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A BRITISH WARNING.

"It is pleasant to see that fine statesman, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, denounce with characteristic force the wicked attempt to generate an international passion, and rush the Dominions into civil and unconditional course. Sir Wilfrid told the public-mongering visitors—they were, nobody will be surprised to learn, a group of financiers—that the German peril does not exist, and that Canada has no intention of being drawn into Europe's mad race for armaments."—London Daily News and Leader.

The News and Leader gauges with accuracy the latest move of rampant imperialism and jingoism. Get the people excited, then, with race hatred, convince the colonialists that they have to fight, and Englishmen, that they need colonial help; thus the empire may be rushed into some hasty machinery of federal government such as Mr. Borden has been put up to ask for, such as every constituent part of the empire except New Zealand rejected last summer at the Imperial Conference, and such as neither South Africa nor Australia shows any inclination to accept. "There can be little doubt," says the News and Leader, "that the idea of a single Imperial fleet under a single control, has no chance of acceptance by the Dominions."

Why? "The single Imperial navy implies some imperial organ with executive powers on which the Dominions are represented." But, as an Australian writing in the "Round Table" expresses it, the sense of nationality is far too highly developed in the Dominions. Nevertheless, a well-managed agitation, with a powerful press for its guns, and panic for ammunition, is endeavoring to bring the issue to a head. Britain on the one hand, and the colonies on the other, into a cast-iron federation before they get time to think in calmness. Federalism in haste and repent in leisure. The agitation is, as the News and Leader says, primarily political. It is intended at least to embarrass the Asquith Government by rousing the people to hopes of the impossible. Mr. Borden also, for his part, can afford to coquet with the militarists, and start a cock and bull scheme of contribution, in order to kill time and stave off the trouble of the Canadian Conservative party in settling a question on which they are hopelessly at sea.

In the second place, the News and Leader hints that large financial interests are deeply concerned in fomenting this anti-German frenzy. Shipbuilding is one of the greatest of British industries and numerous others depend upon it. A contribution from Canada would be acceptable, of course, and they are passing the hat as they cry out what passes for wisdom in the street and circulate the Harmsworth press.

As the News and Leader says, "the people of Canada can and should consider the question of imperial defence with due deliberation, unmoved by any anxiety lest a moment's delay or hesitation to accept this or that specific will bring disaster upon the empire." Disaster is much more likely to come through credulity and precipitate action.

THE MIDLOTHIAN ELECTION.

The British Liberals have lost the constituency of Midlothian, endeared to them by Gladstone's famous victory in 1879, when he signified his re-entry into public life and into the leadership by storming this stronghold of landlordism, and overthrowing the long ascendancy of the Duke of Buccleuch. His campaign had become a cherished tradition of British Liberalism, which is now hit in a tender spot.

The vote tells the usual tale—the Unionist candidate snatching a victory out of the feud between Liberalism and Labor. The combined Liberal and Labor vote was 8,402; the Unionist vote 6,021. In the last general election, when there was no Labor candidate, the Liberal vote was 5,837, the Unionist 5,680. The Unionist vote has increased 241; the Liberal vote has decreased 2,848. Without doubt the Labor vote of 2,412 was drawn almost entirely from the Liberal party. The Laborites had a popular and able candidate in Provost Brown, of Dalkeith, the centre of a busy mining and industrial region, where the Liberals have been all-powerful. His exceedingly radical platform, which included the nationalization of lands, railways, and mines, must have appealed strongly to the mine and factory workers at the expense of the Liberals. The Unionist candidate absolutely ignored the tariff question and trained his heavy guns on the insurance act, tactics which would be impossible in a general election. The indorsement of the principle of the act by the Unionist Opposition in Parliament, and its attacks upon it in every by-election, are not to be reconciled by any honorable or even plausible argument, but this strategy is laying up a store of trouble for the party against its return to office, when it will have to destroy or enforce the act.

Meanwhile, the Liberal party is not so much menaced by the reaction to Conservatism as by the breach with the Laborites. If the feud is carried into Parliament, the Government will not be able to survive for the two years required to enact the home rule, the Welsh disestablishment and adult suffrage bills. The Unionists will inevitably win the next election if the Laborites force triangular contests in any considerable number of constituencies. There are those in the Labor group, like Mr. Keir Hardie, who urge this policy in the hope of extinguishing or dividing the Liberal party so that the Labor party may become the chief organ of British democracy. In order to bring this about, they would willingly see a Conservative Government installed for a period. With the Liberal party reduced to comparative impotence, the great battle of the remote future would be fought between Conservatism and Socialism. This is the confrontation today in Germany, where Liberalism has been crushed between reactionism and revolutionism. The British Conservatives, in fighting Liberal schemes of social amelioration, are not helping to preserve the existing social order.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN CANADA.

Sir Rodmond Roblin, that gentle knight, says he is resolutely opposed to woman suffrage, having too much respect for the sex to consent to see it "mixed up in the mess of politics."

It has to be admitted that politics is an unsavory mess in Manitoba. The women would do a great deal to clean it up. Sir Rodmond is ungallant enough to hint that they would soil their hands in the process. At any rate they would bring clean hands to the work, and Sir Rodmond would have more reason than the women to dread the result. The Winnipeg Free Press says:

"Both Sir Rodmond and the liquor traffic are on the losing side in regard to woman suffrage. Some things on the political horizon are uncertain, but there is one thing which looms up with absolute certainty. And it is this: that whether it comes sooner or later—and it will probably be sooner than later—women will have the vote in all the principal countries of the world, as they have it already in several countries, including two of the British Dominions."

All but the older men in Canada will see woman suffrage in Canada become so much a matter of course that they will look back upon the opposition to it with amused wonder. It will come when the women demand it in sufficient numbers. But the women who are actively interested will have to be more numerous than at present before the politicians will take the movement seriously. The advocates of the cause realize this, and a vigorous propaganda will soon be under way. The militants in Great Britain who brought it into practical politics with a rush, have given it a setback by their recent excesses, but it cannot be long retarded there, and the British example will prove contagious in Canada.

With a minority vote the Unionists can scarcely claim to have won the heart of Midlothian.

The East Nissouri township council wants the Provincial Government to build all the good roads. What a resourceful job for a practical politician!

Snow and sleet in England on top of floods and a ruined harvest. If the boom in trade would only collapse, the tariff reformers would have the opportunity they have been praying for.

The London Times is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. Its news service covers the world perhaps better than any other, but its opinions are still limited to Pall Mall and Piccadilly.

The Toronto Star advises everyone to buy or borrow Norman Angell's book, "The Great Illusion." This is good advice. Any intelligent person who follows it will have one illusion less during the rest of his life.

The census returns show that more than half the factories of Canada are still in Ontario. Some day Ontario farms will keep pace with Ontario factories, and the premier Province will show a constantly receding pair of heels to her sisters.

A NEW BOGEY.
[Ottawa Journal.]

Budding politicians in Canada may now be lulled to sleep with the ditty: "The Suffragettes will get you if you don't watch out."

SERVED THEM RIGHT.

[Hamilton Spectator.]

Looks like a sample of righteous retribution, when a gun intended to charivari, exploded in the hands of two Kingston young men, wounding them both.

FORM-EXPOSING DRESS.

[Montreal Gazette.]

Forty prominent young women of Morgantown, W. Va., who are in with the present fashion-posting style of dress, have taken an oath not to wear any gown made from the new pleated full skirt pattern. Which simply means that if they keep their agreement they will not be in the fashion, an awful predicament from a feminine point of view. It is to be feared that the ranks of the two-score will rapidly become weakened.

RECIPROCITY STILL.

[Moore Evening Times.]

Reciprocity, instead of being a thorn in the flesh of the Liberals, is a policy which will carry Liberalism triumphantly back to the treasury benches.

TAX THE VACANT LOT.

[Toronto Saturday Night.]

The taxation of land values can, under the supervision of an intelligent department, be put on a perfectly fair and adequate basis in the least possible time and with the minimum amount of friction. Tax the vacant lot, owned by a fellow who lives in a distant part of the city and who is looking for land values to rise, a sum proportionately equal to that paid by the owner next door who has built and thereby contributed largely to the vacant land-owner's "unearned increment," and it would be really wonderful to witness how quickly that vacant land would acquire a building of some sort and begin making a living for itself.

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MERELY MUDDY.

[Washington Star.]

"People are allus imprat," said Grandpa Stubblegrass, "by what they can't see through. Many a stream gits credit fur bein' deep when it's only muddy."

NOT IN SENTENCE.

[Boston Transcript.]

"Doesn't your choir sing at the prison any more?"

"No, several of the prisoners objected on the ground that it wasn't included in their sentences."

A POLITICAL BABEL.

[Ottawa Free Press.]

It is all very well for Hon. Mr. Monk to test the acoustics of the Commons Chamber all by himself. But the trick is to hear when a dozen members and the speaker are all trying to talk at once.

BRITISH M. P.'S IN CANADA.

[Montreal Gazette.]

Over fifty members of the British Parliament are reported to be in various parts of Canada at the present time. The result should be good on both sides of the ocean. The visitors will be able to see what is in this country's general make-up and the knowledge gained will make for correct views.

FRESH AIR MEDICINE.

[Buffalo Express.]

But while the curative work goes on, thousands of more or less able-bodied persons make no effort to secure individual breathing space. They sleep with closed windows, ride in closed cars, and work in stuffy offices or shops or stores. Some few persons in the crowd, whose lungs are offended, protest or escape, but the bulk of humanity tolerates polluted air while it cries for unpolluted food and drink.

Fresh air has been esteemed a matter of enjoyment, but not so much a matter of health. The assertion that it is the best of medicine should lead soon not only to greater ventilation in it, but also to its maintenance by prevention of city impurities.

HE DIED POOR.

[New York Herald.]

The late Bishop Gratton of the Fond du Lac Episcopal Diocese gave \$700,000 to church uses during his life, and left a personal estate of only \$1,000, with no realty. This was "dying poor" in a way that makes the example illustrious.

THE SWEET-TEMPERED REVIEW.

[National Review.]

He (Winston Churchill) made himself conspicuous among the amorphous mass of boulders who surged into Westminster in 1905 by his officious and vindictive speeches appealing to all the worst instincts of the worst party in the worst Parliament of our time.

ALL CAREFUL NOW.

[St. Louis Republic.]

It is incorrect to speak of the careless pedestrian in the present tense. The careless pedestrian is dead and buried.

EXPERIENCED.

[London Opinion.]

She—That's a funny French dish on the menu. Do you know what it means?

He—Yes, an attack of indigestion if you take it.

UNCOMPLIMENTARY.

[Los Angeles Herald.]

Mrs. Gotham: "Don't you think those doughnuts are an improvement on the last ones I made?"

Mr. Gotham—Oh, yes, dear; the holes are larger.

CRUEL.

[Judge.]

Miss Yellowleaf—Yes, ours is a very old family. You know, we came over in the Mayflower.

Mr. Yellowleaf—Indeed! And did you—er—have a pleasant voyage?

PROBABLY.

[Harper's Weekly.]

A report like a pistol shot rang out on the air, and Uncle Silas jumped nervously.

"Massy anybody?" he cried. "What was that? Somebody been shot?"

"Oh, no," smiled his city cousin, "that's only an automobile."

"Oh," said the old man, "somebody discharged his show-foor."

THE OTHER WAY.
[Yonkers Statesman.]

"Did you say he awoke one day to find himself famous?"

Egbert—No; I said he dreamed he was famous and then he woke up.

GOOD WORK.
[Washington Star.]

"That novelization takes his characters from real life."

"He should be encouraged to keep on taking them," replied Mr. Growcher. "The fewer like them in real life, the better."

GOOD IDEA.
[Bystander.]

McAndrews (the Chemist at 2 a.m.)—"Two pennorth of bicarbonate of soda for the wife's indigestion at this time of night when a glass of hot water does just as well!"

Sandy (hastily)—"Well! Well! Thanks for the advice. I'll no bother 've after all. Good-night."

MEXICAN TROOPS GO THROUGH U. S.

1,200 Men Will Entrain at El Paso To Fight Rebels.

Washington, Sept. 10. — Permission given to move 1,200 Mexican troops through United States territory to attack the Mexican rebels in the State of Sonora, and the reported repulse and retreat from the border of the rebel leader, Gen. Salazar, and his men, combined today to bring satisfaction to Government officials here. The permission to move troops was granted Mexico without hesitation and everything will be done to insure the careful transportation of the federals. The Mexican troops will be entrained at El Paso, Texas, and be transported to Nogales, Ariz. Their arms and ammunition will be carefully sealed in express cars, so they will go through American territory unarmed. In addition, they will be guarded by a detachment of United States regulars. The date for the movement has not been set.



OUR PRECISE ARTIST.



There's a woman at the bottom of it.

Pipe the new lid on this cymbal!

A few of the bird dogs in the dog show might help the policeman to point the way this week.

The prize pumpkin continues to be mistaken for an annex of the Horticultural Building by city folks.

Our pennant prediction? Oh, we've had it picked until next season.

And all along we said that London must lose to stimulate the interest in such towns as Hamilton.

Once we knew a man with a reputation for "original suggestions." It lasted until somebody else got hold of the same book.

The striking feature of Fair week in London is that not a single downtown street is torn up. What's the matter with this council, anyway?

The next monument London should build is one to the man who first made our good city a vast park by planting thousands of trees in regular lines on every street.

With all the British officers being killed by aviation, what'll we do if war breaks out with Germany? But, then, as the Toronto News would say, ain't we got our own little Sammy Hughes?

Foxy grandpa, who let all the young 'uns at the office have first chance for vacations, is laughing in his sleeve on the eve of departure for a real summer journey.

While still advising every reasonable precaution, we think it's quite safe to take 'em off now.

A suitable collection of verses, beginning, "Father sleeps in the coal-bin," will be accepted this week.

It was not plum-duff the Fair directors had for luncheon on Tuesday.

The Western Fair should be the storm centre of the "Stay-in-Ontario" campaign.

Important "Scoop." Sir George Asquith was at the Fair. He was interviewed with some difficulty by our successful inquirer. In effect Sir George said: "Oh, Rawther!"

Speaking of one man we wouldn't change jobs with, there's the smoke-er.

Yes, Genevieve, it has been arranged that all rainstorms in Fair week should come in the night-time.

We would not be surprised if "Gyp the Blood" and his lady friend were picked out of some of the sidishow exhibits this week.

This is the week of the great piano players' Marathon.

Aylmer's Housing Problem. [East Elgin Reformer.]

London has a single house that accommodates 44 Polacks. There is a drygoods box in Aylmer that houses two adults and four children. When the box becomes too crowded they move onto the sidewalk.

Making Room for Local Color. [Hensall Observer.]

The Zurich Herald lays down the new system of ethics hereafter to govern members of the fourth estate. It runs thusly, "Any member of the fourth estate is at liberty to add to or detract from actual facts, as much as he pleases."

Answer: Cultivate Insomnia. [Simcoe Reformer.]

One of the most dangerous habits people can indulge in is that of lying in bed. Nine-tenths of the deaths occur in bed. Nearly one-half of all those who are murdered are murdered in bed. It is while you are in bed that your house is robbed and your chickens stolen. It is while you are in bed that the bugs bite you and bad dreams haunt you. Therefore, dear reader, never go to bed.

The Trainman at Fair Time. [East Elgin Reformer.]

How would you like to be a trainman during exhibition time? Job would chuck his job. "Can you tell me if

Betsy Ann still lives on that street near the fire hall?" and there may be twenty fire stations in the city, or Betsy Ann may have married the coachman or some other millionaire and be living in a brown-front on some fashionable boulevard. The trainman is supposed to keep tab on Betsy's movements. Don't mind if they're a little bit out-of-sorts. You would be yourself, if every night for two weeks you had enjoyed just two winks and a snore, and have to watch during the daytime for other trains running to meet you on the same track—and keep an eye on Betsy Ann's relative.

FRANCE IN CONTROL OF MEDITERRANEAN

Arrangement With Britain and Russia a Safeguard Against Triple Alliance.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Sept. 10. — The recently negotiated Franco-Russian naval convention and the older Anglo-French convention, relating to the Mediterranean seaboard, will be brought into practical operation within a few days when the French fleet, which heretofore has had its headquarters at Brest, will be permanently transferred to Toulon.

This naval move will give to France complete control in the Mediterranean over any possible combination of the Triple Alliance, and will leave to England the defence of the North Sea, while Russia guards the Baltic Sea. Experts point out that with the Russian fleet in the Baltic, the strength of the British fleet will be materially increased against any contemplated German attack, while the English channel is considered sufficiently defended by the numerous fleets of destroyers and submarines stationed on both the English and French coasts.

UNIONIST MEMBERS FORM ANTI-PAY LEAGUE

Actions at Law Started to Unseat Many of the British Commons.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Sept. 11. — A cable to the Tribune from London says: An association is being formed of members of Parliament opposed to receiving pay. The organization, which is naturally of decidedly Unionist complexion, is to be called the Anti-Pay of Parliament League, and actions at law have been begun against several members for sitting and voting after accepting salaries of £400 a year, the ground being taken that a member of Parliament who receives pay thereby holds an office of profit under the crown, entailing by law the vacation of his seat, and the necessity of presenting himself for election in the acknowledged capacity of an officeholder. The success of this contention in the law courts would have a disastrous effect on laws passed since August, 1911, the date at which pay for members was first effected. The position of the Government in the matter is said to be somewhat delicate.

FORRESTAL—KENNY

A quiet wedding was solemnized at St. Peter's Cathedral Tuesday, when Miss Charlotte Kenny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kenny, of 29 Empress avenue, was united in marriage to Mr. Richard Forrestal, son of Mr. John Forrestal. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Aylward, assisted by Fathers Doyle and Valentine.

The bride was attired in a handsome gown of white satin with Juliet cap and she carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses and lilies of the valley. Her sister, Miss Elizabeth Kenny attended her, and wore pale blue silk tulle. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. John P. Forrestal. The bride is a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital, and is esteemed as a young lady of charming personality by a wide circle of friends.

After the ceremony, the wedding party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Forrestal left at noon on a trip to eastern cities.

DISCHARGING DISTURBERS.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Sept. 11.—John D. Rockefeller, jun., who has been here for several days investigating the trouble with Italian laborers on his estate, has decided to bring about a lasting peace by eliminating all Italians from the pay rolls of the estate. It was learned today that the Rockefeller agents have been quietly discharging the men who have figured in the recent disturbances, and are taking on Hungarians and Slavs in their places. The new men will receive a considerably higher wage than their predecessors.

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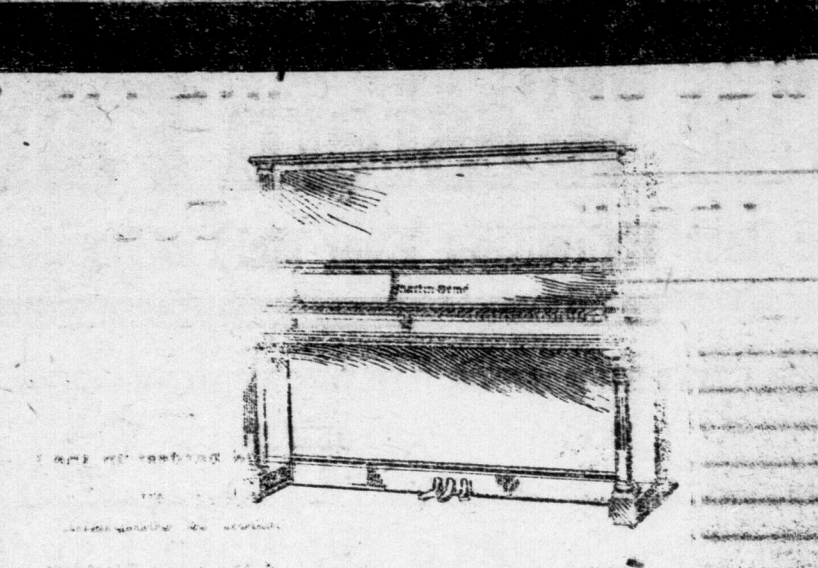
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Pianos & Player-Pianos

The J. J. Callaghan Piano House has arranged an exhibition of Martin-Orme Pianos, specially chosen for the Western Fair, at 195 Dundas street, next The Advertiser office.

Space was not to be had at Queen's Park, but judging from the interest manifested, so far, this makes little difference to the music lover.

There are pianos and pianos, but there's only one Martin-Orme. It is the instrument with a perfect tone. Good workmanship may be put into a piano by any maker, but it requires the experience, the training, the natural aptitude, in short, the genius of a man like Mr. Owain Martin, to produce instruments like those on view at 195 Dundas street.

Any person who cares to hear or try one of these pianos will be sure of a welcome at any time up till 9 p.m.

The word "bargain" seems out of place in connection with "quality" like this, but the fact that the cost of these specially-chosen instruments is no higher than ordinarily cannot be