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THAT OMINOUS SILENCE

The Standard's Ottawa humorist has discovered another great Conservative victory. The Liberals, he says, had expected the Conservatives to cheer the Nationalist, Gilbert, when he was introduced to the house, but they were too shrewd for that, and remained silent, and the disappointed Liberals indulged in suppressed jeers.

It may be true that the Conservative party in parliament, with the eye of the country upon it, did not openly applaud the man who carried Drummond-Arthurs' baskin on an anti-navy platform. The fact remains, however, that Mr. Foster and other Conservatives urged the Conservatives in the Quebec constituency to vote for Mr. Gilbert, and it is said that he received the personal congratulations of Mr. Borden on his victory. Moreover, Mr. Borden has only added a loyal rider to the Monk amendment to the address, and finds it otherwise satisfactory.

The very silence with which Mr. Gilbert was received in the House should be the best evidence that the Borden-Monk-Bourassa alliance is bad politics, and contains an element of danger to racial harmony in Canada which condemns it as unworthy of popular support. Mr. Borden is playing with fire.

REVOLT AGAINST BORDEN

The Toronto World is a Conservative Journal which cannot follow Leader Borden in his many changes of policy with regard to the navy.

"The Conservatives at Ottawa have had two cracks at defining their position in regard to the duty of Canada to herself and to the mother country in connection with naval defense. First of all they joined with the ruling Liberals in a unanimous declaration for a Canadian navy. This was at the opening of last session. Before the end of the session they withdrew from this position and substantially declared for an immediate vote for battleships and a reference of the question of a navy to the people. They are now declaring that nothing be done in the way of a navy until an appeal to the country has been made. This switching of position and this declaration to do nothing but consult the people is an instance of misguiding policy. Political parties must keep their faith as individuals must." For a party that has the reputation of being conservative and pro-British, and that assumed the responsibility of establishing a militia service for this country to say that it has not a policy in regard to defence other than what the people of the country may decide on any referendum, is a confession of weakness or it may be the straining after the somewhat doubtful object of putting the other fellow in a hole. But it is not good politics for Conservatives or those who believe in responsible government."

Mr. Borden will find some difficulty in answering these statements made by a journal of his own party. The more his attitude is considered the less justifiable it appears.

HOME RULE

The Unionists of Ulster threaten that they will not pay rates or taxes imposed by a Dublin parliament, and have subscribed \$50,000 to organize regiments and purchase arms. This announcement will not disturb the government. Irish home rule is not the bugbear it was some twenty-five or thirty years ago. It may be that Mr. Redmond asks too much, but he will get no more than the country is prepared to give, and the majority of the people of the United Kingdom are in favor of some measure of home rule. Ireland at large will be found willing, as an exchange puts it, to accept a legislature compatible with the maintenance of the union and with the supremacy of parliament. The following extract will throw some light on this question:

"Lord Macdonnell, under secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland for six years, and originally appointed by the late Conservative government, in a recent speech at Dublin outlined the chief heads of the political creed formulated by

the Irish Reform Association, of which Lord Dunraven is chairman. It postulates in the first place, he said, the maintenance at Westminster of a parliament reduced in numbers, but with plenary powers of control over the three kingdoms and all subordinate legislative assemblies. Second, the exercise by that parliament of the individual control and management of all matters regarding imperial foreign relations, defence, trade and commerce, taxation of the United Kingdom and all that business and those services which apply to the United Kingdom as a whole. Third, the creation in Ireland of a representative assembly with legislative and executive functions controlling the executive and dealing with all matters devolved by the enabling statute. Fourth, the establishment of an Irish treasury subject to the Irish assembly's control."

Apparently, Mr. Redmond would demand more independence for an Irish parliament, but he realizes as well as any man that it is futile to ask for any action that would not be in harmony with union and the supremacy of the British parliament. The men of Ulster need not fear that their interests will be sacrificed.

There are revolutionary symptoms in Honduras. Where is Col. Roosevelt?

The Shareholder observes:—"According to the evidence of Mr. John H. Robertson of the Dominion Alliance, Montreal has 1,122 licenses, while Toronto, with a population only 100,000 less, has only 150 licenses. There is no doubt about Montreal having too many saloons. If two-thirds of the number were wiped out the whole city would be bettered."

It is stated that if the 67 vessels of the Canadian Pacific Railway in ocean, lake and river service were placed in a single line they would reach a distance of 312 miles. These ships travel per year a distance of 1,422,000 miles, equal to 37 times around the world. Its fleet consumes a total of 2,903 tons of coal per day, and has on its crews and general staff a total of 11,294 employees.

A commercial exchange, referring to the decline in the price of foodstuffs says:—"Wholesale prices today are at least 25 per cent. under those of a year ago, and the probability is that they will go still lower. It will take some time for this reduction to find its way to the retailers and through them to the consumer, but eventually the consumer will profit by these reductions. It goes without saying that the people throughout the country will be heartily glad of the reduction in the price of foodstuffs."

The appeal for a police matron and a patrol wagon is once more before the aldermen. The Women's Council has offered to assist in providing funds to get the patrol wagon. This should not be necessary. The ladies deserve great credit for their present efforts, and for their previous labors to secure an ambulance; and the city council should not hesitate to provide for a police matron and a patrol wagon. The city is disgraced every time a child, a girl or woman is taken to police headquarters without a matron there to take charge of the prisoner. The city is further disgraced every time a drunken man or woman is openly carried through the street. There should be an end of it.

"Thieves not all in seats," is the comment of the Standard on the fact that some towels were stolen from the parliament buildings while the house was in session last year, and that members sometimes find that articles have been taken from their overcoat pockets, and other acts of petty thievery committed. It will be a relief to their friends to be assured that Mr. Borden, Dr. Daniel and Mr. Crockett have not taken any of the towels, or "swiped" dishes from the government cupboards, or pipes and tobacco from the desks of members, although the Standard's remark does not seem to clear them entirely from complicity in some form of abstraction of valuables from somebody. The reference may be to the sessional indemnity which they do not earn. Or perhaps they have been caught trying to steal the thunder of Mr. Bourassa.

AN ATTACK UPON THE NURSERY.

Writing in a London periodical a learned philosopher has recently made an attack upon the nursery. He would have it abolished as tending to the deterioration of juvenile character. To a certain extent Professor Emil Reich is in the right. When little children in the most impressionable years of life, the years between infancy and the schoolroom, are left in the care of ignorant hirelings while their mothers are engaged elsewhere, a serious mistake is made. The nursery, as we understand it in America, is not the place to which children are sent to be out of their mother's way. It is usually a sunny room, fitted with everything pleasant for children, equipped with toys, furnished with picture books and made ideally delightful. Here the mother is often with them, and when she is not with them they are usually with her, the nursery being a convertible term, when it suits the mother's convenience, for the kitchen and the living-room—Margaret E. Sanger in the Christian Herald.

Hot dripping must never be poured into a vessel containing cold dripping, or it will turn musty in a very short time.

THE BIRDS OF PREY.

(By James Manning.)

The lion lay in his lair; And the beasts of the forest gathered there; A careless provident lord was he, And the surplus went to the eagles' free. The bald-headed lord was "Uncle Sam," The black spread-eagle "Bill Von Dunn," A thin one screamed to the name "Cra-paul," And they leagued with the bear in his den below.

A cunning slyful giant he, Who envied Leo his high degree, The lion grew old—his cubs, some day, Might furnish a feast for the birds of prey.

Bill Von Dunn, he led the crew, The rest drew back from Leo's view; For each one hoped the other flyer Would pluck his chestnuts from the fire.

"Ho-ho," cried Bill, "dere vos no doubt," "Der Prussian Eagle does Dreadnought," While Cra-paul swooped from his eyeful's height— "Moi foi, I trust in ze realms of flight."

A growl came up from Bruin's bed, He "lay too near for haste," he said, Said Uncle Sam, "Wall, I'll not bab," "But I'd like my wood-pulp in the slab."

The monkey climbed the Eagle's tree, "Vell, caro mio, villa you admitta me?" "Romana Eagle's in dere day," "O'er odder Eagles held de sway."

Then out spoke Bill—"Mein freinds to me," "Dot cub, a Beaver seems to be," "Und vile I don't know how to you," "Lo me dis seems like kangaroo."

"Dose adder cubs most harmless like," "No dey seem to me not fit for fight," "Den let us gif dem—wacht am Rhein," "Und may de pickins all be mine."

But Leo raised his tawny length And stretched his limbs in massive strength, And ceasing from their gambols wide, The cubs came bounding to his side.

Old was he—with battle scars— Yet bright his eye as in olden wars; And the eager cubs, with bristling manes, Had Leo's blood in youthful veins.

Vast and terrible their roar, It filled the plains from shore to shore, And beast and bird alike with dread, Had Leo's blood in youthful roar.

St. John, N. B.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

LOST CHILDREN.

(By H. L. Spencer.)

Up from the misty lowlands, Up to the Sunlit Hills— Had ye a warning, O Children, To ye approaching ill? Ye went in the early morning, Had ye a warning to flee From the misty lowlands, The wearisome home, and me?

I listen in vain for your prattle— In vain for your laughter sweet— I watch in vain for your shimmering robes, The flash of your flying hair, For O Children of my Childhood, Whose absence I deplore, Ye have gained the heights of the Sunlit Hills, And will return no more.

From the Sunlit Hills, O Children, No traveler e'er returns; But as of old, my heart for you, All day long, waits long years, O Children of my Childhood, From life's temptations free, Come back, if only in dreams, come back, Once more come back, to me.

DOMESTIC NEAR-SUCCESSSES. After a year, a trifle curdled, Waits that almost close in the back. Canned baked beans, Gallery seats (for Bernhardt), Furnace fires, not quite out.—Detroit Free Press.

UNFIT.

Boggs—"I know a man who joined the navy and he can't swim." "Scroggs—"That's nothing. I know a man who went up in a balloon and can't fly."

IN THE FUTURE.

Tourist—"I don't see any windmills here any more." "Zouker Zee Sam—"We had to chop 'em down—they disturbed the aeroplanes."

EXPLAINED.

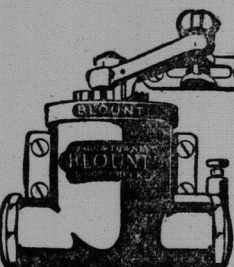
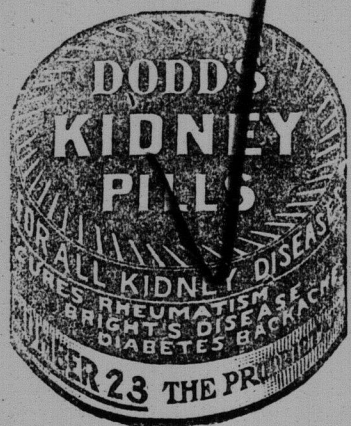
Employer—"William, Mrs. Spriggins complains that she received only one of all the bundles she had put up here last night." William—"That's funny, sir. I wrote Mrs. Spriggins' on one bundle, and put 'ditto' on each of the others."

THE SPENCER CONCERT

Representatives of the Globe, Standard, Times and Telegraph met yesterday from noon to consider the programme for the benefit concert for the veteran poet and journalist, H. L. Spencer, to be given in the Opera House on Dec. 15. The price of admission will be 25 cents, reserved seats 35 cents. The programme will be varied and attractive, worthy of a crowded house. Richard O'Brien has consented to act as treasurer of the committee having the matter in hand.

Winter Port Notes

The C. P. R. liner Mount Temple, Capt. J. H. Moore, arrived yesterday from London and Antwerp, with 677 passengers. The steamer docked at No. 1 berth, Sand Point. She reports a very rough trip and particularly so in the Bay of Biscay. Her passengers are made up of Russians, Galicians, Germans, Finns and Poles. Five hundred and thirty-five of the number are for western Canada and 145 for the United States. Six cases of measles were reported and all of these were landed and placed in the emergency hospital. The Kamara, in the Canadian-Australian service which the C. P. R. have inaugurated this season, has sailed from Cardiff for St. John. She will be followed on December 23, by the Wakatane, which will be the first boat to complete the round trip, and which will sail from St. John for Australia on January 15.



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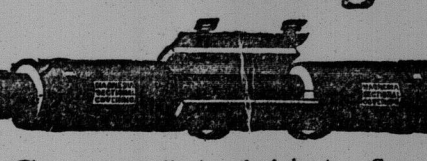
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