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LONDON, THURSDAY, MAY 4.

MR. OLIVER'S POSITION.

The position taken by Mr. Oliver is clear and straightforward. The Toronto Telegram published what purported to be a fac-simile of a bank ledger page, containing a cabinet minister's account, showing an entry of \$50,000 on Oct. 9, 1907, and another of \$19,550 in September, 1909. No names were mentioned, but it was asserted that the information had been furnished by a man who had evidence that the entries were connected with corrupt deals. The Toronto World followed up the story by alleging that Hon. Frank Oliver was the minister referred to. The World also printed in the same issue an article which conveyed the impression that Mr. Oliver's bank deposits were directly related to an administrative act by which the Canadian Northern Railway Company was permitted to select 880,000 acres in Saskatchewan in place of the Manitoba swamp lands, provided for in the original grant to the railway. In other words it was insinuated, if not charged, that the minister was paid the sum of \$50,000 and \$19,550 by the railway company for bringing about the exchange of lands.

The resolution moved by Sir Wilfrid Laurier calls for a full inquiry into the transaction mentioned by the World. Mr. Borden in effect demanded that the minister be compelled to exhibit his private affairs to the public and explain every item in his bank account. Mr. Oliver says he has nothing to conceal, and challenges an inquiry into any of his administrative acts; but he holds that a cabinet minister should not be obliged to expose his private business every time an insinuation is hurled at him by "a thug and blackmailer." In this case, his name has been connected with a particular transaction, and it will be probed to the bottom. If any other transaction is specified, or any of his public acts called in question, an investigation will be granted, but it would be beneath the dignity of Parliament if any cabinet minister or any private member were called upon to notice every vague insinuation unsupported by a definite charge. For example, the reputed wealth of a cabinet minister was a few years ago a favorite topic with Opposition journals and speakers. None of them ventured to put forward a single definite charge, although they flooded the country with innuendo. As well say that the minister should have been compelled to produce his bank-book to answer the veiled insinuations of his enemies, as that Mr. Oliver or any minister today should be compelled to disclose his private affairs because somebody in or out of Parliament says he has made money. In this instance Mr. Oliver has not waited for a charge to be laid in Parliament. The mere association of his name with a public act alleged to be corrupt has been sufficient to prompt him to ask for an inquiry.

WHAT WILL THE LORDS DO?

The British veto bill has passed through the difficult phases of discussion in the House of Commons and is now ready for its third and final reading. The last clause of the bill to pass the committee stage was the preamble, which declares for a reformed second chamber as desirable in the best interests of the nation. There had been some government misgivings about the preamble, as it was known that the Liberals and some of the Radicals would oppose any recognition of an upper House. However, when the Unionists and Nationalists both supported this part of the bill, it carried yesterday by an overwhelming majority.

While the veto bill is by no means revolutionary or subversive of the constitution, as some of the Opposition have claimed, the splendid vote on the preamble itself emphasizing that not single but double-chamber government is the aim, yet it is true that no such radical constitutional measure has been passed since the Revolution of 1688. In the present instance we have not a subversion but a reasonable revision of the constitution, far-reaching in practical effect but coming quietly, inevitably, with the ripeness of time, like all great changes in Britain. It is a natural and necessary evolution, rather than a revolution. A definite grievance will be removed. This grievance has existed since the second home rule bill, nearly twenty years ago. It is quite incorrect of course to assert with Mr. Balfour and other Unionists that Mr. Redmond is the real leader in the present storming of the stronghold of privilege. Since 1906 the Rad-

icals have had reasons of their own piled up for weakening the veto power of the Lords, and in the recent elections they have been handicapped rather than helped in English constituencies by their alliance with the home rulers. But the grievance against the antiquated powers of the Lords, sharpened by recent straining and exaggeration of those powers, has become the common burden of all progressive parties. So gradually and so completely have the majority of Britons become convinced of the necessity for a change, for a revision of the constitution, that now when it is being actually carried into effect, after a period of bitter stress, the land is tranquil, and far from any excitement, even a measure of indifference seems to prevail. And the Unionists led by Mr. Balfour, vote at least for the preamble of the bill.

A month or two ago Tories of the old school talked madly about national ruin, mutilation of Britain's glorious constitution, armed resistance and civil war, as Lord Rosebery hinted. What maddened the Unionists as much as anything was the phlegmatic manner in which John Bull took the election of December. Evidently the feeling that he had already settled the Lords' question along with the budget in the preceding January, he did not everywhere come out in full strength to vote, showed in general a slackened interest and returned the Liberals to power just as before. Last year he was almost excessively prosperous under the Radical Government, and had all the less time to listen to the cries of Unionist electioneers.

The fact is that the great change now going into effect is not sudden or violent. John Bull has well and long considered it. He has evolved it in his solid mind for the last twenty years and gave decision a year ago January. He did not change his mind once made up, and the shrieks of Garvins and Northcliffes fell on apathetic ears.

It is amusing to watch Mr. Balfour looking about for some ground of opposition to the preamble for which he voted. It would lead, he said, to the constitution of a wholly and directly representative second chamber. If the two chambers drew their authority from the electors, they would claim equal authority, and he did not wish co-equal bodies. How is this for "single-chamber government"? The timorousness and weakness of Mr. Balfour's objection is in keeping with the dead calm of the nation. The anti-revolution election drum is broken, the anti-Unionist cry is hushed. Everybody will soon be satisfied, and the Conservatives will accept the new state of things.

The bill will shortly pass its third reading and will be on its way to the Lords. Whether they will then pass it before coronation or defer its discussion until after that event, is as yet uncertain. In the meantime they are in a delightful turmoil with their own debate on reforming themselves; they are hopelessly at sea, and all appearances hopelessly discordant. They may as well give it up and pass the Government's measure.

A PROTEAN PROJECT.

If the reciprocity discussion is to drag all summer, the agreement may be expected to assume many new forms at the hands of inventive enemies. It has been amazingly protean. At first it was a bribe to enter the union. The bribe took the shape of higher prices for the products of the Canadian farmers. The farmers were singularly indifferent to the political scarecrow, but evinced so keen an interest in the financial aspect that it was deemed prudent to play another card. The agreement is now represented as a device for unloading surplus American products on the Canadian market.

But the imagination of its opponents has taken even higher flights. President Taft's peace proposals, we are now told, are merely put forward to mask the sinister designs of the reciprocity pact. The peace treaty is to be the Trojan horse. The London Morning Post calls it "a blind to cover plans for the disruption of the British Empire." The Montreal Star, however, explains that "President Taft's real object is to have the help of England against Japan; without that help Japan will occupy the Philippines and Hawaii, fortify them, and have the horde of China to draw upon for military reserves." We prefer the Star's interpretation, because it ascribes a basis of self-interest—the surest bond of international amity—to President Taft's peace project, but the Star destroys its own bogey of annexation when it depicts the United States calling upon Great Britain for aid. What a fearful muddle, the anti-reciprocity preachers are making of it!

The longest speech in the historic discussion concluded yesterday at Westminster was under an hour. Canadian House of Commons, please copy.

Dr. J. A. Macdonald and President Taft addressed a peace meeting at Baltimore yesterday. In one way or another, some Canadians will pretend to find something malevolent in this.

No doubt Sir Wilfrid and Mr. Borden could settle the matter of Sir Wilfrid's attendance at the Imperial Conference if left to themselves. But Mr. Borden, poor man, has to reckon with the howling derisives who periodically take the leadership out of his hands.

prospect of a continuous session upon the reciprocity struggle is based upon assurances by those in charge of the anti-reciprocity movement that those who "fight the pact" will be "looked after" and that while those who are in favor of the agreement will have to work without indemnity after July 25, the others will have their allowances paid to them from the central fund and need have no fear of entering the "whiplash" home or living upon charity as soon as they have exhausted their indemnity. This is something more than an insinuation, and calls for an answer.

Leopold Amery, colonial editor of the London Times, was yesterday returned unopposed for South Birmingham, a safe Unionist seat. This brilliant young man had fought three elections unsuccessfully and established a claim on the party managers to something easy. It was a favor that could be granted in Great Britain, where candidates are virtually selected by a central committee, and not by the local party organizations. Undoubtedly British politics is on a higher plane because of the absence of localism. A nomination may always be found for a man approved by the party leaders. Amery recently married the sister of Hamar Greenwood, M. P. He has been several times in Canada, and accompanied Earl Grey in his recent Hudson Bay trip. He is an author of distinction, and an aggressive tariff reformer.

DESPERATE.

Sometimes the spirit of adventure stirs strongly in tiny fellows in whom there is no other virtue. Not suspected, Small Walter, for example, is being brought up in accordance with hygienic standards that he finds peculiarly trying. The telephone is sprayed before he uses it. He has his own school; drinking cup, duly sterilized each morning, public conveniences and places are sternly forbidden him. Sometimes Walter feels that such an antiseptic life is scarcely worth living.

INDIAN HEROES.

The conduct of those Indians who braved the tempestuous waters of the Gulf in a frail dugout canoe to rescue the lives of victims of the Iceberg, has been held up for consideration of those who think an Indian is altogether cultus and does not deserve recognition of his rights.

AN ENEMY.

It is curious to note that the same man who is a friend to the poor is an enemy to the rich. The same man who is a friend to the poor is an enemy to the rich.

HEARTSITING CONGRATULATIONS.

"Many congratulations to you, Zweniger! I hear your wife presented you with twins yesterday."

DIDN'T KNOW HIS MAN.

"That's a fine chauffer of yours. I told him I wanted to get out and get a car, and he wouldn't stop."

THE COMMONS REBUKED.

It was, perhaps, a pity that the galleries of the Commons chamber could not have been filled with the representative electors of the country last night and this morning, when the proceedings of the House were converted into a veritable bear garden, because then the people would have understood the depths of indecency to which members of the House are entitled to descend when they are covered with the privilege of Parliament.

WASHINGTON BEFORE WESTMINSTER.

It is R. L. Borden who has placed Washington before Westminster by his assembly of the blockading tactics which will keep Sir Wilfrid Laurier out of the coronation.

POOR OLD SIR CHARLES.

One of the richest contributions to the reciprocity discussion is coming from Sir Charles Tupper's letter to Hon. W. S. Fielding, in which the statement is made that "Sir John Macdonald's espousal of reciprocity was simply impossible, and so says every- one that has used it." Sold by all dealers.

Wilfrid Laurier. Now, Sir John Macdonald and Sir Leonard Tilley inserted the standing offer of reciprocity in the National Policy of 1879, and Wilfrid Laurier did not become leader of the Liberal party until 1887. Only a Tupper could devise such an excuse!

TO A POET A THOUSAND YEARS HENCE.

[James Elroy Flecker.]
I who am dead a thousand years,
And wrote this awe-stricken song,
And you, my friends, my messengers,
The way I shall not pass along.

"I care not if you bridge the seas,
Or rise above the cruel sky,
Or build consummate palaces
Of metal or of masonry."

"But have you wine and music still,
And statues and a bright-eyed love,
And foolish thoughts of good and ill,
And prayers to them who sit above?"

"How shall we conquer? Like a wind
That falls at once our fancies blow,
And scatters the mad dreams of men,
And leaves the world as it was long ago."

"To friend unseen, unborn, unknown,
Student of our age's English tongue,
Read out my words at night, alone:
I was a poet, I was young."

"Since I can never see your face,
And never shake you by the hand,
I send my soul through time and space
To greet you. You will understand."

NOTHING LEFT TO ARGUE.

[Toronto Globe.]
Height instead of age has been made the standard for children on a Pittsburgh interurban road. Strange no one thought of this before.

A TORONTO CURE.

[Hamilton Spectator.]
After trying to cure the grip by fasting for fifteen days, a Toronto man died of starvation. Another evil result of fast living.

A QUESTION.

[Detroit Free Press.]
"We know where we are today," said the orator, "but who can tell where we will be tomorrow?"

CONDENSATION.

[Toronto Blade.]
"Do you use condensed milk at your house?"
"I guess so. We order a quart a day, and the milkman squeezes it into a can that holds about a pint."

ABOUT GREEN STOCKINGS AND BLUE STOCKINGS.

Some Explanation Regarding Margaret Anglin's New Play.

In older days the clothing of the legs and lower part of the body consisted of a single garment, called hose, in French, chausses. Eventually it was cut in two at the knees, leaving two pieces of dress, viz. breeches, and the "other-stocks" or "stockings," in English, de chausses, and then simply hose. In these terms the element stock is to be understood in the sense of strump or trunk, the part of the body left when the limbs are cut off.

The origin of the blue stocking worn by men as well as women, it is an article of apparel that has been almost always identified exclusively with the association of the blue men of letters has been invariably confined to the fair sex.

THE BLUE STOCKINGS.

The origin of the blue stocking expression is interesting. Boswell, in his life of Johnson, states that in his day there were blue stockings held by ladies, to afford them opportunity of holding converse with eminent literary men. The most distinguished talker of those gatherings was a Mr. Stillington, who always wore blue stockings. His absence upon one occasion was so felt that the blue stockings were called upon to fill the gap.

May Day Festivals.

In the days of Henry the Eighth, the King King of England, the custom arose of a custom arose, and soon became common, for women and girls to don hose of a brilliant hue when they danced at May Day festivals. These were supposed to typify the promise of May and the approach of summer, the blue and yellow, the colors of the rainbow, which the custom spread to Ireland, where, green being the national color, it soon became general. The custom of Ireland became less observed, however, women arose out of the green stocking habit, although now in Ireland and Canada in green stockings on May Day mornings.

Green Stockings.

Out of the May Day practices has sprung the custom of unmarried girls wearing green stockings at their sister's weddings, not, as a hint to bashful young men, as some might suppose, but simply as a survival of an ancient practice. To this day, in many parts of England, the eldest unmarried daughter of a family wears green stockings at her sister's wedding, and the custom is still applied to an unmarried daughter unmarried, although now in Ireland and Canada in green stockings on May Day mornings.

MAN'S HEART AT TRIAL OF MRS. DODGE.

Physician Illustrates on Human Organ Course Taken by Bullet.

Goldblatt, N. Y., May 3.—An intimation of the line of defense of Mrs. Florence M. Dodge of Lunenburg, who is charged with the murder of William Heath, was heard today in the trial when, in cross-examining a witness, her attorneys secured the admission that from the position of the body and other circumstances he had formed the opinion that Heath shot himself, either accidentally, or with suicidal intent.

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LADIES' WOOL SWEATER COAT—Close ribbed cuffs and border, and belt to match, hip length. Colors are navy, cardinal, gray, cream, fawn, khaki and black. Price..... **\$2.25**

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3 to 5 years, price..... **\$1.00** 8 to 10 years, price..... **\$1.25**

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20 dozen White Lace Jabots, double tab, each 25c, on sale now,..... **15c**
Byron Linen Collars, at each..... **25c**

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BLACK SILK HOSE, gauze silk, with life soles and feet. **75c and \$1.00**
at a pair. Other Black Silk Hose, ranging from \$1.00 to \$4.00.

ASHES IN LANEWAYS AGAINST THE LAW

Inspector McCallum Will Prosecute in Two Cases Tomorrow.

Inspector McCallum will have two cases in the police court tomorrow morning as a result of information he has laid against citizens who he alleges have broken the law by putting ashes in laneways adjoining their homes. One of the cases is taken to have used grossly insulting language towards one of the members of the board of health, who spoke to him about the matter.

Eleven witnesses testified today mainly as to viewing Heath's body immediately after the shooting.

MORE WARM EXCHANGES AT CAMORRA TRIAL

"Liar" and "Assassin" Popular With Principals in Case.

[Canadian Press.]
Viterbo, May 4.—The trial of the Camorristas was resumed today, a substitute juror taking the place of Dr. Michele de Maria, whose indisposition necessitated an early adjournment yesterday afternoon.

Abatemaggio, the informer, held the centre of the stage, being called upon to confront Giuseppe Salvi, and later Antonio Cerrato, both of whom were charged with having taken an active part in the murder of Genaro Cuccolo. He repeated his original accusation against Salvi, the latter denying such in turn. Then the two exchanged invectives, the war of words ending thus, by Abatemaggio, "You are an assassin."

By Salvi: "You are like a cow which is called an ass without horns. You have a conscience which you have sold to the Carabinieri."

Cerrato, whose manner suggested that he had not forgotten or forgiven the insult of yesterday, when Abatemaggio spat in his face, was released from the prisoners' cage, and stood before the informer.

"This man," said Abatemaggio, "struck Cuccolo with a club after he had been stabbed by the others and was half dead."

"You're a liar," was the response, and in this vein the dialogue was continued.

DOLLAR DIPLOMACY

Means Substitution of Dollars for Bullets in the United States.

[Canadian Press.]
Baltimore, Md., May 4.—"Dollar diplomacy," the newly-coined phrase, applied to the expansion of American business interests through the efforts of the state department of the United States, "means the substitution of dollars for bullets," the creation of a prosperity which will be preferred to predatory strife, and "a practical mode of pursuing the ideal of world peace," according to the interpretation of Huntington Wilson, assistant secretary of state, as presented to the third national peace congress today.

Mr. Wilson presided at the forenoon session. Among others who spoke at

DRAYTON ON HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM.
May 2.—H. L. Drayton, of Toronto, has been appointed by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission to investigate the hydro electric system in the city of Toronto.

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