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THE CRIME WAVE

Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman, in an article contributed to the New York Spectator, has found an increase in murders and suicides during 1919. Dr. Hoffman has studied the homicide records of thirty-one cities from a purely analytical viewpoint, but made the commentary that in view of national prohibition they are "interesting". He said:

"Perhaps it is too early to expect far-reaching changes in homicidal frequency, but it is certainly contrary to popular expectation that the rate for 1919 should actually have been higher than during the preceding year when alcoholic liquors were sold freely in most of the cities under review. "Human life was never as insecure in the United States as today, and practically nothing is being done in the direction of reducing the risk of homicidal frequency."

With the exception of 1916 and 1917 the rate of homicide for 1919 was the highest on record since he began his studies. Dr. Hoffman's figures show that the death rate from homicide for thirty-one cities, with a population of about 20,000,000 in 1919, increased from an average of 8.2 per 100,000 during 1909-1913 to 8.8 during 1914-1918 and 9.1 during 1919.

In New York city the rate is only 5.0 per 100,000; for Philadelphia, 6.2; Chicago, 11.6, and Washington 14.8.

Dr. Hoffman in discussing the increase in homicides said:

"Our national apathy in this matter is an indictment of our alleged civilization; apathy on the part of the press which fails to draw useful conclusions from the facts presented; apathy on the part of the church, which seems indifferent to the most flagrant violation of the laws of God; apathy on the part of the authorities, failing to secure prompt convictions in a large number of murder cases."

Dr. Hoffman urged that more exact reports of indictments and convictions be kept throughout the country.

Moncton Transcript: Premier Meighen, when he received the delegation of War Veterans at Winnipeg, promised consideration of their protest against Mr. Hanna's famous order to railway men to keep out of politics. Possibly the Premier is also considering the case of Sir Thomas White, who while he has accepted the position of arbitrator between the Federal Government and the Grand Trunk still retains his seat in the House of Commons. The position of the ex-Minister of Finance is certainly more peculiar than that of the C. N. R. employees whom Mr. Hanna has dismissed because their fellow citizens saw fit to elect them to Provincial Legislatures, which have no direct point of contact with the administration of the Dominion railways.

An investigation recently conducted of a charge that prisoners at the New York City Reformatory were ill-treated, disclosed the fact that refractory prisoners were being punished by being put on a diet of bread and water. Such a fuss was created over this startling discovery that the superintendent of the reformatory has since announced that the practice has been abandoned, and that hereafter prisoners in the punishment cells will receive full meals. There are quite a number of jails in existence where prisoners get bread and water for their regular fare. It is not a very attractive menu to be sure, but the authorities seem rather slow in bringing about an improvement.

According to the advertisement of a Guarantee Company in a New York newspaper, there is a crime wave covering the world. "We believe," says the advertisement, "that never before in the history of the world have there been so many pay-roll holdups, murderous attacks, burglaries, bank burglaries and hold ups and mercantile holdups, and defaults on the part of trusted employees such as have been experienced during the past eighteen months." With this menace added to the high cost of living scarcity of fuel, etc. the outlook is certainly not encouraging.

Premier Meighen in a speech on Friday evening remarked that the Canada of today is not the Canada of a few years ago. Considering the fact that it required the services of two hundred policemen to guard the hall where the premier spoke he certainly had good reason for the statement at-

tributed to him. An experience such as he had at Toronto on Friday evening should make it easy for the premier to see the handwriting on the wall for the so called National Liberal and Conservative government now ruling at Ottawa.

Canada's enormous wheat crop which according to economic experts was to bring down the rate of exchange, has so far failed to deliver the goods. The exchange rate on Canadian funds is now in the vicinity of 12½ per cent which is the highest figure it has reached in some months. Reports from border districts of Canada state that the balance of trade in booze has been heavily against Uncle Sam for months, but it seems to cut no figure with its rate of exchange.

Federal by elections in East Elgin, Ont., and Yale, B. C., are taking place today. In Yale the vacancy was caused by the resignation of Hon. Martin Burdell, and in East Elgin by the death of David Marshall, M. P. The United Farmers are contesting both seats and a Liberal is also running in East Elgin against the government nominee.

Fines and fees amounting to \$23,263 imposed for violations of the prohibitory law, were collected in Halifax last month. The electors of Halifax at the recent referendum voted to go into the wet column. The police court records show the city to be fairly well irrigated at the present time.

In view of the fact that eight thousand returned soldiers are out of employment in Toronto, it is not surprising that Premier Meighen during a recent visit to that city found it necessary to surround himself with a body guard of two hundred policemen.

Mr. John Y. Payzant, a prominent Halifax financier and for some years president of the Bank of Nova Scotia, died at Los Angeles, Cal., last week.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Any man can take a day off, but when it comes to putting it back—well, that's different.

Lima Beane says the greatest martyr is the human goat who neither blatts nor butts.

If eminent scientists were to quit calling kissing dangerous there might be less of it. People kiss to take chances.

This is the time of year to enjoy whatever is enjoyable in the weather at hand. Worry not over what may come.

A blind man must feel old-fashioned these days because he can't know anything about short shirts except what he hears.

When a girl does decide to wear sensible shoes life is a misery for her until they wear out because she thinks everyone regards her as a freak.

Women are wearing less and less every season. Now they are threatening to shock one's modesty by leaving the lower part of their ears nude.

Restaurant pie would not be so confounded bad if it didn't look so dog-goned good. It beguiles a man into ordering it, though he knows full well that he will be disappointed.

In Seattle automobiles must not run faster than four miles an hour at street crossings. Seattle looks upon a life that has been preserved through measles, whooping cough, mumps and scarlet fever as worth preserving.

JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES TIED.

Each Team Has Won Two Games—Seniors and Freshmen Decide Cellular Position Today.

The result of Saturday's double-header in the U. N. B. Interclass Basketball Series was a win each for the Sophomores and Juniors.

In the first game the Seniors lost to the Juniors by a score of 42 to 7. Saunders, who was off hunting at Keswick, was replaced by C. B. Burden, who played his usual good game, but was in too slow company. Trimble and Willett did most of the scoring for the Junior team. R. A. Dummer refereed.

The Sophomore vs. Freshmen fixture was the best basketball game of the league so far. The score, which was 33 to 12 in favor of the Sophomores, does not at all indicate the character of the play. The Freshies played rings around their opponents but their forwards, McGibbon and Barbour, could not find the net. Burden and Willett each refereed one period.

The standing of the teams at present is:

	Won.	Lost.
Juniors	2	0
Sophs	2	0
Seniors	0	2
Freshmen	0	2

The Senior-Freshmen game today, and the Junior-Sophomore game tomorrow promise to be very close games with the issue extremely doubtful in both cases.

CANADIAN GIRLS WHO WEAR OLD WORLD TITLES

Lady Ashburnham of This City Omitted from a List Published by a Montreal Paper.

In publishing a list of Canadian-born girls who wear old world titles, the Montreal Star says:

"The present dowager Marchioness of Donegal was before her marriage to the fourth Marquis of Donegal, Miss Violet Gertrude Twining, daughter of H. St. George Twining, of Halifax, N. S. The marquis died in 1904, and his widow lives today at Coombe Oak, a beautiful residence on the Kingston Hills of Surrey."

Other Canadian girls included in the Star's list are Lady Petrie, wife of the fourteenth Lord Petrie, who formerly was Miss Audrey Clark, of Toronto; Baroness de Blaquiere, who was Miss Marie Lucien Desbarats of Montreal; Lady Norcote, who was the adopted daughter of Sir George Stephen of Montreal; Lady Barran of Yorkshire, who was formerly Miss Brown, of Montreal; Lady Glentanar, of Paisley, Scotland, who was formerly Miss Eliza Agnes Walker, of Montreal; Lady Aylmer, who was formerly Miss Amy Gertrude Young, of Montreal; the Countess de Lesseps of Paris, who was formerly Miss Grace Mackenzie, of Toronto, and Lady Brunton, who was formerly Miss Elizabeth Porter, of Montreal.

An Omission. The usually well-informed Star has omitted to include in its list the Countess of Ashburnham, who before her marriage was Miss Maria Anderson, of this city. The Earl of Ashburnham is a former officer in a British cavalry regiment and served with distinction in the Egyptian war. One of his fellow officers was Lieut. Haig, now Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig of the British army. It was some years after his marriage that Lord Ashburnham inherited the title and family estates at Sussex, England. He then removed to England, but prior to the outbreak of the war returned to Fredericton, and has since resided here.

Although quite a number of Canadian girls have married old world titles, the Countess of Ashburnham has the distinction of being the only one who, besides retaining her Canadian citizenship, has been able to make a Canadian of her distinguished husband.

The Marchioness of Donegal, referred to above, was for some years before her marriage a resident of Fredericton.

YACHT RACE IS ARRANGED

London, Nov. 22.—Details have been arranged for an international yacht race between England and the United States. The conditions call for competition between six meter craft. The race is scheduled to take place in August next in British waters.

Orders for yachts to meet the specifications have already been placed by several prominent yachtsmen.

The Butter Market. Halifax Chronicle: A decline of eight to nine cents per pound in the price of butter took place recently at the season when an advance usually occurs. There has been a recovery of two or three ctns, but the prospects are that the old level will not be regained. A corresponding break in mill food prices has taken place. There is nothing alarming in the situation for dairymen. But, with a less hungry market every effort must be put forth so that Canadian butter may compete in quality with the products of Denmark, New Zealand and other dairy countries.

Salada Tea Reduced 15 Cents a Pound. Every effort is being made to supply the retail dealers with Brown Label "Salada" at the reduced price of 55 cents per pound. However, it will take some little time before all have it in stock, in spite of every exertion on the part of the Company, as they have tens of thousands of customers throughout Canada and the United States.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL of Fredericton and Devon in the Board of Trade Rooms MONDAY, NOV. 22nd, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of election of officers for the coming year. All members are requested to be present.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Tippet Rickard and family, of Barker's Point, wish to thank their many friends, employees of the C. N. R., the Women's Institute of Barker's Point and Mrs. Archie Smith, for the extreme kindness, sympathy and assistance in their recent sad bereavement.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Agricultural Society No. 34, York county, will be held in the City Council Chamber, Fredericton, N. B., next Thursday Afternoon, November 25th, at the hour of 2.30 o'clock.

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