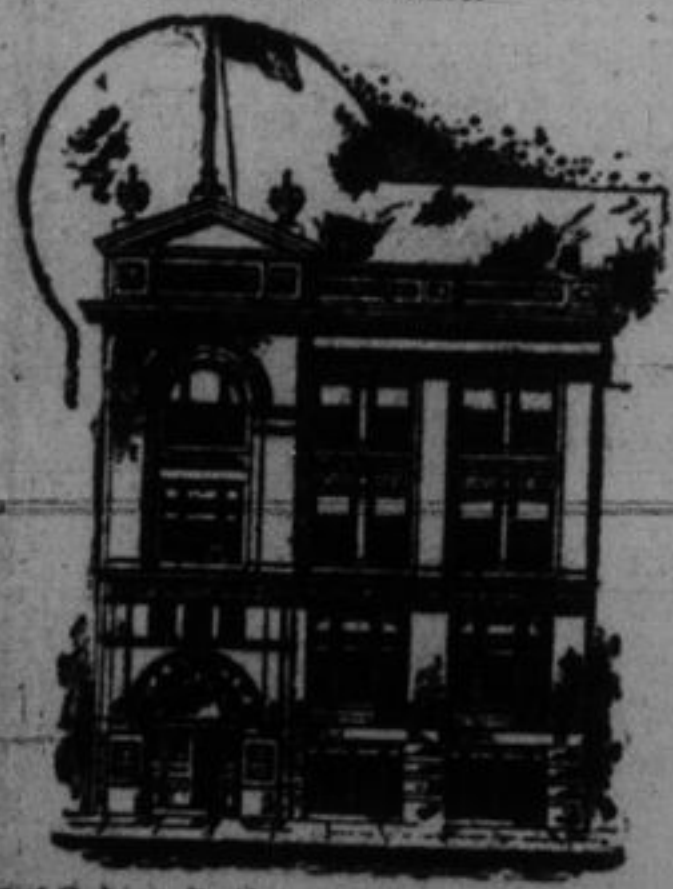


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There is always room for improvement at the top.

You can always tell a sixteen-year-old vamp, but you can't tell her much.

Eve was modest. She never took off anything when she fixed up for a party.

A music teacher says jazz is dying. Well, the sound indicates that it is dying hard.

Speaking of German trade marks, she can now trade marks for the east bank of the Rhine.

A scientist says automobiles will make our legs shorter. Not the way the dealers pull 'em now.

One reason why sin continues to be attractive in spite of everything is because it doesn't wear a long face.

If everybody obeyed the command, "Thou shalt not steal," there would be few jails and no empires.

The big circus will have no free parades this year. Well, well; we still have the parliament at Ottawa.

An optimist is a man who sees only the sunshine; a pessimist is one who searches vainly for the moonshine.

Our own opinion is that these little new republics will never get anywhere until they put Ford motors in 'em.

One of two things is certain: Either the treaty terms are too drastic, or the licking administered was too drastic enough.

After we had won the war we started a drive to make people stop buying so freely, and O, man, we put it over.

Think how the Irish would fight if England should try to deprive them of that liberty known in this country as "personal."

Fiction pays well; especially the fiction about being held up by gun men while carrying home the company's funds.

This is an unpleasant world for those who try to dodge drafts and automobiles, but it is still safe for tax dodgers.

You can pick out the Christian nations. They always call on God for help when everything else has failed to work.

The student of economics who wishes to observe depression at its best may simply stop advertising and let Nature take its course.

Successful candidates who are pledged to save the country usually devote their terms to the task of saving their jobs.

Russia has decided that she can't run the business without money. Eventually she will make a similar discovery concerning brains.

There is one consolation for the United States. Once its navy balloons were turned loose in time of war, the enemy would have a hard job finding them.

BACK TO THE LAND. Once upon a time, when sugar was a good deal more of a luxury than it is to-day, England would gladly have traded all of Canada to France for

the little West Indian island of Guadeloupe. Canada was then believed to have an altogether possible sort of climate, and to be of value only for its furs. To-day comparatively few know where to look for Guadeloupe and its sugar plantations on the map. Do you?

Record sugar prices during the war years did not revive England's interest in the sugar islands, but did direct attention to the dangers of lack of shipping and the inconveniences of permitting profiteering. They made the government consider the need for an assured supply of the commodity for which men fought on the seven seas all through the eighteenth century. The result is the ministry of agriculture's promotion of Home Grown Sugar, Ltd., a corporation in which the British government owns a half interest.

This company has contracted with farmers in southern England to grow sugar beets this year—20,000 tons of them. Its new mill, now in process of erection, is expected to be in commission by the fall, with a daily capacity of some 600 tons of sugar beets. The company is not asking farmers to try a large acreage this first year—the average field is between five and six acres, and there are over 400 of them—but exhaustive soil tests and known climate conditions make the government optimistic.

It is a small beginning, but an interesting one in view of the trend in English thought which such a move indicates. Not many decades ago Great Britain deliberately turned its back upon the land and decided to encourage trade and industry at the expense of agriculture. The world war, with its ever-present threat of hunger, has proved conclusively the disadvantages of such a policy when carried to extremes. To-day England, like every other country, perceives the substantial advantages of being in some measure self-supporting. It is safe to predict that the next ten years will see an enormous increase in the land under tillage. The submarines did not win the war for Germany, but at least they made plain to England how the war might be lost.

HON. F. C. BIGGS' COMPLAINT.

The Hon. F. C. Biggs is a sad and disgruntled politician, upon whom the cares and responsibilities of cabinet office have cast a great burden. So hard has his lot become that he is looking around for the reasons for the showers of affliction which are falling upon him, and he wonders what he has done to be criticized so harshly. Unable to find the reason, he regrets ever having left the pleasant little farm at West Flamboro and his sleek d of Holsteins, and so we find him, at a meeting in Hamilton, declaring that "politics is the rottenest game anyone ever got into, and that no matter how hard one tried to do his duty, there was someone ever ready to take his scalp."

The Hon. F. C. Biggs is finding that being Minister of Public Works is a far different position than that of a breeder of high grade Holsteins. He is finding out that there are many things which a private citizen can do with impunity that cannot be done by a man in a position such as he occupies. While the motor truck deal has not been completely threshed out, there has been sufficient evidence presented in the case to bring down criticism on the minister. He may not have accepted the gift of three thousand dollars, as one of the principals on the deal claims he did, but the accusation being made, it is quite sufficient to bring down upon his head the criticism of his political opponents, for the politics of to-day consist largely of finding faults in the members of the opposing party and using them as political weapons.

It may be true, as Mr. Biggs says, that politics is the rottenest game anyone ever got into. But politics is just like any other game. It can be made or marred by those who play it. If politics is a rotten game then it is because the politicians themselves make it so. If politicians will descend to petty personalities and neglect the larger issues at stake, it cannot be expected that the politics of the province could be anything else but rotten. Men such as Mr. Biggs who enter the arena with no political past to live down, could do a great deal towards removing the rottenness from politics. When the farmer government came into power it was proclaimed from the house tops that a new era in politics had begun. But alas, the hopes raised have not been realized, and the U.F.O. government is proving to be just as full of the old abuses and political dodges as any of its predecessors. Mr. Biggs must bear his share of the responsibility. He must expect criticism, for every public man at some time or another has his share of it, and his only course if he is afraid of it is to pursue a policy in all his dealings that would be entirely above criticism.

THE REFERENDUM VOTE.

The result of the election yesterday afforded a number of surprises both in the city and throughout the province. Kingston left the "dry" column and went completely over to the "wet" column. In order to grasp the significance of this change we have but to compare the result with that of the last referendum held in October, 1919. The figures then were as follows:

Out of a total vote cast of 9,000 the majority for the O.T.A. was 1,687; against light beer amendments to the O.T.A., 1,261; against the sale of light beer in standard hotels, 1,437; against the sale of spirituous liquors through government agencies, 1,205. Today Kingston, out of a total vote of approximately 9,700, gives a majority of 1,384 in favor of importation. This means a radical change in public opinion on the whole question of temperance.

From the reports contained in the latest bulletins on Monday night, it is apparent that a significant change has taken place throughout the province as a whole. In 1919 the total votes cast against the return of the saloon were 772,941 as against 365,365, a dry majority of 406,576. This majority, according to the figures issued by the Dominion Alliance early on Tuesday morning, was reduced by 256,676, giving a majority for the province of 159,900. This majority was not conceded by the Citizens' Liberty League headquarters, which held that the total dry majority was but 20,000.

It is evident that the proposal to prohibit the importation of liquor into the province was bitterly fought. It remains to be seen what the action of the Dominion Government will be, particularly in view of the constitutional aspect of the whole matter which will be carried to the Privy Council for decision. In any event, action may likely be deferred pending the disposition of all the legal instances involved.

The result is disappointing to the Ontario Referendum Committee and to the friends of prohibition who were confident of an overwhelming vote. It shows that a strong tide has set in throughout the province, and particularly in the largest cities, against prohibition. This was evident early last week when strong organizations were formed to conduct a campaign against it. In the rural districts the absence of organized opposition accounts for the more favorable results.

The point deserving of most serious consideration is the fact that prohibition shows heavy losses instead of gains, indicating that the people are not sufficiently prepared to support the drastic legislation the government would be called upon to put into effect to force observance of the dry laws.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

THE OTHER SIDE. They say that Jinxon beats his wife, when he needs exercise, if his home is full of strife, the fault with Jinxon lies. "This morning sun-dry neighbors came to my ancestral caves, and said, "It is a beastly shame the way that guy behaves. Remonstrance is of no avail, though protests have been strong, and so we'll bring him on a rail, if you will go along." I said, "If Jinxon is at fault he on a rail should ride; you've heard one tale—now call a halt and hear the other side. If I should gaily trot along, and thus your course in-dore, and then find out we all were wrong, I'd perish of remorse. Perhaps he could a tale relate that would afflict our souls, of bread that has a grindstone's weight, or bur-ned and bricklike rolls. Perhaps the crockery is hung by one he fain would put; perhaps a tireless nagging tongue his reason has upset. His wife was married once before, by gossips it is said; perchance she proves a frightful bore by bragging of the dead. It may be she is prone to rake his pockets for the mon; it may be that she fries a steak, when broiling should be done. Oh, tribes, neighbors, have a care that justice shall prevail, before you take him from his chair, and seat him on a rail!"

NEW YORK CHEAPEST OF AMERICAN CITIES

Challenges Investigators to Find Any Flaws in His Record.

New York, April 19.—New York city will be found to be cleaner and better in respect to moral conditions than any other city or town in the United States, Mayor John F. Hylan declared in a statement on the forthcoming investigation of the municipality by a legislative committee. He termed the probe a "waste of people's money," but said he would do all in his power to help the committee.

"I invite these bodies," the statement said, "to center upon those departments of the municipal government over which I have jurisdiction and to reveal any official action on my part which might directly or indirectly manifest in any degree dishonesty or any form of corruption whatever. To facilitate their efforts, I have directed every official and every employe under my jurisdiction to furnish the heartiest and most helpful co-operation to either or both of the bodies."

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My My: "Women cause most of the trouble in this world," remarked the Cynic. "That's right," replied the Lawyer, with a smile. "Do you know that I have never had a divorce case that a woman didn't figure in it in some way?"

Artistic. When Art and Woman interlink, She's nothing else to do But go and paint the bathtub pink, And paint the brass bed blue.

Who Gets the Difference? Hogs on the hoof are selling at 5 cents a pound. Boiled ham is retailed at 75 cents a pound.

Hopeless: "Your Honor," announced the Alienist. "This man is hopelessly insane." "Is he violent?" asked the Probate Judge. "No," replied the Alienist. "But he imagines that prohibition is in effect in the United States."

The Tightwad. To him the robin's carol doesn't mean a single thing. For the red bird and the mocking bird he doesn't care a ding.

The wood through east attract him as he plops along his way. But he is all attention when his old hen sings her lay.

Too Bad: In the current issue of a prominent weekly publication a woman devotee some 6,000 words to her sad case. In brief, this is her complaint: When she first met the man she wanted to marry, he was drunk. He was drunk when she married him. And now she is hollering because prohibition doesn't keep him sober.

Paw Knows Everything. Willie—Paw, what is meant by the ties of matrimony? Paw—It means that some poor man has been roped in, my son.

Maw—Willie, you put your night work away and get to bed this minute!

Woe! In shame the poor old rooster hid. And said in his despairing mood: "I have a comb, yet nature did Not give me any hair!"

Correct. (Wilmington News-Journal) Referring again to the philosopher, Luke McLuke, we quote him as saying that a woman never knows exactly what she wants until she doesn't get it, and also you may have noticed, she never is sure she wants something else until she gets something she thought she wanted.

Are Ya With Us! We're gettin' up a posse to lynch the bum who smokes cigarettes while chewin' gum.

Oh! "What has become of the old-fashioned girl baby who used to have her photo taken while she was sitting in a wash bowl?"—Luke McLuke.

Why, Luke, she is grown up now. And wearing the newest Paris style, and no longer has to wear the wash bowl costume to advertise her charms.

—Newport (Tenn.) Herald.

"Play Ball!" The baseball teams organized by the inmates of the various State Penitentiaries are all ready for the season. The players may not make any home runs, but they are good at inside ball. They like to steal bases, but, unlike other teams, they would rather be out than know that they are safe. They would rather fly out than do anything else and the most envied position on the team is the shortstop. There are a lot of outlaw players in the line-up but they are all under good long contracts. Nearly all of them went wrong at the start, but some of them are trying to play right.

Mezey! The creek was low, the water scarce, Then said old Farmer Hick: "To curse the weather will not help, I think I'll dam the creek!"

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