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EXIT ROGERS—WHAT NEXT?

The despatches refer to the resignation of Hon. Mr. Rogers as a surprise. That is wrong. The understanding was fairly general that Sir Robert Borden would not face the rough sea of a general election until he had lightened ship by throwing overboard not only Mr. Rogers, the "minister of elections," but several other present occupants of the cabinet, and the remaining members of the cabinet, are today asking: "Who's next?" For the process of elimination begun with Mr. Rogers must go on. The Prime Minister cannot create a reaction in favor of his party by releasing Mr. Rogers alone. That is decidedly not to be considered possible. To get rid of eight or ten more cabinet ministers would be popular, of course, but likewise it would complete the confession of weakness and despair which the Rogers resignation suggests. Still, the Premier cannot go on with the crew he has left. More must go. And in choosing between a revolt in the cabinet circle and a revolt in the ranks of the party outside, Sir Robert faces trouble of the gravest order. And he faces it knowing that it is impossible to save the ministry. The country will not have the Borden government at any price. That is the recognized fact.

As to Mr. Rogers, the first sacrifice, the circumstances attending his departure are such as to cause the Toronto Globe to suggest that the whole scheme may be a stage play to deceive the country, "make-believe" to create the impression that the virtuous Borden has dismissed the evil Rogers from the highest motives, while in reality they have arranged to compose their differences after the elections and give Mr. Rogers a better job—if it still should be within the power of the Conservative party to give jobs. The Globe's suspicions will be thought justified by most people. Just lately it was deemed advisable to have a judicial commission report upon Hon. Mr. Rogers' conduct and ascertain whether or not Mr. Justice Galt was right in condemning him so strongly. The McLeod-Tellier report reversed the Galt findings—but not the popular verdict. What certain western newspapers said about the McLeod-Tellier report was really and truly shocking. Anyhow, the new certificate of character given to Mr. Rogers didn't meet the case. Something went wrong with the whole scheme, and he gets out.

He waits another tide. Stories of a row between him and the Prime Minister are mere moonshine. The bond between them is strong. Otherwise Sir Robert Borden never would have consented to a rehearing of the Galt charges. Speculation as to a union government is sharply revived by the Rogers resignation device. It is really assumed in some quarters that with Mr. Rogers out all sorts of Liberals will flock to Sir Robert Borden and assist him in creating a seaworthy cabinet good enough to face an election or even to justify the further extension of parliament. Any such development is highly unlikely. The Borden government is better with Mr. Rogers out, but his elimination at the eleventh hour does not cure a hopeless situation, but merely throws more light upon it. The resignation, in fact, is a confession of desperation rather than a medicine likely to revive a government that is moribund. The scheme now will be to make a bluff at reconstruction, taking in such outsiders as may be willing to go in—a scant and doubtful company in all probability—and seeking to persuade the country that at the last minute a miracle has been wrought and that the leopard has changed its spots. The country will not have it. The country will now demand a chance to create a new House of Commons out of which a truly national government can be formed.

THE CASES ARE DIFFERENT

The Toronto Star, referring to the fact that the western Liberals want a national government formed after the elections, points out to those who desire a national government at once, and who cite the British government as an example, that there is a very marked difference in the two cases. It says: "The difference is that in Canada we are trying to get along with a government elected six years ago in time of peace, on an issue not connected with the war, and that the personnel of the government has not been radically changed. It has not been recast for war purposes. In Great Britain the government has been twice changed for war purposes. First there was a coalition of the old kind under the old prime minister. This may be compared with the proposed coalition under Sir Robert Borden. But this was not satisfactory. The coalition went out and was replaced by the Lloyd George government, and the system of administration was revolutionized. Important changes in personnel have been made since that time. An election is not regarded as necessary in England, because all that could be done by an executive. But in Canada the extension of the parliamentary term has been used simply to keep things as they

were before the war. Some changes have been made. General Hughes has left, and is succeeded by a wonderful combination of official heads, but there has been no accession of vigor in the department of militia. Outside of some minor changes the government has run in the old ruts. In time of war people are inclined to waive their constitutional rights for the sake of increasing energy in the executive. Here we are not allowed to make the choice. We waive our constitutional rights and get nothing. The western Liberals think they see a way of getting both. They want an election, a fresh and representative parliament, and out of these they hope to create a vigorous government. What does Sir Robert Borden offer them as an alternative?"

So far as can be gathered from past experience Sir Robert Borden offers nothing but disunion in Canada; for that has been the tendency of his leadership these half dozen years past. That is why Liberals distrust him so thoroughly. And that explains the action of the western Liberals.

American papers publish a report that M. Kerensky, the big man of the hour in Russia, is afflicted with tuberculosis. If this is true the world will marvel the more at the wonderful energy he has shown and the great things he has done and is doing to keep his nation faithful to its compact with the Allies and carry on the war to a victorious end. All the best elements in his native land and all the Allies will hope that ill-health will not intervene to check him in a work that has won him already fame that is world-wide.

Incidents such as that which marred an afternoon of sport at Moosepath Park yesterday are regrettable. It is well to remember that the judges are in authority at the race track. If an owner or driver has a grievance or does not believe a ruling is just he may protest. But it serves no good purpose to create a scene and bring the police into the business.

The Times' advertising columns today will be found even more than usually attractive, as many columns are filled with announcements of bargains for Dollar Day, tomorrow. Economy is the watchword of the day, and careful buying is economy. The Times offers a comprehensive display of special price offerings in many lines that will appeal to the thrifty.

It is a dull day when the exposure of the payment of a large sum to some Tory politician is not made in the New Brunswick graft inquiries. The people of that province are, learning the lesson of the victory of the Liberal party last spring was—Halifax Chronicle.

Yes, Manitoba, British Columbia, New Brunswick—and the whole Dominion next. The Liberal wave is not to be resisted.

Signs point to early government control of the United States coal output and its distribution. In Canada we seem to be content to mark time. We have been three years in the war, yet it cannot but strike all who read and notice that Washington already is showing Ottawa the road.

A few days ago Captain George Guy, namer, an intrepid French airman, brought down two German airplanes in combat somewhere on the western battle front. This makes his record fifty-two enemy air fighting craft destroyed. How the Teutons must hate the very letters that make up his name.

The Italian front today divides interest with the western battle line. These are unhappy days for the weakening forces of the enemy nations.

It is hard to conceive Hon. Robert Rogers giving up his cabinet position unless there is something better in view. The country knows him.

Was Judge Galt right after all then?

Had Formed the Habit
A man was very sick. He had a good doctor, but the doctor was puzzled about his case, so he held a consultation. Four other doctors came, looked wise, shook their heads and went away. Then the original doctor summoned the patient's wife.

"I must tell you that your husband is in a serious condition," he said. "If in a religiously inclined, I should advise that you send for a minister without delay."

"Yes, doctor," answered the wife. "I shall I just get the family minister or will he need a consultation?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Got His Wish
The conjugal dispute waxed loud and furious. Mrs. Blank said, "Yes, yes, it was so." Mr. Blank said, "Pooh! Pooh! It was not so."

In the end came tears. Then Mrs. Blank fell to reproaches. "I was reading one of your old letters, James, only today," she sobbed, "and you said in it that you would rather live in endless torment with me than in bliss by yourself."

"Well," grunted Blank, "I got my wish."—Milwaukee Free Press.

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—Beranger.
Amid the strivings of the game,
The whirling storm of life's tornado;
The blast of care, the gust of fame,
We all some day must meet the shadow.

We hustle and dispute the ground,
As stage by stage the game's proceeding;
Yet all must reach the final round,
And line up for the fight succeeding.

And I have seen this silent shade;
Its visitings I cannot reckon;
And yet I do not feel its beckon.
Though in the dark I see it beckon.

Why fear to meet what must be met?
Since flower and tree, like man and nation
Must live and die, must rise and set;
'Tis but the plan of all creation.

So, thou art Death! I hail thee friend!
Since from thy sway there is no shielding;
The highest courage at the end
Is not in fighting, but in yielding.

—A. THOMSON.
819 Princess street.

LIGHTER VEIN

Weight and Brains
President H. H. Wright of Fisk University was complaining in Nashville about the worship of wealth which characterizes the twentieth century.

"A young man," he said, "asked me the other day which was more essential, riches or brains."
"Brains," said I, "of course, but in these times the only way a man can convince people he has got brains is to get riches."—Washington Star.

Twisted.
This Spoonerism was committed by a clerk—can while reading the morning paper—And personally the wig tree fished away.

A Great Little Notice.
"We notice," notices the Wellington News, "that very few automobile accidents happen to people on their way to church."

Living Up To The Part.
Bridges—You talk a good deal less since you've been married.
Griggs—Yes, my wife thinks I'm the smartest man on earth, and I have to be mighty careful what I say.

Advice.
"If you have something good to say, say it," said Robert Melts.
"But if it's something mean and bad, why then say something else."

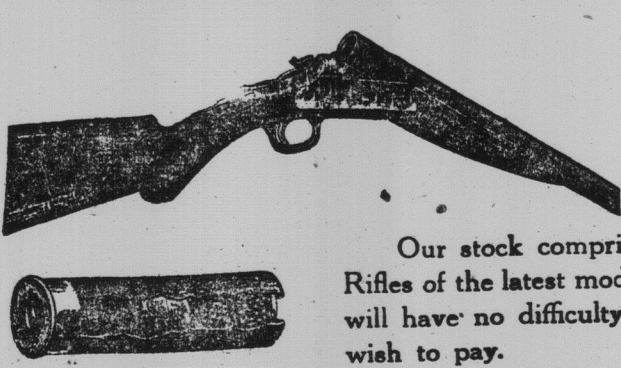
And Yet Keeping Your \$5
Willie—Paw, what is tact?
Paw—Tact is the art of seeming to be interested in other people's hard luck stories, my son.

When Mahally, who did the family washing, came on Monday morning to get the bundle of soiled garments, she was wearing a black eye, which stood out vividly against the brown background of her broad and comely face.

"Dear me," said her sympathetic employer, "what has happened to your eye?"
"A nigger man hit me," said Mahally briefly.

"Oh, that's too bad," said the lady. "Was it your husband that hit you, Mahally?"
"No, ma'am," said Mahally, with emphasis. "George, he don't never hit me. He treats me mo' lak a friend than a husband."—Tombridge Clarion.

GUNS AND AMMUNITION

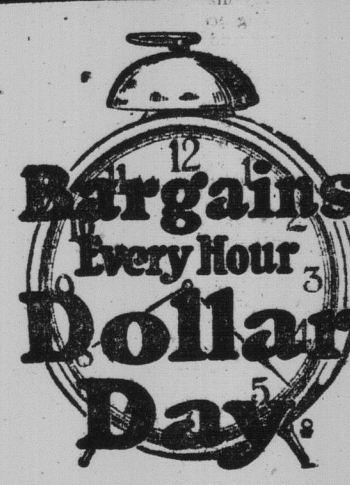


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INCREASING STRESS OF AMERICAN LIFE

(Equitable Public Bulletin.)

In America the war order to "speed up" comes to a people whose vitality is already under abnormal strain.

To generalize, we may say that this life strain is due to intense physical living, that is, over indulgence in physical and mental activity on the part of some, and of ease, luxury and lack of physical activity on the part of others.

Proud as we are of the progress already made in fighting disease, our efforts have been purely indirect compared to the magnitude of health and life waste still going on.

Signs of the high nervous and mental tension under which many of us live in normal times are abundant especially in the mortality records.

We have, for instance, over 15,000 suicides annually. Our murder rate is many times higher than that of any other civilized country.

The number of people whom we maim or kill in our streets on our highways, and in our industries, due almost wholly to the heedless haste, or reckless neglect of individuals and employers, is truly appalling. This maiming and killing of citizens is far beyond that of any other nation.

Other signs of the mental and physical stress of American life are found in the declining birth rate, in the increase in insanity and mental defects, in the rejection of over one-third of our young men by the recruiting officers for lack of physical fitness and endurance, and in the great number of overfed and under-exercised people in the various walks of American life.

These are all common signs of life strain familiar to people who observe and read, but there are other convincing evidences of which the average person knows little because they are buried in the vital statistics.

He does not know, for instance, that every year about 60,000 Americans below age of forty die of the diseases of old age.

These are due to the wearing out of the vital organs weakened by the stress of life in this or former generations.

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ligion to Asia, and that of learning and science to Europe."

An Arab revival should, he thinks, make rapid progress with the delivery of this ancient and virile people from the crude military autocracy that usurped the Moslem papacy."

The Arabs are aiding themselves to their revolt against the Turk seems to have already passed beyond the stage of possible failure to the point where it may become of real assistance in aiding the British to bring an end to tyranny and misrule in Palestine.

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