

The Temperance Worker

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A PRUSSIAN HOTEL-KEEPER named Sievert recently sold out and left. The purchaser contracted not to take possession before a certain time; when he did so, he found six bodies in the cellar. These were six guests whom Sievert had murdered for their money. The murderer is believed to be in America, and detectives are after him.

LIFE INSURANCE.—The directors of the Whittington Life Assurance Company, of England, add their testimony to the ever-increasing mass of evidence of the physical advantage of total abstinence. In declaring a bonus for the policy-holders, they find that the lives of the teetotallers compare so favorably that they have earned, on an average, 25 percent more bonus than the moderate drinkers.

IN CALIFORNIA in 1882 there were nearly 7000 votes cast for the Prohibitionist candidate for governor. On next 4th of November it is estimated that the vote will be at least 28,000. Immense progress is being made in this State. *California Pluck* says: "Viewed from any light you wish, depend on it, two years from the present time Prohibition will be a factor in the State election that will make the old parties tremble in their boots."

A CUSTOMER NO LONGER.—Another victim to the accursed cup having died the other day, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, a teetotal barber volunteered to call upon the publicans with whom deceased had spent all his money, in order to secure for him a decent burial. At night the barber intimated to a large crowd that he had called upon twenty-one publicans and managed to raise the magnificent sum of four shillings and three pence sterling. Liquor trade papers, please copy.

THE SUPREME COURT of Canada has just had before it a most important question,—whether or not the License Act passed last year by the Federal Parliament is unconstitutional. All the provinces claim that it is, for the license system is under control of the various provincial legislatures. The Federal Government claims that it has that right, because it has been decided to have the right to grant a prohibitory law, (the Scott Act) to those localities which vote for it. By all appearances, the judges are going to decide against the Dominion and in favor of the provinces. As the Dominion Act would very largely reduce the number of drinkshops, its demise will be a pity.

WATER VERSUS WHISKEY.—A New York car-driver, in conversation with a passenger the other day, said:—"I've tried liquor and I've tried cold water, and I must say that cold water takes the cake every time. I used to be what you might call a hard drinker, but I've turned over a new leaf. The first thing I do in the morning is to take a good big drink of cold water. It serves as my eye-opener. While I'm on the car I get a drink at the end of the route. I don't know how to explain it, but it keeps me as warm as toast all day long. Some of the men drink hot tea or lemonade. The men who prefer whiskey are the men who complain most of the cold every time."

A SENSELESS HABIT.—Speaking of sun-strokes, the *Lancet* says: "The causes of sunstroke are several. Thus, while we trace the continuity of cause and effect, best after direct exposure to the solar rays, we cannot

ignore the fact that mere excessive summer heat, intensified and aided by confinement in small or imperfectly ventilated spaces, is equally effectual to the same end. Various circumstances predispose to isolation. Prominent among these is the common and generally senseless habit of using stimulants to quench thirst. The loss of the body by heat is chiefly water. The rational object of drinking in summer is therefore simply to make good this loss with as little stimulation of tissue as may be. Such stimulation tends to raise temperature by needlessly provoking chemical change, and is, therefore manifestly prejudicial. He who would enjoy fresh air and sunshine without fear of injury should dress, eat, and drink as lightly as possible."

AN HONORABLE DISTILLER.—Mr. Quintin Hogg is a great philanthropist in London, England, and a great sugar-planter and distiller in Demerara. He has been speaking at a public meeting about the drink-cause, which he sees every day in the course of his ragged school work. Yet a Demerara paper, the *Georgetown Argosy*, remarks that if Mr. Hogg had been honest he would have told the meeting something like this.

"I export about 4,000 puncheons of rum, more or less, every year, and as it is about 40 percent over proof when I sell it, the quantity it makes when it is offered to the public may be calculated at 6,000 puncheons. Taking each package to hold about 100 gallons, this gives 600,000 gallons; and calculating each gallon to hold six bottles, this gives 3,600,000 bottles; and calculating that one bottle of rum a day will keep an industrious drunkard in fair staggering order, I find I am able through my business as a rum distiller, to keep close on ten thousand drunkards in a fuddled state, every day in the year. But, if all my rum were consumed in one day, I could make every individual in London drunk!"

The *Argosy* justly remarks that Mr. Hogg should either give up manufacturing rum and drunkards or retire from the temperance platform, and give an instance of another Demerara planter who made the sacrifice involved by the former course:

He, like Mr. Hogg had reason to abhor the rum trade. He had seen the evil effects of rum drinking, in all their hideousness, and he determined he would never drink spirits, or take any act or part in its manufacture or sale. The export of rum was one of the branches of his firm's business; but the account sales of the rum consignments had no interest for him, for not one farthing of profit on them was ever carried to his credit as a partner in the firm. Here was consistency.

A TERRIBLE RAILWAY ACCIDENT has occurred between St. Louis and Chicago. The engine of a passenger train broke down, and a freight train ran into the rear car. The train came down in torrents and the wrecks caught fire; a hole had to be chopped in the roof of the sleeping car, and the passengers pulled out in their night clothes.

A DESPERATE FIGHT between the Germans and the Russian peasants of a Russian village has ended in eleven deaths. The Germans are much disliked, as they have come in, like the Jews, and have beaten the Russians themselves at making money.

THE TRANSVAAL BOERS are making more trouble by invading neighboring territories occupied by peaceful neighbors. Great indignation is felt in England, and mass meetings in Cape Colony have protested against the rapacity of the land sharks.

A TORONTO BAR-KEEPER,—so the story runs,—has fallen heir to \$100,000, with interest for fourteen years, during which he has been away from his English home.

THE PROPOSED BABY show in Paris has been prohibited by the police authorities.

THE WEEK.

THE HON. G. H. C. LEIGH, a member of the British Parliament, and son and heir of Lord Leigh, has lost his life by falling over a precipice in the Big Horn Mountains, Wyoming. He had been missing for eight days when his body was discovered.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' eldest son, who is now generally called Prince Edward instead of Albert Edward, is said to be an exceedingly bright and manly fellow, cleanly in morals and tastes. Parliament is likely to be asked to vote him an income of \$50,000 a year next session.

CARDINAL MANNING, who is now more than 76 years old, is in somewhat poor health. He has been a hard worker in the temperance cause, as well as in the affairs of his own church.

PRINCE ARTHUR and his wife—the Duke and Duchess of Connaught—it is thought, will come through the United States next year on their way home from India.

KING TAWHIAO is now on his way home to New Zealand; he takes with him copies of by-laws and regulations for the establishment of good Templar Lodges among his Maori subjects.

THE STUDENTS OF KIEFF UNIVERSITY, in Russia, have been forbidden even to assemble in groups for fear they should form conspiracies against the government.

AN EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE has done considerable damage to Vienna Town Hall. This was in return for the execution of two Anarchist murderers.

TWO GERMAN GENTLEMEN have been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment with hard labor for disobedience to orders. Like all Germans, they were subject to military duty, and their offence was that they refused to ride in the same cattle cars with ordinary soldiers, but telegraphed a remonstrance to the Emperor.

A VERY USEFUL ACT, passed at last session of the British Parliament, came into force in England and Wales on Wednesday the 1st of October. Among other clauses intended to keep down the cost of municipal elections, is one prohibiting the use of licensed-liquor premises for committee or public meetings. Any violation of this law is to be punished by a fine of \$500.

THE LAW OF IRELAND compels any locality where landlords or others are murdered or injured in body or property to pay compensation to the victim. A number of districts having refused to pay the sums awarded by the courts, many cattle have been seized. A more serious state of things exists at Limerick, where the town council refuses to pay the tax for extra police service.

THOUSANDS OF WORKMEN are out of employment in Lyons, France, and they are asking the government to give them work.

GENERAL CACERES, who was defeated, recently, in his attempt to upset the government of Peru, declares that he will go on with his proceedings.

A GUNBOAT belonging to the British Navy, called the "Waip," has been wrecked on the north-west coast of Ireland. The vessel sank, and only six out of about 70 men were saved. The officers are blamed for mismanagement; but, of course, an enquiry will be held.

IT IS EXPECTED that the French Minister of war will resign, because of differences with the Prime Minister.

THE MARQUIS OF WATERFORD has sold his Irish estates, and is going to live in England. His hunting parties had been attacked by the peasants. The question is whether the new landlords will be any better than the old.

SMALL POX has broken out in Pesth and Trieste, and the Austrians are considerably alarmed.

THE FAMINE IN BENGAL is becoming serious, and the natives complain that the government's help is not sufficient.

A MONTENEGRIN ship, laden with arms, has been seized by the Turkish authorities. Montenegro, which is now an independent kingdom, demands satisfaction.

A BOY SIX YEARS OLD, has been murdered at Ottawa, Kansas, by his two half sisters, aged 12 and 14.

GEORGE AND ANDREW BUCHANAN, president and secretary of the Newcomb-Buchanan Distillery Company at Louisville, are believed to have fled to Canada.

THE CUBAN GENERALS, Marceo and Gomez, are now in Florida, and are arranging an expedition which is to absolutely make Cuba independent.

THE FRENCH have occupied Passindore Bay, in Madagascar, and have built a fort there.

LORD ROSEBERY, one of the most hard-working and liberal-minded Scotch statesmen in or out of the House of Lords, has been thrown from his horse, causing a fracture of the collar bone.

THE CZAAR has killed one stag and fourteen wild boars during his visit to Poland, and he is said to be so much in love with the sport afforded by that unhappy country, that he is going to have a special shooting residence put up there.

MADAME CHRISTINE NILSSON, the singer, met with an accident while riding in London. She is not very seriously injured.

FOURTEEN political prisoners in Russia have just been sentenced to hard labor, and one has been condemned and hanged. A commission is going to try similar cases at Archangel, on the White Sea, where a number of officers are among the accused.

MR. GRESHAM, Post-office secretary, is now stated to have succeeded the late Mr. Folger as Secretary to the Treasury.

AT PETERSBURG, Virginia, prayers for rain were offered in the churches on Sunday.

SECRETARY LINCOLN has decided that colored men can enter the signal corps of the United States.

THE HON. S. S. COX, belonging to the Tammany party, will probably be the Democratic candidate for Mayor of New York.

THE LOGAN NATIONAL BANK, at West Liberty, Ohio, has suspended; the cashier had lent nearly all the available funds to one firm.

INSURANCE COMPANIES are refusing to issue policies on lumber at Cleveland, as it is certain that incendiaries are around the lumber yards.

THE VILLAGE OF ALTON, situated on a hill in Pennsylvania, has been seriously damaged by a terrific cyclone.

A VIOLENT STORM is reported from Dayton, Ohio. Floods were caused, and houses were damaged by the lightning and wind.

A NEGRO has been hanged and tortured by a lynching party near New Orleans, for horse-stealing. It has since been discovered that he was innocent.