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WHAT WOULD MR. BORDEN DO?

"The Government of this country are able to ascertain and know, if they take the proper action for that purpose, whether the conditions which face the Empire at this time in respect of naval defence are grave. If we were in power we would endeavor to find that out, and if the answer to that question, based upon the assurance of the Government of the mother country, and the report of the naval experts of the admiralty, were such—and I think it would be such—as to demand instant and effective action by this country, then I would appeal to Parliament for immediate and effective aid, and if Parliament did not give immediate and effective aid I would appeal from Parliament to the people of this country."

So spoke Mr. Borden in the House of Commons on Nov. 24, 1910. Like most of his other utterances on the naval question he has repudiated this in part already, and will do so utterly, according to his journalistic supporters, in case the Senate should throw out his bill. It must have been just this contingency that Mr. Borden had in mind when he used the above-quoted words, "If Parliament did not give immediate aid." For once in power he could not expect that the House of Commons majority would deny him. If he was contemplating also a delay by debate in the Lower House, he has already violated his pledge of going to the country in that case and substituted the gag, as "just as good."

But it is no surprise to be told by his press that he will not refer his policy to the people. Although it is rather cool of the Bordenites quietly to assume that their leader will go back on his word, yet his whole course on the naval issue, from beginning to end, has been one of swallowing himself. Perhaps, a contribution newspaper, which itself has diametrically reversed its views, is justified in making the following statement:

"What will happen if the Senate goes so far as to kill these two measures it is hard to say. Liberal papers are again talking of a general election, but it can be stated authoritatively that the Government has no intention of permitting a body, which is not representative of the people, to dictate to those elected by the popular will."

In other words, Mr. Borden will not be referred to the people by the Senate. He will not keep his word. But if he should not think fit to appeal to the electors, it would be an admission that there really is no crisis in the British Empire calling for immediate settlement. If the emergency cry is still echoing somewhere, it may soon be a thing conveniently forgotten if the Borden press make true prophecy.

MORAL SUASION.

A western contemporary publishes some figures which would indicate that while liquor licenses are decreasing in this province, and the local option area growing, yet liquor-drinking to excess is not decreasing in proportion. Last year, 168 tavern and shop licenses were cut off, yet there were 786 more commitments for drunkenness than in 1911. Other figures tell the same story.

But it by no means follows as a necessary conclusion that restrictive temperance legislation has been a failure. No one has ever claimed that legislation will make the drunkard quit drinking, even if it prohibits obstacles in his way. But prohibitory legislation does take temptation out of the way of many people who are not cursed with the drink habit. It makes total abstinence of many who would otherwise be moderate drinkers, and who might progress from moderate to immoderate drinking. If it be true, as has been suggested, that when men are determined to drink, restrictions placed in their way only make them drink more when they get the opportunity, it is equally true that restrictions keep a great many other men from drinking at all.

Whatever the cause, the fact cannot be questioned that fewer people drink now than was formerly the case. Those whose memory can go back only fifty years require no statistics to prove this fact; it is a matter of simple observation. There is a far greater proportion of total abstainers than ever before in the history of Canada.

Drunkenness is no longer fashionable. It has become a social offense. It interferes with a man procuring employment, or doing business. It shuts a man out of public life. Instead of being winked at by his associates it lands him in the police court, or sends him to an inebriate asylum.

But while the conditions, do not point to any failure in the efficacy of restrictive legislation, it may give rise to the question whether we have not

been neglecting the educational work of former years. A generation ago, the friends of temperance devoted themselves to moral suasion as well as legislation. Temperance societies brought young and old people under the influence of moral reform. Sons of Temperance, Daughters of Temperance, Good Templars, and other kindred organizations, were numerous and powerful. Orators like John B. Gough, took the public platform and preached temperance to crowded houses. These agencies all exercised a great influence; they changed public sentiment; they made restrictive legislation possible. Today they have fallen into disuse; the names of many of these old societies are forgotten.

Education is too important a factor in moral improvement to be neglected. Laws are of value in a free country only in so far as they crystallize the sentiment of the majority of the people. When the people are individually educated to the idea that it is an offense to drink liquor, there will be no difficulty about passing laws to prevent the sale of it, and no difficulty about enforcing them. In fact, when education has done its full work, there will be little need for laws. When the people do not want liquor, no one will manufacture it. The traffic will be abolished. If there ceases to be a demand, there will no longer be a supply.

THE UNDERWOOD BILL IN DANGER.

There are bad omens for the Underwood bill in the United States Senate.

The bill could be wrecked by the secession of three Democratic Senators. It is reported that an even larger group will insist on modifying the schedules, at least to the extent of wiping out the free list, which particularly interests Canadian farmers.

The bill in its present form admits the following products free of duty: Wool, swine, potatoes, meats, flour, cream, cornmeal, buckwheat flour, oatmeal and rye flour. The opponents of the measure contend that it is unfair that flour and oatmeal should be duty-free, while imported wheat and oats must pay 10 cents a bushel; that meats should be non-dutiable while cattle pay 10 per cent; that wool should be free and sheep dutiable, and so on. Some Democratic Senators are disposed to accept the view that the duties on all these products should be equalized. One way to equalize them would be to place wheat, oats, cattle, and sheep on the free list, with flour, oatmeal, beef and mutton, but that is not the way the Democratic recreants will do it. If they can, they will put a duty on flour, meats, etc., to correspond with the duties on grain and cattle. The Democratic party will be fortunate if they do not go much further, by overhauling the Underwood schedules from top to bottom, and stiffening the tariff on all of them. There is no likelihood that the President or the House will agree to any radical changes, but they may consent to the abandonment of the agricultural free list to the extent of equalizing the duty with the more finished food products.

The bill in its present shape is a long way short of the reciprocity agreement in its advantages to this country, but if the free list is sacrificed to the Democratic bolters, the Canadian farmers will have additional reason to regret the defeat of the Laurier Government. The Underwood bill is coupled with a reciprocity provision, but it is open to all food-producing countries. The Knox-Fielding pact would have reserved these benefits for Canada alone.

CONSCIENCE ABOVE PARTY.

The "social conscience" has come to stay, and has transcended all party distinctions.

DIRECT ACTION.

Strikes, of course, are not certain to be successful, but, on the other hand, in the passing of a law twelve years on an average elapse between the first agitation and the royal signature.

SPRING CLEANING.

The first Mrs. Brown cleaned house in the good old-fashioned way. No peace there was for man or mouse in the merry month of May.

She tolled like three strong men. She led the strenuous life. Each day one long blue Monday then—Folks said "a model wife!"

But when she left this world for Father Brown promptly went and got another.

The second Mrs. Brown. Put on her springing best, and "phoned to Mr. B. in town. "Let's have a little fest."

No scrub or rub to spoil. The loveliness of May. She let the vacuum-cleaner toil. While she was at the play.

And Brown declares he wed a treasure. And even took the bill with pleasure.

SECRET OF IT.

He—Their marriage seems to have turned out well after all. She—Yes. You see, they both belong to several clubs and don't meet often enough to get tired of each other.

DESERVE CONGRATULATIONS.

Silliness—When is the proper time to congratulate a bride and groom? Cynicus—After they have lived together for at least a year, and are still happy.

MUSIC IN THE AIR.

An aeroplane has travelled 1,000 miles between sunrise and sunset, which, in the language of the street, is certainly going some, and then some more. Six months ago the record for the same time was 550 miles. Of the engine, which makes possible the terrific speed first mentioned, it is said: "Fourteen whirling cylinders of a Gnome engine, making a thousand revolutions per min-

ute, give 28,000 piston strokes per minute, and result in 7,000 explosions of gasoline per minute. This is a rate of explosion so fast to lose the identity of separate blasts in a continuous musical note of about the pitch of the beginning of the second octave on the organ."

AN ADEPT.

[Judge.] Farmer Bentover—What's your nephew, that's home from college, doing now? Farmer Hornbeak—Nothin', and he's got more original ways of accomplishin' it than any feller you ever seen.

GUILIELMUS REX.

[Thomas Bailey Aldrich.] The folk who lived in Shakespeare's day.

And saw that gentle figure pass By London bridge, his frequent way— They little knew the man he was.

The pointed beard, the courteous mien, The equal port to high and low, All this they saw, or might have seen— But not the light behind the brow!

The doublet's modest gray or brown, The slender shirt, his plain device, What sign had these for prince or clown?

Few turned, or none, to scan him twice, Yet 'twas the king of England's kings! The rest with all their pomp and trains, Are molded, half-remembered things— 'Tis he alone that lives and reigns!

IT IS INFLAMMABLE ENOUGH.

[Chicago Tribune.] It appears from the "large quantity of woman suffrage literature" found scattered around whatever one of those incendiary fires happens in England that the suffragists have literature to burn.

HIS REVENGE.

[Philadelphia Bulletin.] Father—You have no sense; I'm going to cut you off with a million. The Son—If you do I'll disgrace the family by riding around in a second-hand auto.

A DISGRACED GOVERNMENT.

[St. John, N. B. Telegraph.] The people do not at present need time to come to themselves, but they need opportunity to come at a government that has deliberately disregarded every prompt and wise suggestion of the people and every conviction it was supposed to hold.

COOKING AND DYSPEPSIA.

[Chicago Tribune.] Mme. Bernhardt bewailed American cooking. Her point was that when food is so well prepared that men delighted in its taste they were less liable to overeat. Mme. Bernhardt was right.

ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN.

[Portland Oregonian.] Divorces—\$50; \$1 down, \$1 a week. 439 Chamber of Commerce.

A PICTURE WITH A MESSAGE.

[Punch.] I painted a picture yesterday Of a child of angel mien. Resignedly quitting this earthly sphere Ere he reached his earliest teen; At the sight of this poignant work of mine.

I felt a heart of stone, Would add to the parents' painted brine A silent tear of its own.

But critical dealers waved it back, Nor hesitated to live up to fact. Since life itself could be grim and black, All art should be glad and gay; Till a blight spread over my wonted joys.

To think I was to be Saddled for years with a "Dying Boy's" Dispiriting company.

So I added a maid with a laughing eye, Who bade their grief begone. By waving a box of pills on high (The label was blank thereon). A pill proprietor called; the string Of his purse he quickly loosed; I put in his name, and he's had the thing Extensively reproduced.

DISTRICT MEETING

HELD AT EXETER

Ministers From All Over the District Were Present.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Exeter, May 22.—The ministerial session of Exeter district convened yesterday in Main Street Church. The Epworth League executive met at night. The annual meeting, when both laymen and ministers were present was held this morning.

Rev. C. Baker, of Woodham, was elected secretary of the meeting. Ministerial examination was conducted satisfactorily. Rev. T. W. Blatchford was the only absentee, he having been sick in bed during the past four weeks.

Rev. A. J. Heywood and Rev. Roy Johnston were recommended to be continued at college.

Rev. A. E. Johns, of China, who belongs to the Exeter district, was recommended to continue.

Rev. F. Burgess, who has been at college, and is asking for ordination, was not present, but was expected to be examined in St. Thomas. The meeting ruled that he should be wired to come at once to Exeter for examination.

Rev. Wm. Godwin and Rev. Richard Redmond, superannuated for one year, a year ago, will this year be stationed if suitable places can be found.

Rev. J. G. Yelland and Rev. J. D. Kestle were continued on the supernumerary list.

Some profitable discussion took place in regard to the state of the work, and the expansion throughout the district.

Rev. G. H. McAlister is chairman of the district.

The Town League in baseball has been organized with Thomas Boyle, president; J. M. Southcott, secretary, and W. J. Heaman, treasurer. These with two representatives from each team form the executive. A schedule of eighteen games was drawn up, the first game to be played on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock between Main street and St. James street teams.

Games are arranged for Monday and Friday evenings, and may be drawn back to Thursday afternoons. Mr. W. S. Cole was appointed official scorer. The umpires are E. J. Christie, H. Bissett, G. E. Anderson, Rev. E. G. Powell, W. S. Cole, F. M. Boyle, the president to umpire all protested games. A silver collection will be taken up at all games. The baseball diamond has been fixed up.

Exeter is to have a new postoffice. The supplementary estimates were brought down on Tuesday afternoon, and among the terms is \$15,000 for a new postoffice for Exeter. Brussels and Forest each got \$10,000.



UP-TO-DATE.



"Our baby should be christened soon. What shall we name it, dear?" "I've picked 'Eugenic,' John," she said. "It's fashionable, I hear."

Someone is bold enough to make the suggestion that the plan now being considered for the camp might be called tentative plans. Eh, what?

The following might be suggested for the canny in reporting fires: "Stubborn blaze," "Completely wrecked," "Damaged to an extent," "The fire was discovered," "Total damage," "Made considerable headway," "The fire broke out," "Finally under control," "Great volumes of smoke," "One of the worst fires in the history of the department," "The splendid work of the firemen."

FOR BEAUTY AND COMFORT.

Ah! she loved roses—yes, she did. Loved every kind of them— And when they died she always made Back-scratchers of the stem.

A north end man who believes in pursuing some domestic side-lines says that every man should have a hobby and every woman a hobble. Whereupon his better half rises to remark that her husband is her hobby.

If the barbers hold a picnic, as has been rumored, we cannot for a moment believe that the first prizes in the races will be safety razors.

NOTHING DOING.

SAID SHE, "THE BIRDS MATE IN THE SPRING."

Said he, "Why, certainly. But notice that, instead of flat, THEY live up in a tree. Clothes, food and rent cost not a cent. Believe me—take my word—I'd seek a mate at rapid rate. Could I live like a bird."

If the newspapers continue to boost "Wild Bill" Baker so much, one of these days we will pick up the box score to read:

Summary—Two-base hits—Bierbauer, Deneau, Stewart, Limestone, Three-base hits—Bierbauer, Deneau, Stewart, Limestone, Chaput, Deneau, Bierbauer, Myers.

GOTTERTHEMON.

The opera stars have all gone home. As everybody knows, the high notes that they took along They carried in their clothes.

And didn't lamp the picture of Third Baseman Myers on Jim's page Wednesday night? Looked just like Little Jeff. This flax fellow persists in ignoring our advice of late.

Walter Johnson is one great white-wash, but there are others of the name who can do some tall kalsomini.

They say it's good form to call those London female firebrands the arsonettes.

IT'S DIFFERENT NOW.

The setting sun proclaims departing day, And is the ploughman saying: "Nay, nay, nay. He plows by steam and plays to other luck. For he rides home now in an auto truck."

The Duchess of Westminster has been awarded \$100,000 annual alimony. Some divorces beat C. P. R. as dividend payers.

Eye trouble is said to have increased 40 per cent in the United States. That slatted skirt may have a good deal to do with it.

Despite the fact that we do not live in an arid region there are plenty of irrigation enthusiasts hereabouts.

We have decided not to trot out our pennant prediction just yet. It might get musty this moist weather.

And especially that fish story told by Mr. Munchausen. (We'll bet the other members of the team think Munchausen is a new kind of cheese.)

Free Treatment for Skin Sufferers!

Although Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a liberal sample of each, with 32-page booklet on the care and treatment of skin and hair, will be sent post-free, on application to: Cuticura, Dept. 32, Boston, U.S.A.

Alteration Sale

CHAPMAN'S

STORE CLOSED SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-FOURTH.
OPEN FRIDAY NIGHT.

Pink Pattern Limoges China Arrived

We announce the arrival of a large import shipment of Pink Rose Pattern Limoges China Dinner and Teaware. The shipment includes a full assortment of the usual pieces which make up a set, as well as extra fancy pieces not shown before. Those who are collecting this pattern should see all the new pieces.

Summer-Making Price in Our Ladies' Tailoring Department

Starting today the summer-making price goes into effect in our Ladies Tailoring Department.

Any Style of Suit, Lined or Unlined, Making Price \$10.50

For a limited time our Ladies' Tailoring Department will take orders for making Women's Suits at a special summer price—\$10.50. Any style of lined or unlined suit may be selected, in cloth or summer materials. Orders will be completed between now and the 1st of July. Get your order in as early a date as possible, for this offer will be withdrawn as soon as a sufficient number of orders have been taken which will keep our staff busy through the next two month. We guarantee the work to be our best man-tailoring.

THE PRICE—\$10.50—INCLUDES MAKING AND SEWINGS.

Women's Long Silk Gloves, 69c

AT THIS PRICE TODAY AND FRIDAY ONLY.

One of the greatest bargains we ever offered in Long Silk Gloves. Get a pair while the sale is on.

Women's Long Silk Gloves, 12-button length, 69c warranted pure silk, double tipped fingers. A perfect-fitting glove. Black or white. \$1.00 quality. Sale price, a pair 69c

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MIDDY BLOUSES \$1.00. Girls' and Misses' Middy Blouses, plain white and colored stripes, contrasting trimming.

Girls' White and Colored Dresses, sizes 6 to 14 years. Materials are lawn, embroidery and zephyrs. Prices, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75

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Boys' Buster Brown Wash Suits, fit boys 2½ to 7 years.

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Voile Skirts

8 only Women's Black Voile Skirts, panel back, high waistline, trimmed with silk braid ornaments. Some were \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$8.00. On sale at \$4.75

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Fighting Cases In Police Court

Several Russian Citizens Figure in Two Assault Cases.

"He licked me, you see; then he licked me again and ven I shouted to him to ask my ven I was doing it he pushed mine head through a window," said Hermann Hoffman, a Russian blacksmith, who charged Walter Orchard with assault in the police court this morning.

Orchard admitted striking Hoffman, but said the plaintiff first struck him on the head with a spoke of a wagon-wheel. As there was a young lad who was in the shop part of the time the fight was going on, in police court, who told a story similar to that told by Hoffman, the court found Orchard guilty and fined him \$2, and \$2.50 costs.

Philip Hessel, Jacob Hessel and John Siskine, Russians, were gathered in by P. C. Samuel Probyn Wednesday night on a charge of being disorderly. When the officer came upon the men they were engaged in a lively battle between the two. Philip was getting the worst of it. In fact, when he stood up in the prisoner's dock in court this morning he looked as if he had been run through a threshing machine.

Philip said that Jacob and John accosted him and then started the fight. Jacob and John said that Philip started the fight. The court was in a quandary, but after listening to the officer's evidence and taking a second look at Philip's countenance, he decided that the former two were guilty and fined them \$2 each. A woman who was in court said the fine and the men left, promising never to offend again.

BARBERS WIN

Shorter Hours Secured as Result of Recent Big Strike.

[Canadian Press.] New York, May 22.—Six committees representing all the boss barbers in New York and Brooklyn, after a

lengthy conference, decided early today to accede to the demands of the striking journeymen barbers, with the exception of a four-hour difference in the working week and recognition of the union. This means that all shops will be closed on Sunday.

The barbers before the strike worked 92 hours a week. They demanded 65 hours for a week's work. The boss barbers stated at the meeting that they had received assurance from the men that they would be willing to go back to work under the conditions decided upon. The strike leaders have claimed there were 15,000 journeymen striking.

Angel Doctor Dead His Secret Unknown

Endeared Himself to the Poor By Treating Them For Years Free.

[Canadian Press.] New York, May 22.—Lower East Side is in mourning for the "Angel Doctor" is dead. Thirty years ago he came to Little Hungary, and since that time had endeared himself to the poor of the district by administering to their ills and steadfastly refusing pay. Few of his neighbors knew more of him than that, but when he died in his barren room yesterday they hastened out to spend their pennies for candles. They marched up the narrow stair by twos and threes, and stood in awe about the blanket-covered figure.

"The angel doctor's" real name was Dr. Karoly. He was born in Hungary 60 years ago, and came to this country in 1881. Soon after he arrived here he changed his name, calling himself Dr. Frank Charles. He practiced on the Pacific Coast and in Chicago for a time, and in 1883 settled on the East Side. He is said to have been able to speak seventeen languages and was a profound student of medicine. Yesterday he was chatting with a friend when suddenly he started from his chair. "Joe, I am going, before it's too late I want to tell you the great secret of my —"

That is as far as he got, for he fell forward dead.

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