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BEFORE AND AFTER

Unwilling to wait long enough to get the facts, the unhappy Standard, which condemned Mr. Fielding in advance as a trucker and a bearer of tribute to Washington, finds itself in an awkward and ridiculous position now that the whole country has the details of the new tariff agreement.

MODIFIED TRANSPORTS

In view of the affected excitement in a section of the Conservative press over the tariff agreement, it is a curious fact that the American newspapers have not yet discovered the great victory their statesmen are supposed to have won.

A CONSERVATIVE VIEW

One of the few Conservative newspapers which did not shout "Surrender" before seeing the list of articles affected by the new tariff agreement, and which thus avoided the foolish position now occupied by the Standard and others of its class, is the Toronto News.

THE OUNCE OF PREVENTION

While our works of charity multiply and the spirit of true religion grows ever stronger, society still goes on neglecting the basic causes of crime and treating the symptoms of its own neglect.

concessions are shocking, that we shall be overwhelmed by an influx of cheap American feathers, watch springs, soap, perfumery, nuts, raisins, and prunes; but the consumer will smile, knowing that the protectionist heathen rage, not because of the thirteen items on which duties are lowered, but because the expected tariff war has been averted and their hope for war prices and war profits in the home market is gone.

THAT TROLLEY LINE

Despatches from Ottawa the other day quoted Solicitor General McLeod as saying the Valley railway would be operated by electricity. That was the impression conveyed by Mr. Hazen's speech when he introduced the Gould scheme.

Thus, if we are to accept the testimony of all these Conservative witnesses, the trolley line is the Hazen government's solution of the Valley problem.

But thus far Mr. Hazen and Mr. McLeod and their eager newspaper supporters have failed to satisfy public curiosity as to certain practical details. Suppose, for example, that the credit of the province to the extent of \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 were really placed at Mr. Gould's disposal for an electric road. What would be the result in winter? Is there any road 200 miles long, handling heavy traffic, in successful operation under conditions such as we have in the interior of this province between the end of November and the middle of March?

The electric scheme so touted by Mr. Hazen and his newspapers represents at best a partisan device to avoid I. C. R. lease and operation of the first class railway which the people of the river counties desire to see built.

PORT EXPANSION

St. John, its progress and its prospects, figured extensively in the House of Commons discussion yesterday, and the Minister of Public Works, in explaining the work of expansion now going forward at this port, took occasion to correct Mr. Haggart's impression that Courtenay Bay is not a part of St. John harbor.

IN A BAD WAY

The Standard expresses the opinion that the matter of the Conservative leadership in Parliament is not a live question. If it is not a live question it is odd that Conservative newspapers throughout Canada are giving it so much obviously anxious consideration.

SAVING HIS FACE

"Mr. Taft," says the Montreal Star, "needed something to save his face. Sir Wilfrid provided it, and after all it was a trivial concession, and may some day prove to have been a good investment as evidence of goodwill."

MR. ROCSEVELT'S LATEST

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stood on both sides that practically all we wanted was a face-saving concession. That we have received, and trade will follow in its accustomed channels."

Let us add to these straightforward and unprejudiced tributes to the wisdom of Canada's course, a word from Ambassador Bryce as to Mr. Taft. Mr. Bryce does not share the view expressed by some of our more violent Conservative journals, that Mr. Taft was engaged in trying to bluff this country by threats of tariff war.

In his address Judge Wallace sketches the varied attempts which have been made to deal with the problem of juvenile crime. He shows the futility of the suspended sentence system, under which the child is permitted to return to its old environment without any effort at supervision.

Judge Wallace makes the strong point that parents should be made to realize that juvenile courts or other institutions can in no way relieve them of their responsibility. He says: "Instead of punishing the child it is far more sensible in many instances to punish the parents who contribute either directly or indirectly to the delinquency of their children."

Canada's tariff policy is only three days old, yet already throughout the Dominion there is well-nigh unanimous agreement that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Fielding in every step of the tariff negotiations, and in the settlement, acted with admirable judgment, and have added notably to their enviable record of public service.

THE FIGHT OVER BORDEN

"Broken and disorganized and more or less at sixes and sevens," is the Toronto World's description of the Conservative party at Ottawa. More than half of the Conservative members, the World asserts, want a new leader. The World suggests that they should go beyond a change of leadership and reorganize the party on new lines, discarding the extremists and the Bourbons, and adopting a progressive policy which would appeal to the country.

Mr. F. D. Monk, who is in Virginia, wires to La Presse denouncing the Toronto News, which have been representing him as conspiring against Mr. Borden. The World's articles give support to Mr. Monk's statement, for it says Quebec Conservatives have no idea of backing Mr. Monk for the leadership, though they are determined that Mr. Borden shall resign before the proposed convention. The News admits that there is a plan afoot to de-throne Mr. Borden, and half-heartedly defends him as the best man in sight.

"The course of the intrigue to get rid of the Borden leadership is well worth watching," says the Montreal Herald. "It is being intimated to Mr. Borden indirectly, but plainly, that he will not do. The Quebec members are credited with having said so very frankly. In other parts of the country the unfortunate leader is being damned with faint praise. The party convention has had to be postponed. Mr. Borden's followers are doing the one thing most destructive of leadership, calmly and half-heartedly discussing his fitness for the post of leader."

"Mr. Borden's fault or weakness," says the Toronto Star, in reviewing the trouble, "lay in yielding to the insurgents, against his own better judgment. But can the insurgents blame him? Which fire-eater among them is to accomplish the task of reconciling Quebec, and the Conservative party? ... A new question is now before the people, our relations with the United States. The Opposition will again be urged to take a violent unreasoning course, and to seek to embarrass the government by describing the arrangement with the United States as a base surrender. Mr. Borden will be again urged to fight, to do something spectacular. It will be interesting to see whether the counsels of violence are accepted, or whether Mr. Borden and his colleagues will be warned by the disastrous result of the attempt to make party capital out of naval defence."

The Conservative party needs both a leader and a policy. To go into open contention and seek to find both seems likely to precipitate a row of large dimensions, so the convention was postponed.

NOT THE SAME JOSHUA

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UNCLE WALT

The Poet Philosopher

We're questioning the distant stars, to lay their secrets bare; do human beings live on Mars? Is Saturn round or square? We dig into the mystery of all the universe, not knowing if results will be a blessing or a curse.

MAN'S CURIOSITY

One day, while resting 'neath a tree, to dodge the noontide heat, a wondrous bird camped down by me, upon the garden seat. I was not satisfied to gaze upon its wings of gauze; I felt that I its form must raise, and hold it in my paws. I was not satisfied to view its beauties from afar; I was like grown up people who must dig into a star.

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open discussion not only in the columns of Liberal newspapers, but in some sections of the Conservative press.

"WHAT IS NEEDED IS A GENERAL HOUSE-CLEANING AND REORGANIZATION. WHATEVER ELEMENTS STAND IN THE WAY OF UNITY AND HARMONY SHOULD BE REMOVED, DISCIPLINE MUST BE ESTABLISHED, AND A UNITED FRONT PRESENTED. THE OPPOSITION IS NOT DOING, AND HAS NOT FOR SOME TIME BEEN DOING, ITS BEST WORK; IT HAS BEEN MISSING OPPORTUNITIES AND FAILING TO ACHIEVE RESULTS. THIS IS LARGELY DUE TO DISSENSIONS WITHIN ITS OWN RANKS, WHICH HAVE A MOST DISHEARTENING EFFECT. REORGANIZATION IS IMPERATIVE, AND THE SOONER REORGANIZATION TAKES PLACE THE BETTER."

"To allow the present condition of affairs to drift along until the general election is approaching, and then call a convention with the joint object of reconciling discordant factions and organizing for the imminent campaign, is out of the question. No is the accepted time for the party to set its house in order, and by its accomplishment in opposition justify the confidence of the people to manage both its own business and that of the country. The Conservative party years ago learnt the lesson that the people will not continue to entrust the affairs of the country to a government torn by internal dissensions, no matter how otherwise able and patriotic the members of that government may be.

How much less chance there is of the people of Canada transferring the reins of the government to an opposition that is divided against itself. For the Federal opposition to drift along under existing circumstances is merely a waste of time; therefore, a convention should be held at the earliest convenient time, so that the situation may be thrashed out, reorganization effected, discordant elements reconciled or eliminated, and if necessary, a new line adopted."

THE PULPWOOD QUESTION

The Forestry Convention held in Fredericton a few weeks ago avoided a declaration in favor of restricting the export of Crown Land pulpwood, hesitation being due to fear in some quarters that the American government was soon to impose the maximum rates on Canadian lumber. The convention was divided as to the wisdom of restriction, but it is probable that a majority vote in favor of home manufacture would have been recorded had it not been for the unsettled tariff dispute between Ottawa and Washington.

NOTE AND COMMENT

A judicial Ottawa contemporary, having looked over the evidence, feels compelled to confer upon the St. John Standard a position in the front rank of the Andrias Club.

After thoughtful consideration of the prunes, the nuts and raisins and the feathers, the sorrowful Standard has decided that Sir Wilfrid and Mr. Fielding must be allowed to remain in office a little longer.

A leader whose friends openly discuss the expediency of his retirement may be a charming person, but he isn't leading and is a fool if he makes believe to be."

"The truth is not merely out at last, but admitted at last. The convention had to be postponed because Mr. Borden cannot bring a united party to it, and Mr. Borden may feel that in such circumstances there is nothing left for him to do but to resign and clear the way for someone who can do better."

A Connecticut man has just invented a fishing rod with an attachment which weighs the big ones that get away. There will be no great demand for it. No self-respecting fisherman would accept the evidence of the scales against that of his own eyes, if the victim escaped, and a ton of fish scales wouldn't convince the non-angler who has to listen to the fish stories. The inventor is proceeding on the assumption that in fishing matters the bald truth is what is wanted, which shows he is a fisherman and mildly demented to boot.

A modest man is Sir Ernest Shackleton. "Will you capture the South Pole yourself?" an American reporter asked him. "Maybe," he replied, "but I rather fancy that Scott'll be the chap. You see I can't start until after he's had his try. And that'll be a year or more. Scott (that's Captain Henry Scott), has been given a government grant of 20,000 pounds to go after the Pole, and he's going to start in June. Of course he'll take my route, which extended to within a little more than 100 miles of the Pole and I rather think he'll go all the way. I pick Scott to win."

STRIKE AT HAMILTON, ONT., STEEL PLANT

About 500 Foreigners Walk Out When Refused Increased Pay and Make Trouble for the Police.

Hamilton, Ont., April 1.—(Special)—A serious outbreak occurred at the Steel plant this morning when the foreigners struck for more money. About 250 of them walked out because the company would not grant an increase in pay from 15 to 20 cents per hour.

Shortly after they were joined by many more and as they assumed a threatening attitude the police went down and the foreigners showed signs of making trouble in rushing the gateway, that was being guarded. Detective Coulter fired shots over their heads.

The furnaces were banked up and the plant was temporarily shut down. The police succeeded in dispersing the foreigners, but are closely watching the place to prevent any attacks they might make.

A CONFERENCE OF EXPERTS.

Three sailors sat by Mon's pier. Each strange of dress and rather queer. Said Number One: "What brings us here?" Said Number Two: "Me little tale is known to all the men who sail—I came here, steerge in a whale—I'm Jonah."

Said Number One to Number Two: "Me job's collecting for a zoo; The gnat, the elephant, the guu, The bo, The ape, the meel, the adder, and the skunk. All shared me and shared me bank. I swam ashore when I was drunk—I'm Noah."

Said Number Three: "You see in me A bar of the first degree, Me gallant ship, the Jennie G., Got in bad, Last night, when I was on the mast, A hurricane blew in so fast. It dropped me here where I stuck fast—I'm Sinbad."

Said Number One: "When I was young I grabbed a sword-fish by the tongue And, jittin' him full strength I swung A chasm."

Said Number Two: "I've often slew Large octopusses, which I give With such fierce looks they fall into A spasm."

When Number Three was just about To tell a larger tale, no doubt about And for a tall and mighty spout Was panned."

A stranger blew in from the sea. "My word!" said Sinbad: "Who is he?" Replied the stranger: "I am B. Munchausen."

Seeing the sailors Three turn pale The baron cried in accents hale: "Don't let me interrupt your tale—I shouldn't."

Mr. Noah merely cleared his throat. And Jonah buttoned up his coat, While Sinbad tried an anecdote, But couldn't.

Sinbad and Noah nervously Exclaimed at last: "It's time for tea, Our wife is waiting home and she Expects."

But Jonah with a stubborn pride Plunged headlong in the seething tide And thus committed suicide. (Quick exit.)

So lonesome stood the baron old Beside the waters wild and cold. And to himself tall tales he told, Howard.

The fact is: Like folks who sing or paint or weep, Great larks always have to keep In practice. —Wallace Irwin, in Smith's Magazine.

(National Monthly)

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"One day an old drake was brought in from the mountain district under suspicion of maintaining an illicit still. There was no real evidence against him.

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On March 29, before the facts were known, the Toronto Mail and Empire, senior Conservative organ of Ontario, printed a column of editorial frenzy, the intended meaning of which was that Mr. Taft had bluffed and tricked Mr. Fielding and Mr. Graham and taken from them their country's "fiscal independence and industrial welfare" in return for a "gold brick."

The Toronto Mail Mullah of journalism, upon studying the text of the tariff agreement, will feel a trifle silly, and if it could feel as silly as it looks now that the facts are out there might be hope for its return to sanity.

WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, March 30.—Mr. Hayden was a visitor in St. week.

Mr. Irvine, of St. John, is fill of accountant in the Bank of the, made vacant by the removal of Mr. Mortimer Smith.

Miss Florence Snow was a guest at Lena Hayward at Hartland last week.

Mr. LeBaron Dibble, of Marquette, spent Easter in town with his wife, Mrs. George D. Ireland and Miss S. Sutton went to St. John to spend a few days.

Miss Elsie King, of Sackville, spending her vacation with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. King, of St. John.

Mrs. S. S. Miller and children, land, spent Easter in town with Mr. and Mrs. Henderson.

Mr. Percy Hartley is home from Albion for vacation.

Mrs. Charlo Berrie and Mr. Waddell left on Friday for a job.

Mr. Harry G. Noble spent home with his family.

Mr. John Watt was a visitor in St. John last week.

Miss Maud Henderson returns after a visit with Mrs. S. S. Hartland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Murray (Ont.), are spending a few days in town with Mr. and Mrs. Rahan Vince, of Bath, this week.

Mr. Charles Jones came to St. John, N. B. at Fredericton on Tuesday.

Mrs. Benjamin Griffith is in St. John.

Dr. Boone and Mrs. Boone at St. John.

Mr. Donald Matheson spent Monday.

Mr. Willard L. Carr and Mrs. Carr spent a few days at Hartland, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Graham.

Mr. Avard White is home from the holidays.

School Inspector St. John, to spend Easter at Millville, with Mrs. William Graham.

Mrs. Frederick W. Harris week to spend a month at Clarendon.

Mr. William Fisher was in St. John last week.

Mr. Charles F. K. Dibble, Rock, spent Easter in town with his family.

Mrs. George W. Gibson and Margaret Gibson left on the Sackville (Que.) called on the guests of Mrs. Gibson's sister, M. Baker.

Mr. Robert J. Lindsey and family spent a portion of the week in St. John.

Mrs. John Graham was a visitor in St. John last week.

Mrs. Charles Campbell, of St. John, was the guest of her sister, Jane, in St. John.

Mr. Murray Wetmore, of St. John, spent Easter in town.

Miss Mabel Atherton, of Ladies' College, is spending with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Atherton.

Mr. J. P. Maloney spent Wednesday last week in St. John.

Mrs. Wilmot Hay and Mrs. M. are spending a few days in St. John.

Mr. William V. Dalling is in St. John.

Mr. Donald Munro spent Fredericton, returning on Friday.

Mr. John S. Leighton, of St. John, week-end in town.

Miss Adeline, of St. John, of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace W. of Mr. Frederick A. Stevenson, dresses, is in town this week.

Miss Augusta Sanborn, of (R. L.), is visiting her sister, Howard.

Miss Sadie Fawcett, of the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. Garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dismundston, were visitors in St. John.

Mrs. Harry E. Clark, of St. John, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. B. Friday to spend a few days in St. John.

F. B. Carvell, M. P., Mrs. Miss Mildred Carvell arrived on Saturday.

Mr. Charles Crawford left for St. John.

Miss Lucy Phillips, of School House, is spending with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. tended the governor's ball at the week.

Mrs. Frances Hawthorne, of St. John, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

Mr. Kenneth Sutton spent Andover.

Mrs. A. R. Foster, of Simonsville, spent the week in St. John.

Miss Gladys Jardine, of St. John, is visiting Miss Jean McLardy.

Mrs. Allan J. McLean, of Sunday in town with Mr. and Mrs. Kyle.

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