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LONDON, TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

A futurist poem on spring is a good score-crow to drive off the perennial conventionalists.

From Central Brazil come reports of turmoil and tumult. Of course, isn't Mr. Roosevelt still charging through the jungle?

Cheer up! In the midst of war alarms from the four corners of the globe, we learn that Ty Cobb is knocking the ball of the four corners of the lot.

Militant suffragettes are learning to jui-jitsu in order to hamper the police when making arrests. Wonder if they have ever tried sitting on the sidewalk?

By the time Great Britain manages to locate the man who stabbed Benton, he and his fellows will themselves have fattened the buzzards.

Women seem to be doing a lot of shooting in gay Paris. It is not for women's rights, of which perhaps there are plenty in Paris, but just by way of impressing their opinions upon men.

If Canadian steel and iron companies cannot compete with United States companies without a bounty it would be interesting to know why the United States steel corporation decided to build a plant in Canada.

Mexican rumors say that John Lind, President Wilson's special agent, has reopened negotiations with Huerta. Perhaps Washington at last realizes what the rest of the world did long ago, that more can be accomplished through Huerta than Villa and Carranza.

What is Carson's game in Belfast? Does he intend to start the rebellion before home rule passes, in order to make it more difficult for the King to sign the measure? It will also make it more difficult for the King not to sign, if that were possible. Three-fourths of Ireland will not be bullied by a small minority, calling in the Kaiser. Or does King Edward now seek to quiet the followers who have taken him too literally.

At a political meeting last Saturday, the Premier of New Zealand took decided objection to Mr. Churchill's latest naval policy. He said his Government would take the earliest opportunity to ask the Parliament of New Zealand for authority to spend \$2,000,000 for the building of a cruiser. He believed his dominion should prepare its own ships and run its own navy. Which shows what a disloyal separatist is the Premier of New Zealand, according to Mr. Borden and his friends.

Conservative papers are virtuously indignant over certain disclosures made by Mr. Ferguson in his report on the Trent Canal, which, they seem to think, prove what wicked creatures the Liberals are. One of the transactions condemned was that a certain party contracted to supply dynamite at 27 cents a pound, that he bought it from a Kingston firm at 22 cents, and that all he had to do for his five-cents profit was to pass the invoices through his hands, the Kingston firm shipping the goods. But the critics all forget to say that this occurred since the Liberal Government went out of power, and that if there was any rake-off for any political party it must have been for the Conservatives themselves.

A MILITARY MUDDLE.

THE present disturbed situation in the British army is something unprecedented in modern times. Not since the days of the last civil war have military officers taken the ground that they have a right to decide whether they shall obey orders or not. They were told to go into Ulster Province to protect the military stores. That these stores were in danger of being looted by the discontented anti-home rulers was certain, if Sir Edward Carson and his followers were in earnest. Any government that failed to take precautionary measures under the circumstances would have been neglectful of its duty. There was no reason to suppose that the regiments ordered to Ulster were sent there to make war on the inhabitants. That would have been a proceeding not only criminal, but silly. But it was a simple duty of the Government to protect its own stores, and to preserve order. There was never any probability of the army being required to make war on Ulster. If Ulster would be quiet, it would not be disturbed. If Ulster created a riot, peace should be maintained.

But a number of officers, rather than obey orders, have resigned. They have no more power to resign than have the privates—and if it is permissible for officers to resign the same right belongs to the rank and file. There is no longer any discipline: the solidarity of the army as a servant of the people disappears. If the soldiers can take a passive part in a political faction fight, the next

step will be for them to take an active part.

The government of a country like Britain represents the people. If the army is free to obey or disobey, it is no longer the servant of the people. It is assuming to be the master, not the servant. In old Rome, it was no unusual thing for the army to overturn the government, kill the emperor, and elect another to his place. In Latin America, there have been cases not a few where the man who could control the army could overturn the government. Is this going to be the condition of affairs in Britain? Were the new theories of military service adopted, that would be the logical conclusion. It would mean military instead of civil rule.

The entire tendency of the Ulster agitation has been in this direction. The Carsonites have preached treason. They have enlisted and armed men with the avowed object of resisting by force the will of the people. In this they have been encouraged by the Unionist party, and the aristocratic element of society, who are willing to use any means available to damage a government which has shown itself the friend of the masses. The next step is the passive mutiny of officers of the same political and social stripe. Then we may easily expect active resistance to authority on the part of the military forces, who both in law and in honor are the servants of the people. And the final result might easily be military rule.

Not that we expect the movement to go that far. England is a democratic country. The people will rule, and those in high life as well as those in low will have to submit. But, in the meantime, there is a feeling of unrest, and of lawlessness, which those who have caused it may be unable to control. All except those who hope to profit by disorder will trust to the patience of the Government, and the underlying common sense of the vast majority of the people, for the safety and for the future of the nation. The explanations of the Premier yesterday make it apparent that some at least of the resignations were due to a misunderstanding of the orders received, and that they had thought they were being sent out for the purpose of conquering Ulster. They might have had sense enough to know that nothing of that sort was intended. It would be better if they had more confidence in the judgment of the civil powers, and not allow their own political prejudices to control their actions.

## MR. HANNA AND OIL.

THE following is from a statement made by Hon. W. J. Hanna in the Ontario Legislature on March 10, 1914:

"Ten years ago this month, if my memory serves me right, I made in this House a statement similar to the one that I today find it my duty to repeat. And that is this: That never at any time did I or my firm or any one connected with me receive directly or indirectly one dollar or one cent from the Standard Oil Company of anywhere."

"Now, then, having said this, let me repeat what I said ten years ago. There is in the town of Sarnia the Imperial Oil Company, a company incorporated in the late seventies or early eighties, a company the shareholders of which are a majority of them Canadian citizens, citizens of this Province; a company the majority of whose directors are Canadian citizens, citizens of this Province, men in the business life of this Province and on both sides of politics; that company has gone on doing business in this Province of Ontario and he whole Dominion of Canada. This business is confined to the Dominion of Canada. It is essentially a Canadian company."

"My firm in the town of Sarnia has transacted, as solicitors, the business for that company since 1897."

And the following is from a press dispatch sent out yesterday from Columbus, Ohio:

"In a suit filed in common pleas court here today, George H. Phelps, an attorney, of Findlay, Ohio, seeks to have the courts compel Attorney-General Hogan to institute proceedings to oust the Standard Oil Company and several of its subsidiaries from doing business in Ohio. The Standard Oil Company, the Ohio Oil Company, the Solar Refining Company, the Buckeye Pipe Line Company and the Imperial Oil Company of Canada are the corporations named in Phelps' petition. He avers that the Standard Oil Company and its subsidiaries named have continuously violated the Sherman anti-trust law and the Valentine anti-trust statute of this state."

## THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

CAN a more lugubrious set than the British Tories at the present time be imagined? We hear of meetings at which wheezy old men like Lord Bessborough proclaim the decadence of England. And yet her prosperity has risen in the last few years to heights beyond all calculation. There are practically no unemployed in Great Britain outside a minimum margin of the unemployable. The trouble is that domestic questions gain attention at the expense of war and militarism, the people are taking government into their own hands, and have shown themselves too intelligent to be fooled with tariff lies.

The Lloyd George budget was the beginning of grief, in that the rich began to be taxed. But the impending abolition of the plural voting is the immediate calamity. If only the Government of Asquith could be jockeyed out of office over the home rule issue or any issue, the Plural Voting Act might be staved off indefinitely.

A wall goes up from the even more moderate Conservatives, like Lord Esher, that Parliament is no longer what it was, that is does not represent the people, and that some sort of referendum is needed. The Tory idea is that the House of Lords should be at liberty to refer all Liberal measures to the people on the chance of choking them off one by one. That is a one-sided deal. In an article recently quoted in The



# On the Spur of the Moment

by Roy K. Moulton

## The Man Worth While.

When you have seven millions  
And lead the cottons,  
And have fifteen automobiles,  
And live in a mansion,  
With room for expansion  
And know how true luxury feels;  
When you're like J. P. Morgan  
And have a pipe organ  
To play during all of your meals;  
When you're robust and healthy,  
And wondrously wealthy  
And not chained to any man's wheels,  
You may be optimistic and grin like a cat,  
But you don't deserve any credit for that.

When you're workin' like thunder  
To find enough plunder  
To feed seven kids and a wife;  
When the lean men all haunt you  
And creditors taunt you  
Until you are sick of the strife;  
When you have to hustle  
And bustle and tussle  
And high cost of living is rife;  
When your pay goes for fuel  
And codfish and gruel  
And there's no soft spot in your life;  
When things can go that way and you  
Can still smile,  
I say you're a man that is strictly worth while.

## Signs of the Times.

Empty barrels always make the most noise. There is the grand Mexican patriot, Carranza, for instance.

John Zeno is a New York theatre manager. He missed his calling. The weather bureau is just yawning for him.

A tame thing like an earthquake will never be able to shock New York very much, after Gabby and Evelyn.

Paris is pleased with the new Chinese dances. They must be even tougher than the Argentine tango.

Since Professor Taft has begun writing for the Statepost he has become almost inimitable.

Alexican grape shot and American grape juice diplomacy are bound to clash sooner or later.

One of the little ironies of life. Rains County, Texas, has gone dry.

Who can remember whether the ground hog did or didn't?

## Well! Well!

Now comes a learned eastern scientist

Advertiser, Lord Esher laments that the Asquith ministry consists not of hereditary politicians, but mainly of upstart vulgarians. "The House of Commons," he says, "is no longer composed of free and independent representatives elected to redress grievances, and to legislate for the people, but of paid delegates."

When was the British parliamentarian freer than today? Not before 1832, when men and constituencies were openly for sale. Lord Esher means that the members of Parliament are bound today by the party caucus and platform, and it may be true that before the more thorough organization of party machinery there was in the 40's and 50's of last century a sort of turbulent freedom among some members of Parliament, not always enjoyed by their constituents. But Lord Esher suggests that the present rigidity of party lines is due to the payment of members! Party rigidity had come in long before parliamentary salaries. Payment of members, to admit poor men, there's the rub to the upholder of caste!

And the Government forces cannot be split on the home rule question. Not one man can be seduced from his pledges.

"Popular representation—the delegation of legislative power—had for its basis the illiteracy of a people." Modern education, then, according to Lord Esher, has created a need for "more direct working than the parliamentary system has hitherto afforded. It is likely to afford."

Now, when did he learn that representation was based on anything but (1) the Government's need of taxes, (2) the taxpayers' right to grant or withhold supplies, and to appropriate them specifically, (3) the impossibility, especially in former times, of every taxpayer's personally expressing his will, on each detail of public finance and legislation? British representation has been always of manhood and property, not of illiteracy. It is a matter of convenience.

"The fact is, the British House of Commons has never been in its history so thoroughly representative of all classes of the nation as it is today, since the Labor Party got a footing in it. And men like Ramsay MacDonald, Barnes, Snowden, Crooks and Burns are as fit to rule as any titled nobodies of former times—certainly no wild eulogy. The House of Commons has never been freer from the control of cliques, selfish interests and Society, though much no doubt remains to be desired."

## ABE MARTIN



Next t' a painter climbin' around over a scaffold he haint nothin' as cute an' cunning as a pet parrot. When I look at some rich folks I don't blame fortune for smilin'.

who says that stoutness is due to deficient mentality. He does not go as far as to say that all portly folks are fools, but simply intimates that they are a bit shy of gray matter. Their attitudes are not entirely vacant, but there is some room to rent.

Sam Blythe, William Howard Taft, George K. Chesterton, Charlie Frohman, Henry Clay Frick, Senator Ollie James, George V. Hobart and about ten million other gentlemen in this country who lap over the 200 mark to a greater or lesser extent will be worried to learn that to a certain extent they are non compos mentis.

Come to think of it, we weigh 210 ourselves. That eastern scientist is a plain, ordinary liar, that's all.

## A Pot Boiler.

How comes the poet who will sing Anent the joys of gentle spring.

And try to sell his verse.

He tries to spread this ancient bunk In lines whose feet are always drunk.

Break each year it sounds worse.

He writes about the daffodill.

And other pretty-flowers that fill The wind with fragrance rare.

He sits and tunes his bally lyre, While others are making fire

To warm the chilly air.

He knows well when he writes his stuff That early spring is just a bluff.

But he has got to eat.

And so he pulls his blasted fake On gentle spring, for he must make

Enough for bread and meat.

## Uncle Abner.

All things considered, a baby cab represents just about as much of an investment as an automobile.

There is a rubber trust in our town. The members of it stand out in front of the postoffice on windy afternoons.

Anse Frisby, our banker, says it is harder to break out of jail. He ought to know. He has tried both.

I often wonder what the Mexicans do when they are not fighting.

Hank Frisby and his wife sold all of their bedroom suites, their gas stove and their dining room furniture to buy an automobile, and still some say there is no prosperity in this country.

It doesn't take long to find out what some people know and what they do know ain't worth findin' out.

## From Western Ontario Press.

### FEWER CLOTHES.

[Guelph Mercury.]

Dame Fashion says that women will wear fewer clothes than ever this summer. In the words of the cartoonist, "For the love of Mike, be reasonable!"

### GREEN APPLES.

[Galt Reporter.]

An American suggests that fruit trees replace the shade trees in cities, so that the shade might reap the benefit. The greatest benefit would likely be to the compounders of stomach remedies.

### NOTHING IN IT.

[Stratford Beacon.]

The Carsonites in Ulster would have the world believe that they would rather fight than vote. No coercion is threatened. All that has to be is to vote themselves out of home rule, remain as they are for six years, and if then they do not want themselves in, continue the voting out process. What's there in this to fight about?

### CUT OFF THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

[Brantford Expositor.]

It must be apparent to any person that the best way to check bribery at elections is to cut off the source of supply for campaign funds. This is a side of the question which it is to be hoped the Minister of Justice will not overlook, and try to connect with which he deals with it will be the test of the sincerity of his professed desire to lessen, and, so far as possible, exterminate, electoral corruption.

## Voice of the People

### Justice For Teachers.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Dear Sir,—In view of the continued appearance in the reports of the meetings of the board of education, of insinuations and indefinite charges concerning the efficient of the women teachers, the following extracts from the published reports of chairmen's addresses in recent years, might be of interest to the public.

Mr. J. W. Westervelt, chairman in 1909, thus expressed himself:

"I have been privileged to visit a number of home-seekers' excursions, COLONIST FARES AND SETTLERS' TRAINS TO THE WEST."

Those taking advantage of above excursions should bear in mind the many exclusive features offered by the Canadian Pacific Railway in connection with a trip to the West. It is the only all-Canadian route. Only line operating through trains to Western Canada. No change of depots. Only line operating through standard and Tourist sleepers to Winnipeg and Vancouver. All equipment is owned and operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway, affording the highest form of efficiency.

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Each Tuesday until April 23, the Canadian Pacific will run settlers' trains to Winnipeg and West, and for the accommodation of settlers travelling with live stock and effects, a colonist car will be attached to the settlers' effects train. This car will leave Toronto on regular train at 10:20 p.m. and on arrival at West Toronto it will be attached to settlers' effects train, as mentioned above.

For those not travelling with live stock and effects, special Colonist cars will be attached to regular trains from Toronto, running through to Winnipeg without change. No charge is made for accommodation in Colonist cars.

Tourist sleeping cars are also operated on regular trains leaving Toronto 10:20 p.m. daily.

Full particulars from any C. P. R. agent, or write M. G. Murphy, district passenger agent, Toronto, Mar. 18, 20, 24, 27.

# Easter in Less Than Three Weeks

It is spring by the calendar, and very soon it will be springlike weather, then everybody will be in a hurry for new clothes. Easter is less than three weeks away, so it behooves the woman who is unprepared to make an immediate start in the selection of Easter needs.

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ber of the schools and examine the pupils in some of the subjects on the curriculum, and I am forced to the conclusion that we have as capable and painstaking a staff of teachers as is to be found in any of the public schools of Canada."

I quote the following from the report of Mr. W. W. Gammage, who was chairman in 1910:

"To him (the inspector) is due, in a measure, the high state of efficiency of our staff, for whenever weakness is found, immediate steps are taken to rectify it."

Mr. John M. Gunn, chairman in 1912, is reported thus:

"During the year 1912 the same high standard of excellence for which our public schools have been justly credited has been well maintained. We are happy in having a faithful and efficient staff of teachers, who put not only time and energy, but also heart and spirit into their work."

Mr. Gammage's statement alone would lead one to infer, that the present cry "of inefficiency" has no justification.

To my mind, Mr. Editor, I think it is time these insinuations against women teachers should cease. One never hears of them when male teachers are concerned. It is unchivalrous and unjust to thus discriminate; and as for the London teachers, a finer body of conscientious, painstaking women is not to be found anywhere.

I hope to live to see the day, when justice will be accorded them, by the payment of equal salaries with men, for equal work.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for this space, Sincerely yours, E. M. TILLEY.

March 23.

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