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MR. MEIGHEN'S RETIREMENT.

There will be a feeling of genuine regret among men and women of all parties at the forced retirement from active political life of the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen. Mr. Meighen will be a distinct loss to the parliament of Canada, for in the House of Commons he had no peer.

There is something pathetic and almost tragic about Mr. Meighen's retirement. His courageous spirit led him to again contest Portage la Prairie, a dangerous seat, that with his personal attention to the campaign was rendered doubly dangerous. Had he been offered a Toronto constituency, he would today be a member of the House of Commons.

Mr. Meighen is a man of scrupulous honesty, high ideals, and untiring energy. As a first lieutenant he was a brilliant success. As a leader he has not been so successful. No doubt he retires from active political life without regret. It too often means a lot of hard work and sacrifice without much gratitude.

FRONTIER PURITANISM.

This, a correspondent avers, is the law of Kansas regarding cosmetics and skirts and feminine freedom. It was enacted, he says, in the primitive days when "bleeding Kansas" was a frontier territory and men needed protection and like eastern blue laws, it has never been repealed and is still in force. Let womenfolk read and tremble!

A TICKLISH ELECTION.

Of all the senatorial campaigns now on, the one in Massachusetts is the most important to U. S. President Coolidge. If his candidate for senator can't carry his own home state next November, the presidential prestige will suffer a jolt there's little chance it can recover from.

BIBLE THOUGHT

AND RUTH SAID. Ruth said she would not leave her God, her father's house, her people, and where thou lovest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.—Ruth 1:16

wego, N.Y., Palladium-Times that it is the male authorities of Kansas who should tremble if they tried to enforce that law.

SCOPE OF TARIFF BOARD.

The question of the Tariff Board has been more or less under discussion during the past campaign, and the leaders of both parties have agreed on the principle of such a board, says the Brockville Recorder-Times. Mr. King's idea of what a board should be is made clear in the present organization, which has Rt. Hon. George P. Graham at its head.

It is not going too far to say that never in Canada has this work been so thoroughly done. It is true that prior to the revision of the tariff in 1897, the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government set a tariff commission composed of members of the cabinet, through Canada taking evidence and which innumerable sets of opinions that were of valuable assistance to the Government in coming to conclusions. Sir Henry Drayton also headed a like commission through Canada, but the public has never been given the benefit of this investigation. There has been no considerable revision of the tariff since it was made.

However, a Tariff Board does not confine itself to compiling opinions. It ransacks the statistics of Canada, and of other countries to ascertain, if possible, what influence on trade certain schedules of the tariff produce, particularly through the export and import column.

The United States has gone a step further and by an amendment to its statutes has given the president power to alter the tariff on the recommendation of the Tariff Commission or Board. From the investigations that have taken place and the criticism offered, it would appear that the Canadian method is more in line with democratic government. Without the consent of Congress the president and the Tariff Board can inaugurate what is really a policy on the tariff, and there is something in the contention that this is assuming what should be the prerogative of the people acting through their representatives in Congress. The Canadian board can advise the Government and provide it with data, but neither the board nor the Government can inaugurate any tariff policy without the approval of parliament.

Sir William Vicars, of Sydney, Australia, gave an interview to the Montreal Gazette on the organization of the Tariff Board appointed two years ago in Australia. In this interview he says: "Australia's Tariff Board consists of six members and a chairman. Members of the board are drawn from men in good standing in the commercial community who would give every attention to this question of tariff without being influenced by political pull. The chairman was appointed from one of the leading men in the Department of Customs, and he is the only civil servant on the board. All are appointed for a number of years.

"Their method of arriving at any decision," proceeded Sir William, "is to thoroughly investigate all requests submitted for alteration in the tariff. All evidence, except that of fling or other matters of a private nature, must be given in public, which enables the country to know what is being asked, and to express opposition if it is not favored.

"Every request for tariff change must be supported by documentary evidence showing the actual position of the industry. The board can send investigating officers to examine the facts.

"In addition the board will hear evidence from any section of the community which has a bearing on the issue before it. Thus the board is able to come to a sound judgment as to whether the request is justified, and in turn make representations to the responsible Minister, when Parliament can act with reliable information before it.

Pleasure was expressed by Sir William that Canada had followed the example of Australia in this respect. It will thus be seen that Australia and Canada have adopted the same principle—the chief function is to gather and compile for the use of the Government reliable information. At the most they go no further than acting—as the name indicates—in an advisory capacity.

The defeat of Senator Pepper in Pennsylvania, of Senator McKinley in Illinois, of Senator Cummings in Iowa and of L. B. Hanna in North Dakota were setbacks for the president, but at least he was in a position to say, "Well, they weren't particularly my candidates." They were, in reality, but he wasn't formally committed to them.

Republican national committee, figures as the president's personal spokesman in the upper house of Congress, and it's in the president's own birth state that he's running. Butler was renominated, but that was a foregone conclusion. He had no opposition. The job now is to elect him—no, not re-elect him. He's been serving hitherto by appointment, as the late Senator Lodge's successor. Now he goes to the voters, which is entirely different from being named by a governor.

The loss of any other state would be about the same thing as a slap on the president's wrist compared with a wallop from a pair of brass knuckles, if he loses Massachusetts. Butler has a Democrat, Mr. David L. Walsh, as his opponent and he is a fighter with all the popularizing qualities. He is the antithesis of Butler. Walsh is a red-hot speaker, a spell-binder, a scrapper of the first water, a political fire-eater, aggressive, magnetic, a liberal, a wet, highly popular, enthusiasm awakening. Butler is cool, cautious, a ruler and a scholar, a cast iron autocrat. The fight will be the sensation of November campaigns.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Belleville Ontario is of opinion that election libel suits will disappear as completely as straw hats have.

Water can be a deadly enemy to monetary hopes. It has soaked up millions of dollars in Western Canada. Too bad!

Euler is at the seat of customs. A fine man he is. His name is pronounced I-ler. We see stirring times ahead with his probe.

There have been twenty-two great disasters due to climate in the Southern States during the past twenty years. There are some consolations in living in this neighborhood even if the coal bill is high.

Since it is eliminating liquor from its advertising columns, Punch should go the full length of consistency, and change its name, says the Toronto Globe. Make it Punchin', Punched or Pungent!

The United States can afford to cancel its war debtors' obligations. It might or might not be good business, or good policy, but the nation is rich enough to stand it, even if it were a mistake, is a comment of a United States writer.

Archbishop Thornioe, Sault Ste. Marie, steps aside, after a notable career. He was a cultured scholar, a christian gentleman. He contributed much, says the Cobalt News, to the development of Northern Ontario, and the influence for good that he has exercised has been felt far beyond the confines of his activities on behalf of his own church.

There are four former premiers of provinces in the new Dominion house. New Brunswick has two, Flemming (Conservative) and Vanoeit (Liberal). Saskatchewan has Dunning (Liberal) and Alberta has Stewart (Liberal). Ontario slipped a cog and missed trying a former premier—Drury.

The movement under way for years past to make Canada independent of foreign coal supply, means the development of the Alberta mining industry on a large scale. Many times the number of present workers would be employed and every interest, within our borders would benefit thereby. Ontario and Quebec import, between three and four million tons of American anthracite yearly; they are the consumers of nearly all the anthracite exported from the states. What an impetus to Canadian trade there would be if we could use our own stocks.

Quebec Viewpoint

La Presse notes commendation of the Quebec liquor system from a French quarter. "The sale of alcoholic liquors under Government authority, as is practised in the province of Quebec and certain other provinces of the Dominion, continues to give results which in the end no doubt will lead our neighbor, the province of Ontario,

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

Appears Every Spring. BY AUSTIN H. CLARK Smithsonian Institution. Throughout the Pacific islands the spring season is recognized as the time of the appearance of this creature, and wherever it occurs the season and even the months are named for it. It would seem, therefore, to be a creature of importance. So it is; it is none other than the palolo. The palolo is a kind of sea-worm which when fully grown averages about 18 inches in length and is sharply divided into a thick forward part measuring about one-quarter of its length and a slender posterior part. In the slender hinder part the eggs are formed, and on or near the

to go and do likewise. The latest approval comes from Alberta where Government control of hard liquor has been in existence for some years past, and with satisfactory consequences. This testimony is all the more worthy of being registered, seeing that it is given by a person who formerly conducted a rigorous campaign in favor of absolute prohibition. We refer to Mrs. Emily R. Murphy, police magistrate and president of the Juvenile Court of Alberta, and member of a number of women's organizations devoted to social work. An experience extending over several years has convinced Mrs. Murphy that the present system in Alberta is very much to be preferred to the old system, because most of the abuses which were the subject of complaint before have now disappeared. There is less drunkenness and a greater respect shown for the law. Juvenile crime especially has diminished.

"Whatever the partisans of absolute prohibition may say, Government control of liquor has proved its efficiency. In the province of Quebec, and wherever else it has been adopted it has brought about greater temperance amongst the people; and its influence is continuing in this beneficent direction. The experiment was made here, and Alberta followed in its turn; and the same good results will be seen in Ontario directly the province decides to follow our example. This decision will not be much longer delayed if one may judge by the current opinion which is constantly becoming stronger against the ultra-dry conditions that actually prevail under the Ontario law."

Mr. James Robb

(Ottawa Journal (Con.) Announcement that Mr. James Robb will continue in Mr. King's Cabinet as Finance Minister will be welcomed far beyond the ranks of the Liberal party. There are men in public life whose character compels the respect of political opponents, and Mr. Robb is one of them. He is not of the flashy, brilliant style of politician, but rather the slow, steady type of mind, endowed with common sense to an uncommon extent—a man to bank with and to bank upon.

In the election Mr. Robb was a tower of strength to his party. He had not that often fatally facile eloquence which rises easily above facts, but he had an authentic note, a realism, and an authority that inspired confidence and respect. Unquestionably, too, the Robb budget was a tremendous factor in the polling results. It might be true—it was true—that the Robb budget merely did for Canada in 1925 what other Governments did for other countries years before; but the fact remained that Mr. Robb had devised a budget that was popular, and the country gave him credit for it.

In any event, men like James Robb are needed in public life. He is one of the Old Guard, one of the old Laurier band whose ranks are thinning fast—a man that Parliament, as at present constituted, could ill afford to lose.

Justice That Does Not Lag

(Ottawa Journal) A convict accused of the murder of a guard in Kingston penitentiary was put on trial yesterday and in four hours the trial was concluded. The trial was an absolutely fair one. All the possible evidence in the case was fully taken. In the four hours the jury was selected, the evidence was taken, the lawyers made their addresses, the Judge summed up and gave the case to the jury, and the verdict was returned.

It was a tribute to the efficiency and the common sense of Canadian justice. When a Canadian Judge recently made an address in New York, he quoted instances of trials of that kind and told them such consummations were the rule and not the exception in this country. The expedition came shortly after an American convict who had murdered a penitentiary guard met his sentence after nearly a year of legal fighting, mis-trials and appeals. The address which the Canadian Judge made in New York received considerable attention from the American press, and in some quarters the idea was expressed that he had rather over-stated the Canadian case.

The trial which has just ended in Kingston shows that Judge Riddell did not exaggerate anything when he pointed a contrast between the results of the administration of justice in murder trials in this country as contrasted with what is too often the showing in the case of murder trials across the border.

Where Malaria Rages.

Free Press (Singapore): Malaria, in one of the forms under which it appears in the mortality returns, is the most deadly of all diseases in Malaya and yet it is one which is capable of practically certain control, as has been shown in Panama, in Egypt and in parts of Malaya. It is a poor way out of the difficulty to say helplessly that the rise is due to the unusually dry season earlier in the year. The fact remains that the sickness rages here, although it has been definitely got under control elsewhere. We feel sure it could be done if Government were prepared to organize and carry out a resolute fight over a series of years and to spend money like water as America spent it, to ensure the victory.

Cautious.

Mother—Johnny, these are lemons. I told you to get eggs.  
Johnny—I know, but it was slippery so I thought I'd better get lemons.  
If we could only persuade the older mosquitoes to teach their youngsters not to eat between meals.  
A Douglas (Ga.) sheriff hit a mar without even putting any salt and pepper on him.

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News and Views.

Spain Puts Up the Bars. Gaceta de Madrid: A royal decree gives legislative effect to the recommendations of the Council of National Economy in regard to measures to be adopted for the immediate protection of Spanish industries. Under the decree in question tariff protection and other assistance will be afforded to agricultural, cotton, iron and steel, and other manufacturing companies. The importation for foreign wheat is prohibited. A committee is to be set up to control the production and exportation of cotton yarns and textiles, and assistance will be given to the export trade in these goods by means of long-term credits and cash subsidies. The funds for the latter being provided for out of an import tax on raw cotton.

Protects Steel Industry. Hamburgher Fremdenblatt: Negotiations in international iron and steel production are an inevitable result of the cartel movement in the German heavy industry, in so far as this movement with its extinction of competition on the German iron market can have neither sense nor purpose if it does not, at the same time succeed in removing the edge of foreign competition also. As soon as the cartel movement in German rolling mill production had been carried through as far as medium and fine sheets are concerned, understandings with extra-German heavy industries followed as a natural course. At a recent meeting of the South German wholesale iron dealers, which took place at Mannheim, and was attended also by iron dealers from the Saar district, a thorough understanding was arrived at with regard to the selling prices of cast and bar iron.

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