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Daily Whig.

WHO ARE TO BLAME.

The Woman's National Daily is correct in the assumption that the federal government cannot stamp out the white slave traffic by any expenditure of national funds. Some thing will be done, of course, by or through the expenditure of \$100,000, in tracing up the sources and developments of the evil.

Its check, suppression or complete banishment lies with the local or municipal authorities, and, alas! they are not fighting it with any degree of vigour. Occasionally there is a pretence at suppression, but it is futile and unavailing. In one place the evil is tolerated; in another it is troubled as the public conscience suffers from a passing twinge; in another it is limited in its boundaries, and allowed to flourish; and in one city in Canada it was proposed to tax and regulate it.

The Woman's National Daily puts the responsibility where it really belongs when it says that it "rests on the shoulders of every man and woman in whose neighborhood or community dens of immorality exist. Uncle Sam cannot reach this local vice, but the people can. When they do when they pull the foundation from under the white slave traffic—there will be no occasion for Uncle Sam to spend \$100,000 or any other amount for its suppression."

BREAD STRIKE PROPOSED.

In Toronto it is proposed that the women of the household, the already over-worked women, bake the bread which the family uses, until the bakers learn wisdom and produce a cheaper article. "If," said a representative of a labour union, as reported in the Toronto Star, "we could get the wives of the workmen to do this we would soon bring the bakers to time."

Is the consumption of bread increasing? Is it, on the contrary, not decreasing, and for the reason that the cereals are all the rage and becoming conspicuous at two of the meals each day? And is there any advantage from a temporary strike against the prices of foods?

What of the recent movement against the prices of meat? It was ordered in several of the cities that the workmen abstain from the use of beef, mutton or pork, for thirty days to the end that the packers might realize what could be done by indignant men. The producers regulated their business by the action of the consumers for a month and then normal conditions were resumed.

The middlemen suffered for a while, but the monopoly or trust came out of the scrimmage with the ball, and took the first free kick with a smile. The lesson with regard to bread will not be forgotten in the talk about bread.

PERVERTING THE FACTS.

The London Mail has a very unjust and improper appreciation of the German surtax and the effects of its removal. Our contemporary alleges that the Canadian government waited until the British elections were over—waited "to see the issue of the struggle for tariff reform in England"—and then acted. Had the people of England returned a working majority for tariff reform, it is said, the removal of the German surtax might not have been effected, so that the Britishers "have only themselves to blame for any loss of British trade that may follow."

There could not be a greater misconception, or a greater misrepresentation, of the facts. Canada was watching the election with unprecedented interest, and its government had its own anxieties with regard to the result. But had it been free to speak it would have expressed sympathy with the attitude of the Asquith government, and fear lest a change of policy might operate to the great disadvantage of Canada. This is essentially a food-producing country, and England is the market for its exports. Had these exports been submitted to a tax, as they surely would have been, there is reason to believe discontent would have been expressed.

One thing more—and it is essentially a contradiction of the London Mail's statement—the Canadian government did not approach the German government with regard to the surtax. The German empire had undertaken to punish Canada because she would not give it the same favours in tariff matters that the mother country enjoyed. Canada decided that the mother country could have a certain preference, and Germany went on strike. It has taken a good while to demonstrate the folly of that bluff, but it has been demonstrated, at last, in the loss of

trade, to the satisfaction of the German government, and it made overtures for a change.

Under the new order of things, Canada will for a while lose in revenue, but it will gain in trade, and some concessions will be made in return for German concessions. There is nothing in the situation, however, that warrants the lugubrious wail of the London Mail. It has a wrong impression of the case, it has been imposed upon, or it has viciously perverted the facts for grossly partizan purposes.

THE MEMBERS ON STRIKE.

The local government's dictation is being resented by the members of the legislature. The other day Hon. Mr. Lucas refused to let the Private Bills committee vote upon a matter with regard to which he and certain conservative members differed. He was bound to consult the government before he would proceed further. Hon. Mr. Beck, at the Public Accounts committee, directed a witness not to answer when that answer meant a possible reflection upon the Hydro-Electric commission. Hon. Mr. Hanna laid before the Municipal committee a bill relating to the weight of bread which the chairman, Mr. McNaught, refused to consider because it was not in accord with the mind and desires of the committee. While in the legislature the premier ordered a supporter to drop his bill in pain of having it killed by his command. There is a limit to this kind of thing. It may be well for the premier to have the power to control legislation, especially when his government will be held to account for it, but the members must be treated like men in place of serfs. Now party loyalty does not involve an absolute surrender of one's independence. The member may be willing to act under advice, and realize that in the multitude there is wisdom, but he cannot be coerced or clubbed into submission, and the government of Ontario will discover this some of these days.

POLLUTION OF OUR WATER.

Senator Belcourt is quite satisfied that the federal parliament is the place where legislation must be passed dealing with the pollution of navigable streams. His argument may be irresistible, and it is challenged because the public health is a matter with which the provincial legislature has to do, and this question of water, and its effect on the health of the people, is surely a provincial subject.

There will be no one who will dispute that sooner or later the towns and cities will be debarrated from turning their sewage into the lakes and rivers from which the water for domestic purposes is drawn. The typhoid fever which has broken out in the cities during the winter—five thousand cases being reported from Montreal—had its origin in the water, and as time goes on, and the population increases, the dangers from contaminated water will also increase. The federal government may not have jurisdiction in the premises, and this may save it from the responsibility of action, but the responsibility will devolve upon another body, and circumstances will compel it to act.

For the time being Kingston will be spared a very heavy expenditure, one it has contemplated vaguely for a very long time. Twenty-five years ago the council discussed the necessity of constructing an intercepting sewer all along the front of the harbor in order to receive the sewage and carry it to a point where it could be impounded and treated. This sewer will have to be provided some day, with septic tanks, pumping stations, etc., and the cost will be probably \$250,000,000. A committee has been appointed to watch the proceedings at Ottawa, in the interest of the city. It may not have much, if anything, to do at the present, because the question of jurisdiction has to be settled. When this is done the committee may have to recommend that any reasonable measure, looking to the purity of the water, should be complied with.

Syracuse has a peculiar, if not a unique, experience. Not since its water supply has been procured from an inland lake has any cases of typhoid from water—been reported. Kingston people have dreamed of a water supply from Loughboro Lake. The service would be expensive, and it would not save the city from the operation of a law which forbade it to turn its sewage into the waters of the harbour.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The white plague is carrying off the people in thousands, and yet the lay and legal elements in the legislature defeat the best laid schemes of the medical men to effect a check on cure. It's an amazing fact, and it is true.

The United States congress has remitted the two-cent tonnage tax on Canadian vessels engaged in international trade on the great lakes. Another bid for Canadian favour which is worth more than a passing notice.

The lords are going to pass the budgets, the new one and the old, and the Marquis of Lansdowne is going to find fault because the financial affairs of the country are in a muddle. The taxes due and payable are over an

hundred millions, and the most of them will be lost. Who's to blame? The peers, led by my lord Lansdowne. His aristocratic kick of a few months ago has been a costly one.

The New York Herald, since opening an office at Ottawa and giving large attention to Canadian affairs, has persistently preached closer relations between the American and Canadian people. Is the tariff movement, now on, due to its influence?

The conundrum of the day: If women are longer lived, as Sir Richard Cartwright alleges, why should they pay higher rates for their annuities to the government? The women have a right to protest against the discrimination that is against them under the Annuities' Act.

There's evidently something amiss with regard to the Hydro-Electric Commission's accounts, when there is such a determined effort on the part of the Public Accounts' committee to keep the lid on. The more mystery in matters of this kind the more suspicious.

Hon. Mr. Sifton may not have the right count of mining accidents, but he's very careful in his public statements, and if there is one thing for which he has excelled in the past, it is his knowledge of facts and details. When he and the mining experts meet face to face there will be something doing.

The arrival of two delegates from the United States government, hot or impatient for tariff revision, presents a new and remarkable spectacle. Time was when supplicants for favours had to look to Washington. Now the supplicants are not only looking, but making, for Ottawa. What has brought this great change about?

The ex-minister of public works, in Alberta, like all seceders, is bitter and unfair in his attacks on the premier. He was the authority for an alleged scandal affecting the attorney-general which he cannot substantiate, the more's his shame and humiliation. The trouble in Alberta is that there are too many ambitious men on one side.

Sir James Whitney and his ministerial colleagues should be invited to hear Dr. Knight or Dr. Clarke talk on the relations between weak-mindedness and poverty and crime. Then there would be some show for Dr. Godfrey's bill preventing the procreation of the criminally insane and idiotic. Some kindergarten teaching on this subject is necessary in high places.

Sacred Nuts of Japan.

Although well known to travelers and collectors of curiosities, the horn nut, or "sacred nut," of Japan was at most wholly unknown to fruit and nut dealers in this country prior to 1888, when a New York commission merchant received the first large consignment. They are called "sacred nuts" because used in certain forms of Japanese worship, where they are placed on the altar and ignited. Being very rich in oil, they burn with a hot, bluish flame and give off a peculiar odor, the fumes being supposed to rise as an acceptable incense to the gods. They grow under water and have a leaf like an American holly, the form of the nut itself being an almost exact counterpart of an Asian buffalo's head, drooping horns and all. In the raw state they are hard and tasteless, but when cooked the flavor resembles that of boiled chestnuts. They are said to retain their edible qualities for upward of twenty years.

Freaks of Language.

A peculiar kind of blundering known as "folk etymology" is responsible for some of the queerest freaks of language. An easy example will make this clear. Our American word "carryall" for a kind of vehicle is not a compound of "carry" and "all" but a slight distortion of the French "carriole," a diminutive of "car." The change was made in obedience to the universal tendency to assimilate the unknown to the known, to make words mean something by associating them with others which they resemble in sound. Often there is no etymological relation, between the words associated as when sparrowgrass is made out of asparagus. This particular corruption was once in such good colloquial use that Walker, the lexicographer, wrote, "Sparrowgrass is so general that asparagus has an air of stiffness and pedantry."

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John Graham, North Keppel, Ont., was killed in Wrigley's bush by a falling tree.

Black Hand men have demanded \$15,000 from Caruso, the singer, under threats of death.

A general strike of union and non-union workers was called in Philadelphia, at midnight on Friday night.

Matthew Riddell, of the Toronto wholesale stationery firm of Hart & Riddell, died suddenly in London, Eng.

A state senator, an assemblyman and a deputy sheriff were shot down by a wealthy citizen of Scotland Neck, N.C.

Premier Whitney introduced a drastic measure relative to control of electric railways in the legislature, on Friday.

W. W. Lockhart, extra clerk in Cambridge, Mass., National Bank, arrested as a confederate of Coleman's on the theft of \$150,000.

Col. George E. Anderson, for many years American consul in Prescott, Ont., died Wednesday on a West Shore train at Weehawken, N.J.

At Brandon, Man., six new churches will be opened or built ready for opening this year. Two Presbyterian, two Anglican, and two Methodist.

Donald Campbell, end-seven neighbors of Goldstream, bitten by a mad horse, are en route to the Pasteur Institute, New York, for treatment.

A resolution was passed in the house at Washington, on Friday, which may result in a modification of the treaty regarding warships on the great lakes.

Circle City, Alaska, says Frank White, formerly of Dawson, shot and killed Mrs. Slade, and then shot himself. Both died instantly. Jealousy the cause.

Former Magistrate Henry J. Furlong, Brooklyn, convicted of accepting a bribe while sitting as a magistrate, was sentenced to a year in Sing Sing prison.

New Yorkers are anxious to buy a re-circulated paper for Theodore Roosevelt to act as editor. Two million dollars were offered for the New York Sun and refused.

Miss Margaret Anglin has been invited by the University of California to appear at the Greek theatre, at Berkeley, in the production of Sophocles' "Antigone." She has accepted.

Some 115 perished in the terrible avalanche which swept two Great Northern trains over a precipice into a mountain canyon on Tuesday. Thirty-five bodies have been recovered. The work of rescue is pitifully slow.

Andrew Butchart, the pioneer of the Leech River gold excitement, which first attracted attention to British Columbia as a gold-producing country, was suffocated in a fire, which gutted his little tinshop in Oriental Alley, Victoria, B.C.

Helen Drummond, said by friends to be Eva Foy Strangways, is dying in Bellevue hospital, New York, from a mysterious poison taken after her arrest, charged with the passing of worthless checks, on a hotelkeeper, Miss Strangways, in 1907, palmed herself off on New York society as the Countess Hecchester.

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