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THE GLOBE'S INDEPENDENCE.

The Globe is having spasms of independence with alarming frequency these days. Needless to say it is not acting independently. It is just talking that way. It is dealing in a particular way of abstractness, laying down its terms of admission to the select school of independent political thought, and closing the door to all those who would enter without proper credentials.

The Globe has not written anything quite so funny for a long time. But it is in dead earnest; that is the most amusing part of the performance. It carefully differentiates between fake independence and the genuine article. The former is described with some attention to detail; the latter the reader is left to infer is a monopoly of The Globe's columns.

What will naturally strike the public as remarkable is the time chosen by The Globe for its dissertation on the virtues of political independence. It may be merely a coincidence, but at the present moment there is no issue which seems likely to tear the bosom of a party journal with conflicting notions of duty. There might be people, therefore, near enough to suggest that The Globe is preaching independence just now because it sees no immediate danger of having its professions put to the test.

We did not hear the Jeffray organ sounding the note of independence when a barnacle blundered government submitted itself to the judgment of the people. Neither was the peace of the community disturbed by the clamor call when two coercion candidates sought public warrant for carrying out a program highly objectionable to The Globe.

Was it independence that led The Globe to smother the convictions which it had publicly expressed. If so the public may well pray to be delivered from that kind of independence. An honest straightforward partisan is preferable any day to the organ or individual and the hypocrite. Where The Globe has not played the open partisan it has played the skulking coward. There is not a principle for which it has professed allegiance as against the policy of its leaders that it has not injured by its treachery on the eve of battle.

And this is the journal which is firing salvoes of rhetoric at the honest partisans of Canada. The honest partisan who votes blindly is assuredly an enemy to the country and an enemy to himself, but The Globe, more than any other influence, has contributed to the maintenance of this type of elector.

The Globe has watched procession after procession of political abuses go by, but it never threw a stone—not till long after the procession had passed. It has seen the senate grow into a body of weaklings and exploiters, and when did it ever criticize an appointment made under the Laurier government? When did it ever criticize the nomination of a Liberal candidate, appointment of a minister or of a judge, or of a public official? When did it balk at a railway subsidy, or a franchise, or an exploitation scheme of any kind that wore the O.K. of a Liberal minister and the Crown? The Globe saw the building of the eastern section of the Transcontinental Railway Commission, and it offered no word of protest. It saw the railway commission made the prize of political wirepullers and still it held its peace. And yet The Globe wonders that the Liberal party is not as it should be. It sees the need of a great revival. It is all very lofty, very condescending, but the truth is that the rank and file of the Liberal party has more honesty, more courage and more public zeal in its little finger than The Globe has in its whole make-up.

MOURNING NOT THE ORDER.

The Winnipeg Tribune on Friday last dressed its columns with broad robes of black, in token of its grief at the demise of provincial rights in the new provinces. Its assumption is so early a stage in the conflict, of the external suits and trappings of woe, does more credit to its feelings than its resolution. Perhaps The Tribune, like man in general, was made to mourn, but in wrapping itself with grief as with a garment when it should be up and leading the van, it is rather the victim of its own emotions than the leader of a great cause.

Alberta and Saskatchewan are not responsible for the bad start they have made in provincial life. Their disabilities have been thrust upon them. They are exiles, not natural defendants. And they are not necessarily fatal. If the citizens of these provinces are determined they can achieve for themselves the independence which has been denied them. The task of liberation will be all the more easily and effectively accomplished if the older provinces, who value their rights and liberties, stand out firmly and boldly for the rectification of the wrong committed by a coercion government with the connivance of a demoralized parliament. This is not the time for dirges and obituary notices; it is the time for slogans and resolute appeals.

Whatever their limitations, Alberta and Saskatchewan have attained the status of provinces. They have now their destinies in their own hands—they may, if they will, ignore conditions which are illegal and contrary to the principles laid down in the constitutional documents of the Dominion. Why mourn, then, at the commencement of the battle—why object to other and sympathetic provinces taking part in the celebration?

The Tribune itself has not been consistent in its manner of treating this important stage in the development of Canada. If it was wrong to share in the jubilation it was equally reprehensible to report them. But in any case, it will be time enough to erect tombstones over provincial rights and the national schools when the people of the new provinces have finally acquiesced in their extinction. The World looks for better things when the day of reckoning comes. Let not the upholders of provincial rights and national schools mourn as they do without hope, but let them whet their swords and keep their powder dry.

A REGRATABLE TENDENCY.

The Whitney government is not to be congratulated on its appointment of a successor to Dr. Daniel Clark, superintendent of the Toronto Insane Asylum. Dr. Snider of Waterford may be a good physician and he may have excellent executive ability. We know nothing to the contrary, but whether he is the best man available for the position is another question. The fact that he has been rather lead color to the presumption that he is not. At all events, the appointment is before all things a political appointment. If Dr. Snider had not rendered important services to the party it is not probable that his name would have been mentioned in connection with the office of superintendent of the Toronto Insane Asylum. We had hoped that the incoming of the Whitney government would ring out the practice of making public office the reward of party service. We confess now that we were over- sanguine. One swallow, however, does not make a summer, nor one political appointment does not justify the inference that Premier Whitney proposes to pursue a general policy of rewarding party service at the public expense. The Whitney government is strong enough to make merit the governing consideration in appointments to responsible positions in the public service. It may have a prominent place in Dr. Snider's claims, but no one would guess off-hand that a Waterford politician is the one man peculiarly fitted to superintend the Toronto Insane Asylum.

THE TREATY OF THE POWERS.

Evidences multiply that unless the power of officialism is earlier broken in Russia the peace arrangement will not be other than a temporary one. This would be an entirely probable anticipation did the matter of Chinese Manchuria concern only the late belligerents, but it is of much wider import. Japan in this war has been fighting not exclusively for her own hand, but in vindication of a policy to which the great powers of the world became formally parties. The logical conclusion of the war undoubtedly would be that the integrity of the Chinese empire as now restored would become the joint business of all the nations interested, in which event Russia's ambitions after revenge and recapture would be effectually checked.

There would be nothing surprising were it found that Japan's decision to accept M. Witte's ultimatum was influenced by the knowledge that her responsibilities regarding this part of China would be materially lightened in the future. By conceding to Russia freedom to use the Vladivostok and Manchurian Railways for commercial purposes and granting her the privilege of the most favored nation clause all her legitimate rights have been preserved. Japan has indeed given the very best proofs of her disinterestedness and her anxiety that equitable considerations shall hereafter dominate the relations between China and the western powers. Those alarmists who have been attempting to frighten the world with strong and repeated doses of yellow peril bogey must now see that the course of affairs has tended to discredit their prophecies.

Considerable interest attaches to the exact terms of the new Anglo-Japanese agreement, which have not yet been authoritatively disclosed. It is stated with some show of authority that the coalition is much closer than before, and divides the control of the Pacific between England and Japan. This is justified on the ground that the treaty secures the maintenance of the existing territorial status, and the open door principle for world commerce. What, however, is awaited with the most eager curiosity is its bearing on India, and whether Japan agrees to co-operate in its defence. Any anxiety which might otherwise have been created regarding the disclosure of the text has been dissipated by the knowledge that both the governments of the United States and France were consulted. This was an unusual step to take, but indicating as it does the close and sympathetic connection among the four powers is an auspicious augury for the future.

It was Labor Day all right for anyone who tried to get thru the crowds.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his time has made one nation and two provinces.

Those two western youngsters will naturally be rocked in the cradle of the wheat.

Honest Injun, Sir Wilfrid, when you looked at those glorious provinces weren't you sorry you did it?

The fields out west smile—especially when they note the number of harvesting hands who have tackled the job of taking off the wheat crop.

There are 17 articles in the treaty of peace. Baron Komura will of course have to make a declaration to that effect to get them thru the customs.

Such is the eloquence of The Globe's plea for independence that even Hamilton Times is struggling against a wild desire to announce itself a convert.

Arrangements have been made for the withdrawal of the two contending armies in the far east. From sheer force of habit the Russians will withdraw first.

Concerning the appointment of Dr. Snider The Globe will be sure to say that the Whitney government must be pretty bad when it is driving its own supporters to the asylum.

Seven little provinces.

Willy touched the button.

And then there were nine.

(From advance proofs of verses by the Poet Sabine.)

"Japan asked for half of Sakhalin Island," says the czar in his message to Linvitch. He neglected to add that the simple request of such a desirably friend was law to his imperial majesty.

FACTS ABOUT CUBA.

If you want to know castron facts about the Cuban Realty Company's lands in Eastern Cuba, you can call at 108 Yonge street and have a quiet chat with Mr. Millikin, who has just returned from the island.

Mr. Millikin will tell you all about it—the simple, plain, unvarnished truth, as he is a Toronto citizen of good repute, and will not only show you his thoroughbred cattle, but tell you all about Cuba as well.

PROPOSES TO SAFEGUARD HOMES.

Ald. Jones Will Bring Matter of Protection of Islanders Before Council.

At the meeting of the civic island committee at 11 this morning Chairman Ald. Jones will bring up the matter of proper protection to the western end of the breakwater opposite Hooper avenue. A sidewalk has been washed away, and on Sunday an attempt was made to patch up the damage temporarily by the waterworks department.

The chairman is apprehensive that the regular storm which Sept. 10 will imperil the cottages in the vicinity unless prompt measures are taken to safeguard the spot by a makeshift groin.

Mr. J. Haney, to whom the contract for attending to the breakwater has been given, has 18 months in which to finish the work, and it is thought that much damage may be wrought in the meantime.

BOYCOTT ORDERED OFF.

Hong Kong, Sept. 4.—United States Secretary of War Taft and party arrived at Canton today and proceeded to the American consulate, where the members of the party were met by a battalion of viceroys' guards. After a reception at the consulate the party became guests of the New Canton Railway, covering its entire district.

At 1 o'clock the visitors were entertained at luncheon. The viceroys' representative made a speech referring to the friendly relations between the Chinese nation and America.

Secretary Taft, in his response, said the United States did not want one foot or one acre of soil of China. The secretary thought the boycott of American goods was an unreasonable violation of treaty rights and conditions between the two countries, and declared that he was glad the viceroys had ordered the boycott stopped.

The secretary then gave notice that he had ordered the boycott to be declared off, and all of its leaders to be arrested and punished.

BOTH HAVE DISAPPEARED.

Detroit, Sept. 4.—With \$175 in his pocket, Edwin J. Bennett of 886 Bellevue avenue has not been seen by his friends since Aug. 20.

Bennett, who was met by a woman who was expected to take a train for Walkerton, Ont., last night, she could not be found.

A family difference is supposed to be behind the disappearance of Mrs. Bennett, while going thru her husband's pockets about a month ago, she has also disappeared.

She is equipped with steam hose, poisons and disinfectants. Steam from the engine will be used.

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Chas. Dickinson, who retired after 22 years' service in the fire department, was last night presented with a fine silk umbrella by his comrades at Bay-street station. Assistant District Chief Forsythe made the presentation.

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