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CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES.

WHEN THE WAR times election act was introduced in the House of Parliament, there was an uproar not only in the House itself but throughout the country. At Ottawa, members who had been occupying the Opposition benches stigmatized it as the most iniquitous piece of legislation ever brought down in the House. They were right, and no epithet applied to it could have been too strong. It was un-British, unfair and a direct breach of pledges made.

Today a change has taken place. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers hold to their opinion and have no fear in expressing it, and the leader asks that even at this late date something be done towards restoring Canada's integrity in the sight of all nations by the repeal of the act. He had every right to expect hearty support from those who had been most vigorous in their attacks upon the measure prior to its passing, but if he did anticipate this he was bitterly disappointed, as was the nation. The "fighting" member of the Government, lately of the Opposition, proved his right to be classed with many other notorious pugilists by "lying down" when that policy seemed to pay better. He was not alone, unfortunately, in this change of front and Sir Wilfrid's motion was lost.

Of course there is an explanation for the about-turn. When these "Unionists" opposed the nefarious measure they did not anticipate that they would be called to accept Cabinet honors and remuneration. They saw the act in its true light—an election-winning piece of trickery—and their gorge rose. Later, they were induced to take another view by the bait of portfolios held out to them and by the prospect of winning seats in the House which were none too secure. They fell before the temptation, but not without recording their abhorrence of the act; in fact the public was given to understand that one of their first actions in the House would be to fight for its removal from the statutes.

Once more circumstances appeared which altered their stand. Before the House had been in session long, they found themselves getting more and more unpopular. The tricks by which the Government blinded the people and gained power were becoming known and there was a rising tide of indignation. It was realized that all would not be plain sailing when the next election came, and that there would be further use for the war times election act. Therefore, it must remain. The fact that they must abandon all claim to consistency and integrity by voting against Sir Wilfrid's motion was not allowed to interfere; they voted to keep in force the act they had denounced in such stinging terms.

Surely there is more honor in belonging to the Canadian Opposition today than to the Canadian Government.

"DESERTING THE SOLDIERS"

MUCH FULSOME talk has been heard about "deserting the soldiers," both before and after election. The Liberals who believed in taking a referendum on the question of conscription were "deserting the soldiers." The Unionist orators were all certain that to place any other man but Sir Robert Borden in power would be "deserting the soldiers." Sir Robert repeatedly said it himself.

But when a question of how far Canada should go in the matter of curtailing the title of Sir Robert Borden, according to the keynote reasoning which was applied all during his campaign, was ready to "desert the soldiers." He said that he would resign unless his instructions were followed to the letter. He would give up all his wonderful war programs, all his fight "for the soldiers," all his protestations in behalf of the Union Government which saved his own and the bacon of Sir Joseph Flavelle, and would assume the status of a private citizen. The soldiers would be left to their fate!

If Sir Robert Borden desert the soldiers because certain brands of titles are dear to his heart, how deep is the affection he bears for the soldiers he has assumed to father!

Those who have looked below the surface of the emotional carnival of last December are well aware that many politicians in this country would be in favor of immediate annexation with mangy Mexico if it meant votes and a continuance in power.

BAD NEWS TRAVELS SLOWLY.

FREQUENTLY IT has been noted and commented on that when the Allies win a victory or advance into enemy-held territory, the news is flashed to Britain quickly and the success is immediately made known to the public; but, when reverses occur and ground is lost it takes much longer to reach the newspaper readers and frequently the German communique claiming the success is published first. These being facts, it has been suspected that word of failure was held back deliberately and the war office has been criticized.

Major Maurice, in a recent article, explains the causes of this difference in speed of news transmission and in so doing clears the department from all blame. Sometimes it may be that the Germans, attacking a certain point, gain a hold, and having reinforcements at hand and being satisfied they will reach their goal, they report the capture as an accomplished fact. The Allies, hanging on to the last and hoping for reinforcements, are loth to admit defeat and wait

until the last man has given way before reporting the loss.

The main cause, however, is the disorganization of communication means which follows a reverse. When the Allies are obliged to fall back, telephone and telegraph lines are demolished and it is impossible to put them in working order until the withdrawal has been completed. Field Marshal Haig does not get his reports from the front so promptly and delay is occasioned all along the line.

Germany has the same troubles and the same facts apply; news comes quickly when all goes well and slowly when things go badly. It is a contradiction of the old adage that "bad news travels fast."

FEW MINUTES FOR PENSIONS.

THE DEBATE on equal pensions for soldiers and all other questions of pensions was nicely killed off at Ottawa by the withholding from the House of the pensions report until the last night of the session.

Prorogation was sprung upon the House and upon the country in a manner to indicate that pensions for soldiers was one of the vexatious questions which the Government did not wish to have debated. The last stampede of legislation carried through the all-important and much-discussed question of how soldiers and their dependents shall be treated.

In the last campaign much was heard of equal pensions. Soldiers and their wives were promised everything their hearts desired. What they receive is a few hurried minutes of attention at the closing hours of a session at the hands of Hon. N. W. Rowell.

BLIND, BUT SUCCESSFUL.

BLIND SINCE his 15th year, Alfred W. G. Ranger, M.A., D.C.L., has become so prominent in the legal profession and in philanthropic work on behalf of other blind persons that he has been knighted by the King as a recognition of his work.

There is inspiration in the life of Sir Alfred Ranger for every young man, especially for those who have lost their sight by reason of their services overseas or by other accident. Although blind at such a tender age, he did not give way to despair and become content to live as an afflicted man of whom nothing in the way of achievement was to be expected. Taking a course of education suited to his lack of eyesight, he later attended Oxford University and for over thirty years has been a successful lawyer.

Luck could have little to do with such success; perseverance in the face of the gravest difficulties must be credited with the greatest part. Similar advancement, though perhaps not in the same line of endeavor or to quite the same extent, is possible for all young men who suffer as did Sir Alfred, if only they will tackle the difficulties with the same high purpose and stern resolve. Blindness is not a bar to success, as the English knight's life proves.

THE APPALLING STATE OF BELGIAN CHILDREN.

THE STATE OF the Belgian population in the conquered districts is appalling. Food cannot be obtained at any price and unless the efforts of the relief commissions on this side of the Atlantic be greatly accentuated actual starvation will levy a heavy death toll on the people—especially the children.

One of the cables said: Provided all shipments now en route arrive, the Belgians will still be without bread for twenty days. Think of it! In this land of plenty it is hard to realize the awful fate that awaits these children through starvation.

The Belgian relief has arranged to transfer all children under 13 years of age, who have become debilitated through lack of nourishment, to France, Switzerland or Holland. In these countries food and medical care will be provided for them by the fund. This special work is known as the "Belgian Children's Health Fund," and every Canadian father and mother should support this worthy cause to free these children from that country of death and give them the opportunities to develop that all children deserve.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

London cannot be congratulated on the display of flags for Victoria Day.

Ontario again has a minister of agriculture which fact will relieve the province as well as the premier.

Is N. W. Rowell, M.P., taking "Donald Hunt" overseas when he attends the war conference in England?

Russians appear to be good shots when their own generals are the targets. Pity they could not do so well against enemies.

Is the prestige of Col. Blondin's name at the head of the postoffice worth \$7,000 to Canada? Would a working minister not be more valuable?

The old-fashioned sword-swallower had an easy time of it compared with those M. P.'s who swallowed all they said against the war-times election act.

Having devoured the children and torn to pieces the women of the household, the German tiger cries, "let us make peace by understanding" when he faces the rifle in the man's hands.

J. E. Armstrong, M.P., attempts to excuse a direct and wilful breach of the censor's ruling on his part by saying that the information he gave was used all over the country. In Germany, too, he might have added.

AN UNWELCOME QUEST.
[Topeka State Journal.]
There are now nineteen countries that are officially foes of Germany. After the war the Hun who desires to emigrate will experience some difficulty in finding a congenial place at which to alight.

ROSES AND VIOLETS.
[The Baltimore American.]
"I sometimes think that never blows so red The rose, as where some buried Caesar bled."

When the Kaiserin receives the violets plucked for her by the Kaiser on the battlefield, she can console herself with the thought that the blood amid which they grew was none of her family's, but belonged entirely to other German mothers.

A TIMELY WARNING.
[Chicago Tribune.]
A German comment upon the league of nations is one of warning to the German people, not to be deluded by hope that there is protection in such a mechanism. To the warning is added a statement that if Germany consented to join such a league the price of its consent would be leadership of the league.
Such comment would be expected, but it does suggest something for the consideration of people who think of the league as a sure stabilizer of world affairs and certain protection of world peace.

Bits of Buylay

by Luke McLuke

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Foosy!

"Here is a letter from one of your constituents who traps skunks for a living," said the secretary.

"What does he want?" asked the congressman.

"He wants Congress to pass a law protecting the skunk," replied the secretary.

"He claims that if the skunk is not protected it will become extinct."

A Millionaire.
A wealthy man is Oswald Rand. Five years ago, they say, he bought ten barrels of whiskey, and he has the stuff today.

Mean Brute.
"When we were first married you used to say that life with me by your side was a dream," said Mrs. Gabbs.

"I know it," admitted Mr. Gabbs. "But I woke up."

Advice.
Keep this in mind, dear sister, and you won't be misled:

Laugh and the world laughs with you, Weep and your nose weeps red.

Mercy!
Adam Flatter lives in Indianapolis.

Our Joe Miller Contest.
John Delehanty claims that the old set joke is the one about the Mutual Benefit Association in a Massachusetts city that ran an annual excursion to the beach.

It was customary for those who took the excursion to also enjoy a bath in the water. On returning from one of the excursions a member of the association complained that he had lost his vest somewhere. This member attended the next excursion the following summer, and joyfully reported that he had discovered the missing vest.

"Where did you find it?" he was asked. "I had it on under my undershirt ever since the last excursion, and I didn't know it," he replied.

Police!
"Quick is the wind that makes a hit." Observed the spelling slicker:

"Just add a syllable to it." And you'll pronounce it quicker.

Mean Brute!
"A woman's life is filled with perplexities," sighed Mrs. Gabbs.

"Yes," agreed Mr. Gabbs. "She can't even decide which complexion to wear half the time."

Modern Cursey Rhymes.
Little French baby
Wondered if maybe
The Germans would do her no harm;

Along came Hun Schneider,
And soon as he spied her,
He cut off her leg and her arm.

Advice.
"Don't talk too much," said Peter Parks.

"Don't be a gabby pup." Be careful how you drop remarks. For they may be picked up.

—Luke McLuke.

Don't be too keen to throw the "bull." No purpose can it serve.

For in your throwing some wise guy May get into your curve.

—North Georgia Citizen.

Jobs is Jobs.
James Knickerbocker, Lawyer and "National Jail Robber," Keystone, West Virginia.

Ho, Hum.
If you go to the right house in Cedar-town, Ga., you will always find Booz.

Mrs. J. W. Booz is the proprietor of the Right House in that city.

Names is Names.
Gunga Gunning lives in Montreal, Canada.

Our Daily Special.
Reduce your faults and you'll reduce your expenses.

Luke McLuke Says.
Many a man is kept so busy trying to think of clever things to say that he can't hold a job more than a week.

There may be some sincere things in this world. But mighty few apologies are that way.

The truth of the matter is that a man likes to be made a fool of if it is the right girl is doing it.

One thing that amazes an editor is the remarkable number of college graduates who do not know how to spell.

If you want to see the height of misery get a look at the first night after he has sworn off smoking for keeps.

Never laugh at a man's appearance nowadays. We know a man of 60 who is wearing a shabby, shiny suit because his boss is taking \$10 out of the man's \$25 weekly salary and applying it to the \$1,000 worth of Liberty Bonds the man subscribed for.

Of course it is none of our business. But we imagine that a woman won't be happy in Heaven unless she gets a new Halo every Easter.

And we never knew an absent-minded man who was that way so much that he could forget his troubles.

We never knew an orator who could express himself with tongue and his hands the way a dog can express himself with his tail.

Using honeyed phrases in a love letter won't make your words any easier to swallow when the girl asks you for breach of promise.

A bride always has an independent feeling that it isn't proper to spend a husband's money. But it doesn't last long.

Nature seldom gives a man a complexion because she knows that the

durn fool would spend as much time on it as a girl does on hers. It may be cowardly to place the blame on a dead man, but it is mighty convenient.

So many men need managers that it is probably all for the best that most men are married.

There are so many cranks in this country that if the Society for the Prevention of Useless Noises ever organized and held a convention the

delegates would probably be arrested for disturbing the peace and creating a disturbance.

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