

THE HAMILTON TIMES

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1909.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL MIGHT.

The Imperial Press Conference delegates were on Saturday treated to a great naval exhibition illustrating how an invading fleet could be driven from British shores.

STRANGE LAW REFORM.

Those who had hoped that the much-heralded reorganization of the provincial police force would lead greatly to the discouragement of crime and make surer the punishment of criminals will do well not to take too much for granted.

at the same time tying the hands of the city police.

It is to be hoped that the order-in-Council has been misinterpreted. It would be a serious obstacle to the efficient administration of justice and an incentive to crime.

THE CONSPIRACY.

It is said to be the intention of several aldermen, whose position in the Council is that of agents for the Hydro scheme, to press for the immediate ordering of electric pumps.

THE VALUE OF CREDIT.

Some idea of the importance of retaining unimpaired, our credit in the money markets of the world may be gathered from the fact that Canada has already this year borrowed in London no less a sum than \$121,952,500.

It is interesting to note that our borrowings in 1904 amounted to less than \$35,000,000. The probability is that for some years to come our demands for capital from abroad will continue to increase.

WHITNEY SHIRKS.

It has long been one of the boasts of the people of Ontario that in this Province the Government cheerfully assumed the care of lunatics and the feeble-minded.

This is indeed an astonishing order, and sets up an entirely new theory of dealing with offences against the community and the laws which it makes for its well-being.

The public of the Province see grave danger in the order. The contemporary from which we have quoted says they are agreed that the effect of it may be to throw up their hands and make no effort to bring any criminals back for trial.

They take the view that if a man steals \$200 and decamps to the United States that it must cost the loser of the money anywhere from \$200 to \$500 to have the offender brought back.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Oh, no, Mr. T. J. Stewart; it is a little too early to boast that you and your gang can make the Mayor and aldermen dance to your piping as you will!

According to the London Free Press all the men of four companies in camp at that point are total abstainers.

A corner in July wheat is exciting Winnipeg. On Saturday the price touched \$1.39, but there was a serious break and decline from that figure.

Recent returns show a remarkable and encouraging increase in the country's revenue. We are recovering from the period of depression, and with a good crop this fall, we shall again spread our sails to the breeze of prosperity.

The Hamilton Herald, which labored so hard to deceive the electors in this power matter, seems to view with some alarm the prospect of the matter being presented to them as a business proposition, stripped of "flub-dub," in terms of dollars and cents.

Natal has given an overwhelming vote in favor of joining the South African Union. This is gratifying news. Natal is almost entirely British in population, and its adherence to the Union is an assurance that British ideas will dominate the South African Federation.

Southern France has suffered severely from an earthquake in which from 75 to 100 people are supposed to have perished. A considerable territory was affected, and there was much destruction of property, details of which have not yet been ascertained.

People who send anonymous letters to the newspapers waste valuable time that might be better occupied. The man who declines to father his work, or even to endorse his name as a guarantee of good faith, need expect but little attention from busy editors.

A man is entitled to fair treatment, even if he be only a Grit Minister of the Crown; and no man is licensed to indulge in the assassination of character, even if he be a clergyman signing "D. D." to his name. The courts will defend the rights of each.

Suppose an accident such as that which has disabled the "Soo" canal should happen to the Panama lock canal? Where would then be all the fine arguments of the lock canal advocates as against an ocean level waterway?

Temporary repairs have been effected which secure the safety of the Soo Canal from further damage. Hon. Mr. Graham has ordered continuous repair work with as large a force of hands as can be utilized.

It is announced that the new Lincoln "penny," with the head of the martyr President taking the place of the Indian head on the small United States piece, are to be put into circulation in the Republic on July 1st.

Commenting on the small vote on the by-laws recently submitted in Hamilton, the Kingston Whig says, "Hamilton and Toronto are simply deficient in some of the modern methods of winning an election."

We gather from the protests of our contemporary the Spectator against Mr. R. L. Borden accepting an invitation to attend the Imperial Defence Conference, and its insisting that being leader of the Opposition he is not in duty bound to have any opinion or responsibility regarding the matter, that its notion of the statesmanship of the Opposition chief is that he should "earn" the \$7,500 paid him as salary over his \$2,000 indemnity as a member of the House by shirking all work and responsibility and by giving only bull-headed antagonism to all Government measures good, bad and indifferent alike.

The foolish anti-Hamilton power monopoly organ says the Times would "ignore and defy the ratepayers' declared will," because it takes the view that they did not vote for Hydro power merely for the waterworks pumps, but were influenced by the reckless and untrue statements made by Hydro advocates as to the effect on private lighting and power prices to be secured by "competition." Now the organ denies that there will be any competition in private power or light service!

they must authorize the expenditure necessary to introduce it and pay the cost—and it will not be small.

On Friday the Times thus endeavored to put the power question as the Herald presents it before the people fairly and without being obscured by verbiage intended only to mystify. It said:

It points out that no competition is aimed at; all that is wanted is that all the city patronage should be taken away from it, and the money instead of being spent in Hamilton be paid to outsiders. And to accomplish this "build-up-Hamilton" policy (?) our people should be compelled to pay higher prices for power!

Pursuing its usual policy of deceit towards the public, the organ carefully eliminated the last sentence (how characteristic!), and then assumed that the statement represented the "will of the ratepayers, and indignantly asked whether the will of the ratepayers should be ignored and defied." Is there any sane Hamiltonian who thinks that the ratepayers voted with any such suicidal idea in mind? No, the ratepayers were tricked, deceived, misled, by a gang of unscrupulous men who hesitated at nothing to effect their purpose, and who, unfortunately for the city, found a newspaper: disloyal and abandoned enough to be "persuaded" to place itself at their service.

OUR EXCHANGES

WANTS TO KNOW. (Galt Reporter.) What will Hamilton now do with the Cataract Power Company.

STATE OF DENMARK. (Brantford Expositor.) Dr. Pringle evidently believes that not only something, but everything, is rotten in Denmark.

BROTHER'S LID. (Guelph Mercury.) No, dear sister, that tub hat with the kitchen garden trimmings, isn't nearly so idiotic as the twister freak your brother wears.

A MOMENTARY STRUGGLE. (Toronto Star.) Anglo-German hostility sinks into the background while all Canada watches the earth-shaking conflict between Rev. Dr. Pringle and Sir Frederick Borden.

ON WHO ENJOYS THE JAUNTS! (Kingston Whig.) Toronto spent \$5,275 last year in civic jaunts, and the money is considered to have been well spent. It depends sometimes on who does the spending.

WARNING. (Ottawa Free Press.) A Hamilton woman has been deprived of the insurance on her husband's life because she was ten cents shy on her last premium. That ought to be a lesson to the husbands who are still alive.

BUTTING IN. (Guelph Herald.) A Toronto lady won the golf championship at Hamilton, which ought to be another instance of Torontoites "putting" themselves forward.

RUN OF MINE. (Judge.) The Dear Girl—He had the impudence to ask me for a kiss! Her Dear Friend—The idea! What cheek!

The Dear Girl (blushing)—He wasn't particular which.

WOMEN'S HATS. (Toronto Mail and Empire.) It is further to be said that it is by women mainly the churches are filled, and that if they submit themselves to the spiritual guidance of their pastor he should be satisfied, and not insist in imposing upon them his authority as arbiter of fashion.

IN FOUR LINES. (Pittsburg Gazette Times.) Edward Everett Hale's whole biography might well be written in the four lines that occur in his story, "Ten Times One Is Ten."

To look up and not down, To look forward and not back, To look out and not in—and To lend a hand!

LUNATICS IN JAIL.

The Kent county grand jury in its presentation again called attention to the fact that the jail was no place for persons of unsound mind. It is time the Ontario Government took some action to avoid the necessity of sending these unfortunate persons to jail.

THE WAR SITUATION. (Ottawa Citizen.) Here is the strategical situation in Europe in tabloid form.

Backer: Not on your life! It's the goods. He says he will be ready to lick you next year. J. Bull: You tell him that if he doesn't stop training right now, I'll lick him NEXT WEEK.

THE JOE PHILLIPS WRECK.

York County Loan is to pay 50 cents on the dollar to its shareholders. Ontario Bank shareholders are to pay \$1.00 on the dollar, counting the par value of their stock, to the liquidator. Ontario Bank shareholders who have to add 60 cents, double liability to the \$1.30 they paid for their stock, will be about \$2.50 on the dollar worse off than the York County Loan shareholders.

CONSTABLE OR PREACHER?

One church body lately in session made demands for enactments prohibiting the traffic in liquor and re-

stricting the sale of tobacco, and calling for severe treatment of sinners against the moral law. This may be well and it may be good well. There was a time when the church sought to make men better, not with the club of Caesar, but with the persuasion of the Word. It is notable also that with the cries for laws to restrain men in what many think are harmless enjoyments, come complaints of a decline in the spiritual life of the community.

PAINTING CEMENT WALLS.

The following method of painting cement walls was described at a recent convention of master painters. The building had become discolored in places, and the joints were of a different color from the surface of the blocks. Two parts of Portland cement were mixed with one part of marble dust and mixed with water to the consistency of thin paint or a thick whitewash. The wall was well wetted before the application of this paint and kept constantly wet while the material is applied, and then rubbed with a brush longer, in order to make the cement adhere to the cement surface. The wash was applied with ordinary whitewash or calcimine brushes, and a man was kept busy playing a hose on it while the work was being done. The whole secret of success lay in keeping the wall constantly wet.

SPAIN SINCE 1898

(Yale Review.) Practically Spain possesses four great guiding forces: "Conservadores," "Liberales," "Republicanos" and "Carlistas."

These only the Republicans and the Carlists have a clear and definite programme, and it may even be said that only the latter have a real watershed. Indeed, so great is the diversity of opinions between the Republicans and the Carlists that they are able to effect little, though they control what is numerically a strong minority (thirty) in the Cortes. The Conservatives and Liberals are the governmental parties of to-day, and they, thanks to a system of alternation, or turn about, succeed each other in power in accordance with the royal will. But the curious thing about these political aggregations is that they do not have a clear and definite creed or political programme.

In spite of all, however, in the general method of administration Spain is being regenerated. Opposition or agreement, for example, has brought about guarantees of stability to the public mind, and the country has recovered, with the greater part of the raw material for each change of government used to bring. The type of "cesante" (dismissed public officer) is becoming more rare every day, and it is to be hoped that this evolution, having been completed, will end by completely destroying the type.

The life of the Provinces has gained a great impetus in the last few years; Barcelona, Bilbao, Valencia, Zaragoza, Valladolid, etc. are establishing new industries and opening markets within and without the kingdom. However, the character distinctive of each of these Provinces and the necessity of defending special interests cause a certain spirit of discord or rivalry to exist between them. Barcelona, for example, an industrial Province par excellence, needs to import the greater part of the raw material for its manufacturing, and so a high tariff system would be the ruin of the Catalan region. Valenciens, on the other hand, whose greatest resource is agriculture, are comparatively indifferent to tariff questions, for their prosperity depends in great part on rates of exchange. Owing to the depreciation of Spanish currency they are able to sell their products in foreign markets at a premium which offsets the cost of production and handling.

This special nature of the various regions gives them also very marked political tendencies. In the centres of industry the body of laborers is Republican or Socialist (Barcelona and its neighborhood, Madrid, Valencia, Zaragoza, Bilbao, etc.). The country people, on the contrary, are for the most part reactionary, although private interests or the pressure of proprietor upon tenant may be determinative of the farmer's vote.

Fearing by the great and the powerful, frequently of but little education, but of the clearest questions and an interpreter of the cost difficult, the "cacique" manages and upsets the Government of a Province. Mayors, Governors, Deputies, high and low officials, all owe to him their position and at the same time, going from Ministry to Ministry dancing attendance while at home in his little corner the "cacique" with a shrewd imagination prepares the strokes of local politics. The Province of Castellon, which elects seven Deputies, was managed by a kind of committee called the "direct," directed by a person of the middle class.

The political education of the citizen is coming more and more into evidence, and with his advance the influence of the "cacique" (political chief or boss) is growing less so that at present the regions in which the will of the latter dominates are very few. A new political power has been constituted since the loss of the colonies and has been greatly augmented in the last elections: "la solidaridad," the principle of solidarity, this is the concentration of diverse poli-

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WHAT KILLED THE PONY. Drank From an Alum Spring and the Constriction Shut Off His Breath. "I had a little experience with animals and water myself," spoke up another whose attire did not speak of the traveling man, but rather of the native Montanan. "I used to be in the Yellowstone National Park before there was ever a road there or a forest guard or soldier. In fact, I helped pick out the routes by which the tenderfoot of the present day see the wonders of nature and occasionally the wonderful nerve of the highwayman. Naturally the old trails led along a different course from the present roads, for we used to take the shortest way across and where we could not ride we would walk and lead our ponies. "One day I was riding between the upper and the lower geyser basin and my pony and I came to a creek which looked as if it would be pleasant to taste. I stopped the nag to taste the water, but the pony beat me to it. He had his muzzle buried up to his eyes in an instant and in less than half that time he had drunk a mile away. The water was boiling hot, but the heat of the ground near the earth kept the steam from rising. The pony jerked away from me and went bucking and bawling through the trees, carrying my blankets and grub with him. "It was two days before I found him and caught him again. Then all of the hair was off his muzzle from his eyes to his nostrils. I greased his head with bacon fat and made the nag as comfortable as possible. It was necessary that I should ride him, for I had an appointment on the banks of Yellowstone Lake with the rest of the party, and I turned his nose gently in that direction. "Next day we came to a stream which came directly out of a snow bank and the pony, depending upon that sign of coolness, put his head down and took another drink. The result was that his mouth and nostrils shrunk up so that he could no longer whinny or breathe. Within two minutes he was dead. Investigation showed that he had drunk from an alum spring; what we believed to be snow was alum crystals. I stripped the saddle from the horse and packed it ten miles to camp. "From that day to this I have never tasted water on my occasional trips to the Yellowstone Park, and I do not see how I can be blamed for my action, either."—From the Anconada Standard.

SHEA'S Tuesday, June 15, 1909 May Manton Patterns All 10c Big Purchase of Fancy Muslins 10,000 yards of the most elegant Muslins ever seen in Hamilton, Organ-dies, Mulls, Fancy Lawns, French Tissues, etc., dark colors light colors, in all the popular shades, with plenty of black and white. All the most elegant and high class designs. This entire lot was cleared out from a large wholesale importer at a big discount for spot cash, and is on sale now at these cut prices: 18c and 20c for 12c—25c and 30c for 15c—30c to 40c for 19c Best Blouse Value in Canada at \$1 Made of splendid quality of Lawns and Mulls, in black and white, elegantly trimmed with embroidery and laces, some very pretty lingerie effects. Waists that most stores would talk loudly of at \$1.25 or even \$1.50, our regular price for them is only \$1.00 Women's Waists at \$1.95 Made of fine handkerchief lawns and mulls, newest long sleeves, trimmed with very neat designs, in Swiss needlework, tucked back and front. Waists that are worth every cent of \$2.50 and \$3.00, on sale here for, each \$1.95 A Big Bargain in Net Waists—Samples Over 100 Women's Net Waists and Lace Waists, travellers' samples, black, cream and white, trimmed with medallions and insertion, all most elegant designs and on sale less than wholesale. \$4.00 Waists for \$2.95; \$5.00 Waists for \$3.95; \$6.50 Waists for \$4.95 Women's Underskirts at 98c Women's Underskirts at \$1.59 Skirts that are worth \$3.50 and well worth it, made of black messaline sateen, trimmed with frills of pleating and ruching, each \$1.50 Fancy Parasols Women's Fancy Parasols in very newest style and swellest colorings. White Embroidered Parasols at \$1.00, \$1.50 to \$2.50 Fancy Silk Parasols, \$2.95 and \$4 Shantung Silk Parasols, worth \$2.00, for \$1.25 Children's Parasols \$1.00 to \$2.50, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 Women's Wash Suits—Splendid Values Made of white linens, colored linens and striped linens, long coats, with well plain gored skirts, colored collar and cuffs, trimmed with strap-pleating and self button, extra special values at \$5.95, \$6.95, \$8.50 and \$10.95 Voile Skirts—A Clearing Purchase Over 200 Voile Skirts, in blacks, blues and browns, elegantly made and trimmed; this lot cleared from the most noted manufacturer in Canada for spot cash at a big discount; all go on sale as follows: \$7.50 Skirts for \$5.00, \$10.00 Skirts for \$7.50, \$12.50 Skirts for \$8.75