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## Liberty For Overseas Men Won By Public Opinion

The release of five returned soldiers who had been serving sentences for violations of the Ontario temperance act will not have a tendency to weaken respect for law and order, in the opinion of this newspaper. The extension of official clemency to men who served in the war, and were unfortunate enough to be caught in the law's net while in possession of forbidden liquor, is a recognition of their service, rather than a letting down of the law. It was granted upon the appeal of their comrades, so that on the day that peace is formally acclaimed men who served in the war should not be deprived of their freedom for a breach of a law that was passed at a time when they were engaged in a fight to make law and order strong. The men themselves appreciated the whole-hearted efforts of the returned soldiers' organizations, the public and the press to effect their release. It may be taken for granted that they will be anxious to keep out of the clutches of the law, no matter how unjust that law may be regarded, and that the generosity of the Government in granting the appeal will have an influence on returned men as a body.

As in cases of military discipline, when a commanding officer exhibits leniency toward men who have been on trial and places them on their honor, he usually finds that discipline and respect for regulations improve rather than deteriorate. The men respond to an exhibition of faith in them, and there are fewer cases to deal with. It may almost be written that an extension of generous clemency has done more to improve men than long sentences. Some of these returned men had at least two months to serve. One of them, a 1st Battalion man, was placed in jail two weeks after he returned to Canada, and when he contemplated the service he had given for a matter

templated the service he had given for a matter of four years, he could not fail to believe that for his single "slip" he was paying very dearly. It was with real appreciation that he received the word that public opinion had been able to bring about his release.

The Ontario temperance act has done the temperance cause much harm. For instance, the average police magistrate if he were given power to exercise his own discretion—and nearly everyone will admit there are cases that call for the application of special treatment—would hesitate before sending returned soldiers to jail on a first offence. A serious warning, making it clear that no repetition of the violation would be tolerated, would have an influence on most men. As it is if a soldier happens to have a portion of liquor in his pocket rather than in his stomach, he must have appay a \$200 fine. Very often nerve-shattered men, men who for some time may not be actually ecompetent to look after themselves, are victimized by bootleggers and become prisoners by means of a cold-blooded statute that cannot be admining the proper of the methods by the methods by the method in their own personal efforts of others, and the temperance cause much liarn. For instance, the temperance cause much larm. For instance, the temperance cause much larm a cold-blooded statute that cannot be administered with any degree of human feeling. And human feeling counts in every case that comes before a magistrate.

The Advertiser knows of the case of a graduate of a great college, who returned from war terribly wounded, and in such a nervous condition that his nerves craved liquor. Every impulse of the man was for straight living, but he was in such a condition that drink or drugs alone could give him rest from the gnawing devils that set upon his mind and body. He fell foul of the authorities, once, twice, thrice, and that sublime document of intolerance, the O. T. A., looked upon him with the eyes of pitiless scorn, and "sent him down." A magistrate with discretionary powers could and no doubt would have arranged for the stances surrounding the death of John Walsh friendless, a wanderer fleeing from the wrant of those fellow-countrymen who let him scatter his body in France and then made a law which caught him and blindly east him into prison, to be reserved, perhaps, not by the law nor its makers, but by those who served with him and knew how gladly he offered his body, a body glorified with the same sort of mind as Rupert Brooke, but wasted in war and then cast aside in the harsh machine that could do its work much more efficiently and how much more mereifully!

Mr. Rowell Must Prove Up

Or Join Ananias Club

Mr. Rowell made the direct charge that Mr.

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mand and secure the support of the organized employee of the railway company pays with his liquor traffic and their friends in Ontario, ir- life the price of lethargy on the part of others

mand and secure the support of the organized liquor traffic and their friends in Ontario, is respective of party. They look upon him as their rising hope."

In reply, Mr. Dewart says: "I never had, nor have I now, any understanding, expressed or implied, with any interest or any individual in any way competed with the liquor traffic. I have no obligations to any corporate or other interests that would prevent me from doing my full and plain duty affecting the will of the people."

Mr. Dewart gives the lie direct to Mr. Rowell. It is up to Mr. Rowell either to accept the Ananias badge or to produce the proof of Mr. Dewart seems to bring Mr. Rowell into court on a charge of tibel, just as Theodore Roosevelt found it necessary when he was charged by a Michigane editor with being an intemperate man. Mr. Rowell would find it difficult to support his statement with

facts, and it is surprising that a public man of his supposed legal acumen should have left himself vulnerable on such a point. In the course of such a libel action, Mr. Rowell would be required himself to answer any questions as to his fitness to destroy Mr. Dewart's reputation. Mr. Dewart has stated that Mr. Rowell "must be hard driven that he stoops to the methods he has adopted and libelously states what he knows to be untrue." The suggestion is in this passage that Mr. Dewart is convinced of the libelous character of Mr. realignment of party lines in the Rowell's charges.

Mr. Dewart is not hurling back charges at Mr. Rowell, other than to say the latter is a news-decided, she swayed a moment, then paper-made politician. There would be no dif- feeling again the terrifying rush of ficulty in supporting this claim. Mr. Rowell faintness that had come over her inusually has a staff of newspaper experts on his pay roll: they know their husiness. No speech went unsteadily to the entrance. pay roll; they know their business. No speech The doorman looked at her kindly, of Mr. Rowell's ever went unreported for lack of their efforts. No newspaper failed of notice, and Mr. Rowell had many points of contact with the fraternity of writers. That this whole system may have fallen, and that the press-agenting was not effective is not the foult of the newspapers. not effective, is not the fault of the newspapers. It may be the fault of Mr. Rowell in not coming up to advance notices. He did not "put himself over," as would be said of an actor who was endeavoring by similar methods to expect a popular less. not effective, is not the fault of the newspapers. deavoring by similar methods to create a reputation, neither in Ontario elections, nor in the effort picture opposite, and then remained to make himself a great figure in the national affairs of his country. We think Mr. Dewart exhaust and she leaned forward, unbelieving, yet forced to belief. Before her was a picture of a farmbouse, lypressed it. Mr. Rowell may understand methods. ing He knows how to make a perfect speech, technically, or how to lay out a publicity campaign. But there is something lacking in the human But there is something lacking in the human nature element. His letter anent Mr. Dewart had "punch" of a kind; it was delivered upon the old Rooseveltian theory that there are not many sensations in Monday morning's papers, and that the near-sensation may "get across" in that issue best of all; but it lacked something, and it proved Mr. Rowell to be an excellent manipulator of the boomerang. The net result is that Mr. Dewart has won more friends than he lost because of the attack, the Liberal-Unionist press has without exception sympathized with Mr. Dewart, and the Toronto Globe has given Mr. Rowell his marching orders. It seems as though Mr. Rowell were doomed to go on "bearing a life-long hunger in his heart." a whis name was on the card—"Wolcott Sundley." She could not find out from —no, she knew she could not—after what was between them.

Two men stopped near the picture, and she heard them discuss the nigture of the part of

## The Idolatry of the Golden Calt

This country was founded by our forefathers This country was founded by our forefathers to preserve human individual liberty. We have erected here the great altar of civilization to that magnificant idea. And it is a peak at it, anyway," she thought to herself wistfully. "I don't care what happens after that magnificent idea. And instead of preserving the see it—I must!" lights on that altar as a nation, we have grown to worship not liberty, but success—success—and at first success was the due reward of personal liberty, but when they began to pay more attention to success than the means by which that success was attained then may in their success to that.

See it—I must!"

She counted the cash in her pocket-book; there was enough to get her there and no more. She could stay with some girlhood friend, was her first thought; then bitterly came—the memory of her proud departure. No—vice she could not let them know of her circumstances; her pride could not bend to that.

revolution to accomplish this result. We need only to go back to the principles upon which this country was founded to restore to ourselves and coming generations the ideals of our forefathers.

## Verdict in the Walsh Case

"The jurors find that the dangerous proximity of the said building to the adjacent railway track was responsible for the accident. The space between the lookout window of the cabin and the corner of the building was found by the jurors to measure four and seven-eighths inches."

by the jury under Coroner Robert Ferguson after When she stood at last on the worn proper care of this man. Today he is somewhere stances surrounding the death of John Walsh, out in the No-Man's Land of his own country, aged 17, Grand Trunk engine checker, who had friendless, a wanderer fleeing from the wrath of his life crushed out between the window casing

less.
Her eyes wandered unseeing to the er was a picture of a farmhouse, ly-g snugly beneath great elms, painted ith a sympathetic touch that put into

the picture more than skill.
"It is! It surely is—home!" she

what was between them.

Two men stopped near the picture, and she heard them discuss the picture and refer to Sundley's success.

She leaned back, a rush of emotion overwhelming her. The old home, where she had spent her girlhood, where her mother had died and her patient, hard-working father had lived his life! Suddenly a dim wish took form in her mind, to grow into an overpowering desire to see the old place once more.

Late in the afternoon, the Iamiliar and friendly hills came into view; and Della stirred from her quiet. She looked out with eager eyes, and the scenes refreshed her weary spirit; but with the new pleasantness came the with the new pleasantness came the sudden question—what should she do: scenes refreshed her weary spirit; but with the new pleasantness came the sudden question—what should she do, now that the time was at hand?

The whistle sounded far away. They were nearing the little station. The farmhouse was miles from the station—how could she ever get there?

The questions aroused her to anxious thought the station aroused her to anxious thought the station of Edept they fell in the garden of Edept they fell in the garden of Edept they fell in the

all seemed! A few strange faces were near, but the station had not changed. She walked to the edge of the platform, and started to step down, when a pleasant voice said:

"Going up the road? That's my way, and I'll give you a lift."

She looked up into the face of a middle-aged woman who was smiling down to her, and she accepted the invitation eagerly.

just a peek and then—and then—"
The tears came into her eyes: "And then"—despair, bitter and dark, settled upon her.

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Daily Short Story
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JUST A PEEK.
[By A. W. Peach.]

Over the broad and inviting entrance was an attractive sign reading, "The realignment of party lines in the Batdorf Galleries, Twenty-fifth Exhibition," and within Della Celland could see cool aisles lined with pictures. Undecided, she swayed a moment, then

### "Newspapers Are the World's Mirror"

Comment, Cleverness and Mere Verblage From "Educators or the Common People" in Canada and Other Lands.

AN INSINUATION! [Kitchener Telegraph.]
In spite of the fact that a large quantity of liquor still remains in the basement of the city hall, all was quiet n police circles today

A RUDE JIBE. [Uxbridge Journal.]
Port Hope had five distilleries and a brewery in 1884. We don't see any sense in local papers raking this up now. Do they want the townspeople to die of regret? regret?

CHANGE OF HEART. [Walkerton Herald.]
That the slogan "Keep the auto off the roads" is no longer the battle cry of the farmer, is evidenced by the number of agriculturists who are buying

BARTLEY'S BEARS. [Wiarton Echo.]
Mr. Bartley was fortunate enough
to capture another bear on Thursday
last, near Sucker Creek. This is the
ninth since last spring and the largest

IN POSITION TO KNOW.

[Bruce Herald.]
One fellow we asked for news this week told us to "tell 'em the farmers are paying off their mortgages good and fast these days." And he was in a position to know NEIGHBORLY!

[Cobourg Sentinel-Star.]
In towns and cities motorists are limited to 20 miles an hour and in the country to 25 miles. How are they to know what speed to travel at when passing through Port Hope? FINE CHANCE.

[Galt Reporter.] [Galt Reporter.]

If Hartley Dewart is not acceptable as a Liberal leader in provincial politics what are the Liberals who don't like the man or his policy going to like the man or his policy going to do about it? Support Hearst?

MARCH OF PROGRESS. [Kincardine Reporter.]
A telephone has been installed in the pulpit of Kincardine Methodist Church.
Mrs. Jos. McKee on Sunday had the rare pleasure of listening to both services while lying at home with a broken

he "wished to show the boy that he bore no anger for old times." The visit however, undoubtedly did much to reduce and Priting are through the car, but hever guarding back in return.

The morning drew on to noon, and he sun passed its old time milestones at the sky; the car wheels hummed the ong they have sung through the years to those who go to joy and to those who

o to regret.

Late in the afternoon, the familiar THE GARDEN SPOT OF THE WORLD

The above rather bald verdict was rendered

The inry under Convey Related to measure

—how could she ever get there?

The questions aroused her to anxious back—she didn't care. She would walk to the old home, and after that it didn't principal angels to ask them for his principal angels to ask them for his them. He called a meeting of his principal angels to ask them for their opinions as to giving the couple a change of air with a view to improving their health. The Angel Gabriel spoke up and said:

"'Why not send them down to the Eastern Shore?'

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