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**CARVELL CROSS AND INSULTING.**

Mr. Carvell was at it again yesterday with his sledge hammer and insulting methods of addressing the House at Ottawa. The success which attended the application of a simple rule of the House of Commons on Wednesday has evidently aroused Messrs. Pugsley and Carvell to paroxysms of anger. They now see their chances of obstructing the country's business slip away, for, with the new rules in force, the "Blockers Brigade" will be as dead as Queen Anne. Mr. Aikens showed in his speech yesterday that Mr. Carvell stood third in the list of those who were credited with the greatest amount of verbiage during the recent obstruction. His speeches occupy one hundred columns of Hansard.

It was but natural that the Member for Carleton should be peeved and petulant. He was very vexed and cross, and his hoarseness probably did not by any means soften the insults which his speech conveyed. Mr. Carvell said he was humiliated because Mr. Robitoux, from his own Province, had been put in the chair of the committee on the night of March 15th, before his colleague, Mr. Pugsley precipitated a riot.

Is the member for Carleton possessed of a sense of humor? Does he remember how the young member from New Brunswick was bullied, and how an attempt was made to intimidate him by the old and experienced member for the City of St. John? Mr. Carvell should save up his humiliation for proper occasions. No Conservative Member has yet left his seat to shake his clenched fist under the nose of a chairman. The Province of New Brunswick was humiliated on that occasion in the eyes of the whole country.

Mr. Carvell was also inclined to cast a stone yesterday at Mr. Hazen. He stated that the latter had been chosen from one hundred and thirty Conservatives to prevent Sir Wilfrid Laurier from free speech. One would think that it was a compliment both to the Province of New Brunswick and the Minister himself that Mr. Hazen should be chosen to follow the Premier and take an important part in a struggle which will become historical. Everything that was done on Wednesday was legal and constitutional, and in accordance with the best tradition of parliamentary usage. But the Liberals were caught napping. Old parliamentarians as they were, the simple application of a forgotten rule completely outwitted them.

"Ulysses" Pugsley, the "Man of many wiles," and Sir Wilfrid Laurier were beaten by the action of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in moving that the previous question be put. Why now do they gnash their teeth and rage furiously? Because the whole country is laughing at them. Mr. Pugsley was held up as the most resourceful man in the House of Commons. His dexterity in escaping rules and dodging procedure was supposed to be almost unearthly. But like the image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, while there was much brass, his feet were of clay.

But Mr. Carvell approves of Mr. Pugsley. It must have been entertaining to the House as with solicitude he talked of the one redeeming feature in the proceedings of last Wednesday. That feature was, according to the member for Carleton, the manner in which Mr. Pugsley rose and jumped into the breach when the Leader of the Opposition could not move his amendment. But those who recall the action and speech of Mr. Pugsley will only remember that he talked a long time about every conceivable parliamentary subject, until some of his friends had looked up points with which to obstruct further.

No, there was nothing of which to be proud in the obstructive methods of Mr. Pugsley last Wednesday. There was nothing of which to be proud in the insulting references made by Mr. Carvell yesterday. And when the latter gentleman compares the ex-Minister of Public Works with the Minister of Marine and Fisheries he ought to remember that Mr. Hazen's conduct in the House of Commons has always been the acme of good taste and courtesy. For that he is well known. He needs no defence, and attacks by his enemies can not injure him.

**BANK MANAGEMENT.**

In reviewing the report of Sir William Meredith as to the causes which led to the failure of the Farmers Bank the Monetary Times utters a note of warning on the vital importance of efficient management in a bank's affairs. The personal factor, it says, after all, is one of the most, if not the most important in business. In the Farmers Bank, that factor was unfortunately weak. Not only was the general manager dishonest, but subordinates were either dull-witted

**DIARY OF EVENTS.**

**HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA.**

**THE TREATY OF UTRECHT AND AFTER.**

Two centuries ago today, April 11, 1713, the ministers of Great Britain, France, and all the other allies, signed the treaty of Utrecht, by which the wars of Queen Anne were terminated, and France ceded to England Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Hudson Bay Territory. The conflict thus ended had lasted eleven years and on this continent had been marked by many terrible Indian massacres. While Acadia was annexed to England, under the old title of Nova Scotia, or New Scotland, the land and sea expedition against Montreal and Quebec was a failure. Sir Hovenden Walker, in charge of 15 men-of-war and 40 transports, being about 7,000 men, met disaster on the rocks at the mouth of the St. Lawrence, losing eight ships and a thousand men. With the remainder of his fleet Sir Hovenden Walker returned to the coast while the land force marching against Montreal retraced their steps.

**THE PASSING DAY.**

**THE LATE CHARLES READE.**

Twenty-nine years ago today, April 11, 1884, the English-speaking world was deprived by death of one of its greatest novelists, Charles Reade. The author of "The Cloister and the Hearth" was born in 1814, and his centenary will be widely observed by literary societies on both sides of the Atlantic next year. The approach of the Reade centenary has already resulted in a revival of interest in his works, and much that is interesting about his career has recently been published in the London press.

The London Bookman recently published an "account with literature" made out by Reade in 1851, after a twenty year struggle toward the goal of literary success. It gives in graphic language the record of his fight for fame and the paltry reward he received for the first eighteen years. Mr. Reade thus described his early struggles:

"In all one hundred and five pounds. That is to say, about half a crown a week for eighteen years—not enough to pay for pen, ink and paper, leaving copying and shoe leather out of the question."

It was not until 1856 that the tide turned. During his long apprenticeship Reade had aspired to the drama, but his friends convinced him that he would find his real vocation as a novelist. In 1855 all England was agitated by the trial of the governor of Birmingham prison, on a charge of cruelty to the convicts committed to his care. The revelation of the brutality of an appalling nature which was fired Reade with indignation that he made a study of penal conditions, on which he based "It is Never Too Late to Mend."

**THE HUM AN PROCESSION.**

**CANADIAN IN WILSON'S CABINET.**

It is probable that Mrs. Franklin Knight Lane, better half of Uncle Sam's new Secretary of the Interior, will have to build an addition to her china closet to contain the gifts that will be showered upon her today in recognition of the twentieth anniversary of her marriage. On April 11, 1893, that Miss Anne Winter, of Tacoma, Wash., became the bride of the ambitious young Canadian who was then engaged in building up a law practice in San Francisco. Mrs. Lane lived in the California metropolis from the time of her marriage until 1905, when her husband was appointed a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Lanes have two children, Franklin, Jr., aged sixteen, and Miss Nancy, a few years younger. Mrs. Lane, by reason of her long residence in Washington, has already become one of the leaders of society, and is the acknowledged leader of the "Pacific coast set." Secretary Lane is the only non-native of the United States in President Wilson's cabinet. He was born in Prince Edward Island, Canada, and is in his forty-ninth year. He is an ardent admirer of the Blackfoot Indians, and all the residents of the republic look to him as their mouthpiece before the Great White Father at Washington.

**A GREAT SCULPTOR.**

William Ordway Partridge, one of the greatest American sculptors, is a native of Paris, and was born fifty-two years ago today. The last year on which he has been engaged is the Samuel J. Tilden memorial, to be erected in New York in honor of the Democratic statesman who succeeded the presidency by the narrowest of margins. The sculptor is a brother of Bishop Sidney Catlin Partridge, the Protestant Episcopal churchman, famed for his missionary work in China and Japan.

**FIRST THINGS.**

**MODERN FLOODS.**

The first great flood in England of which there is any record began in Cheshire on this date in the year 343 A. D., and before it subsided over 3,000 persons had perished. Two thousand persons were drowned in Glasgow in 1758. Floods were inundated by the sea, and the town of Ostend totally immersed in 1105. The failure of the Holland dike to hold back the waters resulted in one of the most terrible inundations in history in 1530, over 400,000 people perishing. In Catalonia 50,000 people perished in a flood in 1817. Thirteen hundred persons drowned in the Zealand flood of 1717. A century ago this summer a dreadful inundation in Hungary, Austria and Poland caused thousands to perish. In the same year 2,000 Turkish troops were drowned in the Danube. Six thousand inhabitants of Silesia and 4,000 Poles were drowned. Floods in the Rhine and Rhone valleys caused terrible devastation in France in 1817. In New Orleans 1,500 houses were flooded in 1849. The Ohio and Mississippi floods of 1832, the Paris flood, the inundation of the middle West, are among the worst of the more recent disasters.

**OPHELIA'S SLATE.**



**IN LIGHTER VEIN.**

**The Impression.**

Miss Gibson was very rich and Mr. Hanna was very poor. She liked him, but that was all, and he was well aware of the fact. One evening he grew somewhat tender and at the last he said: "You are very rich, aren't you, Helen?"

"Yes, Tom," replied the girl frankly. "I am worth about two million dollars."

"Will you marry me, Helen?" "Oh, no, Tom, I couldn't."

"I knew you wouldn't," said "Then why did you ask me?" "Oh, I just wanted to see how a man feels when he loses two millions."

—Ladies Home Journal.

**So Disinterested.**

Mrs. Gableigh—We have such dear neighbors, and they are so fond of us. Why, just think! When I told them we wanted to move but couldn't afford to, they offered to pay all our moving expenses.

**Money Talks.**

"How do you think that I can achieve the greatest popularity in society?" asked Mrs. Millyuns. "Let your money do all the talking for the family," advised the new social secretary.

**A Good Catch.**

Mrs. Exe—Does your husband stay out late nights?" "The Clotie and the Heath." He never quite equalled the high mark set in that novel, although he continues to write masterly tales until the year of his death.

**It Wasn't Leap Year.**

Elaine—"Did the waiter ask if we were engaged?" Courtenay—"Yes. And he seemed quite crestfallen when I had to say 'No.'"

Elaine—"It would be horrid to disappoint him when he looked after us so charmingly—tell him that we are."

**That's the Question.**

"Here is a story of a Chicago woman who says that present marriage laws make women the slave of men," said the square-jawed matron, as she looked up from the newspaper. "Why don't they enforce the law, then?" meekly asked Mr. Henpecked. —Buffalo Express.

**The Stern Parent.**

"Dearest, I told your father I meant to prove my love for you, not by words, but by deeds."

"What did he say, George?" "He asked me if they were title deeds." —Baltimore American.

**Obedient Orders.**

Mistress—What are those eggshells for the frosting for, Norah?" Norah—Sure, mum, you told me to use the whites of the eggs.

**Then He Surprised Her.**

He—Do you like kissing?" She—Well, surprises are quite often pleasant.

**Your artist son, sir, has a very effective touch.**

"How much did you lend him?"

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