

pletely snowed under. It is most singular that although the convention was generally hot enough it should have reserved a chilling blast for the most prominent supporter of its doctrines. Bishop Waterson was rejected by 293 and then the customary force of unanimous election was gone through by placing Father Clary, his rival, in the chair. This occurrence appears to show that Americans will continue to fight for themselves in spite of the most vigorous of clerical pronouncements. The truth is that the world has progressed stupendously since some of the laws and canons of the Roman Catholic Church were formulated, and that latter day Catholics, while loyal to their faith, reserve the right of self-judgment on many questions that were formerly regulated by ecclesiastical decrees.

POPULATION considered, says a contemporary, Milwaukee consumes more beer than any other city in America. Last year two million five hundred thousand barrels were drunk there against two million eight hundred thousand in Chicago, a city nearly six times as populous. St. Louis "got away with" only two million, but in proportion to population that is more than twice as much as the consumption of Chicago. Philadelphia's score is one million eight hundred thousand barrels; Cincinnati's, one million three hundred thousand; Newark's, one million two hundred thousand; Louisville's, three hundred and fifty thousand, and New Orleans', three hundred thousand. And, last but not least, is New York, which last year "got outside of" five million barrels. The "Greater New York" made away with something like seven million eight hundred thousand barrels.

A CAPITAL story is thus told by the *New York Daily Mercury*:

"The awful thirst that a Maine man is apt to be seized with, consequent upon Neal Dow's persistent efforts to prevent him from getting a drink, is well illustrated in a little story which comes from Seaport, a sleepy old town on Penobscot Bay. There, a farmer there who has been much bothered by bears that invaded his fields and destroyed his crops. Meeting a neighbor one day he applied to him for advice as to what could be done to keep them off. The neighbor replied: 'Bears are fond of molasses. You just make a trough and fill it with molasses and rum, and put it where they come into your field, and they will drink it for the sake of the molasses, and the rum will keep them drunk, and you can go in the morning and knock them on the head.'

"The farmer followed this advice, and went to the field the next morning. There, stretched at full length in the trough he found, not a bear, but his esteemed neighbor. He was drunk as a lord."

THERE is a very pretty how-to-do-up Stratford way. The *Herald* of that town charged on the declaration of one Robert A. Kennedy that G. G. McPherson, a license commissioner, received \$100 from James Wilson, of the Wilson House, for political purposes. Mr. McPherson declares that this means he has been guilty of misconduct in office and he has entered

a suit for libel against the *Herald*. Our sprightly contemporary has accepted the challenge to fight and says it will not lose any sleep over it.

### TORONTO INDUSTRIAL FAIR.

AS idea of the wonderful variety of attractions to be witnessed at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition which commences on the third of September can be gained from the program just issued. Some of the leading features have already been mentioned. In addition to trotting, running, hurdle and bicycle races in front of the grand stand there will be exhibitions of equestrianism daily by the noted Kemp combinations including high jumping, four horse chariot driving and Roman standing races; Prof. Woodcott and Miss Lamout will appear in their daring ballroom ascensions and parachute drop; Living pictures, being reproductions of the day's doings of the great masters by models of grace and beauty; Edison's latest and most wonderful invention, the kinetograph, and many other novelties make up a most attractive programme. The latest developments of electrical science in its practical application will be on view in Machinery Hall. The tastes of music-lovers have been well provided for, the management having engaged the Ladies Vienna Court and the Russian Imperial Court orchestras, as well as a number of the best bands in the country. The fair will be formally opened on the 4th of September by Sir John Thompson.

### MONSIGNOR SATOLLI'S ERROR.

(From the *New York Dispatch*.)

THE decree of Monsignor Satolli, the Papal delegate to the United States, which in certain places banishes the Roman Catholic faith under the ban of the Church, and in effect excludes them from Catholic societies and associations, is a surprising exhibition of intolerance in these closing years of the nineteenth century.

It is probable that nine-tenths of the many thousands of liquor-dealers in this country are in sympathy with the Catholic Church, if not in active membership with it. These men have millions of dollars invested in their business, and from the returns upon this invested capital they depend for their livelihood, the support of their families, and the education of their children. The vast majority of the men engaged in this line of trade are as honest, reputable, and law-abiding as can be found in any other branch of professional or business life. They have been noted as liberal contributors to the Church represented by Monsignor Satolli, and have given immense sums to its schools and charities. In fact, if their contributions should be withdrawn, at least one half of the income of the Church in the United States would be extinguished. Why, under such circumstances, the liquor-dealers should be singled out for exclusion from Catholic societies is a problem that most people will be unable to solve.

Monsignor Satolli, in the opinion of the *Dispatch*, has made a mistake that he will soon realize and correct. If he has the power to shut out from Catholic communion the people engaged in a legally authorized business, he has the authority to similarly exclude persons engaged in any occupation that may incur his displeasure. We do not think American Catholics will submit to such interference with their purely personal and temporal affairs, and in taking such a stand they will win the sympathy and support of every lover of religious freedom and personal liberty.

### MGR. SATOLLI AGAIN.

Pointed Criticism of His Anti-Liquor Crusade by Kate Field.

(From *Kate Field's* Washington.)

AS home rule is the cry of Catholic Ireland why should it not be the cry of Catholic America? Who doubts that Cardinal Gibbons, of Maryland, or Bishop Spalding, of Illinois, would not be infinitely more satisfactory to the masses than a foreigner who knows nothing of this country and does not speak its language? That Mgr. Satolli can be more faithful to the true interests of the Church than an American is impossible. He rules best who best understands the genius of a people. A priest reared in the sphere of the Vatican cannot have the same point of view as the priest born and reared on this side of the Atlantic.

A recent decision made by the Apostolic Delegate emphasizes the doubt as to his fitness for a most responsible office. By approving and supporting Bishop Waterson's circular of instructions to the clergy of his diocese concerning liquor dealers, Monsignor Satolli has stirred up a question so far-reaching in its results as to make it impossible to answer as to the alacrity with which the Delegate committed himself to an opinion. This decision is the more remarkable coming from one born in a wine-drinking country, where nobody drinks water if he can help it, where everybody is sober and where monks themselves manufacture alcoholic liquors.

What has Bishop Waterson done? Portland Catholic societies have to protest against their officers any engaged in the liquor traffic, and has directed that absolution be refused to saloon keepers who sell liquor on Sunday or otherwise conduct their business in a discreditable manner. The Apostolic Delegate not only sanctions this dictum, but would seem to make it his own by officially informing various prelates of the stand taken by the Bishop of Columbus and of his sympathy therewith. Whether he does or not will probably be an issue at the coming congress in St. Paul.

Having placed liquor dealers and manufacturers under the ban how can Bishop Waterson and Mgr. Satolli draw the line this side of prohibition unless they are willing to be absolutely and ridiculously illogical?

Is the Roman Catholic Church ready to insist upon Prohibition at the very time its impracticability is admitted by politicians who have made it a part of their creed to catch votes?

I cannot believe that a Church renowned for its astuteness and knowledge of human nature will uphold the unwise decree of Bishop Waterson and the far more unwise indorsement of the Apostolic Delegate. To stop short of Prohibition is an outrage. To insist on Prohibition will not only fail to make people temperate, but it will create a schism in the Church only equalled by that produced by Martin Luther.

The Roman Catholic Church can do vastly more for temperance by supervising the character of liquor dealers than by treating them all as criminals. There is as much difference in this class as in any other, and it should never be forgotten that there were saloons in Ireland until after Father Matthew had driven liquor out of decent society. When two-thirds of the Irish lackside, the saloon began to flourish. When prohibition was held on this country, liquor went into politics and saloon keepers became Aldermen. The way to keep the saloon in politics is to pass prohibitory laws.

Suppose the new decree is to be universally applied, what then? There will be

just as many liquor dealers and just as much drunkenness. Catholics will defy the Church or secede, or all liquor dealers will be Protestants and unbelievers. What does the Church gain? What does it not lose?

### SHALL THIS BE TRUE OF CANADA?

"SAUNTERER" writing in *Town Topics* says: "Will some well-informed drunkard among the thousands in the State of Maine kindly inform me how it is that I can lay larger beer on Sunday at an open bar in the railroad station at Portland? I did so last Sunday, and yet the porter on the parlor car of the train on which I was travelling told me that I could not have beer on his car owing to the Maine prohibition law. One of the inexpressible things to an outsider is that in one place in Maine you must have your liquor served in a china egg-cup while in another place you will find rum running through a hose. I have never seen anywhere such continual drunkenness as that existing in Maine. A boy of fourteen, that does not drink at all, is shirkey enough before breakfast as regarded as an invalid. In a place like Bath, for example, you will find citizens strewn about the pavements from nightfall until sunrise, and the fumes of whiskey are so strong that people out of Wa-naganee and over in Woodville only have to open their windows in order to get intoxicated themselves. But the prohibition law is in force in Bath as it is at all other points in Maine. Nevertheless I bought beer in Portland on Sunday, and that openly at the bar in the railroad station. I mention this for the benefit of sane and thirty travellers going down East. At Portland, Maine, you may get anything you like. At Portland, Me., you may drink beer. It is well to know this, else a man might believe that the Maine Legislature had contrived to make journey through that State a misery and shame. You may beer up at Portland, and at Bath you will be delighted to find distinguished citizens sleeping peacefully in the gutters. Prohibition, it will be seen, does not prohibit."

MR. E. DECKIE was in Ottawa yesterday arranging for a meeting of the South Ontario License-Holders. A further meeting will be held at Whitley on Wednesday the 29th inst., when an association for that district will be formed.

THE New York State Hotelkeepers' Association hold their annual convention at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on Sept. 29th. An invitation was extended to them by the Toronto Hotelkeepers' Association to spend the night in Toronto during their meeting.

This has been accepted, and they will be here on Friday the 21st September. Arrangements are being made by the local association to give them a royal welcome. The form of entertainment has not yet been fully decided upon, but it is expected that they will be given a drive through the city, followed by a luncheon at Exhibition Park, at which representative men of the city will be invited to deliver short addresses of welcome. Invitations will also be sent to the various local associations throughout the province to meet with the New York visitors. Further details will be given in a later issue.

### MARS SAYS ZWEI BIER.

(From the *Buffalo Courier*.)

THE Sunmen in Mars are very much warmer than those in our own side of the snows, and it is now believed that the two bright spots long discovered on the planet are a signal for two beers.

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