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THE AXE

The number of Liberal officials butchered make a Tory holiday is large beyond precedent. Mr. Monk, who will not allow Mr. Borden to go to the rescue of the Empire by making a naval contribution, is the Lord High Executioner, and, considering that Mr. Monk has never had any previous practice to speak of in the swinging of the headsman's axe, it must be said for him that he is making an exceedingly effective fist at it.

Preaching moderation and non-partisanism one day, Mr. Monk proceeds quietly to behead a batch of Liberal office-holders on the day following. When Mr. Borden hears protests concerning the slaughter, he tells the protesters that they will have to see Mr. Monk; and it is impossible to see Mr. Monk, so filled is the atmosphere in his vicinity with the whirling machinery of execution and the gory fruits thereof.

An uncommonly objectionable feature of the beheading is the fact that the Conservatives, not content with dismissing men enjoying comfortable salaries, have carried their partisan revenge down to men who earn only laborers' wages. This is true not only in Ottawa but in many other cities, St. John included.

The Telegraph's Ottawa despatches of this morning recite several disgraceful instances showing how Conservative preachment and practice vary, and how mean a form the spoils system has taken under the Borden-Monk regime. The Telegraph's Ottawa correspondent writes as follows:—

"Conservative ward chairman and party workers were promptly installed in their places. One of the elevator men in the common building, for instance, who was dismissed, has given every satisfaction in his faithful attention to his work. He has a mother and two sisters to support, but owing to difficulty with his eyes cannot now resume his trade of stone mason. He had not taken any part in politics since employed at the buildings. A local Conservative ward chairman takes his place.

"The elevator man in the east block who served the privy council office for many years past and against whom there was no complaint, was similarly dismissed. He went into Premier's Borden's room with tears in his eyes last night to beg for consideration of his case. He was told that the matter belonged to Hon. Mr. Monk's department. These are but two instances out of many.

"The excuse is given that the Liberals, when they came into office in 1896, dismissed scores of temporary employees, but at that time the buildings were infested with pre-election appointees who were given jobs simply for the sake of the pay and not because their services were really needed. No employee was dismissed except on written evidence to the effect that he had been unduly active in politics.

"There are over 2,000 applications for government positions now on file with the local Conservative members. That explains the pressure for dismissals, but does not justify it.

"Indications are that a similar application of the spoils system will be made general throughout Canada. In Ottawa it is already manifest in its grossest form."

While the Conservative procedure is grossly partisan and unjust, and while it will result in discomfort and loss to many individuals deserving better treatment, it is probably the best thing that could happen the Liberal party from the mere standpoint of politics.

Injustice reacts upon those responsible for it. The great number of employees dismissed without cause all have friends, and by dismissing them Mr. Borden and Mr. Monk have created all over the country centres of active discontent that will be heard from later on. Also, the government by its undignified recourse to the spoils system in its worst form, is disgusting a fair-minded public by showing how hollow were the Conservative professions of decency and justice while that party was in opposition.

The "male suffragette" who struck Lloyd George with a brass box and endangered the sight of one eye, wounded a great friend of liberty and justice, and greatly injured the cause of women. The "militant" tactics of English women are so foolish and offensive as to complicate the suffrage issue hopelessly.

Britain is preparing to establish a great naval base in the Caribbean Sea, near the Panama canal. The opening of the canal will have an important effect upon naval strategy, and Britain having great interests in the Atlantic, is not going to be behindhand.

A section of the German press is engaged in attempting to lash that nation into such a passion that war with Great Britain will be unavoidable. The latest story is that the British ministry had secured plans and copies of signal codes which would have enabled it to blow up the German fleet at Wilhelmshaven in the event.

Every nation secures and stores

up a great deal of information about every possible enemy; but, so long as the British do not use the information until war has been declared, the Germans have nothing to complain of even if the story be true. In Britain as well as in Germany many of the newspapers are blameworthy because of the provocative articles they print, which are calculated to incite racial antipathy for which there is really no better reason than trade rivalry.

"Not in my department," says Mr. Borden, adding "See Mr. Monk." This sort of talk at Ottawa must be exceedingly comforting to the ultra-Imperialist and ultra-Protestant forces which were so active during the late election campaign. A tree must be judged by its fruits.

In Georgia the other day the sheriff hanged a negro preacher in an opera house in order that friends of the condemned might not be compelled to break into the jail yard to witness the execution. The gallows was erected on the stage, the house was filled with spectators, and the man was legally hanged. This is better than lynching, but there are features about it which show how far civilization in the southern states is below the average Anglo-Saxon level.

Boston experts have found that the girls babies in that city are much taller and stronger than they used to be, and that the boy babies are not any more than up to the average. If this sort of thing goes on, and the women of the United States adopt the political methods now used by the women of London, the male on this continent is going to be confronted with a problem of first class magnitude, and his chance of retaining a respectable portion of his weekly earnings, or exercising any voice in the management of his own affairs, is likely to be exceedingly slim.

When Parliament reassembles and the Liberals move for an increase in the British Preference tariff will Mr. Borden's party do? They have always professed to be more willing than the Liberals to do something substantial for the Mother Country, though they never have done anything. The greatest service for the cause of Imperial unity today would be the increase of the British Preference step by step until British goods would enter this market duty free, as our goods now enter the United Kingdom. The country will be very much interested in observing what the Borden government will do when confronted by a resolution to increase the preference. A very large majority of the electors of Canada are stoutly in favor of such an increase.

There is a joyous time coming after Jan. 10 at Ottawa. Read the Montreal "Witness" prediction:—

"We see it is said that Sir Wilfrid, or one of his supporters, will advocate an increase in the British preference tariff from 23 1/2 percent to 50, or even 75 percent. If this is done it will give the government side plenty to do in the way of defence of their claim that they love the dear Mother Country so much more than those horrid potential annexationists, the Liberals. It is understood, however, that Mr. Borden is fast bound to the continuance of the present tariff, and even to the promise of a higher one so that he will find himself in a quandary, as will Mr. E. E. Smith and Mr. Bonar Law, who are kicking to Mr. Borden and his followers to implement their vague professions of loyalty by something practical. Though they will certainly be asked why they did not proclaim it on the hustings, the Liberals are, we are told by the correspondent of a New York paper, a unit for increased British preference, while some Conservative continue in favor of it. It remains to be seen how far the latter would go should the question come to a vote."

TASTY GOLF.

The man in the rainbow stockings was trying to play golf. The difficulty was, of course, to hit the ball. It was so much easier to hit the ground. In fact, he was quite an expert at that. He got it every time. The green turf flew in all directions. It rained mould, and the worms awoke in their underground homes. Swish! Swish! Plop. More excavations. The man turned all the colors of the rainbow stockings. Something was wrong somewhere. It couldn't be his stockings. It must be the links. He turned helplessly to his opponent. "What do you think of these links?" he exclaimed. "What do I think of 'em?" gasped his opponent, wiping a bit of England from his lips. "Pout! Best I ever tasted!"

CURIOUS FACTS OF THE DEEP.

The oceans occupy three-fourths of the surface of the earth. A mile down in the sea the water has a pressure of a ton to every square inch. If a box six feet deep was filled with sea water which was then allowed to evaporate, there would be 2 inches of salt left in the bottom of the box. Taking the average depth of the ocean to be three miles, there would be a layer of salt 440 feet thick covering the bottom in case all the water should evaporate. In many places, especially in the North Sea, the water freezes from the bottom upwards.

RYND TO BE CRUEL.

While making his usual daily inspection of the stables a major of cavalry noticed a private giving his horse a piece of lump sugar. "I am very pleased to see you so kind to your horse, Jones," he said; "you will find that the animal appreciates your thoughtfulness." Private Jones waited until the officer was out of earshot, then he turned to a comrade. "Well, that's a bit of red rice," he said. "Why the best I ever got off this morning, and I'm trying to give him the toothache!"

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How many more—niche after niche—
To gaze out on a boundless sea;
The stars by night, the sun by day,
Slow measuring eternity.

And must I wait on this lone isle,
With savage man and bird and beast?
If then hadst nothing else but these,
Then Chase thou wouldst have been least.

The stars by night, the sun by day,
And much to us is given;
No land can be a desert land,
While God is in His Heaven.

No land can be a desert land,
As o'er the severing sea I gaze;—
That wondrous sea hath taught my lips
To sing a song of praise.

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MAKE HIM FIT.

She—"I just washed a suit of clothes for my son and now it won't fit him."
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SLEEPER AWAKE.

Two Irishmen on a certain occasion occupied the same chamber. In the morning one of them inquired of the other, "Dinnis, did you hear the thunder in the night?"
"No, Pat; did it really thunder?"
"Yes, it thundered as if livin and earth would come together."

"Why didn't ye wake me, for ye know I can't sleep when it thunders."

NO HAY THERE.

A magistrate's clerk was taking down the evidence of a witness, and asked her what her name was.

"Meadows," she replied.

"How do you spell it, madam?"
"Hem, He, D. D. Ho, Donbie U. Hess."
"Ah, there's no 'Hay' in your meadows?" remarked the witty scribe, much to the amusement of the court.

A DUTCH PUZZLE.

Louise was plodding along, laboring under the weight of a bag, which was quite apparently animated by some form of animal life, when he met his friend Hans.

"What had you in that bag?" was the question of Hans, as Louise, puffing from his exertion and not in the best of humor, deposited the bag, which action caused some noticeable animation on the part of its contents, accompanied by an audible squeal.

"I had pigs," was the curt reply.

"How many had you got?" continued, Hans.

"Guess," said Louise. "Guess how many I had in dot bag and I will give you der whole tam farr."

WHARVES FOR FREDERICKTON.

The Gleaser says that Frederickton expects to have concrete wharves and other improvements along the river front, provided by the federal government. Mayor Thomas has received a communication from Chief Engineer Scamwell, asking what had been done towards the city leasing the wharves to the federal government in order that the improvements can be proceeded with and stating that the department is prepared to proceed with the work.

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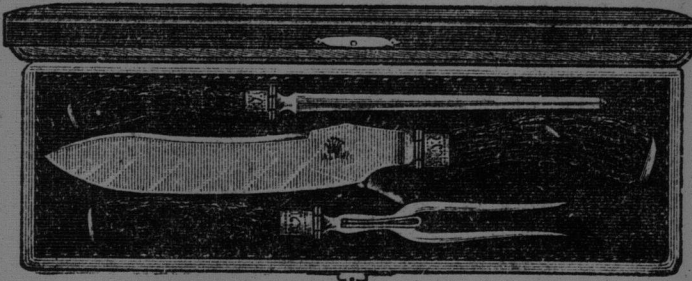
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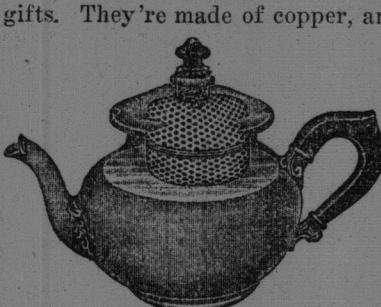
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