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THE LINE IS DRAWN

The province will be the gainer by the change which lines up the provincial parties as straight Liberal and Conservative. There will always be enough independent voters to turn the scale on provincial issues, and prevent any party from holding power in a province merely because that party is supreme at Ottawa. The Liberals, for example, are today in power at Ottawa, but not in Ontario, Manitoba or British Columbia, and during the Conservative regime at Ottawa provincial politics was not affected.

To Premier Hazen is due the change that has come about in this province, although he is doubtless very sorry it has come so soon. He appealed for Liberal votes and took a Liberal into his cabinet, but the moment parliament was dissolved he threw off the mask, and he and his Conservative colleagues threw themselves into the fight for Mr. Borden, and even used the resources of the department of their Liberal colleague to aid the Conservative cause. They were beaten, however, and now the Liberals have turned the tables. The new representative from the county which elected Mr. Hazen's Liberal colleague will now elect another Liberal, but not as a supporter of Mr. Hazen. In Carleton county also the parties are squarely opposed as Liberal and Conservative, and the Liberal will win.

Of course the result of this will be a distinct cleavage between the parties in all the constituencies, and the next general provincial elections will be a straight contest between Liberals and Conservatives.

A WORTHY CAUSE

The appeal of the N. B. Fish, Forest and Game Protective Association for a little financial aid from the government in order that it may carry on its work without interruption is quite a reasonable one. The interests involved are very important. New Brunswick has no chief game commissioner. It has done nothing to compare with what has been done in either Maine or Quebec, which are its near neighbors. The government derives a large and increasing revenue from game licenses, and could well afford to assist and co-operate with the new association whose object is the protection of the forest and the fish and game resources of the province. The transportation companies are giving more attention to New Brunswick, in their advertising literature, and are telling the world of the inducements this province holds out to the sportsman. This makes it the more necessary to have a proper system of protection and conservation. The wholesale slaughter of big game is a crime against the province. The destruction of the forest by fires which might be checked by a proper system of fire-warden service is not less to be condemned. Therefore the efforts of the association which unselfishly aims to improve the conditions deserve general support. The convention to be held in Fredericton during the winter should bring together practical men from all parts of the province, as well as experts from abroad, to discuss the whole subject and outline a policy which will truly conserve the great natural resources with which the association deals.

THAT INTERVIEW

The New York World publishes what it declares is a summary of the suppressed interview with Emperor William. That it will be repudiated by the Emperor goes without saying. It is inconceivable that the German ruler, whatever his personal views, would make any such statements to a representative of the press. Such a challenge to England would embitter two nations and threaten the peace of Europe. Moreover, it is only a year since the Kaiser, speaking at the Guildhall in London, declared his most friendly feelings toward England and his desire to maintain peace.

It goes without saying that the action of the New York World will cause a tremendous sensation, and those in England who are hostile to Germany will make the most of this alleged interview, which will have the effect also of raising a storm in Germany and strengthening the hands of the Radicals and Socialists in their determination to eliminate the element of personal government in that country.

MR. ASQUITH'S SPEECH

English papers to hand this week give the text of Premier Asquith's speech at the Guildhall banquet. Some portions of it are extremely interesting. On the subject of trade depression Mr. Asquith said:

"Since my lamented predecessor spoke in this hall a year ago, we have had to face anxious times The tide of prosperity upon which for some three years the trade of the world had floated buoyantly has ebbed, and the great producing interests here and elsewhere have found themselves once more in the shoals and the shallows. The depression, which to any student of the cycles of economic history was not in itself a matter of surprise, has been aggravated by special and exceptional circumstances—the dislocation of the machinery of credit last autumn in the United States, the outbreak of industrial disputes here at home, and the increasingly troubled outlook in more than one quarter of the political horizon. I am sanguine enough, always provided the peace of the world is maintained—I am sanguine enough to think that there are signs that indicate that the set-back of industrial activity may be not of long duration. We can at any rate rejoice here tonight that in one of our greatest industries—the cotton trade—counsels of wisdom and conciliation have prevailed, and a calamity of terrible dimensions has been averted."

After discussing matters relating to the Balkan situation, England's relations with Turkey, Russia and Persia,—the premier took up the question of German relations and said:—

"A variety of circumstances have recently caused the relations between Great Britain and Germany to become the subject of active public discussion. It is almost exactly a year since the German Emperor was a guest in this very hall. Some of us—and I was one—who were present on that occasion, cannot forget his Majesty's emphatic and impressive declaration that the governing purpose of his policy was the preservation of the peace of Europe and the maintenance of good relations between our two countries. It is in the spirit of that declaration, a spirit which aims not only at peace but at goodwill, that we desire to deal with other Powers, with Germany certainly not least. It is that spirit which has guided, and which will guide us, in all negotiations, actual or prospective, regarding the present difficulties in European politics. And if—as I trust and believe is the case—the other Powers cherish the same desire and intention, then the clouds which for the moment darken the sky—whether they originated in the Balkans or elsewhere—will disperse without a storm."

After setting forth the importance of naval supremacy and alluding to the government's programme the premier concluded with these significant words:—

"Governments come and go, Parliamentary and electoral majorities wax and wane; but there is one conviction which people of these islands hold with unshaken unanimity. It is that in our unquestioned and unquestionable command of the seas is to be found the best safeguard fro our interests as a nation—of the peaceful intercourse of mankind."

There seems no reasonable doubt that on Thursday evening next it will be decided to push the movement for ward prohibition in this city into Sydney, Victoria, Lorne and perhaps another ward. The result of the canvass in Duke's ward is regarded as a fair test of public sentiment. Should the people vote the saloons out of these wards next year, the whole city would perhaps go dry the year after. In the meantime the New Brunswick Temperance Federation is having its petition largely signed, to be presented to the Hazen government, asking for provincial prohibition. In Westmorland county an attempt is being made to repeal the Scott Act, and the vote will be taken on Dec. 17th. But Scott Act repeal is not popular in New Brunswick. So far as St. John is concerned, the ward vote will no doubt be taken at the time of the civic elections.

THE TEMPLE FAIR

Now that the Temple Fair is drawing to a close, it is pretty safe to conclude that the large attendance and liberal patronage in every department since its opening on Saturday evening last, spell success. Last night was no exception for those in charge of the various booths were kept busy attending to the needs of visitors. St. Mary's Band, under the able direction of Professor Charles H. Williams, rendered a choice programme which was much enjoyed by those privileged to attend. Tonight the big fair closes, and the numerous attractions together with every prospect of a big run at the box office, bids fair to break all records since the opening.

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THE KAISERS MISTAKES

The Brooklyn Eagle points out that Emperor William of Germany is, to some small extent at least, excusable for the views on personal government which he has held. The German empire is unlike the British empire. It is a comparatively new creation. We quote from the Eagle:

"The first German Emperor, from the day of his proclamation at Versailles, in 1871, to that of his death at Berlin, in 1888, was content to let Bismarck do his talking for him. His son, the Emperor Frederick, was prevented by a mortal malady that seized him before his accession from being more than a nominal Emperor. The present Kaiser succeeded his father. Frederick under conditions ministering to his vanity and magnifying his self-importance. He was urged by unwise counselors to consider himself more of an autocrat than a constitutional executive, and ever since his accession he has held to that view of his position, his rupture with Bismarck being among the earliest indications that he intended to be largely independent of his ministers. There was nothing in the German constitution to prohibit this freedom of action. The policy of his grand-father was that of an individual, not that of a dynasty, and William II, with his impetuous temperament and uncontrollable egotism, did not think he was bound to respect or continue it. The mistaken conviction of an almost complete independence led him to dispatch his famous telegram to Krueger in 1895, a telegram that England answered by mobilizing a squadron of powerful warships. It led him to proclaim at Tangier, some years ago, a Mediterranean policy that Germany could not have maintained save at the cost of another war with France and Spain on the question Morced an agreement between England, France and Spain on the question to Morocco, and that agreement was followed by the humiliation of Germany in the Algeciras Convention. It moved him to contribute to the London Telegraph the statements which lately stirred his people to an indignation so intense that he has now surrendered to it unconditionally, promising to observe the constitutional responsibilities of his position."

WHAT I LIVE FOR

(George Linnaeus Banks.)

I live for those who love me,
Whose hearts are kind and true,
For heaven that smiles above me,
And waits my spirit, too;
For all the ties that bind me,
For all the tasks assigned me,
And bright hopes left behind me,
And good that I can do.

I live to learn their story
Who've suffered for my sake,
To emulate their glory,
And follow in their wake;
Bards, patriots, martyrs, sages,
The noble of all ages,
Whose deeds crowd history's pages,
And Time's great volume make.

I live to hold communion
With all that is divine,
To feel there is a union
'Twixt nature's heart and mine;
To profit by affliction,
Reap truths from fields of fiction,
And, wiser from conviction,
Fulfil each grand design.

I live to hail that season,
By gifted minds foretold,
When men shall rule by reason,
And not alone by gold;
When man to man united,
And every wrong thing righted,
The whole world shall be lighted
As Eden was of old.

I live for those who love me,
Whose hearts are kind and true,
For heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit, too;
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do.

THE DESPOILER

Jack Frost has been abroad again;
With fierce and cruel might
He killed my bright array of flowers,
All in a single night.

E'en these, my last few hardy blooms,
He did not spare me one;
My beauteous garden is a waste,
My year's work is undone.

Yet I will grieve no more for these,
My poor, dead, summer flowers;
Their seeds will bring me fairer bloom
With springtime's golden hours.

—Susan W. Clune.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A STRANGE THING.

Gossips are the greatest liars we know; but did you ever hear a story about yourself that wasn't partly true?—Atchison Globe.

SOMETHING SIMILAR.

Customer (in book store)—Have you Dante's "Inferno?"

Clerk—No; but I can give you "Who's Who in Chicago."—Life.

A SCOTTISH BULL.

"Out of a Scottish population of 5,000,000," said the Lord Advocate on the Housing bill yesterday, "there are 2,000,000 living in one room."

A voice, amid laughter: "Not in the same room?"—London Daily Mail.

FAST COLOR.

Mother (viciously scrubbing her small boy's face with soap and water)—Johnny, didn't I tell you never to blacken your face with burnt cork again? Here I have been scrubbing half an hour and it won't come off.

Boy (between gulps)—I—ouch!—ain't your little boy—ouch! I'se Mose, de colored lady's boy.—Judge.

DUE PROPORTION.

A little Scotch boy's grandmother was packing his lunch for him to take to school one morning. Looking up into the old woman's face, the boy asked:

"Grandmother, does yer specs magnify?"

"A little, my child," she answered.

"Aweel, then," said the boy, "I wad just like it if ye wad tak' them off when ye're packin' me loonch."—Success.

THE FINAL JUDGMENT.

The associate reader of The Shouting: "Here is some of the worst doggerel I ever read. It's enough to make a gargoyle chuckle. The writer rhymes 'heart' with 'harp' and 'delight' with 'tripe.' Look at that if you want a good laugh."

Editor Roosevelt—"What's the name signed to the poem?"

"Hank Hunter."

"Eh, Hank Hunter! That poetry is all right. Hank Hunter was one of my best rough riders."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

DESTROYING THE EVIDENCE.

"Vernon told me this morning," related the lady with the cold, blue eye, "that he passed the tree where two years ago he carved your initials and his own, and encircled them with a heart. He says he felt so glad he almost danced with joy."

"Ah," said the tall brunette, anxiously, "then he must still love me after all? Did he tell you why he felt so happy?"

"Yes, dear; he said some men were cutting the tree down."—Judy.

IT WAS READY MONEY.

They were asking the eminent lawyer why he took so large a fee from the trust.

"I think it was its largeness that made it easy to take," he smilingly answered.

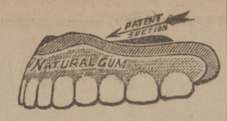
Then the state's attorneys conferred.

"And didn't you stop to consider that the money was tainted?" they asked him.

"No," he ingenuously replied, "I only stopped to count it."

This closed the proceedings for the day.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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