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IMPERIAL UNITY

The Imperial sentiment which has been so much in evidence of late years has crowded out of sight and almost out of memory a movement which some thirty five years ago seemed to foreshadow the dismemberment of the British Empire. The little Englander was then very much in evidence. Gladstone had even expressed the wish in private that Canada would take up her independence; The Times had suggested that Canada should break the connection and a considerable school of politicians was influenced by these views.

LIKELY ITS LAST SESSION.

waldeck Rousseau Ministry is not expected to survive the elections. The assembling of the French Parliament to-morrow opens what in many quarters is believed to be the last session weathered by the present ministry, though no one doubts that the famous Waldeck-Rousseau combination will make the same hard fight for its life that it has so often done in the past.

'The Cabinet ought to fall very early in the session,' said Maurice Spronck, one of the fiercest opponents of the ministry. 'All depends on Millerand, the Socialist Minister of Commerce. If he sides with the strikers of Northern France, he must resign, since M. Waldeck Rousseau's recent letter on that subject showed that the Ministry is hostile to the miners. If M. Millerand resigns, then the ministry must fall, since it can no longer preserve its character as a concentration of different political elements, which has been its chief claim to existence.'

On the other hand, if Millerand sides against the strikers the whole Socialist vote will be directed against the Ministry. This is precisely the eventuality that has been awaited by the right, which will be able to overflow the cabinet, if joined by the formidable Socialist members.

Nearly all the opponents of the cabinet argue along the same lines, adding that even supposing the Ministry outlives the strike trouble it is certain to fall when the question of the approval of the budget arrives. In the face of these gloomy forebodings the friends of the cabinet and the cabinet itself go to the prophesied slaughter with cheerful spirits, and great confidence in the parliamentary tact and cleverness of M. Waldeck Rousseau who has never been known to lose his head, and who is expected to throw oil on the troubled water.

S could the strike threaten to upset the

cabinet, it is believed that he will calmly assure the disgruntled Socialists that the strikers ought not to be encouraged to thrust their grievances into the political arena nor to make use of the jealousies and intrigues of political parties to further ends which their employers are economically unable to grant.

The Record Herald correspondent was informed from an authoritative source to-night that M. Waldeck Rousseau, the Premier, is prepared with a powerful appeal of this nature, which will be delivered in order to save the Ministry should occasion arise.

This appeal may be the Waldeck Rousseau cabinet's Swan Song, said one of the Premier's friends to-night, but it will serve to set the Ministry right in the eyes of the world.

The principal reason why the cabinet is likely to fail is acknowledged on all sides to be because there are numerous other Frenchmen who have a strong hankering after power, from which they have been excluded by the present cabinet for a much longer time than by any other cabinet in the history of the republic MM Ribot, Me line Bourgeois, Constans, Sarrien and many other leaders of great influence are eager to succeed to the places so long occupied by the Waldeck Rousseau combination.

It is now expected that much work will be done during the present session, which ends March 15, so that the deputies may have a chance to go before their constituents preparatory to next May elections. Most of the time of the session will be given to consideration of the budget, the deficit for the present year being one of the largest in history. For this reason the wisest political prophets believe that, if the cabinet should weather the next fortnight, it is safe to last till the elections. Thereafter, all are agreed, its days are numbered.

A New Civil Service Commissioner.

The President has appointed Mr. William D. Folke of Indiana as Civil Service Commissioner, in the vacancy created by the resignation of Major John B. Harlow of Missouri. Mr. Folke is an uncompromising reformer as was Mr. Roosevelt when he served on the commission.

Detecting a Fraud.

Mrs. Bridley—Do you call that a round steak that you sent up this morning? Butcher—Yes'm. Mrs. Bridley—Well, I have tried it with a pair of compasses, and I wish to tell you sir, that it is very far from being correct in shape. I shall favor some other stand with my trade hereafter.

He Gave Them All Up.

'Soms of these foreign dishes on the dinner menu were a puzzle to me,' confided the first sea-sick passenger to the second sea-sick passenger as they stood conveniently near the rail.

'Puzzles?' asked the second sea-sick passenger. 'I guess they were, but I gave them all up long ago.'

A Struggle For Bread.

'Well, that's the best I can do for you said the theatrical manager. You've been idle so far this season; now will you remain idle all the rest of the season or take this small part?'

'I'll take it, said Lowe Comedy. In this case a small role is better than a whole loaf.'

'How did you ever come to let that man whip you?'

'He took a low-down advantage of me,' said the pugilist. 'He waited till I had been vaccinated and then picked a quarrel with me.'

'Mamma, what would you do if that big vase in the parlor should get broken?'

'I should whip whoever did it,' said Mrs. Banks, glaring severely at her little son.

'Well, then, you'd better begin to get up your muscles,' said Tommy, 'cuz papa's broke it.'

'I have just engaged myself to your daughter, sir,' began the young man, 'and she said I must come and ask you.'

'Yes, my boy, I am all attention,' said the father, with a pleasant smile.

'Well I want to know if you can advance me enough money to get an engagement ring.'

No wonder stories get abroad of the young man and papa's boot.

'If there were 100 chickens in a coop,' said the teacher, who was trying to fasten the attention of her class of colored children, 'and two were missing next morning, how many would you have?'

'Well answered Pickaniny Jim; if, de chickens was mine in de fus place I'd have 98 an if de wasnt I reckon I'd have two.'

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

U. satisfied. Who are the salt of earth? Who are the truly great? Men of inherent worth. In letters, Council, or State? Who are they crowned as kings? By nation, glorified? They longed for the higher things, With self unsatisfied.

With purpose strong and true, They fought, all undismayed, And with their aim in view, They faltered not, nor swayed; U. fightingly did breast The rough, opposing tide, Never content to rest, With self unsatisfied.

O, ye who long to win The warfare of the soul, Know that the foes within Are hardest to control; And none can gain the prize Who are not first denied, We must from sloth arise, With self unsatisfied.

Then, longing soul rejoice, Be glad exceeding, Thy longing is the voice Of God, who speaks to thee, His promise is to bless; While thy prayer is not denied, Who thirst for righteousness, With self unsatisfied.

Wild Anthers. We dwell in arid places: We hit our starry faces From the bleak cliff, Poling so lightly, 'Tis no wind, it is the wind, To the winds' whiff.

Fragile, but brave are we: Nestling at An-om's knee, While her leaves are dry, We, with the goldenrod, Along the big ways not Welcome to all.

When falls the killing frost, Count not our lives as lost: We, for a while, Dream o'er the happy past, To k on the earth our last, Die with a smile.

The Forest Carnival. Arm in arm, their branches twined, Tall maples drink the moonlight wind; Reach out with eagerness to seize Flag- as of cool October breeze, Brave'y decked in yellow and red, Maples stand at the bright throng's head, And summon the first to give their aid To make this for st. mas parade— Summon over the solemn firs To join the ranks of roistersers! Spruce and woodsmen, Pierre and Jean, Now with your gayest songs lead on! Join in the revel the trees make here, For every year she is for half a year; Not a little—Summer is spent, And all the winter the woods keep Lent! —Francis Steegs Palmer, in The Atlantic

Remedied Woman. I cannot guess the inwardness Of Fashion's strange decree, For I should think they'd make a dress To fit the form with ease.

The waists should be, it seems to me, Where'er by Nature placed, But staidly wear them, and you'll see She has a silencing waist.

For now the gown—at least in town— Never fits the damsel fair; The waist-line is wry, now down, Diagonal or square.

You can't evade the truth displayed— To Art her form she owes; And every year she is for half a year; To fit the latest clothes.

She never studied for the stage, did she? Studied for it! Well, rather. Why she has taken the entire divorce court course.

Yes, said the person who had attended the party Mrs. Kruger was there, and we had to beg her to play. And did she play? O, yes, I thought for a time that we would have to beg her to stop.

Servant—Mr Brown, the florist, is at the door with his bill. Brew—Keep him waiting a minute and I'll put money in my wife's name.

We've had mighty fine weather this fall, Oh, yes, it is enough, but it doesn't furnish much of a topic for conversation.

The snowstorm through out central New York continues with unabated severity. Country roads are in many cases blocked and huge drifts are piling high along the fences. Sreams are rising and several places report threatening floods. In Syracuse slights are running even in the down town streets. Trolley service is demoralized but the steam railroads are making their time. About ten inches of snow has fallen.

The American Ornithological society met in joint session with the Audubon society in New York Thursday. The report of the committee on the protection of North American birds, read by Wilmer Stone, said that numerous new societies have been formed in many states and that those formed in a number of states have become affiliated with the society in its work of organized bird protection. Mr. Stone said that at the rate of progress being made it was safe to predict that the feather dealers will soon be driven to the wall or will at least find their business much restricted.

The engagement of Sr Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry just concluded at the Knickerbocker Theatre, New York, is reported to have been the most successful financially that the popular English actors have filled in the United States metropolis. The distinguished couple appeared in their familiar repertory, with the addition of Sardou's 'Mme. Sans Gene.'

Mr. Frank Bemrose has severed his connection with the choir of the Shelbourne street Methodist church to accompany the 'Kilties' as vocal soloist. He is proving very popular with the audiences especially in his rendering of Scottish songs.

A play prohibited by the censor in Paris has been issued in print and now appears in all the bookstores with the words 'Forbidden by the Censor,' inscribed in prominent letters on the cover. Of course, it is having a large sale.

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News of the Passing Week.

Ontario has gained 12,572 in population by the census recount, and Quebec 8051. The returns from the whole Dominion may be complete within a year of the count.

A million tons of Cape Breton coal has been sent up the S. Lawrence this year. That trade should be doubled right away.

Said Pacha, former grand kizlar has been appointed grand vizier in succession to the late Halil R. fat Pacha.

The Coldwater Planet gives this insinuating item from Ojilla: 'There has been a disappointing dearth of twins lately.'

Count Lautrec of Toulouse was sentenced about a year ago to ten years in penitentiary for forgery. He has been released on ticket of leave, and is now about to enjoy life as usual. Strange what luck some men have.

The Philadelphia North American is somewhat yellow at times, and, like Reynolds' Newspaper in London, does not display great loyalty. The despatch saying the King has cancer, again (revived by its London correspondent, may therefore be taken with several grains of salt.

Again the Boers have flim flammed the British. About 170 loyal Dutchmen have proved their loyalty to the Dutch by surrendering to Samuz after firing away, at a harmless long range, all the ammunition supplied to them by the British.

As was to be expected, the Sultan has after all, got the better of France. Instead of having to pay at once he has by adroit yielding to all demands, managed to get an extension of time and easy terms. France will never be sure until the cash is in her treasury.

Kruger's health is said to be precarious and he will go to the south of France for the winter. The actual fact is said to be that not Kruger, but his retinue, fear the winter in Holland and want a warmer climate. They are having a pretty good time keeping up the war, and making dupe of Botha and the other fighters.

A peculiar spectacle is presented in Galway, Ireland, where a Unionist is opposed in a contest in Parliament by a man who has fought against the British in Africa. Such a thing would not be possible in any other country. Even in the free United States a man who had carried arms against the government would be put in jail unless he repented and was pardoned.

Queen's University Journal has reappeared after the vacation, and the first number is bright with editorial and university news, presented in attractive form.

According to the understanding of Socialism expressed by a good many people, there may be an inclination to ask what right has a Socialist to be a million aire, as Mr. H. Gaylord Wilsbire is said to be.

Kruger is losing friends as fast as he is losing money. That is the way of the world. An Austrian merchant thinks the Boer war will be over in six months because of lack of 'sinews.' Kruger has kept the fight going by money extorted from the gold mines, and his pile is getting low.

A French professor has lost his professorship for criticizing the army. Such a thing has not happened in Britain. College professors do not attack the army there; it is generally politicians, and they are privileged.

German scientists declare that cancer is contagious, but rarely hereditary. That will be comforting to many, but the further announcement that no cure has been discovered will about offset the comforting assurance.

The heavy mortality in the Boer war concentration camps is explained to be due to the ignorance of the Boer mothers, who administered remedies calculated to kill rather than cure. The Boer prisoners in

India have no complaints to make, all around it appears that Great Britain is doing good to her enemies in orthodox fashion.

The English Liberals are making a desperate effort to rejuvenate themselves. They have evidently secured a pull, with some of the press correspondents, who are gabbling over all about dissensions in the cabinet and the energy and unanimity of the opposition.

Canadian coal is to be shipped to Norway. Here is another commodity in which we are competing with Uncle Sam.

The Reichszweigler, Berlin, Thursday published the German tariff bill as passed by the Sanjers'ath. Few changes are noticeable, some of which effect American goods. All the essential features of the agricultural schedules have been retained.

Fire Thursday night cleaned out the Pankratz Lumber Co.'s yard at Surgeon Bay, Wis., which contained many thousand feet of lumber belonging to the Milwaukee Lumber Co., and a large quantity of shingles, the property of the Pankratz Co. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, covered by insurance.

Brig. Gen. Robert H. Hall was placed on the retired list of the army Friday by operation of the law on account of age. With the retirement of Gen. Hall, Pres. Roosevelt will have an opportunity to promote two officers of the army to the grade of Brig. General. The other vacancy was occasioned by the recent retirement of Brig. Gen. Henry C. Merriam.

In an article on the war in South Africa, the London Times said Thursday: 'The Boers as far back as last May were guilty of murdering whole kraals of Kaffirs in order to destroy the traces of the movements of their own commandoes. The British authorities at the time, for some reason not specified, prohibited any mention of these outrages.'

According to a bulletin issued by the census bureau in Washington Thursday, the value of the manufactured products of the state of New Hampshire increased 38 percent. In the decade from 1890 to 1900 the aggregated value for the latter year being \$118,669,308. The cost of the material used for 1900 was \$66,348,594. The wages paid were \$27,620,47 and there were 70,419 wage earners. The manufacturing establishments in the state number 4,691 and the capital employed amounts to \$110,929,661.

Local officials of the Burlington R R said Thursday night that since the first of the week their night trains leaving Lincoln, Neb, have gone out with a guard armed with Winchester rifles. This precaution was taken following the discovery last Sunday of 26 sticks of dynamite, together with a number of masks hidden under a bridge just outside the city. On Sunday night three men attempted to board the express car as a train pulled out of Lincoln for the east, but they were driven off. On Monday the same three men were at Ashland and an effort was made to arrest them but they disappeared. A watch has been kept on the bridge where the dynamite was stored, but no one has come to claim it.

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