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Triumph of the Anti-Canadian Trade Policy—What of the Future?

There will be rejoicing in San Francisco, Seattle, Tacoma and other United States trade centers today over the capitulation of the majority in the Senate of Canada to the blandishments of the Yankee lobbyist against the immediate establishment of an all-Canadian route.

The Senate, loaded up during eighteen years of Conservative rule with the most implacable of partisans, last night threw out the bill to provide Canada at the earliest possible moment with independent access by rail and water to her Yukon territory. It is a triumph for the partisans, who regard it as their first duty to thwart the aims of the Government, but at what cost to the people of Canada! The achievement of Sir M. Bowell and his associates certainly clinched the proof of the contention that though defeated and discredited by the electors, they yet have the power to defeat the popular will.

The large majority of the electors would have been pleased if in the exceptional circumstances of the Dominion at the present time the Opposition senators had put their partisan rancor aside, and, with representative business men, like Sir Frank Smith, had endorsed the all-Canadian route, permitting the Government of the day to bear full responsibility as to the terms. The Opposition in the Senate took the less patriotic course. They fell into the hands of the Livernashes and other agents of United States rival trade centers across to the Yukon, and the Government measure, endorsed by a large majority of the representatives in the recently-elected House of Commons, was doomed to destruction.

The rejection of the measure to provide an all-Canadian route is a blow at the best interests of the manufacturers, mechanics, merchants, railway men and farmers of Canada. It means less work for Canadian factories and less labor and lower wages for Canadian workmen. It means decreased railway earnings, and the usual sequel. It means that there is grave danger of the Canadian Yukon trade, amounting to millions of dollars every year, being permanently held by United States trade centers. It means a great and unnecessary increase in the expenditure of the Dominion Government for maintaining law and order in the Yukon territory. It means unnecessary loss of life of Canadians, who will be compelled to enter by United States ports, to submit to United States customs actions, and make their way over the dangerous passes. It may mean that effective control of the ever-augmenting population on the Yukon will be rendered next to impossible in the ensuing fall. It may mean that many thousands of needy persons will next fall be cut off from relief from the Arctic cold that prevails in the Yukon, and that the fair name of Canada may be injured to so great extent that it will take a generation to recover from the blow. It means that the gold of our Canadian territory will be carried out by alien miners through alien ports, that the business will be done chiefly by foreign merchants, while Canadian taxpayers will have to foot the bill, or the Government must retire and refuse to administer the territory.

For all this, the people of Canada would hold the Senate responsible were they a responsible body. But the senators are amenable to no one. They are not subject to public opinion. They are a body of irresponsibles, the large majority of whom, with partisan narrowness, do not scruple to maintain that their party alone has the genius of government, and that it is their duty, as opportunity offers, to make it as difficult as possible for the responsible leaders of the people—the sworn advisers of her Majesty's representative—to rule this fair Dominion—if they are Liberals.

The situation is becoming simply intolerable. A remedy must be devised, and the people of Canada will support the strong Government now in power by their decree, in any reasonable steps which may be taken to effectively overcome the attempt of the oligarchy to destroy British rule on this continent. "Why not appeal to the country against us?" tauntingly ask these irresponsibles. Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice, gave a most effective reply to that question, when he pointed out that it would be highly improper for a government, backed by a large majority of the freely-elected representatives of the people, to force another general election on the country. There certainly might be some propriety in an administration, defeated in the House of Commons by responsible representatives, seeking a new verdict from the electorate. But it would be the height of stupidity, and a most unwarranted use of the prerogative for a government, to force the turmoil and expense of an election campaign on the people because Sir M. Bowell and his

bitter partisan associates choose to act the dog in the manger in the irresponsible chamber.

Suppose a new election were held, and the Government sustained, as it would be, we do not doubt, there would be absolutely no guarantee that the irresponsible Senators would pay any attention to the verdict. The Opposition in the Senate, judging by their conduct in the past, would not pay the slightest heed to the popular decision if by ignoring it they thought it possible to embarrass the Liberal Administration and render government under it more difficult.

Most the growth, expansion, legitimate control, trade and industrial interests of the Dominion continue to be menaced by these relics of a past political regime? It may be that an immediate complete remedy is not possible. But there are things that the Government can do, and these they must undertake. Meanwhile it may be just as well that the people of Canada shall have a demonstration of how treasonable to the best interests of Canada the Senatorial partisans can be. But a remedy must come. The will of the country must be carried out. Canada will not tolerate irresponsible rule, and the negation of responsible government.

Will It Be War Or Peace?

Spain's Answer to the United States Proposals

Waited for With Great and Growing Interest.

A Wild Scene in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Attempt to Stampede the Republicans From Support of the President.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—The crisis in the Cuban situation has shifted from Washington to Madrid, where the Spanish Government is considering propositions presented by the government of the United States. On the answer to these propositions probably depends the future course of the relations between Spain and the United States. It is believed that it is now but a question of an exceedingly short time before the inevitable crisis must come.

The propositions submitted by this country contemplate a complete and immediate cessation of hostilities in Cuba, the resumption of the independence of Cuba, this last feature to be secured probably on the island indemnity basis, by which the island would pay a substantial sum for its freedom from Spanish rule. These propositions take a wide scope, the purpose being to present every possible plan promising a solution of the Cuban problem. But it has been made perfectly clear to Spain that nothing less than a close of the war and the independence of the island will suffice. Never until now has the Spanish Government for a moment entertained such propositions. Now, in the stress of the present emergency, with declarations of war introduced in the American Congress, Spain has reluctantly consented to consider them. It is the view of the administration that the present week will shape the policy of the future, whether it is to be one of peace or one of war.

WILD SCENE IN THE HOUSE.

A wild and uproarious scene occurred in the House of Representatives when Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, attempted to force the hands of the Republicans upon a proposition to overrule the Speaker and dependence of the Cuban Republic. He was cheered on by the crowd of galleries, but the members of the majority refused to support him.

When the vote was taken only two Republicans—Messrs. Acheson and Robbins, of Pennsylvania—broke from their seats and refused to vote. The scene throughout was most dramatic, and the members and spectators in the galleries were wrought to a high pitch of excitement.

WAITING EXPECTANCY.

The situation at the capitol is one of waiting expectancy. Senators and representatives are willing to give their plans, but there is impatience to have some information regarding those plans and some assurance that they will not delay action too long.

The cabinet council sat late last night. The council approved an open credit of 3,000,000 pesetas to be placed at the disposal of Gen. Blanco, governor of Cuba, by cable, to be used in succoring necessitous reconcentrados and to facilitate means of their holdings, with the supply of the ground. The documents read by Senor Moret went to show that healthy reconcentrados could find sufficient labor in the fields but those who had lost their implements or the small necessities could wait for the produce of their husbandry, needed more than the simple distribution of food. Many heads of families had gone out of the country, leaving their families totally destitute. The United States propositions were discussed till a late hour, the council resolving to submit the results of the deliberations tomorrow to the queen regent.

"YES."

New York, March 31.—The Herald's Gen. Woodford correspondent says that Mr. Woodford has asked the question, "If Spain's request to have 24 hours to answer on Cuba and Maine questions could be granted?" 2. Whether the independence of Cuba was necessarily a prerequisite to meeting the demands of the United States? To both of these questions the reply "Yes" was sent.

HANNA AND MCKINLEY HANGED IN EFFIGY.

Richmond, Va., March 31.—President McKinley and Senator Mark Hanna were hanged and burned in effigy last night by a crowd of men who assembled on the outskirts of the city. Wm. Hattess, a well-known Democratic worker, made a speech denouncing the Cuban policy of the administration. The speech was cheered, and at its

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conclusion Hattess drew a revolver and fired at the effigies. Hattess shot was the signal for a general fusillade from the crowd.

Newport, R. I., March 31.—The police discovered an effigy with a placard bearing the inscription, "McKinley is a coward," hanging from an electric light pole on a prominent thoroughfare this morning. They cut it down and took it to the police station. Every effort has been made by the police to discover the guilty persons, but without avail.

AT MADRID.

Madrid, March 31.—A cabinet council was held yesterday to consider the American proposals. Another will be held today at noon, presided over by the queen regent, and at 4 p.m. there will be a final council between the United States Minister Woodford, Senor Sagasta, the premier, Senor Gullon, the foreign minister, Senor Morla, the minister for the colonies. The proposition to which Spain will answer covers two points only: First, Spain to proclaim immediately that she is not in Cuba, to last until October, during which interval the United States will use its good offices with the insurgents to make this temporary peace permanent. Second, Spain to do her best toward relieving suffering and starvation on the island, with America to be allowed to assist in this work.

THE ROY. L-VICTORIA LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Annual Meeting at Montreal Yesterday.

Montreal, March 30.—The annual meeting of this company took place here today. The statement showed a very satisfactory result. The year 1897 was very satisfactory. The assets and subscribed capital for the security of policyholders on Dec. 31, amounted to \$884,250. The five directors retiring by rotation, Andrew P. Gault, Rev. R. H. Warden, and Hon. James O'Brien, were re-elected for three years. At a subsequent meeting of the board and James Crathern was re-elected president, and Sir J. A. Chapleau and Andrew P. Gault vice-presidents. The report contains the following significant statement: "The prospects of the company for the coming year are most promising. The business is generally on the advance in the insurance field. It is the intention of the board to extend the business during the year 1898 in keeping with judicious and conservative management, and while seeking for a reasonable volume of business, will at the same time guard carefully the quality of the business that is accepted. The board are pleased to state that the shareholders are among the most prominent and influential business men in Canada, representing the leading financial, commercial and manufacturing interests in the country. This fact places the company immediately in the front rank of life insurance institutions and guarantees to policyholders security beyond question."

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