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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18.BRITISH LIBERALS FOR THE
LAURIER POLICY.

It is becoming evident that British Liberal opinion, apart from merely official expressions of opinion, is crystallizing in favor of the Laurier policy for colonial navies. As far as the British Government is concerned, it would not be politic for it in any way to turn a cold shoulder to the Canadian Government or show any dissatisfaction. No one expects that. The situation is delicate; the navy is a controversial question in Canada, and the British Government cannot take sides. However, an opposition might feel itself free, as the Unionists in the matter of reciprocity last year. The responsibility of office makes a difference. It would be unfair to expect the Asquith Government to show a preference either way or to look askance at the Borden offer. Probably it will, as in duty bound, thank Mr. Borden, its spokesman taking care to express an appreciation also of the Liberal policy.

But, at the same time, there has always been in the Liberal party of Great Britain a tradition of independent thought which does not surrender its convictions merely because the party is in office; witness the Persian policy of the present Government. And on this question of colonial contribution and representation in imperial defence there are Liberal voices in the press and in Parliament that are not hesitating to point out to the British Government and to the Empire the dangers of this Borden policy.

The Manchester Guardian, the London Daily News and Leader, and the Nation, which all will agree to be among the strongest forces of Liberalism, journals whose opinions will be received with the most respectful attention everywhere, emphatically reject the policy of Mr. Borden, preferring the Australian and Laurier system of local navies and local initiative. They object particularly to the plan of colonial representation on the Imperial Defence Committee. Already this committee has been threatening the freedom of Parliament, and even of the cabinet, to control foreign policy, sitting secretly and becoming a sort of "imperium in imperio"; but worse and more of it is foreseen in the development proposed by the Canadian Premier. The London Daily News and Leader of Dec. 7 writes very strongly:

"If Mr. Borden's scheme is adopted, and extended to the other dominions as it inevitably must be once adopted, then the House of Commons might just as well put up its shutters so far as foreign affairs are concerned, and, indeed, so far as all affairs generally are concerned. The Imperial Defence Committee will resume in the constitution of this country the same place as the Elder Statesmen in Japan or the Federal Council in Germany. The committee will decide foreign policy, peace and war, army and navy; the House of Commons may be considered good enough for a mental deficiency bill. The House of Commons will become merely a shadow and a name. The first duty, therefore, of all who have any desire to preserve parliamentary government is to secure the rejection of Mr. Borden's constitutional proposal. We rejoice in Canada's desire to share the burden of the fleet; but in the highest interests of the future we must see that the terms of the collaboration are consistent with free government. Whatever else may be said of the Laurier scheme of a Canadian navy, it fulfilled that vital condition. The Borden scheme does not."

The development of the arbitrary power of the Imperial Defence Committee threatens the parliaments of the Dominions even more than that of the mother country. The colonial representatives must be always in a minority on the committee and outvoted. The Dominion Parliament will become more and more subject to an irresponsible representative or two sitting secretly with British military and naval men at London, or to a committee that knows the Dominion only from the map. Mr. Borden's idea leads away from autonomy to imperial complications that will create friction. The simple and British plan is the Laurier policy, which preserves autonomy British and Canadian, parliamentary government and national self-respect, avoiding at the same time entanglements and friction.

THE BANK REVISION.
Mr. White handles the bank act tenderly. Not that his bill is without good features. He has done well in deciding against a Government system of auditing. Bank depositors and shareholders would be disposed to place too much dependence upon a public audit, and the Government of the day would be held responsible for failures due to incompetence or dishonesty which no audit could guard against. There was a choice example of "playing politics" in the incident of the Farmers' Bank whose victims were promised full redress on the eve of an election by a present cabinet minister. The temptation to make party capital of bank failures under a system of Government

inspection would be too much for many politicians of the same stripe on either side. Whether Mr. White's provision for a shareholders' audit is adequate or not can better be discussed when the full text of the bill is published.

The amendment to permit farmers to borrow money on their grain and cattle may serve a useful purpose and considerably widen the field of banking activities. The power to issue notes against gold provides another element of elasticity in bank currency. The main criticism that may fairly be passed upon Mr. White's revision is that while it enlarges the privileges of the existing banks, and gives depositors and shareholders a few more safeguards, such as an external audit and directors' liability for negligence, it takes no account of the possible dangers in the growing concentration of the money power. Some day it may be advisable to limit the scope of a bank's operations; perhaps its profits, too.

MR. LAW'S LATEST IMPROVISATION.

The London Times is so unkind as to tell Mr. Donar Law that he does not know where he is leading his party on the tariff question. The attack has more than a tincture of irony, because Mr. Law was chosen leader of his party on account of his pre-eminence as a Tariff Reformer.

On the event of the last election Mr. Balfour promised that if the Unionists were returned to power they would submit their budget to a referendum, an expedient which probably kept many Unionist free traders in the party ranks. Recently Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Law announced that the party was absolved from Mr. Balfour's promise by defeat at the polls, and they gave warning that the next Unionist Government would hold itself free to revise the fiscal system. They promised, however, to take the people into their confidence as to the extent to which food taxation would be carried. The pledge put upon Unionist leaders the duty of framing a budget in advance of an election, so far as food duties were concerned.

Mr. Law's latest speech, delivered Monday night, has created more than a flutter in Tariff Reform dovetails. He says there will be no food taxes unless a Unionist Government is satisfied after a conference with the British dominions, that a system of imperial preferential trade is practicable. The return of the party to power will be regarded as a mandate to enter into these negotiations, and if possible to frame a policy within the limits prescribed for food taxation. These timid and tentative proposals do not please the robust protectionists of Great Britain who believe in import duties, whether tied to a preferential scheme or not. They also disclose an intention to demand further favors for British manufacturers, in colonial markets, the last thing the present Ottawa Government would welcome. But the Unionist party is not yet in power, and the Borden Government may escape some highly uncomfortable importunities.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN CHINA.

[Pekin Daily News.]
The ministry of education has ordered that an English course should be introduced into the curriculum of the higher primary schools in Peking. It is thought that the pupils, by beginning early, will be able more easily to learn the intricacies of that foreign tongue.

WANTED—A SILKWORM.

[Tit-Bits.]
Old Gent—Gentle disposition! Why, he wants to bite the head off every dog he meets. You've swindled me! Fancier—Lor' luv yer, guv'nor, you didn't oughter to keep dogs at all! A gent with your temperament ought only to go in for silkworms.

BENEFIT OF A CHANGE.

[Washington Star.]
"I always aim to have some Shakespeare in my theatre during the winter," said the manager of the Pucktown opera house.
"You think the public demands it?"
"Nope, but it helps business in the long run. It makes them appreciate Uncle Tom's Cabin and Ten Nights in a Barroom."

WEST VIRGINIA SITS UP.

[Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.]
West Virginia begins to take notice of fresh reports that the Duke of the Abruzzi is considering an offer from Albania to become reigning sovereign of that country.

SNEED CASE JUST THE SAME.

[Vancouver Province.]
The Missouri woman who confessed to committing a murder and was ordered to be released by the courts must feel justly indignant at having her veracity questioned.

NOTICE TO DANCERS.

[Hamilton Times.]
Those who dance will be interested to learn that the "clutch" and "strangle" holds of the ballroom have been declared unseemly, ungentlemanly and unladylike. If such an expression can be used, by the patronesses of the New York Junior Cotillions, a leading arbiter in matters dealing with ballroom etiquette in that city. The clutch and strangle are two positions assumed by the young girls and young men in modern dancing which the women of society find most unpleasing.

A PESSIMIST'S CHRISTMAS CARD.

[New York Post.]
A Dreary Christmas to You.
Sad Christmas Meetings.
All Christmas Griefs Be Thine.
A Dismal Christmas and Many of Them.
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DEFENCE COMMITTEE IDEA
NOT BEST, SAYS ROWELL

Points Out That Canada Would Have No Real Voice in the Management of Defence or Foreign Policy—Approves Imperial Conference Plan.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Peterboro, Dec. 18.—A plea for the Imperial conference, as contrasted with the committee of Imperial defence, was the feature of the speech delivered last night by Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C., M. P. P., before the Peterboro Canadian Club.
"The position of a representative of Canada on the committee of defence," said Mr. Rowell, "would apparently be equal, but not superior, to that of permanent secretaries or other officers of the departments of the British Government, and it is quite clear from the statements made by Mr. Asquith and others, appearing recently in the London Times, that there is no intention on the part of the British Government of making this committee, even with the representatives of Canada and the other dominions upon it, anything more than an advisory committee to the British Government, a committee absolutely under the control of the Prime Minister of Great Britain."

No Real Voice.
While representation on the committee of Imperial defence may serve a useful purpose when matters affecting Canada are under consideration, all must agree that no one would seriously suggest that giving Canada or the other dominions a seat on this committee would be giving them any real voice in the management of defence or of foreign policy. Two Imperial organizations of equal status and responsibility are impossible. Do not let us lose the substance in grasping for the shadow. Let us maintain the one to which the statesmen of the empire have for years given their best thought and which has proved such a unifying force in promoting the highest interests of both the dominions and the empire, an organization which, judged by its past history, as well as by its representative character, is capable of

developing to meet the needs and exigencies of the future."

The difference between the Imperial conference and the defence committee as follows:
"1.—The Imperial conference is a conference between governments. The committee of Imperial defence is a committee of individuals.
"2.—The Imperial conference is composed of prime ministers commanding parliamentary majorities, and can therefore make their decisions effective. The committee of Imperial defence is not so constituted, but simply an intermediate departmental committee of the British Government, composed partly of cabinet ministers and partly of permanent officials, and can only recommend action to the British Government.
"3.—In the Imperial conference all the governments are equally represented and have an equal voice and vote in its deliberations and decisions. On the committee of Imperial defence Great Britain has an overwhelming preponderance, and from the very nature of the committee must decide as the British Cabinet may desire."

"4.—The Imperial conference recognizes the full autonomy of all the dominions, and its decisions can only be made effective with the consent of these dominions. The committee of Imperial defence cannot, from the very nature of its object and constitution, do other than carry out the plans of the British Cabinet.
"5.—The Imperial conference is organized to deal with all subjects of common interest to the empire. The committee of Imperial defence is limited to consideration of matters of defence, and, only very incidentally, of foreign policy."

Mr. Rowell spoke on the question of Imperial relations, dealing particularly with the Imperial conference and the committee of Imperial defence at the special request of the Canadian Club.

POWERS TO UNTIE
ADRIATIC KNOT

Servia Agrees to Leave Matter in Their Hands to Forward Peace.

RELIES ON MODERATION

The Tension With Austria To Be Relieved by Direct Negotiations.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Dec. 18.—Servia took a most important step in the direction of peace today by stating her willingness to leave the matter of an outlet in the Adriatic entirely to the great European powers.
In announcing the decision of the Servian Government to take this step, the head of the Servian peace delegation added that Servia's attitude was perfectly moderate one, and that relying on this moderation, the justice of her claim, and the sympathies of the European governments, she had decided to take the course indicated.
In regard to the tension between Austria-Hungary and Servia it is generally expected that direct negotiations between these two nations will begin immediately. These will take the form of conferences between the Austrian foreign minister and M. Jovanovitch, the newly-appointed Servian minister at Vienna, and the object aimed at will be the realization of the mutual wishes of the two countries for the clearing up of the situation and the removal of misunderstandings.

A RICH ESTATE

Man Who Rose From Messenger Boy Left Fourteen Millions.

[Canadian Press.]
Albany, Dec. 18.—The estate of Louis A. Heinsheimer, of New York, who died three years ago, has been appraised by the state comptroller at \$14,000,000. An unusual feature of the appraisal is that it shows that Mr. Heinsheimer had a cash bank balance of \$3,500,000, the largest sum of the kind ever recorded here.
Mr. Heinsheimer was virtually unknown outside of the Wall Street district. He had spent his life there, rising from a post as messenger boy to membership in the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Company. He was 48 years old.

HOW IT MUST HURT

[Butte Miner.]
The small boy's good behavior is getting very near the crisis.

EVERYBODY'S TRIED IT

BY BERTON DRALEY

I wrote a very clever play
And told my dearest friends about it,
Declared that it was blithe and gay,
They smiled and said they didn't doubt it;
And each one whispered in my ear
"I'll read my play to you some day."
And so I'm asking far and near:
"Who hasn't tried to write a play?"

The milkman and the plumber, too,
The man who comes to get the ashes,
The cook who cooks our daily stew,
The carpenter who fixes sashes,
Have all essayed dramatic art
And have some drama hid away,
And so I query from the heart
"Who hasn't tried to write a play?"

Diogenes, with lantern lit
Went searching for an honest mortal
And with this odd archaic kit
He paused at everybody's portal.
A longer quest than his I plan,
About the world I mean to stray,
To find the woman, child or man
Who hasn't tried to write a play!

FATAL HOTEL FIRE
AT CARLISLE, SASK

E. W. Brown Perished When Explosion of Acetylene Gas Wrecked the Building.

[Canadian Press.]
Carlisle, Sask., Dec. 18.—An explosion in the acetylene gas plant in the cellar of the Antler Hotel, owned by E. W. Brown, here, Monday morning, resulted in the death of one man and the destruction of the hotel with \$20,000 damage. The force of the explosion blew up the kitchen floor and part of the floor above it, and hurled sleepers out of their beds. E. W. Brown, a local merchant, who was sleeping on the second floor, never awakened, and his charred remains were discovered on a burned mattress eight hours later. I. D. Morrison got the full force of the explosion, but escaped with severe burns. A bucket brigade kept the flames from spreading to other buildings.

CHARLES COVEY WAS
STRICKEN SUDDENLY

Had Resided in Strathroy Nearly All His Life.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Strathroy, Dec. 17.—Death came very unexpectedly today to Charles Covey, of his home on Canada street. He had been in his usual health, but was taken suddenly ill with heart weakness and died in a short time. He was 76 years old and had resided here nearly all his life. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon.
Irving Poole, aged 81, died at his home here today. Thomas Poole, of Glenora, and John, manager of the Royal Bank at St. Marys, are sons. The funeral will be held on Thursday.

MYSTERIOUS BLAZE
IN OPERA HOUSE

St. Marys Theatre Had a Close Call for Being Destroyed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. Marys, Dec. 18.—Fire was discovered at the St. Marys Opera House at the noon hour yesterday. Great volumes of smoke were noticed coming out of the window by the east end of the stage platform. The fire brigade responded quickly, and soon had lines of hose carried up a ladder to the stage window and deluged that section with water, but the dense smoke prevented the firemen for some time from locating the seat of the fire, which was later found to be under

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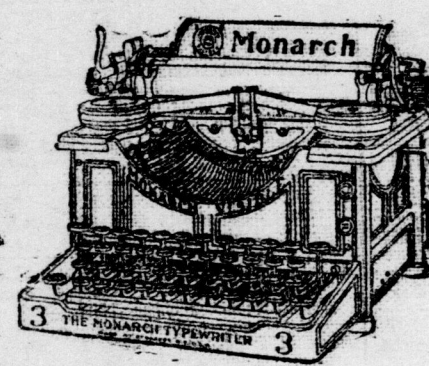
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West Lorne, Dec. 18.—It is reported that the parties who gave an English syndicate option on some 5,200 acres of land between West Lorne and Lake Erie, have all received notice during the last few days to be ready to give up possession of their lands in the spring.

This land is all recognized as being second to none anywhere in Ontario for fruit growing, etc., and a great future seems to be in store for West Lorne as a fruit growing centre.

Peaches and all kinds of small fruits have been grown most successfully during the last year or two, but local parties had realized the importance of the land and were ready to give up the land for a large amount.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR
NEW YORK KIDDIES

Will Be Placed On Madison Square and Have 1,000 Lights.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Dec. 18.—A giant Christmas tree, declared to be the largest ever seen in this country, will be placed in Madison Square next week by the Adirondack League Club, as a surprise to the children of the east side on Christmas eve. A thousand electric bulbs will be strung through its branches, from which a huge supply of toys and candies will be distributed.

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Hamilton, to become pastor at the close of the present term next June. Dr. Smith is a prominent minister and has been pastor of some of the leading Methodist churches in the west, including the Metropolitan Church in Toronto.

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