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THE KING'S QUEST,
M. POINCARÉ.

The President of France, M. Raymond Poincaré, who has lately been in London as the guest of King George, is one of the most versatile of living rulers. Distinguished before his entry into the political arena as a profound and eloquent lawyer, he is a modern Cicero who has won fame as an orator both in the courts of law and in the legislature. A man of wide culture and many tastes, he is noted as a collector of rare books, an ardent patron of the drama and an enthusiastic attendant at the races. Like the late King Edward, he has touched life at many points and has cultivated that charm of manner which so often distinguishes the man of cosmopolitan interests. Yet if he is remarkable by his brilliance he is also known by his honesty. His is a name that has never been associated with public or with private scandal.

Before he was elected to the chief magistracy of his country, M. Poincaré occupied for a year the office of premier of France. In January of this year he was elected to the presidency. To this position of eminence he is elected for seven years.

The French President has to be elected by an absolute majority of votes by the senate and chamber of deputies sitting together as a national assembly. The selection of a ministry rests with him and he often appoints ministers who are not members of either the

senate or the chamber of deputies.

The powers of the President are very wide—particularly as regards the conclusion of treaties with foreign countries, although treaties which affect the area of French colonies have to be approved by the legislature—and the amount of patronage in his hands is literally enormous. With the consent of the senate he can at any time dissolve the chamber of deputies. For his services to the nation he receives a salary of a hundred and twenty thousand dollars a year, together with an annual allowance of another hundred and twenty thousand dollars for expenses.

When appointed to the premiership, an office which he accepted with reluctance and which he had some years previously declined, M. Poincaré formed what was at the time very necessary in France in face of the incompetence which had characterized the recent administrations—he gathered about him a ministry that was respected for its stability and which was declared to be the greatest which France had seen since the days of Gambetta and Waldeck-Rousseau. Having so won the confidence of the public as premier, it was natural that he should be elected to the presidency. In the latter office he continues to inspire faith in his trustworthiness and ability, both in the people of France and, if we may judge from the latest reports, in the people of that nation's most cordial friend, Great Britain.



CUPID MAY DEFEY BOTH TALMUDISTS AND ZIONISTS.

Miss Sadie Shoenberg and Mr. Samuel Auerbach, both of Toronto, are the principals in a scandal that has all the Jews in Canada interested. They plan to be married on the stage of one of Toronto's smaller theatres. Rabbi Jacobs has denounced the proposal as without precedent. He says it will not occur if he can help it. The young people are equally positive that they will be married in the manner which they choose.

PROTECTION OF THE PACIFIC
IS DOMINION'S FIRST DUTY

DECLARATION OF EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF TORONTO GLOBE
MADE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE PACIFIC COAST

"My message to the Liberals of British Columbia is one of good cheer. Let them keep up their organizations in working order; let them continue to educate the people in regard to the question of naval defence, the tariff and the Oriental danger; and they will find their labors eventually crowned with success. These are the three great issues which have to be discussed with the people, and on all three the Liberal party stands today where it stood for years, ready to deal with every one of the questions from the standpoint of a united Canada. The hope of Liberalism has always been in the education of the people on the real problems of politics."

Dr. J. A. Macdonald, the chief editor of the Toronto Globe, who was in Vancouver for a few days en route to Portland, Ore., and Los Angeles, California, sees no cause for depression in the political outlook so far as the Liberal party is concerned; indeed, he is convinced that the tide of political opinion all through Canada is running more strongly towards Liberal ideas than it has done for many years past.

"It has been shown that the Borden, naval programme was one of opportunism alone, without any seriously considered basis. The people at large are convinced of the working agreement between the leaders of the Conservative party and the Nationalists of Quebec. The premier has proved himself a man who plays fast and loose with his word, he having refused to carry out his pledge made in Montreal last September that if parliament did not accept his

naval policy he would appeal to the people. Parliament has not accepted the Borden contribution proposals, but Mr. Borden and his colleagues are afraid to trust themselves to the judgment of the people. They pretend that the general sentiment of the people is in favor of a policy of contribution but they will not put that pretense to the proof in an election. They are trying to satisfy both the so-called British Imperialists of Ontario and the anti-British Nationalists of Quebec with a hybrid policy which is un-Canadian and which has in it the elements of disintegration for the empire.

"My observations in Eastern Canada have convinced me that the great majority of the people will insist upon Canada controlling her own defense policy. They do not want any uncertainty on that point. Canada's fleet when it is evolved, must be a Canadian fleet, or it will not be accepted by the Canadian people. The men of Ontario do not relish the idea of being told either by Mr. Borden or Mr. Churchill that a country like Canada is incapable of constructing a fleet, or doing anything else which is in the direction of nation building. I have found that sentiment very widespread in Ontario, even among strong Conservatives, and I am certain that the same sentiment appeals to Canadians in all the other provinces as well.

"Canada's fleet should be placed on the Pacific. There is where it can do the most effective work for the cause of the English-speaking prestige which

will after all, be the great issue of the future. There is no menace in the North sea. The North Atlantic is as safe as the Great Lakes. There is little chance of danger from Germany.

"I wish that Premier Borden could be persuaded to go to Germany himself and there meet the Kaiser. He would, I am sure, return as convinced, as other prominent Canadian politicians were convinced, that there is no German menace save in the minds of the armament makers and jingo scaremongers on both sides of the North Sea."

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