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AT OTTAWA

The situation at Ottawa is still clouded and uncertain. The atmosphere will not clear until the debate in the House reveals the attitude of the parties toward the Borden proposals, and makes more clear the general policy of the government in relation to conscription. The number of those who agree with the Presbyterian General Assembly that there should be "conscription of the talent, wealth and energy of the Canadian people," and not merely conscription of men, is very large and growing larger; and if this fact is duly appreciated at Ottawa the very meagre Borden proposals will be subjected to much destructive criticism. One thing appears to be clear, and it is that those Liberals who have been mentioned as likely to enter the Borden cabinet on condition terms are not satisfied with the half-measure proposed by Sir Robert Borden. It is also clear that any attempt to make him appear as purely partisan and not justified by the course he has pursued since the war began. In all matters from the war purchases of the early days to the national registration fiasco of more recent date, and the weakness he has displayed since he announced the coming of the conscription measure, he has failed to display the ability, the force of character and the bold energy now required for the leadership of Canada. Whether he is to continue to lead is problematical, but the question must soon be answered. There is no time for delay.

THE POLITICAL GUNMEN

It is no new experience for the politicians in New Brunswick to be found guilty of acts which are not creditable to them. Indeed the province has had so many exposures of this sort in the last few years that the man who can read the record and still boast of his connection with the Tory party must have a political hide like unto the hide of a rhinoceros.

It has been the ardent desire of these politicians for many years to "put the genial William out of business," as Mr. George W. Fowler expressed it in his letter to the then Premier Haesen in 1908. The "genial William" was Hon. William Pugsley, and the whole story of the attempt of the political gunmen, Haesen, Foster, Fowler and Powell, to "get" him is told on another page of today's Times.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley has waited nine years for the vindication which now comes by way of Fredericton, where a change of government has brought out facts which should never have been concealed. His opponents were determined to discredit him, but they stand themselves discredited by letters bearing their own signatures.

In view of the letters printed today, the whole charge of misappropriation of Central Railway funds falls to the ground. Mr. Powell told Mr. Haesen that he had objected to the course of the commissioners in minimizing the cost of a fifteen mile section and branches, and it was by this minimizing process the figures were arrived at which set forth the alleged misappropriation.

The purpose of the enquiry is clearly set out in the letters of Fowler, Powell and Foster. The first mentioned wanted to "put the genial William out of business." Mr. Powell regretted that responsibility could not be shown "to rest more on Pugsley's shoulders," and Mr. (now Sir George) Foster wanted to "get after" Mr. Pugsley "before he gets a copy of the evidence" against him.

Mr. Pugsley, of course, was a willing assistant. And the proof of all this has been concealed for nine years.

It is not necessary to comment at length upon these revelations. No man can justify the attitude and conduct of these men in this affair. They failed in their object, for "the genial William" is still in business and ready to face his detractors at any time they may choose. Let it be hoped their experience in this instance has taught them a lesson. It pays in the long run to play the game fair. Hon. William Pugsley comes out of the affair with far more credit than his detractors.

An organizer of Ontario Liberal women is actively in the field, and Liberal Women's Associations are constantly being formed. At Stratford last week, Mrs. Hyslop of Toronto, the organizer, emphasized the magnitude of the responsibility resting upon the newly enfranchised women, who actually outnumber the male electors at the present time. In an instructive review of Liberalism, she said the report, Mrs. Hyslop pointed out that all great reforms in the interests of the masses have had their genesis in Liberal policies, and she strongly advised meetings and kindred means of educating the women of today in political matters.

"Messrs. Potts and Pinder severely criticize the Carter-Veniot government," says the Standard—"Addresses of both valuable contributions to budget debate." Well, well!

Remarking that "righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people," a correspondent of the Toronto Globe makes some interesting references to the record of Conservative rule in Canada. The political scandals in Manitoba, British Columbia and New Brunswick, the graft exposures in connection with war contracts, the political record of some gentlemen referred to, and the prime minister are referred to, and the writer offers this comment: "These things ought to make every right-loving citizen blush with shame. Before we boast of Canadian honor and Canadian freedom and urge the importance of military conscription to reinforce the Overseas Canadian Contingent in the fight for democracy against the atrocious tyrannical Huns, we should set our own government house in order." This advice is not half bad.

The following comment on the political situation in Canada is from Canadian Finance of Winnipeg: "Is this not a time for Canada to forewarn the falsehood of extremes? Extreme political partisanship on both sides at Ottawa has saddled us with three years of government in no sense nationally effective; extreme capitalistic self-interest is protesting at increased taxation while urging compulsory mobilization of man power; extreme unionist self-sufficiency shouts for conscription of men and as loudly refuses its support to brother workers in the trenches. Only a national government can, with any measure of fairness or success, address itself to the task of utilizing for the common safety our resources both of man power and money power."

This item from a Toronto paper is of interest in St. John as well. "There is a margin of \$3 a ton on coal over the prices at the pit mouth," remarked Mayor Church yesterday on an inquiry into an inquiry in the coal fields of the States. He says he saw scores of trains, some of them thirty cars, being held on sidings marked 'Hold.' He believed there was plenty of coal only it was being held up by merchants and speculators. He thought there should be some joint action by the authorities at Washington and Ottawa to release this stock. 'They are prepared to act with us on the other side.'

The Montreal Gazette, Conservative, hands this one to Hon. Mr. Seavigny, who took certain furniture from the parliament buildings to his home in Quebec and was amazingly slow in sending it back: "With all due respect to Hon. Mr. Seavigny and the furniture we desire to say that the report in the Gazette which he has characterized as 'absolutely false,' was drawn from and based on the return placed on the table of the House of Commons, and did not deviate one syllable therefrom. Mr. Seavigny should refer to the record—not that of the victrola—before flaming his wrath."

Toronto Star—In the United States compulsory service was as unexpected as it was in Canada. Since the civil war it has been almost unheard of; its advocates were regarded as out-cryers in the wilderness. Within a few months of the declaration of war it becomes the law of the land. The first step necessary to enforce it was the registration on Tuesday, and more than ten million young men gave in their names without any serious attempt at disturbance or resistance.

Lieut.-Col. Fowler, Mr. H. A. Powell and Sir George Foster will re-read with great interest their letters to Mr. Haesen, where these documents are even more interesting to the general public. The St. John Standard, however, yields the space it should have given these letters to Mr. Potts' on the budget.

The Russian government has ordered an immediate re-examination of all men previously exempted from military service. This looks like business.

The abdication of King Constantine is a blessing to Greece. His pro-German activities have done the country grievous injury.

The successful nibbling of the British on the western front continues. They are drawing ever closer to Lens.

The Presbyterians have declared a truce, but being Scotch they will renew the battle in due season.

OFFERS MILLION FOR RED CROSS IF OTHERS WILL DO SO

New York, June 12—Cleveland H. Dodge has promised to contribute \$1,000,000 to the \$100,000,000 being raised by the Red Cross War Council for extraordinary relief work in Europe on condition that twenty-four other individuals or corporations each contribute a like sum, or more. Mr. Dodge is the chairman of the Finance Committee of the War Council, under Henry P. Davidson of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., the general chairman. The fact that Mr. Dodge was willing to contribute \$1,000,000 was made known by Seward Prosser, chairman of the executive committee.

A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW

(By Douglas Mallock)

A hundred years from now! We need not long to see the world that will be after then, For even now it is within our ken; Either men's honor will restrain the strong, Or might shall rule and men be slaves again.

A hundred years from now? We need not guess: Either the murderer shall sail the seas, And laugh at God and slain humanity, Or to his heart the sword of Justice press, And sea and land and air again be free.

We need not wonder: It is ours to say What world shall roll a hundred years from this: A world of brotherhood, or an abyss Of empires under one imperial sway That loves the look of blood and bullet-hiss.

And, could that hundred years cry back to you, Could unborn millions living men adjure, How they would ask a future made secure— Would ask us each to do the work to do, That earth's hard-won democracy endure.

LIGHTER VEIN.

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Isn't War— "In Germany," writes Oscar King Davis, "there is no butter to eat on bread or cake or pie."

"Oh, dear, dear! What is pie without butter on it?"

Her Part, Not His.

"John," whispered his wife, "I'm thoroughly convinced that there is a burglar down-stairs."

"Well, my dear," replied her husband, sleepily, "I hope you don't expect me to have the courage of your convictions."

Why She Stayed.

"How long did your last cook stay with you?"

"Oh, about five hours."

"How did that happen?"

"The afternoon train back to town has been discontinued."

Dig for Health!

Stephen Wyne in the Cornhill Magazine, ten years ago, wrote: "I wonder that the doctors have never discovered digging. It is, on the whole, the best of all exercises; the one which exercises most of the body's principal muscles; and I am quite sure that every enterprising specialist would find on examination that the soil turned up has a medical quality in its exhalations."

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Mr. Magee Contributes Some Practical Suggestions to The Budget Debate

Fredericton, N. B., June 12—The house met at 10 o'clock. Mr. Burchill presented the report of the committee on standing rules. The cost of telephones is higher than it was, but there had been no increase in taxation. An increase on telephone companies should add another \$4,000 to the revenue. He believed they could also make a fifty per cent. increase in royalties on coal and iron, and from this source \$7,000 additional could be obtained. Fire insurance companies, express companies and banks might be made to contribute an additional \$7,000 to the revenue. If these suggestions were followed out the revenue of the province would be augmented by a revenue of \$11,000,000 and an expenditure starting them in the face of \$1,000,000. They had the Valley railway on their hands and would have to take care of the interest. The time had arrived when hon. members on both sides would have to put their heads together and work to increase the revenue of the province. The loss of some \$24,000 from liquor licenses was staring them in the face and to his mind it was a commensurate loss. In addition, they would have to provide the sum of \$6,000 for administering the prohibition act.

THE POLICE COURT

Several cases of interest were heard before Judge Ritchie in the police court yesterday afternoon. One which attracted more than ordinary attention was a charge against Mrs. Strachen, a resident of Mill street, who it is said, unveiled the eyes of other members of the feminine gender and allowed them—as it were—to gaze into the face of her husband. She was charged with the same offence, and the sequel was a charge made against her for fortune telling.

Miss Ross, matron of the police court, testified that in company with another lady she visited the home of the defendant and there her fortune told. Her companion also had a tea cup and the lines on her hand read. For this service they paid Mrs. Strachen sixty cents.

After the evidence of Miss Ross had been taken the case was set aside for a future hearing when other witnesses would be called. It is understood that the woman is facing a similar charge.

William J. Riley, who was recently taken into custody charged with stealing a safety razor and a gold wedding ring from Mrs. Ellen Burney, of Paradise row, was sent up for trial. Detective Duncan told of informing received regarding the case and later finding the stolen property in Gilbert's second-hand store in Mill street, and subsequently arresting the defendant. H. W. Robertson appeared on behalf of Mr. Riley.

A boy who was arrested on a charge of stealing a rain cape and \$18 from Ernest H. Marshall, of Murray street, was found guilty and sentenced to six years in the Boys' Industrial Home. This was allowed to stand against him, as his father appeared and promised to make restitution and also to see that his son went to school regularly and was kept off the streets.

James H. Codner was fined \$10 for breaking the speed limit in Meeklenburg street. He was also charged with racing his automobile around the corner of Meeklenburg and Westworth streets.

THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT

The Industrial Banners—It is the only intelligent government in all the world that has aimed to meet the changed conditions on a peace basis of doing things, and which has run the country on strictly partisan lines. It is the only government in the world involved in the war that has, up to the present time, refused to accept the co-operation of all classes of the citizens in conducting the business of the state, and, moreover, the only administration that has totally ignored the organized labor movement and refused to insist upon payment of a living wage to the men and women employed in the manufacture of munitions of war supplies, over which it has absolute provision and control.

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Holders of these tickets have the choice of different routes. They can travel via Quebec and Canadian Government Railways to Winnipeg—the route of the "Western National" Express, or via the "Transcontinental Line" via Toronto, North Bay, Cochrane, Ont., and Canadian Government Railways to Winnipeg.

Homesekers' tickets reading via Canadian Government Railways through Quebec will be good for stopover at Stations, Doucet, Que., Hearst, Ont., and intermediate points, while tickets routed via "Transcontinental Line" will permit stop-over at Cochrane, Ont., Hearst, Que., and intermediate stations, with the additional privilege of side-trip tickets (if desired) from Cochrane to Canadian Government Railway stations east thereof, to and including Doucet, Que., at special low fares.

The above stop-over and side-trip privileges are arranged in order to enable passengers for western points to inspect the famous "Clay Belt" of Quebec and New Ontario—a rich farming country opened up by the new line of the Canadian Government Railways. Those interested will be forwarded copy of booklet "Notes by the Way—Quebec and West," describing that territory.

SIR WILLIAM MACDONALD
BEQUEATHS \$2,800,000 TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Montreal, June 12—Sir William Macdonald who died here last Saturday, left \$2,800,000 to public institutions. He left McGill University, being the recipient of a bequest of \$1,000,000. Among the other favored institutions is the Montreal General Hospital, to which \$800,000 is left. The body of deceased was cremated in Mount Royal cemetery and he left \$100,000 to the crematorium.

A Minister's Evidence

That Piles, or Hemorrhoids, Can Be Quickly Cured—A Justice of the Peace Cured Many Years Ago.

Toronto, Ont., June 11—There have come to us recently these two letters from prominent men who bear unquestionable testimony in regard to Dr. Chase's Ointment as a prompt and lasting cure for piles.

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Mr. W. B. Thorne, J. P., Alderside, Alta., writes: "It was twenty-eight years ago that I became acquainted with the merits of Dr. Chase's Ointment and would not be without it on any account as it never fails to do its work. I was first induced to try it for piles. Less than one box cured me and I have never been troubled since. That was twenty-eight years ago, so I think the cure is permanent. It is good for sore lips and hands, chafing and in fact, all sorts of sores. You are at liberty to use this statement for the benefit of others."

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