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GERMAN BRUTALITY.

Prof. R. A. Daly of Harvard believes that German brutality is the result of a continuous beer intoxication, super-added to a general national nervousness and apprehension over the international situation in Germany.

Physiology has proved, he says, that the steady use of alcoholic drinks will cause permanent degeneration of the bodily tissues, especially nervous tissue. Probably connected with this change in the human body is growth of moral irritability. The case is quite clear for most fully intoxicated persons. Even in the so-called "jolly" stage of his poisoning, a drunken man may become violently irritated if he is crossed. The succeeding bad-temper stage is but too well known in the home, club and street. The researches of Kraepelin, perhaps the greatest authority on the effects of German beer and of others have shown that there is no qualitative difference in the physiological influence of beer and spirits, so far as the alcoholic contents are concerned. Persistent use of beer, a 4 per cent solution of alcohol, like whiskey, a 50 per cent. solution, produces "release of inhibitions," a loss of self-control.

In that excellent work, "Alcohol and the Human Body," by Sir Victor Horsley and M. D. Sturge, we read: "Self-control is one of the highest functions of the brain, and the radical power which results to a people as a consequence of the individual practice of self-control cannot be estimated too highly. Therefore we train our children as far as possible to control their emotions and their actions, in the hope that ultimately they may become worthy members of the community."

"Now the effect of alcohol in diminishing and breaking down this acquired self-control may be seen in every condition of social life, undoing the work of all educationalists and parents. By deadening the brain cells, wherein are registered the ideals on which we depend for calmness of judgment, alcohol causes serious lapses of self-control in many people, especially in young adults. Quite small doses are often responsible for the commission of reckless, self-pleasing actions, and for the inordinate sway of the passions, which are no longer kept in full control by the higher powers of the mind, because these are more or less in abeyance as the result of the paralyzing effect of the drug."

Abundant scientific experiments have demonstrated that a man who drinks beer, even quite moderately, every day, is never quite sober. This mildly alcoholic state is usually not conspicuous by a very decided lack of efficiency or of social decorum in the poisoned man. Hence the effects of steady beer drinking are not as striking as in the case of persons poisoned with whiskey, rum or absinthe. Yet I venture the hypothesis that lifelong drinking of mild beer has been one of the more potent causes for the amazing brutalities of official Germany.

Those crimes have been ordered by men who for decades have been poisoned by beer. In times of peace and quiet the poisoning causes derangement of brain tissue, often expressed merely in some form of sentimentality, plain or maudlin. If, however, the victim is put under stress, his nervous disorder is likely to lead to bad temper and bad judgment, with endless possibilities in the way of loss of dignity, poise and the sense of human fellowship. The final result here considered is the development of true savagery.

When it is stated that there is as much drinking in England and France as among the Germans, Prof. Daly replies that the Germans are the only people in Europe who give beer to their babies, and that the men governing Britain and France, unlike those of Germany, are sober. The oddest fact connected with the whole subject is that the Kaiser himself has long been reported as a teetotaler, which after all does not greatly vitiate the argument.

Edmonton Bulletin: "A bill is being introduced in Parliament requiring that all the clocks in the country be set ahead an hour for the summer. The idea is to get people to go to bed when it gets dark and get up when it

gets light, instead of prowling about half the night and sleeping during the bright hours of the morning. In the southern portion of the Dominion it may result in some of the economic advantages that are claimed for it; but no great amount of enthusiasm for the measure is likely to be provoked in this high latitude. What is really required here is not a scheme to make people sleep only when it is dark, but one to provide them with enough darkness to sleep in."

Halifax Recorder: The Tories are doing anything and everything to prejudice the electorate of Canada against a party whose policy would do more towards helping not only those who are at the front, but the lives and the families of those who are left behind. To make capital out of an attempt to assist the one and desert the other is more than criminal; to allow food speculators to make fortunes out of the dependents of those who are fighting our battles on the fields of Flanders, is despicable politics.

Tory newspapers in this province which during the recent session of the Legislature professed such an interest in the welfare of our soldiers, do not appear to be very enthusiastic over the suggestion of Hon. Dr. Pugsley, that soldiers at the front be placed on as good a footing as regards pay as the laborer who remains at home. One would have almost thought that Hon. Mr. Pugsley's proposal for increased pay for the soldiers would have had the hearty support of the St. John Standard.

Prof. DeValerg, one of the Sinn Fein leaders, has been elected to the British House of Commons for East Clare, the constituency long represented by Major William Redmond, killed in action in France. He beat out his Irish Nationalist opponent by more than two to one.

Halifax Chronicle: Premier Martin of Saskatchewan finally squelches the Tory cry that the Liberal victory in that province was due largely to the foreign vote. He points out that in the strictly English speaking constituencies the Liberal candidates were returned by very large majorities. The Liberals won in Saskatchewan, as they won in Alberta and British Columbia, because the people wanted them to win, and they voted accordingly.

Through Our Sieve

The glorious twelfth!

Germany finds Russia very offensive.

This empire week in dear old China.

Now if summer weather was merely being postponed!

What has become of the old-fashioned word drought—or drouth?

What has become of the old-fashioned dollar that was worth 100 cents?

Beware of the woman who doesn't like candy, flowers or babies! Are there any?

The wise doctor may not know what is the matter with the patient, but he knows enough not to say so.

French is a good deal more of an international language than it was three years ago, and German is considerably less.

Those American soldiers who were kissed by pretty girls in Paris are inclined to believe that the horrors of war have been exaggerated.

There is nothing exciting about the news that men's garments, on account of a scarcity of woolen cloth, are to be made skimpy.

One thing can be said in favor of most people who argue; they are sorry for the other fellow, who always picks the wrong side of a question.

The grocers are laughing up their sleeves over the fact that potatoes were in the hands of the farmers when the slump came.

About this time, as the amateur gardener's entire crop of peas blossoms simultaneously, he is wondering how it happened that he planted his late peas early and his early peas late.

Visiting the Province.

Moncton Transcript: Senator E. T. and Mrs. McKnight of Medford, Mass., were in the city today, guests of Dr. L. H. Price. They were accompanied by H. A. Keith, Esq., of Havelock, of which place Senator McKnight is a native. He also visited the general offices of the C. G. Rys. (Senator McKnight at one time principal of the Charlotte Street school.)

Hon. C. W. Robinson is a guest at the Queen.

Hon. E. A. Smith of Shediac, minister of lands and mines, is at the Queen.

CARLETON CO. HAS ANOTHER SENSATION

An Alleged Attempt to Poison a Whole Family—James Tapley Placed Under Arrest.

Woodstock, July 11.—The arrest of James Tapley today at his home in Florenceville reveals an alleged attempt at one of the most fiendish and diabolical crimes in the annals of crime which unfortunately besmirch the county of Carleton.

Only recovering from the shock of a cold-blooded murder committed a few weeks ago, this affair discloses a murder charge of the vilest and most dastardly type, that almost overshadows all the other crimes.

The names of Shannon and Tapley are familiar to all who watch court proceedings, as nearly every session of the court has one or more cases on the docket in which these parties are concerned. There has been war between the families for years over the ownership of certain property. Houses and barns have been burned, thefts have been committed and other criminal acts done that were usually aired in court.

The feeling between the Shannon brothers and James Tapley was such that any act of violence in their properties was no surprise to the people of the district.

But Tapley is now charged with a crime that puts all past record in the shade. On July 4, the charge is, Tapley went to Houlton, Me., where he bought two bottles of strychnine at French's drug store for which he signed a declaration that the stuff was for poisoning foxes. During the day, the assertion is, he met a Frenchman named John Palatrenias, whom he hired and took to his home, going by way of Bridgewater, Me.

After arriving, it is alleged, he told the man he would give him \$100 to murder Robert and John Shannon. He gave the Frenchman the strychnine and said, it is claimed, "Go over and hire with them, as they hire any man who comes along. Watch your opportunity and put the poison in their tea."

On Sunday, the story is, Tapley piloted the Frenchman through the woods to a point where Shannon's house could be seen. The Frenchman went to the house and said to them: "I did not come here to murder you, but I came to save your lives."

He gave them the two packages of strychnine and told them his story.

The Shannon brothers went before Stipendiary Noble at Bristol and laid an information against James Tapley, charging attempt to murder by poisoning.

Sheriff Foster arrested Tapley today and the preliminary hearing will be held tomorrow at Bristol. Charles J. Jones will represent the Attorney General, who has given orders to hold the witness Palatrenias.

Tapley denies being in Houlton July 4th, and denies ever seeing the man who makes the charge.

Since the affair the Frenchman went to Tapley's house and asked for a coat he had left there.

The Shannons and Tapley are prosperous farmers and own large farms. The affair caused a sensation and is the talk of the countryside.

CHURCH WEDDING LAST EVENING

Miss Mildred E. Wallace Becomes Bride of Dr. A. F. MacIntosh, of Andover.

Miss Mildred E. Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wallace of this city, and Dr. A. F. MacIntosh of Andover, were united in marriage at 7 o'clock last evening at the Brunswick Street Baptist church, Rev. G. C. Warren performing the ceremony. The groom is a son of Mr. E. MacIntosh of Iroquois, Ont., and is practicing medicine at Andover. The bride has been teaching school at Andover and Rothesay since her graduation with the degree of B. A. by the University of New Brunswick in 1914.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by little Miss Muriel Henderson of Rothesay as flower-girl. The bride wore white crepe de chene embroidered in gold with Juliet cap and veil and carried a shower bouquet. Her flower-girl was dressed in white silk and carried a basket of white sweet peas. Mr. Dyson Wallace, brother of the bride was usher.

Special music was rendered by the choir of the Brunswick Street church during the ceremony. The church was decorated for the occasion and the bride and groom stood beneath a floral arch.

The ceremony was followed by an informal luncheon at the home of the bride. Dr. MacIntosh and his bride left by C. P. R. last evening on a wedding tour which will include the chief places of the province. They will reside at Andover.

Among the guests were Dr. L. D. MacIntosh recently returned from the Balkans, the Misses Wallace of Boston, Mrs. Whitten of Greenwich and Mrs. J. H. Henderson of Rothesay.

The bride received a large number of beautiful and appropriate gifts.

Hon. Robert Murray, provincial secretary-treasurer, is a guest at the Queen.

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