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## MORE THAN MERE FINES

The idea behind Quebec's new method of dealing with reckless or incompetent motor car drivers is that too many of them disregard the law because they are well able to pay fines and confidently expect to encounter nothing worse. So believing, they keep on speeding until they kill or injure somebody. The fine does not reform them. They pay it without any intention of changing their ways.

Hon. J. L. Perron, Minister of Roads, in taking over the enforcement of traffic laws from the Provincial Treasurer, has served notice that hereafter a fine will be the exception, not the rule. He is going to strike at the license, and he speaks confidently of getting results which hitherto have not been possible. He has had all the officials of the road department sworn in as special traffic officers, and they have been "severely instructed" to enforce the law. "No fines unless in exceptional cases," says Mr. Perron. "The reckless drivers will lose their licenses and the right to operate an automobile."

Massachusetts has been dealing very sharply of late with those who disregard the traffic laws, and while minor offenders are fined licenses are cancelled in a large percentage of cases, and in the graver ones the penalties are heavy. Quebec has given no little publicity to the change in policy outlined by Hon. Mr. Perron. If he is as good as his word the margin of public safety will be comfortably enlarged.

The ordinary fine is not strong enough medicine. That has been clearly demonstrated in a thousand communities, our own among them. Compared with the total number of drivers those in need of drastic treatment are few, but in their cases nothing else will serve. Lenient treatment is only an encouragement to further disregard for their own lives and—what is of infinitely more account—those of others.

## THE BOND DEALERS.

A reminder as to the extent to which Canada is financing itself was brought out in the course of his address at the annual meeting of the Bond Dealers' Association of Canada in Toronto last week by Mr. J. W. Mitchell, the retiring President. He dealt with several interesting features in relation to the distribution of securities during the year ended with May. In the months referred to members of the association participated in the placing of bonds to the total of \$307,914,000, which he said was by far the largest total issue in this country in any post-war year.

Of even greater interest is the fact that of this total about 89 per cent, or \$451,900,000, was absorbed by the people of Canada. The big issues during the year included the Dominion of Canada refunding loan, the C. N. R. equipment issues, an Ontario provincial issue of \$40,000,000, and the C. P. R. issue which was so quickly taken up. Mr. Mitchell felt that Canada's ability to subscribe to the great total was a cause for pride and that the members of the association were justified in feeling satisfaction over their share in the work of placing a very large proportion of the bonds. He found on unsatisfactory element in the situation, however, which is that a large part of \$349,000,000 representing federal, provincial and municipal borrowings, was for non-productive expenditure so far as the creation of additional national wealth is concerned, and this he thought showed the need for retrenchment and economy in all our governing bodies.

The bond dealers, coming into contact with large and small investors in great numbers, Mr. Mitchell said, have found heavy taxation in Canada a considerable obstacle in the way of securing new capital. Pointing to the marked reduction of taxation in the United States, the speaker argued that like action in Canada is even more necessary, because our undeveloped resources should be placed in a position to attract capital from all parts of the world, and high taxation had a tendency to repel the capitalist. He very strongly expressed the view that Canada needs tax reform even more than tax reduction. He criticised the blue sky laws adopted in some of the provinces as lacking clearness and uniformity and causing much trouble, delay and expense to bona fide dealers, and he suggested that an excellent field of service is open to the Bond Dealers' Association in preparing a model blue sky law which could be submitted to the Dominion and provinces as they are telling the truth, both the Chicago police and the American form of civilization are on trial. If outrages of this character could occur and the victims were unable to protect themselves against such a menace, then indeed civilization, or such a civilization, would be contemptible enough. The Chicago police should be cleared or punished. Wilson and his companions should be vindicated or jailed for slander. There should be both intelligence and morality enough in Chicago to clear up these charges and let the public know the whole truth. If

## THE LAST ROUND.

There is "a certain liveliness," as the war dispatches used to say, in the British Columbia sector. They are up to the last round. The Victoria Colonist, which is opposing Premier Oliver, says he has not only thrown his hat into the ring, but followed it into the squared circle. It explains the use of this

the facts are as stated, the punishment of the guilty should be prompt and heavy enough to have a lasting effect throughout a country in some portions of which at least the third degree has long been in vogue. Tolerance of jungle methods by agents of the law is quite as mistaken as maudlin sympathy for brutal criminals.

## Press Comment

### GOLDEN RULE FOR THE ROAD.

(Owen Sound Sun-Times.) The best of all rules of the road is the Golden Rule. If it were universally observed, the motor car would be a joy and a boon. Any willful neglect or infringement of it will make the motor more of a general menace. All that is needed is more sense, more skill and more consideration for one's own safety and the safety of others. Less of the pitiful ambition to "keep up with the Joneses," less of the offensive pride to pass and surpass all others, less callous and heartless selfishness, would make the highways quite safe and pleasant even though more crowded than they are.

### COMPARING HOWLS.

(Victoria Colonist.) An Ottawa correspondent of The Manitoba Free Press, who is a very racy correspondent indeed, says that the howl is represented in Parliament by groups of howlers. "For a real, prolonged, long-distance, high class, high C howl, you have to hand it to the boys from the Maritime Provinces. The howl of the West is the howl of the coyote; the Maritime howl is the howl of the lumber wolf. Howls are plentiful in these parts, but it must be said for the West and the Maritime Provinces that they have good, distinctive, one-toned howls. Ontario and Quebec have mixed howls—alternating howls, as it were. You howl for me today and I'll howl for you tomorrow. The British Columbians appear to be howling for something, but are not sure themselves just what they are howling about. Neither is anybody howling about. Neither is anybody howling about. Neither is anybody howling about."

We did not think that the howls of any of the boys, whether boys of the East or boys of the West, were pitched in a higher key than the howls of the Premier of this Province.

### ASHANTI DRUM-TALK.

(Toronto Globe.) One of the curiosities of the British Empire Exhibition is the "drum" method of communication used by the Ashantis. Their language is tonal; they take two drums set in different tones, and on them they can reproduce, not only the number of syllables in a word, but the arbitrary tone-pitch assigned to each when spoken. These drums carry a mile or more, and in the stillness of an African night they can be heard as far as three or four miles. The receiver does not, as with a heliograph or in flag-reading, need to see the sender, and the system can be used in the middle of a wood. The same system could not be adopted with the English language, but experiments are now being made on the initiative of Sir Robert Baden-Powell to make an adaptation of the drum-talk to the Morse code. His object is to make use of the system for the conveyance of messages in English, especially by Boy Scouts. In one of these experiments a message of over 100 words was sent by one Boy Scout and received by another with only a few minor errors, although neither of them knew anything about it beforehand. Approximately, it expressed the belief that this means of communication, "well delight the hearts of the young boys and of boys who are men; for it will bring to them the lovely thrill of hearing music of the distant, hidden drums throbbing out a message from over a hill-top, from an unseen forest glade or some hidden valley, a message which none but they can read." For all of which the white man will be indebted to the blacks of Ashanti.

### OLD FAVORITES.

(Cleveland Press.) They're at it again! Every four years the avalanche hits—the avalanche of true, tried and trusted favorites. Viewing with alarm—pointing with pride—unaffected by the lure of expediency—leading a blameless life—firm as a rock—in the cradle of our liberties. Those worn stock phrases of politics are once more trotted out, dusted off and tossed here and there and yonder among the rafters of conservatism. No party lines restrict this feature of conventioning. In the lexicon of political phraseology there is no such word as monopoly.

Just as a matter of entertainment, when you next go to a national convention, and speech-making time arrives, take out your pencil and record the favorites as they burst forth. Here is the result of 20 minutes of such note-taking in the opening session of the Cleveland convention:—Small but gallant band. A mighty conquering host. The heart of the American people is still sound. Irrespective of party affiliation. Crown our efforts with victory. The pool of oblivion. Splendid conception. The time is ripe. Strength and grandeur. Madding rapidly. Hasty conclusions. Sudden spasms of groundless rumors. Do battle to every foe. Will stand united. Simple, robust virtues. Cheap and selfish motives. In great array. There is none who can surpass. Temptations stronger than those by which the angels fell. He has shown no trucking. The white flower of a blameless life. Dread to contemplate. Boundless resources without stint. Grievous wrong. Mouthings of slanderers. Whether high or low. Malign intent. Solemn protest. Velled threats and brutal demands. Under the cloak of patriotism. Beyond the dreams of avarice. Rumors of iniquity. Deadly conflict. Our fervent hope. The stupendous struggle. The door of a more splendid future. Woman's sphere.

And there are countless more fish in the sea of words if you don't get tired of angling. The highest peak in New Zealand is 12,850 feet high. Only 115,085 children were born in Scotland during 1922.

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Bound fo' victory while the goose hangs high, (Swing low, sweet chariot, doan fy so high. Ah voted to sing Mr. Hollon's bye-bye.) Sweet Chariot!

All God's chilluns ain't got yo' wings. Some of 'em crawls an' some jes clings. But we'll all climb on when Cal's march begins. Sweet Chariot!

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' fo' to carry me home, swing low, sweet chariot, comin' fo' to carry me home!

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Then, Anyway. "Does Jim's wife look up to him?" "Yes, when he's hanging pictures."

Light Diet. When it comes to food for thought, some people can subsist on little or nothing.

A Suggestion. For a change this summer let the man who rocks the boat spend his energy in rowing it.

Especially Those. "Everybody should learn to drive a car," says an auto journal. At any rate, those who sit behind steering wheels, brother.

One of the Reasons. "Wonder why so many young couples marry in June?" "It's a wise custom. You wouldn't start 'em off facing a coal problem, would you?"

Full Use of Words. Mrs. Wigg—"I was so angry with my husband last night that words failed me." Mrs. Wagg—"Why didn't you hit him with the dictionary?"

The Schamer. Wife—"What is tobacco heart, Robert?" Hub—"It is heart trouble which women get who continually agitate themselves by nagging their husbands for smoking, my dear."

He Wobbled. "Come out to our place to dinner tonight," said the banker. "I'll be glad to," said his friend. "My daughter," the banker went on, "is studying music and—"

"Oh, that reminds me. I've a very important engagement for tonight. Sorry, old man, but I can't come."

"Can't you? Too bad! Our eldest girl, as I was saying, is studying music in Paris and we're awfully lonesome evenings."

"Oh, I'll cut that engagement and come anyway."

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## WHAT THE EDITOR GETS.

Flowery and long is the wedding notice which the editor printeth. The minister getteth ten bones. The groom standeth the editor off for a twelve-month subscription. All flesh is grass and in time the wife is gathered into a silo. The minister getteth his bit, the editor printeth a death notice, two columns of obituary, a cubit of poetry, and a card of thanks. And he forgetteth to read proof on the head and the thing cometh out: "Gone to Her Last Roasting Place." And all that are akin to the deceased jumpeth on the editor with exceeding great vigor. And they pulleth out their ads and cancell-eth their subscriptions and they swing the hammer unto the third and fourth generation.—Arkansas Exchange.

## TOLSTOY IN HIS WIFE'S EYES.

Tolstoy's wife was not in sympathy with her husband's extreme views, it is well known, and their son, Count Leon L. Tolstoy, tells in "The Truth About My Father" why in these words:

"Well-balanced and conservative, she found no word of approval for destruction without creation. She loved everything that was right, sincere, true, and fine, and she reacted instantly against any note that was false or obscure. Another feature that she did not like in her husband's character was his pride. 'Do you know,' my mother once said to me, 'what is the strongest force that has animated your father's work? Vanity!'

Tolstoy, we learn, had a superstition that the number 28 was specially important to him. His son says: "He was born on August 28 in the year 1828. He was married on the 28th, and so on. When he had completed his 82nd year on August 28, 1901, we naturally spoke about the matter. I remarked, 'And this year you will be 82. Why, that is your figure 28 reversed.'"

Tolstoy looked keenly at his son and said: "Yes, perhaps. And it is well that it should be so." That year brought his death. His wife survived to witness the horrors of Bolshevism, dying in 1919.

## TO DISCUSS VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

A special meeting of the St. John School Board has been called for Thursday afternoon of this week at 5 o'clock to deal with matters in connection with the establishment of vocational education in the city.

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