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CANADA'S NAVAL QUARREL.

The controversy in the Canadian parliament, a controversy which may end in another general election, has to do with the building of battleships for the imperial navy. The Borden government that came into power with the defeat of reciprocity, proposes to have three ships built in England and presented to the British navy. The Liberals, on the other hand, wish the vessels to be constructed in Canada and to remain in Canadian waters as the nucleus for a home navy.

The party in power, finding itself in a different position, recently asked the advice of the British admiralty and received a reply from Lord Winston Churchill to the effect that it would cost much more and be much more difficult to build the ships in Canadian yards or to send sailors and officers to man them if they were kept in Canadian waters. The Liberals now have taken this as a direct attack on the liberty of judgment supposed to be granted the dominion in its affairs and are making political capital out of the Canadian Nationalistic feeling aroused by it. In view of the fact that is was Nationalistic sentiment that defeated the Liberals in the reciprocity campaign, their use of it in this is rather interesting.

Canada is one of the countries that has an election "every once in a while" instead of at stated intervals. The election is practically a referendum on the question at issue. For instance, if the present controversy reaches the polls the people will have a direct opportunity to say which program of navy building they prefer. Incidentally, if the Liberals should win it would mean a reopening of the reciprocity discussion.

That there has been a change of sentiment on this question in Canada there is no doubt. Many feel that they were tricked by the annexation cry which the Conservatives raised into voting against their own best interests and the best interests of Canada as a whole. For this reason the naval question and its final solution has a very direct interest for the people of the United States.

In most newspaper offices nowadays it requires an extra waste basket to take care of the free puff literature which tells of the glories of the coming Panama exposition at San Francisco.

By going to a different church every Sunday, President Wilson shows that he is a cautious man. He is not going to take a chances on the future.

The "paresis glide" is the name of the latest dance. They are getting

to name these things properly, anyway.

California jury acquitted a man because he had beautiful eyes. It should be explained that it was a suffragette jury.

SECOR NAMED SECRETARY

FORMER GRANDE RONDE CASH CO., MAN CHOSEN.

Comes Into Local Position with Eastern Fair Experience.

C. M. Secor is secretary of the Union County Fair association and will succeed A. B. Cherry as general in charge of fair details. The executive committee and directors last evening held a business session and President Russell was empowered to enter into a contract with Mr. Secor for a five months' contract. As soon as Mr. Secor qualifies, C. M. Humphreys who has been acting as corresponding secretary, will surrender the job in toto to Secor.

Mr. Secor comes into the strenuous job with experience. He conducted a similar fair in Michigan for two years. During his stay in La Grande he has been connected with the Grande Ronde Cash company.

Aside from the election of a secretary which has been hanging fire for some little time until the very best man available under the circumstances could be obtained, little else was done. Now that the organization is complete, the fair propoganda will be fertilized constantly that the fruits of the efforts expended may be the best possible.

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The Subtle Difference. An earnest defender of things Irish asserts that the traditional bull of Ireland is not, as is commonly supposed, the expression of a blundering intelligence, but, on the contrary, shows the exquisite feeling of the Irish for fine shades of meaning. The trouble lies in the ears that hear it.

"If ye were to be killed crossing a fence ye'd be all right," said a looker-on to a fox hunter whose horse had turned head over heels in the middle of a level pasture, "but if ye were killed on the flat o' the field ye'd never hold up your head again!"

The Sour Milk Habit. The Masal and other tribes of British East Africa keep milk in calabashes or gourds ornamented with cowries and beads. These are periodically cleaned out with the charred wood of the lolyive tree, which gives the milk a smoky taste. Stale milk is often mixed with fresh to induce it to curdle, and sour and curdled milk of many days old is highly appreciated by most African tribes.—"The Land of Zioj."

NEW CAMP ON WHISKEY

TWO YEARS' CUT IN LOCALITY OF NEW CAMP.

Millmen Attend Ball Game—Give to Y. M. C. A. Fund Freely.

Perry, Ore, May 15.—(Special)—The mill closed down Tuesday afternoon and a majority of the men went to the ball game in La Grande. The logging train came in Wednesday with its first logs for over six weeks. The logging camp is now situated in a new section on Whiskey Creek where timber is plentiful and will be available for about two years. The company has got practically all of the logs sleuced out of the river, so from now on will cut on the logs hauled by the train.

Mr. W. D. Johnson of the American Lumber and Manufacturing Co., of Pittsburg, Pa., and Frank Lee of the same firm situated in Baker, were visitors to Perry today. Also Mr. F. S. Murphy of the firm of F. S. Murphy & Co., of Sale Lake, was a visitor here today.

To date the people of Perry have contributed to the Y. M. C. A. fund the sum of \$234.00.

Curious Letter Ending. One of the most remarkable letter endings following one of the most remarkable letters on record is that example from India preserved by E. V. Lucas in his anthology. "The Gentlest Art." "Honorable Sir—Kindly excuse this poor thy servant from attending on your honor's office this day, as I am suffering from the well known disease commonly called ache of the interior economy, and I shall ever pray. Yours ever painful, Ram Chunder. P. S.—Oh, death, where is thy sting?"

In the examination hall at Canton, China, where under the old regime students sat for their military tests, is a water clock which has automatically recorded the time for 3,000 years.

Wrestled For the Rent. In some cantons of Switzerland there are held public wrestling matches once a year which are very largely attended. At Grenchen recently a property owner and his tenant wrestled for a year's rent as stakes. The tenant won.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. G. H. Grover and daughter Ruth, who have been visiting friends here for the past two days returned to their home in Napa, Cal., this morning.

Rev. Noye returned to Milton this morning.

Chet Bidwell returned home this morning from Portland where he has been on business for the past week.

Merton Kiddle arrived home this morning from Portland where he attended the big shoot.

Miss Cora Genevieve Ramsden arrived on No 6 this morning and will present Brown's "Every Woman" at the Tabernacle tonight.

A. J. Loenard, special agent of general land office, is in the city today on business.

A. M. Runnells, U. S. commissioner at Joseph, is in La Grande today on business.

H. B. Schock, Walla Walla; C. E. Canada, Portland; W. W. Rosenfeld, Rochester, N. Y.; J. F. Thompson, and wife, Gibbon, Ore.; C. Putnam, St. Paul; W. A. Wallace, Milton; J. A. Madden, San Francisco; J. D. Fouser, Chicago; F. L. Perkins, Portland; A. T. Bailey, Spokane; and W. G. Alders, of Sa. Joseph, Mo., are among those who stopped at the Foley last night.

L. Olson, Spokane; Chas. Estes, Kamela; D. O. Dunbar, Portland; J. M. Dressler, Imbler; Geo. Rowan, Los Angeles; Harry Tate, Los Angeles; G. W. Hartsock, Gooding, Idaho; T. Turner, Red Oak, Iowa; and J. Merrit of Red Oak, Iowa, are

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West THE QUALITY STORE

among the guests stopping at the Savoy.

E. J. Tucker, San Francisco; L. B. Giff, Chicago; E. Hillier, Baker; Mrs. G. L. Cleaver, and son, Imbler; F. M. Byrkit and wife, San Diego; W. H. Burnett, Portland; E. C. Sklies, Seattle; J. Larson, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. A. Reddaway, Portland; D. Webster, Portland; J. W. McRae, Portland; L. M. Tibbel, Spokane; Mrs. I. Fowler, Baker, and D. J. Hughes of Prairie City, Ore., are among those stopping at the Sommer.

Ray W. Wisecarver, the well known salesman for the Cudahy Packing Co., is calling on friends in La Grande today.

LA CHEERABLE CIGAR ALL HAVANA CUBAN HAND MADE NOTHING BETTER CAN BE MANUFACTURED

Mrs. Fred Wagner left this morning for Medford where she goes as a delegate to the Rebecca's convention.

home from Portland where she attended the state shoot

Jack Hillary and Press Lewis are

land after transacting for a few days.

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