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A Newspaper Mystery.

When Mr. Blair suddenly resigned from the Railway Commission, the anseveral prominent papers in Montreal and St. John. And the two things combined, we were assured by the Conservatives, were to strike the deathknell of the Liberal Government. As the great results that were expected policy adopted when Mr. Bryan became by our friends the enemy did not materialize, people are now speculating as to what it all amounted to and as to what the hidden springs of the movement were. Events, an Ottawa weekly brings out some new ideas in regard to the connection with the affair of La Presse, one of the papers supposed to have been purchased by the syndicate of capitalists, who were going to run

the country. It says: "One of the most interesting inci dents of the La Presse move was the refusal of the editor in charge, Mr. Thomas Cote to publish the editorial prepared by the syndicate, and which was, of course, hostile to the Laurier Government. It is said that when they brought the stuff to the office of La Presse Mr. Cote laid a revolver on his desk within reach, and told them he would shoot the first man who tried to put such stuff in the paper. He held them off successfully, and now there are two new reports One is that La Presse is not to re main under the control of the syndi cate, and that for his services Mr. Cote is to be given the seat in the House of Commons for Gaspe. We believe this latter report to be accurate, and congratulate Mr. Cote on it, and the former is a likely thing. One actually been sold to the campaign manager of the Republican party in the United States. Ex-Secretary Cortelyou is the name, and the fact is based on good authority. He wanted to use the paper to influence the large French-Canadian electorate in the New England States, Mr. Russell ought to satisfy the public curiosity in regard to all these things. He might emulate the other great men, like Mr. Borden, Mr. Flynn, Lord Dundonald and Mr. Whitney, and issue a manifesto 'to the people of Canada,' who should know if the money power is to edit the press of the Dominion."

A Fair Investigation.

the Ontario Government were sent to a commission of judges for investigation in view, whether its policy be laudable servatives. It was true that Judges Boyd and Falconbridge had long been out of politics; and have always had a good reputation as impartial jurists. That made no difference. And when toulin untruthful, and refused to believe his sworn statements, because they were inconsistent with each other and with the facts, the outcry became louder. The judges were declared to have been influenced in giving an unjust verdict, because they were expecting money from the Government, Of course it would have been hard to give a verdict that would have satisfied Mr. Gamey's friends. But most people would have thought that the verdict of a commission of judges, after the fullest kind of an investigation might have passed as fairly reason-

On last election day, Mr. Porter and some other Conservatives of Belleville sent broadcast over the country a sensational charge against a Liberal candidate in Eastern Ontario, Liberals everywhere promptly called for an investigation; and we were assured that the Government intend immediately prosecuting an inquiry. Reasonable people would have been willing done. That, however, did not suit the Conservatives. The man who made the charges did not care, apparently, lawyer, who quoted the editorial, for is now. libel; goes outside of their own town, selects some Conservative magistrates, two of them we believe former mem bers of Parliament, and one of them, it is claimed, being a personal enemy had a telephone put in your house, Mrs. charge before them.

When the commission that tried half as well as she thought she would. Gamey is contrasted with the commis- You see, when she is using it she has to listen half the time. sion before whom has been laid the Porter charges, one can imagine what sort of an uproar would have been made had Mr. Ross adopted Mr. Porter's tactics. However, it does not matter. There will be a thorough ventilation of the whole affair. If Mr. Porter's commission fails to bring out all the facts, we can depend on an investigation before some of the regular courts. That is all the Liberals of the country ask for-a full investigation, a fair trial, and punishment for

Political Parties in the United States.

The defeat of the Democratic party in the United States has been so complete that the question has arisen among politicians in that country whether it has not outlived Its usefulness, and reached the end of lits

whelming disaster. Not a single eastern, northern or western state gave a majority for the Democratic candidate for President. And for the first time since the reconstruction following the civil war, the "solid south" was broken-it is no longer solid for the Democracy. Can it recover from

In 1896 the Democratic party was divided. The majority adopted a policy in regard to the currency which was condemned by large numbers of those in its own ranks, and many who had never voted Republican before broke from their party allegiance. In 1900, the internal condition of the party was very much the same as in 1896, its candidate was the same, and the result of the election was the same. The dissatisfied Democrats claimed that these successive defeats were due to the the leader, and clamored for a return to the old ways and the old men. This was practically done when Parker was chosen as candidate, and the policy of 1896 repudiated by him. Apparently, harmony was accomplished in the desire for victory, and Mr. Bryan and his

greatest defeat the party ever had experienced. And now they are all looking for a remedy for the future. The more conservative Democrats admit that "the old simple beliefs are steadily but surely fading away," that the Democracy of which Cleveland was the

friends fell in line behind a "Gold

Democrat," The result was the

spokesman and leader is practically dead. Mr. Bryan declares for a reorganization on a radical policyevidently meaning a programme of opposition to trusts, capitalists, plutocrats and all combinations of wealthpolicy which shall cry "the masses against the classes"-a policy which shall find a place for populism, socialism and all other "isms" that can be brought together on a common platmore interesting fact is that three days before the sale of La Presse was announced to the public it had Hearst, the unsuccessful candidate for the party nomination. On the other hand, many of the Southern papers declare emphatically against populism, and as the South has always been the mainstay of Democracy, the defection of that section would be worse for the party than was the defection of the gold Democrats in 1896. To an outsider, it looks as though

both a new policy and new men will have to be evolved, if a Democratic party-or a party which shall claim to be its successor-is to come to the front, with any hope of success. There will have to be new lines of cleavage. The Democrats who favor protection will have to become Republicans. And a new party with some definite object the dissatisfied of all classes, and unite them in a some common cause-real or apparent. Democratic speakers and papers, during the late contest, had much to say about Democratic principles, but it has not been easy to distinguish them. We used to think that the! Democratic party stood for revenue tariff as against protection. But when the party was in power the tariff it proposed was not only an incomplete illustration of the party theories, but was not acceptable to either the protectionists or free traders in the party ranks. And that one plank was really the only distinctive plank in the party

Principles are all very well in theory sometimes, but a party to be successful must have some principles that it can put into practice when it has the opportunity. Otherwise, it will be an administrative failure—to be swept out of power the first opportunity given the electorate, and kept out of power thereafter, until a new generation comes to the front. It may be that this will be the fate of the party which has gone down to defeat in the United States. The Republican party has so great a majority in Congress that it may become unwieldy, and the dissatisfied will secede. The conservative Democrats may go over to the Repubto wait a day or two and see what was licans, while a more radical section of new allances with what remains of the Democracy. Four years may see a to wait for the ordinary course of marked change in both the policy and He wanted to select the the personnel of each party. At all Taking advantage of some events, though the Republican leaders remarks by a Liberal paper, which and platform should remain the same, were certainly very mild, he brings it is safe to say that the Democratic a charge against the editor, and a party will be something other than it

One Drawback.

[Somerville Journal.] Hicks-I understand that you have of one of the defendants, and lays his Wicks must find it a great conven-Wicks-Yes; but she doesn't like i

A Handy Feat.

[Chicago Journal.] O'Rafferty-De yez iver walk in ye O'Lafferty-No; if Ol could Oi'd be

Doing Well. [Chicago Record-Herald.] "How well Mrs. Packenham holds "Yes. She had ceased to be a mere girl even before Port Arthur began to fall."

A Common Failing.

"If ev'ybody worked as hahd," said Uncle Eben, "holdin' down a situation as dey does gettin it dar wouldn't be no business dat wash well run."

Killing as a Sport.

[London Truth.] been killed in the deer forest of Glenby Lord Burton from Mrs. zi Ellice, of Invergarry. Seventy-seven were defeated, but the defeat in both cases was no greater than a party might expect to have, and yet hold its own as an influence in the country, with reasonable prospects of victory in the morth forest, average weight 14 stone. There were 17 stags of over 16 stone, Lord Burton killed with reasonable prospects of victory in the morth forest, average weight 14 stone. There were 17 stags of over 16 stone, Lord Burton killed and the five beats of the forest, average weight 14 stone. There were 17 stags of over 16 stone, Lord Burton killed Burney, Miss Dann, Miss Boucher,

Bass 15, Lord Harleen 12, and F. Mild-may 11. Other successful rifles were the King, the Grand Duke Michael Michailovitch, Lord Savile, Sir Schom-berg McDonnell and Capt. Seymour Fortesque.

Nutritious. [Houston Post.]

"What would you think of a man who would feed breakfast food to his "I should think the chickens would

be laving for him." The Poetry Vanished.

[Life.] "Why, how could you break 'We were seasick together.'

Poor King!

[Montreal Star.] A Toronto artist is going to paint a portrait of the King. God save the

Stern Reproof. [Catholic Register.]

An incident was reported last week in a Toronto court where a judge administered to a lawver pleading before him a most remarkable reproof. Father and mother stood charged with infanticide, and the circumstances revealed in connection with the crime were of a peculiarly painful character. Perhaps on this account one of the defending counsel ventured to dwell upon the small value of an infant's life to society, whilst he pictured the necessities confronting an adult oppressed by poverty. Not having heard or read the exact words in which the implied appeal to the sympathy of the jury was made, we can go no further than to say that whatever the language may have been it is to the credit and honor of the Canadian bench that the ery nature of the plea distressed and offended Mr. Justice Falconbridge, His lordship deplored not only the callousness but the immorality of the argument, and reminded the jury of the value of human life as a sacred claim subject to no discounts of class or condition in the case of the weakling child or the humble plebeian.

A Master Stroke.

[Chicago Tribune.] The lovely girl hesitated. "Tell me, Mr. Throgson," she said, am I the first girl you ever loved?" "I'll be honest with you, Miss Eunice," replied the young man. "You are not. But you are far and away the most beautiful.' The rest was easy.

Irishman's Chivalric Choice.

[Exchange.] An Irishman traveling in France was challenged by a Frenchman to fight a duel, to which he readily consented and suggested shillelahs as weapons. "That won't do, said the French-an's second. "As challenged party you have the right to choose the arms but chivalry demands that you should decide upon a weapon with which Frenchmen are familiar." "Is that so?" replied the Irishman oolly. "Very well, we'll fight with

POSTER SHOW IS

All Arrangements for the Big Event Were Completed This Morning.

The Poster Show is in full swing. By had the preparations for the show in charge had completed all arrangements, and the city hall presented a very handsome and inviting appearance. Everywhere the pagodas and booths were beautifully decorated, and filled with all sorts of good things, fancy and plain This afternoon at 2 o'clock the show opened. The ladies in charge were present in force, a large number of visitors also showing an interest by being on hand. Tonight the show will be in full swing, and the promoters hope to unload a goodly portion of their stocks before the hour of closing. The he was principal of the Port Rowan ladies are especially grateful to the many manufacturers and merchants, have so generously contributed goods to be sold at the show, and also to Mrs. F. G. Rumball, who has presented a handsome oak bedroom suite, as well as a couch and other articles, towards the furnishing of the Children's Aid Shelter. A. Screaton & Co. and Keene Bros, are especially thanked for goods loaned to decorate and furnish the pagodas and booths. who take an interest in the charitable work of caring for the friendless chil- voters to the polls by an agent, but in dren of London should not fail to visit a bye-election in January, 1903, he the Poster Show, which will be open tonight. Thursday and Friday. The following ladies are in charge

of the several departments: Richards' Soap-Mrs. Macfie, assisted by Miss A. Harris, Mrs. Cronyn, Miss Shaw-Wood, Miss Peters, Miss M. Gibbons, Miss M. Macfie, and Miss H.

Fish Pond and Fancy Table-Mrs. F. R. Hardie, assisted by Miss A. Hardie, his county, a position which he has Miss M. Hardie, Miss V. Keene, Miss won by his striking ability and capa-Grace Rowntree, Miss A. Nash, Miss F. Kennedy, Miss S. McConnell. Miss has been an indefatigable worker on Myrtle Reynolds, Miss H. Keene, Miss his two years as a member of the Smith, Davis, Yarker and Miss

Miss L. Graydon, assisted by Miss Harris, Miss Hale, Miss Robinson, Miss in the Macdonald-Sicotte Administra-Niven, Miss McLaren, Miss Boucher, tion of Canada in 1862. He is a French-Miss Betts, Miss Bullen, Miss Carling, Miss Michie, Miss Puddicombe, Miss Hyman, Miss Richardson, Miss Baylv. Miss Ellis, Montreal; Miss Pennington,

and Miss Pavey.
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son and Miss B. Boucher. Magazines and Stationery-Mrs, H. E. Gates, assisted by Mrs. Beck. Mrs. Fritz Beck, Mrs. F. Reid, Mrs. George Gunn and Mrs. T. Baker, Mrs. F. Harper, Miss Macbeth, Miss L. Gibbons, Miss H. Gibbons, Miss E. Leonard, Miss Dora Labatt and Miss Zimmer-

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MINISTERS ARE SWORN IN

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ships, and a playing member of the lacrosse and baseball clubs of that own. For years he has been an officer of the famous Brockville Football and Rowing Clubs, being president of the latter last year. He is a patron of the Brockville Hockey Club, treasurer of the Bohemian Athletic Association and president of the Brockville Base-

ball League.
Mr. Graham belongs to the Methodist Church, and is a member of the quarterly official board of George Street Methodist Church, Brockville, He is also a director of the Y. M. C. A. there. He is a past grand master of noon today the ladies who have the Ancient Order of United Workmen in Ontario, and a member of the finance committee of that organiza-

McKay and Evantural. Hon. Alexander Grant Mackay, K.C.

is the son of Scotch parents, Hugh Mackay and Catherine McInnis, his wife, and was born in Sydenham Township, Grey County, March 7, 1860. He was educated at Owen Sound Collegiate Institute and the University of Toronto, graduating with honors from the latter in 1883. From 1883 to 1887 High School, and in the last-mentioned year he entered the law office of Mr. Alfred Frost, of Owen Sound, then county crown attorney for Grey. An honor and scholarship law student, he was called to the bar in 1891. In 1894 he was appointed crown attorney for Grey County, a position he resigned to enter politics. He was first returned to the Legislature in May, 1902, redeeming North Grey for the Liberals by a narrow majority. He was un seated because of the conveyance of carried the constituency with a ma jerity of 272. He was appointed K.C. in 1902. Of recent years he has held Sound, the county of Grey, and for a number of large industrial concerns He is also a heavy shareholder and director of the Imperial Cement Company, of Owen Sound. He is generally regarded as the leader of the bar in several important committees during M. Weston. Miss E. Nash. Miss G. Legislature, and is acknowledged to be Smith. Dayls, Yarker and Miss P. one of the best debaters in the House. Hon. Francis Eugene Alfred Evan-- Mrs. G. B. Gerrard and turel is the eldest son of Hon. F. Evanturel, who was Minister of Agriculture Canadian, and was born in Quebec in 1849. He studied law at Laval University and graduated with the degree of LL.B., and was called to the bar in 1873. For two years he was in the civil service at Ottawa, and resigned to contest Prescott County, which since 1886 he has represented in the Ontario Legislature, being several times elected by acclamation. He was for a number of years actively engaged in journalism. In 1887 he accompanied the Ontario cabinet to the Interprovincial Conference at Quebec, and was honorary secretary. He was speaker of the Legislature for two sessions, and was often complimented by both sides of the House for the manner in which he discharged the important duties of the position. In particular Mr. Evanturel's facility in both the English and French languages has stood him in good stead, both in the House and when en-gaged in election campaigns. In 1900 he was appointed honorary commissioner for Ontario at the Paris International Commission, a position which he filled most acceptably to all con-

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