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A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

In making a comparison of conditions on Christmas Day between Toronto under Government Control and Detroit, under prohibition, the Toronto Mail and Empire has this to say:

"Citizens of Toronto, that is those who patronized the Government liquor stores, showed admirable self-control on Christmas Day. There were no outward signs of drunkenness. The streets were deserted for the greater part of the time and the men apparently were content to spend the holiday with their families or with those of their friends. In marked contrast was the situation in Detroit. That city had the 'wettest' Christmas in its history. Liquor was as plentiful as it ever was before prohibition came into force. The downtown bar rooms were crowded and most of them were decked with holly and other Christmas trimmings. There apparently was no concealment about it, no handout furtively from a hole in the wall. On the contrary, the old-time Tom and Jerry bowls were displayed and used in scores of the better-known places. Everything was so wide open that one cannot help wondering what the patrols, the police and other preventive agents were doing. It is true that a large number of them have been indicted by the grand jury for graft paid them to shut their eyes. But if the authorities were sincere it would be an easy matter to select others to see that the law was obeyed. It is no part of our duty to point out that in Canada, Government control is preferable to prohibition of the liquor traffic. But if the American authorities cannot or will not carry out their own liquor laws why should they interfere with ours? The situation permitted in Detroit on Christmas Day does not encourage us to go out of the way to change our laws."

In commenting on the above the Charlottetown Guardian remarks:

"The entire suppression of the liquor traffic is admittedly a very difficult task. With good intentions a prolonged effort has been made in our own city and province extending over more than a quarter of a century. A summary of the past year's business in the City Police Court published in yesterday's Guardian shows how sadly disappointing the result has been. The number of arrests for drunkenness shows a formidable increase over the previous year. In the same issue of The Guardian, appears an article entitled 'The Liquor Tale of Two Cities.' The two cities are Toronto and Detroit, the largest in the Province of Ontario and in the adjoining state of Michigan respectively. The liquor traffic in Toronto is under Government Control and in Detroit it is under Prohibition. The Mail and Empire which tells the story, is one of the foremost and most reliable and influential journals in the Dominion. The utter failure and break-down of Prohibition and rampant drunkenness in the prohibition city are in strong contrast with the sobriety, order and respect for law in the Canadian city."

Late reports from Buckingham Palace state that the feeling is one of assurance that the danger mark in King George's illness has been left behind. This will be accepted throughout the English speaking world as the most glorious of all New Year's messages. A more popular sovereign than His Majesty King George never lived, and his popularity extends to all the nations of the world.

We'd like to see the machine of that Harvard professor, which is capable of producing a pressure of 600 pounds to the square inch, exert enough pressure to make a 12-year-old kid wash his wrists above the line of lowest visibility.

An Iowa woman distributed Christmas gifts to her friends by dropping

them to their homes from an airplane and the little girl who wanted a piano's glad she didn't get it.

"Another explanation of Mussolini," pedestrian has the right of way, and it's going to be pretty tough on some poor fish who takes the decision for gospel.

"When a woman motorist puts out her hand," observes the Palmyra Spectator, "she's going to do one of eleven things, if not more." Some of them unexpectedly even to herself.

The Skeptics' Society was wondering at its last meeting whether all the King's Men were silly enough to put Humpty Dumpty together.

The next thing, it is feared, will be the talking movie which bows and does an encore in response to three or four faint handclaps.

Bolivia and Paraguay are a lot like the old-fashioned small boy who would yell, "Let me at 'im!" if he was quite sure bystanders would intervene.

New Bedford (Mass.) has had the same mayor for 24 terms. It must be a provision of the charter or something.

A St. Louis paper claims Casey Jones was a real person. Of course he was, and if he hadn't been, the song would have made him so.

It would be perfectly agreeable to us if the party who invented the word "whoopee" would invent something else.

The amazing thing, as the years roll on, is Mr. Santa Claus' continued schoolgirl complexion.

"Tunney's Spats," reads the headline, which refers to matters sartorial, not domestic.

To be on the safe side, when you are in Rome do as Mussolini tells the Romans to do.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING WAS HELD BY W. C. T. U. ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

A meeting of the W. C. T. U. last evening at the home of Mrs. James Kelly, Saunders Street, was attended by sixteen members and proved very interesting. A day of prayer was observed, nearly all present taking part. The devotional experiences including the singing of While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks and Sweet Hour of Prayer. Next came a scriptural reading by Mrs. Howard McLean, followed by prayer. Mrs. Hallet also gave a scriptural reading followed by prayer and was tendered a vote of thanks. At the roll call each member responded with a scriptural verse which was interesting as well as inspiring. A communication was read from Mrs. Sheldon of Sackville in acknowledgement of a letter forwarded to Mrs. Frank Barkhouse tendering sympathy in her recent bereavement. Mrs. Harvey True made an interesting report on jail work. She said that the prisoners in the York County Jail had been provided with a Christmas dinner by the Union, and also with fruit and candy. A New Year's visit was also made and fruit and candy distributed and each prisoner was presented with a scriptural calendar. A letter of thanks signed by the inmates was read by Mrs. True, expressing their thanks to the members of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Howard McLean reported that some of the members had visited the Municipal Home, and had provided two Christmas trees for the inmates, besides making each a gift and distributing candy and fruit. Mrs. James Kelly reported that some of the needy ones had been provided with clothing. The meeting was brought to a close with singing and the benediction.

Native Borns Scarce

Only three members of the present city council are native born citizens. These are Ald. Smith and Ald. Quilan of St. Anne's Ward, and Ald. Thompson of Carleton Ward. Of the remaining members His Worship the Mayor is a native of Southampton, Alds. Mitchell and Jewett, natives of the Parish of Bright, Ald. Hay, belongs to Millville, Ald. Goodspeed to Penniac, Ald. Currier to Gagetown and Ald. Bull to Woodstock. The late Ald. Ross was a native of Peel, Carleton County.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Gambling is the process of getting nothing for something.

Man wants but little below, but you ought to see a woman's Christmas list.

Lima Beane says the aviator is inspired by the thought that hope springs eternal.

Persons who give money are not annoyed by the necessity of rubbing out the cost mark.

War would be a high price for Bolivia and Paraguay to pay for a parade of their soldiers.

There is a difference between making the punishment fit the crime and making it fit the criminal.

So live that friends will not yawn when you are gone: "Ho, hum! There have been worse fellows than he."

Add Dictionary: Irony, n. Trade and Mark compelled to postpone their song entertainment on account of a cough.

There is originality fit for greater things in the mind of a Kansas man charged with wife desertion. He calls himself a refugee.

Objection is made to the proposed reform of the calendar because of confusion. Under the change Sunday would be Monday one year, Tuesday the next, and so on. If that should happen to Sunday think of the disaster to payday.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Roy W. Smith, fire chief, is confined to his home on Saunders street with an attack of influenza.

Clifford Wade, of Penniac, who was taken to the Victoria Public Hospital a few days ago suffering from an attack of influenza, is doing as well as can be expected.

Mr. Walter Farrell is confined to his home with an attack of influenza. Miss Irene Hashey of Bathurst is the guest of Miss Dorothy Cox at her home on St. John St.

Mr. Louis Gagon is confined to his home with an attack of influenza.

COMICS GET LAUGHS FROM BRAIN WORKER

Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 31—Skilled mechanics and professional men get the biggest laughs from the newspaper comics.

George H. Gallup of the University of Iowa school of journalism so declares after a survey of newspaper readers.

This is true he says because in the "funnies" these workers find quick diversion from exacting duties. Sections are sought more eagerly by men than by women, the latter in the advertisements, he says.

He questioned 1500 persons.

Surprising at first sight, the idea of the teacher is logically developed in her reasoning. She points out that acting is one of the most uncertain professions as far as producing income is concerned. Lack of work during the summer, the possibility that a play may be a failure and stop its run shortly after opening, and other uncertainties are to be taken into consideration.

So she suggests an alternative for making money during the spells when one ambitious to succeed on the stage is not actually engaged.

Return To Montreal

Mr. Calvin Baird and Mr. Robert Gibson are returning to Montreal tonight to resume their studies at McGill.

H. M. Miller of Sussex is in the city today.

H. A. Davis of St. John is in the city today.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

MUNICIPALITY OF YORK
The Annual Session of the County Council of the Municipality of York will convene at the Council Chamber, County Court House, Fredericton, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January, 1929, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

JOHN S. SCOTT
Secretary-Treasurer

Guests at the Barker House.

The guests at the Barker House today are: T. B. Mullin, St. John; J. A. Wiener, Montreal; S. R. Campbell, N. E. Kenrick, Montreal; J. F. Donce, Bathurst; S. E. Daigle, Moncton, Dr. H. Hebert, Shediac; A. Gopeau, Shediac.

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