

## THE COURIER

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## EVANTUREL'S CASE

Mr. Evanturel, Liberal member for Prescott, who sought to sell his influence in the House to the liquor men for \$10,000, has now had it put up to him to resign or stand worse consequences.

In a letter to the chamber he admitted "thoughtlessness and foolishness," and sought to smooth matters over with an apology.

That was a very mild manner indeed in which to attempt to escape from one of the most reprehensible actions ever charged against any representative. Hon. Mr. Foy, who is leading the House during the absence of Sir James Whitney, very properly stated that such would not be enough, and in this Mr. Rowell, leader of the Opposition, also concurred.

Evanturel proved himself false to his oath as member, recreant to a proper sense of parliamentary obligation, and in addition tried to sell an influence which he should have held to be sacred. If he has at last developed a recognition of the enormity of his utterly indefensible conduct he should get out without any more ado and be mighty thankful to escape so easily.

## INTERIOR REPORT

The fortieth annual report of the Department of the Interior for the year ending with March 1913 has just been issued.

A general advance, with few exceptions, may be noted over the records of the preceding year. There has been, however, a decrease in the number of homestead entries, this falling off being due partly to the great demand for homestead lands and the consequent necessity of going farther from present transportation facilities, but due also, doubtless, to the increased capital brought to Canada by many settlers, particularly those from the United States which has enabled many to purchase land near railways and towns rather than homesteads in districts not so well served by railways. Attention is called to the financial statements showing that the total cash revenue from all sources has increased during the year from \$6,714,734 to \$9,533,945, an advance of almost \$3,000,000. This revenue has increased about seven-fold in the past 10 years. It is interesting to note that the immigrant arrivals of the year established a high water mark, the arrivals numbering over 400,000, which is almost 50,000 beyond the record of any preceding year. It is gratifying to observe that of this large immigration 150,000 came from the British Isles. It is also worthy of mention that the immigration of agriculturists and domestic continues to hold a large place in the general returns, the number of domestics having increased in the last ten years from 3,500 to 20,000, and the agriculturists from 30,278 to about 70,000 in the past year. The 34,000 homestead entries, it is estimated, account for the settlement of over 80,000 people on the free lands of the West, and when there are added to this figure the large number who have purchased land in the Prairie Provinces, and the thousands of farmers and farm laborers who have settled in other Provinces of the Dominion, it is evident that a considerable percentage of immigration continues to turn to agricultural pursuits.

## AN INDEPENDENT VIEW

The Hamilton Herald (Independent) during the course of an editorial says:

"Mr. Verile of Maisonneuve, is nominally a member of the Independent Labor party but his record as a member of parliament proves him to be really a Liberal. It is not on record that he ever said or did anything in or out of parliament to embarrass the Laurier government. On the contrary, in connection with the eight-hour bill the suspicion was so strong that he acted in collusion with the then minister of labor to suppress the bill, that he was subjected to much criticism by representative labor men. Since the present government came into office however Mr. Verile has been very much 'on the job' as an independent champion of labor in parliament, his championship consisting mainly of attacks on the government, particularly the minister of labor, on account of sins of omission or commission.

The resolution of censure on the minister of labor introduced yesterday

by Mr. Verile would have been more convincing if it had been more moderate. For, evidently, it was moved with a view to political effect. To charge Mr. Crothers with "persistent neglect and absolute indifference" in connection with the miners strike in Vancouver Island was rather too much. The minister went out to induce the parties to the dispute to have the dispute arbitrated under the provisions of the Lemieux act, appointed a special commission to make a thorough investigation and submit a report. It is possible that the minister may have done more. It is possible that he was convinced by what he heard and saw that there were faults on both sides, and that his sympathy with the strikers was not so warm as the labor men would have desired. It is possible that when the miners defied the act and went on strike unlawfully, without giving the labor department a chance to take action, the minister was unduly resentful. He may not have been as energetic as he might have been; but to charge him with "persistent neglect and absolute indifference" is sufficient to stamp his accuser as a prejudiced partizan.

In his defence Mr. Crothers turned the tables on one of his assailants, E. M. Macdonald of Picton, quite effectively. Mr. Macdonald had charged the minister with being unjustly prejudiced against the United Mine Workers' organization. Mr. Crothers produced letters written by Mr. Macdonald at the time of the Miners' strike in Nova Scotia, urging the department of labor to take legal proceedings against the United Mine Workers who went on strike, and proposing that legislation be enacted to prevent American labor leaders entering Canada to promote strikes. The production of these letters must have been embarrassing to Mr. Macdonald.

## SPEAKING OUT IN MEETING

A prominent writer of the United States, who is well acquainted with the countries of South America, talks out in a very plain way with reference to the Mexican situation.

He says that no matter what Government has been in power the men at Washington, and Americans generally, do not seem to realize that the peoples in question are altogether different from themselves, and that their viewpoint is not at all akin in any direction.

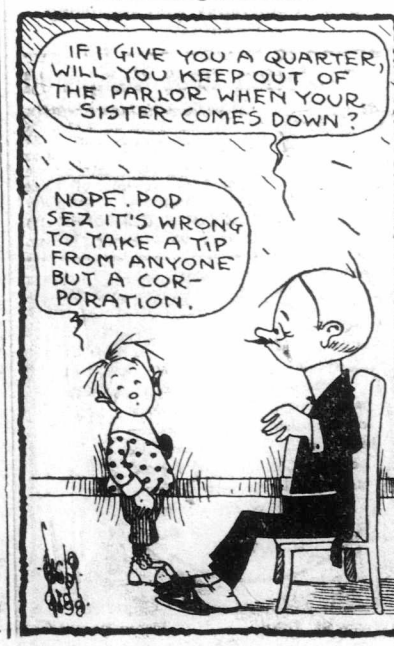
With these things taken into account, he states that the Mexicans and the others would be much more amenable to suggestions from Uncle Sam than they have ever yet proved. As for the Monroe doctrine, he declares it to be absolutely dead and not taken into any consideration at all by the nations supposed to come within its scope.

Incidentally the writer pays a very high tribute to the wonderful success and the diplomacy with which John Bull manages to handle alien races. He instances, among other examples, India and Egypt, where teeming millions are governed and held in leash by a mere handful of administrators and soldiers. He accounts for this on the basis of a thoroughly trained set of diplomats, the close and intelligent study of racial thought and feeling, the entire absence of interference with castes, religions, and so on, and the prompt promotion to positions of responsibility to natives who prove themselves worthy. Any student of history will recognize the absolute correctness of this diagnosis.

## A FINE COMPANY

The annual report of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada tells a very pleasing story to policy holders and all concerned. In addition to the transfer of a sufficient sum to bring the surplus up to \$3,732,986 there was a distribution of profits of \$706,424. The fact that since 1872 the income has grown from \$48,210 to \$13,996,401, assets from \$96,461 to \$55,726,347 and assurance in force from \$1,064,350 to \$202,363,996 constitutes abundant evidence of the high regard in which this institution deservedly stands in public estimation and of good management.

Mr. Thomas Hendry, the manager for this district ranks high among the best of the officers of the company in that capacity.



## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Evanturel apparently believes that he was honest in his dishonesty.

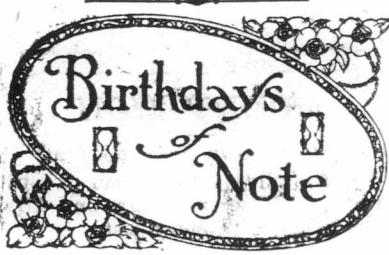
Surgeons have separated Siamese twins recently born in France. Now the mother will know which one to spank should occasion so arise.

Toronto bank clerks have organized for the promotion of their interests. For handling the coin they seem to think that this also will prove a coin of advantage.

President Wilson's message, with regard to the keeping of a solemn obligation entered into with John Bull regarding the Panama Canal tolls is a most manly document. All honor to him for it.

At a special meeting of Woodstock City Council it was decided to ask Mr. E. W. Nesbitt, M.P., for North Oxford, to earnestly protest at Ottawa against Tilbury gas unless purified. The popularity in all quarters of that article cannot exactly be termed as intense, although the odor is, and then some.

It is proposed at Ottawa to increase the salary of the Canadian High Commissioner in the Old Land from \$10,000 to \$30,000. That will be just \$14,300 more than the Premier receives, including his sessional indemnity of \$2500. However, the demands upon such an official in London are very heavy if he upholds the prominence of the post in a proper manner, and no Canadian would wish for anything less than that.



THURSDAY, MARCH FIFTH

The Hon. L. A. Taschereau, Minister of Public Works for Quebec, is



great-grandfather was all judges and took a prominent part in the administration of the law in Lower Canada. He himself is a lawyer of high reputation, enjoying probably the most extensive practice in Quebec City, and will doubtless himself occupy a seat on the Bench in due time. Meanwhile he works hard at his dual task of administering an important state department and carrying on a big legal practice.

## Uncle Walt

The Poet Philosopher

## PLAIN SPEECH.

Old Ebenezer Jimpson Jinks takes pride in saying what he thinks. "I do not mince my words," says he, "but speak my mind out, bold and free; and if I do not like a gent, I make it plainly evident; I air my views to beat the band, and people know just where I stand." He takes a foolish pride methinks, does Ebenezer Jimpson Jinks, in being rude and rough of speech, but few regard him as a peach. He keeps his neighbors hot and sore, and they denounce him as a bore. "We'd pay the freight," they often say, "if he would only move away!" And people dodge him on the street; they hate to hear old Jinks repeat "his honest views" on this and that, which views are spoken through his hat. When he steps to join a crowd, you'd think a cold and clammy shroud had fallen on that bunch of men, who all disperse, to meet again when there's no Jinks to give the blues expounding "his straightforward views." If you would have a grist of friends you'll bear in mind that friendship ends, and cordial feeling slinks behind, when you begin to "speak your mind."

WALT MASON.

## Three Mutiny Veterans

General William Bannerman, who served in six campaigns and forty fights, has died at Cheltenham in his eighty-sixth year. He was over forty years in India, and served in the Indian Mutiny and in the Afghan War. Two other Indian Mutiny veterans have also just died at Cheltenham—Private E. Hobbs, of the old 66th Foot, who was at the relief of Delhi and Lucknow, and Private James Herbert, of the 60th Rifles.

## CASTORIA

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## WILSON PLEADS IN EARNEST

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be our own difference of opinion, concerning this much debated measure, its meaning is not debated outside the United States. Everywhere else the language of the treaty is given but one interpretation and that interpretation precludes the exemption I am asking you to repeal. We consented to the treaty; its language we accepted; if we did not originate it, and we are too big, too powerful, too self-respecting a nation to interpret with too strained or refined a reading of words of our own promises just because we have power enough to give us leave to read them as we please. The large thing to do is the only thing we can afford to do; a voluntary withdrawal from a position everywhere questioned and misunderstood. We ought to reverse our action without raising the question whether we were right or wrong, and so once more deserve our reputation for generosity and the redemption of every obligation without quibble or hesitation.

"I ask this of you in support of the

foreign policy of the administration. I shall not know how to deal with other matters of even greater delicacy and nearer consequence if you do not grant it to me in ungrudging measure."

The Panama tolls question has been a subject of dispute for nearly two years. Diplomatic correspondence between Great Britain and the United States found the question unsettled when President La Follette left office. Except for an assurance to James Bryce, then British ambassador, when he left the United States a year ago that the question would be taken up in the regular session of Congress, President Wilson has never directed any official communication

to England on the tolls question. The President recently told callers he had never discussed the matter formally or informally with the British Ambassador here, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, because he believed the obligation on the part of the United States to repeal the exemption clause was one which the United States government itself should realize without outside influence or pressure.

Administration leaders in both House and Senate have assured the President that with the delivery of a message by him showing that national circumstances had arisen since the measure was last debated, the President's suggestion for repeal would be met with prompt action.

## Great Salvage Sale

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1914

## Local News

## Grand View Improvement

The Grand View Improvement Society meets to-morrow night.

## Board of Works To-night

The board of works meets to-night in the council chamber of the city hall.

## Echo Place Improvement Society

The Echo Place Improvement Society meets to-night in Mohawk Park school, when a number of important matters will be discussed.

## Building Permit Issued

A building permit has been issued to Messrs Simmons and Reeve for the erection of a brick cottage on Burton street, at a cost of \$500.

## Fraternal Committee To-morrow

The fraternal society committee of the old home week celebration will be held to-morrow night in the Temple Building, when plans for a fraternal society day will be discussed.

## Name Omitted

Through an error in reporting the concert given by the Echo Place Improvement Society last Tuesday night the name of Mr. A. Fitness was omitted from the social committee. Mr. Fitness was one of the hardest workers in arranging the program.

## Purchased Some Cattle

Chief William Smith, Alex. Burberry and Harry Martin returned yesterday from a sale of registered stock at Guelph. There they purchased two high grade pedigree bulls for the Six Nations Reserve, one Durham and the other a Polle Angus. They also purpose buying Holstein bull when a first class animal can be located.

## Acknowledged

The managers of the Widow Home gratefully acknowledge the following donations: Mr. D. I. Taylor, painting a bedroom and hall \$24.70; Whitaker Baking Co., buns, scones, etc. weekly; Mrs. P. K. Kram, 2 jars and jars; Messrs. Smith and Foulds, Livingston, a Wilkinson, Minter, Hoyd, Bur and Hartley, meat weekly.

## Paris Lost Game

In the second game of the Consolation series played at the Alert at Hamilton the Centennials to the Paris intermediates into camp the tune of 11 to 2. The Paris were at no time in the hunt, and was just a question of how many goals the locals would run up before the full-time whistle blew. Co and Palmer were best for Hamilton.

## Canners' Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Canners, Limited, this morning, profits of \$406,000 for the year were announced. This was divided amongst interest on bonds, seven per cent, dividend on the preferred, six per cent, dividend on the consolidated stock, after which a surplus of \$90,000 was added to the reserve which has now reached \$602,000. The insurance reserved is \$150,000. The number of directors was reduced from eleven to nine. T. E. Owens and Grant resigning. The following were re-elected directors: F. R. Lalor, M. Dunnville; D. Marshall, M. P. W. Innis, Simcoe; H. W. Richardson, Kingston; J. Nairn, Hamilton; M. Dunn, Strathroy; S. Nesbitt, M.P.P., Brighton; A. H. B. McKenney, Montreal, and R. L. Innis, Hamilton. A busy year is anticipated by the directors.

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