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LONDON, TUESDAY, APRIL 12.

A LEADER WHO FOLLOWS.

A Jacobin chieftain, walking at the tail of a procession during the revolutionary festival, said apologetically to bystanders: "I am their leader; I must follow them." Mr. Borden appears to be in a similar position. Admirers say that he has strength of will, but that his kindness has been mistaken for weakness. His subordinates have imposed upon his amiability. He has been flouted by Mr. Monk, and defied by Mr. Foster. Even the understrappers frequently stuff him in the House. The Opposition has been a soldiers' army, but we are assured that while the titular commander has all the qualities of generalship, he has been reluctant to enforce discipline. This excellent leader has been too considerate to lead, but through an excess of courtesy has preferred to follow his followers.

This is a portrait of Mr. Borden drawn by friendly hands. One may be forgiven for doubting whether in every case his falling has been to virtuous ends. Take the naval question. For a time he looked as though Mr. Borden would give his party genuine leadership. He indicated the direction in which it ought to go, and valiantly headed that way. Then he discovered that some of his army were inclined to march in the opposite direction. He withdrew, right-about-face, and fell in behind. Even the plea of party harmony could not excuse such "kindness." The matter was too great and far-reaching.

Mr. Borden may be made of sterner stuff than he has yet given the public reason to think. So far this impression seems to be confined to the editor of the Toronto News, on the naval question Mr. Borden missed a grand opportunity to exhibit his hitherto conceded backbone. He has another opportunity in the necessity of doing some party cleaning. He need not wait until he reaches the Premier's chair.

POLLUTING THE LAKES AND RIVERS.

The question of the protection of navigable waters from pollution has recently engaged the attention of the Dominion Senate. A bill was introduced providing that no person shall throw or deposit or cause to be thrown or deposited any sewage effluent or refuse animal or vegetable matter of any kind into any river, stream or other water any part of which flows into any navigable water.

The health committee of parliament reports that the public health of Canada is being imperilled by the present custom of disposing of sewage, garbage, etc., in the lakes, rivers and streams of the country. The opinion is expressed that the only safeguard lies in the passage of legislation to control it, and that such legislation must be uniform throughout the whole Dominion, and can only be brought about by co-operation between the Dominion and provincial governments.

In a return recently presented to Parliament, Dr. Bryce, chief medical officer of the interior department, points out that apart from the great lakes there are twenty-three rivers which flow from Canada into the United States, or the other way from the United States into Canada, or are boundaries between them. These, he says, are yearly, through the rapid increase of population along them, creating an international health problem much more important and far-reaching than any of the navigation and fisheries problems existing between the two countries. The doctor cites as an example Port Huron, where the current carrying the town sewage flows close to the Canadian shore within a few miles below Sarnia.

During the discussion of the bill the fact was brought out that though the federal authority has had the power under the British North America act to legislate in matters affecting the public health, that power has been exercised by the provinces since the passage of the Ontario health act in 1882, and the provinces, if so disposed, might insist on standing by precedent. But in view of the international aspect of the question, it has been decided to refer it to the conservation commission, a non-political body, representing both the Dominion and provincial governments, and working in sympathy with a similar commission in the United States. It is for just such purposes that the commission was created, and with the matter in its hands there is not likely to be any friction.

A BRITISH VOTING SCANDAL.

The practice in Great Britain of spreading a general election over a fortnight appears to Canadians to be an antiquated absurdity, for which no plausible defence can be offered. Yet a bill introduced in the British House of Commons three weeks ago, providing for the holding of all elections on the same day, was denounced by the Unionist press and talked to death by Unionist members of Parliament.

In Great Britain a man may vote in every riding in which he owns or occupies property, so that the longer the period over which the elections are spread, the greater the opportunity for the plural voter to travel from constituency to constituency and poll all his votes. Mr. Sherwell, the member for Huddersfield, author of the bill for simultaneous voting, cited some scandalous instances of the abuses of the present system. He named four brothers, who had cast 120 votes in the late election. To limit polling to one day would greatly restrict plural voting, but would not abolish it. One man, with the aid of a motor car, succeeded in casting votes in eight separate constituencies in Hampshire, Surrey, and Sussex, on the same day. Mr. Sherwell's bill therefore provided for the principle of "one man, one vote," as well as simultaneous polling. It was appropriate that it should have been talked out by Sir Frederick Banbury, the member for the city of London, where there are only 3,865 inhabited houses, but 23,500 non-resident voters who vote on office premises. There are 69 county divisions in England where the non-resident vote was larger than the Unionist majority in the last election. It is estimated that every one of these seats would be lost to the Unionists but for the plural voters.

While Mr. Sherwell's bill was a private one, it was endorsed by the Government. It would have been made a Government measure but for the fact that the Government is pledged to deal only with the veto, and the budget until the veto question is settled. In 1908 a similar bill, drafted by Hon. Mr. Harcourt, was carried in the House of Commons by a great majority, and then sent by the House of Lords. The action of the peers was dictated by party motives, and the desire to protect the privileges of wealth. The existing system is inequitable and anti-democratic, and its retention is one more argument against the present status of the British upper chamber.

The suffragettes have decided to bury the hatchet. In whom? The party is still relying upon Mr. Borden's great potentialities of leadership.

The split in the Irish party widens, and as usual Erin's hopes fall into the chasm.

Mr. MacKay calls him Paul Kruger Whitney. Even his supporters complain that there is something very Oom Paulish in Sir James' demeanor.

The interstate commerce commission has ordered a reduction in the price of Pullman berths. It is high time this rapacious monopoly was taken down a peg.

The Minister of Agriculture ridicules the contention that horse racing is essential to horse breeding. He is a better authority on such a point than the Minister of Justice.

"Speaking of courage, it is to be remembered that our contemporary is on the Government's patronage list, and that departures from service should be apt to be severely punished."—London Free Press.

Our contemporary is on the Ontario Government's patronage list, but we do it the justice of thinking that the circumstance has no influence upon its attitude toward the Ontario Government. It ought to be thoroughly ashamed of aspersing its own calling. It is a foul foul that fouls its own nest.

AN APPALLING RECORD.
[Reuter Dispatch.]
Statistics published today regarding suicides in St. Petersburg in 1909 show that 1,432 persons took their own lives. Of these 532 were made and 29 females. They include 35 boys and 77 girls of ages varying from 10 to 17.

100 MINERS FOR CANADA.
[London Daily News, March 28.]
Among the passengers sailing yesterday from Liverpool for Canada were 100 miners from Cornwall and the North of England, who left in the Allan liner Virginia. They are the first of a large number who will leave this month.

THE UNLUCKY CURLS.
[London News.]
An amazing spectacle was witnessed on a fashionable west end promenade in Berlin, Germany, on March 27. A pretty woman, wearing a huge hat, decorated with artificial flowers, stopped to look at a shop window in which Easter millinery was displayed. A spark from an lamp above the window fell on to the hat and immediately the false curls which supported it took fire.

The lady tore the hat and the curls from her head, stamped them under her foot, and then, to the rising edification of a crowd of onlookers, dashed into the shop and demanded immediate compensation from the proprietor for the defects in this lamp.

SURE THING THEN.
[Toronto Star.]
We may get an occasional shower in April, but everybody knows our real rainy season does not arrive until they begin to doze out the Sunday school ponies.

SAFE SPECULATION.
[Detroit Free Press.]
"And to what do you attribute your wonderful success?" asked the reporter. "Well," replied the multi-millionaire, "I'll tell you. I speculate in the necessities of life, and they always go up."

FEMININE INCONSISTENCY.
[Toronto News.]
In winter, when the nights were chill, the women, going to the play, wore flimsy lace upon their heads. And looked supremely gay.

Now, when the balmy southern airs come creeping over the placid lake, the women wear their new spring hats. Great guns! Are we awake?

NO BREAKFAST.
[London News.]
Dr. Furnivall, sculler and scholar, apparently agrees to some extent with Mr. Upton Sinclair's belief in the virtues of fasting. He writes in an American paper: "Often, especially after a refreshing sleep, I have gone without breakfast, it being my opinion that breakfast is a bar, a nuisance, unnecessary, and that the meals a day are quite enough for anyone. On my 58th birthday, despite our stalling thirteen miles in an hour and ten minutes, I ate but two meals."

"This may be all very well for Dr. Furnivall and other people who enjoy using their brains. The ordinary man, however, who only uses his brains when he has to, and sometimes not even then, would get bored to death were his day not broken up into paragraphs by frequent meals."

SYNONYMS FOR "HEAD."
[London Daily News.]
Farmer and Henley's "Dictionary of Slang," by the way, gives us an interesting list of English synonyms for the head. It runs as follows: "Brainpan, nut, clump, jaxey, steple, tib or tibby, weathercock, turnip, upper extremity, top-end, penny, upper story, canister, arse, garret, costars, bones, balls, lobby, lobb, knowledge-box, top-knot, crust, chimney-pot, onion, chevy, cock-lift, top-flat, gable, pumpkin, batpaw, ball-bash, upper crust, mazzard, cabaza, done, account, office, calabash." To these we might add our old friend "noodle," which, though it is not so picturesque as "turnip," or "weathercock," has the advantage of being more usable in polite society.

NOTHING PECULIAR.
[Toronto Star.]
The terrible shooting affair at London resembles the Kirov case, in that the victim was shot at several times after she had fallen to the floor. Much doubt was expressed at the time as to whether an ordinary marauder could do this, yet it seems to have been done in London by an ordinary marauder.

MAKING HERSELF CLEAR.
[Argonaut.]
A clerk in Belgrade, Serbia, named Veljasko Simonovich, on the strength of an increase of salary, recently telegraphed to a young woman of Lonsdale, and asked her to share his fortunes. The regulation tax allows telegrams for the minimum fee, and her answer ran: "Yes, gladly, willingly, joyfully, delightedly, gratefully, lovingly, yes, yes, yes."

"WORSE THAN SLAVES."
[London Daily News.]
A report which has been issued by Miss Jones, a well-known Yorkshire factory inspector, throws an unpleasant light upon the conditions which attend the employment of married women in the textile factories.

"Married women in the west riding of Yorkshire," says Miss Jones, "in addition to leading the ordinary life of the home, are often expected to support their families. In a number of cases which come under our notice the wives work all day in the mill, and at night return to the home, baking and washing for the family. Many do not retire until midnight, rising again early in order to make some preparation for a midday meal before going to work. In the dinner hour they quickly return, prepare the meal, serve husband and children, swallow their own food too hurriedly, and again hasten back to their duties. Their lives often amount to little better than those of slaves, and many at forty-five are broken-down women, prematurely aged."

"If a community is to be judged by the status of its women, certainly the condition of the working women here reminds one of the condition in India or those of many of the African tribes, where women are not only the heaviest of burdens, but are also the most degraded. The moral effect upon the men is very disastrous. It encourages them in selfishness and idleness, and many of them become exceedingly lazy."

SOFT PEDAL ON EQUALITY.
[Philadelphia Record.]
Ridiculous! The suffragettes believe in the equality of woman, don't they?
Stoics—Not at all. They believe in the superiority of woman.

CONUNDRUM.
[Boston Record.]
The latest conundrum is: "What can you fill a barrel weighing ten pounds with and yet make it lighter than air?"
The answer is "rides," of course.

LED ON BY THE MINISTER.
[Ladies' Home Journal.]
"Then you don't think I practice when I preach," cried the minister in talking with one of the deacons at a meeting.
"No, sir, I don't," replied the deacon. "You're now preaching on the subject of resignation for two years, and have never resigned yet."

THE BAN ON MEAT.
New York, April 12.—Bands of determined women today marched through the East Side and other sections of the city and held a hunger strike in order to prevent the opening of the retail butcher shops, which closed yesterday as a protest against the high meat prices. Over one hundred thousand families, it is figured, have put a ban on meat, and the housewives are insisting that the retailers remain closed until the wholesalers drop the price. Kovacs, a prominent and effective organizer of the women in closing up these shops, which tried to defy them.

Farming Publication.
The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has just issued a new and interesting publication entitled "Farming, Ranching and Social Conditions in Western Canada." This publication contains a series of articles written by practical men on subjects of interest to those looking to better their present condition.

The authors of the articles appearing in this book are such men as Mr. Chauncey P. Reynolds, editor of "The Prairie Farmer," Chicago, and Fellow at Michigan Agricultural College, Professor Thomas Shaw, Member of the faculty of the Minnesota Experimental Station and Agricultural College, Mr. Philip Eastman, editor of the Capper Publications, comprising a number of Kansas farming papers, Mr. E. S. Baccard, editor of "The National Stockman and Farmer," Pittsburg, Penna., an authority on beef and dairy cattle, Mr. Herbert Quick, editor "Farm and Fireside," Springfield, Ohio, and well known as an author and lecturer. Professor E. E. Paville, formerly professor, Agricultural Department, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

These articles are written in an unbiased vein and from personal experience and are most interesting to those who are desirous of learning more of Western Canada.

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AN ANACHRONISM

Asquith Says It's His Business to Get Rid of It.

"PARNELLISM AND CRIME"

British Premier Strongly Condemns Man Who Claims to Have Written Famous Letters.

London, April 12.—During the consideration in the House of Commons yesterday of the Government's second resolution in regard to the veto power of the House of Lords (the resolution which limits the power of the Lords in regard to the general legislation, Prime Minister Asquith said that the continued existence of the House of Lords as a second chamber, on the present basis was an anachronism, and it was an integral part of the Government's policy to get rid of that anachronism. But, he added, the changes were to be put forward with out prejudice to, and in contemplation of, alteration in the composition of the House of Lords.

The Premier went on to say that while the present resolutions were not put forward as a final or adequate solution of the problem, they were, in the opinion of the Government, the first and necessary step if they were to emancipate the House of Commons from the thralldom of the House of Lords.

"Parnellism and Crime."
During the day Mr. Asquith made his reply to a number of questions which notice had been given in the House in regard to the admission of Sir Robert Anderson, for many years adviser to the home office, in matters relating to political crimes, that he was the author of the notorious articles in The Times, in 1887, entitled "Parnellism and Crime." These articles were credited to Richard Pigott at the time and accused Charles Stewart Parnell and other Irish leaders with agrarian crime in Ireland.

Mr. Asquith, in his speech, commented strongly on Sir Robert's admission of authorship of the articles referred to. He said he could not use language sufficiently strong to express his condemnation of the admitted breach of official duty of which Sir Robert Anderson was guilty. He added that he did not think that any useful purpose could be served by instituting an inquiry into the matter after a lapse of more than 20 years.

WILL RATES BE REDUCED?

Those Who Desire To Travel by Sleeping Cars May Profit.
Toronto, April 12.—"What effect will the order of the inter-state commerce commission regarding the reduction in Pullman rates have in Canada?"

This question was asked of several local railway passenger men, who declined to be quoted, but who said the order had no official bearing in Canada, though it was likely that if a reduction was made by the Pullman Company it would apply alike in Canada and the United States.

The matter has been discussed before the Canadian Railway Commis-

sioners on two occasions, at which representatives of the Pullman Company and C. P. R. sleeping car department were present, but nothing has been done so far.

The local men did not favor charging two prices, making it cheaper to use an upper berth. It would cost the same, which they thought would not be in the interest of the best travel. Some would not object to a reduction in price, but maintain it should be the same for the upper and lower seats.

"They could give no official opinion, however, because such matters would be disposed of at the head offices. Until they received notice, otherwise they would continue to collect the old rate."

"Of course," said one official of the Pullman Company, "we're compelled, say, to give a cheaper rate for trains leaving Chicago for Toronto. I don't think they would charge a higher rate from Toronto to Chicago."

Faversham Next Monday.
William Faversham promises the theatregoers of London a superlative dramatic and literary treat when he appears at the Grand Opera House tomorrow evening, April 18, in "Shoe-Phillips' Herod." There is no gaudy display of the importance of this play and this company. When this drama was presented in London by Sir Beerholm Tree nine years ago, it achieved a phenomenal success, and for a two-fold reason: "Herod" was discovered not only to be a great play, but the writing of it a literary marvel. There promises to be a record-breaking attendance. A large number have already taken advantage of reserving by mail. The seat sale opens Thursday morning.

"Sham" Tomorrow Night.
No attraction announced for London this season can possibly bring more delight than will the engagement of Henrietta Crossman, in "Sham," at the Grand Opera House. This delightful actress and her new play will appear here on Wednesday evening, April 13. The reserve seat sale is now open.

Liberal Minstrels.
It is with a feeling of pride that the Young Liberal Club present the following programme at the Grand Opera House this Thursday and Friday. The large chorus of 75 voices have been carefully trained, and the augmented orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Henry, the largest amateur minstrel shows that has ever been produced in this city. The first part will be commenced in evening dress, and the end men's suits will be of a rich shade of red, the club's color. Opening overture..... Enter Ensemble.

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