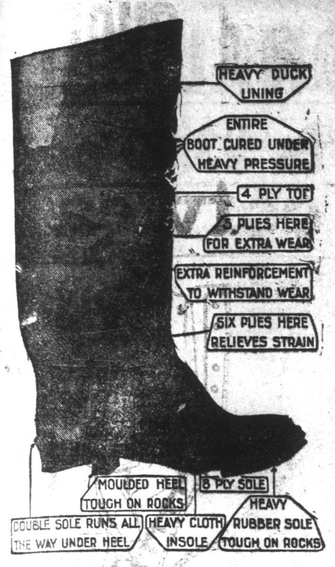

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THE GREAT POLICE CONFERENCE.

(By OBSERVATOR.)

"A WORLD-WIDE NET FOR THE CRIMINAL."

Crime has been defined as the product of the aggregate social condition and tendency of a people at a given moment in its history. Actions which in one eye are regarded as heroic and which have elevated the authors to the rank of the gods, in another bring the same daring spirits to a dungeon or the scaffold. "The connection between law and order," as one of our Judges of thke Supreme Court not long ago observed, "is not nearly so close as is commonly imagined. In law nothing is wrong which the law itself does not forbid." But what I mostly want to mention here is the world-wide Police Conference the preliminary organization of which has just been initiated in New York at the International meeting of police officers. I am not at this moment in a position to say whether Newfoundland had any representative there. But, "if not, why not?" (We understand that Acting Head Constable Byrne attended this convention—Editor.)

LOGICAL STEP IN NECESSARY DEVELOPMENT.

According to the New York Evening Post, "the organization was a logical step in absolutely necessary development. An immediate result will be a closer co-operation among police departments the world over. Eventually there may even be an international police headquarters that will oppose to the mobility of the modern crook the resources of science and speed at the disposal of all governments." Representatives of 700 cities in the United States, Canada, Cuba and Mexico, and high police officials of Europe attended the Conference and perfected plans for a standardization of methods of detection and mutual cooperation in a more vigilant war on criminals.

PRECAUTION AGAINST BANDITS AND BURGLARS.

Among the resolutions adopted was one regulating the manufacture of small arms, and placing it under government supervision. Under the terms of this resolution no small arms could be manufactured except for governmental or official use. As several speakers at the Conference remarked, "the United States War Department, by selling cheaply, and to any body willing to buy, great quantities of the pistols of which it had more than army needs after the late war, in effect is arming the burglars and bandits and increasing the difficulties which the police encounter, as well as adding to the danger of the general public." Standardization of finger-printing records was also urged in another resolution.

SCHEME FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

"The first step in the scheme for an international organization," says the Literary Digest, "is the establishment of a National Police Bureau, with headquarters at Washington, to authorize which Senator Calder is expected to introduce a bill in December." Such a bureau, writes Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright in the New York Times, "would mean that the movements of all criminals, in or out of prison, with their finger-prints, photographs, records and complete history, would be on file in one central place, and the criminal would no longer be permitted to go from one town to another without proper notice from one police commissioner to another.

THERE'D BE NO ESCAPE FROM THE POLICE.

The net thus tightened, the criminal would soon learn there was no escape from the police and that he could no longer hide after a job and come out when he thought it safe. If he was determined to go straight there would be nothing to deter him. Despite the assertions of reformers, the police are the reformed criminals' best friends, and they obtain more jobs for criminals who want to go straight than all the reform associations put together. An ounce of crime-prevention is worth a pound of cure. The bureau will also collect valuable information in regard to the improvements of police work all over the world. Such improvements and innovations will be bulletined in every department of the country and abroad. It will keep the police of every city in the world abreast of the best police thought anywhere. As conditions are at present, police heads learn by chance. There is just now no system of keeping them informed of new ideas in police work and they are thus handicapped in the performance of their duties.

THE POLICEMAN'S PERPLEXING AND TRYING POSITION.

True it is that the casual observer fails to appreciate the perplexing and trying positions in which a policeman may be placed. His life is one of continued difficulty and danger. There are many arrests which cannot be made without liability of serious bodily injury. He is called upon to use the greatest discretion with the boldest daring; he is expected to be as gentle as a child while curbing the lawlessness of the meanest criminal. Representing as he does the "power and dignity" of the law, his misdemeanors and other indiscreet acts of conduct are considered and treated as far more censurable than those of the average citizen. We deem it the greatest inconsistency for the guardian of the law to be himself the violator of that law. The conduct of the ideal policeman is marked by uniform good behaviour, an example to be emulated by all peace-loving members of the community.

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A Strange Will.

LONDON, Oct. 14th.—By a peculiar provision in the will of James Gibson, a London merchant, who died 150 years ago, his tomb is opened once a year. This has been done every year in the past century and a half, and will be continued until Gibson's last descendant is laid away in the family tomb. The annual opening takes place on August 12, the anniversary of the merchant's death, and must be witnessed by the churchwardens. The tomb is in Sutton Parish Churchyard.

Just why this behest was made is a mystery. There is no mystery, however, about the regular observance of it, as it ensures the gift from Christ's Hospital of a sum of money to be distributed among the poor of Sutton.

When the last descendant of James Gibson is interred, the entrance to the family tomb will be locked and kept locked forever afterwards. Provision for this is also made in the will, the terms of which stipulate that after the burial of the final link in the Gibson family chain the entrance to the tomb securely fastened the key is to be taken aboard a specially chartered ship and conveyed to Palestine, and there flung into the Jordan.

The will says nothing about the continuance of the gifts to charity after the sacred waters of the Holy Land have covered the key from the eyes of men. The assumption is that when the final interment takes place the poor of Sutton will have to shift for themselves.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR DISTEMPER.

Harbor Grace Notes.

The sad news was received in town by wire this morning from Britannia Cove, acquainting us of the death of the Rev. W. H. Browning. The Rev. gentleman had been in failing health for a long while, but it was not expected, until quite recently, that his condition was serious and the end was near. He had gone to Britannia Cove, accompanied by Mrs. Browning, and had hoped, after spending a time there he would be able to attend the General Conference at Toronto, but it was willed otherwise, and after life's fitful fever, he sleeps well. As pastor of the Methodist Church here, his passing is deeply regretted by the congregation and his many other friends, who offer to his esteemed wife their sympathy in her great loss.

Mrs. Bridget Butler, of whom mention has been made recently of her being seriously ill, passed away Tuesday evening. Her daughter, Miss Josephine Butler, came to town from Boston, Mass., and arrived by Monday's train. Mrs. Butler's son Patrick, who had been in the U.S.A. for a number of years also came to visit his mother. Another daughter, residing in the U. S. A. was not privileged to be with her during the last few days, as did the two children mentioned above. To these, as well as other relatives and friends, we tender condolence in their bereavement. The funeral was held this morning and internment made in the Roman Catholic Cemetery. R.I.P.

The death of Mrs. Ernest Sheppard occurred on Monday after a short illness. Deceased had not been enjoying the best of health the past summer, but the latter part of last week was taken seriously ill, and lived but a few days after. She is survived by a husband, the well-known Ferry Master, and two sons. Mrs. J. T. G. Ford is a sister. The family and friends have our deep sympathy in the much unexpected passing of Mrs. Sheppard. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, and was largely attended, her remains being laid to rest in the Church of England Cemetery.

Dr. W. S. Goodison who has been for the past six weeks at Catalina, Bonavista and other places on a professional visit, returned by this afternoon's train. Mrs. Goodwin who had accompanied him part of the time, also returned to-day.

Miss May Davis of E. Simmons', spent last week in St. John's on a holiday and returned again by this afternoon's train.

Schr. Banbury, Capt. R. Perry, went on dock on Tuesday and came off again to-day.

Miss Barbara Langmead of St. John's came to town to-day, and is the guest of Miss Stella LeDrew.

Mr. L. H. Simmons, of Spruce Brook paid a brief visit to town during the week, and returned on Wednesday.—CORRESPONDENT.

Oct. 12th, 1922.

Just Folks

By EDGAR A. GUEST.

LIFE'S SEASONS.

Troubles come and troubles go,
Never lingering very long,
First the winter with its snow,
Then the springtime with its song.

Then the summer filled with bloom,
Happy skies above us all,
Then a day of dark and gloom
And the first cold frost to fall.

Winter follows, long and drear,
Bitterly the blizzards roar,
Then a robin's song we hear
And the spring has come once more.

So with us, whoe'er we be,
Trouble frets us for awhile,
Hurt and grief fall bitterly,
Then it comes our time to smile.

Joy is followed by the tear,
Grief and all its hours of pain,
Then a friendly voice we hear—
Life is at the spring again.

British Royal Yacht Soon to be Sold.

LONDON.—The Royal Yacht Alexandria, the favorite boat of King Edward VII., costs the British government $125,000 a year to maintain. Hence she is soon to be offered for sale. King George has another Yacht, the Victoria and Albert, which will be retained. Virtually all the luxurious fittings on board the Alexandria will be included in the sale, which is to be without restriction except that the purchaser be not of ex-enemy nationality.

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