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## THE STANDARD AND GLOBE

The Standard and Globe continue to devote a good deal of space to a discussion of the Dugal charges, the lumbermen, Mr. Carvell and others. There is one simple and brief announcement which if it were brief and to the point, it would be of more public interest than many columns of the matter they are now publishing in relation to this question. This announcement would be of course be that of the names of the gentlemen who are to compose the Royal Commission.

Why should there be any delay in the appointment of the Royal Commission? This is a question which might be discussed by the Standard and Globe, and it should afford them an opportunity to say many things that would be of far deeper interest to the public than assertions and assumptions concerning lumbermen and others against whom no charges have been made, and who are only to be summoned as witnesses in the matter of charges made against gentlemen in whom both the Standard and Globe are much more deeply interested.

Mr. Dugal is ready to go on with the case. Mr. Carvell is ready to leave Ottawa the moment he is notified that the Royal Commission has been appointed and is ready to begin the inquiry. Why, then, is the commission not appointed? Surely the Standard and Globe in their zeal for the public welfare must have been giving much thought to the question, and surely there is much they could say which the public would read with deep interest.

It is after the Royal Commission has been appointed, Mr. Dugal and Mr. Carvell and their friends should fail to appear, or if in the meantime the lumbermen should be guilty of some act making it worth while to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate their case, it would be of course be right and proper for those guardians of the public welfare, the Standard and Globe, to devote considerable space to a full discussion of the whole matter. Since, however, the Royal Commission has not been appointed, why attempt to place the guilt upon the shoulders of anybody? All the responsibility at this moment rests upon the government, which is supported by the Standard and the Globe. No doubt, if they pressed very strongly upon appointing the Royal Commission without delay, their representations would have some effect. After the government had performed its duty there would be time enough to turn the search-light upon Mr. Dugal and his friends. Indeed they would be very glad if the Standard and Globe would join them in urging that the Royal Commission be appointed at once, and the investigation brought on immediately.

## A CURIOUS BLUNDER

Quoting a statement by Premier Borden that "in the event of war in Mexico Canadian life and interests in that country would be protected by the British government." The Standard this morning says:

"Thus Canadians once more are placed in the position of seeing British warships, paid for by British taxpayers, used to protect the people and interests of a country that is big enough and wealthy enough to pay something toward the cost of that protection."

Continuing the Standard makes the amazing charge that the responsibility for this disgrace must rest upon the Liberal senate and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It also refers to certain Liberals who declare that, "we owe nothing to Britain," and sneeringly observes that "a great thing is our autonomy."

The Standard has made a curious blunder. They are not Liberals, but Mr. Borden's Nationalist allies who say that we owe nothing to Britain. This was made very clear in the general election in 1911, when some of Mr. Borden's friends boasted about those who had found it necessary to "shoot holes in the British flag." The Standard apparently forgets that the Liberal government under Sir Wilfrid Laurier adopted a naval policy, and if it had been carried out this country would now be vying with Australia in the effort to take its full share in the naval defence of the Empire; but Mr. Borden came into power, and abandoned that self-respecting policy for one of contribution, which would have handed over \$35,000,000 for the benefit of shipbuilders in the mother country, and deprived Canada of the opportunity of establishing a navy of her own. Mr. Borden and his friends conjured up an emergency to assist them in getting the measure through the house of commons, but it was very properly rejected by the senate. Since then we have heard no more about the emergency, nor about the eagerness of Mr. Borden and his friends to adopt a naval policy for Canada.

## MEMORIES OF IRELAND.

Occasionally a visitor comes among us who has the power to take us out of ourselves, and away from the things which relate to our daily life, and transport us to a different atmosphere; and by the power of his genius compels us for a time to forget everything but that to which he directs our attention. Such a visitor was with us yesterday, in the

person of Mr. Seumas MacManus, whose Raffle Around Ireland last evening gave such unalloyed pleasure to those who thought it worth while to attend. Mr. MacManus is a Celt of the Celts. He is a poet, and he dreams of a day when Ireland shall be an independent country. Those who do not share his dream are none the less compelled to be sharers of his enthusiasm concerning Ireland, as they listen to the story he tells, while views of Ireland and the life of the Irish people are thrown upon the screen. The wit and humor, the pathos and the beauty, as well as the simplicity of rural Irish life, are revealed by him in such a manner as to grip the listener and hold him or her with a peculiar fascination. The story-telling of Mr. MacManus is a revelation, and even after still seems to feel the breath of the Irish hills, and to dwell amid the beauty of the Irish glens, with those mysterious presences with which the fertile imagination of a poetic race has peopled them.

It is to be regretted that Mr. MacManus was compelled to go alone to Partridge Island to view the place where so many of his countrymen who died of ship-fever were buried in the forties, and that he had extreme difficulty in getting any information concerning that tragedy of long ago. It is unfortunate when a man who is a gifted writer visits the city, and is in search of material for his pen, that he is not given a better opportunity to secure the desired information.

We shall hope to see Mr. MacManus again, and to journey with him into the land of folk-lore and mystery where the fancies dwell, but where also we and women have given to the world in bygone centuries so much that is of imperishable value; and where today an emancipated people, filled with a new hope, are making Ireland a country to which even Canada looks for what is most progressive in agricultural development; and where also an industrial revival has begun that promises to make a new Ireland in the years to come.

Observe what even small Maine towns do in the matter of education. The Lubec schools are to introduce the special study of music and drawing during the next school year, and expert teachers for these studies are to be engaged. It is intended to add music and drawing to the list of studies in the East-port schools next term.

A despatch from Washington says that on the first of August a quarantine will be declared against Maine potatoes, preventing their export from Maine, because of the prevalence of powdery scab in that state. The Maine potato raisers who raised the outcry about powdery scab for the express purpose of shutting New Brunswick potatoes out of their market will now get a dose of their own medicine. If the quarantine is actually declared, the potato industry of Aroostook county will be practically destroyed, for a time at least, and the farmers of that part of Maine will be very much worse off than the farmers of New Brunswick.

## GREAT COMBINE OF THE BRITISH LABOR FORCES

## Propose to Have General Working Arrangement Staggering in Its Possibilities

London, April 26.—Proposals of the greatest importance to the British labor movements were discussed when representatives of the National Union of Railwaymen, of the Miners' Federation, met at Westminster to consider a scheme for a general working arrangement which would in effect establish a giant labor combine. The gathering was the outcome of a proposal made by the Miners' Federation at a Scarborough conference last year, and sectional meetings of the three organizations have meantime given their assent to a national discussion of the possibilities of the proposal.

The proposal, staggering in its immensity, owes its origin to the growing labor belief that industrial organization must be rendered more potent and influential, and so comprehensive that trade concessions may be secured without resort to the arbitration of the state.

In future industrial crises, says one of the national labor leaders, it should be our aim to combine the magnificent solidarity of the mining industry with the prompt means for hampering and embarrassing the employing class which can be exercised by the railwaymen and the transport workers. We can, however, hope that as the employers and the government are faced with the magnitude and resources of such a confederation as the present movement implies they will realize the logic of force more than they have admitted the logic of reason.

The conference, appointed a committee to draw up a scheme for joint action when necessary. Subsequently the leaders and tested "solidarity." In view of the great probability of industrial unrest next year, the conference attracted but little attention. The Pall Mall Gazette, however, says: "We do not know what syndicalist Napoleon has the credit for shaping this design, but he doubtless has day-dreams of staggering humanity. We trust he is not fated to ruminate upon them at some future St. Helena."

## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

TUESDAY, APRIL 28.

Today, children young and old might well extend a word of congratulation to that delightful entertainer, Palmer Cox, creator of the Brownie Books, who is celebrating his seventy-fourth birthday on this date. Perhaps it may not be generally known that Mr. Cox is a Canadian. Though he has lived most of his life in the United States, he still spends several months each year in his native town of Ganby, Quebec, where he has a fine residence called "Brownie Castle."

He began his art work when quite young, but it was some time before he lit upon the idea of writing and illustrating a series of stories about the Brownies. These little fellows became immensely popular in no time and the author-artist soon grew rich from the sale of his books about them.

## LIGHTER VEIN

## Happy Thought.

Miss Snip—Take back your ring, Mr. Sharpe. I love another!

Mr. Sharpe—Please mention that I have a ring for sale—the sucker's got to have one!

## Mean Brute.

"This is a beautiful book," said Mrs. Gabb. "This philosopher claims marriage as a remedy for loneliness."

"It isn't a remedy," replied Mr. Gabb. "It is a counter irritant."

## Blaming the Women.

"What's the matter with McGrouch? He is more bitter against women than ever."

He had four queens beaten last night."

## Real Sympathy.

Juror—We acquitted him out of sympathy.

Friend—For his aged mother?

Juror—Oh, no—for having such a lawyer.

## Humors of Aviation.

Fair Damsel—Aren't you afraid when you go up in the air?

Aviator—Well, I must admit I sometimes feel a sort of groundless apprehension.

## Gay Old Dog.

Higgins—Twiggins is always bragging about his den at home.

Wiggins—And yet he got mad when I spoke of it as a kennel.

## Tender Memories.

"He was engaged to a charming widow at one time."

"Yes," and he says he will always look back upon it as one of the most delightful experiences he ever had."

## His Method.

"Truth is stranger than fiction."

"That is why I gave my wife fiction. She'll hardly believe that."

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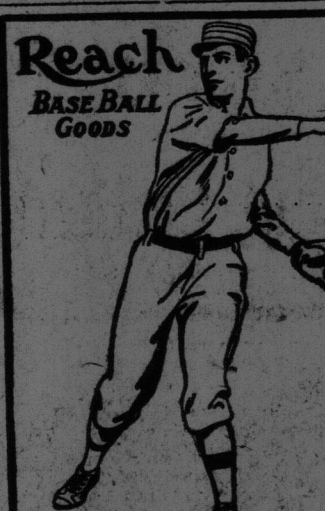
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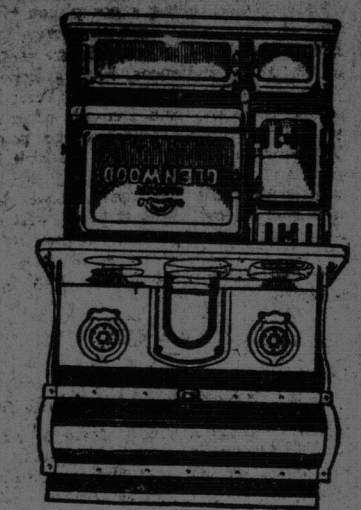
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