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Daily Whig.

TWAIN AND HIS SORROW.

Mark Twain has been again bereaved by the death of a daughter, drowned while bathing, and the subject of epilepsy. The heart of the author is very sad. The people who make others laugh, whose bright thoughts come as an elixir of life, are usually the most sensitive and sometimes the most depressed. It was only on Christmas eve that an actress in Toronto required the aid of a physician for serious pains and aches before she went on the stage, to cater to the meriment of a large audience, and the physician met her at her dressing-room when she had played her part and resumed the treatment she so much needed. What Mark Twain's feelings may be—alone in the world, his only other daughter being married and absent—no one can imagine, but the balm he has prescribed so freely will surely be applied by his many sympathizing friends.

CRIMINALS ARE DEFIANT.

The Montreal city council will return to the government the Cannon report, exposing its corruption, and recommending the prosecution of certain of its members. The council has no desire to act upon a proceeding which was not inspired by itself and which so seriously affects its present and future. The citizens petitioned the government for the commission, the government acted, the people paid for the investigation, outside of the judges' expenses, and the council proposes to leave the rest with the government.

Meanwhile another incident of the enquiry is attracting attention. The chairman of the fire committee, reading in the Cannon report that two sub-chiefs should have action taken against them, civilly and criminally, ordered their suspension. The judge found, at the entrance to the fire brigade, a toll gate through which men could not pass into the public service without paying \$100, \$150 or \$300. Promotions were quite as expensive. Extortion was practised without regard to the circumstances of the persons who were so grossly taxed.

Justice approves of the suspension of the offenders, as a preliminary to their prosecution. But the friends of the hoodlums in the council are not satisfied, and they will take steps to reinstate the sub-chiefs, on the ground that they should not suffer unless all those who were named by Judge Cannon were similarly treated. "There must be no making of scapegoats of one or two men," remarks a member of the committee.

So it is apparent that the great misdemeanants will brazen it out, that the aldermen with tarnished reputations will seek re-election, and that they will protect and preserve, if they can, the officials who have served them cravenly and criminally. Evidently the citizens' committee has not finished its work. It will only be complete when some of the men who have shamelessly misused their positions have been put in jail.

THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

The citizens will, a week from today, select a third of the men who will constitute the city council for 1910. Under the system which was approved some years ago, and sanctioned by act of parliament, the alderman is now elected for a period of three years. It was intended that he should have the experience that guarantees efficient service. A man cannot learn the business of the city in a year, and give to it only the time he can spare from his own affairs. Some cannot learn much about municipal life even in three years. Some never pretend to understand all about the departments in the city hall. They are like the men that hire out with the private employer, that never aspire to become masters of the situation. A year for each of these in the council is enough; but they look for further honors, and sometimes not in vain.

Of those nominated to-day there are two days in which they may make up their minds what to do. The candidate who decides to remain in the field must fyle his qualifications with the city clerk. The one who does not fill this requirement of the law puts himself out of the race. It is assumed that he does not accept the nomination. The electors have nearly a week more in which to appraise the merits of those who are seeking the support of the franchise holders at the polls. They can exercise their judgment de-

liberately, and if they err they cannot find any fault.

In two of the wards the Temperance and Moral League will see what it can do. The council blundered most seriously when it refused to refer the license question to the vote of the people. This was the request of a petition numerously signed, and the council assumed the responsibility of refusing to let the people pass upon the subject. Unfortunately the aldermen who were the aggressors in this defiance of public opinion are not going up for re-election, and it is not going to do much good to create divisions on a great moral question in two wards, and it is not likely to be much affected by results in any case. The campaign may, however, have one advantage, namely, of teaching the council a lesson, one of respect for the prayers of the petitions that may hereafter be presented to it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Poet Watson's brother intimates that he is insane. It has been suspected for some time.

Do not be in a hurry about picking out your prize winners for the council. Wait until it has become clear just what the game is.

The Saskatchewan legislature has refused to pass on the naval question. It is not, thanks to Premier Scott, trying to make capital against the federal government.

Would the Copenhagen committee of experts who rejected the Cook manuscripts be satisfied with Peary's? Perhaps not. Meanwhile it is going into the magazines at \$1.50 a word.

Cook's autograph photograph selling for 2c. Accepted as a priceless gift, started in an auction at \$50 and practically given away. The story, in a few words, of failure and fraud.

The news from England that a dozen suffragettes who undertook to pester Mr. Asquith were snowballed and put to route is surprising. The idea of militant women running away from a few snowballs.

More than 40,000,000 of the people of the United States are living in no-license territory. The movement is extending. Sooner or later it will have covered the whole of the North American continent.

The Canadian ministers are not offering publicly any opinions with regard to the imperial elections. Sir Wilfrid Laurier can hardly feel hurt that he is erroneously involved in the controversy when the king has not escaped it.

Canada has bought from Britain already a couple of her second-class cruisers for training ships. The government may be charged with being a trifle previous. The naval scheme has not yet been laid before parliament.

Montreal and Hamilton will next year experiment with city controllers. The council will supervise their work, but cannot refer it back except by a two-thirds majority. Three or four good men will, therefore, practically run the city.

The United States will spend \$42,430,475 in war ships during the next four years, and still some American papers ask what Canada wants with a navy? What does any country want with battleships that are becoming obsolete from year to year?

The people and press that think labour representatives in parliament cannot be independent and accept support from the party forget that in Canada political leaders have accepted party contributions without feeling that they had forfeited their independence.

The supreme court has confirmed the decision of a lower court that public money cannot be spent in personal jaunts, and because the Montreal finance committee paid the outing of the mayor and his secretary to France, to the Champlain tercentenary, its members are disqualified. An expensive lesson, surely.

Why not have all the elections in the United Kingdom on the same day? "One man one vote." Because it means the disfranchisement of many people who can vote in several places if the voting is on different days. It was proposed to have all the London elections on the one day and the Lords would not allow it.

TO BE BITTERLY FOUGHT.

The Demand Made For Increase of Wages.

New York, Dec. 27.—Announcement is made that the formal demands of the 125,000 railway employees working on all the lines east of the Mississippi would be laid before the railway companies on January 3rd. In these demands the men, including passenger and freight train conductors and switchmen, ask a wage increase of from twelve to fifty-three per cent., according to position and length of service. It is believed, however, so far as the wage increase is concerned, will be bitterly fought by the railways.

William Keele, released from the Western hospital, Toronto, where he had been sent, suffering from an accident, was arrested at the hospital doors on a charge of larceny, made by the police of Alliston, Ont.

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HE MAKES A SPEECH

TRUMPH ON STAGE OF RUSSIAN REALISM.

Princess Bariatinsky Makes Her London Debut and Captivates The Audience.

London, Dec. 27.—Princess Bariatinsky, under her stage name of Lydia Yavorskaya, has captivated London, and such realism that she depicts has seldom been seen upon the stage.

There was a pleasant little instance of international courtesy, as well as a glimpse of a remarkable Russian tragedy, at his Majesty's Theatre, when Prince Bariatinsky favored the house with a preliminary explanation, in English, of the new part which his charming wife was just going to play in some scenes from "Ivan the Terrible," by Alexander Ostrovsky.

Princess Bariatinsky captivated his audience hardly less than the princess herself had done. He told how Ostrovsky—born in 1823—had "reigned" for forty years over the Russian stage. He told how this Russian



PRINCESS BARIATINSKY.

dramatist, originally a government clerk, had fought a censorship far more ruthless and arbitrary and irreversible than any power that Mr. Redford wielded.

After Prince Bariatinsky had spoken for about a quarter of an hour and had been recalled again before the curtain, there was duly revealed what proved to be the fifth and last act of "Ivan the Terrible." It showed the redoubtable Ivan in his old age, doddering but masterful still. Queen Elizabeth seemed in this case to have done well to have stayed at home.

As it was, we saw Princess Bariatinsky as Ivan's sixth wife—a lovely adventuress named Vassilissa—plotting with a young favorite of her lover. Vassilissa had already murdered the previous queen, and we see her first of all wandering in a sort of frenzied, remorseful trance through the gloomy palace—a kind of Russian Lady Macbeth.

There follows a deliciously humorous little scene, in which she wheedles the fond old tyrant, who puts her to sleep under his own mantle. As he leans gloatingly over her he hears her breathe in her sleep a name that is not his. It is that of the young favorite!

Instantly, out of his fit of senile sentiment, old Ivan arises, "terrible" once more. In a fury he sends for the young man, and commands him to slay the queen, his mistress, with his own hand. The young man obeys. Then old Ivan grimly orders that the lover shall be impaled alive in the dead woman's tomb, and the curtain falls.

Thrilling even in a foreign tongue, this half-hour of horror served once again to show the beauty and grace and power of the princess, who looks superb in her royal robes as the Russian queen. Her higher qualities were not, perhaps, called forth by the character, but the whole thing proved a most interesting blend of romance and realism.

Too Honest.

Woggs—Young Smith has failed in business again. I'm sorry for the boy but too close adherence to high principles ruined him. Boggs—How so? Woggs—He advertised, "Our product is thoroughly tested before it leaves the factory," which is a very hard thing to live up to when you are manufacturing dynamite.

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"Going Some."

"Going Some," the farce comedy by Paul Armstrong and Rex Beach, which has been the greatest laugh winner of the present theatrical season, will be seen here for the first time on Thursday, December 30th, at the Grand. Under the direction of the Shubert's, "Going Some" ran seven months at the New York Belasco Theatre, and since going on the road has been acclaimed the best laughing play written in years. A novel plot, an excellent company headed by the well-known comedian Walter Jones, and clean, wholesome fun make "Going Some" a play that lives up to its title. The story of "Going Some" concerns a number of college boys and girls who are on a western ranch spending their vacation. The cowboys of the ranch are sulky because they have just lost their prize possession, a photograph, to a rival outfit through a footrace.

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