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## THE CHAPLAIN AGAIN

The Protestant chaplain at Dorchester penitentiary, to whose criticism of the manner in which the Times is conducted a reference was made a few days ago, has sent to the editor a letter which is printed in this issue. Of course it would not have been printed if the chaplain had not accompanied it by the fearsome intelligence that if this editor rejected the letter other editors would receive it gladly.

It is perhaps regrettable that newspapers do not harmonize with the chaplain's ideals, and that he is not himself an editor. He has a fine spirit of intolerance, and a charmingly dictatorial style, that would make his ex-cathedra utterances a power for good—no doubt. His sweeping suggestion, that newspapers "listen for the click of the prison gate latch to rush at the released prisoner," is a good illustration of his desire to be fair—or accurate. The Times has no apology to offer for its course in the particular case to which the chaplain refers, and declines to accept the dictum that the past in all cases is all cancelled and the full price for a crime paid when the sentence of a court has been carried out. Legally it may be so, but it is notorious that criminals sometimes escape punishment through disagreement of a jury or other cause; and that sentences when delivered are not always commensurate with the crime. Judas Iscariot voluntarily paid the penalty for his crime, but we dare say the chaplain occasionally refers to the crime of Judas, even at the risk of being charged by himself with making a "re-hash."

With regard to the general question of giving the released prisoner a fair chance, it may be said that the public are also entitled to a fair chance, and their claim is the larger one. The Times entirely agrees with Mr. Archibald's contention that the released prisoner should find work of some kind awaiting him on his return to the world, and that every reasonable safeguard should be thrown around him. As to the course of this paper, in dealing with crime and criminals and "free men," it will continue to deal with each case on its merits.

## A FLOURISHING TOWN

Berlin is one of the most progressive and flourishing towns in Ontario. Its population is about 12,500; its assessment value has increased from \$3,007,035 in 1897 to \$5,417,080 in 1906; the total value of the out put of its factories in 1906 was no less than \$7,320,000, and the wages paid to 2800 male and 1900 female operatives amounted to \$1,500,000.

These facts are gleaned from the annual report of the Berlin board of trade for 1906. Ten new industries were added to the town last year, and some previously existing ones were enlarged. Among the new ones were three large furniture factories, making Berlin the leader in Canada in this industry. The most notable fact in this connection, is that the "development" of Berlin is entirely from within, and not from an influx of outside capital. In this respect Berlin resembles Amherst, N. S., where the citizens themselves are continually developing new industries.

There are some seventy factories in Berlin, scattering their products all over Canada. Furniture, leather, buttons, boots and shoes, shirts and collars are manufactured on an extensive scale. The number of new buildings erected last year was the largest in the town's history, and all the factories were taxed to the utmost to fill orders for goods. The town owns and operates its light and water systems, and has lately taken over from a company the franchise of the street railway and is now operating the line. Steps have been taken to establish a central heating system in the town. The president of the board of trade, in his annual address, urges that the Ontario municipalities unite to provide a telephone service, following the example of western Canada, and declares they could provide such service at half the present cost. The report further says:—

"Berlin believes in commissions. She has three at present—water, light and sewage commissions. They have worked well in Berlin, being always composed of good business men and giving careful and economical service. They relieve the town council of much work."

Berlin is on the main line of the Grand Trunk, and has C. P. R. connection, and good trolley line services to neighboring towns. A \$20,000 market building was erected last year. The town has an efficient fire department. There are kindergarten departments in all the public schools, a collegiate institute and manual training school, a business college and other educational institutions. Out of 3126 persons on the voters' list 2138 are owners of homes in the town. The tax rate is 19.34 mills. It is stated that 200 commercial travellers go out weekly from the town to sell the products of its factories.

Berlin has spent about \$350,000 on its lighting and water systems, \$70,000 on a sewage system, and \$83,300 for the street railway franchise. The board of trade has over 300 members, a large number of whom bear German names, for as the name of the place denotes, a large portion of the citizenship is of German extraction.

## FIGHTING MONOPOLIES

The Toronto World laments the woes of Toronto and Hamilton as a result of the autocratic methods of the street railway companies in those cities, and declares that it is for these two cities once and for ever to resolve never again to have any kind of a transaction with any kind of a monopoly franchise company, inasmuch as it seems to be impossible to get a decent service or to have them live up to any agreement which they may sign.

But the World goes further and would take instant action to have existing franchises taken over. Thus:—

"But there is something else further incumbent on these two cities, and on other cities in this province, and that is to have the one and the only remedy that we know of put in their hands, and that is the right to expropriate. We believe that any delinquent franchise-holding company can be dealt with if the right of expropriation is held over it, but our view is that we should not only have the right of expropriation, but that we exercise it at the earliest possible day, and once and for all take back these franchises and run them in the interest of the city and adopt them as public ownership enterprises. And the men who profess to back a public ownership policy should begin an agitation for such amendments to the law of this province as will enable any city to take over any street railway or other franchise. We have made it the law that electric light companies can be taken over; we must make it the law that street railways can be taken over."

A New York man who earns a salary of \$30 a week, on being asked what his views were on the economic outlook replied: "I don't know if we are to have a falling off in business throughout the country, but I sincerely hope so. It is well-nigh impossible for me to make ends meet at present prices for food, clothing and house rent. Poor business would mean lower prices, and as my salary never changes I would benefit by depression. The sooner it comes, the better, for men of my class have had to bear the brunt of the much-lauded prosperity. It is all very well for bricklayers, plasterers, travelling salesmen, manufacturers and business-men whose income has been enhanced through the good times, but it has been hard on men like myself who have to keep a home on a salary of \$30 a week."

## BETTING AT THE WOODBINE

Interesting Case Before the Court in Toronto This Week.

TORONTO, May 31.—(Special)—Secretary W. P. Fraser, of the Ontario Jockey Club, neglected yesterday to produce his books, although subpoenaed to bring them, at the examination of book-makers charged with betting at Woodbine, and the case went over till today. An agreement between the club and John Cavanagh of New York was produced. Under this agreement the Jockey Club held to Cavanagh race information, including entries, scratches, overweights, and so on. "Real sale," pursued Corley, "is better privilege."

"They couldn't carry on betting if they didn't show the horses," hazarded his worship.

Curry contributed the information that besides the names of the nags, it was necessary to know about scratches, overweights, etc.

"It is that the only agreement between O. J. C. and Cavanagh," he asked. Fraser said that it was. "Has it been varied in any way?" "No."

## THE ICE SWEPT THE NETS AWAY

Great Loss to Cape Breton Fishermen—The Like Never Known There.

ST. PETERS, C. B., May 31 (Special)—The drift ice which for several weeks hovered about the east coast of Cape Breton made its appearance at Point Michaud on Sunday last and since then has swept the coast westerly by L'Ardoise, Rockdale and St. Peter's, and has extended far up Lennox Passage. On Monday the wind set in from the north, and this encouraged the fishermen along the coast to believe that the ice would be driven out to sea. That afternoon hundreds of nets were set out in anticipation of the appearance of mackerel, which were hourly expected. On Monday night the ice swept ashore and carried away everything before it in the shape of nets, moorings and lobster traps, of which there were thousands. The loss to the fishermen of L'Ardoise, Rockdale and Grand Grove can be estimated at fifteen thousand dollars in gear carried away and destroyed. This, on the very eve of the mackerel fishing, involves enormous loss to the fishing class. No such devastation was ever known in the history of Richmond county, and its effect upon the districts named will be far-reaching.

## CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 29.—Pasquale Innamorato, aged three years and his brother Antonio, aged five, perished in a fire alleged to have been started by a playmate, Julius Harjo, five years old, today, which destroyed a barn containing several tons of hay, where the children were playing. It is said that the Harjo boy, not realizing what he was doing, touched a lighted match to the hay. The property loss is small.

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## PASSING OF THE FOREST

As long as the forest shall live, The stream shall flow onward, still singing. Sweet songs of the woodland, and bringing The bright living waters that give New life to all mortals who thirst. But the races of men shall be curbed. Yes, the hour of destruction shall come To the children of men in that day When the low woodland voices are dumb; And death's devastation and death Shall be spread o'er the face of the earth. As swiftly receding again. Lo! after the flood shall be death. And the rain no longer shall fall. On the parching fields; and a pall, As of ashes, shall darken the sky. And the deep water wells shall be dry. And the rivers shall sink in the ground, And every man cover his mouth From the thickening dust in that drouth; For the forest shall cover the earth, And a murmur of death and despair. —Alexander Blair Thaw in the June Century.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN SHE EXPLAINS.

"I didn't see you," remarked a Roman matron, "at the grand opera with your much-vaunted Jewels."

"No," responded the mother of the Gracchi, petulantly, "the young rascals prefer vaudeville." —Washington Herald.

## SUCCESS ASSURED.

"Is your new song going to succeed?" "It is sure to make a big hit."

"How can you tell?"

"Every musician who has heard it says it's simply rotten." —Cleveland Leader.

## AS TO DELUSIONS.

"It is the nature of women to be a delusion to men," growled the old cynic. "Yes," merrily replied the young enthusiast, "and it is the nature of men to hug their delusions." —Baltimore American.

## IN SOCIETY.

"O! suppose callers take a g-great dale av yure time, Mrs. O'Flaherty. Why, me social duties do be so g-great. O! shurely git tione ter do me washin'!" —Judge.

## WANTED A PINT OF NEW ONES.

A traveler, putting up at a fifth class hotel, brought the "Boots" up with angry storming. "Want your room changed, sir? What's the matter, sir?"

"The room's all right," fumed the guest, scorchingly. "It's the fleas I object to, that's all."

"Mrs. Hobbs!" bawled the "Boots," in an uninterested sort of voice, "the gent in No. 8 is satisfied with his room; but he wants the fleas changed." —Illustrated Bits.

## JOSEPH'S PROGRAMME.

The mistress of the house is a cultivated Bostonian of much musical taste, and the whistling of the footman, who believed himself alone in the house, fretted her artistic soul.

"Joseph," she called at last, from the head of the bed, "please don't whistle those vulgar ragtime things."

"Yes, mem," returned Joseph meekly. "I know, mem," he continued, with unpeppered spirit, "but you can't expect a rhapsody of Liszt with cleaning the knives. That will come later, when I'm polishing the silver." —Youth's Companion.

## THE CHAPLAIN ONCE MORE

To the Editor of the St. John Evening Times:

Sir—It cannot be said, truthfully, that you have treated me fairly in publishing your criticism of my letter to The Telegraph—without giving it a place side by side with your editorial.

You have not succeeded in giving the letter a reasonable answer.

We have no quarrel with the papers about giving the details of crime to the public, at the time of its occurrence, or when the trial is proceeding, but we say frankly it is far from ideal journalism to do that.

Our letter was confined to the ex-prisoner—the free man—who steps from legal death, to citizenship in the living world. Mark you, I have said "a free man" with the past all cancelled—having paid the full price for his wrongs.

You refer to the particular case we have cited, and say "But it is certainly not conceded that reference to one of the most brutal tragedies in the history of St. John, or the lessons it teaches—should be withheld out of consideration for one of the criminals."

But page after page of this sad history was given to the reading public at the time.

But, Mr. Editor, you say "one of the criminals," you speak unwisely. You place yourself and your paper in an undesirable position. You have presumed to discuss a "free man."

The course pursued could be successfully challenged in the courts of law and damages recovered. It may be news to you that the advisability of making a test case of one of these many instances is being seriously considered. To put it plainly, the papers in question are seriously interfering with the work of those employed in the department of justice.

This is my final word. It is wrong, first, last and always to listen for the click of the prison gate latch and before the ex-prisoner—the free man—has barely time to face the outside world again rush at him with a rehash of the past in brutal headlines. Your paper can play the part of the judge in this matter, but the great reading public is the jury. We already know the verdict.

BYRON H. THOMAS.

Dorchester, N. B., May 30, 1907.

F. A. Barbour consulting engineer on the city's water extension, expressed himself yesterday as satisfied that with the water supply and pressure resulting from the extension to Loch Lomond and some changes he suggests in the distribution system, the fire underwriters will soon have a practical demonstration that will show all the water force that is wanted in any part of the city. A special report is being prepared by Messrs. Barbour and Hunter.

J. M. Barnes, of the C. P. R. telegraph, returned yesterday from Pennsylvania.

## Wall Paper.

We still have a good assortment of Wall Papers at 2c., 4c., 5c., 7c., to 25c. Roll. Some odd lots have been reduced in price. Lace Curtains, 25c., 50c., 75c., 90c., to \$2.10 pair. White Curtain Mullins—7c., 10c., 12c., 15c., 22c., 30c. Hard. Brass Bash Rods, 5c., 8c., 10c. Curtain Poles, 25c. and 40c. Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear, Corsets, etc.

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