

An impressive ceremony was held in Canada today. The Canadian Parliament opened. First, an address from King George was read. Then the Canadian law-makers got down to business and the key note seemed to be that Canada is likely to increase her tariffs. Prime Minister Bennett is determined that Canadian industry shall be protected by duties imposed upon exports from all over the world.

Anyway, the Canadian Parliament is in ^{again - in session} session, to the tune of CANADA, OH CANADA, and GOD SAVE THE KING.

1 That famous Wickersham
2 ~~Committee~~ report is in the news again.

3 George W. Wickersham, the
4 chairman of the committee, made an
5 address today in Boston in which he
6 declared that he was surprised at the
7 way the anti-prohibitionists ^{have} ~~had~~ been
8 complaining about the ^{document. According} ~~Wickersham report~~.
9 He said they ^{really} ~~didn't~~ have so much reason
10 to kick because the report was ~~really~~
11 as much in their favor as ~~it was~~ in
12 favor of the prohibitionists.

13 The International News
14 Service informs us that Mr. Wickersham
15 issued what might be called a solemn note
16 of warning. He told people that they
17 should not talk or argue about the
18 Wickersham report unless they had read
19 it. So if you haven't read it! Well,
20 the idea is to keep mum. Ah, but that's
21 easier said than done.

22 That report, you know, is one
23 hundred thousand words long, and I wonder
24 how many have read it?
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1 There was a drama today at that
2 meeting of Progressives in Washington.
3 Here are a few of the high lights:

4 Senator Norris, the aged Progressive
5 leader, read what he called his
6 political will and testament with tears
7 in his eyes and a choking voice. Old
8 "Uncle George" said he was passing the
9 torch of Progressive leadership to the
10 young black haired fellow who is almost
11 a boy among the elder statesmen. In
12 other words, according to the United
13 Press, Senator Norris called upon young
14 Senator Bob La Follette to take the
15 place of Progressive leader, that
16 fighting job which was held so long
17 by the famous elder La Follette of
18 Wisconsin.

19 A curious incident came about when
20 Senator Norris declared in his most
21 vigorous oratory that what the country
22 needs now is a second Roosevelt in the
23 White House. He meant a second Teddy
24 Roosevelt. But, according to the
25 International News Service, the audience

or some of the audience, interpreted his statement as meaning Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Governor of New York, and broke into wild applause.

Then Senator Norris declared that Chairman Raskob of the Democratic National Committee was trying to deliver the Democratic party to the Republicans. Which is indeed an interesting idea.

Of course, there was plenty more said at that Washington meeting, enough to fill a volume, and many columns of type in your favorite newspapers tonight and tomorrow.

1 Now we come to something
2 that seems to be definite and final.
3 In fact Jack Dempsey calls it "definite,
4 final and conclusive".

5 The former heavy-weight
6 champion says he will never fight again.
7 We ^{have} heard that sort of thing before but
8 this time it has an emphasis of reality.

9 The Manassah Mauler admits
10 that for three years he has been
11 "on the fence"--he didn't know whether
12 to try one more fight or not. But now
13 he realizes that he will be 36 years
14 old in June. He says he will never be
15 at his physical fighting best again
16 and he feels that the old urge of
17 battle is gone.

18 The International News
19 Service quotes the old Mankiller as
20 saying - "Yes, I'am through--through
21 kidding the public, the promoters and
22 myself".

23 Well that statement, ^{certainly} should
24 settle the old question of whether
25 Dempsey is going to fight again. ~~or not~~.

1 In Philadelphia, at a meeting
2 of the ~~Philadelphia~~ County Medical
3 Society, an aged and crippled surgeon
4 made his entrance in a wheel chair.
5 He was Dr. John Chalmer DaCosta, ~~a~~
6 ~~famous surgeon~~, who attended Woodrow
7 Wilson at the time when the famous
8 War-President was in Paris ~~for~~ ^{at} the
9 Peace Conference.

10 Seated in his wheel-chair,
11 Dr. DaCosta addressed the assembled
12 physicians. He said he had delivered
13 his first paper before the Philadelphia
14 Society and now he had come to deliver
15 his last.

16 He told of the philosophy
17 that had been brought to him by many
18 years of service as a physician and
19 then he said something that seems to me
20 exceedingly beautiful and well-worth
21 ~~listening to~~ *passing on to you:-*

22 "I CAN'T SEE HOW A MEDICAL
23 MAN CAN BE VAIN", declared the old
24 surgeon, "YET SOME ARE---HOW CAN THEY
25 BE, WHEN THEY SEE BEAUTY AND ANGUISH WALK

1 HAND IN HAND, AND THEY ARE FORCED TO
2 STAND ASIDE, ~~AND~~ **IMPOTENT** AND USELESS", and
3 there is deep wisdom ^{ah yes,} and even deeper
4 humanity in that.

1 You'll be surprised at the
2 way this next item ends. It's ~~is~~ a
3 story of a couple of robbers out in
4 Chicago. And they were what is known
5 as "Pants Burglars". That is, ~~they are~~
6 the kind of robbers that go into a
7 place and force their victims to give
8 up their trousers, which the burglars
9 carry away. The idea is that the
10 victims will be too modest to run
11 after the bandits.

12 Well, according to the
13 Associated Press, these two particular
14 Pants Burglars walked into a shop and
15 what kind of a place do you think it
16 was? ~~Well, it was a~~ tailoring shop!
17 It was late at night--two tailors were
18 still working. They had to give up
19 their trousers and as usual the burglars
20 carried the garments away.

21 Often the ~~two~~ victims of
22 Pants Burglars are left in considerable
23 difficulty because some time may elapse
24 before they are able to get any trousers
25 to wear. You would certainly think that

couldn't happen to a couple of tailors in a tailor shop. But it did.

The two Chicago tailors hadn't a pair of whole and complete trousers in the place. It also was so late that they couldn't arouse any assistance. So what did they do? Why they just sat down and made themselves a couple of pairs of pants and in the wee small hours of the morning they ambled home.

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1 I wish I could tell this next
2 item in pidgin English, starting in
3 something like this:

4 ME GOOD CHOPSTICK MAN. ME
5 MAKE^E_A CHOPSTICKS GO HEAP FAST.

6 In other words, Leu Fook is
7 a lively and skilful hand at the chop-
8 sticks. But the night of that Mah Jong
9 party he was using the chopsticks as
10 clumsily as an American trying to go
11 native in a Chop Suey Restaurant. He
12 has brought witnesses into court to
13 prove it and he hopes that their
14 testimony will be~~ing~~ a verdict from
15 the jury that he is not guilty of the
16 murder with which he is charged.

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1 committing the ^{deed} ~~murder~~. But Leu Fook
2 says he had the cut the day before
3 the crime and to prove it he points
4 to the fact that he ate noodles with
5 chopsticks at a Mah Jong party. His
6 cut finger caused him to use the
7 chopsticks very badly. The other
8 Orientals who were at the Mah Jong
9 party have come forward and testified
10 that Leu Fook had a cut finger that
11 night. They know it, because of the
12 ^{bungling} ~~unskilled~~ way he used the chopsticks.

13 Leu Fook he big chopstick man.
14 When he no eat nicey nicey with
15 chopsticks he got cut finger. ^{they say,}
16 And this chopstick alibi [^] may
17 set Leu Fook free.

NAVIES

This evening brings a slight discordant note in the general chorus of joy over the naval agreement between France and Italy, that we've been hearing so much about.

The International News Service reports that a long and somewhat mysterious communication from Secretary of State Stimson at Washington has been sent to the British Government. The message is said to present certain American objections to the arrangements concerning the French and Italian war fleets. The Japanese government is also said to be entering a few.

As a result it is rumored that the agreement will be revised before it ~~is~~ becomes a full fledged treaty.

The doubts of the Americans and the Japanese are said to be quieted somewhat by a promise on the part of the British not to take advantage of the escalator clause in the naval treaty of London between Great Britain, the United States and Japan.

That escalator clause specified that if France and Italy increase their navies, England will have the right to increase hers.

The sum and substance of the whole thing seems to be that there is still a slightly sour note in the cooing of the dove of

peace. I wonder whether it is going to be loud and ~~xxxx~~ sour enough to really cause us anxiety? Well, we can find out a good deal about this in the current issue of the Literary Digest. The Digest editors have attuned their ears to sounds from all parts of the world, and give us a summary of the song the dove of peace is singing just now.

The Digest quotes from French and Italian Newspapers, which most of us would never have a chance to see.

The newspaper, La Stampa, presents a picture of the Italians slapping the British heartily on the back and then of the Italians slapping themselves on the back with equal heartiness. It says that whenever Italy and England collaborate in the solution of any problem, it is always a noble example of moderation and justice that they give to Europe.

And that's the dove of peace cooing as loudly as any bird could coo.

A slightly sour note is injected by Figaro of Paris which says that the partial, superficial accord is a sign of total and

profound discord.

On the other hand, Le Matin of Paris thinks that the agreement between France and Italy promotes peace and good will without sacrificing French security.

Well, that well known dove, which is just as wonderful a bird as the pelican, is trying its best to outsing and outcoo the baying of the dogs of war.

But here

~~After that~~ comes some real
one hundred ~~xxx~~ per cent disarmament.

The Parliament of the Kingdom
of Denmark has ^{just} passed a bill to disband
both the Danish Army and the Danish
navy. In other words, Denmark ~~xxx~~ is
going to get along without either
military forces or a war fleet.

According to the United Press
the place of the army will be taken by
a mere police force to patrol the
Danish frontier, and the place of the
navy will be taken by a few ships
for coast guard work and the inspection
of fisheries.

Of course, ~~xxx~~ neither the
Danish army nor the Danish navy cut
any large figure in the militaristic
affairs of the world, but still -
disarmament is disarmament, and ~~every~~
~~little bit~~ as we used to sing in
the pre-jazz days, twenty years ago:-
"every little bit added to what you got,
makes just a little bit more."

1 Here come ~~the~~ Old Times back
2 again. Or at any rate, ^{so it} ~~the old times~~
3 will seem ~~to have returned~~ to people ~~in~~ of
4 France.

5 The French army is changing
6 its uniform. According to the Associated
7 Press, the polius are tired of drab
8 kakhi and dull horizon blue. They yearn
9 for brighter colors. And so the military
10 authorities are bringing back the famous
11 old familiar red pants of the French
12 polius.

13 And many an American who
14 goes abroad is going to think that there
15 never was a world war when he sees a
16 military parade with those long lines of
17 red pants coming down the boulevard.
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CHINA

A disastrous steamship accident is reported on the Yangtse River. The steamer Pachi, loaded with Chinese coolies, was chugging along, near the mouth of the Yangtse.

Suddenly the ship blew up; and sank. According to the International News Service 200 coolies were lost, 150 were rescued.

1 Now comes a funny tinkle of
2 wedding bells. They ring and clang
3 with a somewhat humorous, joking sound.

4 William Horace ^{Montmorency} Devere Cole is
5 celebrated in England as the King of
6 Practical Jokers. His specialty is
7 getting up hoaxes and he has achieved
8 some marvelous ones. Now he ~~has~~
9 announced ^S that he is ~~going~~ to ~~get~~ be
10 married - although maybe that's a hoax.

11 He says his fiancée is
12 Maddis Winifred Mary Zenobia White, and
13 that may be a hoax. ^{At any rate} ~~too~~ The wedding
14 ought to be a humorous affair with all
15 kinds of practical jokes popping and
16 cracking. ^{And} There may be a square wedding
17 ring for the bride and perhaps the
18 parson's prayer-book will explode when
19 he opens it.

20 In person, the King of
21 Practical Jokers looks strikingly like
22 Ramsey MacDonald, ~~the~~ head of the
23 Labor Party and ~~the~~ Socialist Prime
24 Minister of Great Britain. The King of
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Jokesmiths once gathered a group of workmen and represented himself as Ramsay MacDonald. Then he proceeded to give them a red-hot Conservative hard-shelled Tory speech.

Dressed up as a Prince of Abyssinia he was received by the Royal Navy with a royal salute of guns. Later on he went to the learned and august University of Cambridge as a Sultan of Zanzibar. The solemn Cambridge professors received the supposed Sultan with becoming ceremony. On another occasion he dressed as a laborer and roped off a section of pavement in Picadilly Circus. Picadilly Circus is one of the busiest centers of London, like Columbus Circle in New York, Independence Square, Philadelphia, or the Corner of State and Madison in Chicago. Then, according to the Associated Press, the King of Jokers proceeded to dig a hole right there in dear old Piccadilly. He dug and dug and made a regular excavation. All the buses and taxis had to detour. And he left that yawning hole there for the city authorities to contemplate in blank wonder.

Now he's getting married. And maybe the union will result in a whole family of little practical jokers and hoaxers.

And I think I'll add a word or two that isn't a hoax -

and here's the way it runs folks:-

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.