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PROTECTION VS. FREE TRADE

Tenders for supplying the United States navy with bunting were recently called for, and a British firm's tender is the lowest. By a law passed at Washington in 1855 it is enacted that the price paid by the navy department for supplies and material must not exceed that at which an article of equal quality can be imported. A high protectionist paper in Philadelphia lampoons the secretary for the navy in President Wilson's cabinet thus: "Buy British bunting! Exhibit to a-bunting! In English, show for cheaper tags! On cloth to make American flags!"

QUIT HIS PARTY.

Reeve Steele, of Port Colborne, a life-long conservative, has been nominated by the Temperance and Moral Reform Association of Welland in the Reform interest. Mr. Steele fell out with his party over its interference in the Canada Temperance Act campaign in Welland, and the boldness of his present course is likely to appeal to conservative temperance men throughout the province. Referring to the recent campaign, Mr. Steele said: "During that campaign a representative of the Ontario government, Mr. Snider, came into this county and tried to use the government influence against the act. I have been a conservative for many years, but the time has come when I cannot and will not support the present conservative government. In my opinion the conservative party of the province to-day is linked up with and has a coalition with the liquor party of the province, and I believe the campaign funds for the conservative party in the coming election will be put up by the liquor people. To-day the men in the Whitney government are shaking in their boots that they should not be able to go to the people under the name and banner of Whitney. We have seen what has been done and will be done in his absence."

DECIDEDLY AUTOCRATIC

Herbert Spencer complained that the British parliament was, so far as anything human could be, omnipotent, but the president of the Chinese republic will, if possible, be more unrestrained than any parliament under the amended constitution which has just been formally promulgated. He can convolve, open, suspend, close and dissolve the legislature. He can send back to the legislature for reconsideration any bills that it has passed. Even if a measure be repassed by a three-fourths majority of the assembly, with the consent of the administrative council, withhold its promulgation. The sole power of appointing and dismissing civil and military officers is vested in the president. He can, without consulting anybody, declare war and conclude peace. He will be in complete control of the army and the navy and can regulate their expenditure at will. In other words, Yuan, Shih-Kai, while nominally president of a republic, will have more power than the czar of Russia. No "Son of Heaven," as a Chinese emperor used to be called, can exercise such absolute sway as this head of a republic. Some persons who have fixed ideas

on the distinction between monarchism and republicanism may have more than philosophic doubts whether China is really a republic at all.

KINDERGARTEN PROGRESS

In ten years kindergartens in the United States have grown from 3,244 kindergartens with 205,000 children, to 7,557 kindergartens enrolling 364,189 children, according to a bulletin issued by the United States bureau of education. Notwithstanding this encouraging increase in schools and pupils, the great majority of children are still without the advantages of kindergarten training. Only nine per cent. of the children of kindergarten age—four to six—are in kindergartens. "Much constructive work must be done," declares Miss Myra Winchster, of the kindergarten division of the bureau, reviewing the figures. "The child of kindergarten age is so young, so impressionable, so incapable of defending himself against the faulty words, and actions and mental attitudes of the teacher, that means must be devised to eliminate or at least diminish the number of faulty teachers. Standards of requirements as to personality and academic and professional training must be raised and maintained, for the surest guarantee of the extension of kindergartens is good work done by good teachers."

CANADA'S WAR EXPENDITURE.

It is quite interesting to read the following editorial in the very conservative Montreal Star: "Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes made a desperate attempt in parliament yesterday, to justify his conception of the duties of a war lord for Canada. It cannot be said that he succeeded. Over and above all his eloquence stands out the bald fact that in three years he expended through the militia department no less a sum than \$43,000,000. What has the country got for this? It has got a number of imposing drill halls, built in places where they will be politically effective. It has had the intense honor of providing a European tour for the minister of militia and his retinue. It has provided a \$20,000 train trip for one of the war lords' military guests and got in return a report recommending conscription. And, of course, it has got Bonnie Bel-Air. How much European tours, expensive drill halls, and Bonnie Bel-Air will help in repelling invaders of this great country even the war lord himself has not endeavored to demonstrate. Their effect in striking terror into the heart of a possible foe must be simply incalculable. "But let us look a little more closely into the details of some of the drill hall expenditures of the minister of militia. Among the contracts he has handed out is one for a \$30,000 drill hall for Beauport, Que., which, according to the last census has a population of 3,546; one for a \$30,000 drill hall at Red Deer, Alta., with a population of 1,392; and one for an \$11,000 drill hall for Millbrook, Ont., with a population of 793. These are some samples from over fifty drill halls which Col. Hughes has sprinkled over the country. With precedents like these, well may one ask where Col. Sam's militarism is going to stop, or whether the militia department is not more concerned with political strategy than defensive measures."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It was fortunate for the Monroe doctrine that the Haitian government happened to have \$62,000. Another time the needed sum may not be available.

At a church meeting in London, Joynton Hicks, M.P., pointing out the desirability of missionizing the people at home before endeavoring to convert savage nations. And there is considerable horse sense in that.

With only one daughter left unmarried in the White House at Washington, there will be no more competition for the use of the courting parlor.

Some thousands of Orangemen gathered in Toronto, on Saturday, and passed a resolution against home rule for Ireland. It would be very easy to get together just as large a crowd in Toronto to pass a resolution in favor of home rule.

That unknown Brazilian river which Col. Roosevelt was supposed to have discovered and explored, turns out to be a river which is already on the map. But probably the colonel is innocent of deception in the matter. It would be unfair to put him in the Dr. Cook class.

Opinions from citizens of the United States, who have been in Mexico, concerning the respective merits of Huerta and Villa, seem to depend in large measure on which of the two robbed them.

The Edmonton Capital is convinced that nothing but the worst mismanagement will prevent Mr. White from having a larger surplus this year than he had in 1913-14; his tariff increases make this certain; but the growth in surplus will come from the pockets of the people in heavier customs taxation.

Kingston's City Council seems to enjoy convening into the wee sma' hours. Although it has less work to do than previous councils, owing to the light and water departments now being under a commission, the council takes hours longer to transact the city's business.

PUBLIC OPINION

Not Caught Yet. Washington Herald. A New York man wants to know if all men are liars. Well, some have not been caught yet.

A Coming Problem. New York Sun. When all the reformers have finished making over the prisons, the difficulty will be to keep people out of them.

Where Ignorance is Bliss. New York Times. A girl shouldn't marry a man unless she knows all about him. On the other hand, if she knew all about him she wouldn't marry him.

A Fair Fighter. Ottawa Journal. A. K. Maclean, of Halifax, whom many regard as a future liberal leader, never loses his sense of proportion in his local fights. He is never unfair.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

City Commissioner W. S. Gordon and Police Constable Timmerman inspected the slaughter houses at Williamsville to-day. Mr. Gordon will prepare a lengthy report for consideration by the Board of Health. J. McGillivray has been appointed engineer of the steamer Island Queen. M. J. Grady has purchased a lot on Horseshoe Island.

A FAMOUS STORY

Interesting Identification of Characters in Tom Brown's School Days. In September, 1856, Hughes wrote from Deal to Alexander Macmillan that he was engaged upon a school story, and offered to send some specimen pages. The Macmillans approved, and began to print the book before it was finished. In December, 1856, Hughes' little daughter died, and he had not the heart to continue the MS. It was even proposed that the Rev. Septimus Hansard (the alleged original of Holmes), "the sturdy, sheering preceptor of another house" should finish the book. Hughes fortunately soon continued it himself. In 1857 Charles Kingsley wrote: "It will be a very great hit. It is an extraordinary book. Take it all in all, you won't see such smart writing, such knowledge of slang, and all manner of odds and ends, combined with the actual knowledge of boys, and with the really lofty tone of religion and the broad humanity in any living writer. Besides, it is the only book of its kind. I should have been proud to have written that book, word for word as it stands. I have laughed and cried over the book to my heart's content. Funny bits of it are worthy of Lever, and serious bits of it worthy of—I can't say whom."

Dealing with the identification, the London Spectator mentions that Tom Brown is not entirely a portrait of Tom Hughes himself; both Tom Hughes and his elder brother George enter into the composition; Tom Brown in the fight is partly Orlebar; in the cricket match he is mainly Tom Hughes. The fight in which Tom Brown vindicated the propriety of Arthur's having broken down and wept in form as he read aloud the most affecting lines in Homer in undoubtedly in the main a reminiscence of an actual fight between Orlebar and Bulkeley Owen Jones. The Rev. Bulkeley Owen Jones, now in his 90th year, is chancellor of the diocese of St. Asaph, after having been warden of Ruthin, North Wales, for more than fifty years. "The two principles were Augustus Orlebar and Bulkeley Owen Jones, 'backed' respectively by J. G. Holloway and Tom Hughes. What caused the fight has not been recorded, but it aroused interest at the time partly because the combatants were in the upper fifth and upper middle fifth respectively, and partly because Orlebar 'fainted' and could not come up to time,' and Jones, 'who was much more punished,' was so disgraced that Dr. Arnold did not know him. Arnold stopped the fight; and both combatants, when they recovered, had to repeat two hundred lines of Virgil to him for breaking the rules. Both also became and remained firm friends."

BRILLIANTS.

Did we not hate the necessary toil Of slow correction and the painful file Illustrious youths with just contempt receive. Nor let the hardy poem hope to live Where time and full correction don't refine. The finished work and polish every line? —From Horace's Art of Poetry.

Some of your griefs you have cured, And the sharpest you still have survived; But what torments of pain you've endured —From the evils that never arrived! —French Proverb.

It fortifies my soul to know That though I perish truth is so; That how so'er I stray and range, Whate'er I do thou dost not change. I staidier step when I recall That if I slip thou dost not fall. —Arthur Hugh Clough.

You and I can demand respect by being respectable.

Wise and : : Otherwise

It is easier to hear a lot than it is to raise the money to pay for one.

As the world goes man goes with it—so he might as well make the best of it.

Something should be done to discourage the belief that comfortable clothes are never stylish.

If a young man has the audacity to propose to a girl, she should have the impudence to accept him.

Fun For the Fish. "Play with that cork thing all you please," the fish said to her son. "But don't bite anything below; it gives them too much fun." —Dallas News.

Anomalous.



Marriage is odd; you add one to one and make one. How singular!

Words of Wise Men. Though far away, though ruthless time has scattered memory's dream; some scenes can never decay, but rather where all is change, like islands in a dream.—Thomas Bryden.

Not all the subtleties of metaphysics can make me doubt a moment of the immortality of the soul, and of a beneficent Providence. I feel it, I believe it, I desire it, I hope it, and will defend it to my last breath.—Rousseau.

While actions are always to be judged by the immutable standard of right and wrong, the judgments we pass upon men must be qualified by considerations of age, country, station, and other accidental circumstances, and it will then be found that he who is most charitable in his judgment is generally the least unjust.—Southey.

Disease generally begins the equality which death completes.—Johnson.

The secret pleasure of a generous act is the great mind's great bribe.—Dryden.

Show me the man you honor, and I will know what kind of a man you are; for it shows me what your ideal of manhood is, and what kind of a man you long to be.—Carlyle.

Heaven will be inherited by every man who has heaven in his soul.—Becher.

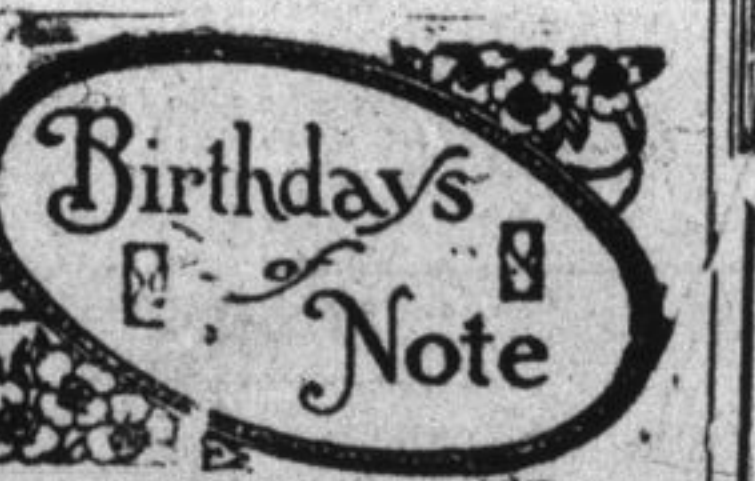
The pleasantest hospitality waiteth not for curious costliness, when it can give clearly sufficiency. More cometh of pride and greater friendliness to your own ostentation than to the comfort of the guest.—Sir P. Sidney.

Opportunity, sooner or later, comes to all who work and wish.—Lord Stanley.

Good breeding carries along with it a dignity that is respected by the most petulant. Ill-breeding invites and authorizes the familiarity of the most timid.—Chesterfield.

A person of genius should marry a person of character. Genius does not herd with genius. The musk deer and the civet cat are never found in company.—Holmes.

By what strange law of mind is it that an idea long overlooked and trodden under foot as a useless stone suddenly sparkles out in new light, as a discovered diamond?—Mrs. Stowe.



TUESDAY, MAY TWELFTH

The Hon. Sir William Glenholme Falconbridge, chief justice of the King's Bench Division of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Ontario, was born sixty-eight years ago to-day at Drummondville, Ont. He is a jurist of eminent ability and a scholar of repute, being particularly well up in the classics. Apropos both of his kindly disposition and his literary accomplishments a good story is told by a young Toronto woman journalist. This young lady was sent in an emergency to report a case then being heard by Sir Glenholme at Osgoode Hall. She did her best to take in the argument but soon became so entirely bewildered that she could not make head nor tail of the business. When the court adjourned she bravely accepted the chief justice and explained her difficulty. Sir Glenholme then and there sat down and wrote out a popular explanation of the case, which he handed to the reporter. It was duly printed in the afternoon edition and the supposed author was highly complimented by the editor on her achievement. She had to admit, however, that "the report had been prepared by the judge himself. Also born to-day: Hon. Wilfrid Mercer, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Quebec, born at St. Eustache, P.Q., 1860.

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