS' NEWS.

GERALD P. NYE

WHEN the United States congress convenes in December many political observers are of the opinion that the senate will not confirm the appointment of Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota editor, as senator from that state. He was appointed to fill a vacancy in the senate by the death of the late senator, Edwin F. Ladd, in the face of a great deal of opposition since the consensus of opinion was that the government did not have the power to fill a vacancy in the senate by appointment.

Senator Nye does not meet as the state legislature does not confer that power upon the governor. Since Governor A. L. Sorlie had practically agreed to let the matter rest until June 30, then by means of a special election fill the post, the appointment of Nye came as a surprise.

Nye is 55 and the publisher of the Griggs County Sentinel-Courier, at Cooperstown, N. D. He was born at Hortonsville, Wis., the son of a publisher. He is well known in North Dakota as an ardent supporter of the Non-Partisan League and was one of the first editors to support its cause. When a paper supported by the league failed Nye took it over and although it was doomed to certain failure it is said he wholeheartedly adhered to the principles for which it was founded.



GERALD P. NYE

Other Views

LAND DISARMAMENT

(New York Times.)

With a reduction in armaments will come a fair measure of financial ease, but not to the degree estimated. The costs of national defense are one-seventh of France's total expenditure. Since military expenditure in two, and France will still have to face the \$700,000,000 annual interest on the domestic debt, three and a half times her present expenditure on armaments. The national debt consumes 55 per cent. of French revenues, 44 per cent. of Britain's. Armament reduction will bring some relief, but the greater gain will be in the moral sphere. As distrust, reflected in armament competitions, wanes, the nations will be released for constructive work.

TO WAKEN THE DUKE

(Manchester Guardian.)

Gladstone's liking for soothing sermons was shared by Wellington, though the latter interpreted the term in a slightly different sense. A clergyman who was preaching for the first time at the church at Stratfieldsaye, where the duke was a regular attendant, was much surprised by the action of the duke, who at the end of the sermon came to the pulpit stairs, opened the door, slammed it violently, then returned it for the preacher to pass out. In the vestry he inquired the meaning of this strange proceeding, and said: "Oh, we always do that to waken the duke."

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can government.) Our tariff laws are so devised as to raise prices to our own consumers while they strike at foreign producers. The resentful foreigner is hard put to it to make his resentment felt. When he retaliates by use of any weapon which comes to hand it hardly lies in the mouth of our government to complain that he is not playing the game. American consumers who catch it both coming and going have some right at home which might be applied with good results.

TAKES OFF HER HAT

(Toronto Star.)

The charming lady who represented Ward Four in Toronto's city council says that she "takes off her hat" to the women of Britain. But where are things going to stop if women start taking off their hats to each other?

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