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THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 24.

The Star and Mr. Conner

The Star is somewhat aggrieved because we made a facetious remark about the assistance it gave Mr. Conner in the recent election. We are the last in the world to belittle the courage of those who stand for unpopular causes, or like at those who go down honorably to defeat. The World is not so unacquainted with defeat as to be unable to sympathize with those who fight and lose all but honor. But the Star's support of Mr. Conner was not based on honor and principle to the extent The Star's professions would have us believe, and the result is that The Star, with its boasted circulation above the other evening papers, only had its share of influencing 458 votes. Mr. Conner ran as a Socialist Democrat and The Star did not support him as a Socialist Democrat. It supported him as a filmy pretext for getting out of supporting the other fellow. Mr. Conner ran in what he, no doubt, regarded as an educational campaign. He had no illusions. He was aware, as we are all aware, that he had no chance of being elected. This was not because he was Mr. Conner and a Social Democrat, but because our election machinery is so arranged that no one but a representative of one of the two big parties has a chance of being elected to parliament, and because it is not the man, but the party ticket that is voted upon. The party candidate may even be, and frequently is, elected with a minority of votes.

We think that unprejudiced persons will be willing to admit the point made by The Star in asserting its consistency in refusing to support Mr. Dewar when its leader, Mr. Rowell, had pledged his support to Mr. Hearst on the question which many regarded as crucial in the by-election. As Mr. Hearst's own fellow ministers were not scrupulous on the platform to support Mr. Hearst, The Star need not have been too nice over it, as surely Mr. Rowell would have been as loyal to Mr. Hearst. Yet The Star risked electing Mr. Norris, who was opposed to the Hearst policy so dear to The Star. With this in view the real consistency of The Star may be questioned.

But if The Star is really in favor of giving Mr. Conner a chance and having public ownership and electric power for the people and other advanced policies, why does it not campaign for a different election method, and endeavor to bring about proportionate representation and the adoption of that plank in its party's platform? Mr. Conner might then indeed be grateful.

The Jewish People and Palestine

Some sneers by The News, The Telegram and The Mail and Empire have been directed at Mr. Dewar for his interest in the Zionist movement and his electioneering references to the return of the Jews to Palestine. As all these papers have recently carried news items about the creation of an autonomous Palestine after the war, some of them suggesting a British protectorate, the French are more likely to assume the responsibility, with the object of repatriating the Jewish people, the sneers appear to be somewhat vacuous.

The entente allies are relying at present to a considerable extent upon the financial support of the Jewish banking world, and in view of Mr. Winston Churchill's warning that the German armies are more numerous and better equipped than ever, and that we must be prepared for a long war; and in view of Mr. Lloyd George's advice to the empire generally, that we must economize and labor and make everything subservient to the will to victory, and in view of Sir Thomas White's admonition to save and save, and keep on saving; the jeers about the Jews appear to be in the worst possible taste. Perhaps it is a

weakness of our statecraft in Canada that it is unable to see over the fence. There are a great many people living in the world besides ourselves, and we have a great many interests besides merely local ones. There are few people and few interests to whom and to which we are more indebted than to the Jews and their influence.

Infantile Paralysis

Dr. Hastings' health bulletin has a reassuring article concerning infantile paralysis. There have been no cases in Toronto, it is stated, but one three and a half months ago. No epidemic is anticipated and as an unprecedentedly hot summer has now almost passed, it is highly unlikely that any danger is to be feared from this source. Dr. Hastings' advice to mothers is to turn their attention to the far more real dangers which immediately beset their babies. Small children, he says, are a hundred times more likely to die of some intestinal disorder, due to improper feeding, than from infantile paralysis. And any hour of the day one may see infants with the disease bearing, known as comforters, in their mouths.

In 1912 there were eleven cases of infantile paralysis in Toronto, two in 1913, seventeen in 1914, five in 1915, and one this year on May 9. The disease is not so widespread in its attacks as some think, and it is said that it is but rarely there are two cases in the same house. In the epidemics in the big cities there has not usually been more than one in a thousand of the population affected, and one in three or four thousand is more usual. In the Buffalo outbreak in 1912, about one in 1500 was attacked; in Cincinnati in 1911, about one in 1000; and in New York in 1907, one in 600. This means, observes Dr. Hastings, that a child in Toronto has less chance of having infantile paralysis than of getting diphtheria or scarlet fever, or than an adult has of getting tuberculosis. The deadly nature of these three diseases appears to excite less alarm than the rarer and less dangerous malady.

SEVEN DEATHS IN FRESH BUSH FIRES

T. and N. O. Commission Reports Mother and Six Children Lost.

SETTLERS SUFFER

Barns and Crops Said to Have Been Burned in Hudson Township.

Seven deaths have resulted from the more recent fires in northern Ontario, according to the information of the T. & N. O. Commission yesterday. Mrs. A. MacKenzie and her six children are reported to have been lost when they lived in a house which was destroyed by fire in Hudson Township, near New Liskeard. The commission is informed that twenty or more settlers in the north country have suffered loss of their barns and part of their crops. The union schoolhouse in Hudson Township has been destroyed, and the Campbell sawmills are reported to have been burned. The information which comes from North Bay adds that a number of other settlers have suffered loss of property.

The settlement of lands, forests and mines could give no information with regard to these latest fires.

Among the settlers named as having suffered loss of property are David Dow, Peter Grant, John Doty, Rev. Mr. McRae, Mr. McRae, Charles King, Wm. Hobbs, J. Miller, George Pettiford, Rose Pettiford, Nell McArthur, Wm. Whalen, Thomas Stephens and George Pebles.

BIG CROWD ATTENDED PLAYGROUND FESTIVAL

Children Delighted Parents and Friends With Games at Elizabeth Yesterday.

A large crowd witnessed the summer festival at Elizabeth Playgrounds yesterday afternoon.

Ald. Archibald occupied the chair and opened the proceedings with a few well-chosen remarks. The girls, in their pretty many-colored costumes, designed and made by the lady supervisors, showed their skill in the various styles of dancing. Irish, Scottish, Russian and the graceful classic Greek dances were included in their exclusive repertoire.

The Moss Park girls, under the direction of Miss Miller, made a hit with the Grecian ball dance. The Midgott girls delighted everybody with their singing, games, and their number, "Flowers and Butterflies." Equipped with wings to represent butterflies, they flitted around like little cherubims. Finally two little flower girls appeared bearing handsome bouquets for their lady supervisors and instructors, Miss Shields and Miss McBrien.

The boys, scoring the gentle art of dancing, gave an exhibition of the playground games and athletic activities in their program. The pole vaulting furnished one of the most interesting and spectacular numbers of the afternoon. This was a competition between Cooper of East Riverdale Playgrounds and Herman of Elizabeth. Latter won, clearing the bar at seven feet ten inches.

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The Burning Question of the Hour! IS HUMANITY IN THE GRIP OF EVIL?

The mightiest brains of the land are pondering this question. It is a problem that concerns EVERYONE. Mayor Martin says: "The Strongholds of Evil and of Wrong in the world are not as strong as they look." "If humanity were in the Grip of Evil, man never could have arisen from barbarism to civilization." "I believe Canada has been progressing toward higher and better ideals and that the condition of society in Canada, as contrasted with the past is immeasurably better and purer."

What Do You Think?

Don't decide in full until you have seen—

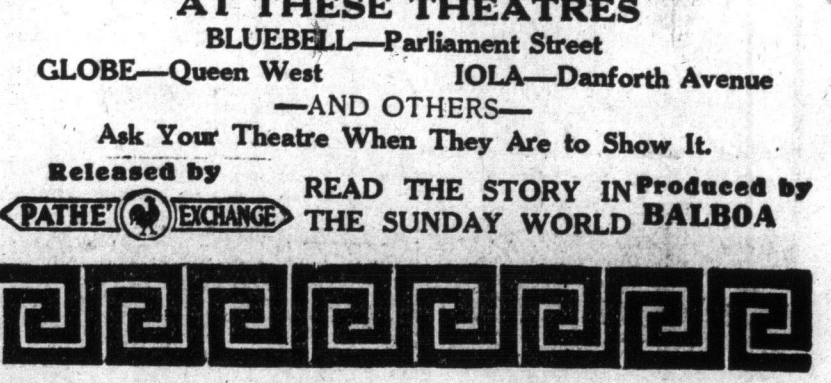
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Featuring Jackie Saunders and Roland Bottomley
A Master Plot in 14 Episodes

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AT THESE THEATRES
BLUEBELL—Parliament Street
GLOBE—Queen West
IOLA—Danforth Avenue
—AND OTHERS—
Ask Your Theatre When They Are to Show It.
Released by **PATHE EXCHANGE** READ THE STORY IN Produced by **THE SUNDAY WORLD BALBOA**



KNICKERS ANNOYED PRESTON HOTELMAN

W. Kress Swore Violently When Aroused by Late Guests.

LICENSE SUSPENDED

Cannot Open Bar for One Week, Commencing Next Saturday.

W. Kress, known in Preston where he keeps the Kress House as "Kaiser Kress," was terribly annoyed when two guests came knocking insistently at his door on the evening of Aug. 15. It was like a red rag to a bull when he saw that one of them was wearing "knickerbockers."

He called him a "knickerbocker Englishman" to start with, and followed this up with language which Chairman Flavelle of the license commission, who had it repeated to him, described as "perfectly awful." The hotelman confessed that it had been "really horrid talk." He had had some drinks himself and he thought that the men outside wanted some. The board explained that they had taken their lunch and left their baggage in the rooms they had booked there. Then they had gone to play golf near Galt, and on their way back had run out of gasoline. They were both commercial men.

The board suspended the hotel's license for a week, commencing Aug. 26, and Mr. Kress said that "it might do me a whole lot of good."

FIRE SUFFERERS NEED CLOTHING

Relief Committee Opens Receiving Station on Melinda Street.

BANKS CO-OPERATING

All Throuth the City Now Ready to Receive Cash Subscriptions.

The Northern Ontario Fire Relief Committee has opened a clothing receiving station at 40 Melinda street, where donations of clothing will be received daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. With the fall and winter approaching, the fire sufferers in Northern Ontario will require larger quantities of warm apparel. The receiving station has been opened so that all contributions of this kind may be properly sorted and shipped to the points in the north where most needed. Several wholesale houses have offered old or slow-moving stock in the nature of garments slightly out of style. Arrangements can be made by those finding it inconvenient to deliver to the clothing station to have their parcels called for by phoning the secretary, Mr. F. D. Tolchard at Adelaide 81.

The banks throuth the city are now ready to receive cash subscriptions to the mayor's fund, which has been organized under the auspices of Mayor Church. As all branches of the banks are co-operating, a very convenient way is thus provided for every citizen to assist in furnishing food, clothing and shelter for our unfortunate fellow citizens of the fire swept districts. The relief committee acknowledges the following donations to August 22: Previously acknowledged... \$252,765.50
Fred H. Wickson, Toronto... 5.00
H. E. Little, Galt... 2.00
A. Gries, Toronto... 10.00
W. J. Fife, Toronto... 10.00
Citizens of Sarnia, per J. L. Buchanan, Sec. B. of T... 58.00
Nipissing Mining Co., Cobalt... 500.00
Porcupine Mines & Co., Cobalt... 200.00
Bessie L. Kirkwood, Terra Cotta... 10.00
Dominion Textile Co. Montreal... 100.00
Granby Con. Min. & Smelting Co. Ltd. Vancouver... 500.00
Gertie M. Carter, Toronto... 5.00
F. Schnauffer, Toronto... 200.00
Malcolm Pres. Church, Elmwood... 25.00
Crawford, Pres. Church, Elmwood, per A. Leslie... 9.13
Joel Brenton... 5.00
Total... 254,726.63

BERLIN CHANGES NAME OFFICIALLY, SEPT. FIRST

Long Awaited Order-in-Council is Passed and Proclamation Will Be Issued.

The long-expected order-in-council changing the name of Berlin, Ont., to Kitchener, was passed yesterday. A proclamation will be issued making the change effective from September 1.

It is possible that those who opposed the change may apply to Ottawa regarding the postal name of the city.

SEVEN BY-ELECTIONS IN NEW BRUNSWICK SOON

Opposition Demanding That These Vacancies Be Filled—Writs Have Been Issued.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Aug. 23.—While by-elections have been arranged for September 21 for two seats in Carleton County, five other seats in the New Brunswick Legislature are vacant for many months. The opposition party now are demanding that these be filled, and under permission of a section of trade New Brunswick legislation have served papers on Hon. D. Landry, clerk of crown in chancery, and the provincial secretary, treasurer, to issue writs for two vacancies in the City of St. John, and in the counties of Albert and Gloucester.

TWO HOTELMEN HAVE LICENSES SUSPENDED

Port Stanley and Georgetown Proprietors Cannot Sell for a Week.

A. Saddler, Loney House, Port Stanley, was doing his best to dispose of his stock of liquor here he vacated the premises on Sept. 1. He sold in a cellar on Sunday, and the license board relieved him of his license until the end of the month.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL HAS BEEN REMODELED

Principal McKay Looking for Larger Attendance Than Ever.

When the Central Technical High School reopens on September 5, Principal McKay is looking for a larger attendance than ever. Last year, over 6,000 were in attendance. During the summer Dr. McKay has been planning and overseeing improvements in the arrangement and equipment of the institution and it will be in better shape than ever during the coming term.

Harvesting views are a feature of the illustrated section of this week's issue of The Toronto Sunday World.



Here's to Thirst

THE GREATEST OF ALL THIRST QUENCHERS
It is in great demand. Everyone is buying it. Repeat orders are received daily. Because it is the best Ginger Ale made—because it is right up to the O'Keefe standard of pure, wholesome beverages.
Order a case for your home.



CITY HALL NOTES

The board of control yesterday adopted the suggestion of the property commissioner that the city hall be transferred from the city hall to the new registry building.

A letter was received by the board of control from Lt.-Col. Clyde Caldwell asking the city to guarantee the use of the old General Hospital on Gerrard street, as a base hospital for two years after the conclusion of the war. On motion of Controller Foster the matter was held in abeyance until the mayor's return from Montreal.

Thos. Brennan, of North Toronto, made application to the board of control for the return of a small house real and hose to No. 5 fire hall on Gerrard avenue. Altho the building was bought by Mr. Brennan, he decided to let it remain at the request of local property owners, as during the spring and fall the roads are sometimes impassable for heavy fire reels. The request was referred to the fire chief.

ACCUSED OF NEGLIGENCE GATEMAN OBTAINS BAIL

Bail of \$800 cash was accepted for one week in the case of William Ward, who is charged with criminal negligence. Ward is the gateman at the G.T.R. crossing at Royce avenue who is alleged to have failed to lower the gates when a train was passing. The result that a milk wagon was wrecked.

GERMAN PEOPLE MUST POSSESS MEAT CARDS

Decree Makes Them Necessary—Half a Pound of Meat Allowed Weekly.

BERLIN, Aug. 23, via London.—The government has issued a decree providing for the introduction of meat cards for the whole empire on Oct. 2. Families butchering their own meat are subject to the card system. They will be required to procure permission from local authorities before butchering animals for household consumption.

DR. RIDDELL APPOINTED LABOR BRANCH HEAD

Former Director of Social Service Will Undertake New Duties at Once.

Dr. Walter Alexander Riddell, M.A., director of social service for the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Canada, was yesterday appointed by the cabinet, superintendent of the new trades and labor branch of the department of public works provided for by legislation at the last session. The remuneration will be \$2,500. Dr. Riddell is expected to undertake his new duties at once. Dr. Riddell has done much social and economic study and research in this country and in the United States.

Monday's exhibit of the "The Grip of Evil" at the Kitchener Museum will be a feature of the week's program.

Silk Sport
Magnificent garment, plain and fancy, of dark shades, Black, Navy, Gray, etc. \$15.00 each.

White W
Fine shirt, in light trim, with white collar, cuffs, and pockets. \$15.00 each.

Automobile Steamer
Special deal. Ruger, in blue and white, \$20.00, \$12.00.

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Shows in including blue, green, and white. \$15.00 each.

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Ladies' Gentlemen
of all kinds. Work extra. NEW. \$50.00.

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The form theatre, "The Grip of Evil," first social visitations, leading to society, open Saturday in evidence of the Reg. structure, entertainment, where which the entrance facilities provided high-class, finished by a grand concert for the Reg. ment, with of electric "pipes," or one of a not on the

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