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**ROOSEVELT UNDER FIRE.**

The common theory is that the king can do no wrong. It is well that Mr. Roosevelt is nearing the end of his political reign, since the glamour that has so long surrounded him is almost if not quite gone. For a time such was the regard which the people had for him, as a man of action, that they forgave him when he erred. Now the disposition is to magnify his defects.

During the last year he had occasion to investigate, through his law department, the merger of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company with the United States Steel Corporation. At the outset this seemed to be one of the combinations common in trade, and against the public interest, because against the competition that makes for a change in prices. The attorney-general's information was, however, that the smaller business was in a critical way and that without the absorption of the larger it would become speedily insolvent.

Congress had had the case under review, and the majority of a committee is prepared to report that the combine is a violation of the Sherman anti-trust or monopoly law, and that the government did wrong in granting its approval. Indirectly Mr. Roosevelt is held up for criticism, because he blessed that which he should have smashed. He has led in the assaults upon the trusts, and falls down before a deal that appealed to the tenderness of his nature. There is the attempt to spare him humiliation because some evidence is new, but if he were guided by his best light he can ignore the proceedings of his critics.

By the way, some of these are republicans, whose doctrine is that the party and its head are always excusable if they are not infallible.

Mr. MacKay is doing good work in the legislature and is in favour of real law reform. The bill respecting law courts, which Mr. Foy has in charge, presents several defects that Mr. MacKay has emphasized. The people have been hearing a great deal about lessened expense in law, but the old charges for stenographers' services and law stamps continue. The leader of the opposition pointed out that in some cases the stenographers made more out of the cases than the lawyers, by exacting a tariff which is out of date, for a service which costs less under the improved facilities they have access to.

Mr. MacKay said nothing about the lawyers' tariff, which, like all tariffs, is iniquitous in many respects. The plumb and the electricians and others are made the butt of many a fibe because of their accounts. No man outside of the business can analyze them. But, the lawyer surpasses them all in the technical difficulty which he puts in the way of finding out what his charges are. At a recent conference of legal men in Toronto it was suggested that the profession have the privilege of contracting with clients for a certain amount to do a certain specified service, and the proposal was well received. The sooner it becomes a general practice the better.

A second matter was the protest of Mr. MacKay against the use of law stamps. Sir James Whitney admitted that with the prosperity of the province the stamps should go, but Mr. MacKay said he had not much confidence in this prosperity or he would take action. The Foy idea, that law is a luxury, and that the people should not object to pay for it, is not conformable with the preaching of the party prior to the last election. Then there was to be law reform and at once Law is sometimes forced upon the individual; he does not seek it and he does not want it. It is a luxury he could very willingly forego. The stamp tax is an iniquity which the rich province of Ontario should not continue—for revenue purposes.

The Paton Manufacturing company, Sherbrooke, has put on record its belief (expressed at the annual meeting) that the continental depression, but the customs' duties, was responsible for the conditions that prevailed during 1907 and 1908. These are woollen men and ought to know what they are talking about.

**THE SPARRING AT OTTAWA.**

The provincial righters of Quebec are not so intense as the provincial righters of Ontario. This fact came out conspicuously in the railway committee when incorporation was asked for the Canadian, Liverpool and Western railway. This line will run from a point on the Grand Trunk Pacific to the mouth of the Saguenay river, then to Quebec, and Montreal, all in the province of Quebec. The Quebec legislature should be able to give it all the standing it wants legally.

It does, indeed, seem ridiculous to the average lay mind that a projection of this kind should be declared "for the advantage of Canada," and that this magic phrase should lend enchantment to the view. It was supposed, as a result of the broeze which occurred over an Ontario bill last year, authorizing an electric railway with international connections, that some agreement would be reached as to legislation of this kind. The representatives of this province are keener on the distinction between provincial and federal rights than the representatives of other provinces. This was seen in the discussions of last session, when the Ontario delegation practically forced the withdrawal of one bill. It was seen on Thursday in the railway committee when the Ontario members, regardless of politics, stood by the provincial rights' principle.

They went solidly the other way. They were carried away probably by the declaration of Hon. Mr. Emerson that all railways should be brought under federal control or legislation so that the railway commission could have dominion over them. The annual sparring between parliaments regarding their prerogatives should be abolished in some way. It does not add to the dignity of those who are engaged in it.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

Canada will have lost some of its moral sensitiveness when it recognizes the necessity of the social evil and undertakes to license it.

Manitoba's legislators supply themselves with suit cases at the opening of every new parliament. Eleven of them cost \$357. They must be beautiful.

Montreal has spent only \$135,000 this year against \$250,000 last year in taking the snow off the streets. Our Lady of the Snows is somewhat expensive in Montreal.

The Board of Health for this year of grace may not be doing anything to win the applause of the people, and still the council cannot gracefully throw its members down.

The governor of Newfoundland will not have another election now. How is any government, not having the support of the house, going to do business? Where can it get its supplies?

Those who are summoned to serve as jurors will remember that it was the Whitney government that said "no" when Mr. Mackay urged that the daily pay be raised from \$2.50 to \$3.38 per day.

It's so easy to say that the elections are a long way off, and that the council should not worry about what the people think of some expenditures. No? Well, as some of the aldermen know the people have splendid memories.

There is to be another resort to the law, to prevent income reduction in Toronto. Whitney says public opinion must be respected, and if there has been any technical error it can be corrected by a special act. The man with the big stick must be respected.

The local government has whispered to a deputation from Hamilton that while financing the Hydro-Electric Power commission a grant of even \$5,000 could not be granted to a technical school. Hamilton is a grievance. The government is not using it right.

Branford's electors declined, by vote in the elections, to supply the cost of a new Institute building. Now the trustees want the council to furnish \$73,395 for new school without asking the leave of the people. Here's a "doff" that it would not be safe to make in Kingston.

A member of the legislature complained that the selectors of jurors signed the roll and collected their \$6 per day each, though only some of them did the work. The prime minister says the counties could see that the selectors earned the money. Care—fewer members. It is not necessary that half a dozen should be engaged in this work. Three would do as well.

**Way To Failure.**

Edmonton Bulletin.

A suffragette tried to sail over the parliament buildings in an airship, but wound up fifteen miles away. Another scolding ambition thwarted.

**A Cause For It.**

Hamilton Spectator.

Chatham, has a municipal electric light plant, the machinery of which

has fallen to pieces, leaving the city in darkness. Seize another for the success of municipal ownership management.

**Get Busy, Please.**

Guelph Mercury.

It is to be hoped that the Ontario government does something about law reform. It is all right to talk it, but then law reform has been talked so often that it has become monotonous. Let the government do something now.

**Oh, Is That It?**

Toronto Mail.

While the House of Lords is attacked for being too active, the senate of Canada is assailed for not doing enough. There is in this to be said for the House of Lords, however—it is independent of the powers that be, and is not a mere recording machine for any government.

**Change in Election Law.**

Montreal Gazette.

It is stated that the Ontario government proposes to amend its election law so as to permit voters, who must be away from their polling district on election day, to cast their ballots beforehand. Their ballots will be dropped in the same box which will subsequently be used on polling day, but will not be opened in the meantime so that there will be no exposure of the way they have voted. If this scheme is followed, it will have to be safeguarded with exceeding care, for it will never do to allow ballots to be put in a ballot-box in the presence of the deputy returning officer only or without the fullest opportunity to scrutineers for both parties to challenge the voters. Otherwise the "early" voter might be "a bird" and "worm" in a handful of ballots.

**Whitney Something To Learn.**

Weekly Sun.

Premier Whitney, speaking in the legislature in regard to Mr. McEwing, expressed the opinion that you could not arouse any interest in the question of railway taxation in Ontario to-day even with the aid of a brass band for advertising purposes. The premier could learn something to his advantage in regard to this question by a few minutes' conversation with Messrs. Bowyer, Clarke (Bruce), Downey, Preston (Durham), and other members on his side in the legislature. If these gentlemen fail to convince him of his error in regard to the state of public feeling on railway taxation it will be necessary for the people to speak out in a way he can understand.

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It will pay you to look over the big gun counter at Gibson's Red Cross drug store. The preparation dealing with myths and legends, but the foundations of God stand sure with the absolute certainties that are with us in our moral and spiritual constitution and relationships this very day. There is no other explanation of this constitution and these relationships. Add to these facts of the universe and man and sin the institution of the Sabbath, thank God, yet with us, the institution and true law and intent of marriage, the establishment of the moral, social and economic order, all imbedded in the Christian faith, and instinct with its life from the beginning, and its historic foundation and practical essence, and you have a mighty and eternal system in whose face none but a superficial or profane man will stand up and say myth, legend.

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Toronto Globe.

Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist church, asks the globe to publish the following letter:

I am in receipt of letters from competent and loyal ministers and members of the Methodist church, and others of equal right and merit, have spoken to me, on recently-reported utterances of the Rev. George Jackson, M.A., assistant in our Sherburne street church. In inverted commas, as from papers handed out, and to date uncontradicted, they bear the marks of an inspired and true, not a mythical report.

It ought to be understood that Mr. Jackson is neither a minister nor member of the Canadian Methodist church. Nor is he amenable to any of our conferences or courts, but a "free lance," not responsible to any body in particular, and it is something of a problem to say who is responsible for a minister from Britain, hired as an assistant, under some such arrangement as I trust may never be repeated in our Methodist, dishonoring and submerging the regular pastors, and throwing wide open the doors to all manner of irregularity. The annual conference must have put some confidence in him, for it exacted no bonds.

The esteemed brethren who employed him, generally careful of church order, must, I think, have trusted him or surely they would not have entered into so unmethodistic and so untidy an anti-connexional complication. How their employee has observed the claims of hospitality and kept the precious trust recent disclosures demonstrate.

To cast upon the conference that gave him shelter, and so upon the body of brethren, the imputation of insincerity in their opinions, cowardice, in their utterances and deceit even in their absence trust and a violated hospitality. He himself that speaketh out is the hero and the honest man!

For a man to say that "a correct theory of the origin of the universe, the origin of the human race, and the origin of sin is no part of the Christian faith," shows very superficial and attenuated thinking. We are not, like higher critics, after theories, but after facts, and facts that are logical and historic order. What does he make of the Christian faith? A thing of a moment, a bursting bubble on the rolling tide, thin and dark at the top, just ready to break before our eyes? Or is it a well and logically compact system of the being of the Eternal God and His attributes as revealed to us. His purposes and His acts? What would we know of the Christian faith but for the revelations and records of God in holy scripture through the centuries? To make the first chapters of these records as set down in our books unhistoric and unscientific does not carry the judgment or command in the assent of the ripest scholarship and the best men. It calls forth the most heroic, the most heroic, the most heroic of speakers and writers more or less instructed, and here and there taints a reputable scholar. It settles nothing, but fills the air with cloud and dust, the church with suspicion, confusion and strife.

When a man affirms that the opening chapters of the Bible are mythical, legendary, I am inclined to ask, what does the man mean? Does he mean that the solid positions and sublime acts solemnly recorded are mythical and legendary, or does he mean that the literary garb is mythical, legendary, or that the rhetoric is more exuberant than his historic sense would justify? The record of sure and certain facts is not a myth, a fancy, a legend, no matter how gorgeous or how simple the rhetoric. Surely it cannot be that we are sent to teach truth from a book filled with vain chimeras, misconceptions and lies. The old, solid "reductio ad absurdum" hens in this flighty higher criticism, so called, at every point. If the trouble is with the dress, the rhetoric after Oriental style, thinly veiling what is better veiled than embazoned, it is not the first time, nor will it be the last, when an adventurous man of purient desire gets tangled up in the drapery. But if he means creation and origin of the human race, man's clearly implied relationships as a moral and spiritual being to His Father God, the origin of sin, the most clearly self-evident fact with which we have to deal this hour, in man's voluntary transgression and alienation from God, he surely is not dealing with myths and legends, but the foundations of God stand sure with the absolute certainties that are with us in our moral and spiritual constitution and relationships this very day. There is no other explanation of this constitution and these relationships. Add to these facts of the universe and man and sin the institution of the Sabbath, thank God, yet with us, the institution and true law and intent of marriage, the establishment of the moral, social and economic order, all imbedded in the Christian faith, and instinct with its life from the beginning, and its historic foundation and practical essence, and you have a mighty and eternal system in whose face none but a superficial or profane man will stand up and say myth, legend.

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