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OTTAWA IN TROUBLE. Ottawa is suffering from too much or too little law.

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be avoided in future? Can anything be done to stop the merging, for as a rule it is disastrous? It does not end competition.

GREATEST BUDGET BY ALL.

A feature of the British budget, which was gleefully announced by the unionists to be knocked out, and by contentions within the liberal party, is the large provision that is being made for the education of the masses.

Speaking before the National Club, Lord Haldane referred to the three great budgets which had been carried by the liberal government, and meaning so much for the welfare of the nation.

And why? Because the welfare of the children is guaranteed. There must be schools for all, and food for all, and dental and medical inspection, and efficient training in the primary and secondary schools, but the way, must be opened conspicuously for the mental development of those who desire it even in the university.

It is gratifying that one of the national standing of Lord Haldane speaks out in support of the budget, and his endorsement, so cheerfully and unreservedly given, will have the effect perhaps of silencing those liberals whose financial considerations occasionally outwit their political ambitions.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Will the commons accept the lords' bill amending the Home Rule Bill? Well, hardly.

With "hell" removed from the church prayerbook, and the clergy of England acting as referees in prize fights, one does not wonder so much that the church is losing its hold on the people.

Lord Dunraven wants the Home Rule held until a commission has reported upon the relations of Ireland to the rest of the kingdom.

The Weekly Sun has no idea that the governments of the dominion and provinces will provide the thirty millions Dr. Robertson suggests for technical education.

The Board of Works is set upon laying in the residential part of the city the best pavements. Darn the expense. Who cares what the people think or say? That's the spirit of the aldermen as it reaches the people.

Hon. Mr. Crothers is said to be eager for a judgeship. The labour department is difficult of administration, and Mr. Crothers is not a Mackenzie King. The Tories sneer at King, but he had the special training that made his service successful.

The lieutenant-governorship of the province is not in demand. It was always a rich man's job, and it is now more so than ever. The mansion which the province has erected in Toronto for the government's representative is fitted for millionaires, and there are not so many of them convenient.

Mark Twain's Spider. The late Mark Twain at one time "ran" a newspaper "out west." One of his subscribers wrote him that on opening his paper that morning he found a spider therein, and asked if it was a sign of good or bad luck? Mark Twain replied thus: "Constant Reader—Finding a spider in your paper was neither a sign of good luck nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking down the columns to see which merchant was not advertising, so that it could go to that store, weave its web across the door, and live a life of undisturbed peace ever afterwards."

Winnipeg Sledge Dogs for Shackleton. London, July 16.—An important part of the equipment of Sir Ernest Shackleton's trans-Arctic expedition arrived in London yesterday, when the Montebello brought 33 sledge dogs which had travelled from Winnipeg. All were in fine condition, but in accordance with the regulations were obliged to go into quarantine.

Huerta has resigned the presidency of Mexico; Carrizal takes over the reins.

PUBLIC OPINION

Very Quiet Now. Toronto Globe. The result in Manitoba has taken a good deal of the "hurrah" out of the conservative party.

Candid. Ottawa Journal. Fifteen or twenty years is too long a time for any government to remain in power.

Question of Immigration. Montreal News. To get across the Atlantic a poet had to take a job peeling potatoes. Lucky man. Being a poet, he could imagine he was lying across.

A Contrast. London Advertiser. In savage lands the married woman is a beast of burden, and in civilized lands there is many a married woman who carried the burden of a beast.

Bargain and Sale. London Advertiser. Wheeling, W.Va., closed its bars with a bargain sale. On the other hand the Whitney government bargained with the bars and sold the province to John Barleycorn.

White Men's Burden. Toronto News. A manufacturer of tin cans in the United States sold his plant, which cost \$17,000, to the trust for \$375,000. It seems to us that the White Man's Burden is mainly one of interest charges.

Everything Their Way. Hamilton Spectator. A suit for \$1,500,000 before the privy council has been decided in favor of the C.N.R. magnates, Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann. Everything seems to come their way. Even a railroad to the moon, under their auspices, might be favorably considered.

Conservatives and Free Wheat. Moose Jaw Times. During the last session the Manitoba legislature passed a resolution in favor of free wheat. The Manitoba legislature had a majority of twenty-eight at the time. Why did it do this if the liberal position is so un-sound? If Winnipeg prices are higher when farmers have wheat to sell what was the matter with Sir Rodmond Roblin and his friends?

KISS HER AND YOU'RE WED. New York Judge Upholds Dangerous Doctrine. New York, July 16.—You did not have to get a license a few years ago, nor did you have to undergo an ordeal before a minister in order to become the husband of a woman. All you had to do was to place your arms around her neck and kiss her squarely on the lips. It was all over then.

TALE OF THE FALL OF ADAM. Newly Discovered Fragments Probable Source of Biblical Story. London, July 16.—Dr. Langdon, the Assyriologist of Jesus College, Oxford, who recently translated important early Babylonian tablets found at Nippur and now in the library of the University of Pennsylvania, revealing thereby a pre-Semitic account of the Deluge and of the Fall of Man, which in many ways seemed to be the source of that in the Old Testament, made a further interesting statement regarding the text.

WOMEN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT. Words of Encouragement to Big Deputation in Commons. London, July 16.—That the next government, whatever it might be, would be obliged to deal with the woman suffrage question as a party measure in some shape or form was the encouraging message given to a large deputation of international suffragettes at the House of Commons by Francis Dyke Acland, parliamentary under secretary for foreign affairs.

Left an Estate of \$57,000.00. London, July 16.—The final valuation of the estate of the late Sir Julius Wernher, the South African mining magnate, is £11,500,000. The tentative valuation of the estate at the time of his death was £5,000,000.

Wise and . . . Otherwise

Kind words and bald heads never dye.

Silence is the wisest argument of an ignorant man.

Many a harmless looking bottle contains a lot of fish stories.

And one good action is worth more than a hundred good intentions.

Gold may be the key to society, but poverty is the strongest bar.

Fact. You can't scratch the back of a match, by man.

Condition. Geraldine—I will marry you on one condition.

Personal Experience. The "vacationer"—"Humph! Uncle's got every kind of animal, bird, an insect on his dogged farm 'cep'n fish'n' worms."

An English Jail. "You seem to be able to keep the militants contented in prison."

Careless Construction. Salt—Yes, miss, we had an awful storm here last week. The lighthouse yonder was washed away except for a few blocks of stone.

Uncongeniality. "Emtee Hodge says he takes not the slightest interest in nature."

In the Honeymoon. "It's your wife," said the officious. "Take the message," said the busy man.

Two Sad Thoughts. "What could be more sad than a man without a country?"

Finding the Leak. "Miss—Why have you put two hot water bottles in my bed, Bridget?"

It's your wife, said the officious. Take the message, said the busy man.

What could be more sad than a man without a country? feelingly asked her high school literature teacher of her class.

Since I announced the translation of the fragment, which I copied at Philadelphia last autumn, he said, the university authorities have found two large fragments which join the original fragments. I have photographs of these, and is it very evident that the tablet is now complete and contains a complete pre-Semitic version of the Flood and also of the Temptation.

In the fragment which I had at first, the portion of the story of the Temptation, was broken away, and Eve, or the woman, did not appear, but from the remainder of my original fragment, I must infer that it is possible that a woman was concerned in the Temptation and in eating the forbidden fruit as well, and that almost certainly a serpent figured in the Temptation.

Consequently we shall soon have in our hands the most ancient version from which the entire Biblical account came. It will take some considerable time to do the work of translation, and it is possible that the photographs which I have will be inadequate, and that I shall be compelled to send to America for expert help. Then the press may expect to make the most important theological announcement that has been made for a long period.

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