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LONDON, SATURDAY, MAY 20,

MUST FACE THE MUSIC.

Mr. R. L. Borden will hold thirty

meetings in the prairie province this

summer, and will be confronted at

each by representatives of the Grain

Growers' Associations.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has "gone

through the mill." The irrepressible

grangers met him at every stopping

point in his western tour last year.

They were warring, and he was

defending. They asked pointed ques-

tions in the bluntest manner. The political

opponents of Sir Wilfrid found much

enjoyment in these encounters. They

were full of admiration for the cour-

age of the grain growers in heckling

the Prime Minister. They had only

praise for the fine, independent spirit

of the western farmers.

Mr. Borden's turn is now coming.

Will he take his medicine, as Sir Wil-

frid did? "The west," says the Win-

nipeg Tribune (champion of the grain

growers), "is a hostile territory, and

Laurier," expects of Mr. Borden that

he will speak plainly, shun equivoca-

tion, and stand on the platform of his

convictions. If he is a protectionist let

him say so. If he is opposed to rec-

iprocity, let him say so. If he is in

favor of free trade, let him say so.

The answers to the questions are easy

to a man who is not playing a mere

party game."

We venture to say that the grain

growers are already sinking in the

eyes of the Opposition press. In some

quarters their officers are being de-

scribed as hirelings of the Dominion

Government. The courageous, in-

dependent beavers of 1910 will be con-

sidered Grit conspirators in 1911. But

Mr. Borden will have to face the music

whether he likes the tunes or not.

THE FIGHT AGAINST CONSUMP-

TION.

The Canadian Association for the

Prevention of Tuberculosis has had a

successful session in its eleventh an-

nual convention. While the proceedings

and addresses were rather popular

than professional in character, aiming

to interest and instruct the general

public, there were gathered in this

meeting from all over Canada, and

from the United States also, a num-

ber of medical experts of wide distinc-

tion. Along with them were practical

and skillful lay workers. There were

reports on the increase and good work

losses, a tribute to the business value

of both prevention and cure.

Much was said about bovine tubercu-

losis and the peril especially to chil-

dren and infants in the milk supply.

Fumigation of houses was advocated.

It was pointed out that in Nova Scotia

tuberculosis is now a notifiable dis-

ease. The people are learning the les-

sons by degrees. Go along a London

street now in the early morning, and

you notice nearly all the bedroom win-

dows open. That is better than ten

years ago.

It is a matter of local pride that the

Byron Sanatorium was highly

praised by the visitors. Incidentally,

the long-idle Hygienic Institute had

an auspicious opening, the morning

meetings being held there. These two

buildings give much prestige to this

city as a progressive centre.

ROOSEVELT AS A REACTIONIST.

Ex-President Roosevelt, always a

trifle ridiculous with his cowboy airs

and stage militarism, a joy to the

comic cartoonists, could hardly have

been expected to see old War dead

and confined and finally nailed down

without one more great clatter of

revenge across the sarcophagus. Of

course we remember the Mr. Roosevelt

prize, which to some was as amusing

as the Carr's calling the Hague con-

gress. Perhaps his protest against

arbitration is by way of furnishing

military honors to War's funeral.

As a logician Mr. Roosevelt looks very

tact. Writing in the Outlook, he thank-

selves that war between Britain and

the United States is not in the slight-

est degree conceivable, but in the next

breath he contemplates the possibi-

lity of Britain's reviving the right of

search. One moment he remembers

with grief that France is to come into

the same arrangement as Great Brit-

ain; the moment after he declares

that as there is no possibility of war

in any event between Great Britain

and the United States, "the arbitra-

tion treaty would have no effect what-

ever upon the armaments of either

country." He says this "the United

States ought never specifically to bind

itself to arbitrate questions respect-

ing its honor, independence and in-

tegrity." What modern war, however

stupid, has not been waged on

grounds of honor or territorial in-

tegrity?

Mr. Roosevelt descends to a low

level in comparing an imaginary in-

sult to national honor to a case where

a man's wife is assaulted and her

face slapped. "A man might be just-

ified in manhandling the contemptible

assault, but there would be no justifi-

cation for murdering him." This il-

lustration is the comedy centre in the

ex-President's fulmination.

His talk about honor is mostly non-

sense. We Anglo-Saxons laugh at

French duels. No Briton thinks it

proper to kill or prick with a sword

the man who insults him. There is less

justification for war about honor than

for dueling, because in the latter case

a man at least fights for himself.

When in the former case he often

saves a million of others to shed

his blood for a cause not altogether

their own.

President Taft takes the right stand

in referring all questions to arbitra-

tion. Compared with Mr. Roosevelt

he looms up gradually as the bigger

man. He has acted, where Roosevelt

has not, in hand with the tariff prob-

lem in the former case he has ex-

pressed his medieval notion that civi-

lization is going to the dogs if war

is stopped. Taft is the larger and

greater man, though Roosevelt is

spectacular and amusing.

Sir Wilfrid has arrived in England.

With the Canadian Nationalist find-

ing Imperialism and the Canadian Con-

servatives finding anti-Imperialism in

every utterance, his troubles now be-

Ladies Alastair Innes-Kee and Charles

and Mrs. Cecil Bingham and Mrs. J.

Loulie are good players who risk the

chance of disapproval with after-dinner

raiders.

THE WAY OF IT.

Harker—Didn't I understand you to say

he was a tried and trusted man?

Parker—Not exactly. He was tried after

he had been trusted.

MISUNDERSTOOD.

The telephone—Excuse me—I want

my husband, please, at once!

Voice from the exchange—Number,

please!

Excited Lady (snatchingly)—Only the

fourth, you impatient thing!

THE GREAT DIVIDES.

(Fort Worth Record.)

Reno.

The barren skirt.

The tool and his money.

Buda-Lest.

The party guests.

Mason and Dixon's line.

Jim Crow laws.

And

The Rio Grande River.

JUST IN TIME.

(Christian Intelligence.)

The friend—I suppose it was hard

to lose your daughter?

The father—Well, it did seem as

if it would be at one time, but she

landed this fellow just as we were

beginning to give up hope.

AMERICAN CONTINGENT AT THE

CORONATION.

(London Correspondent New York Sun.)

At least 5000 Americans and Canadians

are expected to come here for the coronation.

The big hotels are practically

booked up ahead. Most of them are

doubling prices for coronation week,

when they regard as only a fair way of

recouping the losses sustained by the

death of King Edward, when all ball

and reception room engagements were

cancelled, and the public was not charged a

penny for hotel contracts. The smaller

hotels are going in for a big harvest, ask-

ing 30 shillings, or \$10 a night for rooms

which let at from 4 to 5 shillings.

It is evident that many Americans who

usually arrive here in May are holding

back until June. The lines are almost

fully booked for the latter part of May

and early June. The South American

boats are equally full. It is impossible

of book passage in the Hamburg-Amer-

ican service for any sailing near the

coronation day.

They yet unborn, who have forced the

favored and the fortunate to recognize

that wealth and power are not

necessarily the reward of inherent

virtue, nor yet poverty the punishment

of inherent vice, this man, let us re-

member, comes himself from the pos-

sible "picking up" their last girls, who

David Lloyd-Greaves will ever arise to

right himself with wrongs and to fight

his battles.

HINT TO GOOD GIRLS.

(Montreal Herald.)

There is still excitement in Hamil-

ton, Ontario, because policemen have

been posted at the doors of churches

on Sunday night to prevent young men

from "picking up" their last girls, who

as they come out after service. Seeing

that this is the nearest that a good

man can get to the service, it seems a pity to

discourage them by means of the police

force. It is really up to the girls, who,

if they had a better developed sense

of self-respect, would decline to be

called for after church by young men

who, in the name of the service, are

sitting through the service with

them.

GERMANY FAILS

TO GET SCARED

Increase of Armaments Does

Not Arouse Its People,

Says Statistician.

Berlin, May 20.—Dr. Ludwig

Sevin, a well-known statistician, is

one of the most popular men in Ger-

many today. For he has executed the

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defence by contending that the fleet is

ready a peril to the nation's power, and

that the engine would be better served

by spending more money on the army.

He ignores the German fleet, as a

dangerous source of irritation to Eng-

land, and is convinced that the Kaiser's

ships would be powerless to resist

Germany's overseas trade.

Capt. Schuchart sums up his case

against the fleet in something like an

epigram: "Too weak to protect our

movements, it will merely cause de-

struction." This view is a fresh in-

dication that the once general dis-

approval of the fleet in army circles

is still retained in certain influential

quarters.

STATUS OF MILITARY

IS RAISED BY CHINA

Amazing Edict, Couched in

Flowery Language, Is Held