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LONDON, THURSDAY, NOV. 28.

ONTARIO'S POPULAR VOTE.

Conservative papers are complain-
ing of a disproportion between the
representation of the Liberal party in
the House of Commons and the vote
polled by the party throughout the
country. At the last federal general
election the Liberal vote in Ontario
was 223,547, the former returning 38
members to Parliament and the latter 49.
In Quebec, according to the same sta-
tistics, the Liberal vote was 144,991,
and the Conservative vote 111,538. The
Liberals elected 54 members and the
Conservatives 11. In Nova Scotia the
Liberal vote was 55,778, and the Con-
servative vote 46,299. The Liberals
returned 17 members, the Conserva-
tives none.

There is nothing in these figures to
warrant the claim that the Conserva-
tive party is discriminated against in
Ontario, for instance, the Liberals got
49.60 per cent of the popular vote,
and only 44.18 per cent of the repre-
sentation in the House. These dis-
crepancies are bound to occur under
any system of election by ridings.
Accident is often an important factor.
A few hundred votes may turn the
scale in a dozen close constituencies,
while a thousand majority in one
riding will be worth only one seat.
If our Conservative friends were con-
tending for the adoption of propor-
tional representation or some other
system of voting, there would be some
reason in their complaint. They can-
not allege that the disparity between
the popular vote and the strength of
the parties in the House of Commons,
if it really exists, is due to a gerry-
mander.

The fact that the Conservative vote
in Ontario in the federal election of
1904 exceeded the Liberal vote by only
3,500 in a total poll of 443,500, dis-
poses of the boast that Ontario is a
Conservative province. The Conserva-
tive majority in Toronto alone was
4,520, so that leaving that Tory hive
out of the reckoning, the Liberals
actually had a majority of 1,000 in the
Province. The Whitney Government's
following in the Legislature is ab-
surdly out of proportion to its follow-
ing in the country, and the change of
a few thousand votes will make a
great difference in the next assembly.
Similarly in the next federal election,
the Federal Government, which got
practically half the vote cast in 1904
in Ontario, should get at least half the
seats, if there is a very slight im-
provement in the Liberal vote.

THE EGYPTIAN AGITATION.

What is known as the nationalist
agitation, which has as its object the
throwing off of British control, appears
to be spreading in Egypt, the lower
classes having now caught the infec-
tion. The present movement differs
from the uprising headed by Arabi
Pasha. While the latter was aimed at
the Turco-Circassian element, which
had for so long oppressed the Egyp-
tians, this new agitation is against
European control, and for a return to
relations of intimacy with Turkey.
Self-government and British evacua-
tion are openly preached daily to the
natives, the claim being made that
Egypt is capable of autonomy, and
that the British, having restored order
throughout the Nile Valley, should
now get out.

The Cairo correspondent of a Lon-
don paper, while admitting that the
British Government might reasonably
grant certain of the nationalist de-
mands, such as those for an improve-
ment in the educational system, for
the employment of more natives in the
civil service, and for reform of some
of the administrative departments, in-
sists that the Egyptians are not, and
will not be for many generations to
come, fit for self-government. There-
fore, nothing short of political disin-
tegration and economical ruin could
follow British evacuation. The corre-
spondent advises the suppression of
incendiary native papers, the reduc-
tion of the excess of the country's
needs, a substantial addition to the
army of occupation, and the strength-
ening of the British mounted police,
a force which has proved itself of the
greatest value in maintaining order in
the rural districts. While measures
such as those suggested would not, of
course, crush native aspirations, it is
but reasonable to suppose that they
would go far toward maintaining
order pending the development of a
qualified governing class.

Lord Cromer, in a speech at the
Mansion House about a month ago,
declared that some of those who
sought to mislead the Egyptians were
the worst enemies of that people's
country. In his opinion there is but
one way of dealing with the present
unrest in Egypt—namely, for Britain

to continue steadily to do her duty
toward the Egyptian people as a
whole, to lay a heavy hand on ex-
tremists who overstep the limits of
the law, and not to be deterred by the
actions of the agitators from adopting
reasonable reforms.

That the time for British evacuation
of Egypt is near at hand no one will
for a moment suppose. She is en-
gaged in a great civilizing work in
that country, has accomplished much,
but has still a great deal to do. Life,
property and the happiness of the in-
dividual are more secure in the land
of the Pharaohs today than ever they
were, while as a result of the efforts
of Lord Cromer, the country has been
lifted from a state of bankruptcy to a
sound financial position. But were
Britain to pack up and quit before
the people proved themselves fit to
govern themselves, the work of years
would be lost.

ROOSEVELT AND A THIRD TERM.

President Roosevelt's sphinx-like de-
emeanor on the subject of a third term
is not a little embarrassing to the
political statemakers. Since his
memorable declaration at the time of
the last presidential contest that he
was opposed to more than a second
term in the presidency, not one word
on the subject has escaped his lips,
publicly, at least. The idea prevailing
among close political observers is that
while people are guessing as to what
his final decision may be, the Presi-
dent will quietly gather in delegates
whom he can control for his favorite
candidate, presumably Mr. Taft, and
when the date of the Republican Na-
tional Convention approaches, he will
break the silence by publicly declaring
that his determination not to seek a
third term remains unaltered and un-
alterable, and refusing a nomination
that might be his for the asking, re-
tire with greatly increased prestige.

An incident tending to strengthen
the belief that Mr. Roosevelt is deter-
mined not to again be a candidate
came to light a few days ago. The
President's silence has not prevented
the third-term boomers from keep-
ing busy. Among the most active in
this movement are the federal office-
holders in the South, who have been
shouting for Roosevelt and laying plans
to have themselves chosen as dele-
gates to the party national convention
instructed to support his nomination.
This became so notorious that the
President felt impelled to issue orders
that no officeholder be allowed to serve
as a delegate instructed to vote for a
third term, although he may go to
the convention unpledged or pledged
for some one else. In this checking
his office-holding supporters, Mr.
Roosevelt may have been prompted by
fear that they were betraying his
plans, but the more likely reason is
a desire on his part to check a per-
sonal boom where he has power to do
so. At the same time, the President
comes in for a good deal of criticism
for giving federal officeholders per-
mission to meddle in politics, which is
contrary to his own previously-ex-
pressed doctrine.

An event which is expected to force
Mr. Roosevelt to publicly declare him-
self is expected to occur shortly.
Probably in no state is the third-term
movement more aggressive than in
Tennessee. The state Republican con-
vention is shortly to be held, and it is
expected that that body will enthusi-
astically instruct its delegates to de-
mand Roosevelt's nomination. In such
an event the President will no doubt
consider himself forced to make his
position clear. If he interferes to
prevent his name being used as con-
templated, all doubt will be removed;
but should he still remain silent, the
only inference will be that he has
changed his mind and intends to allow
his name to go before the national
convention.

"Chill November's surly blasts."
Some British politicians opine that
the suffragettes are no gentlemen.

Parliament open today. Mr. Peter
Eliot is on deck, and everything is in
ship-shape.

The condition of the country is
thoroughly sound, but some fool
newspapers are trying to manufacture
a hard times' scare.

The manager of a concern in old
London got 600 women out of a burn-
ing building safely by telling them to
go downstairs to watch a passing
parade. A simpler expedient would
have been to cry "Mice!"

The Hamilton Spectator is a Con-
servative paper, but it regards the
Niagara power project as a business,
not a political, question. It refuses to
be rushed into the advocacy of the
Niagara power money bylaw, when
the whole question is in the region
of rhetoric.

THE BANK CLERK'S ROLE.
[Toronto News.]
Queen Alexandra loves to be surrounded
by pretty girls. Her majesty would have
made an ideal bank clerk.

PNEUMONIA TIME.
[Chicago Record.]
These are days when pneumonia threat-
ens all persons who do not take reason-
able precautions against it. The pneu-
monia germ is always with us, but it gets

better opportunities for work under some
climatic conditions than under others.
When the days come that people shut
themselves up indoors with closed win-
dows, instead of seeking the fresh air, the
pneumonia germ finds its victims.

SIX HEALTH RULES.
[Detroit News.]
Six rules on how to live long, by Ed-
ward Payson Weston, the pedestrian:
Eat prunes every day.
Take a cold water sponge every morn-
ing.
Take a salt water bath once a week.
Walk to and from work.
Don't smoke cigarettes.
Don't keep late hours.

THE OFFICE BOY'S OPINION.
[Atlanta Constitution.]
"If," said the Billville editor, "you see
the major coming this way with his shot-
gun be sure and let me know."
"He's comin' now, sir," replied the office
boy, "but I notice that he's half-shot."
"It will be an easy matter to finish
him."

MADHOUSE NOTE.
[Louisville Courier-Journal.]
Eighty per cent of the human family
is sane. The rest are in public asylums,
sanatoriums and society.

IDEAS CARRIED OUT.
[Grit.]
"I sent you some suggestions telling you
how to make your paper more interesting.
Have you carried out any of my ideas?"
Editor:—Did you meet the office boy with
the waste paper basket as you came up
the stairs?
"Yes?"
"Well, he was carrying out your ideas."

A MENDACIOUS LOT.
[Grit.]
"What is there," asked the schoolmaster,
"in connection with George Washington
that distinguishes him from all other
Americans?"
"He always told the truth, sir," replied
Brown secundus, brightly.

HOW ONE WINTER CAME.
[William Wilfred Campbell.]
For weeks and weeks the autumn world
stood still;
Clothed in the shadow of a smoky haze;
The fields were dead, the wind had lost
its will,
And all the lands were hushed, by wood
and hill,
In those gray, withered days.
Behind a mist the clear sun rose and
set,
At night the moon would nestle in a
cloud;
The fisherman, a ghost, did cast his net;
The lake its shores forgot to chase and
fret,
And hushed its caverns loud.

Far in the smoky woods the birds were
mute,
Save that from blackened tree a jay
would scream;
Or far in swamp the lizard's lonesome
lute
Would pipe in thirst, or by some gnarled
root
The tree toad trilled his dream.
From day to day, still hushed the sea-
son's mood;
The streams stay'd in their runnel
shrunken and dry,
Suns rose agnast by wave and shore and
wood,
And all the world with ominous silence
stood
In weird expectancy.
When one strange night the sun like
blood went down,
Flooding the heavens in a ruddy hue;
Red grew the lake, the sere fields parched
and brown;
Red grew the marshes when the creeks
stole down,
But never a wind-breath blew.
That night I felt the winter in my veins,
A joyous tremor of the icy glow,
And woke to hear the North's wild vibrant
strains,
While far and wide by withered woods and
plains,
Fast fell the driving snow.

SANE PRAISE.
[Montreal Witness.]
Alexander and Bonaparte have left
names at which the world in their day
trembled pale. Sir Wilfrid has conquered
the world in a different fashion, and will
leave a name which in his own day has
everywhere carried good-will and hope
to history, where it will not die, be-
cause the services which he has rendered
to his time will be even better appre-
ciated in the perspective in which the
future will place them.

ENCOURAGEMENT.
[Washington Star.]
"Did your husband get any encourage-
ment at the races?"
"Yes," answered young Mrs. Torkins.
"One of the bookmakers called him 'old
sport,' and told him he was a good
loser!"

EASIER.
[Washington Star.]
"Why," inquired the promoter, "do you
pay rent instead of owing your home?"
"Because," answered the conscienceless
person, "I have found that it is easier to
stand on a landlord than the holder of a
mortgage note."

SONG FROM "WINDLE-STRAWS."
[Edward Dowden.]
Were life to last forever, love,
We might go hand in hand,
And pause and pull the flowers that blow
In all the idle land,
And we might lie in sunny fields
And while the hours away,
With fallings-out and fallings-in
For half a summer's day.

But since we two must sever, love,
Since some dim hour we part,
I have no time to give thee much,
But quickly take my heart,
"Forever thine," and "thine my love,"
Oh, death may come apace,
What more of love could life bestow,
Dearest, than this embrace.

AN INTERRUPTED TOAST.
[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
The young man drained his glass of
sparkling Moselle. His gaze met that of
the maiden across the table.
"Miss Belinda," he began, with a little
f flourish, "I rise to propose—"
But that was as far as he got. The
blushing Belinda hastily interrupted him.
"I am yours, dear George," she ecstasi-
cally murmured.

UNCHANGING HUMANITY.
[Manchester Guardian.]
The oldest written history is that which
is to be deciphered from the Babylonian
clay tablets, and it shows that in all
essential men went about their business
centuries ago as far as they do now,
being moved by the same passions
and aspirations and ideas which are still
the most potent forces of the world.



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Every box of Mooney's Perfection Cream Sodas you open—you will find a new delight in these dainty biscuits.
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MASONIC BANQUET; OFFICERS CHOSEN

Notable Gathering of St. John's Royal Arch Chapter—Degrees Are Conferred.

A most delightful time was spent by the members of St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, in their rooms at the Masonic Temple, last night, when, after the election of officers had taken place, all sat down to a banquet. Ex. Comp. Crawford acted as toastmaster, and a number of appropriate speeches were made.

Among the visiting brethren were Rt. Ex. Comp. J. H. Argue, of Stratford, superintendent of the London district, who was present in his official capacity, and a number of guests from sister lodges in St. Thomas, Stratford, Stratford and other places. During the evening the royal arch degree was conferred.

MAINTAINING BIBLE SOCIETY

Concerted Effort of Churches in Southeast End.

A meeting of representatives of all the churches in the southeastern district of the city was held last evening in the lecture room of All Saints' Church, when the trustees of the Bible Society and its work were delivered by Rev. W. A. Clarke, Rev. A. J. Bowen, Rev. D. E. Martin and Rev. Mr. Harris.

DISFRANCHISED A THIRD

Over 22,000 Montrealers Lost Vote Through Failure To Pay Taxes.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—An agitation has been started here for the abolition of the disfranchising custom which has been in vogue for the past few years. According to the present law, all who do not pay their taxes by Dec. 1 are deprived of their franchise at the next election. Last year no less than 22,155 persons were disfranchised, and as the total city vote is only 60,000 over one-third of the voters are debarred from marking their ballots.

More trouble for "Kid" Kingston, Nov. 27.—"Kid" Kingston, a notorious burglar, is in the penitentiary, finishing a seven-year term for burglary in Ottawa. He is serving the name of Martin. In February, at his release, he will be arrested for the robbery of bonds in Paris, France, which as yet have not been recovered.

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FRIDAY BARGAINS

Be Sure to Look Carefully Through This Store on FRIDAY, Bargain Day

Every department throughout the store offers items of interest to careful buyers and the collection for tomorrow is particularly interesting. Broken assortments, odd lots, remnants from whatever cause are offered at prices very much below their real value. There is no place in our stock for merchandise that is not absolutely perfect, and that does not furnish a satisfactory assortment. The nature of our trade obliges us to keep stocks moving. So keep your eyes open as you move around the store tomorrow.

BARGAIN SPECIAL

The remains of manufacturer's stock of Laces we clear on Friday. This lace sale last Friday and Saturday, without doubt, broke all lace-selling records heretofore made. Instead of selling the remains of these Laces at their real worth, we have decided to clear them out again tomorrow at 50 per cent off, including Nottingham, French Valenciennes Laces and the well-known reliable German Valenciennes Laces, with insertions to match, in all widths, ranging from 3c to 40c yard. Friday Half-Price
Cotton Torchons, the most suitable lace for winter wear, ranging in width from 1 1/2 to 5 inches, and ranging in price from 3c to 15c per yard. Friday Half-Price
A few of the Oriental Laces and Insertions, also Appliques, left for Saturday. Half-Price
A small balance of Dress Trimmings; among these are Colored Lace Appliques, at 25c

"Bargain Special" In Trimmed Hats

35 to 40 beautifully trimmed Hats, mostly pretty felts, some made hats, trimmed with all the season's new trimmings, Dresden and plain ribbons, fancy feathers and flowers. Worth up to \$6.00. Friday, Bargain Day \$2.69

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See Window Display
Sale 10 o'clock Friday morning. The French Cashmeres are 44 inches wide, good heavy quality and nice bright finish. Never sold less than 50c. In all colors, including black. Friday, per yard 37 1/2c
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TO USE THE YELLOW HEAD

Route of Transcontinental Across Rockies Definitely Located.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—Mr. G. O. Lesk, assistant chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific, announces that the new transcontinental system has been permanently located through Yellow Head Pass and the Rockies, and that the final surveys are now in progress through Nechaco and Bulkley valleys. This section of the route will be about 400 miles long. It is expected that 150 men will be engaged on this during the winter, and that the construction will be commenced in the spring of the whole mountain division in British Columbia. The road will probably take two years to build.

PROMISES A SCANDAL

Brussels, Nov. 27.—The courts recently granted Princess Louise, daughter of King Leopold, an extension of three weeks in which to find money to prevent her creditors from selling the jewels bequeathed to her by her mother. The creditors appeared and the hearing on the appeal began yesterday. A letter from Princess Louise was read, in which she said: "I have almost killed myself in making efforts to avoid a scandal affecting the venerable memory of my mother. These people have, nevertheless, provoked a scandal, and they shall have it. All my rights in this matter and all justice have been trodden under foot. If my creditors had seriously wished it, they could have been in possession of their money since 1898, because my marriage contract stipulates that my husband, Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg, must provide for my personal needs, and allow me an establishment suitable to my rank."
It is understood that the princess demands that her guardian and her

"This power bill," says Larry O'Shea, "Will sure turn my auburn hair grey. For with all their discussing, And figures, and fussing,

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N.B.—This competition closes December 2nd.

MR. DONOHUE IS KING AT FIRST

[Continued from page seven.]
that can be paid him is to say that he is the only first-sacker in the league who was not caught this year by Ty Cobb in his great from-first-to-third stunt on a sacrifice hit. Cobb did it against Chicago, but Robe was to blame, not getting Donahue's perfect throw.

He is never out of position. At this he is the best in the business. He always seems to get the ball on time to be ready for any move of the opposition. He makes difficult plays easy, because he gives with the ball. Jiggers Donahue's hands are not those of the average ball player. They are soft as the average hum-drum citizen's. He never fights the ball, always giving with it.

It was in the world series that made the Sox champions that Donahue pulled off what many claim to be the greatest throw ever made by a first-sacker. It would be hard to imagine a more brilliant play. The Sox had a two-run lead in the fifth game. It was in the eighth inning. Unable to hit Doc White, who had relieved Walsh, the Cubs began bunting toward Robe, who was throwing high, wide and wild at every opportunity. Sheekard was on second when Schulte rolled one to third. Donahue jumped high in the air and just got the ball on the throw. He

