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REMEMBER THE MAINE.

The later developments—the raising of the Maine so that her hull could be examined and photographed—have not confirmed the earlier reports upon the tragedy. These reports were to the effect that the warship had been destroyed, with all on board, as a result of the explosion in her magazines.

These reports were set aside, and others adopted, and to the effect that the Maine had been wrecked by a mine, placed under her by the Spaniards. Now a photograph has been published that shows a portion of the vessel's keel, forced upward from the bottom to the very top of the wreckage. This could not be produced by an explosion from the inside.

It has cost the American nation many many thousands of dollars to establish this truth, and it seems to warrant the part which the United States took in siding with the Cubans against the Spaniards. "Remember the Maine" would have been a motto of murky recollection without this new evidence that there was justification for the outburst of national feeling.

CHARITY AND UNIONISM.

Some of those who have consecrated themselves to charitable work have been in conference at St. Catharines, and they have equipped themselves the more for the responsibilities of the hour. This is a world of combination, and of trust and good understanding, and there is no reason why the disposition of charity should not be conducted so as to cover only legitimate or deserving cases.

An association of charities. What does this mean? Simply that there will be an intelligent direction given to the work of relief, that every deserving case will be sought out and protected, and an effectual check put upon all imposition. Kingston had one experiment with association work. It was all too brief, and yet it was sufficient to demonstrate what could be done with the aid of an impartial and energetic agent.

The proposition is to revive the association of charities, and behind the movement is one who has attended the recent conference at St. Catharines and is in a position to aid it by helpful suggestion. Growing out of one's experience with regard to charity comes the consciousness that sooner or later the remedy must be found for some social conditions.

Fancy an able bodied man, resting or idling at home, while his poor wife, none too strong physically, goes out to slave from day to day for the pittance with which she provides the food for him and his children. This is not a fictitious case.

What is wanted is a place where loafers may be made to work, while their wages are devoted to their wives and children. Will advanced public opinion ever demand this treatment of the men whose studied neglect contributes to the burdens of the charitable societies?

THE ELIGIBLES FOR PARLIAMENT.

A king's counsel, of Montreal, defeated in the recent election, announces that he has abandoned public life. He spent one term in parliament, doing his best to serve the people. Now that he has been turned aside for a time his plan is to devote himself zealously to his profession, and make a success of it.

It is only the occasional one who can afford to pursue politics as an occupation. These in Canada who can devote themselves to public service are the few. They are numerous in the old land, where the wealthy classes live and the sons of the nobility are trained to spend their energies for the public good. They seek no reward for this. They have not enjoyed the indemnity of the Canadian legislator, and some of them oppose the indemnity now.

William Gladstone, nephew of the statesman of that name, is following in the footsteps of his distinguished ancestor. He is wealthy and decided early in his career to become a public servant. To him that appeared to be the greatest honour to which he could attain. So his education was conducted with that end in view, and, added to his academic training, was that of the diplomatic corps to which he was attached. At twenty-five he is the member for Kilmarnock Burghs, Scotland, and promises on his merits to rise to distinction. He has the talent, the time, the disposition. All he wants is the opportunity and his fature is assured.

Contrast the success of this man and others of his stamp and character, with Horace Greely, in whose honour another statue was unveiled in Chantauqua village last week. Greely was a great editor and a poor politician. Nobody could understand his acceptance of a nomination for the presidency without any experience in public life and without any knowledge of the tricks of electioneering. He was an easy mark for the critics, the crooks, the cartoonists. He lost in the election, and he died of a broken heart. He never rallied from the shock he received when returning home one night, at the close of the campaign, he realized that he had been lampooned as one that was disgraceful and degrading in public life.

Greely was never designed by nature or grace for political life, and he is a type of many who are foolishly ambitious in our day. Only those who can live without work and worry have any business in the political world.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

When will the city council take up the question of civic consolidation? Several of the departments could be re-organized to good advantage. Why is this work deferred?

Those who appealed to race and religion in the late campaign are indeed incendiarists. But they belonged to the conservative party and they played a desperate game.

Mr. Borden is following the example of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and calling to his aid, as colleagues or counsellors, the provincial premiers. They could all be in the Borden cabinet if they desired.

Young Gladstone, who has set out upon his political career, as member for Kilmarnock Burghs, is a home ruler and an anti-suffragette. He will be in the storm centre sooner or later.

Compulsory arbitration with regard to labour troubles is now proposed in England. The measure of a labour member is very like the Lemieux Act which the Borden government is urged to repeal.

The Orange Sentinel wants Mr. Pourassa to understand that there is a government at Ottawa that can defy the agitators. But the Ottawa Journal, conservative, says the Borden party is at the mercy of the nationalists. Which is correct?

Does any one who saw the tin box with coins and papers put in the cornerstone of the Macdonald school expect to see them recovered? Of all the cornerstones that have been set in the last fifty years not one has been recovered. They are still concealed—for the benefit of posterity.

The Hamilton Spectator spoiled its gracious reference to Hon. Mr. Graham by its ungracious suggestion that he should seek a seat in parliament through the retirement of Dr. Pugsley. The Spectator may not like the doctor, but he is not likely to resign his seat on that account.

The Brantford Expositor assumes that Mr. Tripp, of Ottawa, will be glad to transfer his labour from the local legislature to the commons. Mr. Fripp was anxious to have municipalities tax the land, and not improvements, and twice the premier suppressed him. He may get gentler treatment from Mr. Borden.

During the election the president was referred to by conservatives as "a political buccaneer," Sir Wilfrid Laurier was accused of treason, because of his connection with reciprocity. At Ottawa candidates shouted that they wanted no truck with the Yankees. Some leading Americans were denounced as annexationists. But Mr. Borden says there was nothing unfriendly in all this. Really.

HOME RULE BATTLE

THE LINES ARE NOW BEING DRAWN ON ISSUE.

The Government is Prepared to Extend Campaign to England, Scotland and Wales.

London, Sept. 27.—British politicians are taking a brief rest—only a brief one—after one of the hardest sessions of parliament, in the history of the country, in preparation for an even harder campaign.

The end of September will see the opening of the home rule campaign. Both sides have already organized, and from one end of the country to the other meetings will be held in support of and in opposition to the government's plans. It is hoped that before this some idea of the government's bill will be given to the public. Mr. Birrell, relieved of a cabinet minister's usual share of work during the last session, has been busily engaged on the measure, and after the holidays the cabinet will complete the bill and authorize its introduction as early in the new year as possible.

The bill will apply to Ireland only, but the government is prepared to extend it to England, Scotland and Wales if public opinion demands it. The liberals, although on the defensive are making the first move. The League of Young Liberals has moved into the enemy's country and is carrying on a van campaign in the English counties, where home rule finds its most ardent opponents outside of Ulster itself.

The Young Scots Society, with a membership of 160,000, is co-operating with the regular liberal organization in Scotland, and the Eighty Club, a liberal society, given more to entertaining than to active political fighting, is making a tour of Ireland. In exchange the Ulster Liberal Association is sending some of its best speakers to England and Wales. Winston Churchill, home secretary; the Master of Elibank, chief liberal whip, and Robert Harcourt, M.P., are at the head of the campaign and, besides the organizations mentioned, will have the help of every cabinet minister, the Irish nationalists and a host of speakers.

Unlike Gladstone, who had to meet the opposition of the Nonconformist leaders, Spurgeon, Dale, Bright and Chamberlain, Premier Asquith, today, has the support of the bulk of Nonconformity. Sylvester Horne, Dr. Clifford, Sir George White and David Lloyd-George are but a few of the members of the Free church who will take the stump for home rule.

Ireland given home rule, Wales will demand the disestablishment of the church. The bill to give effect to this has long been ready for introduction, and only awaited the passage of the parliament bill to give it a chance of getting through the House of Lords. The prime minister has given his promise to the Welsh members, and as soon as the home rule bill is out of the way it will be the turn of disestablishment for Wales. English and Scottish liberals are all to have their more urgent demands complied with.

The greatest outrage imaginable, in the eyes of the English radical, is the old system by which voters may exercise the franchise in as many electoral districts as they own property or have other interests.

The unionists being the party of the wealthy, the liberals assert that this system gives them a great advantage. It is no uncommon thing for a man to have half a dozen votes. A wealthy London merchant, for example, certainly would have three votes—one for his place of business, and one each for his town and country seats—and, the elections being held on different days, he has an opportunity to exercise them all. The liberal proposal is one man, one vote and a one-day election.

All of this, in addition to land reform for Scotland and other social legislation, including the insurance bill, which if passed this fall will require some additional legislation, is a pretty heavy programme.

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REVEALS DUAL LIFE.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 30.—The remarkable story of the hidden life of James M. Sutherland, for twenty years a lawyer in St. Louis, has been revealed through a visit to this city of his son, J. Sinclair Sutherland, of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Sutherland was buried several days ago in St. Peter's Cemetery beside the beautiful woman who for more than fifteen years had held a high place in St. Louis as his life. She died three years ago.

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The Man On Watch.

If road paving takes as long to do as it has taken the Guelph concern to lay a couple of blocks of it in Kingston, the Lampman submits that the people may become disgusted. It is said that the school children are being given problems on road paving, and one of these problems is to figure out how long it will take to complete the unfinished area to be paved. It has taken just two months to pave one-half the area, but the Lampman is told that another month may complete the other half.

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Now that "Archie" Strachan has hauled down the merchant marine flag from the customs house pole, and replaced it with the Union Jack, the Lampman calls upon the military chairman of the town property committee to get into line, and see that the proper colors are floated from the poles on the town buildings.

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The Lampman is convinced that the women of Kingston are as good bargain sale rushers as can be found. Queen's student leaders, he thinks, should have been here a week ago and secured pointers. What mattered it if the umbrellas would not keep out the rain so long as they were purchased for less than a quarter dollar. The women can use them to "whale" their husbands with, if they do not behave themselves.

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If the Lampman hears any grumbling this coming winter among townspeople over high prices, he intends to recall to their minds the 21st day of September, when the majority of the inhabitants of Kingston voted against reciprocity and cheaper foodstuffs. Only those who voted for reciprocity will have any ground for grumbling. All others please keep mum if the prices of eggs and butter and meat are not to their liking.

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The Lampman has heard about the township of Pittsburg being a very prosperous municipality. Recently he felt very much inclined to doubt it, if the township is to be judged by the delapidated condition of the board walk from the old bridge to Barriefield hill, and the dirty walls and ceiling in the municipal hall in Barriefield. He would advise the residents to hold a "bee."

—THE TOWN WATCHMAN.

The Trusts & Guarantee company, limited, Toronto, have been appointed administrator of the estate of the late Nicholas Parker, of the township of West Zorra, Oxford county, farmer, who died on the 17th July, 1911. The estate is inventoried at $6,897, and consists of the following: Real estate, $5,000; cash in bank, $17; miscellaneous assets consisting of household furniture, farm implements, horses and cattle, farm produce and wood, $1,880; the only heirs are the widow and two infant children, who reside at Embro.

Benjamin Vincent, Picton, who is in his eighty-ninth year, was one of the first out on the 21st to cast his vote for Dr. Currie. Mr. Vincent has voted for the past sixty-seven years and has always supported the reform candidate.

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At Brockville, on Wednesday, the marriage took place of Miss Lulu Monroe, Frankville, to John C. Kinney, Morristown, N.Y.

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