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The Tuckahoe Outrage.

In another column we reprint from the *New York World* an account of a recent outrage on the British flag in a village called Tuckahoe, in the State of New York. It affords a curious glimpse of the utter lack of personal liberty which exists in the neighbouring republic, and of the despotic rule exercised by mobs—made up of the most degraded class—in a country whose boast has always been its freedom. The incident also shows in a faithful light the low nature of the average American villager. It would be difficult to find in any part of the civilized world a village whose inhabitants would, almost *en masse*, combine to treat with such studied insult the flag of a great, honourable, and friendly nation, as has been done by the refined Tuckahoeans. Even the most ignorant and least civilized races in Eastern Europe would be ashamed to perpetrate such an outrage, and would, moreover, be restrained by the knowledge that their own government would be swift to punish so grave a breach of international courtesy. In the United States, where license so often runs hand-in-hand with arbitrary restriction, it is apparently an accepted fact that prior to a Presidential election any form of national intoxication may be indulged in; and, when the outcome fans the hostility to Great Britain which is nourished by a large number of men who have votes (although otherwise unimportant), those who are nominally in charge of the country's foreign relations take no steps to reprimand any blackguardism that may be indulged in, as in this instance. It is to be hoped that Her Majesty's representative in Washington will remind the apostles of freedom that an apology is due for the gross insult to the British flag, and that the punishing of the ruffian McMahon and his mongrel crew is in order as a matter of common courtesy to a friendly power.

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Another feature of the matter is the omission by even the best of the American papers of any comment on the outrage. It shows the universal cringing to the worst elements of the ruling democracy when not a single sheet has courage to condemn an act they well know to be a disgrace to their country.

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The affair is not without its lesson for Canadians, who have in the past been far too generous in their treatment of the American flag. To insult it would be in the worst of taste, but no Canadian who has a spark of national pride should after this accord it any place even in the most profuse display of bunting.

Mr. Macdonald's case.

We are glad to see that the government has at last taken action in Mr. E. A. Macdonald's case and dismissed him from the service. It is to be regretted that the gentleman concerned incurred this disgrace by remaining in the force concurrently with his public utterances of so questionable a nature, and when he was at perfect liberty to resign his appointment. Possibly, however, the hope of posing as a political martyr was the cause of his continuing to wear Her Majesty's uniform, while professing principles inimical to British rule; if this be correct, it must be rather galling to find that the martyrdom brings the victim so little sympathy.

The Mutiny from an American Standpoint.

The Illustrated American, a weekly paper published in New York, has long had a reputation as being one of the best illustrated and worst edited papers in existence. A marked proof of its low rank in the latter respect is given in its issue of 27th August in an article on Delhi; for ignorance and emasculated Billingsgate it would be difficult to find its equal in another journal of nominal high-class standing. On this point we quote some remarks by F. Blake Crofton in the last issue of *The Dominion Illustrated Monthly*:

"*The Illustrated American*, a paper purporting to be respectable, contains in its issue of August 27th a beautiful picture of the Princess Ahmadee of Delhi. It explains the evening costume of the fair oriental by the fact that Delhi is now quite Europeanized. "Dehi," adds this veracious journal, "was taken by British thugs and robbers, under the command of Lord Lake in 1803, and has ever since—save for the brief period in 1857, when the rightful owners of the land came into their own again by an unfortunately unsuccessful revolution—continued under the rule of the British looters." The friendly and appreciative historian of *The Illustrated American* then goes on to comment on the erection of a statue at Delhi, to the irregular officer who shot the King of Delhi's sons, and whom he erroneously brevets as "the beast General Hodson." Hodson of Hodson's Horse died a major. He was never, like the average American citizen, even a colonel. Besides, the brevet rank of "Beast" belongs prescriptively to an American general, who, I am proud to say, is another blatant vilifier of Great Britain.

"What would be said in America if *The Illustrated London News* expressed regrets that an uprising of American Indians, marked by unspeakable barbarities, and heroically if sternly suppressed, had proved "unfortunately unsuccessful;" that "the rightful owners of the land" had not permanently "come into their own again," but that the country "continued under the rule of the Yankee looters?" And yet to make such expressions on the part of a London journal as utterly inexcusable as the expressions of *The Illustrated American*, the numbers of the American Indians would have to be vastly increased and their grievances vastly diminished."

O. R. A. Matches.

By the absence of any definite information as to the annual matches of the Ontario Rifle Association, it may be taken for granted that none will be held this year; certainly, at this late date, the meeting would be a failure in comparison with those of previous years. It would have been only fair to the shooting public had a decision on the matter been rendered before now; to outsiders it would seem that the Executive might have definitely settled the matter by the 1st October at the latest.

We must apologize to our subscribers for the late delivery of the last three issues of this paper; the delay has been unavoidable. Future issues will, we trust, be in time.

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