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MR. ROGERS' DISCOVERY

With all the ease and certainty with which a practiced entertainer produces a perfectly good rabbit from a very ordinary hat, the Hon. Robert Rogers now announces to the people of Canada just what is wrong with the whole situation. In his letter to the Prime Minister in offering his resignation, Hon. Mr. Rogers says:

"In my opinion as a party we are face to face with very serious difficulties. DIFFICULTIES TO MY MIND THAT HAVE LARGELY BEEN CREATED BY OUR KINDNESS TO OUR OPPONENTS."

This sentence is given prominence by the Standard newspaper which embraces the doctrine largely. While it still suggests that Sir Robert Borden is a grand and good man, the Standard adds:

"At the same time, who is there familiar with political conditions in this province or, in fact, in any part of Canada, who will not vouch for the truth of at least part of Hon. Mr. Rogers' statement? And that is that the difficulties which today face the Conservative party in the federal or the provincial arena HAVE LARGELY BEEN CREATED BY OUR KINDNESS TO OUR OPPONENTS."

Is not that a touching reference to those who are familiar with "political conditions in this province?" It is true that the Conservative party, as Mr. Rogers and the Standard sadly say, is facing grave difficulties in both federal and provincial politics—very grave indeed. Just exactly how the Conservative difficulties here or elsewhere have been created by the "kindness to our opponents" is not, perhaps, so clear as it might be. If there was anything the late provincial government could have done to its opponents that it did not do, the general public certainly is not aware of it. It was not kindness to their political opponents that saddled the Conservative party in New Brunswick with the latest batch of scandals. It was not kindness that blackmailed the lumbermen, or that effectively relieved the liquor licenses of thousands of dollars, or that secured \$100,000 from Mr. Gould on the eve of the 1912 elections, or that "touched up" the new Valley Railway contracts and sub-contractors to the tune of \$150,000. When these matters are considered it will be seen that Mr. Rogers' explanation of the party difficulties which the Standard so eagerly embraces, does not quite ring the bell. "Kindness" is not the key word.

Sir Robert Borden is painted by the Standard as a cut above the methods and tactics which Mr. Rogers advocates. But Sir Robert Borden, as chief of his party, must be held responsible for the conduct of many of the party newspapers and of party men whose activities in slander, in graft, and in misrepresentation, he has rewarded steadily for years. Newspapers like the Halifax Herald, the Toronto News, and the St. John Standard, to name but a few notorious examples, not only slander individuals daily in the course of their political warfare but publish continually columns of matter bound to create race and religious warfare in this country and render Canadian unity far more difficult to promote or perfect. It always has been within the power of the Premier to repudiate such journals and the speakers who follow such tactics, or to discourage or correct such methods; but instead of doing so he has persistently encouraged and honored the lieutenants and the newspapers who and which have pursued these practices.

The country will be unable to accept the Rogers theory that Conservative difficulties in federal and provincial politics are due to kindness towards their opponents. The real explanation is much more simple. Before and during the war the Conservative government has been animated by the worst political motives and has practiced unceasingly the worst forms of partisanship. All this has involved great harm to the public interest. When such a government undertook to carry on a great war it was unprepared for a task demanding the highest usefulness and intelligence. The Borden government applied to the war the same methods it applied to ordinary political patronage during the days of peace. It steadily promoted racial antipathy. It redoubled the work of its patronage committees. It carried petty partisanship into every branch of its war activity in Canada. It protected the big interests more than ever. It even devised special taxation for their direct benefit. And today, when the country is waiting for an opportunity to punish the Borden party and create a new House of Commons from which a national government could be formed, the government has abandoned recruiting and is devoting all of its energies to finding some way to avoid going to the polls.

BRITISH ADMIRAL LOOKS FOR A BIG SEA FIGHT

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 23.—Rear Admiral High T. Hilbert of the British navy, who was familiar to Americans when the Lusitania was sunk as flag captain in command of the port of Queenstown, arrived here on an armed merchantman and is on a special mission for the British admiralty. "I have watched the capes so long from the outside," he said, "that I am mighty glad to be inside them at last." For many months Admiral Hilbert was in charge of the fleet that stood guard outside the Port of New York and off Cape Charles and Cape Henry. He was then recalled to England and later sent out on his present errand. Although he has been in active service since the beginning of the war, he said that he had never seen a German submarine. As to the effectiveness of submarine warfare he said that, while the situation called for unrelaxed vigilance and was undoubtedly serious, he did not believe that it would ever be effective. "Personally," he added, "I believe that they have done their worst. The natural wastage is very great, and it does not seem possible that the Germans can continue to put out submarines at a rate to keep up their record." He believes that the Germans will not end the war however, without a great naval battle, and is of the opinion that they are holding back the navy as a last resort. "I see by the papers," he said, "that the Kaiser recently visited the fleet at Wilhelmshaven, and I am hoping that it overshadows a move in that direction."

MR. HANNA, ONCE MORE

The government's food controller has just issued a statement intended to explain why he does not control. The statement is illuminating, not because it promises any help to the public,

but because it is a frank confession either of helplessness or of a perverted view of what is needed. Mr. Hanna has issued from Ottawa a document pointing out that bread and flour are cheaper in Great Britain, and that the cost of living is less there than here, because "the government is paying the difference." The British government buys wheat at world market prices, "but sets the price to the miller, paying out of government funds the difference between market prices and such as would pertain were there no artificial interference with the law of supply and demand, and the prices as fixed, so that the government bears the burden and the consumer temporarily gets the benefit of cheaper bread."

Mr. Hanna says this statement is in answer to the many who inquire why the price of the loaf is less in England than in Canada. Quite simple, is it not? After reading the food controller's statement as to why he does not control, some millions of people in Canada, the poorer consumers, whose incomes are very small, will promptly ask Mr. Hanna why the Canadian government cannot do what the British government has long been doing.

The British government, under the pressure of war, recognizes the fact that millions of the population, perhaps six-tenths of the whole, are unable to pay artificial prices for daily necessities. It, therefore, raises by proper taxation policies enough money to enable it to establish prices for certain articles which are lower than those prices would be in unrestricted competition, and, instead of manipulation, and profiteering, were permitted to go their full lengths as they are in Canada. It will take Mr. Hanna a long time to explain why a wheat-producing country like Canada, a country which exports nearly every kind of food, is unable to supply its citizens with daily necessities at as low a rate as prevails in Great Britain. As a matter of fact the whole explanation consists in this: that the Canadian government is in the hands of the interests, while the British government controls and regulates even the most powerful interest for the benefit of the whole population in war time.

It is now reported that Germany will issue no more casualty lists! In killed, wounded, missing and prisoners, the German losses must now approach, or exceed, 5,000,000. And winter is coming. The United States, an industrial giant, the richest country on earth, with more than 100,000,000 people, will soon be ready to throw its weight into the war. The Germans—what do they think of the whole outlook?

That is a stirring bit of news received today from the Canadian front near Lens. General Currie's gallant troops not only defeated famous Prussian battalions, but by their brilliant work, made secure the British left flank against attack from the south and lightened materially the grip upon Lens.

Germany has put a ban upon the sending of her casualty totals outside the country. This is striking evidence of the extent of the losses she is experiencing on the western front.

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paid by the Military Hospitals Commission, but it has no relation to the high value of the services rendered.

TO SUCCEED VAN DYKE

Wilson Nominates J. W. Garrett for Minister to the Netherlands.

Washington, Aug. 24.—John W. Garrett of Baltimore has been nominated President Wilson as minister to the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Mr. Garrett succeeds Dr. Henry van Dyke, who resigned some time ago. Although accredited also to Luxembourg, as is the custom of the diplomatic service, Mr. Garrett hardly will go there, as the side certain hours every week to meet military cases requiring their assistance is over-run by the Germans and a nominal fee has latterly been

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HEARST PETITION FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK IS FILED

(New York Times.)

Petitions designating William R. Hearst as a candidate for mayor in the Democratic primary were filed last night with the Board of Elections by Hearst followers in the city. Although only 1,500 names are necessary to a petition signifying a candidate for mayor, Hearst petitions contained 5,515 names. It was said that the petitions had the sanction of Mr. Hearst's lieutenant in New York, L. J. O'Reilly.

Whether Mr. Hearst will run in the primary could not be learned last night as Mr. Hearst is in California and his representative here would not say what action is to be taken. Midnight was the last hour for filing petitions, and each party had its petitions in on time.

If Mr. Hearst decides to make a fight against the Democratic nominee, County Judge John F. Hyland of Brooklyn, it is expected that the Democratic ticket will stand little chance of success at the polls. Judge Hyland has said that, if beaten in the primary, he would retire in favor of the successful candidate. The Tammany candidate has still a chance to withdraw before the primary in favor of another candidate, but he also positively stated that he would not withdraw but leave it to the primary to decide whether or not he was to be the Democratic nominee.

The filing of a Hearst petition did not come as a surprise, for it was understood that his followers had determined to see that he was put forward as a candidate and then leave to him whether or not he should run. Four petitions in all were filed with the Board of Elections designating Mr. Hearst as a candidate for mayor in the Democratic primary.

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