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HERE'S A MODERN SODOM.

The Province prints, on the authenticity of the police magistrate, an article which describes immorality as rampant in Regina. The apartment houses are referred to as resorts of vice and gambling, and the police magistrate wants to know what the Moral Reform League is going to do about it. The Whig has read the statement of Mr. Traut, the magistrate aforesaid, and with serious misgivings. Notes the terrible indictment he makes against men and women, husbands and wives, stenographers and clerks, whose relations are regarded as most scandalous, and it is inclined to inquire why he talks in this way.

The police of a city like Regina ought to be more familiar than any other person with the local moral conditions. They know, or ought to know, more about the offences against law and decency than any others, and they ought to be the first to move against these conditions when they are a menace to the moral life of the community. The Moral Reform League will hesitate about intruding where the police have no standing and no authority. Evidence any one must have before there can be a prosecution, and if the police, who are skilled in this method of detecting and punishing crime, cannot get it, how can the Moral Reform League? Once more the Whig recalls what a mayor in Seattle did when he really undertook to cleanse the city. His first act was to appoint a chief of police that was in sympathy with his programme, and orders for the obliteration of the red light district were no sooner given than the district was abandoned, the demi-monde and their admirers flying from the city as from a pest. When Regina has a mayor and a magistrate and a chief of police who mean business, who will suppress vice and gambling at any cost, these will disappear, and not a day sooner.

AN ELECTION IN DOUBT.

One expects an early election in Saskatchewan, in view of the active campaigning which is now in progress, and in view especially of the fact that the minister of the interior, Hon. Bob Rogers, has gone to Saskatchewan to man the machine in the interest of the Borden government. His plan of campaign is to appoint scores of home-stead inspectors, whose work will be among the farmers and of a genuinely political character.

The date for the election, however, has not yet been set, and the closest reference to it is that which was made by Hon. Mr. Scott in his address to the electors of Swift Current. Mr. Scott's health has been very bad. He had to leave Regina before the close of the last session of the legislature and go south. At present he is in a sanitarium in Philadelphia, considerably improved, but not equal to active duty and certainly not fitted for a political campaign.

He called attention to the phenomenal growth of the western province in

HOMAGE TO WILBUR WRIGHT.

The crowd came to the city yesterday to see the airship, and most people went away pleased and gratified with the exhibition. They realized that a heavier-than-air machine could be raised and manipulated, and brought to a landing with grace and ease.

The average mind did not travel from the scene of the exhibition to the earlier experiments of the Wright brothers, of Dayton, Ohio, and the average witness of a performance by the Curtiss biplane did not appreciate the labours of the men who made the new means of travel possible and practical.

The career of Wilbur Wright has been closed, and the president of the United States and American papers have been paying tribute to his memory. Mr. Taft says he deserved to stand with Fulton and Stephenson and Bell, "and the New York Herald says he was "a dreamer who dreamed great things and a toiler who made these dreams come true."

In the press, too, it has been pointed out that the Wrights laboured long and incessantly before they produced the plane which could fly. A picture is given of it in the New York Herald,

EDITORIAL NOTES

The grain growers of Manitoba have bought from the C.P.R. the larger elevator and storehouse at Fort William. They have not lost faith in the elevator system, whatever may be the folly of the Roblin government. The farmers will not manage the elevators as a political proposition.

The waiters' strike is still on and an attempt is made to unite with them the cooks, chambermaids, bell-boys, and all who are associated in the management of a hotel. That is what some called syndicalism, which has been tried in the western states and England with some degree of success.

Did the British admiralty refuse the merchantmen the use of searchlights? Nature, a scientific journal, says they did, and it lays the blame for the Titanic loss and disaster upon the admiralty. The searchlight is sometimes a menace to navigation. This has been demonstrated by the steam-

A GANANOQUE WEDDING

MISS GERTRUDE ROGERS WAS THE CHARMING BRIDE.

She was Wedded to Frank Bradley, of Brooklyn, N.Y.—Deaths of Mrs. Runnett, Gananoque, and William Compeau, Howe Island.

Gananoque, June 3.—On Saturday afternoon, at four o'clock, at Christ church, Miss Gertrude Rogers, only daughter of ex-Mayor and Mrs. W. N. Rogers, King street, was united in marriage to Frank Bradley, Brooklyn, N.Y. The service was choral, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Walter Cox, rector of Christ church, in the presence of a large number of guests. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and was attended by Miss Elizabeth McMurchy, the groom's interests being attended to by his brother, also of Brooklyn. The bride was handsomely attired in an elaborate creation of white silk and lace, with a white veil. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where dinner was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Bradley left for their new home in Brooklyn. The bride is going away gown was a handsome tailored suit of pearl grey, with hat to match. The bride was one of Gananoque's most popular young ladies, and also a native of the town, beloved by all for her sweet and sunny disposition, and the large number of handsome and costly tokens of esteem from her large circle of friends attests to her popularity.

At Brockville general hospital, on Saturday, Jessie Wilkison, wife of Robert Runnett, Charles street, passed away after an illness extending over many months, in the sixty-sixth year of her age. Deceased was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, but at an early age came to this country, and she and her husband resided here about forty years. She was well-known and held in high esteem. Besides her husband she leaves four sons, James, Peterboro, John, New Liskeard, Frederick, Brockville, and William, Gananoque; also one daughter, Mrs. Charles Ferris, of Brockville. The funeral took place Monday afternoon to Gananoque cemetery. Rev. Henry Gracey, pastor of St. Andrew's, conducted the service.

At Howe Island the death occurred, on Saturday, of William Compeau, an old and highly respected resident of this section, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. He had been in feeble health for some time past. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon to St. Philomena's church, where service was conducted by Rev. Fr. J. P. Kehoe, after which the remains were interred at the Howe Island burying ground. Deceased was the father of Telephone Compeau, Victoria street.

EIGHT MEN WERE KILLED.

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its use. The blasting was for the purpose of breaking off an overhanging bluff on the side of the cut. The witness said he drilled the holes himself. There were two made with a steam drill. They were about six feet deep and three inches in diameter at the bottom. They were drilled about a fortnight ago.

"Mr. Northrup was leading them. I was drilling in another place at the time," said the witness. "The hole was sprung in the morning at about ten o'clock to make a pocket at the bottom to hold more dynamite. Mr. Northrup began to load the hole about 2:30 o'clock on Saturday, when I was speaking to him, and he said that he intended to put the blast off about six o'clock. I was in the cut about 150 feet away when the explosion took place. I saw the stones fly and saw the piece broken off the cliff."

When asked as to the cause the witness said he did not know how it happened. Mr. Northrup was a careful man as any man could be in handling dynamite. When questioned by the coroner as to the probable cause he said it might have been defective dynamite the nitro-glycerine not being properly absorbed by the clay, and this he said would be set off by the slightest jar. A man may have dropped a piece of dynamite. Some might have been spilled on the rock and been stepped on by the man who had hobnailed boots. One thing he maintained, however, was that Mr. Northrup was extremely careful. He said he had known him to set off, as much as forty tons of dynamite and had never known him to show carelessness in any way.

When asked about the springing of the holes in the morning he said that they were sprung at about ten o'clock, that only eight sticks of dynamite were used to spring them, an amount that caught to cool in an hour. The loading did not begin till 2:30 p.m., more than four hours afterwards. Mr. McArthur said that if he were blasting to-morrow he could not take any more precaution than was taken by Mr. Northrup.

Other Evidence.

The next witness was Mr. Rines, who is foreman in the Heminger cut. He testified that he was about 600 feet away and heard the explosion and saw stones flying. He knew something was wrong, as he had received no warning of a blast. He then saw a horse struggling, and started for the cut on the run. He found the man lying under rocks and some still alive. He assisted in removing the earth and rock and found eight killed and six wounded.

The witness testified that he was one of those who handled dynamite in the Heminger cut. He said the dynamiting work was done by Mr. Heminger and himself. He could offer no theory as to the cause of the explosion. He testified that Mr. Northrup was a very careful man.

Leon Todias, a Roumanian, testified, through an interpreter, that he was about two hundred feet from the explosion, and was loading a car with rock near a steam drill. He heard the explosion and saw the stones flying. He got under the car. He testified that the men were always given warning of an explosion. He said he had nothing to do with handling the dynamite.

Dr. A. F. Freeman, of Inverary, testified that he was called to the place

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