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THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE SENATE.

The further one gets from the scene of any particular action, the freer he is to misrepresent it. At least, that seems to be the case with the man who wants to misrepresent. We have just had an illustration from the Pacific coast. The member of Parliament for Vancouver, is one H. H. Stevens. Of course, he is a Conservative. That is the only kind British Columbia sends to the House of Commons. When he got home from the last session he gave interviews to the party papers, in which he undertook to tell what was done by Parliament; principally what he did himself, but incidentally what others did. Among other statements he perpetrated the following: that Sir George Ross and the English-speaking Liberals had agreed with Senator Loughheed, the Government leader, that they would allow the naval bill to pass. This was done without the knowledge of Senator Dandurand, the French-Canadian Liberal leader, who, when he heard of the arrangement, told Sir George that if it was carried out, Sir Wilfrid would resign. Whereupon the Liberals turned around and opposed the bill.

Around Ontario and Quebec Conservative misrepresentation was confined largely to the assertion that the Liberal senators voted as they did on account of Sir Wilfrid's orders to that effect. Of course, that was promptly denied. Though many Conservatives will still believe it. But the supporters of the Government in the east did not have the audacity to go as far as this gentleman from British Columbia. He seemed to think he was far enough away from Ottawa to give his tongue full liberty. He forgot there was an easy way of finding out whether he was telling the truth or not. Even if there was no telegraph, there was the mail bag. Sir George promptly contradicted him. He wrote: "It is absolutely untrue that any agreement was made with Mr. Loughheed to allow the naval bill to pass the Senate." Mr. Dandurand replied by letter, characterized the statement as a lie, and suggested a good test, namely, to have Mr. Loughheed contradict Sir George. Of course, Mr. Loughheed had nothing to say. It does not yet appear what defence Mr. Stevens will make, if he thinks it necessary to make any.

We can understand how some Conservatives find it difficult to believe that the Liberal senators could act independent of any orders from their leader. Independence by any politician is something of which they have had no personal experience; they do not know what it means. Loyalty to party with them means prompt submission to party orders. And we will admit that in this respect the Conservative party has a certain advantage over the Liberals. For example, when reciprocity was proposed, it was well known that there were Conservative members of Parliament in favor of it. But when the caucus decided against it not a word was heard from them; they obeyed orders. The Liberal caucus voted to support reciprocity; but the few Liberals who disapproved of it refused to be bound by the decision of the majority, and did not hesitate to speak and vote as they thought right. We may not approve of their judgment, but we can well admire their conscientious independence.

The case is similar so far as the naval bill was concerned. Every Conservative voted for it, no matter what he thought. Every Liberal who approved of it did not hesitate for a moment to say so, and to vote so. If that was true of the House of Commons, whose members are more closely bound by party ties than are the senators, it is especially true of the Upper House. It would have been impossible for the Liberal leader to coerce the Liberal senators, if he wanted to do so, and there is no reason to suppose that he ever thought of trying to do it. The Liberals in the Senate doubtless retain much of their old party feeling; it would be unnatural if they did not. But they are sufficiently independent to vote as they think right, no matter what party leaders or the party caucus may say. Glad any of them honestly believed in the Government's contribution policy they would have voted for it without the slightest hesitation. As we have said, that is a state of mind which Conservatives with their strong sense of party loyalty cannot understand; but it is the fact nevertheless.

THE TROUBLES IN SOUTH AFRICA

The disturbances in South Africa show that economic issues have thrust racial issues aside for the present—perhaps permanently.

The old division between Briton and Boer is obliterated by the strife between

tween miners and mine owners. The new alignment is in significant contrast to that of the past. The mining magnates were the head and front of the anti-Boer agitation, which culminated in the war, their principal concern being to lighten the load of taxation and open the door to cheap Oriental labor. Today they are leaning on a Boer Government for protection against striking miners, who are mainly British-born. The mine owners and the white miners made common cause against the Boers thirteen years ago. Today they are at loggerheads, with a Boer Administration trying to keep the peace.

In South Africa there are four political groups—the Botha party, composed mainly of the Dutch element, but with a considerable English following; the Unionists, wholly British; the Herzog faction, consisting of Boer extremists, who accuse Botha of being too amenable to the British; as the Quebec Nationalists in the election of 1911 complained of Laurier; and the Laborites, who ignore the race question. The Labor party itself is divided between old line trade unionists and revolutionary Socialists.

The British-Boer feud must yield to the pressure of new forces; the future division will probably be between the conservative and radical parties, in each of which Briton and Boer will find themselves allied.

PRESENT STATE OF BRITISH POLITICS.

Home Rule has passed the third reading of the second trip through the British House of Commons by the great majority of 109. The voting is almost 3 to 2 for the bill. Last year the majorities on the three readings were 94, 101 and 110. The Government has lost no ground on this issue.

One more river remains to be crossed, and the Irish enter the promised land. By the Parliament Act of 1911 a measure must go through the House of Commons in three successive sessions and then receiving the King's signature become law in spite of the House of Lords. The House of Lords' blockade and the old system of Irish government are anachronisms which pass away almost together.

No fighting spirit against Home Rule remains alive in the United Kingdom outside Ulster, and not much there. Outside Belfast, as the Derry by-election showed, where the Nationalists gained a seat. The recent efforts of the Carson brigade to rouse up Scotland and Northern England have dismally failed. The British people have as much relish for the Carson antics as for the arson antics of the suffragettes, and John Bull is essentially law-abiding. He is willing to live by the rule of the majority. The Ulsterettes and militant suffragettes make him think of Central America. The Times and Mr. Balfour have both been admitting that Home Rule does not count in British by-elections.

The subject, in fact, begins to bore the Conservative party. They will be glad to have the Irish question settled, so as to confine themselves to their proper work of resisting Lloyd Georgean infringements upon their privileges in land, church, education and taxation.

The great landlords are becoming as concerned as anybody about the land problem. The huge emigration of the agricultural class has to be checked. A surprising number of legislative proposals, some of them quite radical, have emanated lately from Tory quarters in the House of Commons, on this subject of land reform. This is due partly to an uneasy expectation of a sweeping measure from Mr. Lloyd George, partly to genuine realization of the needs of the situation, brought home to landlords and farmers by the impending shortage of agricultural labor. If it were not for stupid prejudice and the traditional desire to hold all the land and to keep the poor man under, the Tory landlords would for their own self-interest, be the very leaders in land reform.

But what British rural labor needs is a land revolution such as all continental countries have experienced, and as Ireland is going through. Look out for Mr. Lloyd George. No wonder, then, that not even British Conservatives can be flogged up to any anti-Home Rule enthusiasm, when the land question presses heavily on their minds and perhaps on their consciences as well.

About this time next year or before, Home Rule will be finally enacted, and as by the bill eight months must elapse after its passage till the Irish Parliament assembles, during which time the machinery will be erected, it will be about the end of 1914 or beginning of 1915, barring accident, that Home Rule will begin to operate.

It is possible that during the eight months period an election might be held. Supposing a Unionist administration to be the result, how would Mr. Law and Mr. Balfour be able to repeal the practically accomplished fact and erase the King's signature to the law? By their present fiery utterances the Unionist leaders are bequeathing to themselves, if they have the luck to come into office, a terrible problem. They are pledging themselves to destroy Home Rule. Will the wreckers dare do it if they get the chance?

The best that can be hoped is that the Asquith Government will remain in power until Ireland has got under way, and the Unionist party will then be spared the difficulty and perils of attempting to undo a sovereign act.

Lady Sackville gets her millions. Her ladyship certainly has a taking way.

In Johannesburg the war between

capital and labor has superseded the war between Briton and Boer.

The militant suffrage movement appears to be in a state of collapse. This is a hopeful sign for the women suffrage movement.

The Australian fleet unit will be completed within a month. The Canadian fleet unit—but then we are told the achievement is beyond us.

The self-restraint exercised by the Borden Government in refusing to wipe out the Liberal party by ordering an election rises almost to a Christian virtue.

People are reported to be booking reservations for the world's series in New York and Philadelphia in October. There are people who eat to live, and live to see world's series.

The annual race between the crops and the frost in the west has entered its first stage. If the crops win, the west hopes to start the money shortage on the run also.

A CASE OF COMMISSION.

[London Opinion.]
Algy's Mother—I suppose yer gettin' a good fee, sir, fer attendin' to the rich Smith boy?

Doctor—Well, yes, I get a pretty good fee, but why are you asking?

Algy's Mother—Well, I 'ope yer won't forget that my little Algy threw the brick that 'it 'im.

YES, IT REPEATS WHAT IT HEARS

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]
Goderich has a crow that talks politics. And no doubt it talks as intelligently as some of the humans that might be named. N.B.—The reference, of course, is to the fellows in the other party.

PUBLICITY THAT IS HEALTHFUL.

[St. John Telegraph.]
President Woodrow Wilson not only believes in publicity, but fully understands the great gain arising from the dissemination of correct information. More than any President that ever sat in the White House, he has systematized presidential publicity. The President receives all of the accredited newspaper and press association correspondents every Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and every Thursday afternoon at 3. The meeting is without formalities, and anyone is at liberty to ask all sorts of questions within the canons of good taste.

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT.

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]
Different municipalities have had different experiences with commission government; but one significant fact is that no municipality which has had the courage to abandon the old plan shows any real desire to go back to it.

DARK DAYS.

[Washington Herald.]
Chicago has a school to teach men how to sweep. It is enough to make angels weep.

WHAT HE BETS.

[Aurora Globe.]
One old sport offers odds of eight to three that a surprising percentage of these transparent silk hose have holes in the toes.

DOESN'T HE LOOK FUNNY?

[Guelph Mercury.]
It's a pretty tame picnic when some nifty chap in white duck pants doesn't manage to sit on a new cherry pie.

NOT AN AID TO MATRIMONY.

[Detroit Free Press.]
"Poverty is no bar to marriage," says a St. Louis preacher. Neither is it much of a boost.

DANGERS OF SUPERFLUITY.

[Vancouver Province.]
They are making so many discoveries of natural gas in Alberta that the inhabitants are almost afraid to light their pipes for fear of causing an explosion.

FAVORITE FICTION.

[Chicago Tribune.]
"O, Reginald, I Never Dreamed You Cared for Me in That Way!"
"Let Me See Johnson; I Don't Remember Whether I Paid You That \$5 or Not."

A LIFE-SAVING ADVANCE.

[Toronto Star.]
A train which arrived in Toronto on Sunday brought with it a triumph of civilization—a passenger car—not a Pullman—made of steel, roof, walls, window frames, seats and floor—nothing that would burn but the cushions. If such cars were in general use, a collision would not mean a horrible death from burning, and there would be less danger of the cars being smashed.

NOT ORIGINAL SIN.

[New York Sun.]
Adam heard them blame the cost of living on the millenium.
"The only thing they don't blame on the first man," he thankfully observed.

WHY BRITAIN IS FREE TRADE.

[Philadelphia Record.]
The recent official annual statement of the trade of Great Britain shows that in the last five years there has been an increase of imports of \$760,000,000 or more than 25 per cent. During the same time exports increased \$550,000,000, nearly 30 per cent. The increase in imports was largely made up of raw materials, while increase exports consisted mainly of manufactured goods. There has never before been a season of greater trade activity in the United Kingdom, nor of such full employment for all persons willing to work. Is it any wonder that British people enjoy such remarkable industrial and commercial prosperity should refuse to abandon the system of free trading under which great forward strides have been accomplished?

GEORGE WYNDHAM.

[Lord Curzon, in the Times.]
"As the years go by, and his comrades recall the past, there will always emerge from this young and debonair figure, like a Greek hero in the range of his attainments and perfections, possessing the physical beauty of a statue, and endowed with the chivalry of the knight errant, the fancy of the poet, and the deep tenderness of a woman. If his spirit wanders tonight in Elysian fields, it can only be with spirits akin to and compatible with his own."

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Oh, to be up a tree full of ox-hearts on a July morning!

Some people will tramp on a man's feet, then, and him what he means by insulting them.

The silver lining of the war cloud in the Balkans seems to be too thick for the dove of peace to peck through.

It's a sackful for Lady Sackville.

Did you see Hon. J. Dingbat Butts in his new sailor hat? They ought to make Jimmy admiral of the water pail for that.

ABOUT THE LIMIT.

There is a man in our town. You'll never find a meaner. He borrows once a week, he does. His neighbor's vacuum cleaner. He uses it for a shampoo.

The cost, he says, is lower. He's trying now some way to cut His hair with a lawn mower.

What has become of the old-fashioned spare room? * * *

And, echo answers, of the O-K. pillow ehams? * * *

And who short-circuited that German peril, by the way? * * *

The Free Press has not yet tried to make an argument for electrification out of the hydro troubles. But it will in a day or so. * * *

Someone is advertising that he lost a whistle off a motorcycle. Providence does step in once in a while after all.

He's an honest man who'll contend he has not fitted to himself every favorable epigram he has read. * * *

Did you ever hear a plumber say to his helpers: "Go and get that wrench AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT? Neither did we. * * *

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

He went into the leafy woods. A cat, he thought, he saw. And, though he loved his new spring suit, He'll never wear it more.

We haven't noticed that hanning the ice supply keeps any small boys off the end of the ice wagons? * * *

Have you started to figure out where our ball team will finish next year? Neither should we worry. * * *

Mrs. Bass and Mrs. Trout are now figuring in the suffragette demonstrations. Their finish is in sight. * * *

Yes, Algernon, if the baby swallows a shirt band he'll be a buttin' in.

The Ottawa grounds keeper helped his team in a pinch. And our Mr. Dunkinow has never given Jimmy Butts a chance. * * *

Across the line on the G. F. they used to go to hear an orator hold forth. Now if Ty Cobb can hold third they are satisfied. * * *

The barefaced lie won't walk on the same side of the street as the veiled insult. * * *

WHY SURE.

He named his new dog "Acroplane." And when his friends asked why? He said: "Tis most appropriate. His native place is skye."

You may harness Niagara Falls, but you can't always make him go.

Each year after we pay a tax for good honest Carlo, the more we think that no street loafer should go untagged. * * *

Of all sad words of tongue and pen the saddest are these:
John Jacob Butts, full brother to Jimmy, tried to take a drink of water out of the home team's pail and somebody stopped him!

Money gets tighter every day despite the fact that it is pinched so often. * * *

He'd Be Nearly Ninety Then. [Hamilton Times.]
The fear is that this hydro-electric breakdown may take another ten years off Mr. Beck's long and happy life. * * *

The garbage men have started their rounds, and the city hall reporter says they report a swell time. * * *

Residents of Wellington street north are wondering if the street railway intends to let those old poles take root and sprout into trees again.

It is nineteen months since the Graham administration got an order from the citizens to build the inclinator. The courthouse will be in shape about 1917 and will have cost \$500,000 at that rate.

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