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Build, man and maintain!

Laurier and a Canadian naval policy.

Think of what a glorious 17th it might have been to Ireland but for Ulster.

Mr. Churchill says Canada's first duty to the empire is to protect its own shores.

Carranza's name sounds like a dance and he may yet be doing a quickstep to get away from Villa.

Some places that want hydro-radicals could support them, while others could not keep a bus line running.

American papers are declaring that the Monroe doctrine is no joke, but it appears to be somewhat of a conundrum.

Will the Canadian people build a monument to the sanity of Sir George Ross, who maintained our national honor on the naval question?

War Correspondent Creelman says that Villa urges his men to the fight with the use of maxims. And on the Federals he uses Maxims.

An Italian astronomer says that the moon is oval in shape, not spherical. But what does it matter so long as it continues to supply meal tickets for poets and romance for happy lovers?

An old London magistrate congratulated a young man who had been arrested for hissing an "undressed" drama. Now if some audience would mob one of the disgusting sex plays that are being featured the Government might pass it a vote of thanks.

The Conservative papers make political capital of the allegation that Spanish laborers had been engaged for work on the Welland Canal and that Hon. T. W. Crothers had prevented them from entering Canada. Now it transpires that the Spaniards had not left Spain and evidently had never heard of the Welland Canal. Still it is possible that when the Minister of Labor ran away from the Nanaimo strike and was enjoying a holiday jaunt in Europe he may have dispelled any notion of emigration to Canada either on the part of Spaniards or others.

A PEN PICTURE.

A POLITICAL satirist, commenting on the men who have been appointed by Parliament to act on the redistribution committee, has this not over-complimentary picture of the postmaster-general. Perhaps the picture is over-drawn; perhaps.

"To begin at the beginning there is Louis Philippe Pelletier, who has already given Canada a taste of his quality as postmaster-general. He is known to fame as the man who will dig up a dead Grit postmaster in order to fire him for offensive partisanship.

"In the course of a political career which has boxed the compass the postmaster-general has followed the poet's advice—he has been true to himself and by playing both ends and the middle, for Louis Philippe Pelletier he has always managed to find his bearings and sail into port with the wind abeam. His task will be to steer Quebec as far away from Sir Wilfrid Laurier as possible, and the postmaster-general is some steerer, believe me. Still, he has his work cut out for him to pull down Sir Wilfrid Laurier and put Louis Philippe Pelletier in his place in the hearts of the French-Canadian people. It's too much like trading gold lamps for brass ones."

SIR JOHN MURRAY.

SOME of the very few survivors of the old-Union School classes of the early fifties will remember the bright, studious lad, John Murray, who always had his lessons perfect, but yet could hold his own with his fellows on the playground. Many years have passed since he left London, and in Scotland and at Victoria College in Cobourg finished his school career with honor. The bright promise of his boyhood days was amply fulfilled. He devoted his life to science and added vastly to the world's store of knowledge. His investigations of nature were thorough, and his conclusions were accepted by his associates without question. As an author his works were voluminous, and were recognized as text-books throughout the civilized world. Whatever subject he studied he mastered, and when he spoke it was with the authority of one who knew.

Nor was he without reward, apart from the return knowledge always makes to those who possess it. Degrees from universities, rank in learned societies, titles from the rulers of empires, these and a competence for his old age, were his.

And now his work has been finished. He had been so far favored that his life extended beyond the palmist's limit of human years. And though his sudden death is sad, and its attendant circum-

stances most unfortunate, yet, after all, to the man whose life has been busy and useful it may be better to go without warning than to linger superfluous on the stage, the victim of disease, or of senile weakness and decay. For all his friends and relatives there will be general sympathy, not so much for the coming of death after a well-spent life, but because it came under conditions so appalling, and which must ever sadden the memory of those connected with it.

BORDEN'S BURDEN NOT WANTED.

"WE DO NOT wonder at all that it not consistent with the dignity and standing of the Dominion that she should depend on the British taxpayer who often is less well off than the average Canadian."

With these words Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, pulled the last prop from beneath the Borden contribution naval policy. The Conservatives in Canada have tried to make out that the Liberal opposition to a policy that gave ships but did not give men or money to maintain them was conceived in disloyalty. But now there can be no mistaking the first lord's desire to show that the Laurier policy of a Canadian navy, built, manned and maintained in Canada, was acceptable to Great Britain. Mr. Churchill had given his sanction to the Laurier policy as originally advanced, and he has been apparently gratified at the decision of New Zealand and Australia to build and maintain their own navies. Their loyalty to the empire has never been in doubt with the first lord, and Canada would have maintained a dignified position in his eyes had she stood by her position of "build, man and maintain." But when the Borden Government came into power Mr. Churchill had his reputation to maintain and he could not afford to offend a premier just chosen by the Canadian people by rejecting that premier's proposal.

If there is the slightest trace of ambiguity in Mr. Churchill's statement, it all lends weight to the conjecture that he is politely reproaching the Borden Government. His phrasing is: "Not consistent with the dignity and standing of the Dominion that she should depend on the British taxpayer who often is less well off than the average Canadian." The Laurier Government proposed that Canada should build, man and maintain its warships. Not one cent would ever have been imposed upon the British taxpayer.

The Borden Government would have given its elephantine gift to the British taxpayers, who would have had to provide maintenance for all time.

Mr. Borden stands reproached by the man he paraded as his supporter. His claims of British favor and dictation are proven to be as false and shallow as his broken policy was.

A PARALLEL CASE.

OUR neighbors in the United States can commit themselves to foolish legislation just as readily as we in Canada. But there is always some one to raise a warning voice, or to condemn folly. Our own House of Commons passed a law that was fraught with evil when it voted to expend a large sum of money for the beneficial purpose of improving our highways, but neutralized all its good effect in retaining it as a fund for the assistance of a political party by its cunning expenditures where it could be used to advantage for partisan purposes. And violent was the condemnation of the Senate by interested parties when that body interposed on behalf of the people, and insisted that those for whose benefit it was supposed to be spent should have the spending of it.

A similar case has occurred in the United States. There is a proposal there to appropriate \$25,000,000 for the building of disconnected roads in a number of the states. And this is the language in which the Philadelphia Ledger refers to it:

"It is only the entering wedge for a species of profligacy, waste and political graft so dangerous that even the suggestion should frighten the nation. The fact that the House voted by a large majority for this violent departure from sound practice and decent conduct carries no conviction except that it furnishes a pregnant illustration of the utter irresponsibility of the average congressman and his eager disposition to plunge the Government into the wildest and most dangerous enterprises which hold out the promise of a distribution of patronage and public money to the henchmen of his district. . . . If this monstrous grab should succeed in the first instance no power in the country could check its evil course, no force could stop its progressive iniquity, no treasury could meet its increasing demands. There must be left, at least in the Senate, a few honorable and sane men who will oppose this 'octopus.'"

The Senate of Canada blocked this graft so far as we are concerned. And it seems that sane-minded men in the United States are appealing to their Senate to do as ours did, and nip iniquity in the bud. More and more as time progresses, and as people free themselves from political prejudice, will their gratitude grow because our Senate did its duty by the country and justified its own existence.

CHURCHILL AND AVIATION.

FOR some time Hon. Winston Churchill has been distinguishing himself by trips in the air. His picture in a water plane appears in a recent number of the Illustrated London News. Mr. Churchill has shown his daring spirit on various occasions in various ways, in battle, in the exploit of escaping from a Boer prison, in the invasion of Belfast to speak for home rule, and in his new knight errantry of the air.

Speaking the other day as the guest of the Royal Aero Club, he made some what light of the airman's risks. "The risk of flying," he said, "is greatly exaggerated by the newspapers. The man-in-the-street only reads in the headlines that some airman has been killed or injured, and he assumes that such condi-

tions are the ordinary concomitants of an adventure in the air."

Note, however, that word "adventure." Winston may yet go once too often to the well, though let us hope not. As for the newspapers, they chronicle hard facts. Mr. Churchill also admits that the conditions of flying in Great Britain are peculiarly dangerous owing to winds and lack of landing facilities. At the same time he pointed out that "the neophyte today flies in a wind which the expert would have thought dangerous two years ago." Long live the adventurous Mr. Churchill and other pioneers of the air.

A MENACE IN THE AIR.

HAS the Mad Mullah adequately considered the lack of aerial military service in this country? There are the Americans inventing, manufacturing and piloting the infernal machines that will fly all over his dear armories and shell them to pieces. We need a great big army of skilled aeronauts to protect this large Dominion. Has Mad Sam ever been up in an airship yet? When he has given this subject the attention that it merits, we shall expect to see him a flying dragon himself and the author of universal aerial conscription in this pleasant land. Expenses no object.

CRIME'S BITTER FRUITS.

THE police of Montreal caught one bandit as he was kneeling at prayer in a cathedral. Hunted like a wild animal for days, starved and cold, he slunk into the church for shelter, and perhaps for mercy. He told his story afterwards, a broken bravado.

Searching for a second criminal of the same group, the police broke into his home to find his wife nursing. If the term is not incongruous, the dead body of their infant. The woman clung to the little form, walked with it and wept over it, while she hoped for the homecoming of her outlawed mate. Poor, stricken, lonely creature, a mother, robbed by death of her infant, by his own villainy of her husband. The moving pictures shriek their tearing emotions, yet life's obscure tragedies are mostly hidden.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

[Chicago Daily News.]

Two boys who managed to be rather unruly in school so exasperated their teacher that she requested them to remain after hours and write the names 1,000 times. They plunged into the task. Some fifteen minutes later one of them grew uneasy and began watching his companion in disgrace. Suddenly the first one burst out with despair between his sobs and said to the teacher:

"Tain't fair, mum! His name's Bush and mine's Schluttermeyer."

WE PREFER TO LIVE NOW.

[Montreal Mail.]

An American professor has just translated a Buddhist poem written one thousand years ago. After reading the poem, one concludes that there was no particular advantage in living one thousand years ago.

GUTELIUS' WAY.

[Hamilton Times.]

Mr. Gutelius is buying American coal for the Intercolonial, when Canadian coal might be had right at hand. Mr. Gutelius, though a Government employee, was an American up to a few months ago. No trade or truck.

THOMAS HARDY IS NEXT.

[Montreal Herald.]

Here's health and happiness to Thomas Hardy, the last of the great Victorians, who has just married his typewriter. Let us hope that this matrimonial adventure of the old novelist and poet will not furnish material for an addition to the series of Life's Little Ironies.

MR. CROTHERS' WAY.

[Port Arthur Chronicle.]

The Minister of Labor is under a hot fire at Ottawa. His trip to Europe in the height of the labor crisis in Vancouver Island seemed an original way of attacking the problem.

SO SHE COULD.

[Boston Transcript.]

Mistress Bridget, the pie is awful. And you told me you could bake so good pies as any cook in Boston."

Bridget—So I can, mum. But all the ladies I ever worked for mixed the pies themselves before I baked 'em, mum."

BY TICKET ONLY.

[New York Post.]

Mrs. Lovelace had a new maid, not long over from Scandinavia, who did not quick to learn, but what she did learn fixed itself solidly in her blonde head.

That is true.

He's always first to grab it and he reads it plumb clean through.

He doesn't miss an item or a want advertisement.

He says, "They don't know what we want, they don't know what we want, I'm going to take a day some time and go out and put 'em wise."

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ABE MARTIN

HOTSTONE LEAVE DOUBLE HEADY 75-CENT



Zach Bentley was acquitted yesterday. His trial only lasted two days as he owns no farm. The hardest thing about being a lawyer is knowin' when 't quit.

In particular, she was taught to take the visiting cards of Mrs. Lovelace's not infrequent callers.

One day appeared a certain Mrs. Furbelow, a friend and familiar of Mrs. Lovelace, and one not accustomed to the formality of cards in that house. The new maid refused to let her in. She blocked the door with her substantial bulk and spoke firmly.

"You must give up your ticket, first," she said.

AUBSE AND PRIVILEGES.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]

Is education an unmixed evil? It is stated that Kaufman, the Boston burglar, learned all about safes and explosives in the public library.

SOUNDS LIKE IRONY.

[Chicago Tribune.]

"The national view of the Irish is humbling," says Canon Hannay; and the way that man says such things with a straight face excites our boundless admiration.

THE BENEFACTOR.

[Grit Alexander.]

"It is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive."

If the giver gets a blessing Greater than receiver knows, Then the fact he is confessing He but barbers as he goes.

If I feel inclined to dry a Tear or seek to soften woes I but stoop to do what I buy a Dollars' worth of righteous glow.

Righteous glow! A note that loudly Tells of stunted soul and will! Do we strut around so proudly Because we neither steal nor kill?

Seek your "down and out" and greet him! Treat him kindly! Deary me! At a bargain keen you beat him, Since you are more blessed than he!

Give him gratitude unmeasured! Sacrifice and incense sweet! He has killed the pride he treasured! Laid it bleeding at your feet!

From Western Ontario Press

THE FIRST ROBIN.

[Joseph Mercury.]

The first robin has made his appearance. We hope the explorer has brought along his mitts and scarf and intends to stay on the job.

SHREWDNESS OF BURGLARS.

[St. Thomas Journal.]

The Montreal burglars who robbed the till in a butcher shop evidently were wise as to where most of the money in the country is going.

INTO THE DISCARD.

[Brantford Courier.]

Now an astronomer has come along who declares that the moon is not spherical in shape but oval. Thus one by one our old time delusions are getting thrown in the discard with a dull, sickening thud.

VACANT LOT GARDENING.

[St. Thomas Times.]

It is not too early to think about vacant lot gardening. The planning may well be done before the ground is ready for plow or spade. Less than 27 per cent of an average city's vacant lots are available soil is used to any profitable purpose. Health and an increasing degree of comfort are to be found in vacant lot cultivation. Relief from the evils growing out of youthful idleness may be found there. A hoe in hand may mean the difference between a corner loafer and a substantial, responsible citizen.

On the Spur of the Moment

by Roy K. Moulton.

The Critic.

Dad reads about the wedding and he snorts like all git out.

He reads the society girls' with a most derisive shout.

He says they make the papers for the women-folks alone.

He'll read about the parties and he'll fume and fret and groan.

He says of information it does not contain a crumb.

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POOR ENFORCEMENT OF BANKING LAWS

W. F. Maclean Advocates Facilities for Better Enforcing of Federal Acts, But Minister Does Not Approve.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 17.—A clause in the new insurance act, which provides that a director or manager of a company who suppresses facts relating to the company, shall be liable to a penalty of three years' imprisonment, gave rise to a warm discussion in the banking committee today.

W. F. Maclean, of South York, declared that the present system of enforcing federal laws in connection with banks insurance and trust companies, was no enforcement at all, but a travesty upon justice and a crying scandal throughout the country. This, he thought, was in part responsible for much graft. He advocated the appropriation by parliament of a fund to be placed at the disposal of the solicitor or some other official of the Government, with which to take such action as may be necessary to enforce federal laws and prosecute offenders.

Such a provision, he pointed out, had recently been made by the United States, with the result that banks and other financial institutions which formerly violated the law with impunity were now brought to book.

Hon. Thomas White, minister of finance was not inclined to favor Mr. Maclean's view, nor did he believe that conditions were such as the member for York had depicted. The British North America act put protection in the custody of the provincial attorneys-general. It was only necessary to lay information to set the machinery of the law in motion against offenders.

H. B. Ames and J. M. Aikens took the same view, and the suggestion was not adopted.

SHOWER ROYALTIES WITH PAMPHLETS

Suffragettes Take Advantage of King's and Queen's Presence at Theater.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 17.—Militant suffragettes contributed an extra and unheard-of "turn" to the program given before King George and Queen Mary at a music hall performance today in aid of a hospital. During the singing of the National Anthem, a shower of militant suffragette pamphlets fluttered from the gallery above the royal box. Some of the papers floated into the box and found a lodging on the shoulders of the King and Queen.

Simultaneously a woman occupying a place in the stalls of the theatre stood up, and pointing a finger at the royal party, shouted: "Your Majesties! Mrs. Pankhurst is in prison! I therefore—"

The woman was unable to proceed further with her speech, as a detective clapped his hand over her mouth and she was escorted out of the theatre.

MOVIES AND PICTURES FORBIDDEN TO CLERGY

Archbishop Langevin Also Puts Ban on Dances in Aid of the Churches.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Man., March 17.—Archbishop Langevin has issued instructions forbidding his clergy from attending theatres and moving picture shows, and urging them to warn their people from attending such places. The archbishop also forbids the holding of dances for the aid of any church organization, and issues a general warning against the new dances.

CASUALTIES REACH 1,200

Latest Estimate of Loss by Storm in Russia.

[Canadian Press.]

St. Petersburg, March 17.—The latest estimates of loss of life in the storm over the Sea of Azov places the casualties at 1,200.

Dispatches say that the storm is now raging between Ekaterinburg and Vlatka, and is slowly moving north.

FLASHES FROM THE WIRE

London, March 17.—Yoshida, said to have been the intermediary between officials of the German electrical firm of Siemens and Schuckert Company and Japanese naval officials, committed suicide today in prison.

Washington, March 17.—Senator Townsend, of Michigan, today addressed the Senate, advocating a deep waterways from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic through the Welland Canal and the St. Lawrence River.

Portage la Prairie, Man., March 17.—George H. Strevel, 79 years of age, dean of railway contractors in Canada, died here today. Mr. Strevel retired from business about ten years ago.

North Bay, March 17.—Fire early this morning destroyed the wooden building on Main street, occupied as a store and residence by C. F. Wilson, fancy goods merchant. The building was owned by B. M. Mulligan and A. C. Amos. Loss \$8,000, partially insured. The fire started from an overheated stove.

Toronto, March 17.—Mr. Justice Kelly has dismissed the application of Mayor McVey, of Ottawa, for an order setting aside the flat under which quo warranto proceedings were instituted to unseat the mayor.

Montreal, March 17.—The three thousand members of the Union of Canadian Pacific Railway Sectionmen are now voting by lodges as to whether they will accept the recent award of an arbitration board reporting against their demand for increased pay or demand the increase of 30 cents a day after May 1, until which date the representatives of the men and the company have agreed to let the matter stand as it is.

Stockholm, March 17.—The condition of health of King Gustav is causing anxiety in court circles here. His majesty has found it necessary to curtail his stay in the country, where he went from Stockholm a few days ago. He returned hurriedly to the capital today.

Ottawa, March 17.—The Senate railway committee today struck out the amendments initiated by R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, in certain railway bills before the Lower House committee compelling compelling companies to start work within

Chapman's



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Chapman's Dollar-Day, Sat., Mar. 21

We are preparing for it and will advertise it fully in tomorrow's paper. Save up your dollars and bring them here Saturday. We are going to make it worth your while. An unusual amount of enthusiasm is being worked up over Dollar-Day, so try and come. In our next advertisement we will tell you what a dollar will buy.

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