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LOSS OF LIQUOR TAX.
Does prohibition prohibit? Well, it does certainly to some extent. Ask the United States government. Robert Williams, jr., deputy commissioner of internal revenue, says that the revenue from whiskey alone fell of more than \$5,500,000 last year, and the total decrease of revenue from liquors due to prohibition last year \$7,641,978.42. This heavy loss of revenue by the government was caused by the decreasing manufacture and use of liquors throughout the country. It is a mistake to assume that the prohibitionists and other active temperance elements are the only forces arrayed against the liquor habit. Popular instruction in physiology and hygiene, the increasing and ever-growing force of public opinion, and especially the rules and regulations of railway and other large corporations regarding liquor indulgence, all are working to the same end.

PROTECTION OF LIFE.
The resolution of the railway men, in convention at Winnipeg, and to the effect that prosecutions for accidents should be discouraged by a change in the laws, is not as sensible as one would expect from locomotive engineers and firemen. It is not assumed that men are guilty of any negligence "with criminal intent," but it is assumed that men may be indifferent with regard to instructions, and that the accidents which follow cannot be overlooked in the public interest.

What the circumstances suggest is not the condoning of these offences. They will never be avoided if they are lightly extenuated. There is some reason for the absence of fatalities in England and the frequency of them in America. The loss of life last year in accidents was simply frightful. There is something to be gained by a study of the facts. What leads to the safety of travel in England, Ireland and Scotland? There must be something in the management that is worth copying in Canada and the United States, and it is this something which all railroad men should understand as soon as possible.

The people who put their lives in the care of the trainmen and station officials, trusting, nothing doubting, should have all the protection that they can be given, and parliament will think twice about mitigating the offences where punishment has been objected to. The railway men are generally a reliable class, but they will not be made more careful by advertising that they are not responsible for accidents and should not be called to account because of them.

EFFECT OF REPETITION.
The Globe has a serious and suggestive article on the conditions that make for war scars if not for wars. It recalls the commotion which Mr. Cleveland made by his indiscreet Venezuelan message. It went far towards causing an international boundary trouble. It cites the strained relations which followed in Canada by the Dundonald talk, about the defences or lack of defences in Canada, and the danger of the country from foreign invasion. It reminds us that in England the demand for conscription, the appeals for political purposes, the effects of a second rate stage-play, worked up a panic, and for once John Bull had irrational moods.

One contemporary has it that ten newspapers of standing and influence, and ten public men of power, could create a serious situation between Canada and the United States. "All that is needed," says the Globe, "is recklessness, insolence, and a capacity for hysteria." Are these the essential ingredients of trouble? A writer in Little's Living Age, says the common cause of consternation, or agitation, of incitement to impulse, is "damnable iteration." The constant beating of a drum in Central Africa will give way to wild hilarity, to dancing, to physical excesses until they fall prostrate. In journalism there was a rule that every special artist should state a truth three times. Suppose twenty newspapers uttered the note of panic three times every morning, with an average circulation of 200,000, and it is repeated twelve millions of times, "No wonder," adds the writer, "that people trembled in their beds and hated the Germans." For repetition induces a kind of hypnosis, and many people besides George IV. believed that he had fought at Waterloo!

So that recklessness, insolence, and a capacity for hysteria are not the main contingencies to alarms. Repetition is the chief thing. Let there be

"damnable iteration," and tongues will wag, and pens will write, and heated imaginations will produce tremendous shocks. Men like Col. Denison, with war on the brain, cannot do much harm so long as they are acting independently and out of time. Let several of them unite in one great shout, or chorus, given over and over again, and people will presently join in 'and give expression to their feelings in lusty form.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
Dragon's blood is on the free list and the duty on porous plasters has been reduced. Who, in the face of those facts, will have the temerity to say that the republican party failed to redeem its platform pledge of revision downward?

A man in Connecticut showed what he would have done had he been the judge who gave Maud Muller the go-by and was sorry for it. This man saw a woman raking hay, and not thinking a woman ought to do such work, promptly married her. This is where real romance and chivalry come in.

The Watertown Times has the following pertinent comment on a certain class of automobilists, whom it designates as "boastful lawbreakers": "We have heard of a case where an automobilist bragged the other day that he had come to Sackett's Harbor at the rate of a mile a minute. His confession ought to land him in jail. It showed an utter disregard for the rights of every one on the road. It is these speed-mad lunatics who make automobiles hated by the farmer, and when one brags of his defiance of law it does not excite admiration but the contempt of sane automobilists who feel that a stigma has been put upon them as a class by the performance of one."

The war which Spain is waging against the Moorish tribes in Morocco is, nominally, at least, to sustain the power of the Moorish throne. The Washington Post calls attention to the historic contradiction involved, and not the least striking feature of the situation lies in the fact that Catholic Spain should be engaged in a conflict to maintain the integrity of an infidel power. More than four hundred years ago she drove this same nation from its point of lodgment in Western Europe, and song and story have celebrated the "last sigh of the Moor," as Boadicea wept on leaving forever his beloved Granada. Strange, indeed, that a Spanish sovereign should now be found upholding a Moorish throne at the risk of his own.

Stole the Same Cow Twice.
Louisville Courier-Democrat.
They have a queer case at the penitentiary. Sam Kirk, soon to be released, is serving his second term. Kirk stole the same cow twice, and there is a tradition here that he will make another try for the cow if that animal is still living when he gets his freedom. Kirk took the cow and was caught. True to his promise, he was sent to the penitentiary for one year. He announced that as soon as he got out he would go back home and get that cow. It is thought that he felt that he had earned the cow by reason of having served one year in the penitentiary for the stealing of the animal. True to his promise, as soon as he was released he went back home and again stole the cow. He was convicted and sent up for double his first term. Now Kirk is almost ready to go back home again, and it is hoped by the prison authorities that the cow is dead so Kirk can stay out of prison. It is recorded that he never did anything wrong except steal that cow and that he had a species of monomania which led him to take the cow.

The Cold Spare Bed.
New England Farmer.
When you have a friend to visit you, if she be a welcome guest,
You will try to make her happy, and you'll give her of your best.
You'll tell her all the story of your varied household cares,
And everlastingly you'll prate about your own affairs.
But whatever else you do, don't for mercy's sake, be led
To put that helpless woman in the cold spare bed.

You may tell her of your troubles with your numerous hired girls,
And what "she said" and what "I said" till her uncles' whirrs;
You may talk of the servant question till the setting moon's last gleam
And begin next morning dying with neuralgia in your head;
Of how you poured down bitters and drops and patent pills,
When you caught that dread malaria, and had such awful chills;
You may bore her, you may weary her, till she wishes she were dead,
But for mercy's sake, don't put her in the cold spare bed.

Mosquitoes Shun Oily Roads.
New York Press.
The practice of oiling the roads to keep down the dust in many Northern New Jersey towns where the thoroughfares are not paved has been responsible for a great decrease in the mosquito plague in Montclair, where thousands of gallons of oil have been poured on the street in the past six months, and there has been a wonderful reduction in the number of mosquitoes, and it is predicted that next year, when the oil sprinkling will be carried on much more extensively if this year's experiment is a success, the mosquito pest will be practically eliminated in the town.

Similar results are reported in Bloomfield, Caldwell and other towns where oil is used on the roads. Glen Ridge will adopt the oil plan if experiments now being conducted are successful.

Col. Denison, Toronto, has declined to decide a Sunday ice cream selling case until the higher courts say whether or not such sale is legal.

SURVIVED THE SHOCK
OF 2,000 VOLTS FROM METAL PIPE.

Terrible Experience of an Hotel Man in Grand Mere, Que.—Lost One Foot and An Arm.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—To receive a shock of 2,000 volts and live to tell the tale is the record of Etienne Lefebvre, proprietor of the Windsor hotel, Grande Mere, Que.

With the successful amputation of his right foot and arm, Mr. Lefebvre has more than a fighting chance of recovering, and the surgeons at the Notre Dame hospital are sanguine that he will soon be able to leave his bed. The operation, which was performed this morning, was entirely successful.

About ten days ago Mr. Lefebvre, while taking a last look around his hotel and outbuildings, saw sparks and flames proceeding from what he thought was his ash-tray. The illuminations seemed confined to the vicinity of a short metal pipe, and he seized it to pull it out of the ground and throw it into vacant space, where it could do no damage. No sooner had his hands closed on the pipe, than his



OCEAN GREYHOUND MAKES RECORD TRIP.
The picture shows the C.P.R. mail steamship Empress of Britain which on her recent trip from Liverpool to Quebec, made faster time than ever before, and came within an hour of breaking the record for the trip which is at present held by her sister ship, the Empress of Ireland. The Empress carried a full complement of passengers and a larger load than usual of mail. Her commander, Capt. J. A. Murray, reported clear weather all across but was disappointed at not being able to come in by the Crane Island Flats Channel. Had this short cut been available, he declares all records would have been smashed.

form became rigid, and thus imprisoned, he was held to the electrically-charged post until his shouts sent the hotel employes in search of him.

Realizing that their chief was being electrocuted, one of the men rushed to the telephone and advised the power company what had happened and they immediately cut off the current.

Lefebvre was unconscious and his hands were burned nearly to the bone. For three hours two physicians worked over him.

A strand of broken wire crossing highly charged transmission wires and in turn coming into contact with the length of iron pipe driven in the ground was responsible for the accident.

LAKE OF THOUSAND ISLES.
By Ernest A. Sine.
I just blew in from the howlin' West
Where the wind blows long and loud
I didn't take time to change my vest
For fear I'd get lost in the crowd.
The ever-on-wings of impudence flies
Through Chicago's bustlin' streets,
An' I landed here in this Paradise
Wars the great St. Lawrence sweeps.

An' now I'm here I'm goin' to shout
If I break out of these rules,
For there ain't no place this world
about.
Nor anywhere else, my Jewels,
That seems to me to be quite as like
That land where the angel sings
An' 'bails his hook an' smokes his pipe
When he ain't a-dappin' his wings.

Each lovely isle's an enchantin' dream,
A heaven that's all its own,
An' there's nothin' that grand of stream
That reflects the heaven's dome.
Each lovely isle is a place of rest
From the busy ol' world of cares,
An' since I blew in from the breezy West
I'm slave to their artful snares.

A Distinction.
London Argonaut.
Some one asked Max Nordau to define the difference between genius and insanity. "Well," said the author of "Degeneration," "the lunatic is, at least, sure of his board and clothes."

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His ideas of gambling, in fact, are distinctly novel. Some of the more wealthy Indians form rings and back every horse in the race, thus gaining the satisfaction of getting a winner every time. It is really only of late years that the native of India has become a habitual gambler on the turf, and nowadays the bulk of the betting of the various racing centres in India is done by natives. Indeed the authorities are becoming somewhat concerned about the growth of the betting which takes place among Indian natives, it being ascertained that as many as thirty lacs of rupees (about £300,000) is lost and won in the course of a season.

The ignorant masses have not a great deal of actual money to wager so badly bitten are many of them with the crazy for betting at race meetings that they frequently wager what little property they possess on a horse, and if they lose they simply replace their loss by stealing



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