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POLITICS IN THE U. S.

A great deal of political capital is not unnaturally being made in the United States of President Coolidge's executive order authorizing the induction of State, county and municipal officers as dollar-a-year prohibition enforcement officers. Democrats are interpreting the order as "an amazing ukase of executive usurpation," and condemning it as "a violation of those State rights which the President himself has so vigorously defended." It is also attacked as unconstitutional even by some of the dry advocates in Congress, points out the Montreal Gazette. So far, except for the prohibitionists, nobody has defended the executive order, and in view of the political storm it has stirred, it is hardly likely that anybody will. The savage fire of the attack has surprised the Administration, and explanations have been promptly issued to the effect that it was merely intended to apply the order in a few cases, beginning with California. It was signed without any thought that it would be made applicable all over the country. The mistake, therefore, would seem to have been in not publishing with the order an explanation of its limited character. In the meantime it is being exploited for all that it is politically worth, and it is declared to have done already more to crystallize the movement towards modifying the Volstead Act than all the disclosures of graft, home-brewing and general demoralization resulting from that Act.

The President's order is branded by the New York World as a confession that the dry law is a failure, that the Federal power has proved insufficient, that prohibition is a local problem, and it concluded: "We need not wait for the havoc that will inevitably follow its execution to pronounce it the latest and most eloquent proof that the policy of the nation affecting the prohibition amendment must be changed for the good name of the law and in the cause of common sense." There may, of course, be more politics than reasoning in the controversy that the Coolidge order has provoked and the emphatic condemnation with which it has been visited. As the test of an experiment of extension, on a limited scale, of methods by which the dry law is enforced it can now hardly have the informative effect it was expected to obtain. It will only further confuse the already tangled business of enforcement, and whilst the prohibition forces cannot recall the executive order, it is predicted that it will very soon be a dead letter. One of its more important effects may be given an impetus to the State Referendum movement. New York already is committed to putting the question before the voters. Montana is to vote on it, and various other States are reported ready to proceed under initiative clauses in their constitutions to the same end. But, as has been pointed out, if referendums are confined to those States where the wets dominate, a true reflection of the national sentiment cannot be given. Therefore the feeling is growing that the same, practical course to adopt would be to proceed to a national referendum and in this way ascertain if the majority of the electorate is for or against a change in the country's prohibition law.

IMPORTANT NEWS.

Poland emerges from revolution. Germany sits on the lid to prevent monarchists boiling over.

France is disturbed by the fact of the sagging of the frenzied franc.

From the oldest city in the world, Damascus, comes the story of artillery fire subduing rebellious tribes.

The world groans and writhes as men play the game of empire.

All of which is relatively unimportant. There is real news. There is news that has to do with the great scheme of things. The important news of the day is this:

Apple blossoms are blooming riotously, filling the air with ineffable fragrance.

A first edition of Milton's "Comus" brought \$21,500 at a recent auction in New York, while only \$2,950 was paid for a first edition of "Paradise Lost." The ways of a collector are often hard to explain. The difference in the condition of the respective works may account to some extent for the inverse proportion of the two. But perhaps

there is a hint for lawmakers in the incident. After much restrictive legislation the popular mind may take fresh interest in the "Comus" theory that virtue is its own protection. Likewise there may be a weariness, after much Red propaganda, with the spic that dramatizes a successful revolt against established order.

The Atlantic salmon is regarded as one of the most active and intelligent of fishes, yet according to a Yarmouth dispatch one weighing twenty pounds recently allowed itself to be caught by a seal. When chased by a man in a boat the seal dropped the salmon and made its escape. The only conclusion to be arrived at is that the salmon was a black one, which had only recently escaped from fresh water.

"Fable: 'Once upon a time a 12-year-old was instructed to sprinkle the lawn carefully and neglected to drench a small girl next door.'"

The trouble with laying in coal for winter this year will be the temptation to burn it before the summer is over.

For that matter, the political world makes a beaten path to the door of the fellow who has a little better grade of claptrap.

A mean trick to play on some of the sterner advocates of light wines would be restricting them rigidly to light wines.

Even if you don't care particularly for the way her hair is cut, remember, Son, she is still your grandmother.

It may be only imagination, but some of the great old classics read as if the writer had forgotten all about movie rights.

After the golf nut had beaten the rug diligently for 15 minutes he called to his wife: "What," he asked, "is par for this course?"

A Raleigh paper speaks of Jules Verne's masterpiece, "Around the World in Thirty Days." It must be one of the later editions.

One reason there is so much humor in the world is because there are so many persons who take themselves seriously.

It is quite likely that by this time Earl Carroll hates the very sight of a bathtub.

"Man now can fly four times as fast as a bird," but the bird doesn't require a 200-yard alley for landing.

A quick temper is a bad thing for a man, particularly if it's his wife's.

* THROUGH OUR SIEVE *

Lima Beane says the telephone line has been busy for fifty years.

It seems that here were a million tenors waiting for the radio.

Probably the electric refrigerator was invented by a jealous husband.

It wouldn't be surprising to learn that Florida has adopted bankruptcy as a summer sport.

Illicit stills must grow mighty fast, as every time another is found it is the largest yet discovered.

"If you keep an open mind," remarked the Man on the Car "you run the risk of having your idea stolen."

Chauncey Depew says the most beautiful word in the language is "home." But he doesn't say at what hour it is the most beautiful.

We mention no names but another thing we derive considerable quiet amusement from is looking at the hips of the person who makes a specialty of telling her distrust correspondents exactly what to do to reduce theirs.—Ohio State Journal.—It's the old bald-headed barber-hair tonic story over again.

DOES NOT WANT TO GO TO BERNE

Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press.

Rome, June 4.—Mgr. Di Maria apostolic delegate to Canada, has made known to the vatican that he does not wish to become Papal Nuncio at Berne owing to his long absence from Europe. Mgr. Filippo Bernardini probably will be sent to Berne.

POPULAR ST. JOHN DOCTOR PASSES AWAY

St. John, N. B., June 4.—After a critical illness of only a few days duration Dr. John Allingham, B. A., M. D., C. M., F. A. C. S., aged 39, died at 9.17 o'clock last evening at the General Public Hospital, and his untimely death as he was entering upon a career of exceptional brilliance, is regarded as little short of a calamity for the city and a grave loss to the medical profession.

One of his close associates in the profession said last night that never in his experience of medicine in Saint John had the phrase "irreparable loss" been more applicable than it was in connection with the death of Dr. Allingham. Although one of the younger men in his profession he had already made a name for himself as a surgeon and as a doctor and was regarded as one of those who was to take foremost rank in the days to come. He was looked up to by his associates and held in affectionate regard by all who knew him. To his patients he was ever the cheerful and encouraging physician whose personality brought reliance and comfort.

With self-sacrificing devotion the doctors tended him and watched over him in his short fatal illness and many friends waited hour by hour to learn of his progress. No greater tribute could have been paid him than the general concern throughout the city as the gravity of his condition was realized and the whole community anxiously heard of his hourly weakening.

The late Dr. Allingham was a graduate of the U. N. B. and of McGill Medical College.

HON. MR. STEWART FINDS BACK ROADS NEGLECTED

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his work of inspection and probably will cover Westmorland County next. Bridge Contract Awarded.

Hon. Mr. Stewart this morning announced the award of the contract for the Queensbrook Twin Arch Culvert and Roadway Embankment to The Clark Construction Company of Saint John. The price is about \$13,000. The work is to start at once.

FOREST FIRES MAY BREAK OUT AT ANY TIME

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The delay in the burning of slash lends an element of hazard and this burning will be conducted with the greatest care. The good fortune of the Province in having got through what ordinarily is a bad part of the year cannot be expected to continue much longer. The leaving out of the trees will aid matters in a short time.

Big Prices For Timber Berths.
There was lively competition at the Crown Land Office today for two timber berths in the County of Gloucester. P. J. Hughes, K. C., bidding for The Bathurst Company purchased the berths. The applicants had been A. A. Davidson. Three square miles on the Nepisiguit below Devil's Elbow Brook were sold for \$149 per mile and four and half square miles on Devil's Elbow brook were sold for \$201 per mile. The upset price was \$20 per mile.

Convicted and Fined.
As the result of information given by a young man from Williamsburg last week, a local barber was convicted this morning in the police court of violation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act in supplying the Williamsburg man with liquor. A sentence of \$100 fine or three months in gaol was imposed.

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AGENTS FOR PICTORIAL PATTERNS

SEAL'S SHARE OF BIG SALMON IS MOUTHFUL

Yarmouth, June 2.—William Harris, a lobster fisherman, of Sandford, had a unique experience today, in the capture of a large salmon. He had been out to his lobster gear, and was returning to land when some distance away he observed an animal swimming with something in its mouth. He steered his boat towards it, and as he approached, saw that it was a large seal, with a fish held firmly between its jaws. Harris kept his boat going directly for the seal, which held on to its prey until the craft was not more than three feet away, when it let go of the fish and disappeared beneath the surface. Harris secured the fish, which proved to be a twenty-pound salmon, and with the exception of a large mouthful which the seal had taken, it was quite whole.

This is the first incident of the kind that the fishermen of this section have on record.

The fellow who never does any kicking is a delightful companion but he generally gets the worst of it.

Now for the early canteloupe that ought to be painted brown and sold for a cocoanut.

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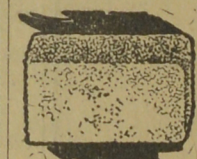
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