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BAD MOVING PICTURES

Yesterday near Silver Falls two boys were imitating what they had seen in moving pictures. They had guns, and one of these was loaded. One of the boys was fatally shot.

Recently in the North End a police sergeant discovered a group of boys who had one of their number bound to a stake, were just kindling a fire at his feet, and were dancing around after the supposed Indian fashion, imitating also what they had seen in moving pictures.

In the city of Montreal on Friday last a boy was before the court charged with the attempted murder of another boy, who had a bullet in his head as a result of the effect of moving pictures upon the boy's mind. When he was interrogated in court, the boy who did the shooting said he spent ten cents a week for cigarettes, and the rest of his pocket money on moving picture shows.

Everybody now admits the great educative value of moving pictures. They are used in schools, and in connection with church work, as well as for ordinary purposes of entertainment. The wild western drama should be eliminated from the entertainment given in these houses. It is true that boys imitated the western cowboys and Indians before there were any moving pictures.

Any efforts which the St. John Standard may make to divert attention from Mr. Hazen's troubles by attacking Dr. Pugsley and The Telegraph and The Times will be measured at their full value by the citizens of St. John. Mr. Hazen is coming to St. John this week. His constituents desire to know what he proposes to do about the Gutelius agreement. They know that it is an iniquitous deal, which would inflict very great injury upon the port of St. John.

Mr. Hazen is expected, when he comes to St. John this week, to tell his constituents frankly whether he is with them in this fight, or whether, by endorsing the Gutelius agreement, he will be against them. He has a right to answer their question fully and frankly, since he was elected by them without opposition, and with the expectation that whenever the interests of St. John were at stake they could count upon his support. Nothing that Dr. Pugsley or The Telegraph or The Times may say or do can alter the facts of this case. St. John is threatened with a blow which would inflict the most serious injury. Mr. Hazen is a member of the government by which that blow will be inflicted, if it gives its consent to the Gutelius agreement. Mr. Hazen must answer to the people of St. John for his attitude in so grave a crisis affecting their interests. Promises of what may be done next year will not satisfy the people. They want to know what is to be done immediately, before the end of this week, in a matter vitally affecting the trade and reputation of this port, and also vitally affecting the interests of the trade of Canada.

Dr. Pugsley cannot cancel the Gutelius agreement, and is not on trial. Mr. Hazen is the man on the job. What will Mr. Hazen do?

Not what the government will do for St. John next year, but what it will do this week, in the matter of the Gutelius agreement, is what the citizens want

to know from Mr. Rogers and Mr. Hazen, and especially from Mr. Hazen.

Huerta, of Mexico, has practically defeated the United States. The two countries are apparently drifting into war.

Unless it came today the city's representatives have got no answer from the board of railway commissioners concerning the hearing in the matter of the Gutelius agreement. Through the introduction of politics, the matter was too long delayed here, and now there is delay at the other end. But the Gutelius agreement goes into effect at the end of this week, unless Mr. Hazen is able to prevent it. If he is not able to prevent it, will he resign, or stay in parliament to defend an instrument which dealt so serious a blow to his constituency? In view of his coming to the city this week, this question is being asked by everybody.

Following the recent discussion at the annual meeting of the Associated Charities, and the statements made at the recent police investigation, a number of the ministers in their sermons yesterday referred to moral conditions in the city, and the necessity of a more active personal interest on the part of church members in movements for moral and social reform. There can be no question that if all the members of all the churches took their religion seriously and believed that they owed it to society to exert themselves personally for social and moral reform, the work would make such progress as has never made before in the history of the city.

The Unionists won a victory at Reading on Saturday, in a three-cornered contest. The Socialists nominated a candidate, and this made it possible for the Unionist candidate to win a victory, in a constituency which had formerly been Conservative, though it had been in the Liberal column since 1894. Sir Rufus Isaacs, the Liberal candidate, had a majority of only ninety-nine in the last election, and with the revolt of the Socialists, and the vigorous support of the Unionist candidate by the suffragettes, it appears to have been comparatively easy to roll up a good majority for the Unionist candidate. The Liberals won in a Scottish constituency on Friday, though by a reduced majority.

St. John has been enjoying some wonderful November weather. Here and there about the city trees are putting forth new buds, as if the spring were already at hand. Yesterday the air was like that of summer, and was greatly enjoyed by all who went abroad into the sunshine. This has been quite a remarkable autumn, and it is possible to carry on construction work with less discomfort than is usual at this season of the year. We read with interest that ten inches of snow fell in Pittsburgh and vicinity yesterday, interrupting traffic and seriously interfering with telephone and telegraph communication. Really we are to be congratulated in St. John upon the mildness of our autumn temperature, and upon our success in escaping the rigors of an early winter. They have had skating in Manitoba and the western provinces for some time past.

BRITAIN'S CHANCELLOR. Wearing the 1913 Models. "She must dress in all the latest styles." "What makes you think so?" "I just overheard her telling a friend that she hasn't a thing fit to wear."

SATURDAY November 15. Violet Day. Proceeds for Benefit of Girls' Association. 3690-11 15

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Professor William Caldwell, who occupies the chair of moral philosophy at McGill University, Montreal, and is a scholar of wide reputation, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on Nov. 10, 1863. He has held numerous important academic positions in Scotland and the United States and has been at McGill since 1908.

Hon. Joseph Sheehy, dominion senator and head of a large wholesale dry goods house in Quebec, reaches his eighty-fourth birthday today. He sat in the provincial legislature for many years and was for a time provincial treasurer.

LIGHTER VEIN. Bad Situation. "I don't know how we'll face our neighbors when they return." "What has happened?" "We were taking care of their cat and their parrot. Yesterday the cat ate the parrot and then died of indigestion."

Winter's Overture. The song birds all have quite the lough. The southern trees to loot. But we're the autumn music now. Of hard coal on the chute.

The Odorous Hobo. "Tramp—Yes, mum, I'm married, but I had to leave my wife; she kept me in hot water all the time." "Lady—Hi! Too bad there wasn't a little soap in it."

Willie's Complaint. "I wouldn't make no kick at all 'bout goin' back to school again. The teacher that I've got's all right. An' I can do the sums, but when I come downstairs to breakfast I can hardly keep myself in check. When Paw, he looks at me an' says 'Go back up stairs an' wash your neck.'"

The praisepal don't bother me, I get along with him all right. Although he gives me all the blame. Whenever I get in a fight. But Gee! it's awful tough to think that every day for years an' years Paw's goin' to look at me an' say "Go back up stairs an' wash your neck."

An Excellent Reason. Bacon—I understand some of your hens have stopped laying? Eggs—What's the cause? Bacon—Automobile.

In Vacation Time. The dish had just run away with the spoon. "Jones wouldn't wash his white his wife was away." They explained.

Availability in Prospect. "I fear I am not worthy of you." "Never mind about that. Between men and myself I imagine I can effect the necessary improvement."

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UNIQUE POW-WOW. Manitoba Indians Pass Resolution to Guard Against Fire. (Forestry Branch Press Bulletin) Probably nowhere else in Canada is there a stronger co-operative spirit in forest fire protection than has been developed by the chief ranger of the dominion government among the rangers, Indians, trappers and packers of the northern Manitoba fire district. The work among the Indians has been especially beneficial; for in the past they were notoriously careless, especially in leaving camp-fires burning. But, largely owing to the energy and initiative of the chief ranger, the attitude of the Indians has been changed from one of indifference to one of keen interest, so much so, that the official writes: "The conservation of the forests has become a red-hot topic out here as real estate in the west." Recently, when treaty-money was being paid to the Indians at Cross Lake, a special council meeting of seventy-five to eighty Indians was called, at which an animated discussion of forest fire protection took place. The chief ranger

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