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THE DOPE AND DEATH.

Dr. Osler was perhaps a most surprised man when some years ago he referred, humorously, to the use of dopes for the ending of life when it had ceased to be useful. Dr. Osler was not an advocate by any means that might be taken to shorten human existence, and he made an explanation later which was accepted as entirely satisfactory. And yet the "oslerizing" of men is discussed at times as if the proceeding under certain circumstances were fully justifiable.

The medical men of St. Louis have brought themselves into the limelight by favoring euthanasia "as a means of ending the agony of the incurably diseased." The principal speaker said the remedy should be provided when a member of the family requested it, and death was only a question of hours. Another speaker said it was

permissible or pardonable to place the poison within the reach of the patient so that he might elect to suffer or to die. A third speaker opposed euthanasia to prevent suffering, but supported a resort to it in dealing with imbeciles.

It was an academic debate to be sure. The medical men were simply expressing what they thought or felt as witnesses of the sufferings of men, and the desire of many to see those sufferings ended. The draught that kills will never be in demand. It can never be countenanced by legal enactment. It is incompatible with the treatment of even the imbeciles since the cure for imbecility is a law preventing the marriage of incompetents, a law for which there is a strong demand, and a law which the sense of the common people will sooner or later insist upon.

A GROUCH FROM OTTAWA

The Toronto World gives currency to a rumour from Ottawa, and to the effect that the Laurier government has been holding sessions and for the purpose of giving out contracts that should be left to the Borden government. One contract, it is alleged, goes to Mr. Gosselin, and for the erection of the Champlain terminal for the National Transcontinental railway in Quebec, and that it involves an expenditure of \$800,000. The work is done under direction of the railway commission, but it requires the confirmation of the government, and approval is said to have been expressed by an order-in-council, which was passed on the recommendation of Hon. Mr. Graham.

One other transaction, referred to as a deathbed contract, was the decision of the government with regard to a rail contract, for which tenders had been called. The grouch appears in one other paper, the Ottawa Citizen,

and the chances are that the same pen or mind framed the disturbing article. One is reminded of what the "Tupper government did in 1896, or what it attempted, after it had forfeited the public confidence, certain acts of the moribund administration being cancelled.

The conviction follows that until the facts have been gone into the Laurier government can be relieved of all suspicion of wrong-doing. The premier of to-day, a man of unblemished character, can be depended upon to put his affairs in order and hand over his trust to the governor-general without the consciousness that he had been misconducting himself. There may be some final acts of the government but until the evidence is produced it can be taken for granted that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his associates have not been doing anything which can invite the serious criticism or attack of their successors.

THE CANADIAN NAVY

The press may be helping Mr. Borden to dispose of the naval question, and it may not. The Ottawa Journal disapproves of a plebiscite, (which is a suggestion of Mr. Bourassa, and a suggestion that he is said to be pressing upon the premier-elect from his place in Ottawa), for two reasons. One is that the proceeding is not British—it is getting away from the responsibility that should rest upon the government—and it is something that could not be attended by very satisfactory results.

It has been contended that Mr. Borden is committed to it, and because of a reference he made to the subject in the house. He differed upon the naval question as the government submitted it, though the plan of action seemed to be in conformity with a resolution the house had adopted in 1909, and a resolution Mr. Borden had helped to draft, and desired it to be laid before the people. He did not say in what way. The Herald assumes that he meant a plebiscite. The Journal thinks he meant an election, such a reference as occurred with regard to reciprocity.

Which opens up the prospect of a new appeal, and upon a greater issue than that which the people pronounced upon by their vote on the 21st of September. Mr. Borden was originally committed to a Canadian navy, co-operating with the British navy, and in defence of the empire's interests.

Later he was—while in panicky mood

willing that a large annual contribution of many millions should be made to the British navy, and for such use as the admiralty might direct. Later, and in the second manifesto issued in connection with the election, he pandered to the nationalists' support, and left the impression that he would only proceed on the navy question as the people wished.

He must do something, and very soon. Tenders have been invited according to the plans of the present government, and plans that have been practically approved in the country outside of Quebec. They must be accepted or rejected, and a reconsideration of the whole subject will be forced upon the new government at the outset of its career. It will be for Mr. Borden to pursue the advice he so freely tendered to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, namely, to consult the admiralty and do as it counsels.

The Laurier government did not adopt the plan of a complete naval unit, as at one time proposed, but it did endorse the naval scheme which the Laurier government endeavored to carry out. If the outcome means a new appeal to the people, after the redistribution bill has been passed, and with representation according to population, there will be something before the electors which will elicit a demonstration of their patriotism on genuine grounds and in a way to show the loyalty of the people beyond a doubt.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A war usually ruffles things and affects the market prices. Since trade is much the same the conclusion is that the Italian-Turkish conflict does not amount to much.

The question of the hour—the want which conference, and synod and ecclesiastical council fails to answer—is, what is the matter with the church? The doctor who can diagnose the disease will be entitled to his reward.

The new religious movement in the United States is spreading. It aims at reviving the church members, at improving their lives, and giving a genuine expression to what Christianity means. It is being financed by some of the wealthier men, and J. Pierpont Morgan is the treasurer.

The Peterboro Examiner, noticing that new industries are locating elsewhere, asks, Where is our share? Peterboro and Kingston may be alike. They want things without having to work for them. Neither place is doing anything for publicity, and it asks, in affected surprise, "What is the matter with us?"

The unionists of England are discussing what they should do with the indemnities which the commons has voted to its members. Sir Max Aitkin has led the way in suggesting that the money be applied for borough improvements. Making himself sold with the people by his bountiful gifts. There are different ways of influencing votes.

MRS. SUSAN IRISH

IN GOOD HEALTH AT AGE OF 93 YEARS.

Her Rules for Longevity: Goes to Bed Early, Gets Up Early and Shuns Patent Medicines—Has Been Ill Only Once.

Gouverneur, N.Y., Oct. 2.—Mrs. Susan Irish, who resides in the village of Fullerville, is without a doubt the youngest old woman in Northern New York. She was born in Canada in July, 1819, and is, therefore, in her ninety-third year. She is still as active as most women are at fifty years of age. Her hearing and eyesight are practically as good as when she was a girl and her health which has been good all her life is still excellent. She does all her own work and is seldom idle an hour from the time she gets up until she retires, with the exception of Sundays. She was never ill with a disease during her long life until two years ago when she suffered an attack of typhoid fever. She is the mother of nine children and her oldest son, who now resides in the west, is nearly seventy-five years old.

For years Mrs. Irish resided at Sheffield, Ont., with her family where they conducted a farm. Her husband died many years ago. Her parents were of Mohawk Dutch descent. Mrs. Irish attributes her long life and excellent health to the fact that she has always used plain substantial food and has always made it a practice to retire between 8 and 9 p.m., and she seldom fails to arise between 5 and 6 each morning.

Her son, Wesley Irish, resides with her, and her daughter, Mrs. Spicer, has made her home there of late.

Mrs. Irish is an expert butter maker and she takes full charge of the ordinary laws of health that nature will adjust nearly all troubles that human flesh is heir to.

CANNIBALS KILL AND EAT WHITE MEN

South Sea Islands the Scene of Several Awful Tragedies of Late.

Sydney, N.S.W., Oct. 2.—News has reached Sydney of the murder of several Europeans in the South Sea Islands, some of the victims being cooked and eaten by the murderers. Rev. Frederick Daniells, a Queensland missionary, was killed in the Solomon Islands. He was conducting a Sunday service in the open air, when suddenly a shot was fired by a native who was concealed in the scrub. The bullet struck the missionary in the breast. He fell backwards, murmured "Lord, save me," and then died.

It is not supposed that Mr. Daniells was shot because he was a missionary. "The natives," says an officer of the mission, "take a pride in getting scalps, and the murder of a white man is a special glory. Mr. Daniells is the first white missionary to be killed in the Solomon Islands."

From New Caledonia comes an account of the butchering of a family of three—father, mother and child. The name of the victims was Bevaux. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the crime. The bodies had been treated with great brutality. The French warship Kersaint has brought news of an outrage at Maewo, one of the northern islands of the New Hebrides group, two French residents, named Gerolino and Baleau, having been killed by natives, and afterwards eaten.

PUBLIC OPINION.

A Word of Four Letters.

Detroit Free Press. Canada's opinion of reciprocity seems to be what Sherman thought of war.

What May Happen.

Presbyterian Toronto. Reciprocity is rejected and a poke in its present form will hardly be revived. Possibly the next campaign will be fought on a demand for tariff reduction all along the line.

Young Men's Success.

Toronto Star. The World claims that the anti-reciprocity movement is a "young men's movement." What does it make, then, of the vote in those young men's provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan?

Reforming the Senate.

Montreal Star. The conservatives will now start in "reforming the senate" their way. The Toronto Star thinks that this would be a good time to abolish it. Well, its political friends are in a majority there, and we fancy that the government would not greatly object to some of them "abolishing" themselves.

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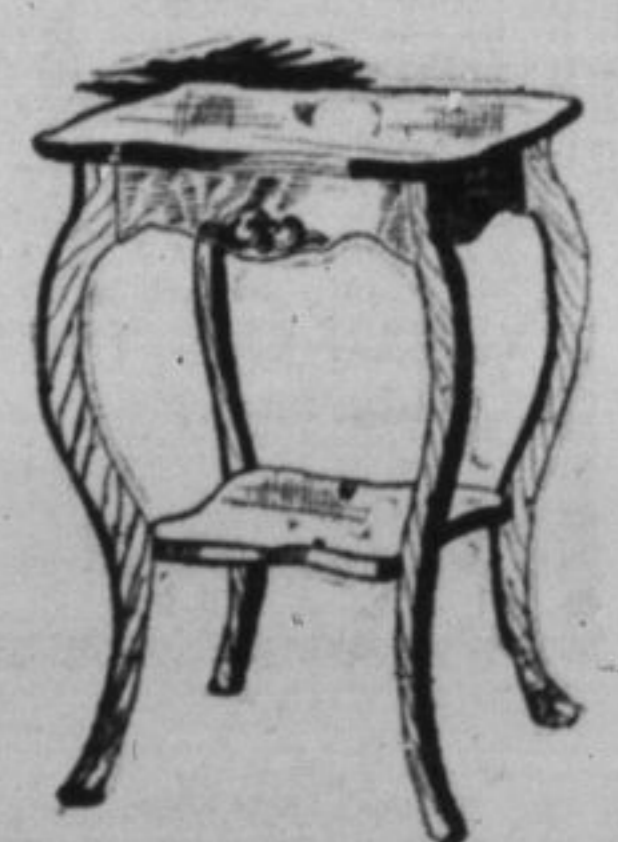
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