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LONDON, FRIDAY, FEB. 12.

Mr. Borden as a Prophet.

Mr. R. L. Borden, who has been paying London Conservatives a visit, bears little resemblance to his predecessor in the leadership of the Conservative party. If not so forceful and audacious as Sir Charles Tupper, he is more amiable and persuasive and more studious of the amenities of public life. Like Sir Wilfrid Laurier he eschews personalities and excites no resentment among his political opponents. Sir Charles Tupper was reared in the bitter school of Nova Scotia politics in the pre-confederation era. His great adversary, Joseph Howe, used to say that "the smaller the pit the fiercer the rats will fight." The public of today can have no idea of the rancor and fury of that strife, though some echo of it has been heard in the swashbuckling speeches of Sir Charles Tupper in a later period. While Mr. Borden is minus the harsher qualities of his old leader, he retains one of the veteran's attributes, that of prophecy. This he exercised very liberally yesterday. He spoke of "recent upheavals in the various provinces." He declared the Conservative party "had ahead of it a far more decided victory than had ever been chronicled in the past." Mr. Borden did not say how far ahead this victory was to be, but if he associates it with the next general election he is out-Tuppering Tupper. He scanned the horizon for his prognostics and painted the western sky all the colors of Joseph's coat. Premier McBride had registered a substantial victory in British Columbia. The farmers of the Territories were not opposed to his gospel of adequate protection. The Premier of Manitoba had been elected on a high protection platform. These were Mr. Borden's favoring omens. The fact is that party lines sit very loosely on the western people, and their attitude in provincial politics is no indication of the way they will vote in federal affairs. While Mr. Greenway swept Manitoba election after election, the Province was steadily sending a majority of Conservatives to Ottawa. The tariff had nothing to do with Mr. Roblin's victory, and he dare not talk high protection on the hustings. No Conservative candidate who openly advocates Mr. Borden's fiscal policy has the slightest chance of election in the Territories. In British Columbia no calculations can be based on the provincial contest in which the parties divided almost evenly.

Turning his prophetic eye to the east, Mr. Borden sees a Conservative majority in New Brunswick and an even division in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. As the Government has 27 out of 39 seats in the Maritime Provinces, Mr. Borden is not erring on the side of moderation. He confessess that he is "unable to speak so strongly of the prospects" in Quebec. The Conservative party in that Province, feeble before, has not recruited strength from the faction fight between Mr. Monk and Mr. Tarte. In Ontario Mr. Borden warned his party that without work and organization it would not obtain as good results as three years ago. The Liberals are confident that any amount of work and organization will not compensate the Conservative party in Ontario for the loss of the gerrymander and the anti-Tarte cry.

The mantle of Tupperian prophecy does not become Mr. Borden. He ought to cast it off as he has done some of the other characteristics of the doughty but rather unamiable old knight.

Does War Grow Deadlier?

Humanity shudders at the appalling destructiveness of modern armaments, but is war any more costly in human life than before the age of the ironclad and the machine gun? Every schoolboy has read the story of great sea fights in the days when the wooden walls of old England swept the main. He knows that many a British ship grappled with the foe and the crews fought each other hand to hand with cutlass and pistol. With the two ships lashed together, their decks became a battlefield. There was no hiding behind 11-inch armor plate. The gunners worked in full view of the enemy. Nelson himself was picked off by sharpshooters perched in the mizzen-top of the French ship "Redoutable," not fifteen yards distant from the spot where the great hero stood. The awful carnage attending the old sea fights is impossible under the new conditions of naval warfare unless the magazine of a ship explodes. There can be no such thing as "boarding the enemy" now. Modern warships throw such a weight of metal that they cannot fight within close range for any length of time without being sunk or disabled, but the loss of life need not be great. In the first engagement off Port Arthur, in which three Russian ships were crippled, only nine men were killed and forty wounded. The crews on the modern man-of-war fight behind ramparts of steel and are exposed chiefly to the bursting of shells overhead. A hole below the water line is sufficient to put a ship out of action, and before it sinks the crew has plenty of time to escape or be rescued by the enemy as prisoners of war. In some of the old sea battles, the wooden ships pounded each other all day long while their decks ran with blood.

Experience shows that on land, as well as on sea, modern warfare is not deadlier because of the improvement in the power and precision of the weapons. Long-range guns mean long-range fighting. The mortality on the battlefields of South Africa was not excessive, though some allowance must be made for the physical character of the country, and the guerilla tactics of the Boers. Because weapons have changed, military methods have changed also. There will be no more fighting in close formation between two modern armies. The tactics at Waterloo and Balaclava will not do for the next great battle.

After all, it may be that science, while placing new and more terrible powers of destruction in the hands of man, has not made war more grisly and awful.

The Provincial Budget.

The Premier of Ontario had a pleasant tale to unfold in his budget address. Here it is in a nutshell:

The Province began the year 1903 with a bank balance of $1,415,510, and closed it with a bank balance of $1,994,679, an increase of $579,168.

The surplus of assets over liabilities in Jan. 1, 1903, was $1,939,262, and in Jan. 1, 1904, showed an increase of $609,901. It has since risen to $3,551,300.

The expenditure for the past year was $4,888,982, and the revenue $5,466,683, the largest in the history of the Province. Of the revenue, $1,329,203 was derived from the big timber sale in December.

The succession duties and the taxes on corporations and on breweries and distilleries yielded $700,000. These are a few years ago.

The estimated expenditure for the year 1904 is $4,657,000 and the estimated revenue $5,384,372.

A good many people are studying the geography of Asia for the first time.

Mr. Borden believes that when you prophesy, there is no use in being half-hearted about it.

It will be noticed that the Opposition is still unable to torpedo the Ontario Government.

Attention is diverted for the moment from that other war between Mr. Monk and Mr. Tarte.

Canadians are ordered to preserve neutrality in this war, but they are far from neutral in their feelings.

The politicians must talk oil in East Lambton, but it would not be fair to say the electors prefer the oily talker.

The Russians were very careless at Port Arthur in not having a curfew bell to call their warships in after dark.

Mr. Chamberlain is going to Egypt for a long holiday, which he has richly earned. But it must be an ordeal for him to be obliged to rest.

IF GOD TONIGHT.

If God tonight should give what I think best,
Perhaps 'twould not be right.
I dare not trust myself to make behest
With my imperfect sight.

The things which once appeared in golden hues
All worthless now I see.
ust God alone is wise enough to choose
That which shall come to me.

THE FIRST BATTLE.

[New York Herald.]

'Twas morning off Chemulpo; with the rising of the sun
The armored cruiser Tokima discharged a rifled gun.
The Russian fleet was ready, and in line of battle lay;
That shot fired by the Tokima began the bloody fray.
The Pollava returned the fire and then the thunders woke,
As the Perescrib and Oslabya and Petropavlosk spoke.
The Mikasa, the Hatsusi, the Shikishima, too,
Roared out replies until the air around was blue.
The Bezposhtchadni had the Harusami on the run,
The Bestrazoni, Bdibilui and Bodvi liked the fun,
And as they spurted jets of fire upon that fateful day,
The Sazamami, Suguri and Chinchi ran away.
The Grenilcaltek, Bezhummi and old time Dijidjid, too,
Moved in upon the big Chen Yuen, Fuji and Akibsu.
The Blestyaschtchi ranged up against the wicked Chicokai,
The Byedova then grappled with the little Kasagai;
And when the sun sank to his rest below the western sky,
To naval lore were added scores of names that cannot die.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

LONDON LAWYERS' BIG "WINNINGS."

[London Outlook.]

The Parliamentary bar is not what it was in the days of "King Hudson" and the railway mania. The two forensic giants of that epoch were Hope-Scott and Charles Austin. The former made a sufficient fortune in a few years to restore and enlarge Abbotsford, to marry a sister of the Duke of Norfolk of the day, and to bestow a matter of £40,000 ($200,000) in private charity. The latter's income in a single session was computed on excellent authority at £100,000.

AN ACCOMPLISHED KING.

[London News.]

Oscar II., King of Norway and Sweden, who has just celebrated his 75th birthday, is one of the most accomplished monarchs in Europe. He speaks with the fluency and finish of an orator six modern languages, and has been heard to lament that because he rules two kingdoms he has not time to learn Sanskrit.

MARQUIS ITO.

[Chicago Chronicle.]

Marquis Ito, now one of Japan's greatest men, was once a stowaway. A plot to assassinate him had been formed, and he was hidden by a lady who was attached to him till he could be smuggled aboard an English ship in a bale of silk. When he was 36 hours out he revealed himself to the captain and offered to work his way to England as a steward. This was in 1863. He stayed a year in England.

RADIUM.

[Goldwin Smith.]

Awful things have been told us of the powers of radium. It seems, however, that these are rather mathematical speculations than physical possibilities, at least that they are not likely to be realized for the present. The amount of the substance as yet in existence is so small that its influence can hardly be very great. The destructive conditions ascribed to it might be practically pacific. War could hardly go on if a battle were to be mutual annihilation at a seven-mile range. As yet no base metal has been transmuted into gold; though it is idle to deny that if gold lost its rarity it would lose availability as a standard of value and a medium of exchange, and as the agreement of the world on a new standard would hardly be possible, the whole monetary and commercial edifice would collapse, and we should be reduced to barter. The same thing, however, would be effected by an unlimited discovery of gold, against which geology does not seem to guarantee us. Mount Pelee appears to have shown that nature is blind. Are we sure even that the discoveries of science will be always blessed?

TIMELY ADVICE.

[London Chronicle.]

Another Antoinette Sterling story relates to "The Lost Chord," which she made famous. The song did not appeal to her when the manuscript was sent to her by Sullivan. But Sir Joseph Barnby spent an evening at her house at that time, and in a casual way she remarked: "By the way, Arthur Sullivan has sent me the manuscript of a new song, which he has asked me to sing. You might look at it. Personally, I don't think much of it and am going to return it." Barnby tried it over there and then, and before he had gone half through it he stopped and said: "'Going to return it,' did you say? It is wonderful, an inspiration. Certainly tell him you will sing it. It is bound to 'make' both you and him." Mme. Sterling always thanked the Fates for bringing Barnby to her house that night.

A COSTLY BLUFF.

[Detroit News.]

It is also worth remembering, when you talk of brow-beating and international bullying which injures trade and industry, that Cleveland's little "flyer" on the end of Olney's masterly paper on the Venezuelan matter, lugged into the document by the head and shoulders, in one week from the day it was sent to Congress, knocked one thousand millions of dollars off the value of American securities and paralyzed business until Lord Salisbury finally accepted the proposal to arbitrate, an acceptance which a prudent statesman could have easily secured without panic-making threats of war.

MR. HYMAN.

[Stratford Beacon.]

The appointment of Mr. C. S. Hyman, M. P., to a seat in the cabinet without a portfolio is generally recognized as a step to a position of higher honor and with emolument. It is an evidence that his ability and services are appreciated by the Premier, as they are by the great mass of Liberals in this peninsula, who know his worth as a business man and as a representative of Liberal principles. Mr. Hyman first attracted the attention of the country as chairman of the railway commitee, and later added to his reputation as an amiable, astute and able presiding officer, as chairman of the redistribution bill committee. With such a record as he has already made Mr. Hyman can with confidence aspire to the very highest position in the cabinet and if the wishes of his thousands of friends prevail he will make rapid advancement.

VAUDEVILLE AT THE LONDON.

The following twenty vaudeville people will appear at the London, commencing on Monday, Feb. 15: Coutre and Gillette, Persian acrobats, from Shea's Theater; the Beardsleys sisters, refined singers, from Keith's Theater; Miss May Goodin, serio comic, from Koster and Bials; Hart and Johnston, comedians; Briggs and Jordan, sketch team; the Smiths, musical artists; Walter Smith, illustrated songs; the great Estelle, singing and dancing; the flying Wilsons in a skilful and daring act, also the latest moving pictures. In addition the following high-price attractions will also appear, Potter and Hartwell, eccentric entertainers, and the great Sully family, four in number, in a refined comedy sketch. This is a great head-liner. The admission will be placed within the easy reach of all, 15c, 25c and 35c, as it is the intention to make the London the popular family amusement place. On Saturday a matinee will be given, and tomorrow the seats are on sale at the box office for the entire week. If the present indications are to be credited, Monday night's house will be crowded, as well as during the week.

A RAGGED HERO.

The attraction announced for tomorrow, matinee and night, at the Grand, is the popular comedian, George F. Hall, in "A Ragged Hero." This play, which has been successful for the past three seasons, unfolds a pretty story of New England life, presents a series of amusing comedy scenes and contains climaxes, which, for thrilling realisms, are unsurpassable. One of the best of these occurs at the close of the second act.

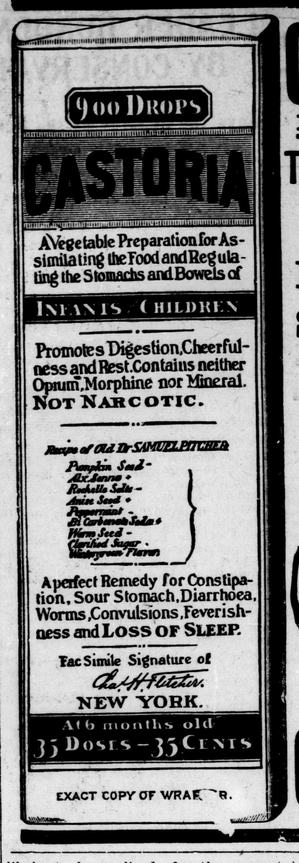
A MAN OF THE WORLD.

William Bonelli and Rose Stahl appear at the Grand Tonight in "A Man of the World." Their work in the past has spoken for itself. It has at all times been considered meritorious and brilliant. "A Man of the World" is the best thing Mr. Bonelli and Miss Stahl have ever done. It is a high class society drama, telling a strong intense love story, relieved here and there by bright comedy.

MISSIONARY DROWNED

Bishop Clinton, of Anglican Church, Meets With Fatal Accident.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Charles J. Phillips, of this city, has just received a letter from Rev. Daniel Wilshere, Baptist minister, of Nassau, Bahamas, conveying the sad intelligence of the death by drowning of his Lordship the Anglican Bishop of Nassau. It appears that Bishop Clinton had been making a tour of his island diocese on board a yacht, and, having visited Ragged Island, the bishop was being rowed out to his yacht, which was some distance from the shore. As the sea was rough and the small boat unsteady, his lordship fell overboard, and when Mr. Wilshere's letter was written the body had not been recovered.



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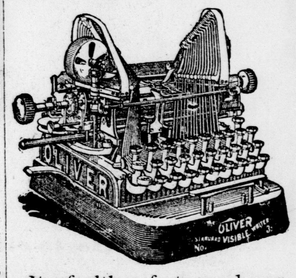

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DEBATE IN THE BRITISH HOUSE

Lloyd George and Sir J. Gorst Attack Preference—Our Whisky in Austria.

London, Feb. 12. — Lloyd George, in the House of Commons, challenged Sir Gilbert Parker to name any Canadian statesmen of prominence who had offered to reduce the tariff on British goods in return for a preference.

Sir J. Gorst said that one-half of Sir Gilbert Parker's speech was for protection, and the other for colonial preference; both policies the Government has distinctly renounced. He asked if those who hereafter opposed the official policy of the Government and went for protection and a colonial preference, would receive the official countenance and support of Mr. Balfour and the leaders of the Government, to the exclusion of those who honestly supported its official policy. Sir John paused for a reply, but none was given.

Austria-Hungary had been for a long time taking Canadian whisky as if it were Cognac. Lord Strathcona drew that Government's attention, and tests were made, resulting that that Government still claimed it was Cognac. A subsequent test was asked for, and the Government admitted being wrong, and will remit the excess of duty on former shipments of Canadian whisky.

Prof. Long, writing to the Manchester Guardian, denies discrediting the prospects held out to the farmers by the virgin lands in Canada, but Prof. Long does discredit the suggestion that a 320-acre wheat farm in the Northwest will yield a minimum net profit of $2,500. He never met a farmer from the Northwest who dared make such an affirmation. The suggestion is most tempting, therefore most dangerous, for young men are tempted to emigrate believing in the almost certain prospect before them.

There are so many cough medicines in the market that it is sometimes difficult to tell which to buy; but if we had a cough, cold or any affliction of the throat or lungs, we would try Bickle's Anti-Consumption Syrup. Those who have used it think it is far ahead of all oher preparations recommended for such complaints. The little folks like it, as it is as pleasant as syrup.

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