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THE BEER QUESTION.

An Ottawa news letter in the Toronto Mail and Empire intimates that the government may permit an increase in the alcoholic strength of beer, which is allowed to be sold in provinces under prohibition. It says:

"An appreciable increase in the alcoholic strength of temperance beers sold in Ontario is expected as one result of the radical action of the Federal government in its step toward total prohibition in Canada. While there has been no intimation that the Ontario government is considering legislation, it is regarded as probable that the province may accept the formula of the Dominion government in regard to the allocation strength of the so-called temperance beer beverages. The announcement made at Ottawa on Saturday declares that 'any liquor or beverages containing more than 2½ per cent. of alcohol shall be regarded as intoxicating liquor.' At first glance this might appear to be the same strength as is allowed for temperance beverages under the Ontario Temperance Act."

The New Brunswick provincial statute allows two per cent. proof spirits, which is the equivalent of one per cent. of pure alcohol. The order-in-council prohibiting the importation of hard liquor will not interfere with the importation of light beer, as the minimum of alcohol has been fixed at two and one-half per cent.

In well informed circles the announcement at Ottawa is taken to mean that legislation of the various provinces may be revised to permit the retail sale of the beverages. While inter-provincial shipments of liquors will be prohibited after April 1 next, the order will not—pending the prohibition of the manufacture of intoxicants—prevent the individual from having a supply delivered directly to his home, provided, of course, that he orders through an agent outside the province."

THE GERMAN NAVY.

Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, of the United States Navy, recommends that aeroplanes be utilized in major attacks on the German fleet. He declares that the idea is not "a foolish notion of fanatics in aeronautics," but is a sound idea based on the principles of strategy.

"Germany's naval eggs are all in one basket," Rear Admiral Fiske declared, "and those eggs are vitally essential to her existence as a nation. It is my profound conviction that we can smash these eggs by torpedo-plane and air-bomb attacks, if we can prepare and deliver them on a scale sufficiently great."

"Whether or not the submarine has been beaten," Admiral Fiske added, "let us realize that the submarine is only one of many rival weapons, and that naval strategy recognizes the fact that so long as the enemy's fleet exists as a fighting force, so long as it remains what we call a fleet in being, it constitutes a continuing menace, from which an attack of some kind may be expected at any time. For this reason, no mere subsidence of submarine activities should blind us to a desirability of sinking or disabling the German fleet."

"If the only way to win this war is to fight a long succession of enormous land battles, then we must fight them; but it may be advantageous to see if an alternative method less bloody but equally decisive can be devised."

William G. Shepherd, representative of Everybody's Magazine in Russia, recently motored over an unusual highway in the course of his visit to the Russian city of Kronstadt, which he describes: "Our automobile passed two miles over such a roadway as no tire-maker ever conceived; it was made of iron castings that looked like cog-wheels, laid on their sides, with the cogs interlapping. The road is 105 years old, explained the guide. It was laid in the old days of heavy cannon, and it's as good as new."

Philadelphia Telegraph: Automobileists are not perhaps much to blame for the motor car accidents in which injuries or fatalities to pedestrians result. Neither are pedestrians wholly to blame. Back of the whole matter is the traffic anarchy that prevails in this country, even in great and splendid cities like Philadelphia. In foreign countries, and especially in Germany, they do better than we. The just rights of all who use the streets in any manner are fully defined and rigidly enforced. Pedestrian and vehicular traffics has its fixed rules and regulations, and nobody dares to violate them in the smallest degree. Over here we all take chances of killing or getting killed. Over there it is a crime, heavily punishable and invariably so punished, even to take the chances.

London Daily Chronicle: Thomas Jefferson's advice to President Monroe in signing the announcement of the Monroe Doctrine, fits the present situation, now that Britain is fighting side by side with America to protect Europe from the domination of autocracy which he feared. "Great Britain," he said, "is the one nation which can do us the most harm of anyone or of all the world; and with her on our side we need not fear the whole world. With her, then, we should most assiduously cherish a cordial friendship, and nothing would tend more to knit our affection than by fighting once more side by side in the same cause."

An order-in-council has been passed at Ottawa fixing the price to be paid the millers for bran at \$24.50 per ton. The price of shorts has been fixed at \$29.50 per ton.

Sir Robert Borden has gone south to enjoy a holiday and recuperate his health for the approaching session of Parliament. During his absence Hon. N. W. Rowell is acting Premier.

Through Our Sieve

Clean up the muss after Christmuss.

Do your New Year's resolutin' early.

Christmas movie plays are just as sad as any other.

Eggs have gone over the top, too, as to price, but nobody is cheering 'em.

If duty were always pleasant to do there would be no credit in doing it.

Young man, if you would engrave your name on a girl's heart use a solitaire diamond.

Hope is expressed that the cement ships will hold together better than the front walk does.

Our ideas of the millennium are hazy but we feel sure there will be no alarm clocks.

It was from the little town of Bethlehem came a Man who said he came not to bring peace but a sword.

And John Bull hadn't threatened to eat Christmas dinner in the ancient capital of Palestine either.

Mrs. O'Hevens says she notices that Santa Claus gets a good deal more praise the day before Christmas than the day after.

Death of Rev. J. S. Mullan.
 Rev. J. S. Mullan of Stanley died suddenly Monday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Fred Glover at that place. He was eighty seven years old, his birthday falling on Sunday last. He was a native of Londonderry, Ireland, but came to Canada at the age of eighteen. His wife who predeceased him by nine years was Miss Jane Somerville of Kingston, Ont. Three daughters and three sons survive. They are Mrs. John A. Young of Taymouth, Mrs. Fred Glover of Stanley, Mrs. David A. Schiever of Saskatchewan, James Mullan of Montreal, George Mullan of Saskatchewan and John Mullan of British Columbia. The deceased was connected with the Presbyterian ministry for the greater part of his life. He came into prominence a few years ago through a congregational controversy which took place in his church and which was not settled for some years. Major James Pringle, quartermaster of the 26th battalion, C. E. F., was a son-in-law of the deceased.

Two Alarms of Fire.
 The fire department was called out twice this morning. A still alarm called the firemen to the residence of Mr. A. D. McCain, Saunders street, at seven o'clock. An overheated pipe was the cause and there was no damage. Shortly after eight o'clock an alarm from box 27 called the firemen to the Yexxa building, York street, occupied by Miss McCarron, Mr. L. R. Nason and Mrs. Lemuel Brewer. There was a burning chimney but little damage was done.

Miss Anna Hanebry who has been teaching at Grand Manan is home for the holidays.

TO REVISE THE SCHOOL HISTORIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
 Montreal, Dec. 26.—With a view to bringing about even closer relations between Canada and the United States and between the United States and Great Britain than at present exists, it is suggested that a careful revision of the school histories of these countries, in order to eliminate passages which might tend to create or perpetuate antagonism, by an international committee, and to this end the Fortnightly Club of Montreal has appointed two leading citizens, J. Penrose Anglin and J. Armitage Ewing, K. C., to prepare an outline of a scheme to be represented to the various universities and leading public men of the countries in question by way of starting an educational campaign alone the lines suggested.

DOGS TURNED TO GOOD ACCOUNT

Provincetown, Dec. 24.—Donald MacMillan, the Arctic explorer, turned his Alaskan huskies to good account the other day. These are dogs he brought from his last trip to the Northland and they have to have a certain amount of exercise in cold weather.

The other day MacMillan, Alfred Mayo and Joseph Dennis, took the animals for a run, going part way by auto. Then each man took a dog tied to a line and the frolic began. After it was over and the men, if not the dogs, were tired, they returned to find the auto balky.

Then MacMillan hitched the dogs on where the crank handle hangs and after he had talked a little North Pole language to them, the huskies easily drew the outfit home.

IRON WORKERS MAY STRIKE

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Unless approximately ten thousand iron workers employed in shops here and in Oakland receive immediately a ten per cent. increase in wages, they will strike, according to a statement by R. W. Burton, president of the Iron Trades Council. The employers have issued a statement that unless the men return to work at their present wage the shops will close pending a settlement of the controversy. It was said Federal intervention was anticipated.

AUTO RECORD IS HUNG UP

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 26.—What was said to be a new world's automobile record for five miles on a one mile circular dirt track was hung up in a race here yesterday by Louis Chevrolet, who defeated Barney Oldfield and Eddie Hearn, his time being three minutes 48 seconds.

In a trial lap officially timed, Oldfield clipped a second off the world's record by negotiating the mile in 42 2-5 seconds.

WENT OUT BY THE GAS ROUTE

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Despondent over being separated from his children on Christmas day, David J. Brown, an elderly man, took his own life by illuminating gas on Christmas day. His dead body was found behind a barricaded door by a brothe, who went to visit him during the afternoon.

A purple spring has been discovered issuing from the side of Soldier Cap, a hill near Bavaria, Kan. The water is tasteless and odorless. It has been sent to Topeka for analysis.

Women in Japan are being employed as dockers.

Sussex Dairy School Burned.
 The building in Main street, Sussex, owned by the Provincial Department of Agriculture and leased to the Sussex Cheese and Butter Company, part of which was occupied as quarters by the Forestry Depot, C.E.F., was totally destroyed by fire Christmas night. The building and its contents were a total loss. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The building was insured for \$5,000 and the butter and cheese making machines \$200. Only three soldiers were in the building, the others being away on Christmas leave. All military property in the building was lost. The building by arrangement with the company was used when wanted as a school of dairymaking.

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PROHIBITION OF LIQUOR TRAFFIC IS NOT A PUNISHMENT FOR QUEBEC

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Under the heading, "A Benefit to Quebec," the Mail and Empire says today:

"The liquor interests in Quebec, or designing politicians of the anti-unionist group, seem to be fostering the suggestion that the government order-in-council on liquor importation and trade is 'punishment' to Quebec for

its election attitude. On its face the idea is absurd. Three-fourths of Quebec municipalities are now dry, and the wiping out of the liquor traffic in the others will be welcomed by the majority of French Canadians and by none more heartily than the church."

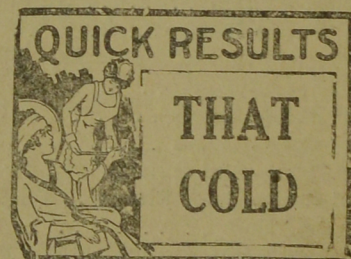
"It is true that Montreal civic finances will suffer temporarily, but the finances of cities in 'prohibition' provinces have survived like shocks."

"Other sources of revenue can be found and the abolition of licenses is no detriment to the community generally, either socially or economically. We do not think the promoters of the suggestion of 'punishment' will have much success, for their selfish motives are too apparent."

STRINGENT MEASURES ADOPTED

London, Dec. 26. (Montreal Gazette cable).—Although the Austro-Germans have been most strict in their efforts to keep any news from coming through their lines to indicate how the population is treated in the invaded regions, a copy of a decree issued by the military commander of Udine has escaped their vigilance.

It provides that within six hours from the publication of the decree, all citizens must bring to the places designated by the command all arms which they possess. Within six hours more they must bring to the designated places all the foodstuffs which they have in their houses. Each citizen must give his name, and every day at eleven o'clock must present himself to receive a food ticket.



When a cold clings to you the results are apt to be disastrous. Send or telephone immediately for a bottle of our Cough Remedy. It's the only sure cure for a cold, and it's worth thinking over.

STAPLES' PHARMACY

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Wedded Christmas Night.

A charming home wedding took place last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Atkinson of North Devon, last night when their daughter Miss Alice M. became the bride of Mr. Arthur R. Ferris. The ceremony was performed at eight o'clock by Rev. H. H. Ferguson assisted by Rev. Alfred Wallace. A large number of guests were present. The gifts to the bride were numerous and costly. A beautiful wedding supper was served after the ceremony and a pleasant evening was spent by those present.

Mr. J. Morgan of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Vanwart and son, Teddy of Sussex, spent Christmas with Mrs. Vanwart's sister, Mrs. Ford Smith, Aberdeen street.

Mr. C. O. Foss of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

Lieut. Charles H. Edgecombe and Lieut. Walter Kitchen of the Royal Flying Corps, are spending Christmas in the city.