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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10.

THE SESSION AND THE NAVAL QUESTION.

Parliament reassembles tomorrow.

Judging only by the by-election campaigns, there are no ingredients for a sensational session.

In North Essex the Conservative candidate, Mr. Wilcox, says he has "nothing against Laurier." He is not fighting the Government, but, in his own phrase, "Billy McKee."

In West Middlesex, the Opposition has raised a single issue—whether a lawyer or a farmer shall represent the riding.

The one question that promises to make the coming session more than ordinarily interesting is the naval question.

Several of Mr. Borden's western supporters have declared against his position, and in favor of a money grant to the British admiralty. His Quebec lieutenant, Mr. Monk, has pronounced against any form of contribution toward Imperial naval defence on the part of this country.

These differences of opinion will make trouble for Mr. Borden, and perhaps threaten his leadership, but it is not likely the Liberals will try to add to Mr. Borden's difficulties. He stands with Sir Wilfrid Laurier for the principle of a Canadian-built navy.

There is every evidence that the Laurier-Borden policy is indorsed by the overwhelming weight of public opinion. In any event, it is a question that ought not to be entangled in party politics.

FACT AND FICTION.

Simultaneously with the anti-Borden insurrection in Quebec, led by Mr. Monk, comes this intelligence from the Toronto News, anent the naval question:

"There is no lack of rumor with respect to the position of individual members of the cabinet. One hears of discontent, of vigorous objection. Certainly the cabinet's decision was not unanimous. There are signs also of uneasiness amongst the Liberal contingent from Quebec. Occasional mutterings are heard also from other districts. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will require all his diplomacy to unite the factions of his party in support of this naval policy. . . . The Opposition will agree as to the importance of organizing a Canadian navy."

Here is a correction version of the facts:

"There is no mistaking the position of individual members of the Opposition. One hears of discontent, of open rebellion. Certainly the Opposition are divided and distracted. Mr. Borden's French-Canadian lieutenant has raised the flag of mutiny in Quebec. Premier Roblin of Manitoba is heading a revolt in the west, aided by Mr. Magrath, of Medicine Hat, and Mr. Herron, of South Alberta. Mr. Borden will require all his diplomacy to unite the factions in his party in support of his naval policy. . . . The supporters of the Government in Parliament will probably be unanimous as to the importance of organizing a Canadian navy.

AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION PROBLEMS.

The population of the Australian Commonwealth last year increased 78,269, the excess of arrivals over departures being 13,150.

Though a somewhat better showing than that of 1907, it is considered far from satisfactory, and press and politicians are now realizing more than ever the urgent necessity of in some way encouraging immigration.

Australia, like Great Britain, continues to suffer from an unhealthy concentration of a very large proportion of the population in a few of the chief cities. There have been in Sydney and Melbourne processions of unemployed at the very time when farming operations were almost at a standstill for want of labor. Figures contained in the official report give an idea of the abnormal numerical disproportion between the urban and rural population. For instance, Melbourne, with 538,000 souls, contains no less than 43 per cent of the population of the state of Victoria, while Adelaide has 45 per cent of South Australia's population. The population of the entire Commonwealth is 4,197,296, of which 1,519,841, or 36.21 per cent, dwell in the six state capitals. Nearly 2,500,000 of the total population are urban residents.

To the excessive state encouragement given to purely urban industries and extravagant expenditure of public money in cities, are chiefly attributed the present state of affairs. The whole trend of governmental policies, especially the new mania for high duties, has been against the interest of agriculture.

The Commonwealth and state governments realize that the development of the country has been one-sided, and they are looking around for remedies. The state of Victoria, for instance, has introduced a bill providing for advances to settlers on the land to an amount not exceeding a total of $1,000,000 a year, and for the appropriation of $2,500,000 annually for the purchase of large estates now tenanted by sheep, in order to throw them open for settlement by farmers. Provision is also made for the fixing of the compensation to be paid for estates in cases of dispute.

Mr. Monk is the latest bird in the new nest of traitors.

West Middlesex farmers will say today whether they want to be misrepresented by Mr. Bob McLachlin.

Mr. Borden must have spoken under difficulty at Glencoe, seeing that his supposed friends insisted it was his swan song.

There are two alternatives to a Canadian-built navy. We can pay tribute to the mother country, or rely upon the Monroe doctrine.

The Toronto Telegram implores Mr. Whitney to speak out against Mr. Borden's naval policy. Perhaps Mr. Whitney has troubles of his own.

Premier Asquith says the outlook is peaceful. But, of course, the alarmists profess to find the prevailing calm an awful portent. Lord Rosebery told the Press Conference that "an ominous hush" brooded over Europe.

Two pages of last Saturday's New York Herald were devoted to Canada. The Herald will be represented in the press gallery of the House of Commons during the coming session, and has appointed a permanent Ottawa correspondent. It is another sign that the American people can no longer afford to be indifferent to affairs in this country.

A French-Canadian priest, Father Hamon, predicts that some day there will be a French republic made up of Quebec, New Brunswick and a slice of New England. This nonsense the Winnipeg Tribune and the Hamilton Herald parade as representing French-Canadian aspirations. No responsible French-Canadian public man dreams of such a thing, let alone the simple habitant, while the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Quebec is a bulwark of British connection. Anti-Quebec prejudice has led our contemporaries into mere silliness.

Canadians may not have the pleasure of seeing and hearing Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M. P., during his present visit to America. However, he sends this message to the Canadian people:

"I love Canada; its beautiful soil, its kindly people, and its atmosphere of comfort, liberty and order. The future belongs to it, as Laurier put it, 'The twentieth century is the century of Canada.' I may not be able to visit Canada this trip, but I shall visit it again whenever I get the opportunity. I send through you my greetings and handshake to the many good friends I have there; notably, your great Prime Minister, who is in agreement with the views of my party; to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, who has added so much honor to his race; to D'Arcy Scott, my good friend and host; to M. J. Haney, also my friend and host; and above all the others, to Edward Blake, Canada's finest mind, and one of the world's noblest characters."

One of Sir Francis C. Gould's cartoons in the Westminster Gazette represents the Marquis of Lansdowne, as Hamlet, delivering this soliloquy:

"To pass or not to pass, that is the question;
Whether 'tis nobler for the Lords to suffer
The slings and arrows of a land-tax buget,
Or to take up arms against the hideous budget,
And by opposing end it.

"But that the dread of that which must ensue,
The 'going to the country' from whose bourne
Few Tories may return, puzzles the will,
And makes us rather bear the ills we have,
Than fly to others that we know not of."

WHAT HE KNEW.

[Frank L. Stanton.]

He didn't know the minutes
In the valley of sighs;
He didn't have much wisdom—
He just
Looked
Wise.

He prophesied no weather
To take us by surprise;
He just surveyed the heavens—
Oh, he just
Looked
Wise.

And so through life for wisdom
He won the envied prize;
He wasn't guilty of it—
Oh, he just
Looked
Wise.

GALT LEADS A GOOD MOVEMENT

[Galt Reporter.]

Will Galt lead the hustling municipalities of Western Ontario in the establishment of an abattoir? Looks like it.

KIPLING REVISED.

[Springfield Republican.]

Rudyard Kipling slandered woman by defining her as "a rag and a bone and a hank of hair," but a Lonaconing lady, seven years married, gets back rhythmically with this synopsis of a man: "A jag and a drone and a tank of air."

A CONSULTATION.

[Harper's Bazar.]

Gladys—Well, what did Miss Doctor Cleverton say was the cause of your extreme paleness?

Grace—Well, she has described to me a hat and waist that will go beautifully with it.

STANLEY'S CHILDHOOD ORDEAL.

[From a Review of the Autobiography of Henry M. Stanley.]

Deserted at birth by both father and mother, Welsh peasants, the infant John Rowlands was first cared for in the house of his maternal grandfather, Moses Parry, and at the latter's death, four years later, was sent to St. Asaph Union Workhouse. The brutality with which the unfortunate children in that institution were treated is almost incredible today.

"It took me some time [says Stanley] to understand the unimportance of tears in a workhouse. No Greek helot or dark slave ever underwent such discipline as the boys of St. Asaph under the heavy, masterful hand of James Francis. The ready back-slap in the face, the stunning clout over the ear, the strong blow with the open palm on alternate cheeks, which knocked our senses into confusion, were so frequent that it was a marvel we ever recovered them again. Whatever might be the nature of the offense, or merely because his irritable mood required vent, our poor heads were cuffed and slapped and pounded until we lay speechless and streaming with blood."

Stanley calls the discipline in this place "ferocious and stupid," and his detailed descriptions of some of the flogging administered more than confirm these adjectives. One of the boys—the brightest and most obedient of all—died with great black welts on his little body. Thus it is with a gratified thrill that one comes upon the episode where young Rowlands, now 14 or 15 years old, turned upon his persecutor and thrashed him before the whole school.

GOOD LUCK.

[Buffalo News.]

Miss Florence Pretz, of Kansas City, the originator of the Billiken man, the God of Good Luck, has been beaten out of all her royalties. Need we say more?

SAD NEWS FOR ASQUITH.

[Winnipeg Free Press.]

The joy of the Asquith Government over the passage of the budget in the House of Commons by a majority of 229 will be seriously dashed when Premier Asquith and his colleagues learn that the Toronto Mail and Empire has disclosed the fact that "the British cabinet is falling to pieces from internal rottenness," describes it as a "Cabinet of Squirts," and predicts that "British ministers will be relegated to the political muck-heap from which they sprung."

AUTUMN SONG.

[Clinton Scollard in Lippincott's.]

The leaves fall,
Shifting, drifting shifting,
A sad thrall
In their rustling undertone;
The winds call,
And no rifting mists are lifting,
While reaped are all
Of the vernal harvests sown!

And yet, yet,
Under the frosts that sunder—
The chill net,
And the bonds that clasp and cling—
The violet
Will wake with its fragrant wonder
At the flute's fret,
At the kindling cry of spring!

NO HURRY.

[Bon Vivant.]

"What! You stay a whole day at my hotel, and then say you have no money? Why didn't you tell me that last night?"

"Well, I thought you'd be just as vexed to hear it this morning."

NO USE FOR DUKES.

[Toronto Globe.]

The poor dukes are getting wigged even by the bishops for their meanness in cutting off their subscriptions to charitable objects because of the prospective increase in taxation under the Lloyd-George budget. The Dean of Manchester, Bishop Welldon, speaking at a church congress, said:

"I am not a duke. I have not cut off my subscriptions to public institutions, as some of those rich men have done. They ought to be ashamed of themselves. If there is nobody else among the clergy who will show disapproval at the polls, I shall."

THE LATEST DISEASE.

[Pittsburg Bulletin.]

"Have Eskimos ever Appendicitis?"

"No, but gumdrops may give them Pearytonitis."

WITH OR WITHOUT.

[Fliegende Blatter.]

"The chicken stew has two prices in the bill of fare. How is that, waiter?"

"With chicken in it, it is thirty cents; without it, ten."

CHARLES MURPHY HONORED.

[Ottawa Journal, Ind. Conservative.]

The banquet in honor of the Hon. Charles Murphy on Thursday night served, in a small measure, to express the esteem in which he is held by the men who have known him best. Ottawa is his home town. Here he has lived and grown to manhood, and the men with whom he sat at dinner the other night were there because they had watched him grow and had approved the manner of his growth. The Journal's opinion of Mr. Murphy need not be restated, perhaps, but it may be said that the Journal has regarded Mr. Murphy as a man possessing many of the best qualities of Canadian citizenship. His ideals are high, his intellectual power is indisputable, he is both clean and strong. We may have a lane or two to break with him upon the misdeeds of the political company he is keeping at present, but that may be postponed for the moment. The demonstration the other night was a demonstration of respect, we might even say affection, for an Ottawa man who by sheer merit had risen to high place in the councils of the nation.

ENGLISH AND GERMAN FLEETS

Mr. George Lambert, civil lord of the admiralty, addressed a meeting of the Midlothian Liberal Association at Penicuik the other night. Finance, he said, was the burning question of the hour. A good many people were crying out some time ago for more expenditure, but now they did not seem to be so eager to meet the demands which that expenditure would throw upon them. Last March there was a kind of naval scare, and there were a good many politically-stricken politicians in the country who lost their heads and demanded an enormous increase in our naval expenditure. He wished they had been as ready to pay as they were ready to incur the expenditure. (Hear, hear.) We should do nothing and must do nothing to endanger our naval supremacy. (Cheers.) It was our all in all. Thanks to our liberty, this was the greatest little country in the world, and thanks to our commerce it was the country best worth living in. We must have assured naval supremacy.

Comparison With Germany.

Last March they were told that British supremacy on the seas had gone. He could not argue with prophets; he could only disbelieve them. They were told that British naval supremacy would be gone in March, 1912, and that the German Empire was outplaying us in building immense battleships. "I have made inquiries," he continued, "and I find that the Germans have laid down eleven Dreadnought battleships, and that includes the big cruisers as well. They have just ordered two more, which are not laid down, and according to their own published estimates, they will have thirteen ready about the middle of 1912. How shall we stand? We shall have by March 31, 1912, not thirteen but twenty of these Dreadnoughts, which with our pre-Dreadnought superiority amply ensures predominance on the seas. (Cheers.) One of the objections of their political opponents was that the Government were not by this budget paying for the naval expenditure. That came with an ill-grace from the Conservative party, since they spent £27,000,000 upon naval works in all parts of the world, but left their successors to pay the debt off by instalments. More than that, the Conservatives deplored the absence of docks on the east coast. Think of the foresight and sagacity of these statesmen, who were in office from 1895 to 1905, and who spent these enormous sums of money, but did not pay them out and did not provide for a dock on the east coast capable of taking a Dreadnought! The Liberal Government were paying as they went on. (Cheers.) They wer paying the liabilities of this year, and would be able to pay the increased liabilities of next year. They all regretted this ruinous competition in armaments. The present Government had done its best, and had shown its good intentions by endeavoring by mutual arrangement among the nations of the world to limit these armaments, but up to the present without success. In Germany they found the same antipathy to paying the taxes for the navy as in this country. In Germany they voted the naval estimates in a single night, but when it came to finding the money for them they changed their chancellor.

Peers' Revolution Threat.

Here when they were asked to find the money a revolution was threatened. He said threatened; nobody knew what the House of Lords would do, but this he did know, that the Liberals were prepared to meet any emergency. He could not tell the meeting whether an election was imminent or not, but this he would say, that if he were a political candidate at the moment he would not make a prolonged tour around the world, but would stay in his own constituency. Why should we have this threatened revolution? The present Government believed that the rich should pay more than the poor in taxation, and it was upon that principle that they must stand. (Cheers.) If the rich men in this country wanted less taxation they should form a league for less expenditure, for depend upon it they never would be allowed to shelve their taxation upon the shoulders of the working classes. (Cheers.)

Speaking of Tariff "Reform," Mr. Lambert described it as a quack nostrum. If Tariff "Reform" were carried, he said it would be by persuading the industrial masses of the population that they were going to be well off. To put taxes upon food was wicked and almost criminal. Tariff "Reform" was introduced in the name of patriotism. It must have some fine-sounding name to commend it. It would tax the poor. The Liberals proposed to tax the rich, and were called Socialists and robbers, while those who would tax the poor were "patriots." The land taxes were popular as far as taxes could be popular. Depend upon it the time had gone by in these democratic days when the rich could evade their fair share of taxation. This budget was framed upon the principles of equity and justice between man and man, and its principles were the greatest bulwark in the country against discontent. (Cheers.)

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Amusements

The Royal Welsh Ladies' Choir is to be at the Auditorium on Saturday afternoon. The Massey Hall was filled last Saturday evening to listen to these noted singers, and the Toronto Globe gives almost a column of favorable comment. The occasion was in the nature of a patriotic function, a large number of Welsh citizens being present. When the concert closed it was difficult to get the audience to go home so eager was the desire of the majority to greet the musical director, Mrs. Hughes-Thomas. All the solos are first-class. It is expected that a large audience will be present at the matinee in the afternoon. All the seats are gone for the evening programme.

"The Cash Girl."

Miss May Ward will appear at the Grand on Friday. Miss Ward is a winsome and a very clever comedienne. There is a very clever pony ballet carried with this production, and Miss Ward features in the "Rag Doll" number. The chorus of this company is very strong. Miss Ward is supported by an all-star cast and a large company of over 50 people.

"Going Some."

Paul Armstrong and Rex Beach, the authors, have pooled their talent, and as a result theatregoers materially benefit. "Going Some," their joint effort, is one of the swiftest comedies the stage has seen for many a day. Under the management of the Shuberts, "Going Some" will be seen at the Grand, matinee and evening, on Saturday.

The Big Merger.

The Hamilton Spectator says:

This winter will see one of the bitterest fights ever waged in the theatrical line. It will be between the United Booking Offices, greatly strengthened by the addition of new directors who have each a couple of houses to book, and the Morris and Martin Beck interests, which will likely be pooled as a result of a conference being held today in Chicago. The fight will likely result in the downfall of one or other of the interest, and from an outsider's point of view, the contenders seem equally strong. William Morris has been down to hard pan a couple of times, but bobs up with the greatest of regularity, and always stronger than before. Martin Beck has some strong interests in the Western States, and clear up the western coast from 'Frisco to Seattle and other places farther north even, he has a monopoly, and one that pays well. Morris has the central states and a large following of scattered houses pretty well under his thumb. Another strong chain that Beck will take with him to Morris' combination is the Orpheum circuit.

The United Booking Offices' side have filed articles of incorporation for a new company, the United Theatres Securities Company. This new company is made up of Keith & Proctor, E. F. Albee, William Hammerstein, Percy G. Williams, all directors of the United Booking Offices and the following men: Paul Keith, son of B. F. Keith; James C. Duffield, London; M. Shea, Buffalo; James H. Moore, Rochester; Harry Davis, Pittsburg, and P. B. Chase, of Washington. Moore, Shea, Davis, Keith, jun., and Chase all take in their own houses with them, but James C. Duffield, of London, is a director of the Bennett Theatrical Enterprises, Limited, and it is as its representative that he goes into the new amalgamation. The Bennett houses are in Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec. The Savoy, of this city, is not interested.

The plan of campaign of the United seemed to be to fight Beck in Chicago with a vaudeville house and extend west at the same rate that he encroaches on the eastern field, as it is altogether likely he and Morris will do when they get things going. The United Theatres Securities is capitalized for $2,000,000, and the shows they will be able to send out to fight against the Morris-Beck combination will be the best that have been sent out in years. It is not considered likely that there will be any cutting of prices for the shows, but the quality and quantity will be improved, and that is what the public always look for. In Toronto the Majestic and Shea's book through Morris and Beck respectively, and it is probable one of those houses will be closed up.

There is a remote possibility that Morris will get after the Savoy in this city in the attack upon eastern interests, as he could fit that in nicely with the Toronto house, and at small expense cover the closing of one Toronto house.

The vaudeville interests have been figuring for years on the formation of a trust that would be all-controlling and make a lot of money, and the winner in this winter's fight will be that trust.

DELEGATES AT PLAY.

Toronto, Nov. 9.—The American Federation of Labor continued its session at Massey Hall this morning, adjourning at 12:30. This afternoon the delegates are being entertained to a street car ride around the city and tonight they will be guests of local unions at one of the theatres.

THE BEATY WILL.

Toronto, Nov. 9.—The will of the late John Beaty, formerly clerk in the custom house, has been filed for probate and disposes of an estate valued at $51,121. The bulk of the estate consists of real estate, and the entire estate is divided among the three children, share and share alike.

Midshipman Rouvier, son of the French rear-admiral, who was sent on a mission to Japan, has become engaged to Mlle. Isabelle Ito, the daughter of Admiral Ito, who was the hero of the Yalu battle.

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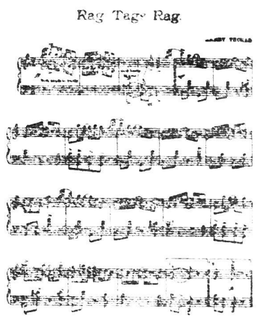

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REV. C. E. JEAKINS TENDERED RECEPTION

Newly-Appointed Professor at Huron College Welcomed Last Night.

A very hearty reception was tendered to Rev. C. E. Jeakins, B. A., B. D., the newly-appointed professor of Huron College, at the college building, last night. The guests, a very considerable number of whom were present, were welcomed by his Lordship the Bishop and Mrs. Williams, Principal and Mrs. Waller, and Mr. Jeakins.

After the gathering had been called to order, his lordship officially welcomed Mr. Jeakins to his new position. He remarked that the occasion reminded him of when he was welcomed as the second professor, some 20 or 30 years ago.

The bishop also pointed out the advantages that had been derived by having the final examinations of the college conducted by outside examiners. The results, he thought, showed the wisdom of the step.

The testamurs were then presented to those who had graduated last spring—Rev. S. S. Hardy, of St. James' Church; Rev. John Morris, of the Cronyn Memorial Church, and Rev. H. F. Hutton, of Thedford, Arkona, and Kettle Point. Testamurs were presented in absentia to Rev. W. H. Moore, of Kingsville; Rev. A. L. Charles, of Milverton, and W. B. Hawkins, of Dutton.

The Professor's Reply.

Prof. Jeakins, in responding to the many kind words of welcome, remarked that he had been greatly cheered in his new work by the warm appreciation that the students of the college had afforded him.

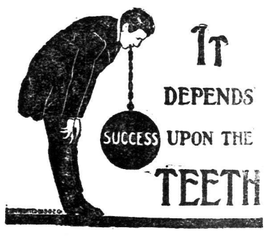
At the close of the evening refreshments were served, and a very delightful social time was enjoyed.

The rooms were prettily decorated with palms and flowers, and red, white and blue bunting, in honor of the King's birthday, while the dining hall, where the refreshments were served, was made very beautiful with the flower-bedecked table, set off with candles, that made a very bright and attractive scene. The credit for the decorations that added so much to the success of the evening was due to Miss Cornell, the lady superintendent of the Western University.

Among those present were: Ven. Archdeacon Hill, of St. Thomas; Canon Downie, Port Stanley; Rev. A. A. Bice, of Durham; Rev. Arthur Carlisle, of Lucan, and others.

LITERARY NOTES

"A Wordsworth Pilgrimage," by Miss W. Gordon, and "Between the Lines," by Zangwill," by Edwin Leslie, are the especially notable articles in the November Westminster. Among the illustrated articles are "Iona," by N. Tourneur, "A Glimpse of Manitoulin Island" by Arthur Seaton, "The Trawlers of the Dogger Bank" by Ernest Richards, "A Man's Letters to His Mother on a Journey Round the World" by Mrs. A. L. Jack. A. T. Cooke describes "A North of Ireland Hallowe'en," and W. S. Wallace "Some Oxford Stories." This is only a partial list of the good things contained in the current number of this standard magazine.



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