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ENFORCE THE LAW.

The city of St. John will be dry to-morrow. Not "bone dry," for there is doubtless a large quantity of liquor concealed to be disposed of secretly. It will not be at all surprising if the police records for some time tell of arrests for drunkenness. All the people are not disposed to observe the new law to the letter, and there will be some quite ready to violate it as often as opportunity offers. Gradually, however, the secret stocks will be reduced, and they will not be easily replenished. Let it not be understood that the present dealers will seek to continue the business in an unlawful way. They are going out of the business tonight. The persons who will have to be watched are the "bootleggers" and the keepers of dives and those of higher standing who may associate themselves together for dubious purposes.

THE WAR SITUATION

The Canadians have won further glory by driving deep into the German lines on the plain before Douai and seizing positions held by picked German troops and greatly strengthened by wire entanglements since the battle of Vimy Ridge. All Canada is thrilled by the brief story, as it will be saddened when the casualty lists are received. The British also gained territory on another part of the line, but the Germans counter-attacked and very heavy fighting is still in progress. We are told that there was a desperate hand to hand struggle at one point, and the Germans were worsted. Their losses in counter attacks are described as very serious, and the British captured a thousand prisoners on Saturday and yesterday. All eyes are still on this western front, as there are no reports of important movements from any other part of the great war zone.

The United States did not take long to decide how armies are to be raised. The selective draft bill was adopted by both house and senate by enormous majority. There is to be no fooling with a voluntary system, which experience has already shown to be ineffectual.

ENCOURAGING PRODUCTION

It will be of interest to readers of the Times to learn something of what is being done in Ontario to encourage increased production. A Niagara Falls letter says:

"A combined committee of the city council, board of trade and horticultural society will commence work in a day or two on the municipal potato patch. One large field owned by the city will be plowed up and planted with potatoes, and if it is thought desirable other vacant land in the city will be taken over. It is hoped to raise some thousands of bushels. Volunteers supplied by the board of trade will cultivate the municipal potato patch."

We are also told that "the minister of education has notified the organization of resources committee that he has sent a letter to the principals of high schools and collegiate institutes of the province in which he urges upon them the desirability of encouraging as many as possible of the boys in their schools to engage in farm work this spring; and the minister further suggests that the matter be also brought to the attention of the parents with a view to securing their co-operation."

A Toronto paper says—"Dr. W. A. Riddell, superintendent of Trades and Labor branches, stated today that he hoped 15,000 boys from the schools of the province would be drafted into work on the farms this season. Eighteen thousand registration cards have already been distributed and 5,000 more are being printed. Eighteen men are out this week visiting the 210 high schools and for the work of agricultural production. Toronto public school boys are among the volunteers. Dr. Abbott, secretary of the provincial resources committee, states the desire of city and town boys to go on the farm is the most hopeful sign for the agricultural future of the province."

ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

The council of the board of trade at its last meeting adopted the following resolution: "That this council respectfully calls to the attention of the premier of New Brunswick the desirability of instituting an early commencement of road work in order that the highways may be put in good condition for summer business. In particular that the work on the Marsh road, St. John county, be started immediately, as the equipment is all on the ground. The council earnestly recommends that special attention be paid to the St. John, St. Andrews, St. Stephen highway, part in in combining strength, comfort and neatness as you find them in."

Improve Means Increased Success

Success is due to THOUGHT, which has played a leading part in combining strength, comfort and neatness as you find them in."

LaTour Flour

That was an event of historic importance at Mount Vernon yesterday when the American, British and French flags floated above the tomb of Washington, and spokesmen of the three nations pledged them anew to a great united struggle to overthrow the enemies of democracy.

When the board of trade urges the government to fix up the roads the government might in turn urge members of the board to cease destroying the roads with their heavy cars before the frost is out. The rule might fairly work both ways.

Sir Herbert Ames, in 1911: "A terrible thing has happened, with Sir Herbert's approval. The Standard advises Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, to mix a little courtesy with business. The Stanfields went much further, but they have recanted."

It is alleged that the amount subscribed to the fund for King Boozie in the last few days was larger than that contributed to the Military Y. M. C. A.

Sir Sam Hughes blames Sir Robert Borden for the failure of recruiting in Canada.

And now Guatemala has sent the German ambassador about his business and severed diplomatic relations.

"A Son of the Desert Am I" will be a very popular song when the dry spell has lasted for a few weeks.

SWISS FRONTIER CLOSED

Zurich, Switzerland, April 28, via Paris.—The German-Swiss frontier has been strictly closed to all travelers and postal services. No German newspapers have arrived since Wednesday. This is usually the prelude to an important military move.

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LIGHTER VEIN

The Miracle. Lady (to street beggar)—But the other day you were blind. Beggar—Yes, mum; but I got married since then and that opened my eyes.

Full Instructions.

First Woman (at the Seance)—It ought to be ready to tell us things now. Second Woman—Yes. Third Woman—Spirit of the table, are you there? Knock once if you are there, twice if you are not—Ideas.

Retreating to Victory

An intoxicated man hailed a cab. After he had climbed in, the cabbie leaned over and asked, "What street do you want?" "What streets have you?" he inquired. "Lots of 'em," smiled the cabbie humoring him. "Gimme 'em all," he said, waving his arm grandly. After they had been driving for several hours, the man in the cab ordered a stop. "How much do I owe you?" "Seven dollars and fifty cents." "Well—you better drive back till you get to thirty-five cents, 'cause that's all I got."

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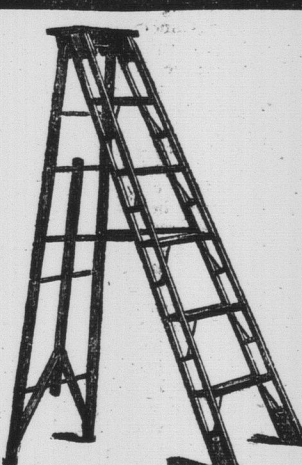
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Cost to Stores Millions a Year

Abuse of Return System in Toronto

WOMEN CHIEF OFFENDERS

Problem Discussed at Merchants Convention Here Also Worries Merchants in Upper Canada.

The evils arising from the practice of sending out goods on approval were discussed and the abolition of the custom advocated at the convention of retail merchants held in Toronto recently. That other places find the same problem burdensome is shown by an article in the Toronto Star Weekly, which reads as follows: That the return of merchandise bought by people who do not want and should never have ordered it is already a great, and is a very rapidly growing, evil in Toronto is the only conclusion at which it is possible for anyone who knows anything of the dimensions of this practice to arrive.

The unreasonable return of purchased goods, The Star Weekly was told at one store, "is a practice that has grown to stupendous proportions. Possibly twenty per cent of all goods sold here are returned, and possibly thirty per cent of C.O.D. goods are returned. One per cent of the goods returned turned goods is there any valid reason for the return."

Black as Dirt

About the Eyes

Liver Was All Upset and There Was Pain Under the Shoulderblade—Two Interesting Letters.

Toronto, Ont., April 30—So many people suffer from derangements of the liver that we feel sure these two reports, just recently received, will prove interesting reading and valuable information to many readers of this paper.

Mrs. E. L. Harris, Keatley P. O. Sask., writes: "I was suffering from liver trouble—dark, heavy eyes, and a shoulder blade all the time, and was nearly as black as dirt around the eyes, so I concluded to try some of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I did so, and before I had taken one 25c. box the pain had left me and I commenced to gain in flesh, and by the time I had taken two boxes I was completely cured and felt like a new person. My trouble was caused by heavy work out-of-doors, and of course, heavy eating and constipation. I would advise anyone suffering from kidney or liver trouble to give Dr. Chase's Pills a trial."

Mrs. Charles Terry, Tweed, Ont., writes: "Before I was married I was troubled with enlargement of the liver. My liver became so enlarged that I could detect the swellings on either side, and it was only with difficulty that I could get my clothes on. A friend advised me to get Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and take them. I commenced this treatment, and used five boxes, which cured me at that time. Then, about two or three years afterward I was troubled again with the swelling, but only on my right side. I secured some more Kidney-Liver Pills, and took them, which finally cured me. I have not been troubled in this way since. I can cheerfully recommend Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to anyone having kidney or liver trouble."

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end agreement that, as regards the offence of returning purchased goods without valid reason, women enormously preponderate over men. There was agreement, too, that in the conclusion that the stores alone but in the long run the general public as well as the pecuniary victims of this shamefully wasteful type of shopping. For the public has to "pay the piper"—to a great extent anyhow—in the increased price which the stores are forced to charge. It has been said that women are more guilty than men in this matter. But their guilt is not all of the same kind. The "fussy" woman who can only with the utmost difficulty make up her mind to a purchase, and then unmake it again before she has got home, is in a very different class from the woman who will purchase goods on credit with the deliberate intention of using or wearing them, and then when they have served her purpose, will return them, with the demand for her money back, on the ground that they do not suit her. The trouble with the former is psychological. That with the latter, who differs only in degree, and not in kind, from the shoplifter, is criminal.

The "Near-Criminal" Instances of how the latter class of women—the "near-criminal"—will go about her operations were given at different stores. One was a woman who wore three different evening cloaks within a fortnight to the theatre, and did not possess one of her own. The three were all bought on approval and returned.

Another instance in point was of a woman who, after wearing a coat for several months (as it could be proved, although she denied having ever worn the coat "except to try it on") returned it and got her money back—and forthwith purchased a new coat at another store! Doubtless when that, too, begins to exhibit signs of wear, she will work the same game again. It cannot be a matter of much difficulty to her to purchase a new coat at another store! Doubtless when that, too, begins to exhibit signs of wear, she will work the same game again. It cannot be a matter of much difficulty to her to purchase a new coat at another store!

Yet another instance of a different kind. A woman, well enough connected to know better, bought a very expensive hat—and the reason for the expense of a hat does not lie mainly in the initial cost of the fabrics of which it is constructed—and had it copied by her milliner, and then returned it. This buying to copy and then return is a very common practice—particularly with children's garments—and is reported on the increase.

But although women are, far and away, greater offenders than men, yet men, too, are sometimes greatly to blame. For example, when there is a big boot sale or china sale at one of the large stores, many men may be seen buying comparatively large quantities. Often these men are themselves small retailers, and, if unable to dispose of the whole of the boots or chinaware (as the case may be) which they have purchased, they will return the surplus if possible.

Bad Results of System At one store visited it was said the amount of money wasted annually in Toronto through the unreasonable return of purchased goods must be enormous—"anything between \$700,000 and \$800,000," the guess was hazarded. "But," it was added, "that is far from being all. There are other results of the system equally evil. Think of the cleaning returned goods and rendering them saleable at all is very considerable, though it should be remembered that much of the damage done to goods sent back and returned, particularly in the more delicate fabrics, is practically irreparable, owing to their nature, we treat as non-returnable under any circumstances, but there is scarcely any article I can think of which is not in some degree—it may be only to an infinitesimal degree, though it is usually to a considerable one—damaged by the process."

Unfair, wasteful, insanitary. That is what the return system is, and few indeed are there who know anything about it who will maintain that it is not all three. Yet it persists, and is, in fact, increasing enormously in volume annually. The storekeepers are fully conscious of the evil. Yet they take no really effective steps to stamp it out. Partly they seem to fear driving away trade if they put their feet firmly upon the evil. Partly they have an idea that if an enormous proportion of returns is admitted in justification of some attempt to stamp out the pernicious system, the public will attribute it to some defect in the policy of the store.

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CONGRESS ADOPTS CONSCRIPTION

Washington, April 29.—By overwhelming majority both the senate and house passed, late last night, the administration bill to raise a war army by selective draft.

The final roll call brought into line behind the bill many senators and representatives who had fought for the volunteer system until routed by decisive defeat of volunteer amendments earlier in the day in both houses. The senate, which had voted down the volunteer plan, 69 to 15, passed the bill by a vote of 81 to 9. In the house the vote against the volunteer plan was 313 to 109, and that by which the bill itself was passed was 397 to 24.

FRUITLESS UPSURGE OF 20,000 SERBIANS AGAINST BULGAR OPPRESSION

Berne, April 30.—Information has reached here of a fruitless rising last month among the Serbians in the districts of Nish, Vranja, Leskovatz and Popkupa as a result of the Bulgarian measures of internment of the male population for compulsory recruitment in the Bulgarian army. The revolt broke out at Kursumlija, where the Serbians occupied the town and disarmed 300 Bulgarian soldiers. The movement spread until the number of insurgents had reached 20,000. If successful the rising would have menaced the Bulgarian-German communications in the neighborhood of Nish and Uskub. The leader of the insurrection, Koska, escaped to the mountains with 5,000 of his followers, but the remainder were exterminated or imprisoned.

WANT BORDER WATCHED MILITARY DESERTERS

So many desertions have been reported from the overseas forces of late that the military authorities are suggesting that it might be of advantage if the opportunities of crossing the border were made a little more difficult, the further suggestion being that every man of military age crossing to the United States should be required to produce a letter or some other form of identification to the customs officials. So far as can be learned, the United States appears to be the refuge of the great bulk of deserters, so the military officials feel that this field could be cut off by more stringent regulations were enforced at the international line. While it is possible to deport Canadian deserters from the states, the great difficulty seems to be to locate the men.

HAD INDIGESTION COULD KEEP NOTHING ON STOMACH

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