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London, Ont., Saturday, April 12. SIR WILFRID'S THOUGHT ON

IMMORTALITY.

Death! Why speak of it? If there is life before, there will be life after. - Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

I cannot think the stab that cuts my heart Can cause my soul to vanish and be dead. The blood that runs and ends my body's throbs Is not the life that like a cloak is shed.

This body only is a place of calling. An inn that houses me while I am here; I may spend many days within such portals Before my final biding place comes near.

Quebec Votes Moderation As Best Liquor Policy

By a majority of 127,000 the people of Quebec Province have decided to remain "wet" to the extent of light beer and wine. The referendum was brought on through the war's conclusion nullifying the Legislature's war prohibition measure. That was to have gone into effect

tion. As for Montreal, that city in recent years has become too cosmopolitan to be greatly influreligion do not appear to have figured to any decisive degree in the contest, if we may judge by the above instances.

In the larger centres much was made of the fact that, if prohibition won, many thousands would be added to the already large army of unemployed. Of course, the "wets" utilized Ontario's experience, pointing to the "prescriptions" in an attempt to prove that prohibition was "mischievous."

As the new liquor legislation goes into force within a few days, the people of this province of these facts are: will follow its administration with keen interest in view of the coming referendum. How successfully or unsuccessfully Quebec carries out its experiment in moderation may have considerable influence on the voting in this province.

The Lord Loves a Learner

Surely heaven will help the man who is striving to learn, however clumsily, however blindly. The man who is searching for knowledge must be adjusting his life to the divine schedule, for if the Lord hates anything he must hate ignorance. And he must dislike slothful. contented ignorance, most of all. An old friend, living in a primitive community certainly not distinguished for its longings toward erudition, once remarked: "I don't dislike these people because they don't know anything, but I do dislike them because they don't want to know anything."

All of us, of course, are ignorant about a vast majority of things, but one thing about which to make a joyful sound is that most of our discontent lies in the exercise of our mental muscles toward understanding. Life can be just a blank or a tremendous muddle. Certainly no one can comprehend it in a sentence, or a million sentences. The best one can do is to fit the parts together which we have come to under-

less they are guided carefully, and unless the temperance movement is in the hands of men who may be trusted and who are worthy of that trust, and are not merely politicians snatching at office.

There is a serious danger that Ontario will go much farther than Quebec when the vote comes. That will be a duplication of what occurred in streets, the skipping ropes whip the walks, balls are tossed through air, the cry of "fore" sounds over the golf course, horses are restless to break into a gallop over the hills and far away, lakeside and river banks call thousands to aquatic diverand river banks call thousands to aquatic diversions, the motorist scans his road maps, and the summer parks take down their shutters from the hobble-de-hoys that thrill youth and old age—the whole world bursts forth for the innocent and wholesome pleasures that "do not bite tomorrow."

The play instinct is a ruling passion, stronger, some would have us believe, than the love instinct, because it comes earlier, almost the primary of all instincts. The baby plays almost as soon as it weapon until it is forcibly taken from him.

Torgiven providing he wins his games.

With butter and milk prices aviating to the milky way, the well-known cow must be finding it difficult to live up to her meek and innocent physiognomy.

Bill gravely wating for events to happen.

"Irene, this is my nephew, Bill Sheldon, from the East," called Auntie Bascoom from the other room.

Bill gravely acknowledged the introduction with a bow, striving meantime to down the rising reserve which was always intensified by a meeting with a stranger.

"T'm pleased to meet you." Irene's full-throated voice rang out pleasantly as she extended her firm white hand and raised her blue, blue eyes to his. She waited for no reserve to melt. In fact, she neither felt nor noticed any such thing.

"Do you play tennis?" she inquired, ." and river banks call thousands to aquatic diver-

is conscious. And all the seven stages follow the baby; we work that we may play. We often work 3p FONTAINE FOX. hard at play, and we often play hard at work. All humor is play, all vocal sounds that are not serious. Each glad "hello," and each gesture that goes with a smile, is of the play instinct. Much of what we read, much of what we do in the way of seeking entertainment, is play. One thinker goes so far as to say that there never would be any great museums nor art galleries were it not for the instinct for collection that grows from the instinct for play, play that gathers birds' eggs, and fills boys' pockets with weird occupants all the way from toads to thistles. Children play through pictures, living in imagination the deeds in works of art or cheap prints. They play on through all their books of adventure, and man takes up the thread and keeps on playing through more intricate games. We learn to work much through play, for if education is worth anything it appeals to the child as a kind of play. The only irksome things are the duller elements that lack the theory of play.

But the primary physical games are upon us now. The season of the sports has arrived to remain for many months. The sporting pages become the bearers of news that to thousands overshadows the chronicles of all other events. There is found the drama-or the comedy-of a community at play. The sporting editor who is merely "sporty," who indulges in the vernacular of the baseball "bug" or the racetrack "tout," does not hold rank with the writer who sees in baseball and bowling and racing and tennis and football an expression of the sense of play, and who treats it, if not heavily, with a certain dignity and a conception of the keen and intelligent interest displayed in such an event. Bert Perry, for many years the conductor of The Advertiser sporting pages, was such a sporting editor. He sensed the spirit of play which dominates the season, and he made his work vital in writing of these activities. The Advertiser has held open his place while he has been overseas, and soon hopes to announce his return to his old desk and his old following of readers.

On with the play, on with the sports of sum

clusion mullifying the Legislature's war prohibition measure. That was to have gone into effect in June. The ''wets' demanded a return to the old conditions, but the Government declared against whiskey and for a vote on light beer and wine.

Many reasons are given to explain the swamping of the temperance forces. A strongly organized ''wet'' campaign, the influence of leading figures in the 'dustrial, professional and financial life of the province, a split in the ranks of the Anti-Alcoholic League are put forward as some of the reasons for the landslide. No doubt all of these agencies helped to pile up the enormous majority, but the balance is so overwhelm mous majority, but the balance is so overwhelm in political administration of the league are lear that hack of everything else is the feeling that a ''bone dry' province is too radical a step for the present.

An element amongst the defeated charges that the French-Canadian majority was rallied to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of ''wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of 'wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support of 'wet'' legislation by an appeal to the support Catholic community of the province, has for some time been "bone dry," following a local option contest, and by its vote of Thursday further approved that stand. Sherbrooke City and county, the most English Protestant section of the province, has for some matter. The French Premier held out for permanent occupation as a buffer between France and any new attack from the north, but apparently has given in to the view of Wilson much as I would have done, and still the looked bored. "I think, auntle," he said after the first week of agony, "that I shall have to be starting for home. Father can specify the most English Protestant section of the province, has for some time been "bone dry," following a local option as a buffer between the looked bored. "I think, auntle," he said after the to be starting for home. Father can specify the said after the total and the looked bored. The looked bored is the looked bored in the looked bored. The looked bored is the looked bored in the looked bored. The looked bored is the looked bored in the looked bored in the looked bored. The looked bored is the looked bored in the looked bored in the looked bored. The looked bored is the looked bored in the looked bored in the looked bored. The looked bored is the looked bored in the ince, went "wet" by a majority of nearly 3,000. Classic Westmount, model municipality, eighty per cent of whose citizens are English-speaking and Protestant, gave a majority against prohibiand Lloyd George that that would upset the years of control of Germany's richest mining district will repay France for the devastation at Lens and the peace of the world will not be endangered by a new Alsace-Lorraine peril.

bottom of his No. 8 boots, he paced gloomily around Aunt Della's sunny, comfortable living-room, impatiently bumping against knick-knacks and chairs. Fourteen times without stopping he paced. On the fifteenth round he stopped by the long French window with a terk. He pulled agide the blue enced by racial or sectarian cries. Race and Lens and the peace of the world will not be

Things to Keep in Mind

The result of the temperance referendum in Quebec may or may not have a bearing on the temperance issue in Ontario. But there are cer-

after the armistice it would not be repealed for one year from the day peace was signed.

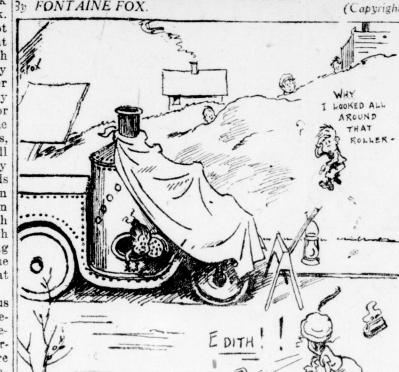
3. That something happened to force Sir William Hearst to give a wide-open referendum on the question; he was frightened by the turn public opinion seemed to be taking in regard to the act.

4. That the people of Ontario, except in the name of helping to win the war, have not expressed themselves for even a slight measure of temperance reform.

5. That the people of Ontario refused to vote for even so mild a reform. considering present conditions, as the abolition of the bars, and the continuance of the shops, as proposed by Mr.

6. That the administration of the Ontario temperance act and the methods of procedure are at present under a cloud, and that much has come about to

discredit the whole administration. 7. That there is a danger of reactionary voting by the people of Ontario unless they are guided carefully, and unless



They never would have found her in her swell hiding place if she hadn't peeped out just as her mother was passing.

Auntie Bascom heaved a sigh of re-

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the World's Mirror

Comment. Cleverness and Mere Verblage From "Educators of

the Common People" in Cam-

aga and Other Lands.

BLUE RUIN.

[Wiarton Echo.]
Kincardine town council has decided to allow no more dances in the town hall. It is claimed that there is too much rum in the wake of a dance.

GETTING TOGETHER

[Ottawa Journal.] looking over one's fishing tack spring it's pretty nearly unnece

SLIGHT EFFORT NEEDED.

[Houston Post.]
They say the French girls are bette

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Fat?

The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

with a ferk. He pulled aside the blue cretonne curtains, and drawing himself erect in the soft spring sunshine, he drank in the pleasing sight through eyes and nose and mouth. The morning was clear and fair and radiant; the clouds were blue and soft and fleecy; the lawns were lush and green with young grass, the trees were newly in leaf. But a fairer sight than all this caught and held his attention.

tain facts that the friends of temperance reform should bear in mind when they seek to advance the cause, and to save it a decided setback. Some of these facts are:

1. That the present Ontario temperance act was placed upon the statute books as a war-time measure.

2. That Sir William Hearst declared after the armistice it would not be re
all this caught and held his attention. In a neighboring yard, scarcely two rods away, there flashed a maiden back and forth with movements as graceful and dainty as those of some wood nymph. With a few deft movements she drew up the sagging white-string net and fastened it taut across the tennis court. She tried out her balls and racquets with a bubbling, boylike exultancy, as if the tonic of springtime had found affinity with her feet. "Yough," gasped Bill, and "Yough!" "Oh, auntie, who's the young lady next door?"

Aunt Della carefully set her pie crust Aunt Della carefully set her pie crust in the yellow mixing bowl, wiped her hands and came at her young nephew's

"How long is that, auntie?" Bob persisted.

"Well, now, let me see. It must be twenty years or thereabouts." Bob raised his eyebrows quizzically, but Aunt Della rattled on. "Yes, and just as you see her now she's always been—jumping, running, playing tennis, riding horseback. She's a regular tomboy."

To Aunt Della Irene was just the same madcap little girl that she had always known from childhood up. Not so to Bill! He stood by the window and watched his lively young neighbor's gyrations with distinct approval, "She is flame and action," he mused as her red-brown bobbed curls flashed in the sunshine. Altogether he approved of her—of her trim white flannel dress and high-cut russet boots, of her well-knit, graceful figure swaying in the sheer delight of motion, and her frank, boyish activity. So much did he approve that the wistful look came back into his deep brown eyes, and the homesick feeling formed a hard lump and settled in his throat.

events to happen.

ine is selling up to 45 cents per poun in Toronto, Canada?

"JOYFUL NOISE." The Methodist choir sounded a lot better on Sunday. We don't know whether it was the choir or a special

ARTISTIC PROGRESS [Collingwood Bulletin.]
Owen Sound is coming along. Uncle
Tom's Cabin is to be presented there.
If it continues to progress, probably
East Lynne will be next. Had not
Barrie better look to its standing

DAD WAS THE "KILLJOY." [Pleasant Lake Cor., Tweed News.]
We wonder what happened when two
of our girls did not get to the box
social in Arden on Monday night.
Nevr mind, T—, dad will let you
have the horse and cutter next time.

QUITE A GAP, TOO. [Guelph Herald.]
Every family purse knows that it has been stretched to the breaking point recently to make ends meet. In fact, an honest admission would very often

HARD LUCK. [Alliston Herald,]
Adam Wallace of Grand Valley had its right arm broken the other day by falling off a load of hay. This he second accident of the same kinner M. Wallace her secretized within the second accident to the same kinner when secretized within the second accident to the second accident that Mr. Wallace has sustained within

Inalifax Chronicle.

Mr. Fred Magee, member for Westmorland, made an interesting suggestion in the New Brunswick Legislature. Paying tribute to the memory of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he suggested that Canada might follow the example of the United States, naming public holidays after her famous statesmen saying that we well might observe a day in honor of Sir Wilfrid, coupling his name with that of Sir John Macdonald, and call it "Toleration Day," a day on which Canadians might reflect on those things which would make the entente cordiale something more that an academic suggestion. This suggestion is well worthy of consideration TOLERATION DAY. ance toward the racket in her an academic suggestion. This suggestion is well worthy of consideration we would do well to keep green the memory of our great men.

ordinary topics. thoughtlessly asked the host, trying to make conversation. The elder brother

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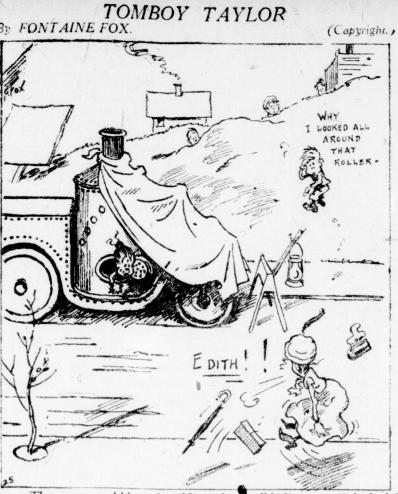
Shredded Wheat

You couldn't get all you wanted during the war but now your grocer can supply the normal demand. It is the same Shredded Wheat you have always eaten-clean, pure, wholesome, nutritious. There is no "substitute" for it. Eat it with milk or cream. Salt or sweeten to suit the taste.

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A SPRINGTIME THAW. By Anna Redfern. Big Bill Sheldon was decidedly not a A suntile Bascom heaved a sigh of relief as they walked off together. "Irene'll keep him amused for a little while," she ejaculated, "although I know he won't approve of her romping ways." Somehow there was not any more talk of going home, and somehow Bill began to take an interest in his visit. Never did Aunt Della attribute this

"That's no young lady," she corrected.
"That is Irene Roberts. Why, I've thown that child ever since she was s "How long is that, auntie?" Bob per-

throat.
That she had no companion in her game seemed not to bother Irene at all. Back and forth she scintillated, her tennis ball now on one side of the net, now on the other.
Suddenly she threw down her ball and