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DECLARATION TO OMIT MENTION OF POPE

Important Amendment to King's Oath Favored by the Cabinet—Redmond Reminds Premier of Present Cause of Offence to Catholics.

LONDON, May 10.—John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish parliamentary party, has written to Premier Asquith, reminding him of the favorable expressions, when recently the question was raised in parliament by the Duke of Norfolk, the foremost Catholic in England, of abolishing the declaration which the monarch must make before a new parliament, the ancient words, "defending the Church of Rome," which Mr. Redmond declares, are most offensive to all Catholics.

The cabinet to-day decided to introduce a bill, amending the declaration of the King, wherein he asserts his belief in transubstantiation and adoration of the Virgin and saints, and that he makes declaration without mental reservation or dispensation from the Pope or other authority.

For the declaration that the foregoing doctrines and the mass "are superstitious and idolatrous," it is proposed to substitute the words "are contrary to my belief," and to omit reference to the Pope.

The majority of the members of parliament are believed to favor these changes, but the Orangemen and extreme Protestants will oppose them. The Catholics, who the entire declaration abolished, but the law officers of the crown and the cabinet are to guard against a Catholic monarch necessary.

It was definitely announced to-night that ex-President Roosevelt's lecture at Oxford University, which was scheduled for May 18, has been postponed.

BUSH FIRES THREATEN

Raging in District Surrounding Nola on Duluth Line of C. N. R.

PORT ARTHUR, May 10.—(Special.)—Bush fires are raging in the district surrounding Nola, on the Duluth extension of the C.N.R. Word to this effect was received by telephone message to-night to Crown Timber Agent Oliver, with a request for help. The fire is reported to be making considerable headway, and there is no damage to settlers yet. It is serious, and if not checked, it will be a great menace. As no regular train goes out until Wednesday morning, the sending of help will be difficult, but if further word shows the fires to be more threatening, Oliver will procure a special train to send a gang of men.

Other bush fires less serious are reported from other parts of the district, and heavy smoke can be seen from the city over the western horizon. The season so far has been very dry and characterized by much wind, being conducive to fires.

Two years ago bush fires in this district did hundreds of thousands of dollars' damage.

PREPARING FOR WAR

Peruvian Government Musing Troops on the Frontier of Ecuador.

LIMA, Peru, May 10.—Active preparations for a possible war with Ecuador continue. Volunteers are enlisting daily, and the war fund is being constantly increased by private donations. In this city and its immediate vicinity, 24,000 soldiers are quartered, while 10,000 additional troops are stationed near the frontier.

The Peruvian Government believes that it has reliable information that an effort is being made by Ecuador to obtain an alliance with Bolivia, as against Peru. To this end it is asserted a member of the Ecuadorian cabinet left Guayaquil to-day for La Paz, Bolivia, under instructions to negotiate with the Bolivian Government and the Chilean minister at that capital.

CONFESSED TO MURDER

Thomas Candy Tells How He Shot Montreal Policeman.

MONTREAL, May 10.—(Special.)—Thomas Candy, the murderer of Constables Fortin and O'Connell, made a full confession to-day to Chief Carpenter. He said he had stolen the rubber boots and tried to sell them to Cowan, who told him that there were policemen near and asked Candy to come back. The prisoner says that when caught by the officers he shot at them and bolted for all he was worth. He will most likely plead guilty before the magistrate to-morrow.

GEN. FRENCH'S VISIT DELAYED.

OTTAWA, May 10.—(Special.)—While no intimation has yet been received, it is anticipated that the visit of Gen. French to Canada about the time now fixed for the royal funeral, which he will probably wish to attend.

Unnatural Husband Gets Five Years.

WINNIPEG, May 10.—Louis Llew, alias Malott, charged with procuring his wife for immoral purposes, was sentenced to five years in penitentiary. The prisoner married the girl and forced a life of shame on her.

Coal Strike Settled.

PERNIE, B. C., May 10.—The strike of coal miners at Pernie was settled to-day and work will be resumed immediately.

ONTARIO'S PROBLEMS

Again The World wishes to present another phase of the decline of Ontario as a farming province. Down in the eastern section of Ontario, in the Counties of Glengarry and Prescott, the English-speaking settlers are gradually disappearing, either going to the west or the United States, and French-Canadian settlers are coming in from the Province of Quebec and take their places. The young men have left Glengarry in scores and hundreds, and so have the young women; only the old people remain, some of them not working the farm, and hardly keeping a single cow. Why have these people left Glengarry, why are they leaving Prescott, and why are they leaving the adjacent counties, and why are the people of Quebec taking their places? But the fact is that these counties are not going ahead as they ought to go ahead, and new conditions are arising. If this is true of Glengarry and Prescott, it will be true of the adjacent counties, and gradually there will be a change in the whole of Eastern Ontario. Perhaps the matter is worth investigating. Glengarry was once the greatest breeding ground of men and women in Ontario, and sent its men as contractors all over the American Continent. But the breeding ground is now rapidly coming to an end, and the Highland Scotch, as far as Glengarry being the ancient home, will be only a story. The race is dying out. There are other counties in Ontario the same way.

The Canadian Conservation Commission, headed by Clifford Sifton, has evidently started in to do some substantial work in this direction. It has taken up, among other things, the hygiene conditions of the Canadian people, and has appointed Dr. Hoggett to make a study of tuberculosis. Tuberculosis prevails all over Ontario, especially in the country places, and The World believes that it is largely due to the lack of sanitary houses, lack of drainage and the lack of good roads, which prevents people at the time they need medical aid and other assistance from obtaining it. What knocks out an ordinary man or woman is failure to get the right kind of treatment, or the right kind of medicine or other material at the needed time. Once a person has a failure of this kind they soon have another; they neglect their teeth; they neglect their stomach; they take the quick medicine which can always be bought at the country store, and they get it into their heads that some kind of fate or dispensation of God has ordained things as they find them, and they make no effort to pull themselves out of the hole. These are unpleasant things to say, but they are facts, and can be illustrated in every portion of this province. And, again we say, it is largely due to the lack of organized appreciation of what the setbacks of the country are, and how they must be overcome by co-operation of the individual or the government, or both.

Editor World: Let me tell you something about the roads in our township and the neglect of the township council to handle them in the right way. I have read all you have said, and agree with you that good roads and tile drainage would do more for Ontario than anything else: good roads first of all, because they carry a general benefit. But it is impossible to get our township council, who they have a good revenue, to look after our roads other than the most old-fashioned and inefficient way. Instead of having tools like their graders repaired in the winter, they repair them in the summer, they repair them at all, at the very time when they are needed. They have neglected to put in tiles alongside of places where they have sunk tons and tons of broken stone and gravel, and they distribute the road work over the whole year, instead of concentrating it at times when it ought to be done, and done quickly. They have never tried to make arrangements to get the farmers to co-operate in the drainage, which is the most efficient roadmaker at the cheapest possible cost that there is; in fact, if the farmers in any township are organized to co-operate with the council in the use of the drag-log, or split-log, roads may be maintained for a comparatively small figure and the township improved by forty per cent. right away. But there is no co-operation, there is no efficiency and there is no idea of saving the people so as to interest them and keep them on the land. Such an idea as drawing gravel when the roads are good and when teams can be had and storing it alongside the road for use when necessary never enters their head. They do nothing except what they have to, and the general feeling in the township in consequence is that every one looks for someone else to do something for their benefit.

We propose to introduce into our good roads place of Ontario's problems the question of the King drag as mentioned above and as exemplified in the letter following. But what is the King drag? It is a ten-inch log, 7 foot long, split in two with a saw coupled up two to three feet apart in a certain way, and dragged by a team over a road, raising it in the middle and smoothing out the ruts. But first read this letter:

Editor World: We were astounded to observe an editorial in The World stating that there was no record of the King drag being used in Ontario.

Under separate cover we beg to send you a copy of the Christmas number of The Farmer's Advocate for 1907, containing an account of a provincial split-log drag (King drag) competition held in Ontario that summer by The Farmer's Advocate and the Ontario department.

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TURNBULL, NEW MODERATOR OF SYNOD

Presbyterian Synod of Toronto and Kingston Opens Annual Session—Moral Reform Committee Condemns "Cold-Blooded, Immoral Officialism."

Rev. John A. Turnbull, pastor of the West Presbyterian Church, was unanimously chosen as moderator at the opening of the annual Presbyterian synod of Toronto and Kingston, held in St. James' Square Church, last night, with about eighty delegates in attendance.

Dr. Turnbull is a native of Huron County. He received his early education at the Clinton High School and entered Toronto University in 1878, graduating with the degree of B.A. in 1883. He also graduated from Knox College three years later. In 1888 he received the degree of LL.D. from Toronto University, and in 1906 that of D.D. from Knox College. He entered upon his present pastorate twenty years ago, after holding a charge at St. Mary's, and has been a member of the synod for nineteen years. He is a member of both the board and senate of Knox College, besides being chairman of the board of examiners.

Received With Applause. In making the nomination, Rev. Dr. Farquharson of Durham referred to Dr. Turnbull as having occupied positions of trust in the past for a long period, and said he had demonstrated the possession to an admirable degree of the qualities needed for the high office. Dr. Dickson, of the High Office, and a burst of hearty applause followed the announcement by the retiring moderator, Rev. W. T. Wilkinson, Trenton, of his successor's election by acclamation.

The new moderator spoke briefly in acknowledging the honor, saying, "All I can say is that I shall bring to this work the very best that God has given me." A resolution was passed warmly approving of the services of Rev. Wilkinson during the year, and of his sermon, based on the life and teachings of St. Paul, which occupied the earlier portion of the session.

Resolution of Condolence. A committee was appointed to draft a resolution conveying the synod's condolences on the death of King Edward. This action was taken on the suggestion of the retiring moderator, who invoked the divine blessing upon the royal family, "especially in my mind on whom so much responsibility rests, whom we recognize as our liege lord and master."

R. C. Jennings, Toronto, who succeeded the late Alex. T. Gromble as chairman of the finance committee, reported that the year's expenditure was \$102,848.25, and that there was a balance on hand of \$112,542.

The synod will conclude its business, it is expected, on Thursday night. The sessions will be, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Moral Reform Progress.

The committee reports are interesting. The committee on social and moral reform rejoices to note "a feeling of confidence in this new department of the church's work," but regrets that there exists "the most deplorable ignorance or say, indifference relative to public evils, the laws governing them, and the methods available for their overthrow, on the part of many sessions, ministers and church members generally."

There is also clear proof that in the country as a whole there is yet a vast amount of selfish or thoughtless indifference to the vital concerns of the nation's moral health, that calls for persistent and ubiquitous pressure on the part of our reform forces if we are to make progress towards our goal, or, indeed, even to hold our own. Even worse than the indifference of the community at large is the indifference of the cold-blooded, immoral officialism of many officials, who look upon their positions as a matter of patronage and privilege rather than duty and aggressive effort in the cause they represent.

The questions asked concerning the industrial problem do not seem to have reached a vital spot or awakened any warlike interest, and yet this we imagine the biggest problem of all, affecting both the moral and religious life of our people. We must go a little deeper than we have been doing if we are to reach the heart of the matter. The social evil, at least so far as reports go, would not appear to be at all serious within the synod's bounds.

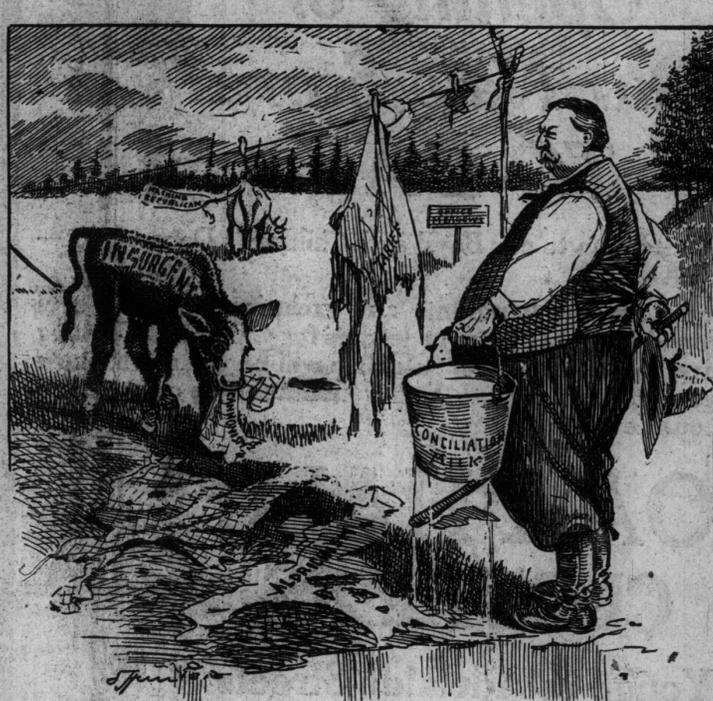
To War on Gambling.

The committee recommends: That the synod express its determination to accept no legislation as final that does not make the business of gambling everywhere illegal. That Labor Day Sunday be taken advantage of by the church to present by the gospel its relation to industrial problems and the bearing of these problems on the moral and religious life of the people.

The assembly's board of reform was asked to co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance in promoting a special educational campaign in connection with the observance of the Sabbath at our summer resorts. That the general assembly's committee on Sabbath schools be asked to consider the advisability of making World's Temperance Sunday a great pledge-signing day among the young to reach in a definite way the evils of

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A DESTRUCTIVE ANIMAL



FARMER TAFT: "What you'd oughter get, gosh blame ye, is an ax—not milk."

WIDOWED QUEEN SENDS A TOUCHING MESSAGE TO PEOPLE OF THE NATION

Thanks Them From the Depths of Her "Poor Broken Heart" For Sympathy Expressed—King George Sends Message of a Former Comrade to the Navy.

LONDON, May 10.—While the rulers and representatives of foreign nations are assembling here for the obsequies of the dead sovereign, the various necessary formalities incident to the sad event are being gradually completed. The widowed Queen has sent a touching personal message to the nation, written in unassuming style and recalling similar intimate messages which Queen Victoria was in the habit of addressing to her people.

King George has addressed messages to the navy and army and to the Indian princes and people. The Queen-mother's message to the nation is as follows: "From the depth of my poor broken heart I wish to express to the whole nation, and our own kind people we love so well, my deep felt thanks for all their touching sympathy in my overwhelming sorrow and unexpressed anguish. 'Not alone have I lost everything in my beloved husband, but the nation, too, has suffered an irreparable loss by their best friend, father and sovereign thus suddenly called away. May God give us all His divine help to bear this heaviest of crosses, which He has seen fit to lay upon us. His will be done!'"

Thanks for Sympathy.

"Give to me a thought in your prayers, which will comfort and sustain me in all that I have to go through. Let me take this opportunity of expressing my heartfelt thanks for all the touching letters and tokens of sympathy I have received from all classes, high and low, rich and poor, which are so numerous that I fear it would be impossible for me ever to thank everybody individually."

"I confide my dear son to your care, who, I know, will follow in his dear father's footsteps, begging you to show me the same loyalty and devotion you showed his dear father. I know that both my dear son and daughter-in-law will do their utmost to merit and keep it."

One of the first messages issued by King George, who has long been known as "the Sailor Prince," was addressed to the navy. In it the King says:

It is my earnest wish on succeeding to the throne to make known to the navy how deeply grateful I am for its faithful and distinguished services, rendered to the late King, my beloved father, who ever showed the greatest solicitude for its welfare and efficiency. Educated and trained in that profession, which I love so dearly, retirement from active duty has in no sense diminished my feelings of affection for it.

For 33 years I have had the honor of serving in the navy, and such intimate participation in its life and work enables me to know how thoroughly I can depend upon that spirit of loyalty and zealous devotion to duty, of which the glorious history of our navy is the outcome. That you will ever continue to be as in the past the foremost defenders of our country, I have no doubt.

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BORDEN TO BE C.P.R. COUNSEL?

Report That Conservative Leader Will Succeed A. R. Creelman as General Solicitor.

OTTAWA, May 10.—(Special.)—A gentleman from Stanstead, who was in the city to-day, states that Mr. Blount, private secretary of R. L. Borden, who was in that town not long since, declared positively to the members of his family that the Conservative leader would not stay very long in his present position, and that in a very short time Mr. Borden would be chief solicitor of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Of course the C.P.R. is a very convenient place for politicians whose treatment is talked about, and it will be remembered that the newspapers made corporation several times and the same thing was said of Sir Alexander Lacoste. However, the recent promotion of A. R. Creelman to the directorship of the railway, for the belief that there is more truth in the last story than in the two first.

Borden to Tour Rural Ontario

Conservative Leader to Hold a Series of Meetings During the Latter Part of June.

OTTAWA, May 10.—(Special.)—R. L. Borden will hold a series of public meetings at picnics in Ontario during the second half of June. The details have not been fully worked out, but it is known that nine or ten meetings will be held and that the province will be covered from the Ottawa River to the tip of the western peninsula.

ALLAN LINER RUNS AGROUND.

MONTREAL, May 10.—(Special.)—The Allan liner Gramplan, inward bound, ran aground at noon to-day at a place called Cap a la Roche, some 30 miles above Quebec, and remained there for three hours. When, however, the tide rose the steamer was relieved and proceeded up the river under her own steam. She will probably reach Montreal to-morrow afternoon. It is not expected that any damage was done to the steamer.

THE KING AND PRINCES WILL GO WITH THE FLEET.

LONDON, May 10.—(Special.)—Not long ago the new King is reported to have said: "If that day comes (the questioning of Britain's naval supremacy), and I am King, me and my sons sail with the fleet."

Joe Thompson's Return.

Joseph E. Thompson is expected back from the old country either to-night or to-morrow morning. The ship stopped at Quebec Monday, but owing to fog on the St. Lawrence, they have been unable to land at Montreal.

AN AIR TOUR MEET FOR TORONTO IN JULY

Plans Almost Completed for Aerial Tournament—Paulhan, Bleriot and Wright Brothers May Come—Promoters Hope to Make It a Big Event.

Hurray! an airship tournament for Toronto!

A committee was appointed by the Ontario Motor League yesterday to further arrangements which have been quietly under consideration for some little time. It is intended to make the meet international in scope, open to the world, for competition of all kinds of dirigible air craft, and as huge an undertaking as anything that has yet taken place in the world.

The promoters have even gone so far as to send a man across the Atlantic to negotiate with Graham White and Paulhan, participants in the ever exciting race from London to Manchester for a \$50,000 prize, and they have already received favorable intimation from Bleriot, who flew across the channel to Dover, and the famous Wright Bros. The latter, however, are rather uncertain as yet, because they have no protection on their patents in Canada, and the people behind them are wary.

Working in conjunction with the motor league is a New York syndicate which controls several of the most successful machines in the United States. Two suggestions for an aviation field have been considered—one being the Woodbine and the other some large open field about 15 miles from Toronto, on a railroad. The latter idea, so far, has met with the most favor, it being argued that coupon tickets could be arranged for with the railroad company to ensure a large crowd of admissions. In addition there is a necessity for a large open space. An air navigator's proper flying over water is not improbable that some spot between Toronto and Hamilton, on the lake shore, will be chosen. The alternative to this is out the Kingston road.

As it will be a tremendous undertaking, and a costly one, involving about \$75,000 in guarantees and prizes, the promoters figure on seeking financial grants thru the board of C. M. A. Retail Merchants' Association, etc., and also from the city council. To ensure a strong citizen committee will be appointed. It is hoped to interest certain public spirited persons to the extent of offering some such attractive prizes or purses as was put lately by Lord Northcliffe. One merchant has offered \$20,000 off his own bat, believing that it will be the greatest boost Toronto has ever had. Conducted on international lines, it will do more to advertise Toronto and Canada than anything heretofore.

It is said that a similar, the smaller meet in Los Angeles, has been held six times the city's population during its progress. It is calculated to make this air motor tournament extend over a period of six days, with an average of four flights a day. These "trips" will, of course, be governed and arranged according to atmospheric conditions. Some days will be better adapted to long flights and some to high.

A. E. Chatterton, vice-president of the committee, has just returned from England and declares there is no sport on the face of the earth equal to aviation to create interest and arouse excitement. Europe is now ablaze with it, he says.

He and Mr. Bennett of Montreal are going to New York on Friday to further arrange with the American syndicate. A similar movement is on in Montreal, and it is fully anticipated that the meet will go to the Canadian metropolis some time in the future.

The date for the Toronto meet will be the last week in July or the first part of August. The committee in charge are: Mayor Myer of Hamilton, chairman; A. E. Chatterton, vice-president; H. B. Wells, Morse Sellers and O. Hazelwood of Toronto, with power to add to their number.

A RETROSPECT.

May 11, 1890: Metrosel surrendered Fort Royal to Sir William Philipps.
May 11, 1745: Battle of Fontenoy was fought between the French under Marshal Saxe and the allied English, Dutch, Hanoverians and Austrians, under the Duke of Cumberland. The French won, owing to the desperate fighting abilities of the Irish brigade who fought with them.
May 11, 1778: Pitt, Earl of Chatham, "The Great Commoner," died.
May 11, 1859: Rev. John Parrall was made the first Catholic Bishop of Hamilton.
May 11, 1870: \$300,000 is finally and formally paid over to the imperial authorities for the Hudson Bay Company claims, and gives Canada possession of the Northwest under the British crown.
May 11, 1880: Sir Alexander T. Gair was appointed the first high commissioner for Canada, to reside in England.

BETTER HATS—SAME PRICE

The Dineen Company have succeeded in getting a stock of the newest advance blocks in English hats to be put on sale next week in London, which are now in the showcases of the Dineen Company. All the latest designs, English and American, are open every evening.