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WAR.

Every little while someone gets up to protest against the expenditure of enormous sums of money and navies and the waste of energy on the part of inventors in devising new ways of killing people. As a matter of fact the records of all nations since history began have shown that since the early times warfare has been gradually becoming less deadly. We hear now of a gun that will fire a projectile from London to Paris. Another man claims that he can throw a shot from New York to Boston. New explosives are being manufactured every day, and warships are carrying heavier arms. Yet with all this there is a continual decrease in the death rates in wars. There is less suffering on the part of those engaged, while at the same time it is true that the cost of a campaign has enormously increased. The old argument against military and navy expenditures is that war will become so horrible that it will thus lead to its own abolition. There is no indication that it will do anything of the kind. Five or six hundred years ago an important arm of an English military force was composed of archers. A flight of arrows was far more deadly and more terrifying than a rain of bullets at the present day. Swordsman wrought greater havoc than do the cavalry of our modern armies. The further back one goes in the history of war the greater seems to have been the loss of life. In the Battle of Muden which was the greatest in modern warfare, the Russians are credited with a loss of 30,000 killed and 100,000 wounded, while the Japanese casualties were 2,800 in all. This battle occupied a fortnight and was fought over a very wide stretch of territory. In comparison with past combats it was a Sunday school picnic. At Towton Heath in a conflict lasting less than four hours the Lancastrians had 40,000 killed. In the Battle in the Sea of Japan the Russian and Japanese losses in killed and wounded were small as compared with the casualties in Trafalgar, yet Togo's fleet carried twelve inch guns, torpedoes and all other engines of death known to modern science. Nelson fought with the small smooth bore cannon, ineffective at more than a few hundred yards. In spite of all inventions, casualties in warfare continue to decrease and wounded men do not face anything like the suffering they did even one hundred years ago. Surgery has progressed and the treatment of wounded has been brought near to perfection. War is being robbed of its horrors and is not likely to bring about its own abolition.

THE SCOTT ACT STANDS.

To have adopted the license law and repealed the Scott Act would have been sentimentally a backward step for Frederickton. The vote yesterday by which the present law was sustained indicates that the principle which favors temperance is strongly established and that the desires of the people are in the right direction. There is little doubt that under well-regulated high license better results for the time being would be obtained, but high license is a long way from prohibition, while the Scott Act is its near neighbor. By holding to what they now regard as the residents of the capital who are opposed to the sale of liquor have so placed themselves that the next step in advance will be much more easily taken than if the city had introduced license. Having sustained the Scott Act it becomes the duty of the people to see that it is rigorously enforced. Frederickton during the past few years has not won credit by the manner in which the law has been administered.

MONEY WELL SPENT.

Playgrounds, \$300.
Free Kindergartens, \$600.
Every Day Club, \$250.
Associated Charities, \$250.
There could be no better ways of spending \$1,850 than by the above grants. All the institutions so favored have the same ideal, though working towards it along different lines, that of relieving suffering and making better citizens for St. John. More money applied in this way and less frittered in doubtful institutions would bring better results.

By one of those typographical errors which the devil—the printer's devil, of course—is often accused of making, Mr. Kirk Brown was, in yesterday's Star, prominently described as a dramatic treat. The heading over the reading notice should have been "A Dramatic Treat." No extra charge is made for this explanation.

Hotel Clerk—What's the reason that you're going to leave us, Miss de Sweete? Are you dissatisfied with the service here?

Miss de Sweete—Oh, not at all; but the stationery at the Smith House has such a beautiful crest on it and locks so much more genteel than yours that I've taken rooms there.

A story is related of a young man who was recently married to the daughter of a wealthy merchant, says The Tatler. The groom did not have a penny, but he was honest. He was so honest that he would not even variculate in the marriage ceremony. He was repeating what the minister said.

"With all my worldly goods I thee endow," read the minister.

"With all thy worldly goods I me endow," repeated the groom.

This was real honesty.

"What is the matter with the man who is sprawling under that automobile?"

"I rather think it is a case of nervous prostration."

Midnight came and still the bore remained.

"Do you like music?" asked the beautiful girl, just to break the monotony.

"Passionately fond of it," replied the bore.

"In fact, music will always carry me away," she said, turning up the stool.

"Yes," yawned the bore.

"But I thought you said music always carried you away?"

"So I did—music!"

Rufus Choate once endeavored to make a witness give an illustration of an ent-mindfulness.

"Wal," said the witness cautiously, "I should say that a man who thought he'd let his watch to him, and took it out of his pocket to see if he had time to go home to get it—I should say that that fellow was a little absent-minded."

H. G. Fiske, President of the National Humanitarian Alliance, said recently in New York in an address upon humanity:

"Humanity abolishes that cruelty, often thoughtless, which keeps current speeches such as one I overheard a boy of ten make to a boy of eight."

"Say, Jimmy," so ran this speech, "give us a suck o' that orange o' yours, an' I'll let you down one o' our kittens."

BRIEF DESPATCHES.

HAVERHILL, Mass., April 30—An unknown man, believed by his clothing to be a laborer, jumped in front of a Portland-bound express train on the western division of the Boston and Maine R. R. at Ward's Hill, a suburb of Haverhill, late today and was instantly killed. His body, which was terribly mangled, was brought to an undertaker's here. No clue to his identity was found on his clothing.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 30—Two men secreted on the New York-St. Louis Express on the Pennsylvania R. R., which left this city at 8:55 p. m., tonight, entered the express car at Walker's Mills, ten miles west of the city, on the Pan Handle division, overcame the express messenger and escaped with four sealed bags containing currency.

PESHAWAR, India, April 30—The Mohammedan tribesmen, who have been quiescent since their defeat six days ago, by a British force under Sir James Willcocks, are sending in delegations to confer with the British authorities. If the tribesmen accept the terms offered by the British officers the necessity of sending a strong expedition against the Mohammedans will be obviated. In obedience to orders issued by the Ammir of Afghanistan, many of the Afghans who joined the Mohammedans are returning to their own country.

FALL RIVER, Mass., April 30—The body of Max Bousky, a Hebrew butcher of 19 Hargrave street, was found late today lying on a large meat table in his shop on Quarry street, with a gas tube in his mouth and all the doors and windows closed and barricaded. Near the body was a note explaining that he had committed suicide on account of lack of business, saying that he was penniless and asking his friends to take care of his family. He was 42 years old and leaves a widow and six children.

PARIS, May 1—A despatch to the Matin from Lisbon says that the police arrested seven dangerous revolutionaries during the three days previous to the opening of the parliament. The revolutionaries were found in a house in Avenida Dom Carlos, through which the royal procession was due to pass.

HONG KONG, May 1—It was learned that Admiral Evans has accepted an invitation for the fleet to visit Hong Kong on its way around the world.

ROME, May 1—Madame Anna Gould Prince Heil de Segan, who arrived here yesterday from Naples are spending their time sightseeing. They continue to deny themselves to interviewers.

SHANGHAI, May 1—Sir Robert Hart, chief of the Maritime Customs Service of China, left here today for Europe on a year's leave of absence. He has received the highest honors from the government and was given a hearty send off by the foreign as well as the native residents.

BUFFALO, May 1—Seven inches of snow fell here yesterday and last night. At Jamestown this morning the snow was ten inches deep.

Today opened with the sun shining brightly and the snow disappearing fast.

RICH GEMS STOLEN FROM RAILWAY CAR.

PARIS, April 30—A jewel case containing gems worth nearly \$5,000, the property of Miss Alice Miller, of the Links, Montrose, was stolen at Avignon Station on the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean Railway.

Miss Miller, who was returning to London, occupied a first-class saloon carriage, and her dressing case, containing her jewels, was by her side. At Avignon she left the carriage for a moment, and on her return found that a thief had taken the bag.

Among the contents were necklaces, pendants and rings set with diamonds, pearls, and turquoise, with several gold bracelets and watches.

Many English travelers on the Continent have recently been robbed.

Society

Miss Alicia De Veber Heales has returned to her home after a pleasant visit to her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Andrews and other friends.

Misses Mabel and Evelyn Peters have returned to their summer home near Lingley, after spending the winter in Occa, Florida.

On the C. P. R. steamer Empress of Ireland, sailing for Liverpool today are a number of St. John people. Among them are Miss Baynard, niece of the late Dr. Bayard, Mrs. Stratton and Miss Phyllis Stratton, Mrs. James Dever, Mrs. James Jack and family, Mrs. Andrew Jack and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Seely, Miss J. M. Clark, W. S. Montgomery, Miss Stephenson and Mrs. H. C. Rankin. James Jack and Andrew Jack will go today to Halifax on the steamer.

Miss Marion, Belyea has returned from a visit to Boston. Miss Bertie Hegan and Miss Clara Schofield who were in Boston, have gone to spend a few days in New York.

Miss Ethel Davis, of Sussex, who was the guest of Mrs. Vincent, returned home on Wednesday.

Mr. W. Watson Allen and family are moving today to their summer home at Ononeto.

Mrs. Sydney Emerson and child leave today for Philadelphia on a visit to Mrs. Emerson's parents.

Mr. Arthur Bowman and family are occupying their summer cottage at Fandene.

Mrs. Harvey P. Hayward and Miss Grace Hayward left on Wednesday on a trip to New York.

Miss Beattie Armstrong, is visiting in Fredericton, the guest of Mrs. W. T. Whitehead.

Mrs. William E. Golding is visiting her mother, Mrs. Small, at Malden, Mass.

Mr. Robert Pennell, of Charlottetown, and his daughters, Mrs. Wright and Miss Pennell, spent two days in the city this week, returning from the south.

Mrs. J. D. Hazen, Miss Katie Hazen, Lieut.-Col. Ogilvie, Dr. and Mrs. Murray MacLaren, Mrs. George K. McCord and Lieut.-Col. H. H. McLean were among those who went to Fredericton to attend the opening of the legislature.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Merrill return from a visit to New York and Boston.

Mrs. Leon Keith returned on Wednesday from Boston.

Mrs. Wellington Ham and her daughter, Mrs. Lamborn (New York) entertained their friends at a very enjoyable afternoon tea.

Wellington Row, on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Hamm received her guests in a very handsome black net dress, handsomely trimmed with black and white lace. Mrs. Lamborn wore a beautiful gown of pink silk made Empire style with yoke of white chiffon and her trimmings of lovely rose point lace.

Miss Emma Rankine assisted in the drawing room.

Mrs. H. W. W. Frink presided in the dining room. Mrs. R. L. Johnston served the tea and Mrs. Elizabeth Misses Armstrong, the Misses Robertson, Miss Addy, Miss Hegan, Miss Frink, Miss Kimball, Miss Schofield and Miss Ester.

Mrs. Knight entertained a number of the friends of her daughter at her home, Douglas Avenue, on Tuesday evening, at a whist and dance.

Mrs. Mayne, of Ithica, N. Y., and Mrs. W. B. Thomas, of Sussex, are visiting relatives here.

Rev. J. E. Revington-Jones and family, who were at the Victoria this week, left for their new home in Port Hope, Ont., on Thursday.

Eye-glass Fitting.

The EYES and NOSE are two very important points to consider when fitting glasses—one to get the proper power of lens—the other to fit comfortably. D. BOYANER, OPTICIAN, can do both well. Call at 3 Dock Street.

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PERCY J. STEEL, FOOT FURNISHER, 519-521 Main St. SUCCESSOR TO WM. YOUNG.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. White, of Sussex, were in town on Thursday.

Mrs. D. B. Pidgeon is visiting in Reading, Mass., where she is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. Walker Craibe.

Mrs. F. R. Baker gave a large afternoon tea at her residence, Mount Pleasant, on Thursday afternoon, in honor of her daughter, Miss Barker, who is to be one of the principals in an interesting event early next month.

The Misses Gile returned on Wednesday from a trip to Boston.

Mr. J. Gibbs Keaton of Halifax, is in the city for a few days.

GIRL DISROBED BY A BOLT OF LIGHTNING

Burned, Stripped of Clothing and Shoes, Victim Jokes About It

LANCASTER, Pa., May 1—To have her body entirely denuded of clothing, her shoes stripped from her feet, all the hair singed from one side of her head, her body seared along the entire right side by a bolt of lightning, and yet to live to joke over the matter as if it were no unusual occurrence—all this happened today to Jennie Martin, the 15-year-old daughter of Abraham Martin, a farmer, residing near Bird-in-Hand.

At the time she was playing a harmonica, and with the instrument in her hand she started for the barn. Just as she reached the building a bolt of lightning struck one end of the structure, completely demolishing it. The girl was standing in front of the door, and the bolt struck her on the right side of her head. The harmonica which she held was cut in two.

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AIDS LOVER HOLD-UP

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True confesses to a score of hold-ups, nine of which he admits were successful. His sweetheart witnessed most of these and admits she actually participated in several. One man who during the past four weeks reported to the police that they had been held up and robbed delivered their money and jewelry with trembling hands to these fearless juvenile robbers. True says he held up three men on First avenue in Seattle three weeks ago and compelled each to give him money and valuables.

While plain-clothes men of the Tacoma police force worked ceaselessly night and day, following every clue which might lead to the capture of the bandits, whose operations marked a carnival of crime seldom experienced in this city, True, his sweetheart and Irons, operated coolly and without fear.

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Ladies' Fine Vici Kid, Blucher low shoe, with flexible double soles. \$2.25.

Ladies' Dongola Kid, Patent Tip double sole, laced boots \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.75 \$2.00.

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TRY 'EM ON, We Have Lots More if These Don't Fit.

We would sell more \$5.00 Shoes if we didn't have these for \$4.00. Men come in with the intention of paying \$5.00, see the \$4.00 Soes, and it's all up with the \$5.00.

Sounds pretty rough on the \$5.00 Shoes, but it isn't; works the same way there—the men who usually buy \$6.00 Shoes get them here for \$5.00. Unless all signs fail, we are going to do an immense shoe business this Spring. People get the best shoe satisfaction here and we get the business.

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We have just purchased a portion of a bankrupt stock and here are a few specials:

Window Muslin, 10c, 15c, and 20c, worth as high as 50c.

60 dozen Children's Navy Blue Sailor Hats, 90c everywhere on sale for 25c. Curtains by the yard, 9c yard.

300 dozen fine ladies' gloves worth from 25c to 60c, pair, on sale 10c, 15c, and 20c. All colors now.

All hosiery, 2 p. for 25c. Infant's, 25c, and 35c. Waists on sale for 15c.

McLEAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE, Mill St

CUSTOMS REVENUE SHOWS A DECREASE

OTTAWA, April 30—The customs revenue of Canada for the month of April was \$2,445,947, a decrease of \$108,446 as compared with April of last year.

The decrease is of course due to the falling off in imports consequent upon caution being exercised by wholesalers and others in restricting purchases during the present period of depression.

TREASURY BOARD

At the meeting of the Treasury Board last night in compliance with requests made by certain delegations and at other times the following grants were recommended:

Free Kindergarten, \$500.

Every Day Club, \$200.

Playgrounds, \$300.

Horicultural Society, \$1,000.

Historical Society, \$250.

Associated Charities, \$250.

Toussaint Association, \$250.

Judge Ritchie's request for an increase in salary was held over until the judge can personally appear at a special meeting of the board. On motion of Alderman Kelley a resolution was adopted to the effect that all city marshals shall hereafter be paid a salary and the present system of commissions be discontinued. The recorder will be asked to give an opinion on the bill introduced in the local legislature by the Commissioners of the General Public Hospital for the purpose of compelling the city to make monthly payments to the hospital. The Commercial Gazette asked a subagreement of \$250 for the purpose of having pictures of the city taken. Further information will be held with the government concerning advertising in the Standard of the Empire. Constables will hereafter be required to furnish bonds of \$400 to make good losses arising from any of their acts. The contract for printing the annual report was awarded to John A. Bowes at 85 cents per page in 10 point type and 40-15 per page in 6 point type. Barries and Co. the only other tenderers asked \$1 per page for long primer and \$1.50 per page for nonpareil. A deficit of \$11,251.55 arising from overexpenditure in certain departments will be considered at a special meeting. The two items for payments on snow removal which are missing from the civil accounts will be credited to the street railway and debited to the Fred Sandall account.

FLUNG HUSBAND ON POLICEMAN'S HEAD

PARIS, April 30—Achilles Prevot is a little man, and his wife Sophie is a woman who stands six feet two inches and is of generous proportions altogether.

Unfortunately for Achilles, M. Prevot has a bad temper and she has ill-treated the little man so badly of late that last night at a dinner he told her his determination to desert her. "I have had enough of this kind of life," he said. "Have you?" answered the woman. "Then if you want to go you shall."

She forthwith caught hold of her husband, opened the window and threw him out into the street on the head of a passing policeman. Fortunately, Achilles only broke a leg. The policeman who broke his fall ran upstairs and arrested M. Prevot, who was taken off to prison, declaring that if she were allowed to return to her little husband she would forgive him everything.

Visitors—They tell me you are a trusty. What were you before you were sent here?

Convict No. 1,313—I was a trustee, mum.

Does not Color the Hair

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR