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LONDON, MONDAY, JAN. 22.

THE SOUTH RENFREW CASE Conservatives can less afford to allow the South Renfrew incident to drop than can Liberals.

The honor of the Conservative party. not of the Liberal party, is at stake. At least two cabinet ministers, Messrs. Reid and Cochrane, have openly urged upon their party a course of dishonor. The electors of South Renfrew can rebuke these men, and vindicate public morals, by overwhelmingly electing the Liberal candidate. But have Conservatives outside of South Renfrew no interest or say in the matter? In two or three of the more servile newspapers there have been even anologies for the conduct of Messrs Reid and Cochrane, but the Conservative press as a whole is silent. It is probably ashamed of the affair, but if It will not enter a protest, decent Conservatives may make their resentment felt by letters to the newspapers. or to their representatives at Ottawa. They may well hope, too, for the election of Mr. Graham. His defeat in South Renfrew, in view of the shocking and cynical breach of faith, would be a sorry commentary on the Canadian standard of citizenship.

"BAD POLITICS AND WORSE PAT-RIOTISM.

The decree of the Minister of Customs, Dr. Reid, that he will dismiss every customs official upon the comis described by the Conservative Toronto Telegram s "a repudiation of of every principle of civil service re

To quote further from the Tele-

D. Reid exposes every Conservative M. P. to the pressure of office-hunt-These office-hunters will say: you've got to do is to tell the Minister of Customs that Blank has been You're keeping me out of a good job her against Germany. because you won't speak a word to the minister.' It is bad politics and worse patriotism for Right Hon. R. L. Borden to permit his Minister of Liberal office-holders.'

Dr. Reid's plea that he is following a valid one. The late Government reis satisfied with a general accusation ticulars or details. Dr. Reid's attitude treatment of the House of Commons. toward the public service is on a moral level with his conduct in the South Renfrew election case. Will anyone explain why Dr. Reid was all the Conservative members in Ontario, according to Mr. E. B. Osler. M. P., asked to be taken in?

THE WELSH CONTROVERSY.

The controversy in Great Britain over the disestablishment of the church in Wales has now sharpened up in view of the approaching parliamentary bill. The question is naturally a little overshadowed and cooled by the Home Rule issue. When the very similar disestablishment of the English Church in Ireland was carried out by threats of civil war by fiery Irish Home Rule opponents, while the Welsh question is debated with some degree of calmness, especially outside of

Celtic Wales, like Ireland, has never been a stronghold of the Established Church. Its mountain valleys were fire-swept by the flame of Methodism in the mid-eighteenth century, and have been Nonconformist ever since.

Some attempts have been made to minimize by acrobatic arithmetic the preponderance of dissent in the principality. The figures for 1905 are thus, however, furnished by Mr. Ellis Griffith, M. P.:

Population over three in

Total Nonconformist adher-

neither church nor chapel, an estimate with which the Bishop of St. David's has agreed. The remainder of 436,621 includes, besides the adherents of Anglicanism, the Salvation Army and the adherents of all other denominational missions. It is clear, accordingly, that the Churchmen are to the Nonconformists of Wales in the proportion of two to five, or less. Perhaps one to three would more nearly represent the disproportion of only active and vital attendance and membership were considered.

The grievance of Welsh Noncon formity, therefore, is that a vast majority of the people is taxed and tithed to keep up the emoluments of present incumbents. Extremists have proposed to take cathedrals out of the law was passed in her realm: hands of the Established Church, but there is no likelihood that the bill to readjust things in Wales to be pundis or less, as his estait may same footings so far as government is shall be free." concerned, and leave advantage to

THE REVOLT AGAINST SIR EDWARD GREY.

The British Government, at a time when it is confronted by great tasks. is threatened by a mutiny. The situation must be serious when the leading Liberal daily of London, the News, uses this language:

"Never before has the British nation been so impotent and so humiliated, or a British foreign secretary crusaded so consistently against liberties of struggling peoples. and collaborated so zealously in the destruction of supreme British interests. Why has Sir Edward Grey dear lost days." chosen this disastrous course? Nobody dares to suggest that he or anybody in England believes the annihilation of Persia or the dismemberment of China to be good in themselves. They are universally confessed to be disasters, but it is suggested by Sir Edward's scant following that they are part of the price of greater good. What is that 'greater good'? They key to Sir Edward Grey's policy is the fatal antagonism of Germany. There and there alone is the root of our humiliation and our impotence. time has come to state with a clearness which cannot be mistaken that are?" Sir Edward Grey as foreign secretary is impossible The mutineers may move a vote of

censure on Sir Edward Grey, but the Unionists would not be able to take posed to me yet. ernment. The Anglo-French entente. is a Unionist inheritance, which Sir plaint of any member of Parliament. Edward has jealously guarded-too jealously in the Morocco case, his ascailants say. The Unionists can find the Halifax platform, and a violation no fault, either with Sir Edwhich has been their own for years planes" The gravamen of the charge against him is that his policy is wholly anti-"The doctrine preached by Hon. J. Liberal in the broader sense of the word. British Liberals fear that Rusers who 'want the jobs' now held by sia is deliberately strangling the inde-Liberals in the customs department. pendence of Persia, and they are angry 'All that Great Britain's hands should be tied by the supposed necessity of a partisan and I can get his job. truckling of Russia in order to play

It is significant that these Liberal critics of the Government's foreign policy are the most aggressive supparters of its domestic policy, and contheir party. It may be that Sir Edthe Liberal example of 1896 is not ward Grey will yield to their pressure by voluntarily resigning. His colleagues quired that the specific charge against could not afford to force him out of an official should be given. No such the cabinet, as he has a powerful perrequirement is made by Dr. Reid. He sonal following and a great degree of popularity, in spite of his aloofness of of partisanship. He asks for no par- manner and somewhat disdainful

It is to be hoped the private citizens of South Renfrew show a keener alry between us let it be rivalry in the Reid and Cochrane, who sit in the made a cabinet minister, when nearly highest councils of the nation, and are supposed to set an example.

Or like a snowflake in the river-A moment white, then melts for--Hamilton Herald.

The Herald is fond of detecting and correcting misquotations of verse in other papers. In what edition of Burns does it find the word "snow-

Dr. Michael Clark, M. P., says that "like certain insects, the Nationalists had propagated a few Tories and then become extinct." This may be When the bride is seventeen and the Mr. Gladstone, in 1868, there were the opinion in certain circles in Quebec; but in Ontario it looks as though churchmen, cries of "Death before the Nationalists had swallowed the surrender," and so forth. All this red Conservative party. At least the fire is at present monopolized by the Conservative party has so far swallowed itself on the naval question.

> The second ballots in the German election reveal the confusion of principle in German parties, and their log-rolling tactics. The so-called Liberals voted for Conservative can-Conservative support for Liberal candidates in others. Undoubtedly the wave of resentment against Great Britain has helped to drive together

parties opposed in other respects. Mr. McGarry, M. P. P., South Renfrew, is earning praise cheaply by saying that he will not work for the Conservative candidate for the Com-1905 Mr. McGarry got his seat by Deduct non-church-goers 397,278 acclamation because of a written undertaking by the officers and 25 1,589,112 members of the South Renfrew Conservative Association that the Libents and Roman Catholics 1,151,491 eral candidate for the Commons would not be opposed. If Mr. Mc-

NO DAIRYMAN'S TRUST. [Windsor Decord.]

The prices for milk and its products have not advanced relatively with the prices for meats and other food pro-

LIMIT TO PROCRASTINATING [Toronto Globe.]

Borden may postpone for time consideration of the problem of naval defence, but he dare not go to the country before facing it.

BEGINNING OF PRIVILEGE AND PENALTY

[Hamilton Times.] The Britannica tells us that no satisfactory explanation has been offered for the custom of women to woo and not to be wooed one year in four. But it presents the leap year statute of a rather small minority. The measure Margaret, the Maid of Norway. Marof disestablishment proposes not to garet reigned over Scotland from 1286 touch the incomes from endowment of to 1290, though she died before she which was leap year, the following

"It is statut and ordaint that during the rein of his maist blissit Megeste, for lik yeare will incorporate any such step. As yeare, llk mayden ladye of both high for confiscation, it is not to be sup- and low estait shall hae liberte to beposed that British public opinion will speke ye man she likes; albeit he refuses to talk her to be his lawful wyfe, colerate that. The idea of the bill is he shall be mulcted in ye sum ane fair to all churches, put them on the except he can make it appeare that he is bethrothit an ither woman he then

> DID A THOROUGH JOB. [Cleveland Plain-Dealer.] "Congratulate me, dearie! Oh, I've

"How? Tell me at once." "Well, I put a piece of Mabel's wedding cake under my pillow last night. "Yes? And did you dream of a nice

"Dearie, I dreamed of every nice man I ever knew."

HIS YEARNING. [Chicago Record-Herald.] You used to say," she complained,

that you counted that day lost when you did not hear the sound of my "Yes, I know," he replied, "and I shall never cease to long for those

PHYSICAL CULTURE. [Yonkers Statesman.] "And you say fishing is Bacon:

ealthy exercise? "Sure!" Egbert: "When does the exercise Bacon: ome in Egbert: "Digging the worms."

A TRUTHFUL GIRL. [Lippincott's.] "I am very sorry, Captain that circumstances over which I have no control compel me to say no." "May I ask what the circumstances

CATTY CONSOLATION. [The St. Paul Dispatch.] "N-no. Dick hasn't pro-Grace: "Don't worry. Your turn

A FEMININE VIEW. [Lendon Opinion.] "Awfully smart costumes at the

flying meeting." I wasn't going

> THE USUAL WAY. [London Answers.]

"I understand that old Billyonair made his fortune out of a simple in-"No, out of a simple inventor."

PLUCKY CHURCHILL.

[Toronto Star.] Winston Churchill knows how fight political battles as well as his ancestors knew how to fight on the battefields of Europe. His determination to speak for home rule is astute as it is courageous. The Ulster men must either allow him to be do not include liberty of speech.

A DESERVING REBUKE,

[Catholic Record.] should be no question of hostilitles between the two countries, and we hope there never will be. should not forget that we are the little fellow and it does not become us to be overly impertinent. The Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes we hope, continue to fly over two peaceably disposed countries on both sides of the line. If there is to be rivsense of honor than men like Messrs. cultivation of good fellowship and in the promotion of those ideals which serve to make nations great. The military men like the Hon. Colonel Samuel Hannibal Hughes who are strutting about seeking gore are a

STILL UNRECONCILED. [Windsor Record.]

And it was just about this time of the year we expected to have those southern strawberries and tomatoes on the table at tariff-free prices. A SUPERFLUOUS ADJECTIVE.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.]

"The bride was seventeen," says lespatch from Canterbury, Conn., "and the bridegroom is sixty and wealthy." bridegroom sixty, why add "and weathy.'

COLD COMFORT. [Chicago Tribune.]
One sweetly solemn thought comes

o us o'er and o'er; there'll be a bigger ce crop than ever you've seen before. DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE'S YAWN'.

[London Chronicle.] popular story grows mysteri-Mr. Bernard Holland refers, in an article in the current "Blackwood's Magazine," to the late Duke of Devonshire's famous yawn during his maiden speech. One version of it is than to fill the position as police for the Lord Palmerston, observing the yawn, said: "That young man will do!" "Sir Henry Lucy," according to the writer, "says his own ingenious mind invented the story: that to a lady who said that she had heard that he had yawned during a speech of ilis and added, rough weather since coming home. I cannot believ it possible.' Lord Hartingdon replied, 'Ah, but you d'd takings .- Pentland notes. not hear the speech.' The duke much liked this story about himself, and the Duchess once told ir Henry Lucy he had heard it so often that he had honestly come to believe it happened Parkhill got estray near Hungry Hol-

as described." It is certainly true, Mr. Holland the lasses at the Hollow to find their troublesome speech in the Lords re- ence garding his resignation in 1903, the Duke fell sound asleep, without wait-

A Few Lines of Most Anything

OUR PRECISE ARTIST.



Wanted-A job for an all round man.

Fatal accidents to high officials of he American lines are reminders that the brakeman and the fireman are not the only railroaders who are on the danger line.

The man who feels like kicking himself will do well to wait until he has put on his house slippers.

Mr. C. E. Carruthers, who is to play the leading role in "Peaceful Valley," inds it difficu., to acquire the sylph ike form demanded for the part. Would ou care to have your friends try worying you a bit, Mr. Carruthers?

What an awful mistake it would have been to have given laughing gas to that Iowa woman who had to chloroformed in order to make her sense of humor behave!

Sixty defendants in one will case! Yet the lawyers maintain that litigaion is on the wane.

In the game of life there are no danks. You always draw something.

That McCutcheon cartoon in a pre rious issue was as strong a sermon on the secret of success as could be contained in several columns of argu-

It is to be hoped that the militia department will be able to pitch those ents from Goderich to London.

Many a man who abhors a liar has been heard to say he loves to take at large in the surrounding country. care of the furnace.

The Snowplow. Manned with a crew of hardy fighting men,

I hurl my way into the frozen road, While mountains rear before my highframed prow In towering heights, and hard on either side The furies with wild blades the blasts

Assails my pathway, barricades the And whom did you With myriad million forces holds the And crashing volleys sends upon my

> dwarfish thing before the driving I seem to be, with winter's powers arrayed To clutch my battling crew and stay

my strength, Yet, with a never-cowed command to fight, I'll carve a furrow through its might and length!

So long the vapory pennant waves be-So long all sound with all our battle the helm. stitute the moral and fighting force of heard, or admit that their principles So long all's sound with all our battle

We'll curl the highest drifts and smite the banks, And then sound victory's note-"The road is clear!"

France a law prohibiting the sale of milk that has not been heated to germ-destroying temperature. The man who cannot be found is h

On Jan. 1 there went into effect in

money raising chickens.

Those looking for arguments on the controversy should send in the old thorus that goes: There's a field of new-mown hay

And a cottage by the way," etc. And all the city folks would have to respond it is something on the or-

"Take me out to the ball game." "Are you enjoying your vacation?" asked the hammock from a corner of

the garret.
"Not for a single day," responded the "This owner of ours has garden hose. the vacuum cleaner bug."

Uplift Thoughts. What is lovely never dies, but passes into other loveliness.—Aldrich. 'To me the meanest flower that blows can give Thoughts that do often lie too deep for

tears." -Wordsworth. 'Nothing useless is or low Each thing in its place is best. And what seems but idle show Strengthens and supports the rest."

"Longfellow. Wanted a Friend in Court? [Wallaceburg Herald-Record.] The many friends of Mr. Cramer were sorry to know that he declined

coming year. Landed in Leap Year. [Elora Express.] We believe one of our western boys has come in contact with more than Success, young man, in all your under-

Down in Hungry Hollow. [Parkhill Gazette.] John Windsor and friend from near low last Thursday night and called on that, after concluding his way back.-West Williams correspond-

What a Barber-Queue!

No other drive in the world like that at Del Monte



Get Your "Catridges" Ready. [Watford Guide-Advocate.] There is a rumor that a black fox is The hide of a black fox is worth from and in the course of the evening infive hundred to fifteen hundred dollars. Hunters, take warning, and be on the lookout for his trail.

BAPTIST LAYMEN

My foe-the roaring, slashing, brawling Missionary Gathering Will Convene in Local Church on Wednesday.

Changing in form—a lash, a wall, a SUNDAY IN CHURCHES

Items of Interest From Many Pulpits -Anniversary Services Held.

The local Baptist section of the laymen's missionary movement will hold most important is that taken out toa meeting in Talbot Street Baptist day by Geo. White & Sons, for \$10,000 Church on Wednesday. Addresses will to replace the building recently debe given by Rev. H. C. Priest, secre- stroyed by fire. Construction work tary of the young people's missionary movement, and Mr. W. C. Senior, of the Baptist laymen's missionary move-

Rev. H. H. Bingham spoke Sunday evening in Talbot Street Church on 'The Tragedy of Human Indifference." His sermon on this subject was one of a series on "The Tragedies and Triumphs of Human Life."

Rev W. R. McIntosh, of the King Street Presbyterian Church, preached BANK CLEARING last evening on the subject, "Was Jesus a Socialist?' His answer was that Christ, although undeniably a sowho will admit that he ever lost ANY cialist, was a moderate rather than a revolutionary one. While agreeing with the aims and purposes of socialism in the main, Rev. Mr. McIntosh rural side of City Vs. Country Life declared that the world was not yet capable of successfully carrying out an advanced socialist administration.

Rev. Richard Whiting of the First Methodist Church, preached anniversary services in the Central Methodist Church of Woodstock on Sunday. The pastor of the Central Methodist Church occupied the pulpit of the First Methodist Church here.

Rev. H. A. B. Harrison, assistant to the rector of Cronyn Memorial Church, preached yesterday morning in St. James' Anglican Church, South London. In the evening the pulpit was occupied by Very Rev. Dean Davis. Toronto and a solo was rendered very pleasingly by Miss Ella Deacon, This evening the A. Y. P. A. are holding a concert and pie social.

Anniversary services were held in Centennial Methodist Church yesterday, Rev. W. R. McIntosh, of King Victoria Street Presbyterian Church ,preached St. John in the morning, and the pastor, Rev. Edmonton Geo. N. Hazen, in the evening. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Harry Kingsmill and Mr. Chris Pink. Tomorrow evening the Epworth League are holding an entertainment and recital, in which Mr. Cyril Hayes and other entertainers will take part.

Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Shanghai. preached yesterday morning in the Cronyn Memorial Church.

INGERSOLL HOCKEY

Intermediates Will Battle With Strong Woodstock Septette This Evening. [Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoil, Jan. 22.-The largest crowd

f the season is expected at the Mason Arena this evening to witness the intermediate O. H. A. game between the Ingersoll intermediate team and Woodstock. The keen rivalry of half a century is always manifested when Inger-

and too much like work to plat his are counting on unabated excitement hair every night before retiring. A very enjoyable function was held in the school room of St. James' Anglican Church, when a banquet given by the choir. The rector, Rev. R. J. M. Perkins, occupied the chair,

troduced a very pleasing programme of vocal and instrumental music and readings. A feature of the occasion was the presentation of a club bag to Mr. Clarence E. Gilmour, of London, the efficient organist and choir leader of the last five years, in appreciation his splendid services.

LOCAL BUILDING PERMITS

SHOW BIG INCREASE

Total \$14,677 for the Month of January to Date-Whites

Building permits for the month of January thus far are double the value of the same period last year.

So far seven permits have been issued, for a total value of \$14,677. The will be commenced at once.

Among the others are one to Mr. R. H. Smith for a 2-story brick veneer residence on Elmwood avenue to cost 2,000, and to Mr. R. H. Hessel for a 2-story veneer house on the Pipe Line Reign of Terror at Ellis Island Driving road to cost \$1,250. Last January there were 27 permits. issued, the stotal value being \$7,030. It can be seen that this year's figures more than double the value of Janu-

ary, 1911. SHOW DECREASE

A Slight Drop in London's Figures For the Past Week.

For the first time in many weeks local bank clearings showed a decrease last week over the figures for the same period last year. The decreas last week was a very small The figures for the cities are one. as follows:

New York\$2,064,331,000 280,687,000 Chicago 281,628,000 156,172,000 Philadelphia .. St. Louis Kansas City 52.567.000 Pittsburg 50.250.000 53,174,000 San Francisco ... Montreal 38,853,000 18.6 22.951.000 Winnipeg 10,479,000 Vancouver Ottawa 48.0 3.959,000 Calgary 2.276.000 Quebec 39.3 2.820,000 Hamilton Halifax 2,431,000 1.302,000 3,002,000 1,427,000 London Regina Decrease.

STEEL REVISION BILL

Democrats Want Reductions of From Thirty to Fifty Per Cent,

Washington, Jan. 22.-Reductions of from 30 to 50 per cent on all items in tant sea. For a moment they debated the iron and steel tariff, and the the question of a tug to put them placing on the tariff free list of iron aboard, but the captain of the Laurenore, sewing machines, printing ma- tic showed no disposition to stop his chines, cash registers, nails and many ship at the time, and few tugs in the other articles, against which a tariff harbor were fast enough to overhaul is now levied, are proposed in the the big ship and put a passenger on Democratic steel revision tariff bill, board while moving. made public today.

OIL GOES UP. Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 22.-Oil men were surprised today when announcement was made by the Seep Purchasing Agency been advanced to \$1 45 a barrel, an inthat the price of Pennsylvania crude had soil and Woodstock are contestants, been advanced to \$1 45 a barrel, an inbeen advanced to \$1 45 a barrel, an incontinuing their voyage from that
as a rule the enthusiasm at other market on Saturday. This is the third
market on Saturday. This is the third
point, from the total population over three vention of his party that tore up the asleep and dreamed that I was addressing the House of Lords; when I agreement, he would be more entitled to credit.

Fin McRae, the popular South Side games is tame compared with what is made advance since the day following Christ-advance in the day following Christ-advance in the day following Christ-agreement and the losses when the barber, who has the business down to barber, who has the business down to be barber. The barber are the day following the loss of the loss

ANGLO-GERMAN DEAL IN WEST AFRICAN LAND

Kaiser's Government May Purchase the Rich Possessions of the Portuguese.

[Canadian Press.] Lendon, Jan. 22. — Dr. Solf, the new German colonial secretary, is on his way to London to discuss colonial questions with the British authorities. This is assumed in some quarters to foreshadow an Anglo

German deal. The Standard states that England can have no objection to Germany ac quiring on business terms the rich West African possessions of Portugal while German empire-builders are convinced that a magnificent oppor tunity of pushing forward schemes presents itself, now that the question of frontier between Angola and German Southwest Africa is un-

der discussion. It is being openly suggested that the negotiations should be turned into proposals for purchase, and, owing to the financial difficulties of the Portuguese Government, it is believed that the Lisbon cabinet will be only too glad to find a purchaser for the col-

onies in question. UNCLE SAM'S METHODS SENT FOLK TO CANADA

European Emigrants to the

Dominion.

[Canadian Press.] Berlin, Jan. 22. - The Zeitung publishes a violent attack on the "American immigration inquisi-tion," which is alleged to be becoming more cruel and relentless every

The case of Mrs. Pettin Kauil, described as the wife of a New York banker, is cited as a classic example of the practice in vogue on Ellis Island. It is charged that she and her two sons were prevented from rejoining her husband on American soil because the oldest boy wore a glass eye. The latest news is that she is still a

prisoner on the island. The Vossische Zeitung's contributor declares that the decrease in the immigration to the United States is primarily due to the reign of terror enthroned on Ellis Island, and that thousands of European emigrants, who ordinarily disembarked at New York and Boston, have been diverted to Canada and the Argentine through fear of an

inquisition and arbitrary expulsion. MISSED THE SHIP

Canadians Will Catch Laurentic by Going to Cuba.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Jan. 20. - When the steamship Havana, of the Ward Line. left for Cuba at 1 o'clock this afternoon, she carried four passengers who had intended to go on the Laurentic. of the White Star Line, which left at 10 o'clock for a cruise through the West Indies and along the South

American coast. They are Messrs. I. and George Blumenthal, of Montreal, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. MacAra, of Winnipeg, Man. The four got to the White Star pler in time to see the Laurentide back into the stream and then turn toward the dis-

At the suggestion of officials of the White Star Line the four were driven to the pier of the Ward Line on the East River, where arrangements had been made by telephone for them to take the Havana for Havana, at which