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LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Mr. Borden's address was a disappointment even to those who regard most favorably the opposition leader. It seemed to be an off night with him, and he failed to live up to his reputation. Mr. Borden seldom sinks to the level of those who try to make political capital out of offensive personalities, but as a rule endeavors to maintain that dignity of address and bearing expected from one in his position. Last evening, however, he approached very closely the other side, and though he spoke only in a general way of certain alleged conditions the subjects touched upon were not wholly agreeable to the audience and the expressions employed could scarcely be regarded as strengthening the Conservative cause. Yet Mr. Borden's language was moderate, and there was no appeal to passion or prejudice. In his respect he differed somewhat from his associates. If he had been feeling in better trim Mr. Borden would no doubt have created a more favorable impression, but his arguments, partisan to an extreme degree and backed by misrepresentations of facts, were lacking in force and failed to carry conviction.

Mr. Bergeron, a stranger in St. John, is a gay and glib young man but is nevertheless able to brighten the gloom of the Conservative cause. His cheerful demeanor, and his rather engaging style of address proved a welcome relief in a somewhat monotonous meeting. Mr. Bergeron is not particularly handicapped by modesty, yet a measure of such complacency as he exhibits is valuable to a politician on a stump. His address was entertaining if not very weighty, and in comparison Mr. Borden's did not suffer.

Accustomed as St. John audiences are to decency and moderation even from political speakers, Mr. George W. Fowler's effort last evening came as a disagreeable surprise. Billingsgate is never effective, and insulting personalities do not make votes. But Mr. Fowler should not perhaps be criticized for employing his natural conversational style in public addresses.

Purity in political and business matters is the cry of the Borden-Fowler-Bergeron combination. Mr. W. H. Thorne is the acknowledged leader of the Conservative party in St. John. Mr. Fowler declares that this same Mr. Thorne sold for \$100,000 a pile of junk on Canterbury street. Assuming that Mr. Fowler wishes, that this statement is correct, which it is not, Mr. Thorne's conduct would seem to be thoroughly in accord with the Fowler purity ideals. A man who could put through such a deal as is so highly praised would be valuable in the promotion of Okeanog syndicates. Fortunately Mr. Thorne has adopted a standard of honesty which removes him from the Fowler-Foster class. Still such deals as the imaginary \$100,000 junk sale appear to receive Mr. Fowler's warmest admiration. This is a fair criterion of his professed political and business integrity.

THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOLS.

When St. John public schools opened yesterday there were almost more pupils in attendance than could be accommodated. Today fully one-third of the available seats are vacant because parents are keeping their children at home, considering it inadvisable to send them to school until after Labor Day. They were in attendance yesterday simply for the purpose of getting their places and being regularly enrolled. Fully 1,000 of the boys and girls who attend the city schools are still living with their families out of town and will not return for some weeks. A large number of others who did not go to the country for the summer, are remaining at home. The general belief is that nothing is done during the first week at school because Labor Day disarranges the program, and anyway the 28th of August is too early for the re-opening. The school trustees do not see matters just in this light, and year after year continue to re-open the schools a few days before the public holiday, and during that time when a very large proportion of the pupils, as is well known, will not attend. Surely this could be better arranged hereafter.

St. John firemen who almost walked their feet off in the parade at Charlottetown a year ago, should remember that experience and not make the route of the procession here any longer than is absolutely necessary.

In the death of Dr. Ralph Brecken the Methodist Church in Canada loses one of its most accomplished leaders. His work has been of great value to the denomination.

THE INFANT TERRIBLE ARAIL.

Hom merrily, how cheerily we ride along the rail!
We rush o'er valley, mountain top, through meadow and through dale, quite comfortably seated, we can all enjoy our ease,
This dolce far niente with our natures quite agrees.

I've never met a nuisance yet which I consider worse,
He doesn't seem to care a rap for mother or for nurse;
He doesn't show the least regard or heed for me or you,
But pursues up his little mouth and says "Geese, geese!"

One moment he will choose to sit, next minute stand upright,
And should you try to thwart him he will close his fist and fight.
He's apt to drive a bachelor like I am quite insane
With his most annoying antics, that baby on the train.

I cannot use the idioms they think that he will know,
I'd look a blithering idiot were I to play "Peep-bo."
"Oo's mother's tickle darling" to me sounds too absurd,
I really cannot, cannot, talk about a "dicky bird."

I'm good at Esperanto, but I haven't reached the stage
Of infant's conversation at such an early age.
Still, I have done my best at times to try an entertaining
With very childish gibberish the baby on the train!

There's but one remedy I know which well might meet the case,
Although the railway management might think it out of place,
It is to have a special car built for the little ones
Where milk is sold and lollipops and toys and cakes and buns.

I'm sure it would be feasible, and we could have some peace,
For the crying and the squalling in my car at least would cease.
I'm really quite good natured and it's rarely I complain,
But I detest most cordially the baby on the train!

MOTHER'S SUGGESTION—FATHER'S REPLY.
"Our boy is out late nights."
"Well, we must tax the saloons \$100.
"Husband, I believe John drinks."
"We must put up that tax to \$100."
"My dear husband, our boy is being ruined."
"Try 'em, while at \$300."
"Oh my God! my boy came home drunk."
"Well, well, we must make it \$400."
"Just think, William, our boy is in jail."
"I'll fix those saloons. Tax 'em \$500."
"My poor child is a confirmed drunkard."
"Up with the tax. Make it \$1,000."
"Our noble boy is a wreck."
"Now, I will stop them; make it \$1500."
"We carried our poor boy to a drunkard's grave today."
"Well, well I declare. We must regulate the traffic, we ought to have made that tax \$2,500."

KEEPING COFFEE HOT.

In the recent field operations of the British troops at Aldershot it was desired to serve hot coffee to the soldiers lying in the trenches during the hours of darkness. As it was found impossible to light fires during the night or early morning for fear of betraying the position to the enemy, the coffee was made in the evening, and while still boiling, was buried in camp kettles with close-fitting lids a few feet in the ground and slightly packed with earth. When the pits were opened in the early morning the coffee was found to be still hot and ready to serve.

THE NEW WALTZ.

"From this English description of the Czechan waltz we judge," says a writer in a Berlin paper, "that there will be a sixteen-step prelude to the regular waltz, that this introduction will have some of the old-time minuet feature and that when the waltz proper begins it will be something like the dance which was in vogue when we who are now middle-aged and a little more were dancers. The fast and furious waltz which came from the continent to send them to school until after Labor Day. They were in attendance yesterday simply for the purpose of getting their places and being regularly enrolled. Fully 1,000 of the boys and girls who attend the city schools are still living with their families out of town and will not return for some weeks. A large number of others who did not go to the country for the summer, are remaining at home. The general belief is that nothing is done during the first week at school because Labor Day disarranges the program, and anyway the 28th of August is too early for the re-opening. The school trustees do not see matters just in this light, and year after year continue to re-open the schools a few days before the public holiday, and during that time when a very large proportion of the pupils, as is well known, will not attend. Surely this could be better arranged hereafter.

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BRITAIN TO BUILD BATTLESHIPS

Programme of Naval Construction Will Go on Apace, Undeterred by The Hague Congress, Which Will Not Bring in the Millennium.

London special correspondent of New York Tribune—"The Hague congress for the regulation of sea power has failed to reduce the British construction of battleships. The Admiralty has never taken a serious view of the pledge to build two ships in place of three if the maritime powers were virtuous enough to agree to cut down naval armaments. Engineers have been working steadily on plans for three ships, and each will be heavier than the Dreadnought, and will have more powerful batteries. The moral pose taken by the government for sentimental effect has not been without practical advantage. It has given the experts time for revising calculations and readjustments based upon the substitution of turbines for ordinary engines, and has enabled them to increase the tonnage of its vessels and the weight of the primary and secondary armaments. The Dreadnought has been tested more critically and thoroughly than any other vessel ever commissioned by the Admiralty, and the results have been most satisfactory. In November will be faster, stronger and more formidable fighting machines, differing in several respects from the Bellerophon, recently launched.

"There is no official information that the opening stage of the construction of three more Dreadnoughts will be one of the expedients adopted for the entertainment of the German Emperor when he pays his long deferred visit to England in November. That will be a great affair of state, carried out with unexampled splendor at Windsor, Sandringham being reserved for less important royal guests, such as the King and Queen of Norway, who are expected in the autumn. There will be banquets, theatricals, hunting in Windsor forest, and Dreadnoughts, British and German, will be on exhibition. The Hague congress will have dispersed without bringing the millennium nearer, and two most powerful sovereigns will again be on exhibition, for they have been this week, as real peace-makers, willing and able to reconcile jealous nations and substitute good will for suspicion. The King is also credited at foreign capitals with arranging at Ischl with the Emperor of Austria a fresh European concert for Macedonian reforms, and with providing safeguards at Wilhelmshoe for France and Spanish police work. In Morocco, where the military forces must be largely increased for the reduction of order.

"Even without these hypothetical strokes of diplomacy the King has done enough to earn the big Cullinan diamond, which General Buller wishes the Transvaal to buy and present to him, when the distrust between Germany and Great Britain prevailing since the Boer war, is removed and France smiles kindly at him in turn and is content to forget both Egypt and Alsace-Lorraine. It is a greater miracle of grace than has yet been witnessed at The Hague Congress. Still, all three powers continue to have faith in sea power, and will build Dreadnoughts with all possible efficiency and dispatch.

THE NAVAL MENACE OF GERMAN.

King Edward's review of twenty-four miles of war-craft a week or two ago in the Solent, made up of one hundred and eighty war-vessels of all classes, might be thought enough to reassure every timid soul in the United Kingdom, yet we find a writer in The Quarterly Review (London) expressing the fear that before long the British navy in the world is now the United States navy, and the German navy is virtually unimportant. The writer in the Quarterly, however, looks not so much at the present state of Germany's fleet as at its programme for the future, which includes the building of 18 battleships of the Dreadnought type, 13 large cruisers, 21 small cruisers, and 24 torpedo-boat divisions. This is a state of things to be regarded with some anxiety by Great Britain, we are told. In this author's words: "The fact that such a scheme of naval aggrandisement is being worked out persistently and methodically against the least defended door of the United Kingdom is calculated to cause anxiety among the British people. It would, however, be the height of folly if this anxiety degenerated into irritability of temper and an illogical fever of jealousy. By no policy of pin-

pricks can the British people retard the progress of the German fleet. Every misrepresentation has been accepted in Berlin and throughout the German states as welcome ammunition with which to work up further enthusiasm in support of the naval movement. It is much better that the British nation should once and for all understand that it is no business and theirs what steps the German people may take for improving and increasing their naval defences, except so far as precautionary measures are rendered necessary. Germany's fleet, what she chooses to spend on it, and how she organizes it, is not the business of the British people."

The writer quotes President Roosevelt in support of his contention that "Great Britain must now look to her laurels," which she can only retain by diligent naval preparation. This is the lesson of the Russo-Japanese war. To quote further:—"Never was our responsibility more arduous than it is now. Already Great Britain is almost with grip of a crisis threatening her supremacy; in a comparatively few years Germany will have a fleet of thirty-eight battleships, including eighteen Dreadnoughts and about fifteen armored cruisers armed and ready to meet our Eastern coasts. If the Government would avoid a scare throughout Great Britain and across the Atlantic, and instead of a naval base on the east coast, the urgent need of tomorrow, at least a portion of the money which has been saved on this year's estimates, Cordite was the final cause of the overthrow of the last government with which the Prime Minister was associated, and this question of a naval base for our warships in the North Sea may be the grave of the present ministry.

"No one can read the accounts of the naval engagement in the Far East, as narrated by Captain Behnen and the anonymous Japanese officer whose diary has been published, without realizing the horror of war, and the careful, persistent, state-of-the-art preparation which is essential to success. President Roosevelt has said: "Victory in any contest will go to the nation that has carried it by thorough preparation. . . . When the day of battle comes, the difference of race will be found as nothing when compared with differences in thorough and practical training in advance." "The latest naval war has fully confirmed these words."

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DOGS WERE USED

TO SMUGGLE OPIUM

Officers Along Canadian Border Discover Unique Scheme to Avoid Customs Dues.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 24. — Many and varied are the methods used by smugglers to get goods subject to duty across the border line between the United States and Canada. Many are the smugglers convicted and lying behind bars.

The most original and unique method yet discovered has come to light near London, Wash., when two customs officers shot three dogs, which they saw emerge from the bush, each dog having a sort of saddle strapped about it.

For some months there has been suspicion that opium was being brought to various cities along the coast in large quantities, but the officers had not been able to apprehend and arrest any smugglers crossing the line.

Officer Smith, of this place, declared he would go into the woods and not return until he had discovered something. It was while lying in the heavy timber that he accidentally saw the dogs coming down a steep decline well

into the territory of Uncle Sam that his eyes were opened. He shot the dogs, and opening the saddles strapped to them found three pounds of opium on each animal. The address was given in code fashion, so any attempt to trace the owners of the dogs was impossible.

It is now supposed that the smugglers are foreigners who have been in the German and Austrian armies, and have learned the art of teaching dogs to silently work for them as do the hospital corps dogs for the army commissary. Somewhere in Canada is a place where the dogs are loaded up and sent southward into the United States, and there delivered of their previous loads. The dogs were of the result of inter-breeding a bird dog and a foxhound, and had been trained to follow a beaten path without averting in the least.

Unless the smugglers have been warned, the officers hope to find the owners of the dogs by tracing and following the animals should any more be seen.

TOOK HIS NUMBER.

"So the big touring car came within an inch of running down your bronco?" said the new arrival. "Did you take the number?"

"You bet I did, pard!" replied Ambler Pete, as he jubilantly displayed a piece of punctured tire. "I took it right off at this second shot. Here it is!"—Chicago Daily News.