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KIPLING A PARTIZAN.

Kipling, having advertised himself as a partizan of the bitterest kind, is willing to enter parliament as a unionist, and represent a constituency "that has not to be nursed." Why this condition? If Kipling is so different from others, if he is rich and above the temptations which he imputes to members of the government, of being eager, by conspiracies, to prolong their power, their salaries, and their tips, why should he be afraid of the people, and of any change in their attitude towards him? Nursing a constituency is doing for it, and in it, the service which perpetuates one's popularity. Speeches such as Kipling is reported to have made not so long since at Tunbridge Wells, would not increase his standing in the public esteem.

The enquiry at St. John into the New Brunswick government scandal, will, it is expected, close this week. It cannot close too soon for the Fleming administration. The premier, surely, does not expect to return to office with this scandal hanging over him.

MUST SPEAK EVENTUALLY.

Mr. Ganey visited Kingston some time ago and made the usual round of the hotel men in his efforts to sell the stock of the Elizabeth Gold Mining company. He was not attended here, as he was elsewhere, by the inspector of licenses, and to this fact is due, perhaps, his failure to get very deep into the treasury of the hotel men. Generally, on the part of the conservative press, there has been a disposition to excuse Mr. Ganey, on the ground that the hotel and fishermen were free to subscribe for stock, or refuse to subscribe, as they saw fit. At the same time they are willing to admit that Mr. Ganey's manner of doing business with the license of the government does not look well, and that Sir James Whitney should call him to account. Eventually the premier will be forced to say whether he approves or disapproves of Mr. Ganey's acts.

Huerta making his headquarters in Toronto, and preparing there—in the quiet and serene atmosphere of the queen city—for a new Mexican rebellion? Surely that will not be tolerated. Huerta and his consorts should be asked to move on.

IMPURE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE

The fact that the Fleming government in New Brunswick does not admit its guilt and resign, in the face of admissions and confessions of the most humiliating character, suggests that with some politicians there is no moral code or moral sense, that what to others looks black and damaging is regarded by them as a trifling circumstance.

The nearest thing to an excuse is that offered by the premier. It is that while he knew about the huge election or secret service fund, that once he held the keys of the strong box and had not the curiosity to peer into it, and that on another occasion he drew upon it for personal and temporary purposes, he did not authorize it and did not know that persons were being bulldozed into contributing to it. The premier must have known, however, that all the subscribers were persons who were doing business with the government and expected some favours from it.

"And if," as the Hamilton Herald puts it, "it granted the expected favours it would be derelict in its duty to the people; if it withheld them it would be guilty of swindling the lumbermen." That this view of the case does not strike the New Brunswick lumbermen will doubtless result in a perfect deluge of appeals to them from the promoters of worthy causes who need contributions.

KINGSTON'S DEATH RATE.

The report of the Provincial Board of Health, and dealing with the question of water supply, is intensely interesting. It should be made the subject of the deepest study on the part of the local Board of Health. The period covered is from 1903 to 1912, and the average per 100,000 of deaths in the lake front towns and cities is stated to be: Fort Frances, 111; Rainy River, 103; Port Arthur, 175; Fort William, 183; Sault Ste. Marie, 133; Steelton, 23; Sarnia, 90; Walkerville, 17; Windsor, 49; Amherstburg, 32; Sandwich, 78; Fort Erie, 29; Niagara Falls, 40; Niagara-on-the-Lake, 16; Hamilton, 16; Grimsby, 13; Oakville, 30; Toronto, 27; Whitby, 17; Bowmanville, 57; Port Hope, 41; Cobourg, 20; Belleville, 35; Trenton, 7; Kingston, 43; Gananoque, 8; Prescott, 31; Brockville, 47; Cornwall, 60.

There is an explanation as to why the death rate in some of the western places is so high. The local conditions were peculiar. The hospitals served the districts rather than the municipalities. But there is no explanation—and it should be forthcoming—as to why Kingston's mortality is higher than that of any Canadian city on Lake Ontario, and why the rate at Gananoque and Prescott should be so much lower than the rate at Kingston and Brockville and Cornwall. Clearly the water system is at fault, or it is affected by the sanitary system, and to a much more serious extent than most people are willing to admit.

This new and authentic revelation as to Kingston's position must act as a powerful stimulant in producing necessary reforms and improvements in Kingston. The sewage of this city should not be dumped into the harbour. What is the City Council going to do about it?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A franchise grab is contemplated in Montreal, one involving a use of streets for forty years and "fifty millions of spoils." And most of the papers in Montreal are silent on the subject. This is a contingency and an experience without a parallel.

The Toronto News wants it understood that the conservative party is under no obligation to support conservative members who engage in questionable public transactions. Ganey, in Ontario, and the Fleming government in New Brunswick, must look out for themselves.

The employers of New York contemplate a new movement, under the Compensation Act. They will only employ single men, and men whose healths are vouched for by the doctor. But that is contrary to the letter and spirit of the law. That scheme will not work.

Archy Blue, author-journalist, and statesman no more! The Whig has lost, as it were, a personal friend. Blue, in his day, was a most useful and popular man. Whatever he essayed he did well. His is a loss which the civil service must sincerely mourn.

A study of the Provincial Board of Health's report leads to the conclusion that the water in the lake is not so bad, but that the water at certain points is poisoned by the sewage. A lesson as to the need of a sewage system before a filtration system.

The Edmonton people, disgraced by a recent judicial report upon its social vices, are demanding the retirement of the mayor and police commissioner. The sooner the police, as in Ontario, are put under a commission the sooner local stains will be rubbed out and local scandals atoned for.

Industrial Canada intimates that the workman's compensation act is in the interest of the employers. The fact that those employers were with the government in the last election suggests to the London Advertiser that the government is under obligation to amend the law before it has been enforced.

The Montreal Star prints a cartoon which aims at a depreciation of the pondent who, writing on a copy of cruiser Rainbow. The Whig can appreciate the sentiments of a correspondent of the Star said: "It's a poor kind of paper that makes fun of its country and holds her up to the ridicule of other nations." The Star should change its tactics.

Canada is short in her cheese exportations. It will be shorter still if the scheme of turning all the milk possible into powder, (by extracting all the water, 87 per cent. of it), which will keep for an indefinite period and can be shipped anywhere. And the factory that makes the change will pay 10c. per cwt. more for the milk than any cheese or butter factory.

Will They Give?

St. John, N. B. Times.
Premier Fleming's testimony to the generosity of New Brunswick lumbermen will doubtless result in a perfect deluge of appeals to them from the promoters of worthy causes who need contributions.

PUBLIC OPINION

Mrs. Pankhurst's Biography.
London Free Press.
Mrs. Pankhurst's biography, when it is written, will be chiefly a police court record.

Exalted Company.
London Advertiser.
Recently the Kaiser, after making a purchase, found that he had no money on his person. Many of us are in exalted company.

Very Popular.
Hamilton Herald.
For some reason or other, R. R. Gamey, M.L.A., appears to be highly popular among the hotel men of the province.

Awful Scare.
Montreal Mail.
After a few more Bisley teams from Canada fall down, the people in Great Britain will realize that Canadians don't spend half their time sniping Indians.

Borden's Folly.
Buffalo Express.
A few years ago Canada was scoring the earth for settlers. Now Canada would send home again those for whom she has no work. When good times return, and workmen are needed again, emigrants will fight shy of Canada.

Kingston Events
25 YEARS AGO.

City Council adjourned until September 9th.
The City Council was very generous. The school board asked for \$3,800 for an addition to Louise school and the council offered \$2,100. This is the amount required for the work according to the leaders sent in to the school board.

J. J. Hehan, first vice-president of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union of America, was in Toronto making arrangements for the annual meeting of the union in Kingston on September 4th.
A deputation of Portsmouth gentlemen waited on the City Council to brooch the question of annexation. The Finance committee was asked to consider the matter. The deputation was composed of Messrs. J. Mooney, G. Cameron, J. Matthewson, J. Adams and J. W. Henstridge.

REMARKABLE EVIDENCE.

Welsh Non-Conformists Opposed To Disendowment.
London, July 29.—Remarkable evidence from Welsh Nonconformists against the disendowment of the Welsh church was heard yesterday before the House of Lords committees enquiring into the question of parliamentary interference with the constitution of the convocation, regardless of that body's wishes.

Henry Radcliffe, senior partner in the largest firm of shipowners in South Wales, a liberal and a Calvinistic Methodist, said that he was alarmed at the proposal to transfer £158,000 yearly from religious to secular work. He had been amazed to find that people of all shades of opinion, particularly liberals, share this view. As a candidate for parliament, he had advocated disestablishment, but not disendowment.

Another witness showed that of 70,000 signatures against disendowment, about 50,000 were of nonconformists.
A retired captain, a liberal and a congregationalist, told of cases of threatened boycott if the petition were signed. One lady of eighty years was threatened by a nonconformist minister with refusal to bury her.

Signing the Pledge.

Canadian Courier.
Last year the city of Toronto was quite intemperate in the handling of it bonds. It sold forty-four lots, varying in size from five hundred dollars to five million, while Winton peg and Montreal sold only three lots. Toronto sold a bond issue once a week, nearly; while other cities with shrewd moderation and definite financial policies sold one issue every four months.

Through the influence of the financial critics and the bureau of municipal research, the financiers at the City Hall have signed the pledge. They are no longer acting like tipsy sailors. They will make only three issues this year. As a consequence, Toronto will save about two hundred thousand dollars as compared with last year.

Toronto may go even farther. It may appoint a financial expert or an advisory financial commission, who will reorganize the whole finances of the city and ensure it against future intemperance. As in all other cities, Toronto's officials are willing and anxious to bring the city government to a high state of efficiency, just as soon as public opinion demands reform. Everything depends upon the attitude of leading citizens.

Just Plain Crooks.

Waterloo Standard.
Formerly Walter Clancy does not reflect high standard when he says that he does not blame the guards at Sing Sing for making a little side money on the inside since they are paid but \$66.66 a month. Again the minimum wage association with virtue fallacy comes to the front. Men who receive \$66.66 a month in lines of human endeavor are as honest as those receiving ten times that sum. If the crooks in that class received double the wage they would seek double the graft. The wage may be small, but every man on the job hunted it, clamored for it and declared himself fortunate to get it. There are thousands of honest men who would be glad to earn the guards' wage with no more work and no longer hours, than the state requires. Sing Sing hasn't a lot of underpaid men, it seems to have a lot of crooks in charge of men declared offenders by the court.

Occasionally a man loses his job because he doesn't know enough—or else because he knows too much.

Wise and . . .
: Otherwise

Maud—I've been losing quite a lot of my hair lately.
Marie—You should lock it up, dear.—Boston Transcript.

He gently touched the ivory keys
(The critics say he scored).
And, being under twenty-one,
He struck a minor chord.
—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Miss Fench is a decided blond, isn't she?" remarked Mr. Dubbe.
"Yes," replied Miss Crabbe. "She decided to become one about a month ago."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Know thyself" is fine advice
For use through life.
But here is some beyond all price—
Study your wife.
—Kansas City Journal.

"He looks like a fool!" "But, papa, he asked me to marry him." "He has? Well, don't ever tell me I can't size up people."—Houston Post.

My, but the carpenter is slow!
With him my patience fails.
He even stops his work to go
And manicure his nails.
—Boston Record.

"Do you believe in women in the home coming to the front?"
"You can't prevent 'em if there's a wedding in the neighborhood."—Baltimore American.

You may break, you may shatter,
The moth ball at will.
But somehow the color
Will cling to clothes still.
—Florida Times-Union.

Bobbs—That fellow B Jones is a highly quarrelsome sort of fellow.
Slobbs—Yes, even his own statements conflict.—Philadelphia Record.

Did you ever hear a story so queer?
The strangest one ever invented!
A pious old gent got married in Lent
And when Lent was over relected.
—Life.

"I feel all run down."
"Never mind. I met your wife a few minutes ago and told her that I had seen you taking lunch yesterday with a strange woman. She'll blow you up."—Chicago Record Herald.

There was a young man from Racine
Invented a tango machine.
It glided and leapt
While the gentleman slept
And saved his exertion, I ween.
—New York Evening Sun.

"Pa, what does it mean to climb the social ladder?" "It means a lot of hard work for father, son."—Baltimore Sun.

The man who pays an income tax
With total quietude
Now finds he's getting stacks and stacks
Of gilt edged advertising.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Everything I touch turns into money."
"Keep away from me, then. I don't want to be known as a vulgar display of wealth."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Jaws of lots of girls remind us
That we might be going some
If we only had behind us
All the coin they've spent for gum.
—Luck.

"There goes a man I might have married."
"Another guy who is wiser than I, I suppose."—Detroit Free Press.

If you have not a face that goes
With opera hat and evening clothes
Affect a blank and vacant stare.
I'll get you almost anywhere.
—Harper's Weekly.

"What is the evil of divorce and re-marriage?"
"The trouble of breaking in a new mother-in-law."—Judge.

Billy, the tight rope walker,
He had a fall last night,
Caused by the rope a-beling loose
And Billy being tight.
—New York Mail.

"Mollie was trying to keep her preserving efforts a secret?"
"Yes, I noticed they were strapping attempts."—Baltimore American.

The bachelor's a foolish mutt
Alone he spends his days;
He tries to mend his garments, but
He will not mend his ways.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"But I've heard that you proposed to three other girls this month."
"I—er—was merely rehearsing for my proposal to you."—Philadelphia Ledger.

He vows he'll lead a drinkless life.
He got his final scare
When he went home and saw his wife
With vivid purple hair.
—Washington Star.

Bob—And is he a rival for your girl's hand?
Tom—I'm afraid he's a rival for her father's foot.—Yonkers Statesman.

"Mother, may I go out to play?"
"Yes, till dinner calling.
But mind you, don't get in the way
Of aviators falling."
—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"Do you believe in longer engagements?" asked the old fogey.
"Now," replied the grouch. "I believe in longer marriages."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

If I had a hatful of redium
And you had a federal rappee
We would certainly diamond Jimbrady 'em
Along the old Broadway premiere.
—New York Press.

Miss Elderly—They say that marriages are made in heaven.
Miss Young—Ah, then you have one change more.—Boston Transcript.

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