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FOR HONEST GOVERNMENT.

The success of Leader Borden's tour of Ontario, the convincing effect of his searching criticism of government methods, his scathing arraignment of the misdeeds of the leaders of the New Liberalism, the "horrible" examples of administrative waste, negligence and graft, he could bring forward as proven by parliamentary records and investigations, and the patriotic nature of his appeal for honest government, clean methods of administration and a statesmanlike appreciation of Canada's problems in relation to the Empire, caught the interest of the electorate he addressed and brought him into close touch with large and representative audiences. The tour was a success viewed from every standpoint. The only criticism that the government press could offer was that Mr. Borden has been devoting too much time to discussing the government failings, and that there were greater issues for a political leader to present to the people. This is to be expected from the Laurier Press. Mr. Borden was hitting a sore spot for the government newspaper organs. The best of the Liberal journals are ashamed of the methods so unambiguously adopted by the new Liberalism at Ottawa. They would greatly prefer that Mr. Borden would outline some of his policies that they might be available for the Ottawa Liberal politicians to adapt to their own purposes. They have in the past done the opposition leader this honor. The independent press recognize that Mr. Borden's tour was one in which he preached effectively the gospel of honest government. And honest government is what Canada lacks to-day.

BRITAIN IN EGYPT.

Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, has indicated in the British House of Commons that firm measures will be taken to strengthen British control and the British position in Egypt. "It is not a question of British interests in Egypt," he has declared in the Commons emphatically; "it is simply this: we have gone on in Egypt, doing more and more good work year after year, and we cannot now abandon Egypt without disgrace." The agitation against British occupation could lead to only one result, he added—to a greater assertion of Britain's authority. The government has followed up this declaration of Egyptian policy by passing in its original shape the measure giving jurisdiction to the assize courts in all judicial cases; also the measure providing for the repression of illegal secret societies. The appeal of Warden, the murderer of Boutros Pasha, the Egyptian premier, was recently dismissed, and he has been executed. Sir Eldon Gorst is to continue as British diplomatic agent and consul general at Cairo.

The British Imperialistic press look upon the utterances of Sir Edward Grey as a warning to the Egyptians that they must recognize the permanence of British rule and suzerainty and carry on their self-government propaganda, subject to the recognition of British authority. The policy adopted by Sir Eldon Gorst in Egypt has been apparently to favor the demands of an ardent nationalist party, who, in seeking for self-government, clamor for the abolition of all British authority. A spurious nationalism this is termed, a pandering to the clamor of extreme and visionary views of sentimentalists, who oppose British control, in their ardor for the development of self-governing institutions, when they have not yet shown the capacity for any large responsibility in managing their own affairs. The Foreign Secretary has made it all clear that if British efforts to develop national institutions are simply "going to increase the agitation against British occupation, we are not going any further in that way."

The position of the British commissioner at the Khedive's court is now filled by Sir Eldon Gorst, in succession to Lord Cromer. He acts in an advisory capacity to the Egyptian government and his chief duty is to see that the national finances are efficiently managed, that the interest on the international debt is paid and to supervise the construction of public

works for the improvement of the country. The British government really hold control over Egypt in trust for other nations, who are concerned in the protection of the Suez Canal as a highway for the commerce of the world and whose citizens have large financial interests in the country as the bondholders of loans made to the Egyptian government. Great Britain is in fact bearing the "White Man's burden" in the Valley of the Nile, and yet not desiring to absorb the country, has been anxious that the Egyptian people should develop the powers of self-government, that Egyptian ministers and officials should become a factor in their own country. In carrying out this policy, Sir Eldon Gorst has gone far to give latitude to the Nationalists. The result has been an abuse of Anglo-Egyptian officials by the extreme wing of the party. The British foreign office appears to be alive to the seriousness of the situation. The warnings of Theodore Roosevelt have, perhaps, done good.

There is a renewal of the rumor that the King and Queen will make a tour of the empire. It is to be hoped that the rumor turns out to be true, as it will evidence the broadening of the Imperial idea. There is no more reason why the King and Queen should not visit Canada, Australia and South Africa than that they should not visit Scotland or Wales; or that the president of the United States should confine himself to the District of Columbia, and refrain from visiting Oregon or Missouri. The facilities for travel are such that in these days Their Majesties can visit Canada in less time, and with more comfort, than a British monarch could visit Scotland one hundred years ago. Even in the early Victorian era the late Queen Victoria considered a trip to the Highlands of Scotland such an unusual event that she published a journal of her experiences. Nowadays the man who travels round the world scarcely deems the experience of local importance to trouble his local newspaper with an account of his adventures.

VETO CONFERENCE HALTS A WHILE

Balfour Suffering From Illness -- Truly Royal Reign For King George V.

London, July 13.—The trend of tendencies of the new reign is toward dignity and pomp of ceremonial. In vestitures, recitations of delegations, reviews of body guards and other military and civic bodies are conducted with sustained statelyness and pageantry. The mission, according to the heralds, Lord Granard, Lord Rosebery, Lord Roberts, and the Marquis of Northampton, to the continental capitals to announce the King's accession will be larger and more imposing than on previous occasions, and the royal visit to Aldershot and Portsmouth will be timely complemented to the fighting services from an Imperialist sovereign. While the king has a strong bias for retirement and privacy, he is impelled by his own shrewd judgment and his father's example to adopt the grand style of reigning. He is acting on the theory that sovereignty has become a larger resource for stimulating loyalty and binding together the colonies and the mother state.

Balfour's Illness Delays Veto Conference. The constitutional conference is making no progress while A. J. Balfour is ill. If intimate friends of the leaders can be believed nothing decisive has yet been accomplished. Each side is employed in preparing rough drafts of alternative proposals, and the safe middle course has not yet appeared. Lord Rosebery, who professes to have little faith in the results of the conference, is not likely to be peacemaker, and Lord Esher is a more servicable candidate for the task of reconciliation. He is generally credited with the authorship of a remarkable series of letters in "The Times," written for the purpose of bringing about a compromise in the relations of the two houses. He was King Edward's confidential adviser on many occasions, and there are no signs that his influence at court has waned.

Meanwhile the civil list and the agency bill are giving no trouble, and the declaration bill, instead of being held until November as a hostage to secure the Irish votes for the budget, will be passed by the first week of August. Winston Churchill is placing the labor members by bringing the home office into line with the democratic causes, while David Lloyd-George delights the Radicals with his pugnacity in defending the new order of finance.

MONTANA FOREST FIRES.

Missoula, Mont., July 14.—Officers of the forest service report that thirteen forest fires are now raging in Western Montana and that the situation is serious. Hundreds of men are fighting the flames. Two fires were reported yesterday in the Coeur d'Alene Nation forest. Both are said to be spreading with great rapidity. There are nine fires in the national forest, one in the Clearwater forest, one in the Bitter Root forest and one in the Missoula forest.

L. O. A. The 15th of July Committee will meet at Orange Hall at 7:30 this evening to close all business in connection with the excursion. J. H. Beattie, County Secretary.

Stock Market Prices Show A Great Improvement Today

New York, July 14.—Strength prevailed during the first hour of the stock market although at the end of that period there was a little recession from the best, on what traders described as "scattered realising." It was noteworthy that the trading element were more disposed to take the bull side than at any time during the last few days. Perhaps it was for this reason that they were inclined to belittle the significance of the selling prices had about reached Monday's high level when the selling that gave the market a somewhat reactionary appearance set in, but in some issues, notably Reading, Northern Pacific and St. Paul, new high levels were made for the week. Strength in the last two named stocks was in great part the result of the beneficial rains in the north west. The strong statement of conditions made by the Bank of England was a bull factor, and although the imports of gold were talked of in some quarters as barrowing abroad, the general feeling was that they would regard conditions favorable.

SPENT 31 YEAR IN BED IN SILENT RAGE

Dies at 67 After Refusing to Meet Felloes From Time Mortgage Foreclosed

Somerville, N. J., July 14.—When Silas Hoffman died last Monday in Bedminster Township he had spent nearly one-half of his sixty-seven years in silence, though his vocal organs were not affected, and in bed, though his health was excellent until shortly before his death. For years he had been known as the holder of the world's record for treasuring up a "grouch." Gossipers speculated on whether or not Hoffman would get up, or speak again, or die first. He died without saying a word, his silence having been maintained to the day, thirty-one years ago, upon which a mortgage was foreclosed on his farm. Opinion was divided as to the real cause of Hoffman's silence. Some declared that he just hated the world and all its people and works. Others, and they were in the majority, held to the opinion that when the mortgage he had signed came back to gail him he determined never to speak again to anyone who might suggest that he sign anything and stay in bed because in bed he would be in less danger of using a pen. During his long rest Hoffman ate only once a day. One of his sisters kept his house and waited on him, the township authorities paying her for his maintenance as he was practically a pauper after he lost his farm. The mortgage account, as being wealthy as wealth went in those days and in this place. Four brothers and two sisters survive him.

HUDSON BAY ROAD ROUTE LOCATED

Ottawa, July 13.—The later surveys of the engineers on the Hudson Bay railway, according to papers sent here have resulted in the location of a line where the maximum grade will be four-tenths. This is considerably better than what was at first proposed. The new line lies to the south of the Nelson river and will obviate the crossing of it. This, it is stated, will result in a saving of three-quarters of a million dollars.

While certain interests are booming Port Churchill as the terminus of the line, there is little doubt here that Nelson will be the outlet chosen. It is understood that it is strongly favored in the reports of the engineers.

Festival at Marysville. The Marysville Brass Band will hold a festival on Saturday evening next at Base Ball Hill in that town. All the latest games and amusements will be put on including a five mile Marathon race, a one mile open and a mile race for boys under seventeen years of age. The last train will leave Marysville for this city at 10:15 o'clock, p. m.

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MADMAN OUT FOR GOOD TIME

Places Revolver at Chauffeur's Head and Orders Full Speed Ahead

Elgin, Ill., July 13.—With the muzzle of a revolver held for inches from the back of his head, Fred Ackerman, a cattle buyer, was forced to drive his automobile at full speed between Elgin and Hampshire to-day. The person who held the weapon was a madman out for a good time. Ackerman was on the way to Pingree grove, eight miles away. As he started the man asked him for a ride to the grove. "Jump in with me in the front seat," said Ackerman. "The back seat is good enough," replied the stranger. At Startis Station Ackerman, who had been running about 25 miles an hour, heard the stranger say, "Turn to the left." This was a turn away from his destination. He looked around and confronted the revolver. Then he turned to the left. "Now, hit her up for all there is in it," was the next command. Ackerman put on all the power and the machine darted over the country roads like a flash. "Keep it up," said the maniac. "I don't want money, just a good time." For 15 miles Ackerman kept it up. Then his gasoline began to run low. He told his passenger that he would get some in the first town. The pair came into Hampshire in a cloud of dust. The madman had his weapon in his hand and said: "Call the gasoline man over. Don't leave me." Ackerman called to a man and asked about gasoline. He brought the machine up in front of a garage and said "I'll get it and come right back." He ran away and spread the alarm. When the maniac saw several men approaching he jumped from the machine and attempted to escape, but was captured in a cornfield after he had thrown his weapon away. He is supposed to have escaped from the Elgin asylum. He gave his name as Roy Andrews.

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