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MR. MEIGHEN'S CREED.

"More than any other country, Canada needs a protective system. She is a young country mostly undeveloped. She lies alongside a great big country tremendously developed. The United States has every advantage. It has a tremendous and tremendous advantage besides. It surely follows, to the mind of every reasonable man, that to abandon the protective system in Canada would be simply to invite the absorption of Canadian industry in the far vaster industries of the United States. The principles of the protection of Canadian industry have been proclaimed by practically every statesman who has shouldered the responsibility of government in Canada. They are sound and they are right and the vast mass of the people of Canada know that they are sound and right."

—From Premier Meighen's Portage Speech.

A NATIONAL STATESMAN.

The enormous crowd at the Armory last night furnished abundant proof of the popularity of the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, otherwise the people would not have been there in such large numbers to hear the addresses delivered by him and his colleagues. The thousands who were fortunate enough to get within sound of the Prime Minister's voice heard a speech that was not only a great one but was congenial to the sentiments and opinions of the mass of St. John citizens. The cheers with which it was greeted came from the hearts of the audience. To say of a political speech that it struck the popular chord is not to certify to its moral character. As a rule politicians of the shifty order are tactful enough to consult what they consider the prejudices of any large audience they have to face. Speeches to which little exception could be taken have been addressed to St. John crowds by party leaders who did not mean all they said, and whose course in public life was guided by principles that would not for a moment be tolerated by the great majority of St. John people. These very diplomatic speakers knew what to avoid, and when to lapse into mistiness, and at what points to give way to bursts of candor. In the audience last night there must have been many who had previous experience of being ambushed by such vote-catching oratory, many who noted the contrast between the honeyed words spoken for their beguiling and the things afterwards done by the solicited orator.

The audience last night knew that the speaker was dealing in good faith with them, and that it was not the voice of flattery or deception they were listening to. Speech the ring of sincerity in it, but from beginning to end it sounded the note of national common sense. But that might not be a sufficient test. A politician whose only merit is proficiency in the art of persuasive eloquence might succeed in imposing on his hearers by a sham sincerity and reasonableness, and dupe them out of their confidence. The public have a check on Mr. Meighen in his record. His Armory speech is exactly in accord with that. From the first he has stood for adequate protection, and has advocated it on public platforms and before great audiences in every Province and at most of the great trade centres in this country. The speech he delivered last night is no sporadic outburst of Ministerial communicativeness for assuring the people of St. John. It is one speech in a series to be delivered in the course of a tour of the whole Dominion. And it is not the first speech nor is it the last to be given in that tour. Upwards of thirty-five large audiences in different parts of the country have already been addressed by Mr. Meighen within the last four weeks. The speeches are all on record and have received publicity throughout the length and breadth of the country. It is easy for anyone who has any curiosity in the matter to collate these speeches of Mr. Meighen's and satisfy himself as to how last night's utterance, which squares so well with Mr. Meighen's work as a statesman, compares with what he said to audiences at other times in other parts of Canada. Such an examination would satisfy the inquirer that in the matter of consistency Mr. Meighen's political character grades A+. He is an honorable statesman, and he is happy in the possession of a national reputation for honorable statesmanship. He seems to carry over with any group

or section by showing himself ready to shade his opinions to the complexion of their policy.

The people in the Armory last night heard the National Policy upheld by a National statesman. That is the proper description of the Prime Minister who, after sustained and strenuous labors in administrative service, has undertaken and will carry out—provided his voice will permit of it—an extremely arduous tour of speech-making from end to end of Canada, in the course of which speech-making he may be depended upon never for a moment to waver from support of the one great principle for the forwarding of Canada, the principle of adequate protection. This drive against the anti-protection forces, who so long had the field to themselves in Western Canada will prove arduous is not unlikely, but it promises to be fruitful. So far Mr. Meighen's tour has been effective as a means of making the support of the National Policy co-extensive with the national population and the good results already apparent may reasonably be looked to continue.

As to Mr. Baxter's address, it is sufficient to say that he "ran true to form." The people of St. John know him as an interesting and forceful speaker at all times, one who always has his facts duly marshaled, and with the happy knack of presenting them in the most attractive and telling fashion. That he had his audience with him was plainly evident from the attention with which he was followed and the applause which punctuated many of his remarks. Particularly was this the case when he appealed for closer co-operation among the Maritime Provinces, for it is rapidly being realized by thinking men and women that if these provinces are ever to get the fair and reasonable treatment from the more populous portions of Canada, that they are entitled to under the Confederation pact, it must be by the combined efforts of all these provinces. Individual action is too ineffective to get results, and the old adage that "Union is Strength" needs to be thoroughly appreciated by the people of these provinces if they would get what is coming to them. The other Minister who spoke, Mr. McCreedy had less to say than his colleagues, but what he did say appeared to be thoroughly appreciated.

THE "BUSINESS" SIDE OF MATRIMONY.

King Constantine of Greece hasn't been so successful as he would have liked against the Turks, but he has executed a coup that will strengthen him immensely by tying up his family with a great American fortune. These American millions will enable him to live in the style to which he has been accustomed, and will give him a prestige among the Greek politicians which will go far in recompensing what he may have lost by his unsuccessful forays into Asia Minor.

The King took the first step towards replenishing the royal treasury when he engineered the marriage of Prince Christopher to Mrs. William B. Leeds, the widow of the American plate magnate, who was a king in his own right in this particular branch of industry.

This marriage will make it possible for an American woman to become queen of Greece sometime, which will be better for the throne, whatever else may be said of it, than to have a German princess for queen, as happened when the great war came. But following the nuptials of the Greek prince and the Widow Leeds, comes the union of the son of her Royal Highness, William B. Jr. to Princess Xenia, a Russian and a niece of Constantine's. This marriage took place in Paris recently and went off with much "clat," as they say. Three ceremonies were performed to make assurance doubly sure, the last one being in the Russian Orthodox Church. All the kings and queens and their families who could reach the French capital were present, and it is rare that a social event attended by such magnificence is staged even in that gay center of fashion.

All this must have been very pleasing to the Leeds's, who no doubt like that sort of thing, but especially must it have brought sweet solace to the heart of the Greek king, who has met with some rebuffs since he ousted Venizelos from power and returned to his throne at Athens.

Whatever happens politically in Greece he is now insured against having to go out looking for a job as head waiter or for an equally menial occupation, as some members of European royalty have been compelled to do; and he is also protected politically, for a king with an ample private purse has its attractions for the people of any country.

The National Liberal-Conservative party in Kings and Queens Counties are to be congratulated upon their choice of a standard bearer. In Mr. George S. Jones they have a candidate who can be depended upon to look after not only local interests, but the larger and more important interests of the Maritime Provinces generally. As one of the representatives of Kings County in the Legislature for the past thirteen years, he has had an opportunity of gaining considerable parliamentary experience which should stand him in good stead at Ottawa. Though his speeches at Fredericton have not swelled the size of the Official Report to any considerable extent, he has always been regarded as one of the strong men of his party and his counsel and advice have ever been continuously sought after and highly esteemed by his colleagues. There should be no difficulty whatever experienced in electing Mr. Jones no matter who his opponents or opponents may be.

The effect of conserving the home market for home producers is to increase the output of these producers, and it is a fact well understood by everybody with any knowledge of manufacturing, that the bigger the output the lower is the cost to produce. Lower production costs mean of course lower prices. Further, the lower the price is the greater is the demand. Take by way of illustration the Ford car. It has been substantially reduced in price three different times during the last year, and with each reduction in price the demand has increased.



The Hon. C. W. Robinson is generally regarded as a shrewd business man, even if he is somewhat of a politician. Just how easy going he must be in his private life is shown by the fact that he approved of the ridiculous regulation limiting the number of partridges that may be legally shot to six per day, and twenty for the entire season. Mr. Robinson is too shrewd a man to suppose that any sportsman is going to pack up his gun and walk home when he has got his authorized number or stop at twenty in the season. Why therefore permit the promulgation of such a silly regulation?

I see in an American paper that Babe Ruth is suffering from an infected left elbow, steadily swollen, that legs are crippled with Charley horse—whatever that may be—and he has a sore knee, to say nothing of a low-grade fever. Well, outside of these trifles I hope the Babe is feeling all right.

I asked a girl with whom I was walking yesterday, why she wore furs in summer and she said it was so as to avoid giving me the cold shoulder. Wasn't that nice?

I notice that the price of ice cream sandwiches has been reduced in some places. Let people still complain that there is no reduction in the high cost of living!

The Game Law requires that non-resident hunters must take a guide into the woods with them, not of course with any idea of thinning out the guides.

Tegucigalpa is the name of the capital of the new Central American Federation. Take your time about it and you may pronounce it all right.

Mr. H. W. Wood comes from Missouri, and is one of those who "want to be shown." He should be shown—the door, and helped out.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Polytrot Court. The International Court of Justice, established under the auspices of the League of Nations, is a cosmopolitan body of jurists. Of the 11 judges and four deputy judges no two belong to the same state, and they discuss in twelve mother tongues. Two are of English speech, Viscount Finlay of Great Britain and John Bassett Moore of the United States. The representative from Spain, and the one from Cuba speak Spanish. French is spoken by the judge from France and the deputy from Belgium. The German-speaking member hails from Switzerland. Dr. Barbosa of Brazil probably learned Portuguese in infancy. Italy, Japan, Holland and Denmark nurtured the other judges, while Belgium, Roumania, Serbia and China are the homes of the deputies. The British Empire was within sight of a second appointment. In the first ballot Sir Robert Borden tied with Mr. Bassett Moore, but the United States candidate was elected on the second ballot. Several of the judges have held distinguished positions on the bench of their own country. Viscount Finlay has been lord chancellor of the United Kingdom, and all the members of the court have a national and most of them an international reputation as jurists. It is stated that the world has four great systems of jurisprudence and that all are represented in this remarkable court.—Vancouver Province.

Ways With Unemployment. There are as many ways of alleviating unemployment as the nations concerned, and a survey of the world shows that the greater the efforts at unwise relief the worse the results. This ought not to harden our hearts toward real distress among those undeservedly or unwillingly idle, but should suggest mingling prudence with benevolence. The least prudent and the greatest pretension of benevolence toward the proletariat were shown in Russia. There the entire possessions of the property owners were put at the service of the wage earners and squandered in the encouragement of unemployment. Since

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Last night pop was late for supper again on account of playing tennis with Mr. Jones next door, and ma said, my goodness, William, it must be a fascinating game to make you forget your stomach, has he?

It is a fascinating game, there's only one game as fascinating as tennis and that's another game of tennis, hand me the peas, please, sed pop. With ma did, saying, Well how do you play it, William, last night you told me you would explain the rules to me some other time, and this is some other time, so I explain them now.

Well, sed pop, in the first place the server serves the ball. Natchery, sed ma.

Don't interrupt, please, I'm trying to put it in very simple language for you, sed pop, and ma sed, Well you don't need to make it too simple, of course the server has to serve, natchery.

Whose explaining this? sed pop, and ma sed, You are, if you ever get started, and pop sed, Very well then, the server serves the ball.

As you sed before, sed ma, and pop sed, Well, he's allowed to serve the ball, and this is the 2nd ball he served, the first one went in the net, haw, haw, did you ever get stung.

All right, go on, go on, what happens then? sed ma, and pop sed, Then the ball is hit back by the man on the other side of the net.

O, you mean the first mans partner, sed ma.

Yes, I mean, no, certainly not, not his partner, his opponent, sed pop.

That's what I ment, sed ma.

Yes, its the same thing, only different, sed pop, and ma sed, Well, go on, wait then?

Then I stop explaining before I get brain fever, sed pop.

Now William, you can say I wasn't following you, sed ma, and pop sed, You were ahead of me, if anything. And he opened the paper and stayed behind it.

THE LAUGH LINE

If you can't have what you like try to like what you have.

Everything seems dull to the man who hasn't will enough to catch the point.

"Dr." is an ambiguous abbreviation when used to express the relationship between the patient and his physician.

Old Saying Verified. "You nearly ran over those people," said the traffic cop, stopping the motorist. "Sorry officer! You see I just got this car and—"

"What's your name?"

"Little."

"Ah! A little learning is a dangerous thing," chuckled the cultured cop, and he was so tickled with his joke that he let the transgressor go free.—Boston Transcript.

Like Cure Like. Ted—What did you do to cheer him up when he told you his troubles? Ned—I told him mine.—New York Sun.

As Many a Wife Knows. The poor that we have always with us includes poor excuses.

Sure Fire. Alice—I'd like to make Gladys mad at me. Virginia—Correct her grammar.—New York Sun.

First Prize. "My dog took first prize at the cat show."

"Why was that?"

"He took the cat!"

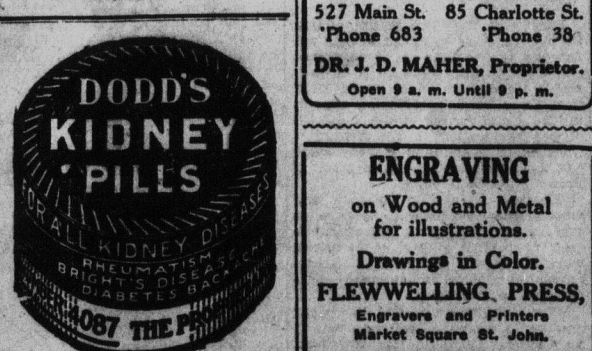
Would Be Big Reduction. In a dining car you pay for the amount that you eat, and Pullman rates will be satisfactory when we pay for the amount that we sleep.—Life.

Costume. Of yore the statesman we would note in high hat and Prince Albert coat, At present, to avoid delay, He wears his golfing clothes all day.—Washington Star.



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CAR CRASHES H FALSE

Policeman Knocked off his feet by a car which was walking down the road. Driver Badly Injured.

New York, Oct. 11.—Three persons were seriously injured in a succession of automobile accidents resulting directly from a bungler's scare at Seventh avenue and 113th street. Patrolman William O'Hara, having been alerted by the supposed robbery, commenced the taxi of Otto Holbrook of 2764 Creston avenue, The Bronx, 114th street and Seventh avenue. Three other cars followed and at the corner of 113th street one skidded to the police car, knocking O'Hara from the running board.

At this point a touring car, driven by a woman, skidded into the curb and injuring Thos. Lewis of 1845 Seventh avenue, who was standing on the sidewalk.

Agnes Clary of 184 West 137th street, an occupant of the taxi, was taken to Harlem Hospital with a fractured skull and internal injuries. Lewis is recovering from his wounds.

Arms Parley View In League Council

Silesia Pretext for Consideration. It So as to Avoid Hardship Objection.

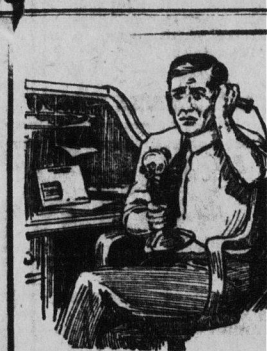
Paris, Oct. 12.—Another session of the Supreme Council, whereat French and British attitudes to adopted at the Washington conference are likely to play an important part, opened today in connection with the informed diplomatic circles. The suggested for the session is immediately after the League of Nations council has announced its resolution on the Silesia question, and the French should be avoided, it is considered that some sort of contact between the Powers is inevitable, following Premier Briand's declaration yesterday that his policy regarding internal and external affairs is based on a policy of solidarity.

It seems here that any decision of the Supreme Council regarding Silesia is bound to bring up the question of a reduction in military forces as Premier Briand has now confessed that Germany has practically complied with the treaty's disarmament clause with the exception of her police garrisons, and, therefore, there is the necessity of maintaining troops along the Ruhr frontier.

A European Preliminary. It will be during the discussion regarding the lifting of the military sanctions that the general phases of the disarmament conference will be approached, with Belgium and Italy representatives thus taking part in the "European preliminary" before President Harding's conference actually fixes its agenda.

The Premier's insistence that security of France from invasion, financially or economically, by Germany must be the basis of any reduction of her present military strength is fast tonight by the Journal des Debats, an argument for an immediate clear understanding with Great Britain, this newspaper declaring that Premier Briand has not a day to go if he wishes to go to Washington.

"His first duty before the conference in Washington must be to exp



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