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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27.

WHITNEY THE HEADSMAN.

So well did Mr. Whitney simulate the broad-minded statesman immediately after the last Provincial general election that not a few of those who had opposed him were half inclined to think that after all the electors might not have made such a great mistake in returning him to office, while many of the supporters of the present Premier, who really took stock in his honesty of purpose pointed with pride to his utterances on that occasion. Speaking to the reporters at Toronto Mr. Whitney promised that Liberals as well as Conservatives might be assured of fair treatment at the hands of himself and his colleagues. The result of the elections he did not regard as a Conservative victory and all classes could be assured of justice. He promised that no Provincial official would be dismissed without just cause, and only after he had had a fair chance of defending himself in an open investigation. All this read and sounded very nicely to all but the horde of placemen in the Conservative party, whose politics begins and ends with the spoils. The feelings of that element were voiced on the night of the election by that other Conservative statesman, Mr. Billy Gray. Said he to the crowd studying the returns as they reached London: "Boys, if things keep on this way for another hour, we'll all form in line, and march to the asylum." And the cheers which greeted this implied suggestion for a raid on an institution where Government jobs are supposed to grow thickest, showed that Mr. Gray had taken the proper measure of the crowd. Mr. Whitney spoke in a spasm of virtue, probably brought on by the excitement of victory; Mr. Gray spoke for the rabble, and, it has been too well proven, uttered the real sentiment of his leader in the Legislature.

As is well known, it did not take Mr. Whitney long to prove the hollow-ness of the hypocrisy of his earlier professions. Scarcely had he assumed office than the axe which had been well sharpened beforehand, began to get busy, and beginning with the license inspectors and commissioners, the instrument of decapitation has been kept busy ever since. Each week shows its list of dismissals, all of them unwarranted, the only possible reason being that the Government might make places for the hangers-on. The license graft scandal at Toronto, in which prominent workers in the Conservative party are shown to have trafficked in these Government permits, is the latest phase of the spoils system as it is carried on under Mr. Whitney. True, there has in some instances been a show of investigation of charges against officials, but instead of placing the inquiries in the hands of county judges or others removed from political influences, strong partisans, men whom the Government knows can be depended upon to do the work cut out for them, have been appointed, and the whole thing has been as farcical as it is scandalous.

Amidst it all what has Mr. Whitney been doing? Has he, as head of the Government, done one act to prove the sincerity of his earlier professions? His recent admission in the House shows he has not; for he brazenly declared that "there has never been one dismissal during the term of the present Government, that did not receive my entire and emphatic indorsement." More than that he spurred the suggestion that he had been constrained to make certain dismissals against his will and at the request of colleagues. He wished and all to know that his was first and foremost the responsibility, and that "there had been no dismissals that had taken place that would not be repeated." Here is revealed the true Billy Gray spirit, the spirit of the office-seeking rabble, the spirit which we are forced to believe was nursed in the breast of Mr. Whitney when he spoke those fair words immediately after the election. Mr. Gray may not be so great a statesman as his leader in the Legislature, but his course in the matter of the spoils has been far less dishonest.

Having thus thrown off the mask and acknowledged that he is himself the lord high executioner of the Province, Mr. Whitney may now be expected to continue to yield to the clamor of the placemen, who seem determined not to be satisfied while a Liberal holds office under the present Ontario Government.

Meanwhile the opposition in the Legislature has a duty to perform, and may be relied on to perform it. It may be powerless to stay the hand of the headsmen, but it can, and no doubt,

will, in and out of session, expose and denounce a condition of affairs which has become a crying scandal.

CRIME ON THE INCREASE.

For the people of the United States there is not much comfort in the criminal statistics for the year 1936. The number of legal hangings was 123, exactly the same as the year before. The figures indicate little as to the sum total commission of crime compared with other years. To this the homicides give a better clew. Of these there were 9,350, as compared with 9,212 in 1935. There was a marked increase in the number of suicides and in the amount of money involved in embezzlements. The number of lynchings for the year was 69. The 12 negroes lynched in Atlanta in September and the 12 killed at Scooba and Wabash, Miss., in December are not included in this total. The number of lynchings in the various states and territories was as follows: Alabama 6, Arkansas 5, Colorado 1, Florida 6, Georgia 5, Kentucky 1, Louisiana 8, Maryland 2, Mississippi 12, Missouri 3, North Carolina 5, South Carolina 5, Tennessee 2, Texas 6, Indian Territory, 2. Of this number 54 were negroes and 5 whites. It was remarked last year that "the startling feature of the crime record is the increase of murders committed by highwaymen, burglars, hold-up men and that class of criminals." This feature is even more apparent in 1936, for the number of murders to be credited to them is 605, as compared with 552 in 1935, 454 in 1934, 406 in 1933, 383 in 1932, and 103 in 1931. The number of suicides for 1936 is 10,125, which exceeds the homicidal record. The record of embezzlement, forgery, defaulting and bank wrecking shows a large increase over 1935, and is the largest total since 1934, being \$1,731,863, as compared with \$9,613,172 in 1935.

If any of the artesian wells do not "pan out," the owners can sell them for post-holes.

If the Rev. R. E. Knowles incorporates a railway wreck in his next novel he should be able to make it realistic enough.

The Provincial Secretary announces a plan to place prison labor on road, farm and general outdoor work. The electors of East Hamilton are responsible for the change.

Ontario has a record surplus for 1936. Col. Matheson and his associates have more than ever reason to be thankful that when they were in Opposition their financial views were not accepted.

The report of the Insurance commission hits right and left. Foster, Fowler, Bennett, Pope and Lefurgey, those precious Conservative purists, cannot brush it aside with the pretext that it is a partisan document.

"It is fortunate for Mr. Foster that he is possessed of unusual fighting powers," says the Free Press, ancient the insurance commission's report.

It will be more fortunate for Mr. Foster if he can convince the country that he is fighting in a good cause.

The new year is already notable for the frequency of railway disasters in the United States and Canada. Probably a contributory cause is the fact that traffic all over the continent is taxing the resources of the railway systems.

Many Conservatives in the city are outspoken in favor of allowing Mr. Hyman, in view of his ill-health and his high position in the national councils, to be returned without the trouble and turmoil of an election. They think it would be better policy, even from a party standpoint, to save their energies for a general election, when the Conservative party would have a fighting chance of obtaining power at Ottawa.

THE THAW "BUNCH."

[Milwaukee Sentinel.]

"There is a homely saying about being 'tarred with the same stick.' So far it seems to apply to the whole set (or 'whole bunch,' in Mrs. Thaw's chaste epistolary diction), mixed up in this wretched business which reeks of the stews, of 'fashionable' lechery and glided harlotry, from end to end. And if there is anything more nauseating than the story itself it is the mischievous and mischievous attempt of certain writers and preachers of slush and gush and pinchbeck morality to shed a nimbus of romantic sentiment and heroism about this or that member of a rancid crew whose collective morality was about equal to that of a conclave of cats holding a nocturnal revel in a back yard.

COSTLY FURNITURE.

[Judge.]

"It's shameful," he exclaimed, "the way these 'colleges' waste money on furniture. Here's an account of somebody giving Harvard \$200,000 for a chair!"

BOTH BENEFITED.

[Ally Sloper's Half-Holiday.]

The Laird—Well, Donald, I met the pastor in London. He seems to be benefiting by the change.

Donald—See we, sir; see we, sir.

SOLDER OR SODDER.

[New York Sun.]

"How about that order for solder?" said the office boy the other day.

"For what?" said the man at the desk.

"For solder," repeated the boy.

"For what?" with a decided accent on the "what."

"Now maybe you think I'm going to solder," retorted the boy; "you have

some queer ways of saying words around here."

Just to make sure, the dictionary was brought into requisition and there, sure enough, was authority for a non-suppressed "Out of the mouths of babes—" thought the vanquished one. And the office boy grinned.

MACHINE TO SHUFFLE CARDS.

[Popular Mechanics.]

A machine which automatically shuffles a pack of cards in an instant, with the cards concealed from sight, and which changes the position of nine out of every ten cards, is the latest mechanical device for card players. It not only protects the cards from injury, but gives an absolutely square deal shuffle. The machine weighs four pounds, and attaches to a moment to any table. It is about twelve inches high.

RIGID AS A ROCK.

[Athens Globe.]

Thank heaven, the multiplication table doesn't change! It is the only thing mother knows that is the same as when she went to school, and which she can speak of without being corrected.

COULD NOT COUNT THE FISH.

[Exchange.]

Tourist (to boy fishing): How many fish have you caught?
Boy—Oh, I couldn't count 'em!
Tourist—Why, you haven't caught any, you little vagabond!
Boy—That's why I can't count 'em!

HAIRPULLING, ETC.

[Boston Transcript.]

Deacon—By the way, that man Brown you married a year ago, has he paid you your fee yet?
Clergyman—No; the last time I reminded him of it he said I'd be fortunate if he didn't sue me for damages.

IN THE CHINA SHOP.

[Cleveland Leader.]

Shopper—Do you break these eggs?
Dealer—No, ma'am; your maid will probably attend to that.

CURRENT COOKERY.

[Punch.]

Waiter—Yes, sir, we're very up to date here. We cook everything by electricity.
Customer—Oh, do you? Then just give this steak another shock?

14,000 VARIETIES OF STAMPS.

[Westminster Gazette.]

The total number of all known varieties of postage stamps issued by all the Governments of the world up to the present time is 14,000, of which 6,153 are appropriated to the British Empire, and 14,443 to the rest of the world. Europe has issued 4,688, Asia 3,856, Africa 4,469, America, 4,668, the West Indies 1,537, and Oceania 1,485.

These figures comprise standard varieties of postage stamps, and do not include postcards, letter cards, stamped envelopes or wrappers.

ABOVE THE AVERAGE.

[Brooklyn Life.]

Mrs. Benham—They say that a person speaks on an average about 12,000 words a day.
Benham—I've always said that you were above the average.

POINTER FOR WOMEN.

[Montreal Star.]

If lovely woman, who has no pockets, will stop to think that the average man has at least sixteen, she may understand better why her letters intrusted to him occasionally don't get mailed.

THE INTRICACIES OF ENGLISH.

[London Sketch.]

"What do you think of Stodger's last book?"
"Well, I thought it was the driest thing I ever read, but I managed to wade through it."

JUST PLAIN SUE.

[New York American.]

I've got a little girl, and her name is Sue; She hasn't many graces, and she hasn't any airs; She doesn't look a Gibson girl—her fads are mighty few— And she doesn't care a snap for Teddy bears.

She's just plain Sue, True blue.

She wouldn't "put your eye out" should you meet her in the street;

Her photo won't be copyright on a colored postal card;

She'll never be a star, with Johnnies at her feet;

But through good times and bad times she's the squarest little pard.

Just plain Sue, True blue.

It makes a man feel funny to know a heart's so white;

This world can't all be wicked, though so carelessly it whirles;

The folks that talk of heaven, it seems to me are right;

And I'm sure the blessed angels there won't look like Gibson girls.

But just plain Sue, True blue.

CHARACTER IN A MAN'S BEARD.

[Kansas City Star.]

"You can tell some of a man's habits and read some of his character from his beard," said the old barber.

"If a man spends his days at a desk beside a window, his hair and beard will grow faster on the side toward the window under the influence of sunlight. Why, one of my customers found the effects of the side light so pronounced that he changed his office desk to face the window. Another interesting fact is that, when a man is up late or works long hours, he needs a shave often than if he took the usual amount of sleep. That's because in being awake he keeps the vital processes of his body in greater activity than when asleep. The growth of the hair depends largely on the circulation of the blood, and the heart slows down when we sleep."

CARUSO'S PLAY.

[New York Sun.]

Signor Caruso and Mr. Conradi came to an understanding yesterday in reference to the tenor's future contract with the Conradi Metropolitan Opera Company. The result was a moderate victory for both of them. Signor Caruso did not succeed in raising the price to \$5,000 for every performance, with a guarantee of not less than fifty during the season.

Caruso will receive under his new contract, which begins a year from next October, \$2,500 every time he sings, and he will sing not less than fifty times. The new contract will run for that season, and during the second year the tenor is to receive \$2,500 the same number of representations.

Need—"Are they happy in their married life?" Tom—"Very. He still wears the neckties that she picks out for him."

An old gentleman of my acquaintance says that all that is necessary for the enjoyment of love as of sausages is confidence.

ENGINEER RENTON'S UNTIMELY END**Crew of Freight Train That Did the Damage Give Their Testimony.**

The coroner's investigation into the cause of the death of the late Engineer George Renton, who was killed in an accident in the G. T. R. yards recently, was opened last night at police headquarters before Coroner MacLaren. After hearing the evidence of Engineer David J. Henderson, who was in charge of engine No. 667, which collided with the engine attached to the express train on which Mr. Renton met his death, and also the testimony of Conductor W. H. Northey, who was in charge of the eastbound freight, the jurors found that an adjournment would be advisable in order to visit the yards and view the scene of the wreck. The inquest will be continued on Thursday.

Engineer Henderson's Story

Engineer David Henderson, of engine No. 667, was the first witness called. He stated that he had been in the engine for about seven months. On the evening of the wreck he was taking his train out of the yards east of Waterloo street on the south track, but was afterwards switched onto what is known as "Walker's siding," which is used for through freights going east. His train, he thought, was going at about six or seven miles an hour, and was a light one, composed of eight cars. He followed another train which was just ahead. All went well until when between Adelaide and William streets he had to take his train across from Walker's siding to the main line for eastbound trains, which was the first track north, when the front of his train went ahead and opened the switch from the eastbound track to the next one north, which allowed the freight to run foul of the track on which the International Limited was approaching. He stated that he could not stop his engine, the collision occurred. Engineer Henderson said he saw that the switch was thrown to the wrong track, and did all that was possible to stop his engine before it got foul of the track on which the express was coming, but could not accomplish his object.

Brakeman McDonald.

McDonald, the brakeman of the freight, left the engine between Maitland and William streets, and after turning the switch, gave the signal to go ahead.

In answer to a question asked by Mr. Geo. C. Gibbons, K.C., Engineer Henderson said that none of the yardmen were near at the time, and therefore McDonald had to get out to turn the switch. Both the brakeman and the engineer had jumped before the collision took place. The air cylinder had no pressure in it, and therefore the brakes had allowed the train to slip about 60 feet.

Conductor Northey.

Conductor W. H. Northey was then called. He stated that he had been promoted to the position of conductor last October. That was the first trip he had made with McDonald. Brakeman McDonald had been given orders to turn the switches, so as to put the train on to the eastbound main line, and he thought all was going well until the train came to a rather sudden stop, and he went forward, to find that McDonald had turned three switches instead of two as he should have done. Witness immediately sent for help.

In answer to questions by Mr. Gibbons, Conductor Northey stated that the rear end brakeman was less experienced than McDonald, but that both men had been required to pass an examination before they were allowed to go on.

Switchman Busy Elsewhere.

The switchman stationed at Maitland street was supposed to cover the switches which McDonald had turned, but was busy further down the yard at the time, as is often the case. He also stated that had the proper switchman been there instead of the inexperienced brakeman, the accident would never have occurred.

To Mr. Judd, who represented the G. T. R., Mr. Northey said that each brakeman had to make two or three trips with an experienced crew before being taken on a train. To the best of his knowledge, the engineer, the brakeman and the switchman were all experienced men, and each time they appeared to be working all night.

Mr. Gibbons stated that although no

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End of Brussels Carpet Sale

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\$37.50 Wallaby Coat	\$29
\$35 Wallaby Coat	\$27
\$30 Galloway Calf Coat	\$24
\$28 Kangaroo Coat	\$22

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claims for damages had yet been made

action was likely to be commenced

shortly.

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