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OPPOSITION DEPLORABLE WEAK

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There is nothing worse for parliament than to have a weak opposition and there is not the slightest doubt but that the Opposition at the present time is deplorably weak.

Mr. R. L. Borden has shown himself deplorably weak during the present session; I am given to understand that there has been a considerable change in his tactics, but from what I have observed I consider him to be far too petulant and testy for the leader of a great party. He has intervened in debates totally unworthy of the attention of a leader. These have been points which might have been raised by private individuals in the rank and file of the party and served very usefully as pin-pricks, aggravating the government, but they were points quite unworthy of the serious attention of the leader of a great party. As a matter of fact, as we look through the ranks of the Opposition, it is difficult to find a man worthy of the position of leader, or a man who is likely at all to lead the party to victory. Mr. Foster has great ability, but owing to recent occurrences, he is politically dead. There are, no doubt, many able men in the Opposition ranks, but if one enumerates them one by one, there is always some weakness or other objection to their position as leader.

On the Government side, after Sir Wilfrid Laurier, there appears to be several able men. The Hon. W. S. Fielding is certainly a man of great brain power and ability, but he has the unfortunate weakness of being easily aroused by the Opposition. The Hon. G. P. Graham strikes me as being a very strong man, and he has the saving grace of good humor. Both in the house and in the committee, I have been very much struck not only by the good temper which he has displayed, but also with the shrewdness with which he has dealt with all matters brought before him.

CONSERVATIVES IN QUEBEC

(From the Montreal Herald)

The leaders of the party in 1900, that is to say, the leaders outside Quebec, simply made Sir Wilfrid a present of the province, incidentally offering the Conservative candidates as a bleeding sacrifice. Six months before the election it looked as if there might be a fairly even fight, even in Quebec. Charles Tupper, who was no fool in politics, opened his preliminary campaign with a fine speech in Quebec city. But the Montreal Junta and the Ontario leaders knew better than he, and they got him into the famous "new movement" which proceeded to make the province of Quebec hated, distrusted and despised by every Conservative sympathizer in every other province of Canada. Mr. Monk escaped with his political life, and even that the St. James Street Junta tried to take from him. To expiate their own folly they turned him out of the provincial leadership, just when he was getting a good force of young men trained to

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the habit of fighting. When the Junta went to pieces over the Zandry, Zandrak, Zandrude episode, Mr. Monk got back. And last autumn Mr. Borden, leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, paid Mr. Monk and other Quebec leaders the tactful compliment, of ignoring them altogether when about to pronounce upon a great question of national policy. How can he blame them if they do not see eye to eye with him? Does he imagine these Monks and Lacostes and Casgrains and Beaubiens are so many helots who can be trusted to do as he bids them, without murmur? He, forsooth, who having in a high and mighty way spoken over and over again his own sentiments, changed them completely when ordered to do so by a handful of Westerners who seemed to be bent on turning him out of his job.

A SHATTERED PARTY

The disclosures in regard to the dissensions in the Conservative party in the Dominion House continue. The Toronto News, the Toronto Mail and Empire, the Toronto World, the Montreal Star, the Montreal Gazette, the Ottawa Citizen, the Hamilton Spectator, the Halifax Herald, and other leading Conservative journals, have been making public more and more of the inside facts, and it is now plain to a demonstration that fully half the Conservative members in the Dominion House are for ousting Mr. Borden from the leadership and many of the remainder would be no less willing if they could only see somebody to take his place.

The Montreal Gazette, which has stood by Mr. Borden with a constancy excelled only by that of the Toronto News, admits that his position as leader of the party hangs on the ragged edge and for this blames largely some of the above mentioned Conservative papers without naming them—"some newspapers," it says, "which have not, always helped the party in its difficulties." The Gazette has used plain language which the Post has already quoted, in regard to certain of Mr. Borden's lieutenants, who, it says, have made good understanding and good leadership impossible in the party; the Gazette's own preference, plainly is that Mr. Borden should continue in the leadership, because, to quote its words there is in the party no other man of his moral, intellectual and political stature to put in his place.

But, as the insurgent Conservatives point out, he has failed to make good as a leader. The Conservative naval fiasco is what brought the disruption of the party to its present desperate stage. Says a special despatch from Ottawa to the Toronto World, after speaking of the increasing resentments between the different sections in the Conservative party:

"The attempt of the Toronto remnants of the old Conservative News to make scape-goats of Foster, Haggart, Sproule and George Taylor, and the other whips, all party is also resented here. These men are not responsible for the parliamentary policy that the Conservatives have pursued in late years. The insurgency is against this parliamentary policy, and those who made it and flouted it, out more than against discredited Conservatives so-called. It is Mr. Borden's house policy that is in question, and those who were associated with him in making it. Monk did not make it. This is the main issue."

According to the Toronto World, which speaks with inside information quite a number of Conservative members are insurgents because promises given in caucus of certain action and courses of criticism on certain government measures were broken. "It is even specially stated that a promise was given to move the six month's hoist on the Naval bill and 'to the surprise of all the following something else was substituted.'" Of course, the present disruption in the Conservative is the accumulated result, of years of lack of strong leadership, but the immediate cause has been unquestionably the fact of Mr. Borden finding himself at the beginning of the present session of Parliament at the head of a party which at the result of his own wavering and inconsistency, final abandonment of his matured opinion, and performance of a right about face was divided into half a dozen sections in regard to the naval question.

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THE COST OF ARMED PEACE

The gifts to charities, libraries, educational institutions and other public causes in the United States during 1909 amounted to the great total of \$185,000,000. But the increase during the same year in the army and navy expenditures of the United States was only \$13,000,000 less than great total of benefactions. This is one of the facts set forth in an illustrated broadside, printed in colors, which is issued by the New York Peace Society, arguing that a half should be called in the pouring out of millions in preparations for war and making a striking appeal for the use of the national wealth of the United States for more productive, humane and enlightened purposes.

When the "burden of militarism" is spoken of, the thought that is usually called up, is of the nations of Europe staggering under the cost of "armed peace." The heavy expenditures for naval and military purposes are not by any means confined to Europe however. The average annual cost of the army and navy in the United States for the eight years preceding the Spanish war (1890-98) was \$51,500,000. For the eight years succeeding (1902-10) it has been \$185,400,000. That is to say, there has been an increase of \$143,000,000 during the past eight years as compared with the eight years preceding.

One of the leading and most strenuous of the advocates of increased naval expenditures by the United States government is Congressman Hobson, who as a naval lieutenant so distinguished himself in the siege of Santiago. He is now demanding that congress shall provide for four more Dreadnoughts. Even he is unable to ignore the manifest necessity of the promotion of peace between the nations, and he is now advocating the appropriation by Congress of a sum equal to one-twentieth of the total expenditures on armaments for the purpose of a peace propaganda. The proposal is not without its fantastic side, but is significant.

As against any increase in expenditures for war, the broadside of the New York Peace Society declares that the defences of the United States are more than amply adequate now. "No sane man opposes adequate national defence," it says. "We do not oppose expenditures required, only by personal or national ambition." Among the pictured argument set forth in the broadside referred to is a pair of contrasting money bags, showing that the total revenue of the United States last year was \$423,000,000 or 70 per cent, went for pensions on account of past wars and for war preparations, leaving \$181,000,000 or 30 per cent for all other purposes. It is shown that the cost of one battleship like the North Dakota would build 1,400 churches at \$20,000 each, or 7,000 farms at \$4000 or provide a college education for 14,000 men or women at \$500 a year for four years, or build a first-class macadam road from New York to Chicago, or build and equip fifty manual training schools, that would teach the rudiments of a trade to 75,000 young people each year.

Many other illustrations are given of what could be done with a mere fraction of military and naval expenditures of the United States, one of the most striking being in connection with the campaign against tuberculosis, of which disease some 160,000 people are dying yearly under the Stars and Stripes. The eight year increase alone in the army and navy expenditures, stated above, would be enough to banish tuberculosis from the United States, within a reasonable time, if efficiently used. The facts and figures thus set forth by the New York Peace Society are certainly of a character to compel thoughtful consideration on the part of the people of the country to the south, especially in view of the statement made at the last session of Congress by Mr. Tawney, the chairman of the committee on appropriations: "The expenditures for this purpose, the coming fiscal year (1909-10) will be greater than they were this year. They have been increasing rapidly and enormously year by year. None of the advocates of armed peace are willing to suggest a limit beyond which this increase shall not go."

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Engineer Crushed to Death. Fernie, B.C., April 12.—An engine with a caboose, proceeding east at four o'clock yesterday morning, ran into a rockslide. The engine and caboose turned completely over, pinning Engineer Roberts underneath, where he died four hours later, not being got out till ten o'clock.

Comet Makes Them Sleepy. Evansville, Ind., April 12.—Scores of people in this community complain that they are unable to get enough sleep; in fact, in several instances people have slept for 15 or 24 hours and still were sleepy. They attribute this inclination to sleep to Halley's comet.

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Obituary ORBIN DEGEER

The death took place in Mariposa on Saturday of Orbin Degeer, son of Mr. J. T. Degeer, aged 23 years. The funeral will take place on Tuesday at 2 o'clock to East Oakwood cemetery.

ALEXANDER McDONALD

Word has been received by Mr. Jos McDonald, of the Flavelle Milling Co. of the death of his uncle, Mr. Alexander McDonald, of Chicago, which occurred on Thursday last. The late Mr. McDonald was a resident of Lindsay for a number of years, following the business of grainbuyer for Mathews & Co., of Toronto. He removed to Chicago about fifteen years ago, where he since has made his home.

ANN HARGROVE

Death removed, yesterday morning at an early hour at the House of Refuge, one of Victoria County's oldest citizens in the person of Miss Ann Hargrove, age eighty three. Death removed the old citizen at

ter a slight illness, which lasted a few days and her demise, somewhat sudden, was expected. The funeral will take place at the home of Mr. Michael King-st., East ward, tomorrow morning at nine-thirty o'clock, going to St. Mary's Church, the Roman Catholic cemetery.

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