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THE ULSTER TROUBLE

The effort of Lord Loreburn to bring about a conference between the leaders of the two parties in the United Kingdom, for a discussion of the Irish question, appears to be doomed to failure. The government very properly insists that the acceptance of home rule would have to be agreed to at the outset, and to this the Unionist leaders will not assent. The only terms on which they would enter a conference would be that the whole question of the government of Ireland be re-opened for consideration. Some progress might have been made toward a better understanding between the parties but for the pernicious activity of Sir Edward Carson and Mr. P. E. Smith, M.P., who have encouraged the Unionists of Ulster to believe that if they rebelled they would have the sympathy of the people of Great Britain.

It is apparently as difficult for a Tory paper in Canada to give a fair statement of the case concerning Ulster as for a Tory paper in Ulster itself. For example, the Montreal Star has sent a special representative into Ulster to describe conditions there. In a cable on Monday, he began by saying that "Ulster's defiance is no bluff," and concluded with this sentence:—"The home rule crisis has moulded Ulster into a democracy of countesses, girl operators of mills, peers, clerks and gardeners." Such a statement conveys the impression that the whole province of Ulster is ready to rise in arms against the government. The truth of the matter is that more than half the people of Ulster are heartily in favor of home rule. It is not true, therefore, that Ulster is threatening rebellion. A few fire-eaters talk in that strain, and although they may be able to precipitate riots and even armed resistance, the outbreak could not but fail, because its leaders would be guilty of treason against the King and the state, and would have against them the great body of public opinion, not merely in Ireland, but throughout the United Kingdom.

The Manchester Guardian very properly points out that if the task of coercing one-fourth of the Irish people is one to be avoided, that of coercing the remaining three-fourths does not present any greater attractions. Moreover, the English people are determined to put an end to the old system in Ireland, and the Unionist leaders may as well look the facts in the face. If the home rule bill becomes law, it cannot be doubted for one moment that respect for the law will be enforced by the full power of the British government.

Mr. Bonar Law, Lord Lansdowne and other Unionist leaders of Great Britain have done their cause an incalculable injury by their failure to repudiate Sir Edward Carson and Mr. P. E. Smith. They will be compelled to do it sooner or later, for those two fire-brands are in a fair way to make themselves liable to prosecution under the treason and felony act. The Irish question has been a source of trouble in British politics for many years, and it is most unfortunate at a time when a conference might be of some service that the leaders of the Unionist party should permit themselves to be so governed by partisan consideration as to allow the Carsonian campaign to be carried on without protest.

A correspondent of the Manchester Guardian sets out the reasons why the English non-conformists do not rally to the support of the Ulster Unionists. A Belfast religious paper had contended that all non-conformists should support the cause of the Presbyterians in Ulster, and this correspondent points out that the question is not religious but political. Since the Ulster Presbyterians have chosen to unite themselves with one political party, they become responsible for the whole policy of that party. The correspondent of the Guardian asks what the non-conformists of England would get if they assisted in defeating the Asquith government, and he answers:—"Conscription for one thing, further endowment of voluntary schools for another, lightened taxation for the liquor traffic and a protective tariff to make the lot of the poor still harder." The correspondent contends that these possibilities are at least as much religious questions as the framing of a new plan of government for Ireland. But he goes on, what would happen if home rule were now denied and England had the majority in Ireland to deal with instead of the minority? Outside one corner of Ulster this correspondent believes there is a very general feeling that the educative effects of the long struggle for self-government have been excellent, and he regards it as singular that the Protestants in Belfast are so much more afraid of home rule than those of Dublin, where the Roman Catholic majority is so large. In conclusion he says:—

"Our reply, then, to our Free Church brethren in Ulster, when they reproach us with betraying them to their natural enemies, is twofold. First, we remind them that they have sold themselves too cheaply to the political party which at present is championing their cause. They have no right to expect us to instal the Opposition in office without exacting pledges that they will keep better than

those they made in 1900 and broke when they passed their Licensing and Education Acts. To earnest men with the Free Church temperament and convictions the difficulty in voting for Bonar Law and Carson is at least as great as that which keeps the Ulster Presbyterian from voting for Redmond, and every whit as much a religious difficulty. And secondly, we have learnt by long experience that free institutions, in the daylight of full publicity, have a wonderful power to destroy the abuses which Ulster Protestants fear."

KEEP TO THE FACTS

The Frederickton Gleaner apparently believes that its Tory readers are so blindly partisan or so utterly stupid that they will accept and believe any sort of nonsense it may be pleased to serve up to them. For example, the Gleaner asserts that the deposit of Cammell, Laird & Company, in connection with their tender for the establishment of a ship-building enterprise at St. John, was not part of a genuine scheme, but part of a political frame-up to fool the people. Of course the Gleaner itself does not for one moment believe that Dr. Pugsley could get a great British shipbuilding firm to make a deposit of \$100,000 just to advance his political fortunes, or the fortunes of the Laurier government. Neither the Gleaner nor Mr. Hazen can get away from the facts. When the Borden government came into power, there was the tender and there was the deposit, and if Mr. Hazen had desired to have a shipbuilding plant established at St. John, it was clearly his duty to hold on to that deposit and call upon the company to carry out its undertaking. He failed to do so, and no amount of dodging will enable him to evade the responsibility.

It is announced that a feature of the opening meeting of the Borden Club will be an address by the president of the Royal Life Saving Society. Is it as bad as that with the Borden Club, or is this for the benefit of Mr. Hazen?

An Ottawa despatch to the Standard announces that the by-election in Chateauguay will take place on October 11th, and in East Middlesex probably on October 21st. The government will strain every nerve to gain victories in these constituencies.

The general principle that street and road construction should be done with an eye to the needs of the future will not be disputed by the citizens of St. John. If the cost is greater than that of patch work, it will pay in the end to assume the obligation.

The meeting of the Baptist Association which is now being held in this city is an event of much interest, and brings together a great many earnest people, who desire greatly to promote the welfare of society as well as to affirm the religious beliefs of their denomination.

In the city of Manchester, England, school children were provided last summer with plants to be cultivated by them, and certificates of merit were awarded to those who were successful in the work, which would also be to them a great source of pleasure. The plan would be a very good one for other cities to adopt.

Dr. Evans Darby, who has been secretary of the Peace Society in the mother country for a quarter of a century, has come to Canada to conduct a peace mission. It is announced that he will conduct this mission from coast to coast, going through to Victoria, B. C., and then working east to the Atlantic. Dr. Darby no doubt means well, but since he does not appear to know that there is an emergency he cannot reasonably expect a very cordial welcome from Mr. Borden; while the mere thought of what Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes may do to him makes one shudder.

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BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

The Hon. O. M. Marshall, minister of agriculture for Alberta, was born in Bruce County, Ont., on September 24, 1872. He was originally a school teacher and then took up newspaper work. Removing to Edmonton a few years ago, he became editor and manager of the Bulletin. He was elected to the legislature in 1908 and soon after took office in the government.

W. M. Macpherson, of Quebec, president of the Molson Bank, and a prominent and active citizen of Quebec, celebrates his sixty-fifth birthday today. He has been long engaged in the shipping business and in addition is associated with quite a number of other enterprises.

The Hon. "Joe" Martin, of Ontario, and was successively school teacher and barrister. He held office in the Manitoba government and was for a time premier of British Columbia. He now resides in England, where he is a member of the House of Commons there.

LIGHTER VEIN

Their Resemblance

Mrs. Nubridge—My dear Jack is so handsome he resembles a Greek god.

Mrs. Longwood—So does my husband, Bacchus.

Wet, Not Dry Goods

(Life)

A Dressmaker's Comment on Old Ocean—A watery stuff that, ruffled by the air's pursuing touch, curls like a hen along the bias beach, and is fettered on its selvedge by the foam.

Enterprises

(Everybody's)

Three clothing stores are in the same block. One morning the middle proprietor said to the right of him a big sign, "Bankrupt Sale," and to the left, "Closing Out at Cost." Twenty minutes later he appeared over his own door, in large letters: "Main Entrance."

Sporting Proposition

(Life)

Mother—Now, children, I want you to kiss Mrs. Lemon good-bye.

Elder Brother—Come on, Billy, be a sport. I'll be over in a second.

Good Advice

First—There is one sign that should be placed over every letter box in the city.

Second—What is that?

First—Post No Bills.

That's Different

Kitty—They say, you know, that love makes the world go round.

Marie—Maybe; but it cannot make the eligible young men go round.

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MAY FINISH WORK ON TARIFF BILL TODAY

Washington, Sept. 23—Chairman Simmons, of the joint congressional tariff conference committee, informed officials of the state department today that he did not believe it necessary to supplement the tariff bill with any resolution designed to continue existing trade regulations with foreign countries. The point, raised yesterday by Secretary Bryan, was the subject of a further conference today between Senator Simmons and Robert F. Rose, foreign trade adviser of the department.

The conference today completed most of the administrative sections of the tariff bill, but left open a number of important items that will be disposed of tomorrow. These included the retaliatory section of the law, the anti-dumping clause, and the section giving five per cent rebate in tariff on goods brought in American-owned ships.

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