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## Editorial Outlook

### CIGARETTES.

A deputation representing the W. C. T. U. of the Dominion, waited on the government at Ottawa a few days ago and presented a petition for the enactment of a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of cigarettes, cigarette papers, and cigarette wrappers. Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised to consider the matter.

### NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

The union between Norway and Sweden is none too strong. For some years there have been unhappy frictions, weakening the union. Now that King Oscar is in retirement, probably permanently, the situation is even more threatening than before. Sometimes it looks as though there might be war. If they cannot get along happily they might better set up separate establishments.

### ABYSSINIA.

A British expedition has started for the heart of Abyssinia with the object of exploring the whole course of the Blue Nile, starting from a point near the Abyssinian capital and ending at Khartoum. An attempt will be made for the first time to navigate its thousand miles of waterway, in order to ascertain the practicability of utilizing the river as a trade route for Abyssinian commerce.

### OBJECTIONABLE.

The Alaskan boundary commissioners appointed by the United States are not satisfactory to Canada. "Impartial jurists of repute" are required to be appointed. None of the United States commissioners are that. Senators Lodge and Turner are especially objectionable, because they have both expressed their opinions on the matter in dispute, in very extreme and intemperate language. It is understood that the Canadian Government has stated its objections to the British Government. All Canada asks is that fair-minded men deal with the matter.

### IMMORAL PUBLICATIONS.

The suppression of the immoral press in France is being petitioned for by the French League for Public Morality. The petition says "the flaming headlines and the atrocious posters make the streets a menace to the morality of children," and they plead that the children be freed from the dangers which assail them in the obscene publications which are scattered broadcast. Movements against this and like forms of evil in France is a sign of hope.

### EUROPE AWAKENING.

"Away with alcohol" is the title of a pamphlet of which the Austrian Government distributed last year one hundred thousand copies. The governments of Europe are awakening to the fact that the drinking customs which have so long prevailed are bearing the inevitable fruit—moral, mental and physical deterioration of the people.

### BIG DEFICIT.

\$86,000,000 is the amount of the deficit in Russian finances. The income is large, but the expenditure is steadily growing larger. Some years ago Russia repudiated part of the public debt. Perhaps it may be done again some day.

### POLITICAL NEWS.

The by-election in North Grey, Ont., Tuesday, resulted in the return of Thompson (Conservative). It had been held by a Liberal.

In Terrebonne and Two Mountains, Quebec, Desjardines and Etheir (Liberals) were elected. The seats were held by Liberals before.

Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition, has addressed several meetings in North Ontario, in Mr. Foster's interest. The election there takes place on the 10th inst.

The New Brunswick Legislature, which was called for the 5th inst., will not meet till the 12th.

The Quebec Legislature assembled on Wednesday.

In the by-election in North York, Thursday, Hon. Mr. Davis, member of the Ontario Government, was returned.

In Centre Bruce, Ont., Thursday, the by-election resulted in the return of Mr. Clarke, Conservative.

The Provincial elections resulted in favor of the government. The members elected are:

Albert Co.—Osman, Ryan (Govt.)  
Charlotte.—Hill, Grimmer, Clarke, Hartt (Oppo.)

Carleton.—Jones (Govt.) Fleming, Smith, (Oppo.)

Kings.—Pugsley, Scovil, King (Govt.)  
Kent.—Barnes, Gogain, Johnson (Govt.)

Madawaska.—Gagnon, Clair (Govt.)  
Northumberland.—Tweedie, (Govt.)

Morrissey, Loggie, Morrison, (Op.)  
Queens.—Ferris, Carpenter (Govt.)

Restigouche.—LaBillois, McLatchey (Govt.)

St. John City.—McKeown, Robertson, Purdy, Lantalumi (Govt.)

St. John Co.—Dunn, Ruddick (Govt.)  
Sunbury.—Hazen, Glazier (Oppo.)

Victoria.—Tweedale, Burgess, (Govt.)  
Westmorland.—Robinson, Copp, Sweeney, Legere (Govt.)

York.—Whitehead, Allan, Campbell, Burden (Govt.)

### NOTES.

In New Orleans a woman has been appointed one of the superintendents of street-cleaning.

Martineau, the clerk in the militia department, Ottawa, who is under arrest for stealing, is now believed to have appropriated about \$100,000.

It is understood that Lord Minto will retire from the Governor-Generalship next November—a full year before his term expires.

An Ottawa impersonator in the referendum vote was the other day sentenced to six months in jail and a fine of \$200.00.

The Canadian Government has invited a number of members of the British Parliament to tour Canada next autumn.

The C. P. R. is no longer merely "from ocean to ocean," but also from continent to continent.

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain is on his way home from South Africa. He sailed from Cape Town last Wednesday. His mission was a most important one, but he has been quite equal to all the demands of the difficult situation. Much good has already been accomplished by his going, and much more will result.

The legislature of Delaware has to deal with a proposal to punish bribery with the lash. The briber and the person who accepts the bribe ought to share the same penalties. On the part of both there is immorality that amounts to treason against our institutions.

THE JEWS.—Systematic efforts are making to convert the Jews to Christianity. One hundred and twelve societies are engaged in this work, and have in their employ eight hundred and sixteen workers at two hundred and twenty-nine stations. Over \$600,000 is annually expended in this work. Great Britain has one-third of the societies, they employ three fourths of the total number of workers and expend five-sixths of the money. The work is indeed slow, for during the last century reports show only two hundred and twenty-four thousand baptisms. Over one hundred converted Jews are now preaching the gospel.

THINGS TO AVOID.—Cays Dr. Cuyler: There are certain boggy places in business life, and politics, and social life, where you cannot set your foot without sinking in; there is a certain line beyond which a Christian cannot venture without betraying his Master. Never venture a single inch into any business however lucrative, or any speculation however attractive, or any social circles however fascinating, if you cannot carry Christ with you and a clean conscience. Remember that Christ is your life, and without Him "no man can keep alive his own soul."

## What Others Say.

### PLAGIARISM.

A preacher confessed but lately to the habit of freely preaching other men's sermons, on the ground that a singer is not expected to compose his own songs, nor an actor to write his plays. The minister ignores the fact that a preacher is identified with his sermon as no singer can be with his song and no actor with the drama in which he is taking part. A preacher is not supposed to give forth mere abstract truth, but that which he has tested in his own experience, and passed through the furnace of his own thought and practice. His motto should be: "I have believed, therefore have I spoken."—*Baptist Commonwealth*.

### IRREVERENCE.

There are some errors in which only the good people are liable. . . . One of these is irreverence. This might sound surprising were the facts not so common. For instance, a minister in reporting the results of his work, used this language: "Twelve months ago we all thought that . . . we had reached the high water mark. . . but the Lord wanted to show us that he was able to do still greater things, and consequently the year just closed records an accession," etc. This is the word of a most excellent man and a most efficient minister. But his language is shockingly irreverent. To say that God has done all that has been done for the extension of his kingdom anywhere is the utterance of a pious heart. But to attribute to God the motive of desiring to show a party of missionaries just what he could do in the way of soul saving as an explanation of any work of grace is, to say the least, a degree of presumption.—*Southern Evangelist*.

### A UNITED CHURCH.

We pray for a united church. How do we expect that prayer to be fulfilled? Certainly not without our co-operation. But how can we effectively co-operate with God in removing barriers that separate God's people into contending parties, except by emphasizing the things which unite, and especially by uniting among ourselves and with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, in all ways that are now practicable? It has pleased God to grant his people a large degree of unity to-day than they have possessed since the Protestant reformation. Ought we not then to manifest this unity in all possible ways to the end that God may lead us on to a still more perfect unity. This is to us so manifestly true that we do not see how the church can escape the condemnation of God, if it neglect this imperative obligation of walking together and working together, as far as possible, for the furtherance of his kingdom in the world. It is not a mere theory, nor yet a mere condition, which confronts us, but a most solemn and imperative duty.—*The Christian Evangelist*.