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## THE COUNTRY WANTS ACTION.

The proposed by-election in Saskatchewan to give the Prime Minister a seat in the House could not well have been brought on before February 15, the date set, but the extraordinary suggestion has been made that the debate on the Speech from the Throne, which is to begin on Monday, may occupy a month. The Ottawa despatches, at least, suggest that there may be thirty days of talk, at a time when the country is showing marked impatience over the tactical and bargaining manoeuvres at Ottawa, and is looking for action rather than talk upon the more important questions before the House.

While the Speech is under discussion the bargaining and jockeying will go on, each of the old parties, striving to borrow enough Progressive support to give it victory when the next amendment comes along. A prolonged debate now, if it should extend over a week or ten days, is certain to increase the current of public opinion which calls for the transaction of the more imperative business before Parliament, and an early dissolution. It is true, of course, that the hard and fast followers of both the old party leaders would prefer victory in the House, even by a scant margin, to another election, but that is a purely partisan view, and the good of the country is far more important than mere partisan success.

When heads were counted after the election in October, the opinion was freely expressed that there would have to be another general election at an early day. Recent events at Ottawa have strengthened that view. Mr. King and Mr. Meighen are equally powerless without Progressive support, and the public represents a situation in which a handful of Progressives can dictate to either party, just as it can an attitude indicating that both Mr. King and Mr. Meighen are not only willing but anxious to accept Progressive dictation if it means even a temporary supremacy in the Commons.

The Manitoba Free Press a few days ago called upon the Liberals and the Progressive to get together or get out. The Free Press is an independent Liberal journal, strongly opposing Mr. Meighen's tariff programme, but it was both Liberals and Progressives that if they cannot produce a House of Commons majority which will command the support both of Parliament and the country, and so quickly, the public "will look elsewhere for leadership." In that event, "there will be another general election, and it will turn not upon programmes but upon the simple issue of government. The country will be offered resolute leadership by a vigorous party which knows its own mind. Whether there will be any practical alternative to this offer is very doubtful," the Free Press concludes.

Since that advice was given, nineteen of the Progressives have voted with the Government, but the result has been to give it so slight a majority that the uncertainty, instead of being disposed of, has been continued and even increased.

When the Liberals and the Progressives had an opportunity to get together, they failed to take advantage of it. In the last House they had a very large combined majority over the Conservatives, but they failed to legislate in a fashion to convince the country. The election results in October showed that very plainly. Had the programme which the Government brought down at the beginning of the present session been placed before the country a year ago, results might have been different.

Mr. Meighen, if he could win enough Progressives over at the present day to enable him to form a government without going to the country, would be in a helpless position, for the Progressives would dictate his action in the House. In fact, notwithstanding the fact that all three parties seem willing to go to any length to avoid an election, to-day's indications are that there will have to be another appeal to the country, and feeling in that direction is pretty certain to be strengthened by any prolonged debate on the Speech during which the bargaining at Ottawa will continue.

In the interval, during which uncertainty regarding the tariff and many other important issues will continue, which will have an unsettling effect upon business at a time when stable government is greatly needed, at least one leading issue appears to be in a fair way to be dealt with at an early date. This is the question of the diversion of Canadian traffic through our ports and railways, which has been referred to the Railway Commission for investigation and action. Nothing can occur at Ottawa should prevent the Railway Board from proceeding to deal with this matter with all reasonable speed.

What is fame? The Buffalo Times prints a picture of Thunberg, the famous Finn, and under the picture it presents the following "information" for the enlightenment of its intelligent public: "Here's the champion Swiss ice skater, who recently arrived in this country seeking further laurels. He will compete in the coming international races to be held in New York and St. John, B. C."

"One hundred and twelve applications for divorce are down to be dealt with by Parliament during the session now in progress," says the Montreal Gazette. "They are chiefly from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and other provinces having courts which deal with such cases under established rules. When a bill order prevails throughout Canada, it will be well. Maintaining a divorce practice while declining to create a divorce tribunal does not reduce the evil of marriage annulment."

A New Year's resolution which has elicited much favorable comment is this one, proposed by the Winnipeg Tribune: "A little easing off in the speed of living; a little more time at home; a little more time with books that have stood the test of time; a little more time given to family life; a little more quiet and friendly discussion of things that count; a little more cultivation of real friendship; a little more interest (personal) in the affairs of one's neighbors; a little more time in the open air; a little more communion with oneself."

As The Tribune adds a little cooling-off process would not hurt this feverish age.

## Odds and Ends

### Killed One of Them

(Washington Post)

A gaunt and killed Scotsman recently made his appearance in a country village, and was endeavoring to charm his local to charity with selections on his bagpipe.

A shaggy-haired man opened the front door of a house and beckoned the minstrel.

"Gie us a wee bit lilt just out here," he said in an accent, which told that he also was from the land of the baggie. "My auld mither's in a creel confection copstair. The doctor's wi' her the noo, and says the pipes may save her yet."

Up and down in front of the house marched the braw Highlander, discoursing music that might well have been incidental to a cat and pig fight.

Presently the shaggy-haired man came out again.

"Gie us the 'Dead March' noo," he said.

"Is the puir auld lady gone?" questioned the piper.

"Ye, na, mon; ye've saved mither," came the reply, "but ye've killed the puir doctor!"

A Courage Song

(Tammas in Toronto Star)

Faith not, sad heart, nor fret your soul with yearning.

Flinch not, nor fear, although the day be long;

Beyond the midnight is the day returning.

Glorious with song.

Press on, brave heart, though darkness cloak your striving.

Forward and up! Until, with shadow's flight,

Far in the east you greet the morn arriving.

Radiant with light.

Strive on, dear heart, for night at last is ended;

Take courage! At the darkest hour 'tis gone.

Swift on the wings of faith, by hope attended,

Love brings the dawn.

Hero of Monte Carlo

(Ganger Commercial)

Many of us have heard it—that song of the Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo, which was a distinct favorite a generation or so ago. It is brought back to memory by the statement that the man who broke the bank has recently died in London. His name was Captain Arthur Bower and he was credited with winning more than a million dollars.

That the bank was broken, or even fractured, is doubtful for the syndicate that conducts the famous gambling establishment is said to pay \$4,000,000 annually for the privilege and at that fabulous profits are returned to the proprietors. Perhaps the play was stopped while more cash was obtained but that was probably the extent of the cessation of play.

There is another phase to the story for Captain Bower is said to have been practically penniless when he died. He may have made return trips to Monte Carlo that were not successful or the old adage, easy come easy go, may have been exemplified in his case but his gambling gains did not remain with him.

Auto Aphorisms

(Boston Transcript)

A honk in time prevents a fine.

Spare the pump and spoil the tire.

There's no use crying over split gasoline.

A green motorist makes a fat repair shop.

If wishes were autos, leasers might ride.

It's a lucky car that has no over-turn.

Good roads slogan: Money makes the mile go.

A slip of the tongue often follows a slip of the tire.

A fool and his auto are soon in need of repairs.

One-half the world doesn't know how the other half drives.

## Just Fun

"YOU have a lot of cheek," he said, gazing at the fat lady in the side-show.

PULLMAN PORTERS say they don't want to be called George. We have found that they don't want to be called at all.

"YOU may not be bad," said Gladys to the tattooed man, "but you have evil designs."

ANOTHER CRISIS in France, but still she does not realize that the debtor pays whether he pays or not.

QUICK-THINKING safe-cracker (caught red-handed): "Aw, gimme a chance to explain—I'm a sleep-walker and I thought I was working my radio, dat's all."

PHILOSOPHY: Getting a kick and pretending to like it.

THE OLD AXIOM to the effect that "Actions speak louder than words," is at least applicable to a moving picture show.

GETTING OLD is just a matter of using up the visible supply of thrills. But just go into a barber shop and watch them grow young.

ANOTHER VICTIM Here lies the body Of William Garuth; He died of old age In a telephone booth.

WE'VE seen all kinds of shops and shop-keepers, but we have yet to see a pork store run by a Hebrew.

"HOW is it you are allowed to keep a puppy in your flat?" "We named him for the janitor."

IN the Japanese language there is no word for kiss. No wonder so many Americans are willing to go out and educate the Japanese. That word is so much easier to demonstrate than to spell.

WE ARE BORN to live, and learn and love and lose.

IT IS SAID we dig our graves with our teeth, but the man having a new plate made says it's false.

HE was the most popular man in the village, and was known for miles round as a good fish.

WEATHER FORECAST When the coyote howls at midnight, With that eerie howl of his, Then the weather either changes— Or remains just as it is.

A ROLLING STONE may gather no moss but neither will it have to pay an income tax.

"I HOPE I'm not protruding," apologized the fat man as he butted in on the private party in the dining room.

THE MODERN GIRL must wonder how her noble mother learned all the things she tells the daughter to shun.

NO FLIRTING, PLEASE TRAFFIC COP—Say! Didn't you see me waving my arms?

Indignant Miss—Yes, and I intend to report your attempted familiarity—Life.

ONE CONSOLATION ATTENDANT—Stop! You've just hit a man.

Ambulance Driver (who has been called out on false alarm)—Thank Heaven, we won't have to go back empty after all—London Opinion.

## Other Views

### SETTLERS AND COLONISTS.

(Quebec Action Catholique)

Our government is engaging to disburse large sums of money to assist in the transportation of immigrants, while it persistently hesitates to offer similar assistance to real Canadians, who would prefer to establish themselves in the west rather than to emigrate to the United States. It is for this reason.

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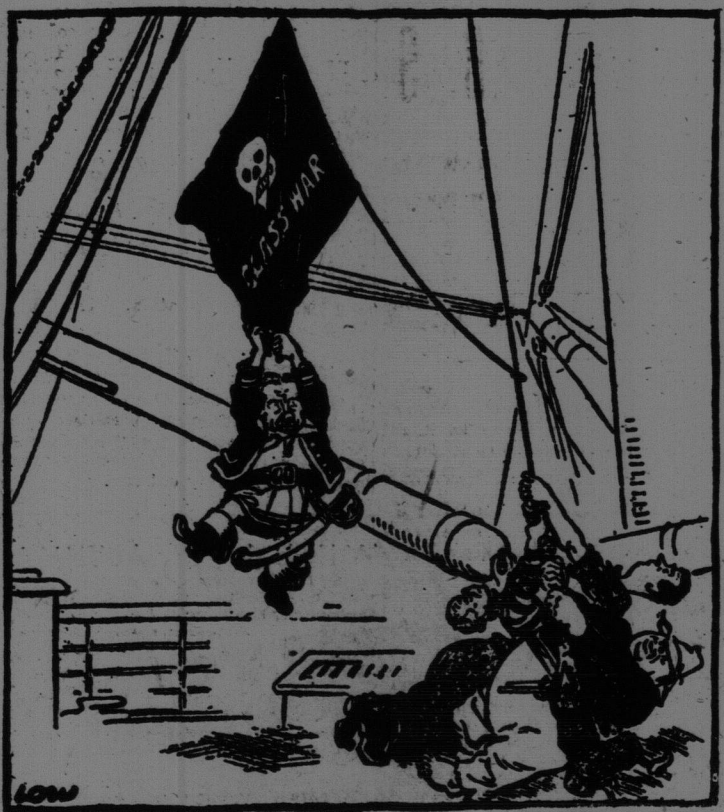
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## The Mutinous Skipper



(Premier Baldwin is making strenuous efforts to avoid class warfare in Great Britain.)

## The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

### THE HEART OF LIFE

JOHN MASEFIELD, in a preface to a new edition of one of his works, tells us that Tragedy at its best is a vision of the heart of life, and explains: "The heart of life can only be laid bare in the agony of an exultation of dreadful acts."

"The vision of agony, or spiritual contest, pushed beyond the limits of the dying personality, is exalting and cleansing."

"It is only by such vision that a multitude of things which we know by the common knowledge of things exulting and eternal."

"Commonplace people dislike tragedy, because they dare not suffer and cannot exult."

"The truth and rapture of man are holy things, not lightly to be scorned."

"A carelessness of life and beauty marks the glutton, the idler and the fool in their deadly path across history."

### ENID'S SONG.

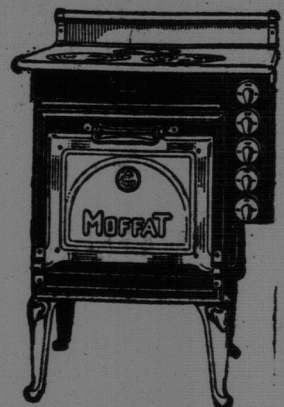
Turn, Fortune, turn thy wheel, and lower the proud;  
Turn thy wild wheel thro' sunshine, storm and cloud;  
Thy wheel and thee we neither love nor hate.  
Turn, Fortune, turn thy wheel with smile or frown;  
With that wild wheel we will not get up or down;  
Our hoard is little, but our hearts are great.  
Smile and we smile, the lords of many lands;  
Frown and we smile, the lords of our own hands;  
For man is man and master of his fate.  
Turn, turn thy wheel above the staring crowd;  
Thy wheel and thee we neither love nor hate,  
Thy wheel and thee we neither love nor hate.  
—Tennyson.

son that it is more costly for a Canadian from Quebec to go to the west than for an emigrant from Britain. We are justified in presuming that our own people will continue to be forgotten in order that strangers may receive aid.

### BRITAIN FIRST.

(Brookville Recorder and Times.)

It is well known that the last three years have represented a period of the utmost depression in shipbuilding. It is, therefore, all the more remarkable to note as recorded in The Motor Ship (London) for December, that there has been a very rapid increase in the tonnage of motor ships constructed.



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## Twenty Years Ago Today

From Times' Files.

THE Swedish bark Cordillera which sailed from Saint John on Dec. 24th, 1905, was reported lost. All hands were saved.

CAPT. BEN. KINGSTON publicly challenged any man over 50 years to a one-mile skating race.

A RESIDENT of Indian town had a lively race with a red fox while skating on the river. The fox eluded capture.

THE SAINT JOHN customs officials seized the C. P. R. liner Lake Manitoba on a charge of smuggling two thousand cigars.

## Dinner Stories

"NOW, THOMAS," said the teacher severely, "how many times must I tell you not to snap your fingers? Put your hand down, and presently I'll hear from you."

Five minutes later she said: "Now, then, Thomas, what was it you wanted to say?"

"There was a man in the entry a while ago," said Thomas solemnly, "and he went out with your new silk umbrella."

THE TOWN COUNCIL of a small Scotch community met to inspect a site for a new hall. They assembled at a chapel, and as it was a warm day, a member suggested that they should leave their coats there.

"Someone can stay behind and watch them," suggested another.

"What for?" demanded a third.

"If you are going out together, what need is there for anyone to watch the clothes?"

"How about backsliders?" said one.

AT a Washington reception a lady whispered in a shocked voice to a senator:

"Look at that girl! I never saw such a décolleté gown, and such transparent stockings. I'm shocked, for I always thought her a very quiet creature."

"Perhaps," laughed the senator, "she's one of those who believe and practice the good old saying that young girls should be seen and not heard."

## Who's Who IN THE DAYS NEWS.

### PATTY FIELD.

THE second woman consul to be appointed by the United States government is Miss Patty Field. She has been assigned to Amsterdam. Miss Field is an attractive young woman of 24 with, her examinations show, an exceptionally brilliant mind. She was one of the 20 who passed the diplomatic examinations at which 120 pre-

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sent themselves for the tests. The first woman consul was Miss Lucille Atcherson, a Columbus resident, who passed her examinations in 1922, and served in the State Department at Washington until recently. She is now a Third Secretary at the Legation in Bern, Switzerland.

Miss Field is from Denver. She was educated at Radcliffe and has also studied in France.

### MISSED OUT

ON HIS FIRST VISIT to the race tracks, an old farmer, was induced to bet \$5 on a long shot. The horse came home, and paid 20 to 1. When the farmer received his money from the

bookmaker he could hardly believe it. "Do I get all this just for \$5?"

"Sure."

"Well, say, how long has this been going on, anyhow?"

### CORRECT

SERGEANT MAJOR—What is the strategy of war? Give me an illustration.

Private—Well, strategy is when you don't let the enemy know you are out of ammunition but keep on firing—Answers.

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