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LOCAL NEWS

Trimmed hats for \$1.00. 75 Germain St., opposite Trinity Church. To cure a headache in ten minutes use Kumfort Headache Powders, 10 cents.

Curtains done up for full housekeeping with homelike care at Ungar's. Tel. 15.

Miss Gleason left last week by steamer Calvin Austin for Eastport, to visit her aunt, Mrs. McCarri.

The Two Barkers are offering choice butter 25c. per lb. retail, or 35c. lb. by the tub.

Choice Delaware Potatoes, only 17c. per pk. At the Two Barkers, 100 Princess St., 111 Brussels St., 443 Main St., and 345 King St. N. Y.

The Thistle Curling Club will meet this evening at the rink at 7.30 o'clock. J. P. Esterhuysen passed a comfortable day on Sunday.

The firm of Reid Bros. announce that they will soon retire from business. They will not re-open the premises which were so badly gutted by fire several weeks ago.

Rev. A. B. Cobbe delivered a very interesting temperance address Saturday evening at the Seaman's Institute. Coffee and light refreshments were served by the ladies. Mrs. J. W. Seymour presided. Miss M. Condon presided at the piano. Mr. Rhodes of the steamer Canada sang a solo.

Mr. James Smith, the manager of the Victoria Rink, has been made the recipient of another mesochurch stipend from several of his admirers. All the skaters feel kindly towards Mr. Smith for the interest he has shown in them.

Shortly after 11 o'clock last night fire was discovered in the basement of a small building on Bridge street occupied by Jas. H. Dalton as a bar-room. An alarm was rung in from Box 122 and the fire department responded promptly. The blaze was extinguished without difficulty. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Rev. W. M. Fraser preached at both services in Calvin Church yesterday. He spoke on the three parables in St. Luke, xv. verse: Prodigal son, Lost Sheep, and Lost Coin. He declared that no man should give up, no matter how low he had fallen, but have hope of redemption, for God realizes the value of man. In the evening the speaker dwelt on man's duty towards God. Large congregations heard Mr. Fraser at both services and he made a deep impression.

TO CURE A COOLD IN ONE DAY Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

The store formerly occupied by the Dominion Specialty Co., Ltd., was entered Saturday evening and a number of pictures stolen. The burglars removed a pane of glass from one of the front windows and made their entry in this manner. When the manager of the company, H. Y. Beeman, had occasion to visit the store Saturday night he found that three or four valuable pictures had been stolen, among them being a picture of Gladstone.

A large crowd attended the Thorne Lodge meeting yesterday afternoon in Haymarket Square Hall. M. A. Thorne presided. The musical programme consisted of solos by Mrs. M. A. Thorne and Wm. Garnett and a quartet—Mrs. Pitt and Miss Patterson, A. H. Patterson and R. D. Coggan. Rev. Jas. Crisp addressed the meeting. He began by congratulating Thorne Lodge on the good effect of their meetings and appealing of the progress of the temperance movement in this community. Some years ago the work of the temperance people was confined to getting the man away from the drink.

Fred Stephenson of Haymarket square had a desperate encounter with a huge bull dog Saturday night. Shortly after 10 o'clock he had occasion to visit the barn in which the dog was kept. For some time past the animal has shown signs of becoming dangerous, and for that reason it was chained. The dog, not knowing its master in the darkness, sprang at him, and the chain, which was not a heavy one, gave way. Mr. Stephenson seized a pitch fork near at hand and for ten minutes fought the dog off. Finally Officer Rankine, who had heard the commotion, hastened to the scene and at the request of Mr. Stephenson shot the animal dead.

Martin Dolan of Haymarket Square received a bad beating Saturday night at the hands of George McNeil and James Sparks. Dolan is a well-to-do, met Sparks and MacNeil outside a Charlotte street bar-room and told them that it would be useless for them to enter as they would not get served. This angered them so that they knocked Dolan down and took to their heels. Dolan regained his feet and followed the pair down Charlotte street and finally entered a yard in the rear of John Chipman's store. Here the pair again attacked Dolan and after knocking him down, seized him brutally in the face. They then endeavored to escape by scaling a high board fence, but were captured by Officers Ward and Cavanagh. Dolan is very badly cut about the face besides being badly beaten.

KEEP YOUR HAIR. Don't let it get dry, dull and gray. Luby's Parisian Hair Renewer, restores hair to its natural shade; keeps it glossy and beautiful, 50 cents per bottle. R. J. DAVINS, Agent, Montreal.

RETURN TO THE GUILLOTINE.

(G. X. Chesterton in the Illustrated News.) We have so many questions in the modern world which are really difficult to answer; I wish the modern people would leave off asking questions which are quite easy to answer, or rather, which are not even worth answering. Lately, however, a kind of calling itself progressive; but scepticism is really reactionary in the only intelligent sense which that term can bear. Scepticism goes back; it attempts to unsettle what has already been settled. Instead of trying to break up new fields with its plough, it simply tries to break up the plough. And the worst symptom is this habit of our philosophers of asking nursery questions, questions that most of us in our babyhood either found answered or found unanswerable. Scepticism has gone so far as to unlearn the alphabet and reverse the clock. Many of the queries solemnly propounded upon the most portentous books and magazines are queries which a schoolboy would answer with instantaneity and irritating smartness, and which a healthy child would not even admit to be queries at all.

HANGMAN AND SOLDIER.

I take such cases as come to hand. I read two articles this morning in two very able and distinguished periodicals which were devoted to this general consideration: "How extraordinary it is that the hangman is regarded with horror, while the soldier and the Judge are not regarded with horror." The schoolboy would burst his Eton collar in his eagerness to answer so obvious a difficulty. He would say at once that a hangman is not so fine as a soldier, because he is not so brave. A hangman is merely a destroyer; a soldier is not a soldier, at the best, is a mercenary; he is not a hero, at the best. If the public executioner were obliged to have a personal conflict on the scaffold with the criminal upon the issue of which depended which of the two were hanged, then general public sentiment would adore the hangman, just as general sentiment admires the soldier.

TIRE SOME TRUISM.

All this is a very tiresome truism; but that is my point. I cannot understand anyone asking a question that has so obvious an answer. The writer, if I remember correctly, goes on to attempt a solution by talking about clinging to the past, and about the slow advance through history of the humanitarian sentiment. But the thing has nothing to do with the matter of killing. The writer, in recorded history when soldiers were killed, the hangman, the fellaes and torturers were regarded with marked cordiness. There is no record of any civilisation in which the hangman was a desirable "part" for the daughters of the aristocracy. There never was a Victoria Cross awarded to a hangman. There never was a civic crown "ob gives interfectos."

NOT UNNATURAL.

This does not appear particularly surprising to anyone whose heart is in the right place, whose mind is working correctly. It is not hard to see that the human soul has always recognized three degrees of moral value in the matter of killing. Highest is the martyr who is killed without killing; second is the soldier, who is killed when he kills; third is the executioner, who kills with no peril at all of being killed in return. He is disliked, it may be unjust, but I do not understand anyone thinking it unnatural.

PREVENT KILLING.

Equally infantile and innocent is the answer in the mouth of the Judge. Objection is the reason that a judge is not hated as a hangman is a simple one. It never falls within the direct professional duty of a hangman to prevent a man being hanged; it does sometimes fall within the duty of a Judge. The Judge is at least supposed to do something else besides killing; he is supposed sometimes to prevent people from being killed. But I only take these cases as examples of the curious needlessness of most current questions. We have a really complex and crucial problem before us we need not perplex it with other questions which will confuse and annoy ourselves by thinking for three minutes. The problem of capital punishment is really a simple and important one; we need not perplex it further by asking why a man who charges the guns sword in hand is more to be pitied than one who strangles a man whose hands are tied. We need not delay ourselves with an inquiry about why an official who kills a prisoner in complete silence is not so popular as an official whose business it must often be to compose questions, to clean up mysteries, to give people back their lost property and their prodigal sons, to give that advice which is often sensible, and compromises which are often fair. Let us get rid of the unnecessary questions. When we have done that we shall come to the inevitable one.

INEVITABLE QUESTION.

This inevitable question has come to a climax in France; the question is, when, and upon what provocation the state should inflict upon one man the agony of being killed or upon another the ignominy of killing him. On this, as on all questions, the modern world has stiffened into an almost Chinese unconsciousness and routine. I do not know which party is the more dusty and dehumanized, the humanitarians who forbid capital punishment, or their opponents who (as far as I can make out) seem actually to enjoy it. But the heretofore English law grows very cumbersome and clumsy in this matter, the advantage is still to a great extent with France. In that country they do still seem to understand that killing a man is killing a man—even when they like doing it.

FRENCH JURIES SENSIBLE.

There still lingers in this country the absurd talk about the French juries being "sentimental" because they commonly treat crimes of passion with a special consideration. As a matter of

COLLEGE TEAMS MEET HERE TONIGHT

U. N. B. and St. Josephs Will Clash at Queen's Rink

ARRIVE TODAY

Both the St. Josephs and the U. N. B. hockey players will reach the city this morning for their contest in the Queen's rink this evening. Judging from the interest manifested a bumper house will greet the boys this evening, when the game starts at 8.15 o'clock sharp. Percy Howard will handle the net for the U. N. B. team.

PRISONER WOULD GO ON.

A man who has poisoned three people for money is very likely indeed to go on and poison more people for more money. Both his methods and his aims are (to employ the sacred word) scientific. And being scientific they are, as my scientific friends are so fond of pointing out, in their nature progressive. There is always more poison, there are always more people; there is always more passion of a lifetime, or more and more unfaithful wives. The science of the poisoner and the husband may be a barbaric thing, but the very barbaric fidelity is a proof that the same, extended by a man, will not very soon find himself in the same extraordinary situation. In short, the "crime passionnel" is in its nature the crime of a crisis, and not the crime of a routine.

CRIMINALS OF ROUTINE.

Now, the men about whose deaths the Parisian populace (always fond of an ugly emphasis) made their great demonstration recently were specifically criminals of routine. They were not men who had killed a man; they were men who were killing men, and men whose life was safe. My own temperament being totally English, I am not fond of this French love of martyrdom. But I fully recognize that the executions which the French people indelicately glorified were among the most necessary which any decent man could decently endure.

For my part, I would have no execution except by the mob, or at least by the people acting quite exceptionally. I would make capital punishment a punishment for the most heinous of crimes. Then there would be some chance of a few of our real oppressors getting hanged.

The Man Who Eats Well

And Enjoys Food Lives Life as He Should and Gets the Most From It

The man who eats is the man who works, and the man who works is the man who wins. Tireless workers depend upon a storehouse of vim and vigor. India is noted for its fasters and its dreamers, Europe and America put their workers to the test. In America we have been doing nothing but work this past quarter of a century. It is my old man's way, "In my days, no one had dyspepsia." Of course, all men in those days ate and drank, now they work and eat. If eating interferes with business, men give up eating. This is good logic, but it is not the logic of a man who works for the man who really wants to live. Abuse of anything God given results in punishment. The system every fluid, portly your stomach is every fluid, if eating interferes with business, men give up eating. This is good logic, but it is not the logic of a man who works for the man who really wants to live. Abuse of anything God given results in punishment. The system every fluid, portly your stomach is every fluid, if eating interferes with business, men give up eating. This is good logic, but it is not the logic of a man who works for the man who really wants to live.

INDOOR SKATING RECORDS BROKEN

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 14.—In a series of ice skating races between Norval Baptie and John Nilsson, three professional indoor world records were broken. The races took place at the Hippodrome Rink at the State Fair grounds. In the half-mile event, Baptie lowered his own world record of 1:13.15 to 1:11.15. Nilsson established a new world record for the mile, making the distance in 2:23.25, and also lowered the two mile record, going against time and covering the distance in 5:45.25. The previous indoor record for this distance was 5:59.

NO. 6 BERTH IS READY AT LAST

Cleared of all obstructions to its approach No. 6 berth is now ready for occupancy and will probably be used by the Tumbler, which is due here today. Saturday the work of clearing the berth was accomplished, and with the raising of the last boulder his workshop by the engineer was officially notified by Mayor Stannard. The soundings now being taken by the city will probably be completed today in time for the liner to dock. The news of the berth's readiness for service was received with general satisfaction throughout the city. For months the work has dragged on and the delay occasioned in the discovery of additional obstructions just at the opening of the winter port season has been particularly exasperating to all those interested in the future of the port.

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VICTORIA RINK! Tonight—Big Race 880 YARDS (City Championship Series)

Band in Attendance R. J. ARMSTRONG, Manager.

NIAGARA FALLS BLOCKED BY TIGHTLY PACKED ICE JAM

Only a Tiny Rivulet on American Side—Gorge Choked and Whirlpool

Barley Hiding. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Only a tiny rivulet not deep nor swift enough to carry a pulp log over the brink, is flowing over the American side of Niagara Falls. A strong north-east wind which has blown since Friday has held back the water and allowed the ice to gain a foothold. Two employees of the American reservation walked from Prospect Point to Bath Island this morning. They assisted from completion of the trip merely because they did not care to get their feet wet, a stream at one point being a few inches above the tops of their boots. A great wall of ice runs from the head of Goat Island to the American mainland through which only thin streams are able to trickle. This wall has even encroached on the Canadian channel, extending out some 200 feet beyond the third Sister Island and greatly diminishing the flow over the Horseshoe. Only the very apex of the Canadian fall is left and that is robed of half its flow. The gorge below is choked and the rapids have lost their fury, while the whirlpool is barely in motion. This is only the third time that this combination of wind and ice has thus affected the falls since the white man came here. The other occasions were on March 29, 1848 and March 22, 1904.