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## Hon. David Mills and Bothwell.

The Liberals of the electoral constituency of Bothwell, in convention yesterday, assembled at Dresden, unanimously tendered the nomination for the House of Commons to their old representative, the Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice. Mr. Mills is now a member of the Dominion Senate, and leader of that body. A man cannot be in two places at once, hence his acceptance of the Commons nomination would necessarily involve his resignation from the Senate—a step, we should say, not to be taken lightly; particularly as the Minister of Justice has shown himself exceedingly capable and astute in his management of the Upper House.

Whatever the decision to which Mr. Mills may come in regard to the acceptance of the nomination, it is just such a manifestation of regard as might have been expected from those who know his worth. It will be gratifying, too, to all Western Ontario, in which Mr. Mills is its most outstanding public man and recognized leader. The Minister of Justice occupies an equally honorable position in the Dominion of Canada as a whole. No other man on the continent possesses so great a wealth of constitutional and general knowledge, and the views of no other Canadian public man in his own special subjects command as much attention in the most thoughtful and influential circles in the United States and Great Britain.

## American Sympathies Divided.

The Literary Digest, in measuring the forces of opinion in the United States, on the South African war, concludes, from the attitude of the press, that neither Briton nor Boer has yet won the complete sympathy of the American people. Many of the press content themselves with a mere statement of both sides of the case; and of the papers which do declare for one or the other few take a very aggressive attitude. This division, too, where it does occur, does not seem to follow the lines of party cleavage. It might be expected that the anti-expansion press would feel as much sympathy for the Boer as for the Filipino, and while this is indeed the rule, yet the New York Evening Post, the Hartford Times, the New Orleans Times-Democrat and Picayune, and the Florida Times-Union, all anti-expansionists, look with favor upon the British policy; while of the expansion press, on the other hand, the New York Sun, the Cleveland Leader, the Philadelphia Ledger, the Chicago Evening Post and Inter-Ocean, the Boston Journal, the Detroit Journal, and the Rochester Post-Express justify the Boers. The Digest gives a partial list of leading papers, which openly express their sympathies. Among those favoring the British are the New York Tribune, New York Times, New York Journal of Commerce, New York Commercial Advertiser, New York Journal, New York Press, Chicago Times-Herald, Brooklyn Eagle, Richmond Times, Indianapolis News, Indianapolis Journal, Portland Oregonian, Nashville American, Nashville Banner, Washington Star, Washington Times, Denver Republican, Kansas City Journal, St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The Digest gives a somewhat longer list of papers opposing the British side, the most prominent being the Springfield Republican, New York World, Baltimore Sun, Detroit Free Press, San Francisco Chronicle, Pittsburgh Dispatch, Chicago Journal and Boston Advertiser.

This division of opinion in the United States is in marked contrast to the unanimous support which the British gave their kinsmen in their war with Spain, but it is a matter for congratulation that so large a body of American sympathy is on the side of Great Britain when we remember the old time hostility of our neighbors. Beyond a doubt, British friendliness to the United States has already borne good fruit. If there had been no Spanish-American war, and consequently no proffer of British support, it is safe to say that the American eagle would today be screaming against Great Britain, as it did four years ago on the Venezuelan question. The present emergency reveals the wonderful change for the better which has since ensued. Official sentiment in the United States is entirely with Great Britain. Many of the leading American newspapers, as we have seen, are on the same side. This would have been impossible two years ago. It is an immense gain for both countries and for civilization.

"The Great Round World" is one of the most useful of our exchanges. It presents a weekly review of the world's happenings in terse and attractive style, suited for the busy reader, who thus gets the very cream of the news. In the daily newspaper sketches there is necessarily much that is scrappy and fragmentary—much that looks big one day and is discounted the next, or swept aside by more important matters. "The Great Round World" is able to classify events according to their relative importance, and put them in proper perspective. The publishers (the "Great Round World" Company, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York) have just completed eleven volumes of a "History of Our Own Times," beginning Nov. 12, 1896, and carrying the reader down to the present day. The volumes are composed of the weekly editions of "The Great Round World," copiously illustrated and handsomely bound.

## Gen. White's Pathetic Position.

"I am alone responsible for the plan. There is no blame whatever to the troops, as the position was untenable." There is something almost noble in these words of Gen. White's. It takes genuine heroism to make such a confession. No wonder it has touched a chord of sympathy and admiration for the man who displays such chivalry and moral courage in the face of such a crisis. There is a real pathos, too, in his situation. He has had a long, uniformly successful, even brilliant, record, and had recently risen to be commander of the British forces in India, in succession to the celebrated Lord Roberts. In a few years at the utmost—he is now 64—he would have been retired with unimpaired prestige but for the present war, which he doubtless welcomed as an opportunity to crown his splendid career, and perhaps earn enduring fame. Until Monday's disaster he had justified expectations. His experience of hill fighting seemed to have specially qualified him to meet the Boers on their own conditions, and his two victories had created the utmost confidence of headquarters in his ability to use his forces to the best advantage. One can imagine the heart-ache of the man who now sees his military reputation shattered when it seemed about to reach its culmination. The fortune of war has indeed been cruel to him. Perhaps, when the circumstances are fully known, it will be found that his plan was well conceived, but that his subordinates blundered in executing it; but Gen. White is too manly to even suggest such a thing, and takes the whole responsibility on himself. He may yet retrieve himself, for it is evident there is plenty of work still to be done.

## Hon. J. R. Stratton.

The new Provincial Secretary for Ontario, Hon. J. R. Stratton, who is likely to be re-elected by acclamation in West Peterboro, is in the vigorous prime of life, having been born in 1857. Mr. Stratton is not only a capable writer, but a strong and convincing speaker. His speech in the last or previous session, on the need of a strong policy of development in New Ontario, was one of the most practical addresses of recent times. His large business capacity is shown in the position he holds in various financial and industrial enterprises. He owns and publishes the Peterboro Examiner, and has always been popular with his journalistic confreres. Though Canadian born, he has a little touch of good Irish blood in his veins, and he is a member of the Methodist Church. The career of "the Honorable the Provincial Secretary" as the parliamentary phrase goes, has been one of steady progression. His friends congratulate him, and wish him a continued success. If there is any truth in the London Spectator's theory that some men are unlucky, the converse must be equally true; and Mr. Stratton is one with whom financial and industrial institutions and constituencies seem fortunate to be connected.

Gen. White has at least saved his honor.

Britons never, never shall be slaves, but there are too many of them prisoners in South Africa just now.

Nearly \$6,000,000 has been spent already on the Paris Exposition. This indicates nearly six million reasons why France will keep out of war for a year at least.

A young Toronto politician compares the Canadian Senate majority to Oom Paul. Isn't this a little too severe on Oom Paul? He has never professed what his Government was run on representative principles.

Admiral Dewey is about to embark on the sea of matrimony for the second time. As he will wed a rich widow and his admirers have presented him with a handsome house, well furnished, the gallant admiral is in ship-shape for the voyage.

The preferential tariff was bitterly opposed on the ground that Canada should demand something from the mother country in return. If that logic is sound, why should Canada send a contingent to South Africa? Let the lip-loyalists reply.

Cecil Rhodes is denounced as one of the worst enemies of the British Empire by many leading English politicians and newspapers. Why? Because he stirred up the animosity of the Dutch in South Africa and appealed to race prejudices to serve his private and political ends. We have some of the Rhodes' breed in Canada without the Rhodes' brains.

What La Verite is after is, by lies and misrepresentation, to arouse an anti-British feeling among the French people in Quebec, by inducing them to believe that they are the victims of oppression.—London Free Press.

La Verite is a Conservative newspaper, but who would think of accusing the Conservative party of disloyalty on that account? Frankly, we are not surprised at the irritation shown by some French-Canadian papers, when we see the calumnies hurled at the leaders of the French-Canadian race by the Bigots of this Province.

Brantford's assessment returns show a decrease of 600 in the population since last year, and a corresponding decrease in values. This was so remarkable and unexpected, in the face of the prevailing prosperity, that Brantford flatly refused to believe it, and there is an urgent call for a new assessment. The majority of the City Council, being hide-bound partisans, discharged an experienced assessor for political reasons, and put on a green hand for this year's work, which the assessor charges has been sadly

bungled. The people of Brantford are certain that a competent assessment would tell another tale, but the City Council seems averse to exposing its own folly by ordering the work to be done anew.

Who is the Ottawa cable correspondent of the London Times? From the almost invariable tone of the dispatches one might suspect the correspondent to be our old friend Sir Charles Tupper himself.

In a letter to the Stratford Beacon, bristling with details, Mr. James Pringle, of that city, points out some outrageous discriminations against Canadian shippers, practiced by Canadian railways. Wheat is carried from Chicago to the seaboard at the rate of 5 cents per 100 pounds, while from this district the rate is 12½ cents to Montreal and 15½ cents to Portland. The result is that wheat is 6 to 8 cents higher in Chicago than it is here, and the Ontario farmer who wishes to export to the European market is at a great disadvantage. Mr. Pringle's charges are specific, and are based on his own experience. The same charges have been made year in and year out, and they have not and cannot be denied. The railway problem is one of the most vital in Canadian politics, and yet we have politicians so enslaved to corporate interests that they fight against any redress of the present shameful conditions. A railway commission could be made an effective instrument in compelling fair play for Canadian shippers and producers, but we all know who opposed the creating of such a body and defeated the Government's purpose.

## What Others Say.

## Victoria's Heart.

[Buffalo Express.]

In the mind of the aged and humane Queen the glory of victory is plainly subordinated to thoughts of the cost at which it has been won.

## An Incident of Majuba Hill.

[London Chronicle.]

Here is a story of Free Masonry on Majuba Hill. A slightly wounded commissariat officer was being covered by the rifle of a Boer sharpshooter, when the former made the Masonic sign. The Boer lowered his rifle, and, stepping over to the other, made him a prisoner, but treated him in a specially hospitable fashion as a brother member of the craft. The commissariat man ascertained that Mr. Kruger and Gen. Joubert were also Free Masons.

## The War Debt.

[London Economist.]

Of the four and a half millions or so of revenue raised by the Transvaal Government a large portion has been squandered on armaments for which, under a better condition of affairs, there would be no necessity, and many hundreds of thousands of pounds more have stuck to the fingers of a corrupt oligarchy. Under a purer and better administration the cost of government could be so greatly reduced that even if the Transvaal were called upon to assume a war debt of ten, or even twenty millions, the burden of that would be light in comparison with the economies that might be effected, and a considerably smaller revenue than that which has been raised hitherto would suffice to meet all requirements.

## Light and Shade.

"Did you notice what an attitude Ruggles struck when he stepped up to Dewey and shook hands with him at the reception?"

"I did. What did he mean by it?"

"He had bribed 50 amateur photographers to take snap shots of him at that moment."

"Some men, said the corn-fed philosopher, 'think they have no religion, and other men think they have all there is.'"

"How far back on the family tree did you trace his lineage?"

"To the third limb."

"Why did he stop there?"

"His great-grandfather was dangling on it."—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

Of course, we have to pay more for coal now than we did a month or two ago," said Mrs. Chugwater, "but we ought not to mind that. I suppose it means what they have been raising the poor coal miners' wages."

"Samantha," remarked Mr. Chugwater, looking at her over his glasses, "you are too good for this wicked world."

"I does hate," said Uncle Eben, "ter see a growed-up man dat has been hollerin' hisself hoarse at a mass-meetin' go home an' threaten to spank de chillen foh cryin'."—Washington Star.

## CAUGHT BY THE CLICKER

Horatio, Ark., has been nearly wiped off the map by fire; loss about \$50,000.

Fifteen of the crew of the German ship Carolus died of fever at Panama.

American civil rule has been extended to Pasig, Taguig and Pateros, towns close to Manila.

President McKinley is at Richmond, Va., to attend the launching of the torpedo boat Shubrick.

The magazine building at the old fort, Toronto, was burned down Tuesday. The building was empty.

Hamilton cigar dealers have decided to fight the opposition of the authorities to nickel-in-the-slot machines.

Sixty Gloucester, Mass., fishermen were lost during the present year, leaving 15 widows and 28 children.

Juneau county, Wisconsin, is to have a drainage canal, about 100 miles long, to reclaim 55,000 acres of waste land.

James Anderson King, Hawaiian minister of interior, died of apoplexy, while bathing at Mokapu Point, a watering-place.

George Bartle, oldest clerk in the state department is dead in Washington. He was a personal friend of Daniel Webster.

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express on the Illinois Central at New Orleans. Eight passengers were badly injured in the resulting wreck.

A gas explosion at the Carnegie steel works, Duquesne, Pa., fatally burned Robert Baxter and Thorval Nelson. Eight others were badly injured.

Seventy-six returning prospectors from Cook's Inlet, Alaska, bring \$30,000 in gold dust and say earthquake shocks are regular things around the inlet.

The adjourned case against Conductor Bright of the G. T. R. for manslaughter, came up again at Stratford on Tuesday and was adjourned for a week.

Indianapolis Methodist ministers ask Indiana congressmen to secure the expulsion of Congressman Roberts, and urge a constitutional amendment.

W. H. Webb, shipbuilder and philanthropist, known as "the father of American shipbuilding," and the possessor of \$20,000,000, is dead in New York, aged 85.

Robert Young, a youthful crook, who broke into a Hamilton grocery on the night of Oct. 23, stole \$20, was on Tuesday sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary.

Because of the extraordinary demand for transports sailing between San Francisco and Manila, a coal famine threatens Honolulu, which may close the sugar mills and other factories.

The condition of Mr. Reginald Gamble, general manager of the Dominion Bank, Toronto, who has been undergoing medical treatment in England for some time past, has lately become precarious.

The Montreal police believe they have the gang of professional safe-blowers which has been working successfully in the city for some time past, in the toils. Two more safes were blown open Monday night.

While resisting arrest at Ironton, O., C. P. Moore, of Green River, Ky., fired six shots from a revolver. One bullet killed Mrs. Lot Henthorn, who was watching the fight from her window. Moore narrowly escaped lynching.

A young man named Knight is 19-

ing in the Galt hospital suffering from lockjaw. About two weeks ago he broke the end of his little finger between two stones, and from the slight wound the disease had its origin. He is critically ill.

Harry Stokes, a well known and highly respected citizen of Hamilton, died at his residence Monday evening, aged 78 years. He went to Hamilton in 1855 and was engineer on the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railroads, until he retired, about 20 years ago.

Spanish commissioners who have returned to the American lines say Spanish prisoners are being ill-treated by Filipinos to compel recognition of insurgent independence by Spain. Lieut. Gilmore is reported held at Binang, and 14 other Americans at Talar, where Aguinaldo now is.

Christopher Wagner, of Toronto, over 70 years of age, whose father was quartermaster of the battleship Prince Regent, and received his discharge in 1816, has entered claim for \$24,000 of prize money due him as his father's heir. The original amount in 1816 was \$250 sterling. The amount now due with interest is \$24,000.

## THE W. C. T. U.

Annual Meeting, Guelph of the Provincial Association.

Guelph, Nov. 1.—The 22nd annual meeting of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union opened yesterday in the Congregational Church, about 100 delegates from all parts of the province being present. The morning trains brought in about 50 additional delegates. The president, Mrs. May R. Thornley, of London, presided, and with her were Mrs. Jennie Cavers, of Galt, vice-president; the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary Wiley, Richmond Hill; the recording secretary, Mrs. Alice Saunby, London, and the treasurer, Miss Jennie MacArthur, of Cornwall. Almost the entire day was occupied in devotional exercises and in the presentation and discussion of the reports.

The report of work among sailors was presented by Mrs. Eliza J. Lawrence, of Sarnia, and adopted.

An interesting report was that dealing with work among railway men, presented by Mrs. B. C. Britton, of Gananoque.

The treasurer's report showed a very gratifying state of the union's funds. The other reports were adopted. A reception was given to the delegates in the First Baptist Church in the evening, when addresses were delivered by F. S. Spence, Toronto; Mrs. (Rev.) Harrison, Granton; Miss L. Wiggins and others.

CONSERVATIVE RALLY.

Prescott, Ont., Nov. 1.—A Conservative rally, under the auspices of the Conservative Association of South Grenville, was held in the opera house here yesterday. The principal speakers were Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. George E. Foster, and Mr. J. P. Whitney, leader of the Ontario opposition.

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