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### A NARROW-MINDED PROTEST.

A resolution of protest, ridiculous on the face of it, against the nomination of Mr. Walter H. Page as United States Ambassador to Great Britain was introduced last week by a member of the Executive Committee, at a meeting of the London Trades Council, on the strength of a letter written from the Allied Trades Council of Greater New York, and signed, "Charles L. Conway, Secretary of the National Brotherhood of Bookbinders." After describing Mr. Page as a member of the firm of Doubleday, Page & Company, the letter says: "This concern is bitterly opposed to organized labor. The only department that forced recognition from the union standpoint was the bookbinders, but they are now on strike, being forced out as the policy of the firm is to replace them with boys." The letter concludes by asking all "the organized labor of the United Kingdom to assist us in giving this matter the widest publicity, and also to tie a protest to our Government on its selection, and a protest to your own Government for its acceptance of this man."

It is satisfactory to note that the resolution of this appeal has been promptly and effectively. Mr. Peter J. Brady, secretary of the Allied Printing Trades Council of New York, which apparently is being confounded with the "Allied Trades Council," has in the New York Post that his organization had nothing to do with the protest against Mr. Page, and did not share in its feeling, and that the National Brotherhood of Bookbinders is an organization which was expelled from the Allied Printing Trades Council some years ago for violent, or at any rate, non-union conduct. The Brotherhood, he explained, has no standing with the American Federation of Labor, and by its radical policy places itself more in a class with the Industrial Workers of the World. "The Allied Printing Trades Council has no animus against Mr. Page," he added, "in spite of the fact that he was a member of a non-union establishment."

Mr. Page, who is now on his way to England, is likely to suffer any embarrassment from this agitation, which is typical of the campaign methods of the I. W. W., an organization which has been repudiated by all the better class labor unions in the Republic. It is true the extreme members of the labor party of Great Britain have protested to Sir Edward Grey against the recognition of Mr. Page, on the ground that he has proved himself by his writing an opponent to union labor and as such is repugnant to them, but they appear to forget that Sir Edward Grey is a statesman whose duty and pleasure it will be to welcome the Democratic representative of the United States without drawing any distinctions as to whether or not he supports union labor. The repudiation by the Allied Printing Trades Council of this narrow-minded protest is a significant lesson to the extremists. What the union laborers of Great Britain can further do to manifest hostility to Mr. Page is not clear, "but," as the Boston Transcript remarks, "perhaps they will resolve as one man not to appear at receptions given at the American Embassy," which for Mr. Page would be a blessing in disguise.

### PLACING RESPONSIBILITY.

For sixteen years Sir Wilfrid Laurier was Prime Minister of Canada. It was known from the beginning that the success of the Liberal party was due to the personality of the Leader. His picturesque quality seized the imagination of the country. None knew this more certainly than Sir Wilfrid himself. While Conservatives of 1897-1909 were dubbing Mr. Tarte the Master of the Administration, the Premier was proving day in and day out that he was in complete control of the Cabinet and of the Liberal party in general.

Reviewing the decline of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's prestige consequent on the recent obstruction, the Toronto News justly points out that seldom has a political leader in any British country attained to such unquestioned supremacy. No hostile wing of the party ever was formed to press its views upon him or to force him into any source of action he did not approve. The beginnings of such rings of dissidence were always recognized and crushed. Mr. Blair, for instance, left the Cabinet with unparalleled swift ease.

Not only did Sir Wilfrid control his party but he controlled Parliament. Not in his majority alone was his strength. It was also in his masterful temper and in his habit of suppressing rising merit in the Opposition by a lofty Bonapartism which had a chilling effect.

He was beaten in 1911 on an issue he himself had chosen. There was no doubt of his defeat. It was signal and crushing. Since that time the

attitude of the Liberal party in Parliament has been resentful. Its temper from the beginning has been venomous. The sub-leaders have developed a reckless contempt for the decencies of Parliamentary warfare, and have exploited mere partisanship to a nauseating degree.

The responsibility for this condition does not rest upon Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Lemieux or Mr. Sydney Fisher, upon Dr. Michael Clark or Mr. Mackenzie King. Although they are able actors, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has the same old grip on his party. He is the undisputed leader. All that has taken place must have had his hearty approval. If not, it would not have happened. If the lesser personages of the party have shown violence and ill-temper, they are merely echoing the deep seated anger of their leader.

And this leads to the conclusion that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a poor loser. He is in the position of the centre fielder who runs all the way to the plate to tell the umpire that he ought to be in an asylum for the blind. But that is not all. One "kick" is not sufficient. He actually protests the game and wants it played over. No game can be fair, he believes, that he does not win. So he dashes his fielding glove on the grass, jumps up and down in rage, and numbers umpire, opposing team, spectators and even his own boys among the transgressors.

Anyone can be cheerful when he wins. The grace of losing well is more rare. No suspicion of that wholesome quality is found in the Right Honorable Privy Councillor who directs a vituperative and mendacious Opposition.

### THE CASE OF GUATEMALA.

In the year 1885 the Republic of Guatemala floated \$10,000,000 of bonds on the London market, guaranteeing the interest by a special coffee tax. The interest was paid for just three years, then Guatemala defaulted, and, since that date, the British bondholders have had to whistle for their money. The United States acted as an intermediary for a good many years and persuaded the British Government not to be hard on Guatemala, mainly because of Guatemala's repeated promises to raise a new loan and pay the old one. But nothing was done. Finally President Taft grew weary of the Guatemalan delays and said in his message to Congress last December that if the Guatemalan government did not come to time "it may become impossible for the Government of the United States to escape its obligations in connection with such measures as may become necessary to enact justice to legitimate foreign claims."

This was one of the problems bequeathed to Mr. Woodrow Wilson's Administration. The situation was somewhat delicate. Guatemala clearly ought to pay her debts; but, admitting that, how far could Great Britain go in the matter of collection? If the Monroe Doctrine was worth anything, no territory could be taken nor could troops be marched to the national treasury, which was probably empty, anyway. And yet the United States could not endorse a nation of bond defaulters. The question furnished a neat puzzle in honesty, diplomacy and the square deal.

As events have proved the British Government having lost all patience with Guatemala, now fifteen years in default, did not lose any sleep over the effects of the Monroe Doctrine. They knew from long experience the value of a battleship with guns trained and waiting off a debtor's chief port. In the past this method has had a most stimulating effect and it has proved equally persuasive in the case of Guatemala. The result has been magical. President Cabrera has ordered the setting aside of \$1 from every \$1.50 collected as a tax on every quintal of coffee exported from the country. That money, he promises, will go toward payment of the long overdue interest. The value of the Monroe Doctrine is still in doubt.

### CANOEES AND FOOLS.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer at times is also given to plain speaking and in a recent issue gave some excellent advice on the closely associated subjects, "Canoes and fools." This advice is well worth quoting for not a season passes but we hear of accidents in these shell-like craft which with a little common sense might often be avoided. It is not too early, says the Plain Dealer, to talk about the canoe fool. He emerges from hibernation as soon as the ice is out of the rivers, and begins to get himself drowned at once. He keeps it up all summer, and compels the newspapers to record obituary of his achievements.

All canoeists are not canoe fools. The man who knows how to canoe, and also knows how to swim, is by no means a fool. He can enjoy one of the most delightful of sports, and grow

brown and healthy and add years to his life.

The fool is the fellow who takes out a canoe because it looks like an easy way to show off. He is doubly a fool if he does not know how to swim. And he is worse than a fool if he imposes on others his inexperience and egotism. He is a dangerous fellow, who deserves abatement.

There are two good canoeing don'ts. Don't try to paddle a canoe unless you have been thoroughly instructed and unless you are a good swimmer. Disregard of this don't leads to involuntary suicide. And don't coax a friend to place trust in your inexperience. This means homicide, and places you beyond human sympathy after you are yourself well drowned.

In brief, have a little common sense.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

### HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

GEORGE J. ROMANES.

George John Romanes, one of the greatest biologists of the last century, was born in Kingston, Ont., sixty-five years ago today. Educated at Cambridge, he early made a reputation as an investigator in the fields of biology and psychology, and attracted the attention and friendship of Charles Darwin and other great scientists who were then engaged in the creation of a new heaven and a new earth. His important works include "A Candid Examination of Theism," in which he announced his unbelief in the theory of intelligent design, or a creative Deity, an opinion he later modified; "Scientific Evidence for Evolution," a masterly presentation of the evolution theory; "Mental Evolution in Man," and "Mental Evolution in Animals." Romanes died at Oxford, where he had founded the Romanes lectures, just three days after his forty-sixth birthday, and was sincerely mourned by the scientific world.

### FIRST THINGS

NEGRO MINSTRELSY.

The first actor to win fame by impersonation of negro characters was Thomas D. Rice, who was born in New York 105 years ago today. Rice was the highest paid actor of his time, and his success was such that he soon had a host of imitators, and thus became founder of negro minstrelsy, long a favorite form of amusement on both sides of the Atlantic.

Rice made his first appearance in a blackface role while playing small parts in a Louisville theatre. His imitation of an aged and comical negro slave called "Jim Crow" scored a hit, and the character was adapted to a farce in which Rice played before enthusiastic audiences throughout the United States, Canada and England. In the latter country he was the theatrical sensation of the period, and Charles, the greatest actor, including Macready, played to small houses during Rice's stay in London.

Rice married an English girl, the daughter of an observance, a theatrical manager. From about 1830, when Rice inaugurated negro minstrelsy, until 1850, when he died, he was the popular period of that type of amusement, and since then he has gradually declined.

### THE PASSING DAY

JOHN STUART MILL.

John Stuart Mill, the great English political economist, was born 107 years ago today, and his memory will be honored by the suffragettes, since he was the author of the first bill for giving women the ballot ever introduced in the British Parliament. Incidentally, it was on Mill's birthday, May 20, 1867, that this measure came to a vote, and was negatived by 136 against 72. The great philosopher took a prominent part in the organization, in 1868, of the National Society for Women's Suffrage.

Whether the observance of Mill's birthday in London will take the form of placing flowers on his tomb, or blowing up the House of Parliament with dynamite, has not yet developed in the news columns. Mill has been dead for forty years, and since then many bills similar to the one he fathered have been introduced and have met the same fate. It would be interesting to know what view the great scholar and savant would take of the militant manifestations of the "wild women" of today.

### THE HUMAN PROCESSION

CUBA'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Elected by the Conservatives to the highest office in the island republic, General Mario G. Menocal will today succeed Jose M. Gomez as president of Cuba and will take up his residence in the ancient palace where Spanish governors-general once ruled in state—the palace from which came "Dutch" Weyler's orders to imprison and kill. Gen. Menocal is admittedly a man of great ability, and he will need all his statecraft and cunning in dealing with the crafty politicians of Cuba, and withholding them from acts that might lead to a final and definite intervention by the United States.

The new President was educated in the United States, at Cornell, and speaks English as perfectly as the Spanish tongue of his native land. As an engineer he was employed for some time on the Nicaragua canal. He was one of the most devoted and able of the Cuban army in the war for freedom, and thus acquired his title of general. After the war he became the manager of the tremendous Chaparral estate, including vast cane fields and sugar mills, one of the largest enterprises of its kind in the world. Over the thousands of workmen he ruled as a benevolent despot, keeping order with an iron hand, with the result that the property became immensely profitable. He is expected to adopt the same methods in his management of the affairs of the government.

Gen. Menocal is a young man, still on the sunny side of fifty, while his vice-president, E. J. de Verona, is nearing three-score-and-ten. The retiring president, Gen. Jose Gomez, is an able politician, and will remain at the helm of the Liberal party, devoting his attention to healing the split in the Liberal ranks, and restoring it to a united party.

## OPHELIA'S SLATE



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## IN LIGHTER VEIN

### HER PROTEST.

Upon her hand so small and white  
He very gently laid his own;  
She drew it back, as if in fright,  
And whispered in a trembling tone:  
"You mustn't!"

He sat a little nearer still,  
Whereat she moved her chair away;  
He gazed down in her eyes until  
Her hand he rather feebly say:  
"You mustn't!"

He bent above her where she sat  
And softly stroked her silken hair;  
She seemed so agitated that  
She could not faintly still declare:  
"You mustn't!"

Around her waist he slipped an arm  
And drew her closely to his side;  
She seemed possessed of wild alarm,  
And in imploring accents cried:  
"You mustn't!"

Deciding to possess the bliss  
That Fate had put within his reach,  
He claimed a sweet and fervent kiss,  
But did she then in horror scream:  
"You mustn't!"

—S. E. Kerr, Chicago Record-Herald.

### How It Was.

"Is your wife going away this summer?"  
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If they succeed—and those who are the most alert and accurate will—there are seventy gold prizes, ranging from \$7.00 to \$200 to be awarded among them according to the conditions of the competition.

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Any person may send a subscription to The Standard for not less than \$1.00, or not more than \$5.00, according to the table which appears elsewhere, and will be entitled to one solution. Or a person may send in five solutions to the full limit of a one-year subscription if they so desire.

The first prize is \$100 in gold, and a cash prize amounting to 40 times the amount paid by the winner on subscription to The Standard, under the terms of the contest. Thus this prize may be worth \$300.

The merry race in St. John and nearby towns where there will be active participation in this problem will end Saturday, June 14.

If you have not counted the circles get in the game now. You have about a month. Merely subscribe for The Standard and you become a contestant. Old and new subscribers have an equal chance.

Somewhat will get the prizes. There are 70 of them worth \$1,250 in gold. Why not win one of them?

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Andrew Lewis.

The death of Mrs. Andrew Lewis took place at her home, 84 Adelaide street, on the 19th inst., after a long illness. She leaves, besides her husband, two sons and three daughters and grandchildren; also three brothers and one sister to mourn. The children are Mrs. C. V. Thibault, Mrs. E. Scott, and Miss M. Haud, at home, Messrs. George M. of McAdam Junction, and Charles A. of this city. The brothers are James T. Logan, Kennedy street, and Philip Logan, Waterloo street. Her sister is Mrs. Chas. Logan, Kennedy street. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Theodore Rand.

Friends in St. John and about New Brunswick will bear with regret of the death at Wolfville, N. S., Sunday of Mrs. Rand, widow of Dr. Theodore H. Rand, formerly Chief Superintendent of Education in this province and one of the foremost educationalists of his day.

Since the death of Dr. Rand, Mrs. Rand has been living quietly at Wolfville. The deceased lady's daughter, Miss Emily Augusta Eaton, daughter of David Eaton, of Canard, N. S., was a woman of the character and scholarly attainments, and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. News of her death was wired to Rev. F. S. Porter by Dr. Wolfville. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

## FUNERALS.

Mrs. Edward McGerragle.

The funeral of Mrs. Edward J. McGerragle took place yesterday morning from her late residence, 181 Waterloo street, to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. D. S. O'Keefe, Rev. A. J. O'Donnell, Silver Falls, assisted as deacon, Rev. Alfred Poirier, St. Martin's, as sub-deacon, and Rev. Dr. Menahan as master of ceremonies. His Lordship Bishop Leblanc gave final benediction. At the conclusion of the services the body was taken to Sand Cove Cemetery and there laid to rest. Burial services at the grave were conducted by Rev. D. S. O'Keefe assisted by Revs. Fathers O'Brien and Poirier. A large number of beautiful floral tributes were received.

Mrs. John Brady.

From her late residence, 99 Erin street, the funeral of Mrs. John Brady took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The remains were conveyed to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where burial services were conducted by Rev. Miles Howland. Innumerable took place in the New Catholic Cemetery. Many beautiful floral tributes were received.

To inspect Premises.

The sub-inspectors appointed at the last meeting of the Board of Health for the inspection of premises in their district went on their rounds yesterday for the first time. The following are their names, with the districts which they will cover: Andrew Dault, Gays and Brooks wards; Thomas McMaster, Lorne and Stanley wards; James McKinney, St. Kings and part of Queens ward; J. J. McElroy, Landdowne ward; John Kelly, Jr., Dufferin and Victoria wards; John E. Clift, Wellington and part of Queens ward; John H. Bailey, Prince ward; George E. Lavers, Sydney and Dukes wards; Theodore Sear, Lancaster; M. F. M. Cochrane, St. Martin.