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LOITERING ON THE STREETS.

A reputable citizen who was last evening placed under arrest and detained for some little time at the police station, because he had stopped on the street to engage in conversation with a business acquaintance, is naturally indignant. He pertinently enquires if a ratepayer has any rights on the streets. This is a question which a good many people would like to have answered. Those who framed the laws governing the duties of the police were very particular in stating clearly what powers the officers possess, but in all the regulations made for the preservation of order there is not one word defining the privileges of those whom these laws are supposed to protect. There are almost reams of paper devoted to statements of what citizens must not do, but nothing which conveys a hint of what they are permitted to do. This one-sided, though not unusual, presentation often leads to unpleasantness in that the officers who evidently are not expected to possess even a shadow of intelligence are bound to enforce the law as laid down, and not to attempt the exercise of their own judgment. Yet it is obvious that the section of the police act which prohibits loitering on the streets was never framed for the annoyance of respectable citizens, business men or others, who have every right to use these streets for their own pleasure or convenience. It is ridiculous to think that a man may not stop to speak to a friend, that he is liable to arrest unless he obeys the orders of a blue-coated official and moves along when he is impudently conversing with a business or social acquaintance. There is far too much activity of this sort on the part of the police; too great a desire to keep busy where people can see them at work, and too apparent neglect of those sections where genuine loafers are wont to congregate. The law, ambiguous as it is, was made to prevent idle men from standing about corners and doorways, blocking the pavement and annoying others. It is not doing so, for the officers fail to give attention to the favorite haunts of these loafers. Instead they busy themselves in hustling respectable persons who by chance stop for a moment's chat with friends. It is not the fault of the police themselves. The law is plainly worded but does not permit the exercise of judgment. The police should be instructed to use some discretion.

CIGARETTES.

A report presented to Parliament shows that during the last fiscal year the people of Canada consumed no less than 38,896,244 cigarettes, an increase of about thirty millions over the previous year. Cigarettes vary in length from 2 3/4 to 3 inches, and weigh on an average of three pounds per thousand. Lying together loosely they are about one-third of an inch wide. Without counting into exact detail in regard to this consumption of cigarettes it may be interesting to note that the number used in Canada last year would, if piled on freight cars to a height of six feet, fill no less than 87 cars each of 40 feet in length. The train which would be formed by these cars would extend from the depot in St. John to a point a short distance beyond Renfrew Station, or a total length of seven and one-third miles. In these cigarettes there would be a total weight of 1,154,428 pounds. Assuming that the average man weighs 160 pounds, Canada's consumption of cigarettes would equal the combined weight of 7,251 men—quite a small army in itself. If the cigarettes instead of being out in the usual lengths were in one piece, those consumed in Canada would extend from St. John across the Atlantic, through all Europe and Asia and over the Pacific Ocean to Vancouver, coming back and having again passed through St. John, overlapping a considerable distance into the Atlantic Ocean. The length would be roughly 18,399 miles or three quarters of the circumference of the earth at its widest part. Supposing instead of this that the cigarettes were placed side by side there would be a ribbon of coffin tacks 3024 miles long or two-thirds of the width of the North American continent. If one man started today to smoke continuously until he had consumed as many cigarettes as Canada has burned in the last year, he would finish his job, if he worked twenty-four hours a day, by the end of the year 1915. In other words it would take him 880 years, so that even if he had started at the accepted time of the creation he would have his work cut out for him for the next few generations. If all the heads of families in St. John were to start smoking today and to keep at it for twelve hours daily they would by the end of June, 1910 be getting through Canada's annual consumption of cigarettes. These little smokers are cheap comparatively, yet retailers have taken in during the year \$38,896,244. It would be interesting to know just as a matter of curiosity how much of this money has been spent by girls and women, and as a

matter of interest to what extent cigarette smoking prevails among young boys.

Mr. J. B. M. Baxter will note with delight that Mr. H. A. Powell yesterday declined the Conservative nomination in Westmorland. Mr. Powell has other fish to fry, and looks for the nomination in St. John.

The board of underwriters should be afforded every opportunity for securing data with regard to the water service. Other New Brunswick towns grant permission to the insurance men to take pressures whenever they desire to do so. No harm is done by granting this privilege, and the underwriters are always better satisfied with tests made by themselves. St. John might as well fall in line, for when insurance men and citizens work together, placing confidence in each other, the best results are obtained.

A DAY OFF.

Early in the morning I heard their call, The birds and brook and branches, all Singing beyond my garden wall. Far and away off, Inviting me, whatever befall, To take the day off.

I leaned out on the window sill And saw the sun sweep o'er the hill, And watched the valley's goblet fill With golden glory, And heard the distant thrushes thrill The summer story.

Above me spread a cloudless blue; Below, the grass gleamed with dew; And on the vines where roses grew I saw fresh faces With smiles upon them peering through The leafy spaces.

Then forth I fared intent to find A spot just suited to my mind; I left all worldly cares behind And split the tether, With one small book—the proper kind To match the weather.

Just think, a whole long day of fun— Under the trees with Tennyson, Reading the lyric lines that run To music sweetly; That is to count the day as won, And won completely!

Not till the dusk began to grow Did the poet's page forego; Then in the twilight's purple glow, Between the bushes, Once more the brook's soft tremolo— The leaves—the thrushes.

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A long thanksgiving, For June and poets. That's my way, And life's worth living!

"Kiss me, my dear," said her husband in a thick tone of voice. "It isn't necessary," replied the wife. "Can't tell you've been drinking with us all that?"

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DAD GOES FISHING.

MARY ANN, Mary Ann, What have you done with that lobster can?

Worms are plenty, as fat as sin, Nary a thing to put them in. Tell me quickly, dear Mary Ann, Where is that empty lobster can?

O, I say, Little May, Hither a moment, cease your play. Where is the creel that I always take?

Find it quickly, for goodness sake, I'm in a hurry to get away. Look in the attic, Little May.

Tell me, Joe, do you know Where all my leaden sinkers go? I had twenty the other day. What have you done with them, can you say?

Really the children annoy me so, Where those leaden sinkers, Joe? Come, adorable wife of mine, Where did you put my trolling line?

Say, it's enough to cause me tears How my property disappears. Tell me quickly, O wife of mine, Who was it plucked my trolling line?

Where are my waders and white duck hat? Where, oh where, is that floater at? Where is my elegant rod and reel? Where is my frugal noonday meal?

Where is my handkerchief? Where's my knife? Family lives an unpleasant life. So we console ourselves by wishing Father would NEVER go a-fishing.

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT LAID UP.
CLEVELAND, O., June 22—James Schoolcraft Sherman, Republican nominee for vice president, has been ill here for two days. Mr. Sherman is away from Cincinnati to Cleveland on Saturday night was seized with a bilious attack. Upon arrival here he went to the home of Myron T. Herrick, former governor of Ohio.

Mr. Sherman's illness is believed to be the result of hard work at the Republican convention and the heat at Chicago and at Cincinnati, where he went Friday night to meet Secretary Taft. His physician tonight had no doubt that Mr. Sherman would be able to continue his journey tomorrow.

GENE McAULIFFE FELL UNDER A MOVING TRAIN

Son of the Well Known Actor Had a Leg Fearfully Mangled.

A distressing accident happened at the Union Depot at 4:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon when Eugene Thomas McAuliffe, the 14 year old son of Jere McAuliffe, the actor fell under the wheels of the Pacific Express and had his left leg badly mangled. The McAuliffe Company closed a season at Campbellton and were coming here to disband. The boy was standing on the platform of the car. Dr. T. D. Walker was summoned and the injured boy was carried into Supt. Ross' office and chloroform was administered. The young fellow was taken to the hospital in the ambulance. At the hospital the entire limb was amputated.

The boy's father and mother saw their son almost immediately after the train passed over him, and their grief can only be imagined.

'Gene' McAuliffe has been a member of the company for the last few years, playing the small boy and girl parts, and was a general favorite.

It was the intention of Mr. and Mrs. McAuliffe to proceed to their home at London, Ont., for the summer, and at the close of the summer vacation Eugene was to have entered the St. Francis Xavier College at Antigonish.

GETTING THE MINES READY.

Development Work Has Been Pushed at the Winter Port Coal in Preparation For a Bigger Output.

A great deal of interest has centered in the Winter Port Coal Mines recently. The possibilities in connection with the development of these mines, from the close connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, are very great.

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BACHELORS MUST CHOOSE COMPANIONS

Annual Marriage Mart at the Village of Ecaussines

Spinsters of the Place Will Welcome Bachelors, Escort Them About Town, and Give Them a Dinner.

BRUSSELS, June 22.—The marriageable spinsters of the village of Ecaussines have completed their arrangements for the annual bachelor party. They held a meeting this week at which letters were read from the members of the Spinsters' Executive Committee, who have recently resigned on account of their having found husbands the last party.

The bachelor guests will be received at the gates of the town by a reception committee composed of the priestesses of the marriageable spinsters. The new president of the association (the late president having married two months ago) will deliver an address of welcome, which will be responded to by a bachelor.

Then the bachelors will be escorted around the town by the reception committee. After the promenade, during which the visitors will be given a fair opportunity to inspect the charms of the spinsters, a concert will be given in the public park. The band will play nothing but nuptial marches and love songs.

At sunset a dinner will be served in the town hall, the bachelors and spinsters occupying alternate seats. Any bachelor who wishes to sit, so, a ball will follow, and it is expected that the usual number of engagements will be announced before the evening is over.

It has been decided this year to allow young ladies of neighboring villages to come and make their choice at Ecaussines.

BISMARCK COUNTESS ENGAGED TO TUTOR

Granddaughter of the Famous Iron Chancellor Involved in Romance.

BERLIN, June 22.—Details have just leaked out of the romantic secret engagement of Countess Hertha von Bismarck, the eldest living grandchild of the famous Iron Chancellor, to a young theologian of humble origin, who was just about to enter the evangelical priesthood. The news of the engagement is so far known only in the inner circles of German society.

The young man has been for several years engaged as private tutor to the children of the Countess Wilhelmine von Bismarck, widow of Prince Bismarck's second son, at Castle Schoenhausen, the estate where the founder of the German empire once lived. The tutor had endeavored himself not only to the Bismarck family, but also to the noble family of von Arnim, of which the Countess Wilhelmine is a member.

About a week ago the tutor was to undergo the final stage of his probation for the priesthood by preaching an inaugural sermon in the parish church near Schoenhausen. His happiness over the approaching event was fully shared by his employers, and was, indeed, to take place under their auspices.

Two days before the appointed day the Countess Hertha, in the presence of the Countess von Bismarck and made the astonishing announcement that the church authorities could not permit the young man to enter the pulpit because of rumors that he was secretly engaged to one of the daughters of the Bismarck household. The Countess declined to credit this statement, and summoned her three daughters, the Countesses Hertha, Irene, and Dorothea, aged respectively 22, 20 and 16, to appear.

The mother repeated the superintendent's assertion to her daughters smilingly and confidently, with the unexpected result that the Countess Hertha stepped forward and blushing admitted that she was secretly betrothed to the tutor.

THE KING AND QUEEN AT THE HORSE SHOW

LONDON, June 22—King Edward and Queen Alexandra visited the International Horse Show at Olympia this afternoon and all fashionable London seemed to have turned out to greet the Royal party. The color display of the ladies' dresses was a wonderful spectacle. The immense Olympic was packed and even standing room was difficult to obtain. Among the features of the day performance, was the exhibition of American bred horses to which the King paid marked attention.

King Edward has promised to open the Olympic games on July 31.

There are two periods in a man's life when he is unable to understand women. One is before marriage and the other after.

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Shoes for School Closing!

Many of the scholars will take part in the closing exercises tomorrow, and they will do so the better for the knowledge that their feet are correctly covered, this they may have by wearing a pair of slippers, shoes or boots. We have been thinking of the class of footwear usually worn on such occasions.

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MARRIAGES

GILLIS-McLEOD.—At Parmerston, Carleton Co., the residence of the bride's father, on the 17th June, by Rev. Dr. Phillips and Rev. Mr. Anderson, M. A., John McCain Gillis of Lakeville, Carleton Co., and Margaret Myrtle McLeod, daughter of George McLeod.

ANNA AND HELIE IN LONDON.

LONDON, June 22.—Madame Anna Gould and Prince Helie De Sagan arrived here this evening from Paris. To reporters calling at the hotel where the couple are stopping Madame Gould sent word that she declined to see any one on the subject of her approaching marriage.

RUMOR THAT SULTAN OF MOROCCO IS MURDERED.

PARIS, June 22.—It is persistently rumored in the parliamentary lobbies that Abd-el-Aziz, the Sultan of Morocco, has been assassinated at Rabat. There is no confirmation of this rumor at the foreign office, and the ministry of the interior regards the report as absolutely untrue.

WILL SECOND NOMINATION.

RICHMOND, Va., June 22.—Governor Swanson of Virginia, has been invited by Wm. J. Bryan to second his nomination for president at the Denver convention. The invitation came by mail today and Governor Swanson at once made reply, saying that he would be very happy to perform that service for his former congressional colleague.

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PAY-AS-YOU-ENTER. CHURCH THE LATEST. Cash Register System Adopted to Solve the Financial Tangle.

WORCESTER, Mass., June 22.—Announcement was made to the parishioners of St. Casimir's Church by the new parish priest that Bishop Beaver had refused their application to have an auditing committee, but instead had ordered that cash registers be put in the church.

They will be placed at the entrances before next Sunday and then the church-goers must give up their dues at the door, paying as they enter and can see their money registered. In this way the bishop expects to do away with the tangles, financial and otherwise, in which the new priest found the affairs of the church on his arrival here a week ago.

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