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"We Have No Disposition to Curtail the Natural and Legitimate Aspirations of Others," Delares Premier at Guildhall Banquet—No Interference in China.

COLONIAL CO-OPERATION SAFEGUARD OF EMPIRE

LONDON, Nov. 9.—(Thru Reuter's Agency, to Ottawa.)—At the Guildhall banquet to-night the lord mayor, Sir Thomas Crosby, presided, and there was the usual brilliant assemblage of cabinet ministers, ambassadors, peers, members of the house of commons, the Archbishop of Canterbury, bishops, judges, representatives of the navy and army and men prominent in finance and commerce.

Premier Asquith delivered a most important speech, devoted to imperial and foreign affairs. He opened with a generous tribute to Mr. Balfour, expressing unfeigned and profound regret at the announcement of his resignation, acknowledging the irreparable loss which his withdrawal from constant interchange must involve to the daily life of parliament. He hoped and believed that there were many chapters of Mr. Balfour's career still to be written by the pen of history. It would be long before there would be seen in the forefront of politics a personality so invaluable to his friends, so formidable to his foes, so interesting and attractive to friends and foes alike—such a unique combination of gifts and powers as made Mr. Balfour by universal consent the most distinguished member of the greatest deliberative assembly in the world.

An Object Lesson.

Turning to imperial affairs, Mr. Asquith referred to the illustrious, world-wide concourse which celebrated the coronation. He said that the representatives of foreign countries then witnessed in Westminster as impressive a demonstration as the annals of nations can afford of the unity of a great state, of the continuity of its history, of the assimilating and incorporating forces which can hold together a world-wide empire by ties of loyalty and liberty.

The day after to-morrow their majesties start on the first visit which a British sovereign has ever paid to his Indians dominions, and he need not say that over the whole empire they carry with them the hopes and prayers of all their subjects.

By a happy coincidence, he continued, the year of the coronation was marked by the first meeting of the imperial conference. For the first time representatives of the great dominions were admitted into full con-

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British Navy Strong and Prepared

LONDON, Nov. 9. — Winston Spencer Churchill's first speech for the navy, as first lord of the admiralty at the Lord Mayor's Guildhall banquet to-day, stirred his audience. "The navy is strong," he declared, "and ready instantly to put forth its strength." He paid a tribute to Admiral Lord Fisher of Kilverstone, who retired as admiral of the fleet this year, as the greatest naval lord of the century.

Mr. Churchill promised a reduction of the present abnormal expenditure without compromising national security. "It would be affectation," he said, "to pretend that the sudden and rapid growth of the German navy was not the main factor in Great Britain's vast expenditures."

STREET RAILWAY MAY SELL TO CITY

Reorganization Effected Believed to Have Had Purpose in View—May Be Move to Block Tubes.

There is something doing in connection with the Toronto Street Railway, or, as it is officially known, the Toronto Railway Company. One of the evening papers intimated last night that interests identified with the management of the company in this city had said that they were expecting some kind of negotiations being opened shortly between the city and the company for the purchase of the street railway and all its assets. The World has heard rumors of this proposal for some time and it believes there is something in it. The recent reorganization of the company was for this purpose. It may be, however, that the talk has been started with the idea of heading off the agitation for the tubes.

Tubes Must Go In.

In the meantime The World suggests that the agitation for the tubes go on, and that if anybody has any proposal to make for the purchase of the railway on reasonable terms, the city and citizens will certainly be ready to entertain it. It would be a god thing if the city could at one fell swoop take over the street railway, the Electric Light Company, the Electrical Development Company and the radials (and all these go with the sale). It would cost something between fifteen and twenty millions in order to secure the control, tho there are other commitments which, while the city would not take them over, would be charges against the undertakings, but they are all making more or less money and at a fair price would be a good thing for the city to have and for the province to help along.

Significant Facts.

An elaborate circular from the bond house of A. E. Ames & Co., dealing with the Toronto Railway Company, all its securities, and also the allied companies, was issued a week ago and has been given a wide circulation. Perhaps this document has had something to do with the talk; but the most significant statement is that of Mr. Rodolphe Forget of Montreal, who has the control of the railway and who is ready to sell the road at a fair price, according to a statement made by a well-known city banker last night.

SIR DONALD IMPROVING.

It was reported yesterday that Sir Donald Mann is steadily improving since his recent operation, and his complete recovery is only a matter of time.

PROF. ADAM SHORTT HERE.

Prof. Adam Shortt, C.M.G., was in the city yesterday, staying at the Queen's.

HON. J. J. FOY LIKELY TO RUN IN N. TORONTO

Attorney-General Informs Deputation He Will Consult Premier —E.W.J. Owens in South.

With the request that Hon. J. J. Foy seek nomination in North Toronto, giving up the south constituency, which he has represented since 1898, a deputation of about 30 prominent North Toronto Conservatives waited upon him at the parliament buildings yesterday. Hon. Mr. Foy, in expressing deep appreciation of the honor, said that he could not give an immediate reply, as he thought it only fitting that he should first consult the premier.

It is definitely understood that John Shaw will retire, so that W. K. McNaught will continue to hold seat A, in the event of the attorney-general's acceptance.

The deputation included Fred Armstrong, Hon. A. B. Morine, Dr. E. Clouse, Frank Arnoldi, K.C., Marmaduke Rawlinson, Noel Marshall, J. Nash, E. Pearson, Major Cooper, Samuel Sharpe, Controller Church, Dr. Hislop, Dr. G. S. Ryerson, W. H. Hall, George Stevenson and others.

Hon. Mr. Foy will probably announce his decision to-day.

The understanding is that E. W. J. Owens will probably be the choice for the vacant seat in South Toronto.

TAKES TRIP TO DETROIT.

J. D. McDonald, assistant general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk Railway, left the city last night on the 11 p.m. train for Detroit.

IMPORTATION OF ROWELL STIRS UP ROW

Split Threatened in Liberal Party in North Oxford — Tavistock and East Zorra Will Kick Over Traces if an Outsider Receives the Nomination.

WOODSTOCK, Nov. 9.—(Special.)—N. W. Rowell, K.C., leader of the Ontario Liberals, will not receive the nomination as candidate for North Oxford in the coming provincial elections without strong opposition.

As a result of the action of the executive of the Liberal Association yesterday, when they decided to accept the resignation of Dr. Andrew McKay, the sitting member, and the man who was nominated some time ago to again contest the riding at the coming election, there is a big split in the Liberal party in this riding, and it looks very much as if a first-class row will be precipitated before long.

The executive meeting held yesterday was a decidedly stormy one, at which marked expressions of opinion regarding the proposed importation of N. W. Rowell into North Oxford, were uttered. Considerable opposition was shown to the proposition by the delegates from the Village of Tavistock and the Township of East Zorra, and they declared in no uncertain terms that if Mr. Rowell was imported the executive might just as well count them out so far as support for the candidate went. The action of the executive is being spoken of in all quarters to-day, and prominent Liberals state that they will refuse to vote if an outsider secures the nomination.

The Liberal convention for the nomination of candidates will be held in this city on Saturday and may look forward to a stormy session.

IMPRESS ON PUBLIC TO 'WARE OF MOTOR CARS

Motor League Doesn't Think Traffic Regulations Need Much Fixing —Aldermen Will Investigate.

After a while there may be something done to regulate the traffic on Toronto streets; the police may be invested with more power and a campaign of education will, perhaps, be carried on. For the present, however, street regulation will go on as heretofore.

Yesterday afternoon a delegation from the Ontario Motor League waited on the civic reception and legislative committee, and after a conference lasting a full hour, the representatives were informed that they would be notified when the committee will again sit. In the meantime, however, more information as to how the public could be protected, will have been gathered.

The problem before the committee is to frame up regulations which will be satisfactory to the motorists and owners of horse vehicles, and which will eliminate the accidents as far as possible.

Campaign of Education.

An educational campaign was suggested by the delegation. They stated that the league is spending a large sum of money in this respect and believe that if the city would have several thousand cards, about a foot square, printed, warning people not to step off the sidewalk without first looking in all directions to see if any vehicles were approaching, many mishaps would be avoided.

"It would do a whole lot of good," commented Chairman Ald. Maguire.

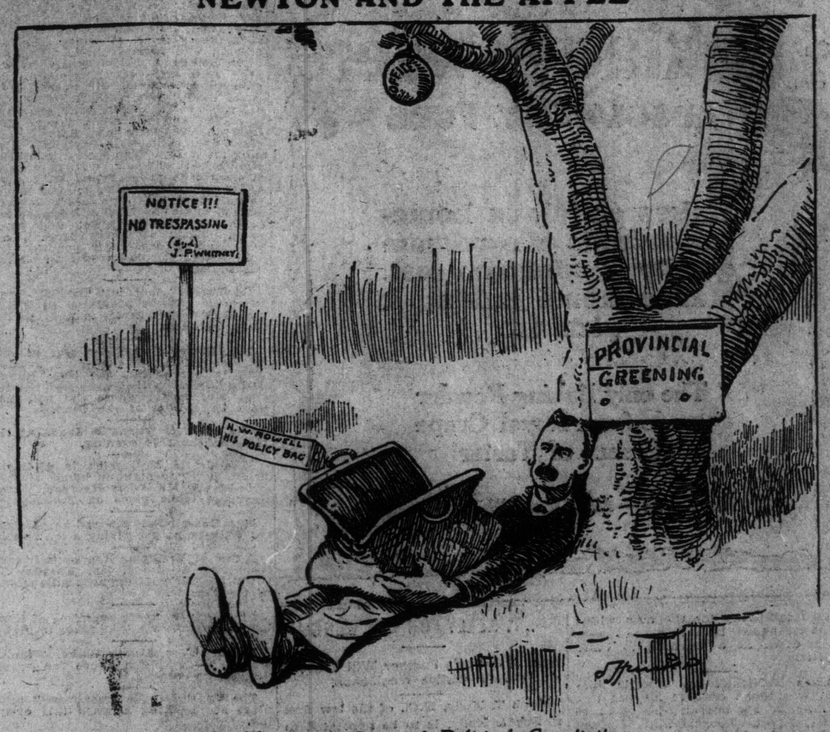
It was pointed out that 75 per cent. of the accidents occur when the chauffeur is out alone. "It is when the driver is the only occupant of the car that he wants to cut corners and do a stage performance for the benefit of the pedestrians," said one of the delegates. "There should be some character qualifications required before a license could be obtained by these men."

Few Downtown Accidents.

It was also stated that only a small percentage of the unfortunate occurrences with motor cars during the past two or three years have happened in the congested parts of the city, and that it is, therefore, evident that more care should be exercised by the people and the motorists on every street, whether there are many people around or not.

There may be some regulations made regarding the use of horns. Motorists may also be compelled to use buzzers.

NEWTON AND THE APPLE



Or, Testing the Law of Political Gravitation.

MAKING PREPARATION FOR SIEGE OF PEKIN

Approach of Rebels Anxiously Awaited—Foreigners Will Be Protected—Tientsin Did Not Fall Yesterday As Was Expected.

PEKIN, Nov. 10.—(2.52 a.m.)—Pekin is still awaiting the approach of the rebels. The Forbidden City is filled with princes, high officials and others who are entitled to enter within the gates. Vast stores of provisions have been transported to that place, which, strongly guarded, is ready for a siege.

Active preparations for what is considered the inevitable assault upon the capital are going on within the legation quarter, for it is now conceded that the Manchu dynasty will be ousted out of office. Foreigners, it is asserted, will be fully protected, but experience has taught that the temper of the people is not to be trusted when revolutionary movements are in progress.

The fact that Tientsin did not fall yesterday as was expected, is a hopeful sign, because it indicates that whatever steps the revolutionists are taking in the north, at least they are proceeding along careful lines and are acting with consideration and without haste.

While reinforcements have reached Pekin, reports have been received of numerous defections of the Manchu soldiers to the rebel side. The government troops are an uncertain quantity, but there are still loyal regiments which are fighting for the dynasty.

Imperialists Strongly Entrenched

At Nanking, where the revolutionists outnumber the imperialists five to one, the latter still hold Purple Mountain. They are strongly entrenched in that position and are said to have abundant supplies at their command.

A wireless despatch has been received from the American consul, Edward C. Baker, who has arrived at Hankow from Ichang. The consul states that the customs and other foreign officials are leaving Chungking in Szechuen Province, from which place the British consul sends reports that the situation is critical. The road between Ichang and Chungking is unsafe and there is danger from robber bands.

An American, who is in close touch with Tientsin rebels, says that they are divided into two factions. The conservative faction will probably control and wait until there is a material force behind before taking over the city. At the present time only 2500 police within the city support the rebels.

The attitude of the foreigners is causing anxiety and distrust among the rebels. The rebel leaders point out that the consuls have permitted the government to bring in soldiers contrary to the protocol of 1910, and have objected to Gen. Chang bringing in troops. Foreign railway officials, they say, provide trains at the government's order, but not at Gen. Chang's. A threatening letter, referring to such incidents as not neutral, has been received by the consular body at Tientsin. The Pekin Hankow Railway officials likewise are pro-Manchu.

Gen. Tuan, with 2000 men of the Third Division, has reached Paotingfu.

Viceroy Flees to Hongkong.

HONGKONG, Nov. 9. — The Governor of Hongkong announced at a legislative council to-day that the viceroy at Canton was coming to seek temporary asylum at Hongkong. The viceroy, it was explained, had concurred in the declaration in favor of the Republicans in order to avoid terrible bloodshed. The governor said he confidently looked to the Chinese community properly to receive the viceroy, who was in distress, as their guest.

The remainder of the division is believed to be with Gen. Chang. The Chinese Foreign Board announces that the Pehan Railway, which was reported blocked by the rebels, will soon be cleared.

WILL CONTEST N. TORONTO

Liberal Convention Set for Nov. 15 at Meeting of Executive.

A meeting of the Toronto Liberal executive was held last night in the Reform Association's rooms in the Forum Building, but no statement was given out.

It was announced afterwards, however, that the North Toronto convention would be held next Wednesday night, Nov. 15, in St. Paul's Hall. Arrangements are also being made by the different Liberal riding associations to hold their repective conventions, which will likely be held shortly after the 15th of the month.

WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO FILL BALFOUR'S PLACE

Monday's Meeting Will Only Select Leader for Commons—Austen Chamberlain the Favorite.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—Eager discussion in political centres to-day served to emphasize the difficulty the Unionist party will find adequately to fill Mr. Balfour's place. Monday's meeting, which not unlikely will need a ballot to decide the matter, will only select a new man for the leadership in the house of commons, leaving the question of the leadership of the party as a whole to be decided later.

It is understood that Sir Edward Carson and Alfred Lyttelton have declined to be nominated. The choice therefore lies between Austen Chamberlain, the Rt. Hon. Walter Hume Long and A. Bonar Law. At the present moment Mr. Chamberlain seems to be the favorite.

John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish parliamentary party, said today: "The resignation of Mr. Balfour gives the Nationalists a great advantage in the home rule fight, as fighting against any prospective leader will be nothing compared with a fight against an old parliamentary hand like Balfour. I am personally sorry to see Mr. Balfour retire, as he always fought fairly."

REV. W. A. CAMERON HONORED.

Rev. W. A. Cameron was the guest of honor at a reception at Bloor-street Baptist Church last night, given under the auspices of the Men's Bible Class of the church.

Rev. Mr. Cameron told of his trip abroad and Frank Yeigh gave a practical address on the work of the class. Music and recitations were enjoyed and refreshments were served by the Ladies' Berean Bible Class.

Montreal Will Be Mecca Of Budding Bird-men

School of Aviation to Be Established Near Blue Bonnets Race Track—Passenger Flying Will Become the Popular Recreation.

MONTREAL, Nov. 9.—An application will be made to the federal government shortly for a charter to construct and operate aeroplanes, conduct a school of aviation, and carry out various experiments in Montreal. This decision has been reached, in view of the action of the minister of militia, who has inaugurated a forward policy with regard to aerial craft for the use of the militia.

A. C. Thompson, who will head the new company, is looking for a favorable site, and said to-day that he was hoping to secure one on St. James-street, not far from the Bonaventure station. In discussing the matter, he said:

"It is absolute rot to say airships cannot be built here as well as abroad I believe they can be better built, because we will be in touch with the modifications which it will be necessary to incorporate in machines intended for army service in this country. Why, there are some varieties of European machines, which have met with wonderful success in the recent manoeuvres in France and Germany, which would be absolutely useless in this country."

A flying ground will be secured behind the mountain, somewhere near the Blue Bonnets Racetrack.

When asked about passenger flying he said that a box office would be opened on St. Catharine-street, where passenger flights could be booked, and for this purpose the service of an expert, who has been carrying passengers for three years in Europe, would be secured.

PREMIER VIEWS TAX EXEMPTION WITH ALARM

Prospect of Letting Each Municipality Decide What it Wants Would Lead to "Absurd Checker-Board System," He Says — Personal Attacks Not Deserved.

Sir James Whitney expressed his views pretty freely yesterday afternoon on the important matter of taxation. In answer to a question as to whether he would be willing to say anything regarding the suggested legislation exempting improvements on property from taxation, the premier replied that he was not averse to making public his ideas on this subject.

"As there seems to be more or less misapprehension," said Sir James, "as to the attitude of the government on taxation, or as to what should be the attitude of persons interested in this question, I will say this:

"During one whole summer I was the subject of violent abuse by certain newspapers and individuals. I was accused of opposing and destroying Mr. Fripp's bill and was threatened with all kinds of punishment, besides being described as a reactionary.

Premier Suggested Bill.

"Now, the fact was, and is, that Mr. Southam of The Ottawa Citizen, who was the head and front of the propaganda having for its alleged object the exemption from taxation of improvements on real estate, discussed the matter with me more than once, and, while not accepting his doctrines, I suggested to him that a bill be introduced embodying his views, in order that a full discussion be had, and the idea brought to the notice of as many people as possible, and that after discussion on a second reading the bill be withdrawn for the present. Every person acquainted with our parliamentary practice knows that this course is often taken under similar circumstances.

"I also suggested that he ask Mr. Fripp to introduce the bill. I sent for Mr. Fripp. The matter was explained to him and he introduced the bill and made a very good argument in its favor on the second reading. You will see, therefore, that instead of deserving the abuse I received I was entitled to the credit—if credit there be—for bringing the matter before the house. In justice to Mr. Fripp I must say that he was in Europe for several months and knew nothing of the attacks made upon me.

Checker Board System.

"Well, now, the government is asked to pledge itself to enact legislation to allow municipalities to adopt what is really the Henry George doctrine of levying all taxation on land, or, as its promoters put it, allowing municipalities to exempt from taxation improvements on land. The government will not pledge itself, and any member of the house who does so will be unwise. In the first place, and outside of merits

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THOMAS LONG FOR SENATE

Grand Old Man of Collingwood Mentioned for an Ontario Vacancy.

COLLINGWOOD, Nov. 9.—(Special.)—The name of Thomas Long, for half a century identified with the interests of this town, is being mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the senate created by the death of Sir John Carling.

While maintaining his interests here for the past 25 years, however, he has established many affiliations in Toronto, where his standing as a financial man is unexcelled.

Mr. Long served two terms as a member of the Ontario Legislature and had the Conservative party been in power during the past 18 years, his services would have been recognized. His claims are unsurpassed at this time and this town looks to see him rewarded.

Fur-Lined Motor Coats.

Fur-lined motor coats are the most sensible garment you can decide on today. A twelve mile gait in a motor, against a thirty mile frigid breeze means that you are going to be very uncomfortable if you haven't a warm wrap. The fur-lined coat was the adopted garment of the North American aboriginal who stood for arrangement of "fur inside, skin side outside." The Dineen Company are showing some fine motor coats with cloth outside. This cloth is in all the new patterns of Scotch tweed mixtures and is great value at from $50 to $55. You may have them with fur collars or in plain designs.