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"Instead of getting representative government since the election of the present legislature in 1912, the people of New Brunswick have suffered a period of misgovernment and incompetence and political corruption. One Prime Minister has been convicted by a royal commission and forced to retire; another royal commission has reported broadcast petty thieving and dishonesty among political officials and members of the legislature."—Ottawa Citizen, Ind. Con.

LAVERGNE THE FIREBRAND

Mr. Armand Lavergne, Conservative National member of the Quebec Legislature, succeeds in keeping himself in the limelight by his anti-Imperial and treasonable utterances.

His latest outbreak occurred during the debate on the address in the Quebec Legislature last Thursday, and is described by a correspondent of Montreal Daily Mail as "one of the most violent and daring speeches ever delivered in the precincts of the Legislative Assembly." The following extract from Lavergne's speech amply bears out what the correspondent of our Montreal namesake says:

"I will say, and I am not afraid to have my words repeated anywhere, that every French-Canadian that enlists fails to do his duty. I know that what I say is high treason. I may be thrown into jail tomorrow, but I don't care. We have not a single gun, rifle or bayonet left in the country, and if the United States was to join the Germans, which is not likely, but quite possible, all the enemy would have to do would be to walk into the country and capture us. To denude ourselves of all means of defence is what I call low treason. They tell us it is a question of defending liberty and humanity, but that is nothing less than a farce. If the Germans are persecutors there are worse than the Germans at our very gates. I'll go further—I'll say that every cent that is spent to aid enlistment of men is money stolen from the minority in Ontario. I say what I think, and I don't fear the results. * * * I am not afraid to become a German subject. I ask myself if the German regime might not be favorably compared with the ultra-Boches of Ontario. Is there a single man who pretends that Germany could invade Canada? There is no danger of anything of the kind happening, we are protected by the United States. If I could be convinced that Canada is really in danger, I would be the first to ask that the law be applied and that every valid man be forced to join the army. The Government dare not decree conscription, because revolution would at once break out, not here in the Province of Quebec, but in the loyal Province of Ontario."

Mr. Lavergne's seditious utterances were strongly condemned by his former leader, Mr. Tellier, and by Mr. Taschereau, a member of the Government. Mr. Taschereau declared that Mr. Lavergne's words were a lie direct to Archbishop Bruchesi, who, he pointed out, had lately called upon French-Canadians to do their duty under the present circumstances. "If the French Canadians do not do their duty," continued Mr. Taschereau, "our position will be impossible in the country in the future."

This man Lavergne not only is a member of the Quebec

Legislature, but he holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Canadian Militia. Recently he was offered the command of an overseas battalion by Sir Sam Hughes, but declined the offer with thanks.

This is the same Armand Lavergne who fought tooth-and-nail against the naval policy of the Laurier government. His work on that occasion met with the hearty approval of the Conservative leaders at Ottawa. The Conservative-Nationalist combination triumphed in the general election, and when Leader Borden was called upon to form a government we find Mr. Lavergne travelling to Ottawa by special train in order to see to it that the Nationalist party, of which he is one of the leaders, were given their proper share of representation in the new cabinet. His mission was a success, as all three French Canadian Ministers were chosen from the Nationalist wing of the party. Speaking at Quebec a few months ago, Mr. Lavergne declared that both he and his leader, Mr. Bourassa, had been offered portfolios by Sir Robert Borden, but had declined the honor. He stated further that they had offered to reward him with an office or money, but he had given them to understand that he wanted neither—he only wanted them to keep their word of honor, and they had not done so.

Mr. Lavergne has been preaching sedition in Quebec for years past, and his views were endorsed by at least two men now holding portfolios in the Borden cabinet. Mr. Lavergne has publicly stated that Sir Robert Borden offered him a portfolio in his cabinet four years ago. This statement has never been denied by Sir Robert. He has dodged the issue so far, but as Parliament is now in session the Liberals will probably see to it that he dodges it no longer. The public wants to know if Mr. Lavergne is telling the truth. They want to know if this firebrand who has always been opposed to Canada participating in Imperial wars, and who is today doing his level best to prevent French Canadians from joining the colors, was considered by the ultra-Imperialistic Sir Robert Borden four years ago to be a fit and proper person to become an adviser of the King.

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ESTEEMED LADY HAS PASSED AWAY

Mrs. William Cooper Died Saturday Evening at Her Home on King Street.

Mrs. Mary A., beloved wife of Mr. William Cooper, passed away on Saturday evening at her home in King Street. She had been in delicate health for some years and lately suffered from an attack of acute bronchitis. The news of her death came as a painful shock to her relatives and friends. The deceased was a native of Kingsclear, being a daughter of the late Mr. James Campbell, who came to this country from Kircubrightshire, Scotland, in the early part of last century. She had made her home in this city since her marriage to Mr. Cooper over forty years ago. She was a lady of fine character and possessed all the qualities that make up the noblest type of womanhood. She was seventy-four years of age and is survived by one son, Mr. Frank L. Cooper, and one daughter, Miss Jean Cooper, both of this city. Another daughter lost her life by drowning in Montana twenty years ago. Mrs. J. W. McCready of this city, and Messrs. Frederick and William Cooper of Kansas City, are step-children. The deceased is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. William Edgar and Miss Annie Campbell of Kingsclear, and three brothers, Mr. John A. Campbell, ex-M.P.P., and Mr. James B. Campbell of Kingsclear and Mr. R. M. Campbell of this city. The late Hon. James Mitchell, at one time premier of New Brunswick, was her cousin.

The sincere sympathy of the community will go out to the aged husband and family in their bereavement.

The funeral took place this afternoon from the home at King Street and was largely attended. An impressive service was conducted by Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, assisted by Rev. A. F. Newcomb. A mixed choir from St. Paul's and the Brunswick Street Baptist churches sang the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is My Shepherd," and the beautiful hymn "Peace, Perfect Peace." Interment was made in the Rural Cemetery.

BROTHERS PLOTTED TO MURDER FATHER

(Canadian Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 17.—Irving and Herbert Urdike, thirty-two and nineteen years old respectively, were taken into custody last night after the police had obtained evidence of an alleged plot to murder their father, Furman D. Urdike, millionaire commission man, and their mother. They are still in jail today at Oakpark, a suburb. Chief of Police Lee of Oakpark, said Herbert, the younger son, is being held merely as a corroborative witness but he refused to tell what charge, if any, had been lodged against Irving, the elder son. According to a statement by the police a stenographic report of the conversation between the two young men in the Urdike garage, gave details of an alleged plot to kill Mr. and Mrs. Urdike, because, the police say, the son feared his father would change his will and leave the greater portion of his estate to other members of the family. Herbert, the younger son, according to the police, entered into the alleged plot with the intention of frustrating it. It was Herbert who reported the matter to the police.

FAMOUS STAR AT GAIETY.

Florence Reed, the famous dramatic star, will make her first appearance today at the Gaiety Theatre in the special five part Gold Rooster play "At Bay," George Scarborough's famous novel. Pathe's Gazette, showing all latest news events, will also be included in today's programme.

APPEARS IN CASUALTY LIST.

The name of V. MacLeod of Fredericton, 18th Battalion, appears in the list of casualties issued this morning.

A CLEVER SOLOIST.

Mr. Dewitt Cairns of St. John, rendered a baritone solo in a very pleasing manner at the evening service in the Brunswick Street Baptist church last evening.

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