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MR. HAZEN AND HIS CRITICS.

Apparently the Telegraph and Times are approaching convalescence. A week or so ago they were in a state of abject terror over the possibility of a Canadian general election and plaintive protests that this was no time to discuss political issues had the right of way in the editorial columns of both newspapers. It will be generally recognized that an election, if called, would result in the complete defeat of the party of which the Canterbury street journals are such doughty champions. That, alone, is sufficient to account for mental perturbation which recently manifested itself there.

Embodied by the fact that passing days bring no confirmation of the election rumor, the Telegraph and Times are commencing to show signs of a return to their former attitude, and, once more, misrepresentations and sneering references to Hon. Mr. Hazen find space in their columns. Yesterday morning the Telegraph published what purported to be an account of a meeting of the Conservatives in the District of Beaconsfield. Last evening the Times seized upon the meeting as editorial fodder and, after misrepresenting the attendance, an old trick of the Times, made sneering and scornful comment upon the fact that the gathering passed a series of resolutions endorsing Hon. J. D. Hazen and bearing testimony to the good work he has accomplished for St. John. The Conservatives of Beaconsfield, or any other district in this constituency, are very well able to look after themselves, but the fact that they saw fit to recognize the success which has attended the efforts of New Brunswick's representative in the Dominion Government hardly furnishes reason why they should be ridiculed or held up to the alleged whims of the bought-and-paid-for exponents of box-office politics in St. John.

Conservatives and citizens generally do well to commend Hon. J. D. Hazen. His is an example which could well be followed by the youth of the country today. By hard work and ability he established for himself an honored place in his profession and when he entered public life it was with the hope of being of public service. Gradually he won his way to the position of premier of this province and it is just as well to remember that when he was translated to the wider field of political usefulness HE LEFT BEHIND HIM NO TRAIL OF DEBT. HE HAD NOT BORROWED THE PUBLIC FUNDS OF THIS PROVINCE AS DID MR. PUGSEY—"W. P. \$5,000"—the man whom the Telegraph and Times laud and honor, and whose picture was formerly in such persistent use in those newspapers. It is singular that in their recountings of the activities of the former Minister of Public Works, the Telegraph and Times never had occasion to relate the story of the circumstances attendant upon Mr. Pugsey's return of UPWARDS OF \$4,000 OF THE FUNDS OF NEW BRUNSWICK, WHICH MONEY HE FAILED TO PAY UNTIL AFTER THE GOVERNMENT OF WHICH HE WAS ONCE LEADER HAD BEEN HURLED FROM POWER BY THE INDIGNANT ELECTORATE OF THIS PROVINCE. Mr. Hazen has nothing of that sort in his record, so, possibly, it is natural that the Telegraph and Times cannot understand men of his stamp, so different from Mr. Pugsey.

Since he has been a member of the Dominion Government, Hon. Mr. Hazen has accomplished much for St. John. It should not be necessary to remind the Times of that fact, neither is it necessary to recount the many occasions on which he has shown himself to be the right man in the right place. Recent local history will suffice.

Hon. Mr. Hazen secured for St. John the profit and advantage which will come through the shipment, through this port, of remounts for the British Army, and did it in face of the fact that the British Admiralty had about decided to use Halifax as the only point of departure.

Hon. Mr. Hazen was largely responsible for the selection of St. John as a recruiting point for the New Brunswick regiment in the second contingent.

Hon. Mr. Hazen it was who pointed out to the government the necessity of carrying on the work for the development of our port facilities, even while contracts for public works elsewhere in Canada had been curtailed or postponed altogether and the important additions to our harbor works testify to the success of his efforts.

The Telegraph or the Times, try as they may, cannot hide these facts, or prevent the public from according credit where credit is due. Their attempted ridicule of the Minister of

Marine and Fisheries naturally draws attention to the record of the man who formerly represented this province in the Dominion Government, the man who still sits in the Parliament of Canada and who was responsible for one of the most disgraceful scenes ever enacted in the parliamentary halls. If it is the wish of the Canterbury street newspapers to invite comparisons between the Minister of Marine and Mr. Pugsey, then Mr. Hazen has nothing to fear. And if those newspapers have so far recovered from their recent attack of political "chillblains" that they are willing to discuss men and measures in connection with Dominion politics, The Standard, in all humility and kindness, will endeavor to meet them on that ground. If it is to be politics, then let us have it.

THE WAR SITUATION

Physical endurance appears to have reached its limit in the fighting in Northeastern France and Belgium, and it is now reported that the immense armies are taking a brief and much needed rest. The Allies, however, continue to make slight gains and the net result of the ten days' fighting may be said to be contained in the fact that the Germans now are not as near to the coast of France as when they commenced the battle for its control. Meanwhile they are facing the ever increasing danger of having their lines of communication cut. It is believed that anxiety to make a success in the fight for the Channel ports caused them to bring to the main battle-front the great majority of their soldiers, and that their lines of communication are but poorly guarded. The French troops are attempting to break through these lines in the district between Apremont and St. Mihiel, while encouraging progress is being made in the Vosge region.

From Berlin comes partial confirmation of Russian victories on the eastern frontier. The Berlin report says that German troops were forced to withdraw in the face of a superior Russian force; this brief bulletin constitutes an admission of defeat and probably does not represent more than half the truth. The Russians, on the other hand, claim substantial victories over both the German and Austrian forces, and it is highly probable that their claims will be found to have good foundation in fact.

The area in which fighting is being carried on has been extended over the greater part of Africa. As the result of the decision of Portugal to come to the aid of the Allies, German troops have invaded the Portuguese colony of Angola. This move was anticipated, however, and the Germans strengthened to a point where it is believed, they can withstand attack.

In South Africa, General Botha reports having met and defeated the force of the rebel Boers, and to have made substantial progress toward the accomplishment of his task of suppressing the German engineered revolution.

The possibility of other countries becoming involved in the struggle is increasing. Fearing a Turkish raid, Greece has sent troops to occupy the southern portion of Albania and reports are to the effect that Italy is almost sure to follow suit. The anti-Austrian feeling in Italy is growing and although that nation is as yet free from participation in hostilities it is generally believed that she, in time, will be forced by popular sentiment to send her armies to the field.

The people of Holland are also said to be becoming restive through the fear that Germany may attempt to make use of the River Scheldt, and thus violate Dutch neutrality. The forces of the little Dutch kingdom are being swiftly prepared for mobilization, and the government makes the official announcement that Holland will do what is necessary to preserve her status.

It is also reported that the next few days may witness a naval battle in the North Sea. The action of Germany in sowing mines in neutral fairways has aroused much indignation in Great Britain, while the success with which British warships bombarded German land forces on the French coast must convince Germany that to strike an effective blow at England the British navy must first be accounted for. It is believed that the heavy guns have been installed on the German warships and, this being the case, it is logical to suppose that, at last, Von Tirpitz will be willing to lead the Kaiser's fleet in the supreme attack upon England. It is to be hoped that the supposition is correct for Britain has every reason to regard the result of a sea encounter with equanimity and to view with lively satisfaction the effect it is likely to have in bringing the land struggle to a decisive issue.

Sleep.

When to soft Sleep we give ourselves away,
And in a dream as in a fairy bark
Drift on and on through the enchanted dark
To purple daybreak—little thought we pay
To that sweet bitter world we know by day.
We are clean quit of it, as is a lark
So high in heaven no human eye may mark
The thin swift pinion cleaving through gray.
Till we awake ill fate can do no ill,
The resting heart shall not take up again
The heavy load that yet must make it bleed;
For this brief space the loud world's voice
No faintest echo of it brings us pain.
How will it be when shall sleep in-deed?

—By Thomas B. Aldrich.

Wilhelm the Evangelist.

I have found favor in the sight of God:
From all His servants He selected me
To take His gospel, "God and Germany."
To Belgian heretics, Lo, I have trod
Through Belgium terribly, and taught
The pack;
I put their ancient cities to the sack,
I gave their men and women to the sword,
I took their Belgian babes upon my knee
And broke them to the glory of the Lord.
It may be that one Belgian kennel stands,
One Belgian dog, not trampled into dust,
Still battles on beside these hosts of Hell.
Who think to question the Most High's commands—
God will forgive me one, for He is just;
The blood of many thousands lights my feet;
Calmly I stop before the Judgment Seat.
"Have I done well, O Lord, have I done well?"
—A. A. M., in Punch.

Men Wanted!

These verses were written by the late Bishop Bickersteth, of Exeter:

Give us men!
Men from every rank,
Men of thought and reading,
Men of light and leading,
Free and fresh and frank,
England's wealth and welfare speed-
ing.
Men of faith and not of faction,
Men of lofty aim and action,
I say again give us men,
Give us men!
Strong and stalwart ones,
Men whom purest honor fires,
Men who tread the path beneath them,
Only let their county wreath them
As her worthy sons,
Worthy of their sires!
Men who never shame their mothers,
Men who never fail their brothers;
True, however false are others;
Give us men! I say again,
Give us men!
Give us men!
Men who, when the tempest gathers,
Grasp the standard of their fathers,
In the thickest fight;
Let the coward cringe and falter,
Men who strike for home and altar,
God defend the right!
True to truth, though lone and lonely,
Tender—as the brave are only,
Give us men! I say again,
Give us men!

Englishman "Out of Bounds"

(Related by a Corporal of the West Riding Regiment, now in hospital at Glasgow.)

I got my wound in a fight that you will never hear of in official despatches, because it was a little affair of our own, and most likely we'll be hailed over the coals for it.
It was that you might call a night attack. We had some leisure in our position along the Aisne, and there was a little village near our lines where we used to go for a bit of a lark.
One night coming back—there were about ten of us—we were surprised to find light in a deserted farmhouse, and were still more surprised to find sound of revelry coming out through the window.

We peeped in and there were Germans all over the shop, drinking and eating and smoking, and generally trying to look as if they were having a jolly old time.

"It was a dare-devil of an Irishman who suggested that we ought to give the Germans a little surprise, and we were all with him. Doing our best to look fierce and create an impression that he had at least a brigade behind us, we flung open the door without any ceremony. Our first rush was for the passage where most of the Germans had stacked their rifles, and from there we were able to cover the largest party in any one room.

They were so taken aback that they made very little resistance. The only chap who showed any fight at all was a little fellow, who had good reason to fear us, for he had escaped the day before after being arrested as a spy. He whipped out a revolver and some of his chums drew swords, but we fired into them, and they threw up their hands, after the little one had sent a revolver bullet through my arm.

We fastened them up securely, collected all the smokes and grub they had not touched, and marched them

Little Benny's Note Book.

To the Editor of St. John Standard,
Sir,—As I am a reader of your valuable paper one little corner I have missed very much, Little Benny's Note Book, I have said so many times how bright that is compared with that terrible war news and sort of brightness one up; can't you give it to us again, You will think me foolish when I tell you I am an old lady of seventy-five but still like a bit of fun. Hoping we may soon see it again in your paper, Mrs. MILLTOWN, N. B.

October 28th.

Me an the editor wuz aften smokin' w'en the male claim in an ther wuz a letter from a lady wot lives at milltown seventy-five years old. well wots it about sed the editor you needen keep it awl too yourself. Its about Benny sed I.
Oh is it sez he well wots Benny bean and gone and dun now sez he Nuthin sez I thats the trubbl the old lady wants him to do sum moar. Good idea sez he if peepul wud only keep awn doin sum moar sez he it wud be awl rite.

I think they were inclined to let us down lightly because of the prisoners, particularly the spy chap, but we had no business to be out of bounds that night, and we'll probably have some mark of official displeasure chalked up against us.
Even if we do, I won't worry, because we had value for our money though I don't say if I were in the same position, and had time to think it over, I should be inclined to commit the same offence against discipline.

DISASTER FOR BIG AUSTRIAN WARSHIP

London, Oct. 28, 8.25 p. m.—A despatch to the Central News from Rome says:

"The captain of an Italian steamer which has just arrived at Naples from Trieste reports that during the voyage on the Adriatic he observed an Austrian dreadnought underway for Pola, the Austrian naval base. The dreadnought had come from Cattaro, where, during a recent action, one of her search guns burst causing a magazine to explode. The vessel was

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