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POOR TACTICS.

An effort of the Tory party to incorporate Lord Dundonald and his grievance as a feature of their campaign is pretty sure to end in failure.

The great majority of the electors of Canada side with the government in its effort to preserve the rights and privileges conceded to it by constitution, and these include the prerogative of controlling the militia service, no matter how eminent the British officer may be who seeks to rule in the matter.

The people of Canada are proud of Lord Dundonald's war record, and it is a pity he has given them reason for questioning his judgment in the administration of the office he held at Ottawa.

Some of the Tory newspapers in exulting over the number of proposed banquets to Lord Dundonald observe that whoever suffers in reputation by recent events in the militia it will not be the ex-commander in chief, which leads the Montreal Herald to observe:

"His popularity depends upon his fine record as a soldier, and Canadians all feel about that just as they did when he came here.

But as to the rest his reputation certainly has suffered. He picked a quarrel with Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Fisher's reply put the general completely in the wrong. He attacked Sir Frederick Borden in a manifesto, and Sir Frederick's answer was so complete on every point that the opposition, for all its eagerness to do so, could find no weakness in it. He set himself up as superior to the constitutional government of the country, with no better result than to draw from Sir Wilfrid Laurier a statement of the rights of the government of Canada to which absolutely no Canadian has taken exception.

Canadians are bidding farewell to Lord Dundonald in the same spirit as that in which he was welcomed. They are content to forget what has lately happened, and to remember his distinguished record as a soldier and his fine qualities of head and heart. They are no friends of his who would have him believe that the demonstrations at leave-taking are inspired by general approval of his conduct towards the government of Canada."

THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.

The Democrats of the United States who were not committed to Bryan's silver crusade, are very much pleased with the nomination of Judge Parker for the presidency. He is regarded as a safe conservative man and especially is his attitude on the money question acceptable to the sound money section of the party.

The New York Times commenting on the nomination says:

"With a gold standard Democrat in the field, upon a gold standard platform, made by himself and accepted in a resolution adopted by the convention, sound money Democrats have at last a welcome opportunity to vote for a presidential candidate of their own party. The imperiled financial honor of the nation no longer summons them for its defense to vote with the Republicans. For the first time since 1892

they are free to contribute by their campaign labors and by their votes to the right settlement of public questions in respect to which the party in power has long been able to exercise its uncontested will. In this campaign they will resume the discussion of issues laid aside in the two previous presidential campaigns when their strength and their influence were enlisted in the supreme task of beating back the wild hordes of Bryanism.

Judge Parker by his courage and by his unbending integrity has given them this opportunity again to enroll themselves as Democrats. The convention spoke with an uncertain voice. He speaks in a tone that rings through the land and in words into which even the most desperate partisanship can read no double or a doubtful meaning. It was an act of the highest statesmanship, because it was of the highest courage and in the highest degree right. No man can put away a greater honor than he was ready to put away, did put away, when he bade the convention choose another candidate if it was unwilling to take him with his irrevocable commitment to the gold standard. Let men who think that did not call for extraordinary courage to ask themselves how many times they have wavered, failed even, under tests that were ignoble in comparison. By that one act of splendid renunciation, with which the world's history affords few parallels, Judge Parker has become a great figure in the view of his country. Now we know him and at once replace in their respect and confidence. We have not known the man before. Trymen, and has taken an exalted view that he is of an amplitude commensurate with the high office of president of the United States.

EXIT PAUL KRUGER.

Our news columns today record an event which had it occurred after a final triumph over British arms in South Africa, might be considered of transcendent importance to the peace of Great Britain and of the world, the death of the colossal character in the Transvaal war, Paul Kruger.

Here was a comparatively unlettered man to overcome, whom, in a small far away republic, England was forced to spend a billion of her treasure as well as torrents of her blood. The lesson was a severe one, fraught with memories both harrowing and sad to many a happy home; and it is a singular commentary on the vastness of the undertaking to subdue him that the death of this man in exile today, shorn of prestige and authority, merely attracts a passing notice as the world wags on.

Recent advice regarding Kruger all went to show that his mind and his body both broke down under his fallen fortune, and the reading public were not unprepared for the news of his death.

He leaves, besides a record of a correct life according to the standard of his countryman, an estate of considerable extent, the disposition of which will doubtless be a matter of some consequence to those interested.

The Tory yarn that Hon. Mr. Sifton is to succeed Lord Strathcona at London, is promptly denied. As a contemporary suggests there is still plenty of work for Mr. Sifton to do in Canada, in settling the north west and keeping it Liberal.

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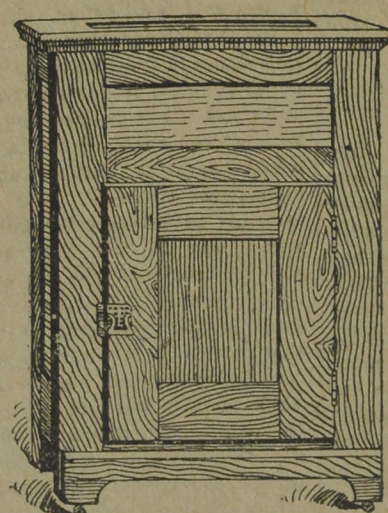
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