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WILL A CHEQUE GUARD A PATROL?

If there is one man in Great Britain who has effectually pricked the Borden Emergency Bubble, and pricked it two months before it was blown, it is Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty. One statement of his at the famous Shipwright's Banquet—a gathering of the greatest naval experts in the world—cannot be repeated too often. After discussing modern developments in the world's naval situation Mr. Churchill said: "If the main development of the past ten years has been the concentration of the British fleet in decisive theatres it seems to me, and I dare say to you, not unlikely that the main development of the next ten years will be the growth in the effective naval forces of the great Dominions overseas. Then we shall be able to make what I think will be found to be the true division of labor between the mother Country and her daughter States—that we should maintain the sea supremacy against all comers at the decisive point, and that they should guard and patrol all the rest of the British Empire."

It is for all thoughtful Canadians to ponder these words by the master of Britain's navy. Do they indicate any craven fear, and desire for a tip of \$35,000,000? Or do they indicate a desire on the part of the British Admiralty that the Overseas Dominions should undertake a policy of building home navies, as first intimated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Imperial Conference of 1902, elaborated into his Naval Bill of 1910 and further elaborated, with the increase in Canada's wealth and population, into his proposals of December 1912? The answer is so obvious that it is difficult to conceive how anyone can presume to support Mr. Borden against Mr. Churchill.

St. Andrew's Beacon:—The Good Roads Association, at its recent meeting in St. John, favored the taking of the roads out of politics. But this does not mean that the government is to slip out from under and allow the association to carry on the work. The present local government party got into power largely on a good roads plank and if they had carried out the promises that were so freely made by them and on their behalf, the present agitation would not have assumed the large proportions it has. At the same time, it is a good thing that there are enough public spirited men in the country to take up the work. We welcome the Good Roads Association and while its members are endeavoring to secure a better system of trunk roads we would suggest that they should not forget that the usefulness of the trunk roads depends very largely upon the condition of by-roads that feed them.

We have been told by the prime minister, said Mr. Levi Thompson, M.P. for Qu'Appelle, that Canada owed England \$100,000,000 without interest for money expended for defence purposes during the nineteenth century. "If we owe the principal," Mr. Thompson continued, "we also owe the interest, which brings the claim up to at least one billion. The minister of marine and fisheries (Mr. Hazen), says he cannot think of this debt without a blush mantling his cheek but he says he could get over this blushing habit altogether if \$35,000,000 were paid into the imperial treasury. He would settle the claim by paying three and one-half per cent. Many of us would like to settle our private debts in that way if we could do so without blushing." No wonder the House laughed at this quaint and telling criticism of Tory "imperialism."

Col. McLean's stand on the naval question has been a source of comfort to the Tory press. An occasional show of independence in parliament on the part of Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., would be a bigger surprise to the country.

Col. McLean does not think that Canadians are capable of building Dreadnoughts. With all due respect to the views of the gallant Colonel we are of opinion that Canadians are just as capable of building warships as the Americans or Japanese. Surely the Colonel would not have us believe that Canadian brains are so dull, Canadian hearts so timorous, and Canadian arms so weak that we are not able to do what the Japanese have shown themselves capable of doing.

Simcoe Reformer:—Neither for protection nor revenue are duties on foodstuffs defensible. They should be cut off—every one of them, from eggs to apples. Free foodstuffs will prove a winning battle cry and in the near future too for the party that will adopt it.

Stratford Beacon:—Hon. H. R. Emmerson says that eighteen men own Canada. The plutocracy of Canada is an even greater menace than the landlordism in Great Britain. We need a Lloyd George in Canada.

THE WAR

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Gallipoli Peninsula. A fierce engagement ensued lasting several hours, and finally the Bulgarians repulsed the Turks, pursuing them to the Bulair forts. Many wounded were left on the field.

Turkish prisoners say that six divisions took part in the movement. At nightfall the Turks made another attempt down the coast, where twenty vessels had made their appearance. The descent from the Turkish positions had hardly begun when landing parties from the ships were attacked by the Bulgarians, who inflicted heavy losses. The Turkish vessels thereupon sailed away.

All attempts of the Turks to assume the offensive at Tchatalja have been completely checked. They essayed to land troops at Podima to the northeast of Istrandia on the Black Sea, but were beaten off, leaving fifty dead.

The bombardment of Adrianople continues with uniform success. Despatches say that the people within the invested city are fleeing from one section to another to avoid the Bulgarian shells.

TURKS BATTLE VAINLY.

Constantinople, Feb. 9.—A Turkish reconnaissance has reached Tcherkesk-keui, twenty-five miles to the west of Tchatalja, along the line of the railway, which apparently is free from Bulgarians. A committee of representatives of the society for the elevation of women and of the Red Cross have sent a letter to the sovereigns of Europe calling their attention "to those shameless hordes which are endeavoring to disguise under the shadow of the cross the most ghastly series of assassinations and outrages ever witnessed in a war in Europe in modern times."

A meeting of Turkish women at Stamboul today discussed means for assisting the national defence. Patriotic speeches were made and jewels to the value of \$10,000 were donated to the cause.

LIBERALS WILL BLOCK NAVAL BILL

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The members of the House of Commons are facing the prospect of long sessions and a determined fight on the resolution stage of the Government's Naval Bill proposals.

At a ministerial caucus, held this morning, it was agreed to press the naval matter in the House, and, if necessary, to resort to all night sittings in order to reach a vote on the resolution.

The Conservatives say that they will not make any more speeches until the second reading of the bill is moved, but will endeavor to wear down the opposition so that an early vote will be reached.

The Liberals state they are prepared to keep up the debate for a considerable time yet, and that, owing to the fact that no supply has yet been voted the government will be forced to go into committee of Supply before long and that will give an opportunity for the discussion of a large variety of topics.

The Liberals do not admit that they have decided to use their means to their disposal to prevent the passage of the Government measure, but they go as far as to state that for the present at least they are not going to allow a vote on the resolution to be taken.

With one side determined to press the issue and the other equally determined to hold the fort for the present, the prospects are that there will be a couple of prolonged sessions of the House next week.

There is a possibility that today's session may be prolonged until Saturday night.

Mr. J. Leonard McGregor of Montreal, is registered at the Queen.

GREAT FORTRESS AN AUGEAN STABLE

London, Feb. 6.—The Governor of Gibraltar, General Sir Archibald Hunter, has created a sensation by a speech published in the official Gazette. He recently issued an order regarding an employed in the dockyards and residing on Spanish territory passing through the town on their way from work. The Chamber of Commerce petitioned the governor to rescind the order, as it was prejudicial to shopkeepers. The governor called a meeting at which he delivered a speech in which he declared: "The Chamber of Commerce thinks of nobody but themselves, but this fortress is not maintained purely for commercial interests." "The chamber takes no time for reflection. I do nothing without careful study and without devoting deep thought to cause and consequence. Better if the Chamber of Commerce had taken time to reflect. This town is like the Augean stables. You remember the action taken by Hercules in connection with the stables. I make no pretence to be a Hercules, but I do claim to know what I am talking about and I am determined to exact order and decency here from everybody who comes into the fortress I command."

BRITISH LIBERALS HAVE KEPT THEIR PLEDGES

London, Feb. 6.—A scene of unprecedented enthusiasm broke out in the house of commons last night at the close of the third reading of the debate on the Disestablishment Bill, when the government majority was 107.

Amid the congratulations that were being tendered to the leader of the Welsh party, some one started to sing Land of My Fathers. The refrain was taken up immediately by others and the great Welsh hymn resounded through the precincts of the house.

The Welsh people are now within sight of the fulfillment of their long cherished hopes, for, although the bill may be rejected by the lords, it will, under the Parliament Act, emerge triumphant in due course.

The bill is not all the advocates of disestablishment desired it to be, for the church may be said to have won over the question of disendowment, but it will remove a long standing grievance of the Welsh people, and at the same time it is hoped that it will prove beneficial to the church.

The government, having fulfilled its pledges to the people of Ireland and Wales, and having entered upon the fulfilment of the promised land reform for the regeneration of rural England, is looking forward hopefully to the future.

DIED—Entered into rest on February 8th, 1913, Elizabeth Thompson widow of the late Thomas Logan, aged 80 years. Funeral Service at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Slipp, Church St. on Tuesday at 2.30 o'clock. Please omit flowers. — 101 d insertion.

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The St. Louis Browns believe they have a star in Pitcher Carl Wellman on account of his great showing during the closing weeks of last season.

Captain Heine Wagner of the world's champions, thinks that if the Red Sox head the Athletics it will be another pennant for Boston next fall.

The Providence Club has purchased Pitcher Jensen from Detroit. He pitched for New Haven last season and was one of the stars of the Connecticut League.

President Chivington of the American Association, is out with a denial that any clubs have been given the right to invade A.A. territory. It was recently reported that the Northern League would place teams in Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Wisconsin-Illinois League would add Milwaukee to its circuit and Central League teams would play in Indianapolis and Columbus.