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A HYBRID POLICY

The Tory naval policy as outlined in Parliament by Premier Borden a few days ago, is nothing more than a sort of compromise between the Nationalists and jingoes of the party. It will be remembered that in March, 1909, both parties in Parliament unanimously approved of the principle of a Canadian built and a Canadian owned navy. Immediately a howl went up from the Nationalist leaders of Quebec. They denounced the proposal in all the moods and tenses. They went about among the habitants telling them that their boys would be taken away from them and sent to foreign countries to become food for cannon. Men now setting on the treasury benches in the House of Commons declared that we as Canadians owed nothing to England and the English; and that French Canadians had to shoot the British flag full of holes in order to breathe the air of liberty. These base appeals were made to the electors of Drummond-Arthabaska in a memorable bye-election contest, in which the naval bill was made the principal issue. In this contest the Liberal nominee was opposed by a Nationalist named Gilbert, who commanded a united Tory support, and is now, we believe an office holder under the Borden government. He carried the day and received many telegrams of congratulation from prominent Conservatives, who thereby tacitly approved of the insidious campaign that had been waged in his behalf.

The jingoes of the Tory party and the Quebec Nationalists are as far apart as the north and south pole on general principles, but both were hungry for the spoils of office and had no difficulty in forming an alliance in order to gratify a burning desire to get next to the loaves and fishes. It was certainly an unholy alliance but it served its purpose and the Liberal administration which for fifteen years gave Canada the best government it had ever known, went down to defeat.

In due time Mr. Borden was called upon to form a government. The Nationalists demanded their share of the spoils and were given three of the most important portfolios, and what is more they were given a pledge that the government's naval policy would be submitted to the people. The jingo element of a cabinet apparently bucked on this agreement, and Hon. F. D. Monk, from "lofty motives" we are told, was compelled to tender his resignation from the ministry.

Not being able to carry out his pledge to the Nationalists in full, Mr. Borden is hopeful of keeping his Quebec following in line by declaring against a Canadian navy. He has not forgotten the canvasses which brought victory to many of his Quebec supporters at the last election, and there is not the slightest doubt in the world but that the governments naval policy has been framed with a view of giving these men a chance to square themselves with their constituents when next an appeal is made to the country. They will be in a position to say in effect: "Sir Wilfrid wanted a Canadian navy so that your sons could be sent to foreign wars to become food for cannon. Mr. Borden's policy is to send money instead of men and your loved ones will not have to leave home to engage in European wars." This is the attitude Mr. Borden's followers will take in Quebec, but his supporters in the English speaking provinces will have quite another story to tell. They will wave the old flag, denounce Sir Wilfrid as a separatist and tell the people that the establishment of a Canadian navy would mean the dismemberment of the Empire. A party that achieved power by unscrupulous methods will not hesitate to resort to unscrupulous methods to retain power. The once great Conservative party of Canada has certainly fallen on evil days.

The Tory position on the naval question was very neatly summed up

by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Parliament a few days ago when he said:

"You give England three Dreadnoughts to be paid for by Canada, but to be equipped, manned and maintained by England. Oh, did I say manned by England? I must qualify that statement. In justice to my Right Hon. friend I must qualify it, because he told us he had secured from the imperial authorities the privilege of having Canadian officers for those ships. Oh, ye Tory jingoes! Is that the amount of the sacrifice you are prepared to make? You are ready to furnish Admirals, Rear-Admirals, Commodores, Captains officers of all grades, plumes, feathers and gold lace but you leave it to England—to old England—to supply the bone and sinew. You say that these ships shall bear Canadian names. That will be the only thing Canadian about them. You hire somebody to do your work. In other words, you are ready to do anything except the fighting."

Mr. O. S. Crocket was always delving in scandal when he sat in Opposition. Now that he sits in a back bench on the ministerial side of the House and has free access to all the records dealing with the transactions of the old Government, he is as dumb as an oyster. The change of government at Ottawa was a severe blow to the prestige of Mr. Crocket. Even the local hack organ has ceased to worship at his shrine.

Mr. O. S. Crocket, M. P., who used to be strong on sawdust wharves when in opposition, has not yet called the attention of Parliament to the "easy money" which that renowned patriot and flag flapper, Mr. A. D. Thomas bagged in connection with the purchase of land for the experimental farm.

The Local Government spent hundreds of dollars last year assisting Tory capitalists in developing a coal mine at Stanley. Cold weather has set in and it is about time we were getting some of the coal.

Some local Tories who bought a dredge last spring on promissory notes have since discovered that all is not gold that glitters.

Provincial Secretary McLeod has gone to Bermuda, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

PEACE PLENIPOTENTIARIES
ASSEMBLE IN LONDON

(Continued from page one)

Rehad Lasha, the most distinguished Ottoman delegate, who has resided so long abroad, that he is a type of the intelligent cosmopolitan expressed the hope that the assistance of the powers on the one side and moderation on the part of the allies on the other would result in a solution, which if not satisfactory to Turkey would guarantee her dignity. He feared that the apparent harmony of the allies will last only while their common enemy is before them but that the moment they are left to themselves they will be plunged into anarchy over the division of the spoils, rendering intervention by the powers inevitable. He said he would have to raise the question at the first meeting of the failure of Greece to join the armistice.

ARMISTICE NECESSARY.

"Is it possible," he asked, "to treat for peace while war is in progress?"

Some understanding would be reached which might be annulled by the progress of the military operations. What would be the use of discussion about Janina, if, while the discussion is going on, it would be forced to capitulate? Or about Saloniki if it were recaptured by the Turks?

"The questions put forward by the Greeks to adhere to the armistice were absurd, as among other things they asked for the surrender of Janina and the continuation of the blockade. If the other states followed the same idea we would have been asked to surrender Adrianople and Scutari also, and admitting that we were such idiots as to accept terms of this kind there would be no need of a meeting here to discuss the conditions of peace, nor would it be possible for us to continue the war."

"If they make it impossible for us to conclude in a honorable peace, they will find that the old Mussulman lion, although wounded, has not lost its strength."

The Greek delegation, interrogated on the question of the armistice, answered that peace between Italy and Turkey went through several months of negotiations and was finally concluded without any previous armistice.

To this Rehad Pasha retorted that the situation with respect to Italy

STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 16—The Supreme Court has dismissed the general charge of conspiracy against the Reading and other railroads involved in the anthracite coal suit, but sustained the charges of the government in minor respect.

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Lake of the Woods, 25 @ 128.	
Dominion Steel, 80 @ 56½, 150 @ 56½.	
U. S. Steel, 37 @ 83, 5 @ 85.	
R. & O., 50 @ 112½, 2 @ 111, 110 @ 111½.	
Tuckers, 30 @ 95.	
Montreal Power, 100 @ 224, 35 @ 224½, 100 @ 221.	
Winnipeg, 50 @ 216.	
Steel of Canada, 10 @ 78½.	
McKay pfd., 100 @ 82½.	
Cement com., 100 @ 27½.	
Detroit, 25 @ 71½.	
Coal pfd., 5 @ 112.	
Cotton lhd., 25 @ 75.	
Tram Debentures, 1000 @ 8½.	

Dr. A. Pierce Crocket of St. John, is at the Queen.

Mr. L. W. Nickerson of St. John, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. T. W. Schurman of Campbellton, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. D. R. Bruce of Fort William, is in the city.

was quite different, because the negotiations were unofficial and the continuation of the war could never affect the positions of the two belligerents as it may in the case of Turkey and Greece.

THE ALLIES DEMANDS

London, Dec. 16—The peace delegates adjourned after lunch, until 11 o'clock tomorrow. It had been arranged that the chair shall be taken alternately, by the delegates representing the five nations concerned and this is to be done alphabetically Bulgaria will this be first and Turkey last.

The principal conditions of peace demanded by the allies comprise the immediate surrender of the Turkish fortress of Scutari, Adrianople, and Janina to the garrison of which full military honors will be granted the evacuation of eastern Europe by Turkey as far as east Tobatalja, to a line to be delimited on the spot the cession to Greece of all the Aegean Islands the annexation of Crete to Greece and the payment by Turkey of a war indemnity and of the expenses incurred by the allies on account of the Turkish prisoners.

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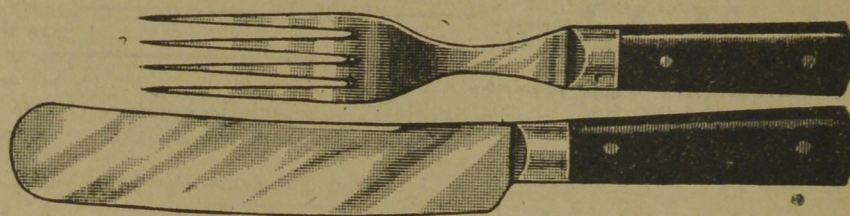
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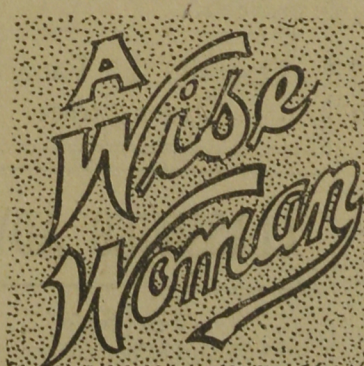
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