

## The Temperance Worker

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## THE SCOTT ACT CAMPAIGN.

TEN BATTLES TO BE FOUGHT THIS MONTH, AND TEN VICTORIES TO BE WON.

As the polling day approaches the skirmishing grows livelier and hotter in every county, and in no case do the temperance forces seem to be losing ground, but on the contrary, as the dust raised by the infuriated liquor sellers, wholesale and retail, is being effectually laid by the down-pour of facts and arguments with which the prohibitionists are flooding the country. One thing that no elector can help noticing and understanding is the absence of disinterested speakers or workers against the Scott Act. Here and there an individual may be found, of perfect honesty and respectability, who conscientiously thinks that the liquor sellers should be allowed to continue their work. But these are exceptions that only prove the rule. On one side we see liquor dealers and their paid advocates and paid canvassers. On the other side we see the ministers, farmers, business men, women,—all working with an enthusiasm not bred from gold, but from pure love of good and hatred of evil.

Two more days have been fixed by proclamation for the holding of Scott Act elections in Huron and Dufferin. The list, so far, is as follows:—

Simcoe, Ont., 9th October.  
Stanstead, Que., 9th October.  
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Ont., 16th October.  
Charlottetown, P.E.I., (on question of repeal), 16th October.  
Peel, Ont., 23rd October.  
Bruce, Ont., 30th October.  
Prince Edward, Ont., 30th October.  
Huron, Ont., 30th October.  
Dufferin, Ont., 30th October.  
York, N. B., (on question of repeal) 30th October.

So that altogether there will be ten Scott Act elections this month. Let every individual in the temperance ranks determine that there shall be ten victories.

The petitions in Elgin county have been closed, with 500 more signatures than necessary. The petitions in St. Thomas city are nearly ready also.

## DESTITUTE TEETOTALERS.

Professor Andre, the Principal of the Alpine Choir, having offered to give from the proceeds of his concerts ten guineas (a guinea each) to ten destitute families that had been teetotalers for three years, and the announcement having been made known all over England, nineteen applications were received for the charity. These were locally investigated, and the reports thereon were submitted to a committee of literary men connected with the temperance movement. Their decision is that only six of the cases come really within the designation of "destitute teetotal families," and the amounts have been duly forwarded to the applicants. The committee appended to their report the remark that it is important and interesting that, out of some millions of teetotalers there should be so few in actual distress, and the fact speaks well for the habit of thrift and prudence that evidently characterizes the temperance community. Nearly all the cases of poverty which came under their notice were the results of sickness or death of the bread-winner of the family.—*London Times*.

## THE WEEK.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT has been requesting the dynamite makers to guard their factories. The manufacturers say that if they had to bear this extra expense they could not compete with the American dynamite. They finally ask for a customs duty to be placed on foreign dynamite.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE engineers has been holding its annual convention in San Francisco.

THE CELEBRATED Fortescue-Garmoyne breach of promise case in England is said to have been settled. Lord Garmoyne,—son of Lord Cairns, Lord Chancellor in the last government,—promised to marry Miss Fortescue, an actress. His father with great trouble got the young man to break off the match, and Miss Fortescue at once brought an action for damages. It is now said that she is willing to accept \$125,000, return all the letters sent her, including those from Lord Cairns, and stop the action from going into the courts.

A PORTUGUESE EXPEDITION is setting out to explore the country between Mozambique and Lake Nyassa, in South-Eastern Africa.

IN SPITE OF THE anti-Chinese law in the United States, large numbers are continually being smuggled over the frontier from British Columbia, by the willing help of the white residents of that province. High fares are paid to owners of fishing smacks for carrying the Chinese to points on the coast of Washington Territory.

AT A BANQUET given him by the Wolverhampton Chamber of Commerce, Mr. H. M. Stanley predicted an enormous trade in the Congo country for English cotton manufacturers, and advised that the British Government should send two vessels to cruise about the mouth of the Congo river.

THE DIVORCE SUIT of the Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt will be heard by the Supreme Court at Darmstadt on the 18th of this month. If divorce is refused the Grand Duke will abdicate his position.

ONE OF THE GERMANS attested in Switzerland for revolutionary plots has declared that he was paid by the German police to excite the Anarchists to outrages, so as to have them expelled from Switzerland.

THE ENGLISHMEN who hold shares in American railways intend to form an Association to protect themselves.

THE CASTLE OF CHRISTIANSBORG, the residence of the King of Denmark, was destroyed by fire on Friday last. The library and ancient documents were saved, but several persons were killed while trying to bring out the valuable art treasures in the National Gallery.

ACCORDING TO THE *National Gazette*, of Berlin, the Socialists have so increased in Germany that in future they may often hold the balance of power between the other parties in parliament. It is also said that English Conservatives are going to visit the Conservatives in other European countries, to agree on plans for putting down Anarchists, Nihilists, and such revolutionary people.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT has agreed to a vote of \$800,000 to rebuild the fortifications of Lyons, so that there may be work for the unemployed. The shilling tax imposed on all passengers landing at Calais and Boulogne has also to be paid by those who take ship at those ports.

BERLIN UNIVERSITY has just received nearly \$200,000, left to it by the late Countess Bosse for poor students.

THE NEW TRANSATLANTIC telegraph cable, being laid by Messrs. Bennett and Mackay, has been broken. Icebergs are suspected of the deed.

A FRIGHTFUL SERIES of murders has been committed at Fullerton, Nebraska. A farmer, his wife and child, a young man visitor, and a farm hand, were all found dead. It is believed that a farm hand named Baird, who has disappeared, is the culprit.

EXCEPT IN 1879, last Saturday was the warmest day in Toronto in any October since 1840.

A LARGE NUMBER OF HIGHLANDERS,—according to the Rev. Gavin Lang, of Inverness,—intend to settle in Canada soon. Mr. Lang, who was formerly a minister in Montreal, is interviewing the Canadian Government upon this matter.

A LIVERY STABLE KEEPER named Charles H. Foster, having swindled the people of Boston out of about \$60,000, is reported to have crossed to Canada.

THE REV. O. W. SCOTT, of Binghamton, N. Y., is reported to have denounced skating rinks, saying that he knew of fourteen girls who had been ruined in them. The reverend gentleman's logic is surely not very strong. Any young people who take the occasion of one of the most harmless and healthful exercises for anything seriously wrong would be just about as likely to fall into evil courses by attending a church social or any friendly gathering. The fault can hardly lie with skating rinks, as such.

MR. JAY GOULD, the man of money, was badly shaken up and frightened on Sunday, when his steam yacht ran on the rocks at Hellgate. Very little damage was done.

TWO MEN AND A WOMAN at Erie, Pennsylvania, went mad through the loss of \$118 that they had deposited in an insolvent bank, and they were found preparing to enact the scene of Christ's crucifixion. They were taken into custody.

THE NEW DUKE OF WELLINGTON is going to publish the private letters of his grandfather, the Great Duke. Some curious gossip is expected to see the light.

THE SCOTTISH LAND RESTORATION LEAGUE is going to raise, or try to raise, \$5,000 to get Henry George to deliver lectures all over the country.

THE CLEVELAND insurance men offer \$1,500 reward for the arrest of the rascals who have kindled no less than a dozen fires in that city recently. The *Leader*, which published a strong article against the fire-bugs, had its own office set on fire, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

THE CASTLE ISLAND Irish National League has expelled its own president because he shook hands with the Lord Lieutenant.

DYNAMITE OUTRAGES have been alarming the people of Cirey-le-Noble and Macon, two French towns.

AS EX-GOVERNOR ST. JOHN was riding in an Indiana railway the other day, and as the train was slowing up at Sullivan, a bullet crashed into the car and lodged in the side just in front of the Governor. No one knows who fired the shot, but the explanation is simple. St. John is the champion of the prohibition cause in the United States, and no weapon is too cowardly for the liquor party with which he has to contend.

THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL Christian Temperance Union will meet in St. Louis on the 22nd of this month.

FORTY AUSTRIANS have just been sent to gaol for outrages on the Jews.

A COPYRIGHT CONGRESS has been held at Brussels, and has passed resolutions to prevent the works of any author being published in a foreign country without his will. Of course, this will have no effect till the various governments make laws to correspond, and some of the principal countries did not send representatives to this Congress.

THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT has expelled several editors of newspapers from the country, because of their Republican principles. Revolutionary ideas have spread among the lower classes, partly because the king refused to veto the clerical education bill. The editors were escorted to the railway station by great shouting crowds.

GEORGE BANCROFT, the great American historian, completed his eighty-fourth year on Friday.

SEVERAL COWS on Long Island have had to be killed, as they had pleuro-pneumonia.

A PHILADELPHIA shoe firm refuses to sell any goods to Jews, saying that it is for purely business reasons.

AT MIDNIGHT on Thursday of last week, the heat at St. Paul strangely reached 80 degrees. At other places in the North-West the temperature was low, and a snow storm took place at Helena.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, is visiting Ireland. It is thought that the commander in Ireland thinks there are too many troops there, while the Lord Lieutenant and the Commander-in-Chief both differ from him.

O'DONOVAN ROSSA's son boasts that he took \$10,000 to France for dynamite to be sent to England.

WOMEN are to be admitted to the lectures in University College, Toronto.

THIRTY-TWO ENGLISH pickpockets were arrested in Paris on one day last week. We may now expect to hear the English denounced by the French as a nation of thieves!

SIR JAMER LUMSDEN SETON, one of the richest baronets in Scotland, has committed suicide by cutting his throat in his bath. He was about 49 years old, had been nearly all his life a soldier, and the only explanation of the deed is that he went suddenly mad.

TERRIBLY HOT WEATHER is reported from Virginia, doing considerable injury to vegetation.

THE SPANISH WORKING CLASSES are suffering greatly. Trade has been injured by floods and by the regulations for preventing communication because of the cholera.

THE BRITISH REVENUE for the last three months was \$2,500,000 less than in the same three months of last year.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT is trying a new way of making money for improving harbors. Every passenger to Calais or Boulogne, (that is, everyone coming from England) has to pay one shilling before he can land.

THE GREAT "WORLD'S INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION," at New Orleans, opens on the 1st of December. The main building is said to be the largest ever erected; it measures 1,378 feet by 905. The music hall in the centre has seats for 11,000 people. The United States Government has given \$1,300,000 for this exhibition; the State of Louisiana and City of New Orleans, \$100,000 each; citizens of New Orleans, \$500,000; and the Government of Mexico, \$200,000.