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AN HISTORIC STRUGGLE.

For several weeks before the C.N.R. deal was announced inspired press despatches told the people of Canada of a mighty struggle in progress between Mackenzie and Mann on the one side and the cabinet ministers on the other. Metaphorically speaking we could see clouds of dust rising above Parliament Hill and the air was heavy with the sounds of the titanic encounter, which shook the earth and made the towers tremble. With pleasure we pictured Premier Borden and his powerful supporters, Rogers, White and Meighen, with coats off, sleeves rolled up and perspiration pouring down their faces as they nobly battled to protect the people's money from the grasping hands of the two railway knights and their retainers. Day after day and far into the night the battle was waged and reports from the scene of battle in the inspired press told us of the courage of the people's champions and of the dogged persistence of the knightly cash hunters. During the later stages of the struggle we were given delightful mental pictures of the approaching triumph of the people. Finally we saw Mackenzie and Mann deserted by their retainers and themselves lying battered and bruised at the feet of their victors, who, though weary from the dreadful close, yet were able to summon a smile in response to the plaudits of the delighted populace. And we saw dire punishment meted out to the vanquished knights. On pain of further damage to their anatomy they were compelled to dip their arms into the public credit up to the shoulders and lift therefrom \$45,000,000 in hard cash and carry it away and spend it. Deep must have been the flush of shame on the brows of the conquered knights as they were subjected to this ignominious treatment. Loth will they be to encounter again the valiant champions of the people. Such punishment is severe and as "the quality of mercy is not strained," let us hope it will be reserved for extreme cases. And now there remains only to crown the victors with a laurel wreath and another chapter in our national history is closed.—Grain Growers' Guide.

HAVING A HOT TIME.

The Ontario government has deteriorated ever since Sir James Whitney left active service. The cabinet is divided against itself and, as the Toronto World says, the spoilsman is in the ascendant. Hon. Mr. Hanna, the man who wants to fill Sir James' shoes, has two black marks that cannot be wiped out. In fact, the marks are so black and so bad that he fears to let daylight into them. How such a man can hope to obtain the confidence of the people is a mystery. On the other hand, Mr. Rowell is championed by all the better forces in the province. His programme of social reform appeals to all those who wish to see the betterment of the masses, and his own personal integrity, high-mindedness and honesty of purpose are recognized by even his opponents.

GET INTO THE FIGHT.

It would seem that there is considerable discontent among the conservatives over the stand the Ontario government has taken on the temperance issue. J. H. Han, in South Brant; Mayor Carter, of Guelph, and C. E. Steele, of Welland, are candidates of former conservative faith who are to support the Rowell policy. They have not been steadfast supporters of the liberal party, and in all probability they would not have been in the contests were it not for the new issue that has been interpreted into Ontario politics. They have felt that they are needed to assist in the reformative work and with a splendid spirit have responded. They hold that the liquor evil must be wiped out and that the coming provincial election will be fought with that issue as its most prominent feature.

LET KINGSTON GROW.

The way to help Kingston is to handle Kingston-made goods. If money was spent among merchants for home-made articles hundreds of men and women, now on short time, would be working full time. Many hundreds of dollars are sent to out-

side points for goods that are produced just as well in Kingston. There are scores of different ways in which Kingstonians might be helpful to its own, both in the matter of clothing, food, implements, etc. If every body bought home-made goods there would be a stimulation of Kingston industries with prosperity coming to every commercial activity in the place. One of the best ways for Kingston to grow is for the people to provide the seeds for future development.

CARELESS LOADING.

It seems to take a whole generation to educate a certain class of men to some regard for the looks of things about the streets. One will see during the day, and especially in the morning, load after load of earth excavated from cellars where building is going on, with waggons so overloaded that they joggle off an array of bits of soil by which one can track their literally for miles from the place of excavation to the place of dumping. It only needs a few hours of sun and then the wind to have the sand blown into the stores and into the eyes of the people and into the houses, to the just exasperation of all who suffer from such carelessness. The city should instruct these men to have some regard for a clean city and the police should be alert to enforce requirements. In Toronto and other cities canvas coverings hooked on to carts is insisted upon so that there will be no droppings.

THE ARMAMENT TRUST.

Dr. Karl Liebknecht, a German member of parliament, who proved to the hilt his charges that Prussian war office employees had been bribed by the Krupp company, now launches a more serious accusation. He asserts that the vice-president of the reichstag and the minister of the interior are directors in armament firms, and that German, French, British and Italian firms are interlocked, making the warship industry international. Wholesale charges of graft are also laid against German functionaries. The story is supported by the recent revelation that Krupp paid large sums of money to French newspapers to try to alarm the French people into expenditures for new guns by asserting that Germany had stolen a march in artillery. The authors of this devilish work of setting the nations by the ears and piling up their burdens, were punished by light fines, and terms of imprisonment. Apparently the exposure lifted only a corner of the curtain. The economic interests in Europe dependent on the continuance of huge expenditures on armaments are so vast that they control governments and parliaments. Evidently nothing but an uprising of the masses will shake off the incubus; but the masses are systematically hoodwinked by the means employed by the Krupps in France. Behind nearly every war scare lurks the figure of the armament maker. He was not the direct cause of the Balkan war, but he saw that the combatants were furnished with the sinews of war by the banks to prolong the struggle to the point of sheer exhaustion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Twenty-nine cities of the United States, according to the latest census estimates, contain each more than half a million inhabitants.

Talking of woman's inhumanity to woman, 225 women voted at a school election on Long Island, while the woman candidate received only 134 votes.

General Funston proposes to drive out of Vera Cruz all the people who do not work and who live on others. The general would find a plenty of that sort of work to do in every community.

Near Boston they are cultivating dandelions on farms which raise two or three crops a year. It is not necessary to cultivate them up in this territory; they just grow and cannot be suppressed.

The special favors which Finance Minister White handed out to the steel interests in his budget speech last month have already begun to turn money into the steel treasury. Who pays? The Canadian people.

If you cannot go to parliament to fight, you can imagine the lies to be independent—and swat them. This plan has begun in Kingston. However, it's time is late in coming this year. If they can't hatch out on frosty days and nights.

Complaints are being made in Vienna that the landlords are refusing to rent dwellings to fathers of families. The house-owners in the Austrian capital must be as unpatriotic as some of the landlords of other cities in the old world.

Bishop Farthing, Montreal, is a strong advocate of good roads. He says they have more to do than simply with the commercial aspects of the country, they have to deal with the social and religious life of the people. He is right; bad roads and

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The conservative member for Calgary called the solicitor-general of the Borden government the gramophone for the Mackenzie and Mann interests. A man who has been on the inside of the conservative party ought to know whereof he speaks.

The Board of Works is waking up to the fact that the best way to get information about road-paving is to go after it. Information on technical matters cannot be secured for nothing, and the city is well able to pay for it by sending its officials to the places where it can be had.

Kingston has suffered a distinct loss in the death of Professor A. K. Kirkpatrick. He was born, educated and trained here, and proved himself a useful and helpful citizen. He was very approachable, and willingly gave of his expert knowledge for the advantage of his native town and the benefit of those who sought his help. Of splendid physique and robust health his sudden cutting off comes with a great shock. Those who mourn have the sympathy of the entire citizenship over the loss of so true and noble a man.

PUBLIC OPINION

His Crime.  
Hamilton Herald.  
W. F. Nickle, M.P. for Kingston, is not only young; he is youthful.

Anatomical Note.  
Galtveston News.  
No matter how high he may roll the bottom of his trousers, no young man ever succeeds in making his ankles exiting.

A Curious Effect.  
Sedgewick Panograph.  
We can't understand why it is when a man places a ring on a woman's third finger he also places himself under her thumb.

A Wider Safety First.  
Buffalo Courier.  
"Safety first" is an all-round beneficial rule. It should mean safety from sickness as well as from accident. To avoid typhoid fever infection it is as judicious as to keep out of the track of a speeding automobile.

A Judicious Get-Away.  
Prince Rupert News.  
There seems to be no doubt that Sir Richard McBride is planning to make a quick get-away from British Columbia. Sir Richard has always had a keen scent for public opinion, and nobody realizes better than he does that public opinion is running strongly against his administration. He knows, too, that his administration has gambled recklessly with the resources of the province and that the debts which his administration has so rashly contracted will soon be presented for payment.

Picked Up in Passing.  
Women of a Manhattan congregation excuse their pastor of "too frequent leaving," but neglect to state just how much kissing is enough for a pastor to indulge in.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Are Wonderful Assets.  
Ottawa Journal.  
Parents have often had time to teach children all they ought to would like to; but good manners, a little thoughtfulness, a little generosity, a little civility, are a wonderful asset in life to the person who has them, and a wonderful comfort in the community; and the parents who sacrifice a little of their time to help their boys and girls to good manners are sowing a very noble seed.

The Need of Canada.  
London Advertiser.  
There is nothing that our country needs so much as men in public life who, like Mr. Nickle, will think for themselves and refuse to abandon their convictions at the crack of the party whip. Both parties need them. If there is to be a real democratic government, such public spirit, independence and courage is essential; without it there can be only the forms of democratic self-government, but not the reality.

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"Yes, grandma, when I graduate, I intend following a literary career—write for money, you know."  
"Why, Willie, my dear, you haven't done anything else since you've been at college."

It is impossible to do lots of building without lots of building lots.

"I was very near calling my boots the other day," said Joe to a friend.  
"How so?"  
"I had them half-soled."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Anchored On Them.



In the spring the young man's fancy Turns to love-thoughts we're aware; But the maiden—does it pleasewise Turn? Nay, nay! It's always there.

A Home Thrust.  
"All sorts and conditions of men have excellent explanations for their conditions in life," said the senator. "A tramp, however, came under my observation who had no flimsies about the cause of his own condition."

"A fine-looking and fashionably dressed woman had just alighted from her limousine at the hotel entrance, and was suddenly approached by this shabbily dressed man who requested a dime.

"No, I have no money to spare for you. I do not see why an able-bodied man like you should go about begging."

"I suppose, ma'am, replied the lazy ramp, it's fer about the same reason that a healthy woman like you boards at a hotel instead of keepin' house."

Some Opinions.  
"She is certainly a pretty girl."  
"Her features are not so bad, but he has such an insipid face."  
"Positively homely."  
"If it weren't for her nose, she'd be rather good looking."

"Pity she is so affected; spoils her good looks."  
"Handsome?—Rather—but too sim-ple."  
"Pretty face, but such a figure."  
"Rather good figure, but her face!"  
"She may not be so bad looking, but saw her early one morning."  
"She's lovely."  
"I'm glad you think so."—Life.

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