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THE MUNROE DOCTRINE

The doctrine enunciated by ex-President Monroe, of the United States, and respecting the care which the United States should exercise over the smaller republics of the United States, is receiving a severe strain.

The United States has steadily refused to recognize the Huerta government. It has favoured the alleged "constitutionalists" for whom Carranza speaks.

Forty cheese factories closed in Eastern Ontario, and as many in the west, because the farmers find it more profitable to send their cream to the United States, free.

QUESTION OF POWER.

What Kingston wants, and very badly, is hydro power, cheap power, and plenty of it. This has not been available, and because that is the fact the city has been forced to add to its steam equipment, and the specialist does not live who can convince the people that it can produce power at a rate which will enable the municipality to compete with the commission.

To be sure the commission went far towards serving the city when it sought to secure power and deliver it at a rate which is much cheaper than steam but dearer than hydro power in the west. The offer was of the power at about \$30 per h.p. while in the west it is going at \$15 and \$17 per h.p., and can be procured at Trenton for this sum.

The development of High Falls power would be of direct advantage to the city. The point of generation is nearer. The territory between the Falls and the city is marked or traversed by a number of villages which can be made very prosperous.

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leasing it to a company and not providing for the use of it within a certain and reasonable time. Mr. Rowell, lauded and magnified by the conservatives for his prompt and able management of the Evturel case, has risen in the estimation of the people. It was not intended that the liberal leader and party should profit by the Evturel case, but they have.

THE PERIL OF THE DAY.

In the imperial parliament an amendment to the motion, adopting the address from the king, was offered by a conservative, (who was seeking political capital), and respecting education. This amendment regretted that some announcement was not made with regard to the readjustment of the rates, and so that a larger contribution of state money would be given to education.

Education, strange to say, is more behind in England than in Germany, in the United States and Canada. It is provided for locally, or by local rates, to a large extent. The state has been doing more than formerly. According to the Chancellor of the Exchequer it is now spending twenty-nine millions of pounds when it spent only twenty millions of pounds five years ago.

It has been more concerned about good roads and armaments, when it has contemplated a great system of national education, costing many millions of pounds. It has been confronted with some new naval or military peril, and to meet it the resources of the empire have gone into ships and munitions of war.

This same feeling of alarm is spreading in Canada. It is being assiduously developed by the military faction which is headed by the minister of militia. In England Lord Haldane has no hesitation in declaring that "there is a deadlier peril menacing these islands than any foreign army or foreign navy. It is the peril of ignorance; of mental inertia, of shoddy ways of thinking and acting, of a depressed average of intelligence."

The Germain chemist and professor and administrator, working unseen, threatened the standing of Britain in the world of nations less directly but more formidably than any fleet of Dreadnoughts. "We have to face them on their own ground," says Lord Haldane, "and make ourselves as painstaking and efficient as they are. It will be a costly undertaking, but every penny spent on it will be salvage expenditure and cannot be stinted."

In Canada the government seems to balk about the expenditure of half a million or less annually on technical education, and it has added, during the last three years, about three or four millions to the expenditures on military manoeuvres, junkets, special trains and slumber camps.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Ontario government cannot possibly deal with all the demands that are being made upon it. The latest, of the retail trade, for a minister of Inland Trade, will surely receive the quietus which it deserves.

The Bureau of Municipal Research has pronounced the civic government as "had in the extreme. The bureau is hurtful, in its sweeping censure. What is wanted is constructive criticism. There has been too much of the destructive kind."

The Georgian Bay canal, if ever built, will be a white elephant on the hands of the government. And it will mean a waste of a couple of hundred million of dollars, which Canada cannot spare.

The minister of militia says he does not need to take lessons in intrigue from the leader of the opposition or any one else. He is a master of the art, the finished product, it would appear.

The superintendent of education is annoyed because some of the letters he has been sending out, soliciting public opinion on certain phases of education, have been printed. He will get over this. He should have been equal to the strain of the hour without so much letter writing.

Roosevelt, Teddy the First, and only one of his kind, has lost his prestige in South America. At Brazil he was feted at a cost of \$50,000, and when asked to lecture to the people of Rio Janeiro, did so and billed the folks for \$3,000. Did he want the money so badly?

Orders for engines have been placed by the English railway companies with firms in Germany. Reason: that the English engine works are busy, all of them, and that they could not undertake to supply these larger engines, and costing \$20,000 each, within a certain time. What a pity Canada did not have a chance to compete? It could build the engines as well as Germany.

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demands under state administration exceeded those under the voluntary system. The change was too sweeping and radical. They meant more than any one conceived of.

It appears that the members of parliament in Ottawa are pelting each other with perfumed bouquets, and one member is understood to have fondled his bouquet and pressed it to his bosom. Strange what some presumably sensible men will do sometimes.

Over 25,000 persons were converted in Pittsburgh as a result of the work of Billy Sunday, the religious baseball player. The contribution towards expenses was \$40,000. As much more was given as a free will offering. Now it will be for the churches to locate and care for the converts, and it has the greatest of all contracts. Revival converts are hard to identify.

PUBLIC OPINION

Promises Anything

Montreal Telegraph. Bonar Law seems to be ready to do anything to prevent the threatened civil war—in the tory ranks.

Much Easier

Montreal Star. It will be an easier matter to discover the murderer of Benton than to discover anyone capable of paying an indemnity for that outrage.

Makes a Discovery.

Ottawa Citizen. The Toronto News discovered last week that the cost of living was cheaper in the city than it was "Beyond Suburbia," as it termed the country district.

People Take Note

Toronto Star. Mr. Rowell should continue introducing progressive measures. Although they may be voted down at night, the country takes them up in the morning.

Great Civilizing Agent

Montreal Herald. Sixty million dollars are to be expended in Canada this year on the improvement of roads. If we look behind the scenes we shall realize that the automobile is the greatest civilizing agent of modern times.

Holding the Men.

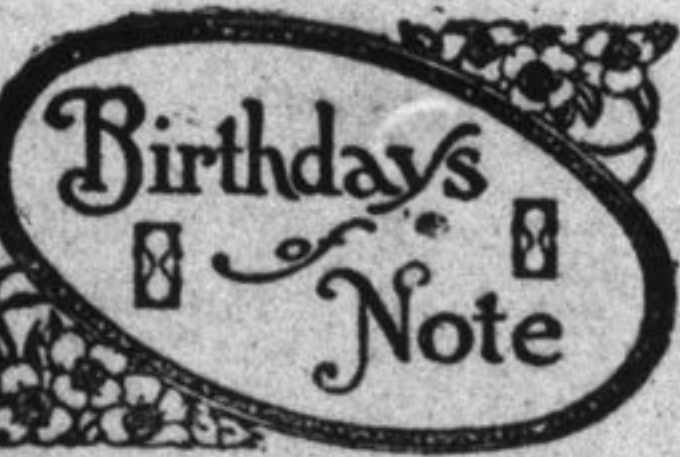
Montreal Mail. The difficulty in the average city is to get the right kind of men to offer themselves for municipal office and, having got them, to be able to concentrate intelligent public opinion in the city behind them.

Little Hope For Law

Montreal Gazette. The mass of English and Scottish workers could be persuaded that their lot would be helped by what would be believed, and without much support from the English and Scottish workers no political party can hope to succeed.

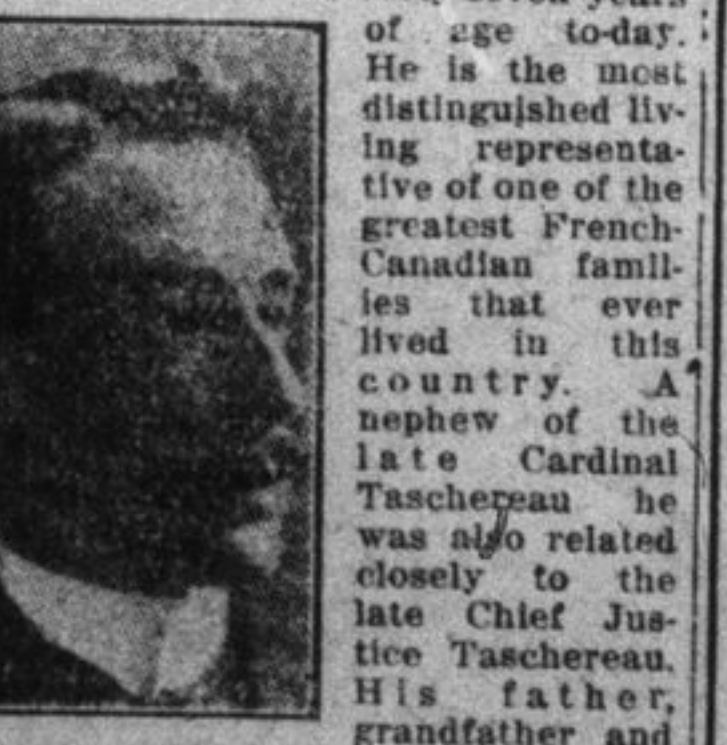
Kingston Event 25 YEARS AGO.

The work of constructing the water tank was completed to-day. George Cliff, to-day, sold the Macalister property, King street west, to Hiram A. Calvin. A horse race occurred on the fair grounds to-day, between horses owned by J. H. Metcalfe, M.P.P., and Joseph McConnell. The purse was \$50. Metcalfe's horse won the race by taking the first, second and fourth heats. Time, 3.02; Messrs. S. Barnes, W. M. Murray and W. Carson were judges.



THURSDAY, MARCH FIFTH

The Hon. L. A. Taschereau, Minister of Public Works for Quebec, is forty-seven years of age to-day.



He is the most distinguished living representative of one of the greatest French-Canadian families that ever lived in this country. A nephew of the late Cardinal Taschereau he was also related closely to the late Chief Justice Taschereau. His father, grandfather and great grandfather were all judges and took a prominent part in the administration of the law in Lower Canada.

He himself is a lawyer of high reputation, enjoying probably the most extensive practice in Quebec City, and still doubtless himself occupy a seat on the Bench in due time. Meanwhile he works hard at his dual task of administering an important state department and carrying on a big legal practice.

Wise and . . . Otherwise

Nature can do much, but the best varieties of fruit are produced by careful scientific culture.

The fear of being struck no longer makes the ivy tremble. He can easily invent an excuse for refusing the loan.

A fair exchange may usually be no robbery, but when two pretty girls exchange kisses it robs some fellow.

The Awakening. Some men boast that "they are their own bosses" find, after marriage, that they haven't a clear title.

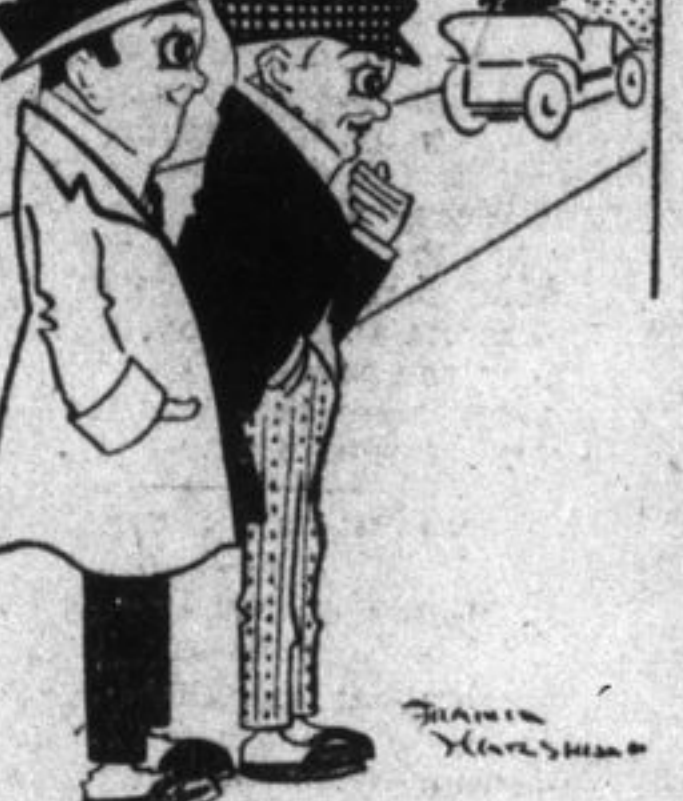
Possibly. "You may be president of the United States some day, my little man." "I guess I'd have a better chance if I was a little woman."

Probing the Past. Tommy had been punished. "Mamma," he sobbed, "did your mamma whip you when you were little?" "Yes, when I was naughty."

"And did her mamma whip her when she was little?" "Yes, Tommy."

"And was she whipped when she was little?" "Yes."

"Well, who started the darned thing, anyway?"



I thought you said, Henpeck, that you would never permit your wife to run an auto? So I did; but she happened to hear me say it.

A Daily Thought. "Through procrastination a mental cowardice grows upon us, and we lose the power even of resolving where action is necessary and where doubt is still more dangerous than error, perplexing our minds with distressing hesitation, as opposite to necessary caution as real prudence is to headlong rashness and blind temerity."

Fundamentals. Being a wealth producer is an obligation due first, to one's self; second, to one's family; third, to society.

To know how to live right is to know how to rule one's conduct in all directions under all circumstances. Ignorance is the prime cause of a big death rate.

Any law that is antagonistic to any generally accepted custom is a dead letter.

Punishment for stupidity is about the only way to reduce the number of stupid people.

The more conscientious the people, the healthier will be their political life.

Ignorance, passion and prejudice make poor material from which to evolve law makers.

A law that prevents a man from being wronged is much more to be desired than a law righting the wrong.

A society that allows the infliction of corporal punishment on its offenseless prisoners is no better than a bully who mistreats his less physically able victim.

One has the same right to the product of his brains as another has to the product of his hands—and no greater right.

To think, which is brain labor, is as much a matter of physical exertion as is the exercise of one's muscle.

Removal sale! Children's slippers, from 15c; baby's boots, from 25c; 25c. tin talcum powder, 15c. Dutton's.

FATHER TIME. He who knows most grieves most for wasted time.—Dante.

The days are made on a loom whereof the warp and woof are past and future time.—Emerson.

Time which strengthens friendship weakens love.—De La Bruyere.

Think not thy time short in this world since the world itself is not long. The created world is but a small parenthesis in eternity, and a short interposition for a time between such a state of duration as was before, it may be after it.—Sir Thomas Browne.

That great mystery of time, were there no other; the illimitable, silent, never resting thing called time, rolling, rushing on, swift, silent, like an all embracing ocean tide, on which we and all the universe swim like exhalations, like apparitions which are and then are not; thus is forever very literally a miracle, a thing to strike us dumb, for we have no word to speak about it.—Carlyle.

Advertisement for Bibby's \$12.50 Suit Sale. Features an illustration of a man in a suit and text: 'New Collars 2 for 25c', 'Bibby's Best \$4.00 Men's Shoes In Canada', '\$12.50 SUIT SALE', 'Regular \$16.50 & \$18.00 Values for \$12.50', 'New Hats King Hats \$2.50 Borsalino Italian \$3.50', 'BIBBYS, Limited Kingston's One Price Clothing House'.

Advertisement for Better Coal: 'Better Coal Means Smaller Coal Bills. That is why it pays to order Coal that suits. P. WALSH 58-57 Barrack Street'.

Advertisement for Farms For Sale: 'The following is a partial list of farms we have for sale in Kingston district: Acres Price 60 \$1900 610 \$1500 23 \$2000 60 \$2800 150 \$3250 85 \$3500 100 \$3500 105 \$3600 200 \$4500 119 \$4750 100 \$5000 170 \$5250 100 \$5500 180 \$5500 183 \$5750 120 \$5750 185 \$6000 150 \$7000 115 \$8000 150 \$8500 170 \$8500 160 \$9500 192 \$9500 280 \$10,000 230 \$12,700 200 \$15,000'. 'For further information apply to T. J. LOCKHART Over Bank of Montreal, Clarence St. Phone 1035, or 1028. KINGSTON, ONT.'

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