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PLAYING POKER AND POLITICS.

A bold admission that Mr. Fielding could beat Mr. Borden at poker is made by the Red Deer News. It says:
"The Lethbridge Herald is horrified to hear that Mr. Fielding and Mr. Borden were playing golf together. We don't know much about golf, but we bet two-bits that if they were playing poker Mr. Fielding would skin his opponent so badly that he wouldn't know which end he was standing on in about two jiffs.
"That was one of the tributes the Yankees paid Mr. Fielding at the time he arranged the reciprocity pact. He was accused of having dealt the cards and drawn the best hand, beating Uncle Sam to a pulp. Mr. Borden is not a good poker player. He changes his mind too much, for one thing, and then he is afraid to show his hand. He'd rather buy the chips and cards and have somebody else to play for him.
"On the other hand, Mr. Fielding, when he sits in his political poker game, plays for the common good. He won't be bluffed, and he never throws his hand up. He plays his own game, too. In that respect he is emblematic of Liberal policy on the navy. They believe in playing the game themselves, putting up the cards, and the players, too. As before said,

Mr. Borden prefers taking the glory out of the winnings of some other fellows playing with Canada's cards."

HEAVY EXPENSES BUT NO RESULTS.

Hon. George E. Foster has returned from his tour as the commercial traveller of the Dominion to the Antipodes. He started for Australia on February 19 and, although he has been away so long, as the minister of trade and commerce he does not appear to have been missed at cabinet meetings or anywhere else in Canada. During his journey he has visited New Zealand, Australia, China, Japan, and has stopped off at various other places. Mr. Foster's six months' journey cannot be said to have resulted in much benefit to Canada. It has not widened our markets one inch. Mr. Foster has brought back no orders. The only apparent result of his long and expensive journey is a "prospect" from Australia. Possibly at some future time the Australians may agree to a mutual preference with Canada. As the Dominion's commercial traveller Hon. George E. Foster can hardly be called a success. Undoubtedly, however, like Hon. Mr. Crothers, Colonel Sam Hughes, Hon. Louis Coderre and others, he has enjoyed a magnificent trip with a big expense account for the Dominion to pay.

AWFUL ATROCITIES ADMITTED BY SEVERAL GREEK SOLDIERS

LETTERS CAPTURED BY ENEMIES TELL OF UNBELIEVABLE CRUELITIES—PRISONERS EYES ARE GOUGED OUT WHILE THEY WERE STILL ALIVE

Sofia, Aug. 28.—(By mail to New York).—In order to prove that Greek soldiers were responsible for numerous atrocities against the Bulgarians in the fighting last July between Bulgaria and her former allies, Greece, Serbia and Montenegro, there have been made public in Sofia extracts from letters by Greek soldiers and officers to friends at home.
These letters were captured in a mail box of the nineteenth regiment of the Seventh Greek Division by Bulgarian troops in the vicinity of Razlog.
They were given out by the Bulgarian telegraphic agency in pamphlet form. Each letter is printed in fac simile in the original Greek and is followed by a translation in French, which gives the dates and the names signed to each communication.

Massacre Everywhere

The first letter is dated July 11, and the last July 15. Extracts from some of these communications of Greek soldiers and officers follow:
"We have burned all the villages abandoned by the Bulgarians. They ruined the Greek villages and we ruined the Bulgarian villages. They massacre, we massacre, and the Manlicher has operated against each member of this dishonest nation and has fallen into our hands. Out of 1200 prisoners that we took at Nigrita only forty-one remained in prison, and everywhere we went we have left no root of this race."
Another letter from a sergeant says:
"We burned the villages of Dautli and Banitza and put everything to the bayonet or the flame, making exception only of women, children and old persons and churches. We did all this without pity and without grace."
Gouge Out Eyes
A third letter, dated Nestorixori, July 10, says:
"Here at Verondi I captured five Bulgarians and a girl from Serres. We shut them in the police station. While they were still alive we gouged out their eyes."
A letter from Rhodopes, July 11, says:
"From Serres to the frontier we burned every Bulgarian village."
One dated July 13 says:
"Everybody has fled from these Bulgarian villages. Those who remain are 'eaten up' by the Malicher and we have also burned some villages."
A soldier named George, writing to his brother at Rome, on July 12, says:
"We have enraged the Bulgarians by burning their villages and whenever we find one or two we kill them like sparrows."

HAZELTON NOTES.

A shortage of beef has been caused in Aldermere by the loss of five beef cattle which strayed before butchering time.
James Morgan, who has just returned from a trip to Ootsa Lake, declares the crops in that section are the finest he has yet seen in the lake district.
H. E. Walker, provincial agriculturist, visited the ranchers of Francois and Ootsa lakes. He was much pleased with the appearance of the country.

SOUTH AFRICA OPPOSES IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

Would Raise Duties on British Goods to Maximum and Assist Imperial Navy.
London, Sept. 6.—The South African government contemplates the abolition of the imperial preference. It is held that such preference has largely failed in its real purpose. It enables continental manufacturers to import quantities of foreign goods as British under the lower schedule. It complicates the customs business and does not cheapen prices.
Many maintain that South African consumers do not get any benefit from the preference. This abolition will be proposed as part of a plan for raising money for increased contributions toward the imperial navy. The ministerial organ proposes that duties on British goods should be raised to the maximum in order to provide funds for increased contributions to the British navy without cost to the South African taxpayer.
G. T. P. Crow's Nest Line.
Calgary, Sept. 4.—Engineer Carleton, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, announced that his road will undertake the construction of a line through Moosejaw, Medicine Hat and the Crow's Nest country into Southern British Columbia. The Calgary-Edmonton line will be extended south to make connections with the proposed line, work on which will be commenced in the spring.

Dawson Pioneer Dead.

George Trenholm, a pioneer of Dawson, met death last week at Port Townsend, Washington, by falling out of a second storey window at the Northwestern sanitarium and breaking his back, one leg and sustaining internal injuries.

The Last of Bill Miner

Chicago, Sept. 6.—Bill Miner, notorious as a train robber in British Columbia and the western states, died today in a Georgia prison.

Strike Over-Rated

San Gourlay and R. Doverspike are back from a hurried trip to investigate the new strike at Shushana. Mr. Gourlay returned on the Thursday boat. In conversation with The Miner he said that the new strike had been over-estimated and that there were already many hundreds of disappointed prospectors and merchants returning from the scene of the diggings. Captain John Irving, who recently left here for the north has also returned to his home in Victoria, thoroughly satisfied that the stampede is not justified. The diggings, the admit, are shallow and the paystreak no where near the length originally reported.—Portland Canal Miner.

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