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PROHIBITION IN THE U. S.

The New York World, one of the most courageous, influential, and responsible of American newspapers, discussing the result of the voting under the referendum in the state of New York, says: "The Volstead Act is known by its results in every city and hamlet of the state. The terrific condemnation expressed by the people of New York through the state is something that neither Congress nor the nation can ignore.

"From now on the senators and representatives from this state have a clear and decisive mandate to fight by every orderly and lawful means for a modification of Volsteadism. From now on they must not merely talk. They must work and they must vote at every opportunity, they must agitate with all their resources to carry out the will of the people of New York. This is no longer an academic question. This is no longer a question which politicians can evade. It is the paramount domestic issue. And on that issue the position of New York is clear. It demands the right to regulate the liquor traffic according to its own best judgment, and experience. For that principle of home rule New York wishes the support of those voters in other states who feel, as it does, that the Volstead Act is a disastrous failure and an intolerable abuse. New York does not suggest to Kansas or to Mississippi or to any other state that it abandon prohibition. New York has no system it wishes to impose on others. New York asks for a restoration of a right to manage affairs which are local in their character and intimately personal in their effects. New York claims the right of a free people to determine the safeguarding and restrictions of its own liberties. New York will not rest under a law which the overwhelming majority of its people regard as destructive of the traditions of the Constitution, destructive of the federal principle, destructive of personal liberty, and the breeder of a corruption and a hypocrisy that are unparalleled. This vote means business. This is no abstract expression of opinion. This is a mandate to act. This is a decision."

AT MONTE CARLO.

The admission fee to the gambling casino at Monte Carlo has been raised from five to ten francs. Officials of the casino say this raise has been necessitated by the number of non-players who clutter up the casino space, keeping the gamblers from playing—and losing—as much as the authorities think they should. The non-playing visitors are round-the-world tourists, many of them students, who can not afford to play, knowing they will almost certainly lose.

That explanation does not sound very reasonable, however. Non-playing visitors will not demand that their passage home be paid, as do many playing visitors. Neither do they kill themselves because of their losses, as many playing visitors do, putting the casino authorities to the expense of burying them or shipping their bodies home.

It seems much more reasonable to believe that the price has been raised because the government of Monte Carlo found the public would pay.

Willson's Monthly in commenting on the Ontario election says: "Various western newspapers condemn Mr. Howard Ferguson for making prohibition, as they allege, an issue in politics. There is no force in any such argument in a free country. Governments must have a voice in the policies for which they are held responsible and for the laws which they must enforce. In decision by referendum, there is never any assurance that the mind of the people has been expressed with a full knowledge of all the obligations and responsibilities which the popular judgment, carelessly and irresponsibly expressed, imposes upon governments. The West found the way to take the liquor issue out of politics when it adopted the system of government control which Mr. Ferguson is seeking to establish in Ontario. Is it so certain that there is not as much "politics" in a referendum as there is in a political election?"

Death has already laid its cold hand on a member of the new parliament, Hon. John C. Douglas, Conservative M. P., for Antigonish-Guysboro, N. S., having expired suddenly in Montreal on Friday night. The deceased was

one of the leading public men in the sister province and had been active in politics for fifteen years. He represented Cape Breton in the Legislature for several terms and last year resigned the portfolio of Attorney General in the Rhodes Government to contest Antigonish-Guysboro in the Federal Parliament and was elected. A petition was filed against his return and he returned from a trip to the Old Country last week just in time to file a counter petition against his opponent, Mr. C. F. McIsaac. The death of Hon. Mr. Douglas will be a loss to the public life of Nova Scotia and will be sincerely deplored.

Chief Justice Taft of the United States Supreme Court is on record as saying that the administration of the criminal law in the United States is a standing disgrace to civilization. Developments in the Hall-Mills murder trial amply justify the statement of the learned Chief Justice. Senator Simpson, the state prosecutor in this case in his final argument found it necessary to flay members of the jury for boasting of their intention to acquit the accused even before they had heard the evidence. It is not much wonder that the prosecution has been abandoned on the other charge hanging over the heads of the accused.

The news of the death at Montreal on Friday of Hon. J. C. Douglas, M. P., was announced in the Halifax newspapers of Saturday morning. Halifax is more distant from Montreal than New Brunswick yet strange to say news was not known in this province until the appearance of the evening newspapers. Is there discrimination against New Brunswick in the matter of important news from Canadian centres?

There is a difference between parental guiding and parental goading. Keeping after a child every other hour to find out where he has been, what he is doing and what he is going to do may not be intelligent guidance. A parent has something more to do than merely to insist on obedience. The child has a right to a set of parents who proceed on the basis of mutual trust.

The Royal Bank of Canada is handing out a melon as a Christmas gift to its stockholders. It will issue \$5,600,000 of new stock on a basis of \$200 to shareholders of record of December 11th. The allotment will be one new share to five already held. As the market price of the stock is around \$2.70 the rights will be worth about \$14 each.

Three Chicago women are going for a big game hunt with their husbands into the Arctic regions. Finding they can compete with men in all other fields women are now going to show men up in combatting the hardships of the far north. Man long ago decided he would have to share with women all his worlds to conquer.

After all, the human being doesn't have everything in the way of equipment. The drone bee has 13,800 eyes. Even some less important bees have about 5,000 eyes. Perhaps the Harvard professor was right when he remarked that on his optimistic days he almost believed man might come to be as smart as the ant or the bee.

The recent provincial by-elections have added another Smith and another Richard to the Legislature, making a total of four of the former and two of the latter. In the House returned in 1917 there were five Smiths and in the last one three.

Parliament resumed at Ottawa this afternoon after the week-end adjournment. It is not expected that the debate on the address will be unduly prolonged.

Tests show the modern girl can dress in 45 seconds, but with these galoshes that latch like a tobacco pouch it is supposed that mark can be somewhat improved.

No sport argument ever really broke out in earnest until someone had remarked absently, "Well, I suppose the best team won."

Sedentary work, a doctor says, may tend to lessen one's endurance, but it doesn't tend to lessen one's endurance for sedentary work.

There is little or nothing in Mr. Mussolini's photographs or the things he says to suggest that he dumps his own ash trays.

Ever hear the long story that begins, "Now my idea of a way to settle the whole prohibition problem would be—" and so forth?

Those recurrent earthquakes in California must be a help to the residents in shaking loose the clinkers in the furnace.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

A psychiatrist says women can't drive cars. The answer to that is that women drive cars.

In a bargain day rush the Golden Rule would last about as long as a snowflake on a hot griddle.

"To our showers of blessing," remarked the Man on the Car, "we offer a mere sprinkle of gratitude."

We don't hear as much about morons as we did a year or two ago. But that doesn't mean there has been a reduction.

Radio's weird noises save given us a better understanding of nocturnal cats under the chamber window.

Siam is said to be pleased over the birth of a white elephant. Siam is a strange country. Many peoples are trying to get rid of theirs.

HARPIST PLAYED WHILE BARS WERE BEING CUT

Pineville, Ky., Dec. 13—Cecil Thompson, charged with false swearing is long winded. If he had been a bit more so, his harmonica marathon in the jail here might have been successful.

Jailer Charles Wilson enjoyed Thompson's mouth organ solo, which ranged without cessation through an exhaustive repertoire of mountain folk melodies into a savage assault on modern jazz. But Thompson had to pause for breath.

Then through faulty synchronization of Thompson's accompaniment, Wilson suspected that he was really listening to a duet.

He investigated and, sure enough there was Boyd Arnett alleged chicken thief, assiduously fiddling away at the bars of the cell. His steel bow had played through three bars and was well on its way through the fourth.

OLD TIME FOES NOW DESK MATES IN THE HOUSE

Ottawa, Dec. 11—Political enemies half a dozen years ago in the Ontario Legislature, F. Wellington Hay and Hon. Beniah Bowman are now deskmates on Liberal benches in the House of Commons. Mr. Hay was Leader of the Ontario Liberal party in the Legislature when Mr. Bowman was Minister of Lands and Forests in the Drury Administration. They sat on opposite sides in those days. Today Mr. Hay wore a red flower—a familiar adornment of his in the Legislature.

Hon. Peter Heenan who was promoted from the Legislature to the Commons and has now attained Cabinet rank, has been moved in the House rearrangement to a seat near the Treasury benches. Today he is the outstanding representative of Ontario Legislature graduates.

Engagement Announced
The engagement has been announced in England of Louise, only daughter of Henry Cockburn, C. B., and Mrs. Cockburn, of Tring, Herts, England, to Raleigh, son of the late Sir George R. Parkin and of Lady Parkin, Toronto, and formerly of New Brunswick.

Calls for Firemen
The firemen were called at 1.40 o'clock this morning for a burning chimney at the residence of Harry Crotty, Regent street. There also was a call about the same time for an overheated furnace-pipe at the home of Dr. W. H. Irvine, Carleton street. No damage was done in either case.

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An Octogenarian Senator.
Senator G. G. King of Chipman who is now on a visit to his daughter at Edmundston on Saturday entered upon his 91st year. The Senator is one of the oldest parliamentarians in the world. He was first elected to the House of Commons for Queens in 1873 and is the only survivor of the Liberal opposition who stood up in the House in 1879 and voted against the National Policy. He was called to the Senate in 1896 and expects to be in his place in the Red Chamber this session.

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