# The Evening Times Star

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THE COUNCIL AND TAXATION. the whole family is ranged behind ther The Mayor has announced that a in case of need. special meeting of the Council is to be It is the nations outside the Britisi held tomorrow morning to discuss the Empire that are slow to recognize the citizens' petition for an audit and in- gradual change of relationship, that vestigation in relation to taxation, as- assume that when the mother speaks it sessment, the conduct of the various is necessarily on behalf of the whole civic departments and the engagement family, and that she is to be addressed of an expert or experts to explore and on behalf of her grown-up Dominions report upon our methods of raising even as she is rightly consulted in reevenue and the fashion in which we gard to her still baby colonies. Canada, ose, or misuse, the money when col- Australia and South Africa have been lected. Such an investigation, doubtless, denied no measure of liberty they have must involve also consideration of that demanded and their entry into the heavy proportion of our taxes which we League of Nations as separate counfail to collect from one cause or an- tries should have been enough to pro other, a proportion which is formidable claim to the world that they are inand which is annually unloaded upon dividual nations, although still remainthose who do pay their taxes and ing members of the British Empire.

which serves in some measure to in- Yet the Powers have apparently not always grasped this fact. No one doubts that we can improve Up to now it has been the role of upon the present methods with respect South Africa to point out that the to assessment and taxation, and prob- nationalism after which she strives is a ably few doubt that we can make bet- nationalism recognized by foreign counfer use of the revenue we do collect. tries. She has little or no complaint Effective reform is not to be brought to make as regards acknowledgment of about in a few days, and it is neces- her standing within the Empire, but sary to keep in mind that if we are recently she has been seeking, and THE leaves of this pretty plant are, have new legislation-and that is rightly, that nations outside the Empire to be expected—we must be ready with should accord her recognition as a self- the touch. But it is a useful plant, for

all the details well before the next governing nation. While South Africa the root stocks, known as nervine root, kession of the New Brunswick Legis-has had occasion to voice this, it has are sometimes used in medicine as a had the general support of all self-fature, which is due in March. As the governing Dominions. Now the quesdepartment estimates are made up in governing Dominions. Now the questorm moccasin flower. It grows almost advance any legislation affecting assessment and taxation cannot be fore at Geneva where an opportunity east it is usually found singly or in brought into force in time to be felt in offers to place the matter almost be- small groups, but in the

In the League the Dominions are quite as independent of Great Britain Legislation we must have, but while as is, say France or Germany, except ce are preparing for it, while we are for the natural bond of relationship employing experts and pursuing the which binds all the components of the investigation rightly demanded by so Empire together. Yet Great Britain, as great a proportion of the taxpayers, the possessor of the only seat on the se should at the same time be doing Council of the League, has had to speak something in addition, omething which if or them as well as for herself in that will actually affect the tax bills which body. This naturally fosters the idea among foreigners that the Dominions If the Mayor and Commissioners will are still dependent on Great Britain an through the list of Mis year's bills, instead of forming with her an interde-

will examine 500 or 1,000 of them, pendent commonwealth of equal natheir own personal knowledge will read- tions. convince them that the present sys- There were a number of non tem in practice results in rank injustice permanent seats in the Council to be and frequent evasion, that one class filled. Ireland took the lead in poscitizens, particularly those whose tulating that one seat should go to aries are taxed to the last cent, are a British Dominion. Ireland offered aying a considerable portion of the herself as a candidate, but was willaxes of others whose incomes, not ing to stand aside if Canada should put easured with the same yard-stick, are in a claim. As Professor John Mac-rmitted to escape lightly by comparin. This is a matter which requires pression that because the Dominions no legislation to deal with, which can belong to a group of states associated be and which should be dealt with by the Council, the assessors and the tax collection officials under the present law. The Mayer, by reason of his position as the financial chief of the city, has a special responsibility in connection with this problem, just as he, also, the most of the council of the council of the city, the most of the council of the council of the council of the city, that impression, and Professor Macter of the council of the city, the most of the council of the city, the council of the city of the city, the council of the city of the city of the city, the council of the city of t tion with this problem, just as he, also, Neill is stated to have said: "We are to the natural leader of any movement not bound in any way to vote except LOOK OUT FOR THE ATOMS!

cannot be said too plainly that the would be equally independent in the far too numerous instances of injustice, Council." evasion and inequality to be found by If these false impressions could be an examination of the present tax bills rectified by the election of a British Doshould be investigated without delay minion to a seat on the Council of the through the machinery and the ample League of Nations a distinct step forauthority now existing at City Hall ward would have been taken to effect without waiting for or in any way foreign recognition of the reality of the interfering with the audit and investigation for which the citizens confident- dependence—enjoyed by the component expect arrangements will be made Dominions of the British Empire.

Nostalgia

(Toronto Star.)

My lips still long for days.

(London Morning Post.)

There is no method by which the people of Saint John as a body can Odds and Ends ade the payment of the money they owe. That is to say, the charges for rest, for schools, and for the ordimary department work must be met, Now home again, and many of the people who, properly I yearn—and do not you? enough, insist upon better school accommodation, upon more paved streets, and upon other comforts and conveni-City Hall because they are asked to pay for the improvements upon which they
for the improvements upon which they
At dawn nad set of stars,
At dawn nad set of stars, also, that the controllable revenue at Or when stars have risen, the disposal of the Council under pres-ent conditions is very small and that,

Of a city prison? y reason of this lack of money, the Here, my returning feet, Mayor and Commissioners are debarred from exhibiting a desirable degree of enterprise in adding to the beauty, the long for days. comfort and the prestige of New Of woodland sweetness. Brunswick's first city. These conditions must be recognized, but they in themselves cannot be regarded as any bar to the searching investigation of our whole taxation system upon which the people are today insisting.

A picturesque ceremony was witnessed recently near St. Ives, Cornwell. On a hill above the town stands people are today insisting.

without further parley.

As her children reach years of discretion the wise mother relaxes control over them, reasonably and almost imperceptibly, until the adults find themselves virtually, if not entirely, free. This liberty is office a recognized first within the family thresh and a hour round the mausolement.

At intervals of five years, on the feast of St. James, out of a sum set aside by John Knill, dinner is provided for the mayor, the vicar and the collector of customs, with two invited friends of each, to cost £10; while £5 is divided equally among 10 girls under 10 years of age, who dance for a quarter of an hour round the mausolement.

At intervals of five years, on the feast of St. James, out of a sum set of read history, science, religion, Thackeray and Dickens. They regular anteed to cut down speed. It has been suggested, too, that the Encyclopedia Brittannica might take the snap out of some "book burners."

AN IMPARTIAL PROBE to the morning the manning the season of the morning the season of the s At 11 o'clock in the morning the mayor, accompanied by the vicar, the town clerk and customs representatives. We who have been active in the mediately her children are able to assume Daminion status she with a fixed custom of the morning the mayor, accompanied by the vicar, the town clerk and customs representatives. We who have been active in the movement for moral whole two widows over 64 years of age of the have these public poisoners, rounded up under conditions from are able to assume Duminion status she (who received £1 each), and berilallows, in fact encounages, them to board girls dressed in white, who which there seemed no escape through tripped round the monument to the the work of zealous pastors and distrains of the fiddle, and afterward ligent parishioners, suddenly and mysteriously found a way to seeme



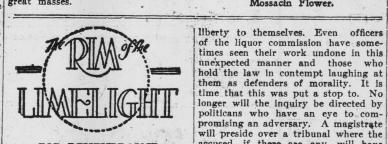
Willing. But the Flesh is Weak.

Queer Quirks of Nature

BY MARY VAUX WALCOTT



Mossacin Flower.



FOR REMEMBRANCE



designed to reform our whole system as we ourselves decide. Our vote is of assessment, taxation and collection. quite independent in the Assembly and few years the long predict the property which shall release

the energy of the atom will be en-tered in the history of civilization — and then let civilization look out! Professor James F. Norris, President of the American Chemical Society, speaking before the convention of the society, foresees a new order, a com-

pletely changed world when the tion of the energy stored in the atom and the electron. Chemistry, as a science, will have to be completely reorganized; science will have to be re-organized and the ordinary life of the "man in the street" will be so changed that the present day "mod-ern" man will be stupified by it.—In other words, look out for the atoms! They're loaded.

LITERARY TRAFFIC COP KENSAL RISE, England-Constant and enthusiastic demand for short, lighter-than-air fiction has given the local librarian some reason for asperity.

If a reader can go through, say, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" in little over



a mausoleum erected in 1782 to the memory of John Knill, at one time private secretary to the Earl of Buckinghamshire when Viceroy of Ireland, and a well known collector of customs.

At intervals of five very secretary is encouraging his cli-

(L'Action Catholique.)

## Just Fun

STILL if the nations were square enough to make the league work they could get along without it.

TF LIFE seems dull, sharpen up your interests a bit.

FOR every man who is willing to "finish something," ten are ready

to "start something." LAMENT OF A BLIGHTED BUD be." I was just a prairie flower Growing wilder hour by hour; I got married—now you see I'm as tame as I can be.

FRIENDSHIP helps, of course, but you never heard of friendship

alone bringing in repeat orders. "THE heights are lonely"—whether

they be intellectual, spiritual or

HE: Life would be all right except for two things. She: And what are they?

he shouted sympathetically. "We can't let them dogs suffer." WHEN you get to the end of your rope tie a knot in it and hang on.

"Either that or she should get off." A MOTH is no fool. He never tackles anything cheaper than a dress

TOHNSON-My wife and I have joint bank account. ot of trouble doesn't it?

SAMBO, who had had several weeks' port would be submitted early next hard life on a French battlefield, year.

| SAMBO, who had had several weeks' port would be submitted early next tolls, the knell of party day," that the common sense since 1878. Fine phrases printer left it out, and that the poet of Liberal theorists and free traders of the liquor commission have some- was asked by an officer, "Where are imes seen their work undone in this you from, Sambo?" inexpected manner and those who "I'se frum Alaba "I'se frum Alabama, boss," said hold the law in contempt laughing at them as defenders of morality. It is time that this was put a stop to No.

time that this was put a stop to. No longer will the inquiry be directed by politicans who have an eye to compromising an adversary. A magistrate will preside over a tribunal where the accused if there are now will be.

accused, if there are any, will have every opportunity to defend themseives to the best advantage, but where the facts will appear in their true light. (Ottawa Citizen.) We frequently hear culogies of man-kind and high tributes to the great progress being made in civilization, It was a debt case, and the solicitor for the defendant had made an impassioned plea for his client. "Like Shylock of 'The Merchant of Venice, this grasping creditor demands his pound of flesh!" he shouted.

The solicitor for the plaintiff arose at once. "Who was this merchant of Ennis?" he demanded. "A little Ennis merchant should not be regarded as an authority in deciding a lawsuit."

The prison officials merely stood

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WHILE awaiting her turn at Palace, Tessie, of Eddie and Tessit, novelty song and dance artists, picked ONE Neighbor (to another)—Is this your advertisement in the paper for a lost dog?

ONE Neighbor (to another)—Is this on an item which, under a glaring headline told of a court decision awarding damages of \$20,000 to a chorus girl for a single skiss. Borrowing

"Yes."
"Why, you never had a dog to lose."
"I know; but I want one now, and I think I can make a satisfactory selection from the animals the advertisements will bring in."

girl for a single skiss. Borrowing a pencil, she began figuring furiously "What now?, her father remarked. When he finished the newspaper he said, "And now how much does it come to?"
"Freatly \$64.754" answered Tessie." "Exactly \$64,754," answered Tessie. "At \$20,000 a kiss I see." "That isn't what I'd make, you poo dear. What do you think I am? That's what my income tax would

A WOMAN raising funds for the starving Russians visited a cabin in the Ozarks. She told of the sufferngs of the people, but the old mountaineer seemed unmoved. "They are even eating the bark off the trees," she stated impressively. "Wall, I don't reckon the trees are worth much over in that country now," he remarked casually.

Almost in despair the woman tried once more. "Many of the people are killing dogs and using them for food!" "Saryann, Saryann, bring the sock,"

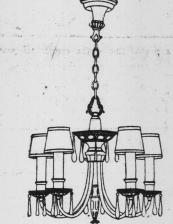
## Other Views

TO STOP DUMPING

When the storting was discussing he proposed changes in the customs THE secret of success is a secret to request the government to consider, and, if necessary, legislate on, dumping a by foreign manufacturers which reacts very unfavorably on the industrial Saves a situation. This motion was unanimously agreed to and accepted by the minister of finance, who pointed out

IMPROVED BY PRINTER

(London Observer.) The psychology of printers' errors is n unusual topic for the British assoan unusual topic for the British asso-ciation, but Professor Spearman was unfortunately not able to point out any way to avoid them. A writer in the Evening Standard says that he knows "who boasts in one of his poems entirely to the printer having been unable to read his writing correctly."
an exquisitely appropriate epithet, due But does not something like that hap-



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