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THE SENATE DID ITS PLAIN DUTY

In declaring that the senate could not pass the Borden naval bill until the measure had been submitted to the people, the senate did its plain commonplacé duty. It could not properly have decided otherwise. It is apparent to everyone that the measure is not a popular one, and did Premier Borden elect to go to the people with it, while its various phases are fresh in the popular mind, there is no doubt whatever that both he and the naval bill would suffer defeat. That he is astute politician enough to know this is shown by his action. His contention is and has been all along that the vote of \$35,000,000 asked for was to meet a pressing British emergency; yet he elects to submit it to popular vote, or to hope that it will be forgotten, by purposing to hold the election in November or December. That shows his appreciation of the emergency.

It is quite understood by the government of Canada and those supporting its naval policy, that the three dreadnoughts that were to be placed in the hands of the British admiralty, to be used at whatever point they would best serve the interests of the Empire. The interests of the Empire in the opinion of the admiralty expressed through Winston Churchill, will be best served by strengthening the North sea and Mediterranean fleets and it was to one or the other of those seas that the Canadian ships would have been assigned. They would pass

entirely out of the control of Canada, and except as factors in the defence of the Empire in European waters, Canada would have no further concern in them.

The senate no doubt took this important point into consideration, as if war should break out between Great Britain and Germany, or between Great Britain and Japan, the coasts of this country would be left entirely undefended. The imperial fleet might, and possibly would, be able to protect the Atlantic seaboard; but this harbor and every port in British Columbia would be left entirely at the mercy of the enemy.

Mr. Borden's apologists in the press talk vaguely of the unfolding of his naval policy and hint that a Canadian navy is to be built at some time in the future. But what? It was Mr. Borden's strongest plea for the naval bill the senate turned down, that a Canadian navy is an impossibility in Canada for half a century, either to build the ships or to man them when built. If he has modified his view since the debate it is scarcely possible to place any reliance in such a leader of the government. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's naval policy was a permanent policy. Mr. Borden has no permanent policy except the permanent policy of keeping in office, and, under all the circumstances of the case, it is impossible for intelligent thinkers to conclude otherwise than that the action of the senate was wise, patriotic and in every respect laudable.

UNITED STATES SENATOR IS ADVERTISING RUSH TO CANADA

EXPLAINS WHY ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AMERICANS ARE COMING EVERY YEAR TO SETTLE IN THE DOMINION.

One of the best advertisements of Canada's land policy is furnished by Senator William Borah, who, in a letter to Samuel Friedman, of the Anti-Congestion league, New York City, states that "statistics show that 100,000 of our people are going into Canada every year for no reason, in my judgment, other than the manner in which our public lands are administered." This letter has been widely published by the press of the United States, and it is certain that it will have the effect of directing attention, not only to the unsatisfactory methods of administering the lands of the neighboring republic, but also to the fact that in the Dominion land is offered to settlers on attractive terms. The views of Senator Borah on the land policy of his government are embodied in his letter, which is appended:

"I am in receipt of your recent letter in which you describe the condition of the congested districts in New York City and ask for assistance to send these people into the states that they may aid in developing the large tracts of uncultivated lands. I certainly sympathize with these poor people. I have seen enough of their condition to know how miserable it is. And I am more than willing to give any aid I can in a practical way to relieve the situation.

"Statistics show that at least 100,000 of our people are going into Canada every year for no reason, in my judgment, other than the manner in which our public land laws are administered.

"It may be that we are approaching a change. It may be that the east in her congested condition will see the common sense and common justice of opening up the public lands to every bona fide settler, every man who goes there in good faith to acquire and make a home and to aid him instead of retarding him in his effort.

"If the new era is at hand, then I can say to you that you can find homes for thousands of your

people upon lands which will make most desirable farms and upon which families may be reared with accompanying prosperity and happiness. But before you send your friends west, out of mercy to them, I suggest that you join some of us in an effort to stop this everlasting hounding of people who are in good faith trying to settle up the now worthless lands already in Victoria.

SENATOR FAVORED THE CORDOVA "GRAB"

Delegate Wickersham Makes a Grave Charge Against Senator Chamberlain Before Committee.

Washington, May 27.—Delegate Wickersham, of Alaska, started the senate territories committee by declaring today that Senator George E. Chamberlain, a member of the committee, had inadvertently been the author of a bill in a previous congress which would have turned over to the "Guggenheims" absolute control of the harbor of Cordova and the entrance to Behring River coal fields.

"There was a little inoffensive looking bill introduced in congress, I believe you were the author of it, Senator Chamberlain," said Wickersham, "giving the right-of-way to the Guggenheims from Mile 25 on the Copper River road, to Three Tye Point. You didn't know what that bill meant. It passed the senate, but when it reached the House, I killed it. If it had passed it would have given the Guggenheims title in fee simple to all of Cordova harbor and they would have had a monopoly like that of Mr. Ryan on Controller Bay."

Senator Chamberlain made no reply.

BIG BUSINESS FOR "UNCLES."
 London, May 27.—More than a quarter million pieces of jewelry are pawned in London every day, according to the police, who have rigid supervision of the "uncles."



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UNWRITTEN LAW IN AN ENGLISH COURT

Man Who Admitted Shooting and Killing His Brother Is Acquitted for Cause.

London, May 27.—A trial of a remarkable nature, notable for the application of the "unwritten law" in an English court, has just ended in the acquittal at the Wiltshire assizes, of a man who admitted shooting and killing his brother. The prisoner, who is a laborer named Price, committed the murder in "an agony of despair," over his brother's drunkenness and brutal conduct toward his bedridden father, aged mother and adopted sister. Sympathy with the accused was such that his defence was provided by public subscription and a burst of cheering greeted his acquittal.

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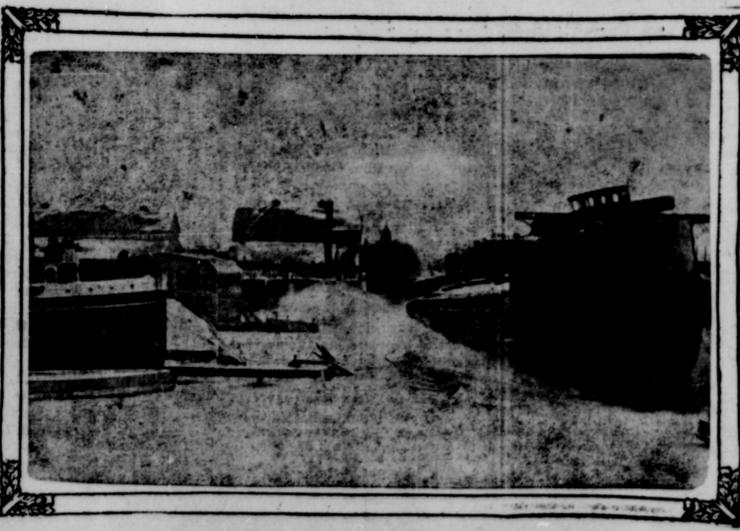
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