

Theatrical

Jim the Penman. There is a gripping melodrama at the Allen Theatre today and for the person who likes to be gripped from the minute a picture opens in a fascination of interest...

At The Strand. A big triple bill is provided for the entertainment of its patrons by the Strand theatre the latter half of the week. The feature is a sheer human interest photoplay that is peculiarly appropriate just before the festive season...

Wants Ban Removed Against All Fair Books. Toronto, Dec. 16.—At the concluding session of the United Farmers here today, W. L. Smith presented a resolution urging the new government to remove the ban against all books not offending public morals.

The Best in America. Are the Blue Point oysters, and they are the only kind sold by Carnovsky.

There is to be an ordination of deacons in St. George's cathedral on Sunday when Frederick George Strange, Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto, will be officiating.

Dr. W. C. Barber, formerly assistant superintendent of Rockwood Hospital, died at Simcoe Hall, near Barrie, on Wednesday.

H. C. Hoeken, M.P., Toronto, is in the city. Louisiana pecans at Carnovsky's.

GANANOQUE

Dec. 16.—The bazaar under the auspices of the local veterans came to a successful close last evening. Tea was served each afternoon, and last evening the affair was closed with a very successful supper.

The remains of the late John Moulton were laid to rest yesterday afternoon in Willow bank cemetery. The I.O.O.F. were in charge of the funeral. The deceased was also a member of the A. F. & A. M.

Mrs. E. Shine, who has been spending the last few weeks with friends in Brockville and Prescott, has returned.

The friends of Mrs. James, who has been a patient in Kingston General Hospital will be pleased to know that she is progressing favorably.

Mayor Wilson went up to Kingston on Wednesday to attend the unveiling of the Memorial Hall in that City Building.

The A. Y. P. A. of Christ Church spent a pleasant time in the parish house on Wednesday evening. The proceeds will be added to the gift fund.

The St. Lawrence is frozen over and hopes are entertained that the ice harvest may be sufficient for next summer's needs.

The engagement is announced of Lila Erlen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hurd, Gananoque, and Robert Fitzmaurice Graham, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graham, Kingston, the marriage to take place quietly the latter part of December.

At Chaffey's Lock. Chaffey's Locks, Dec. 15.—The government carpenters have completed repairs at this station and left this morning on the Canadian National train for Smith's Falls where they will put in a new pair of lock gates at that station.

A number of residents attended the poultry fair at Elgin and secured good prices. Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy is convalescing. Miss Hazel Gifford is spending the past week at home on account of an epidemic of diphtheria at Smith's Falls.

Charles Donoghue, grain merchant, shot by bandits two weeks ago, was able to be removed from the Hotel Dieu to his home on Wellington street, on Thursday afternoon.

C. Mains, agricultural representative, Napanee, was in the city on Friday, the guest of Joseph Duff.

REGULAR "JOHN BULLS."

Some Stories Told of Forceful Britishers.

Sir William Robertson tells two good yarns about the old Duke of Cambridge in his new book.

The first time the new "forage" cap was worn by the regiment was at an inspection by the duke, and so much was this headgear hated that the men were unofficially incited beforehand to wear it well on the top of the head so as to make it look as hideous as possible.

"Everyone did his best—or worst—to comply with the hint, and when the duke—never in too good a temper early in the day—came on parade, the sight of the disgraced regiment nearly gave him a fit."

He wrote furiously to the War Office about it, but without avail.

The duke honestly believed the army as he found it was the best for all and had no patience with reform ideas.

"He once took the chair at a lecture given to officers of the Aldershot garrison on foreign cavalry, and proved a veritable Balaam in commending the lecturer to the audience."

"Why should we want to know anything about foreign cavalry?" he asked. "We have better cavalry of our own. I fear, gentlemen, that the army is in danger of becoming a mere debating society."

Here is a new story of Lord Fisher, dining one night at Lord Rosebery's. "Lord Fisher had much to say about submarines and the submarine menace, then at its height, and he repeatedly punctuated his arguments by driving the prongs of his dinner fork into our host's tablecloth."

"During luncheon he had to submit to a certain amount of chaff on the subject, the King humorously condescending with him on the sufferings of the morning. Nicholson who was fond of quoting Scripture, replied, 'Thank you, Sir, but I trust that I bear my trials with appropriate patience, for I know that whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.'"

"Bees" That Brew Wine. In many households in every town throughout Great Britain you will see a glass jar in the kitchen window. The top of the jar is loosely covered with a piece of paper; the jar itself is filled with a yellowish liquid, and at the bottom is a white fungus like small pieces of wadding, parts of which rise to the top of the jar, give off a bubble, and sink again.

This is "bee wine" in the making. The activity of the pieces of fungus rising and sinking, and the busy bee and gave the wine its nickname.

Its correct name is "Balm of Gilead," and there is an old superstition that it must not be sold, but always passed on as a love gift. Our soldiers, returning from Mesopotamia, brought the fungus which is procured from an Eastern tree with them. The fungus doubles in bulk with every brew.

Balm of Gilead is actually a yellowish, aromatic gum, collected from Arabian and Abyssinian trees. The making of it having become common knowledge, someone has raised the bogey that it produces cancer and other malignant growths. Our medical expert states that there are no grounds for suspecting that this is the case. The wine is no more poisonous than the sherry. It is, of course, mildly intoxicating, and on that account it is unsuitable for children. It may, however, be given to them in an unfermented state, as it is useful in cases of whooping cough and other ailments.

It has always been valued in the East for its exceptional fragrance and supposed medicinal qualities. In fact, the trees from which it comes belong to a family of plants styled "all heal." The gum is collected by making incisions in the trunks and upper parts of the trees.

Madam's Stocking. In his new book, "Mayfair and Montmartre," Mr. Ralph Nevill, son of the late Dorothy Nevill, one of the great Victorians, tells a good story of a Paris restaurant. So luxurious was the place that there were sets of silver-gilt and even solid gold plate for the use of wealthy diners.

When one of these diners, after a dinner for two served on golden plate, asked for the bill, he was rather staggered to find that the total was 5,000 francs.

"Two thousand francs, as he told the maitre d'hotel, he could understand, but how did he explain the 3,000 francs, against which there was nothing but an undecipherable scrawl?"

"That, M. le Comte," said the man, bending down and even setting a low voice, "is for the spoon and fork which madame has got in her stocking."

Less Crime in Britain. If the number of persons charged with indictable offences may be taken as an index, there was less crime in 1919 than in any other year of the present century. The number of such persons for trial in 1919 was 53,541. In 1913 the number was 62,263. During the five years (1914-1918) the number never fell below 55,535 (1915).

Champagne Bottles. No machine has yet been invented in France which can supersede manual labor in the manufacture of champagne bottles. The men performing this difficult work are well paid.

SPORTING NEWS

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"Now, as a county league fan I would suggest that there be two series formed, namely: a senior and junior. Dr. Edwards has already donated a senior trophy so all that is needed is the junior. Perhaps Mr. Reed will donate the new cup for such. It would be something new and would double the interest in the league. Besides, in years to come, there would be no shortage of players. There are many who feel that an improvement could be made by electing the majority of the executive from the county. These men would be in close touch with the clubs and naturally would have the interests and welfare of Frontenac at heart. This is the case in Leeds county where they are going strong, with nine teams in the running, after twelve or fifteen years' competition."

"If Leeds can do it, why not Frontenac? There are many capable hockey players here and a number of men well able to take the helm and make this league a success. It is only a matter of co-operation of all the clubs. So let us get together."

(sgd.) —FAN.

FRANCE WANTS LARGE INCREASE IN HER NAVY But Britain and United States Are Not Inclined to Agree.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 16.—Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British delegation, gave notice today that Britain would propose to the arms conference the total abolition of the submarine.

The French delegation has presented a proposal for so great an increase in the strength of the French army that Britain declares such a programme, if carried out, would upset the whole plan for the 5-5-3 naval reduction.

No official word has come from a conference as to what tonnage France has asked but if the request is for three hundred and fifty thousand tons it would represent about forty per cent. increase in her present capital ship strength measured in terms of modern dreadnaught or superdreadnaught tonnage. She has afloat today about one hundred and sixty eight thousand tons in ships.

The French delegates are said to have given as the reason for this request that France had built new ships during the war and must raise the British recognize the rights of the French to a moderate increase but strongly disapprove the proposals and are supported by United States delegates. If the French proposals are carried out, Italy will be obliged to build in the same amount.

Rent Paid In Roses. King George recently applied to Parliament for permission to sell certain portions of his entailed Duchy of Lancaster estates. The total rent-roll of these valuable properties is only about \$275,000. It ought to be a very great deal more, but for the fact that our previous sovereigns were in the habit of granting what were in effect perpetual leases at a nominal rent, plus a substantial cash payment by the original lessee.

It is for this reason that our present King has to be content to-day with a nosegay of roses as rental for that portion of the Duchy estates on which stands St. Olave's Grammar School, near Tower Bridge, whereas what the lawyers term its "economic rent" has been calculated at about \$25,000.

Similarly, a tablecloth, a fur coat, a horse and halter, a curry-comb, a flightcap, a pair of scarlet hose, a falcon, a cross-bow, and a pair of tongs figure every year in the Duchy accounts. Each article represents the "rent" paid, or supposed to be paid, for some manor, farm, or piece of land, the aggregate rental value of all of which properties taken together would probably run into many thousands of pounds.

She Had Seven. "How many children have you, my good woman?" asked the stranger. "It's seven I have, sorr," was the reply. "Four by the third wife of my second husband and three by the second wife of my first."

Kings, these days, have about 25 much authority as parents—just about. Provincial government proposes a plan to control bus lines on roads. Hamilton to fit up barracks for unmarried jobless to sleep in. Aged woman killed by clothing catching in engine belt at St. Agatha. Dufresne, Sudbury hockeyist, has been refused an amateur card.

William B. I. died at Owen Sound from injuries inflicted by a hog. Nominations for seven Quebec provincial bye-elections Dec. 22nd. James George, farmer, Kerwood, died of sleeping sickness. McGill University raises standard of medical faculty entrance.

SMILES



WOULD DEPEND ON ITS SIZE "Would you marry a girl who wore a roll in her stocking?" "That would depend on the size of the roll."



SOLID COMFORT Bug: Believe me, there's nothing like an old-fashioned open grate fire, these chilly evenings.



BOUNCED THEM TOO MUCH "There's one thing about that rubber company I don't like." "What's that?" "They bounce their employees too much."



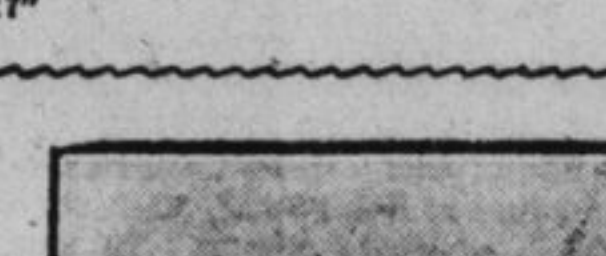
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INVITED TO COME ACROSS "I met a highwayman at the foot of the bridge last night." "Yes—and what did he do?" "Invited me to come across."



EVERYBODY'S DOING IT A limb of the law named McPhil, Arrested a guy with a still, He tasted his licker, Said, "It's just a bit thicker, Than the kind I make at my mill."



AN INSTRUMENT OF NOTE "My violin is a Cremona." "Quite an instrument of note, isn't it?"



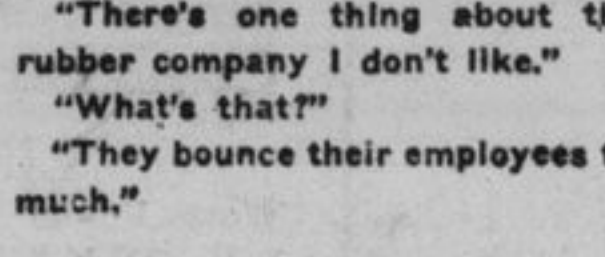
ALICE "Wonder if she'll call." "Well, there was Adam and Eve."



COMING AND GOING "You say he's a coming man?" "Decidedly." "Strange; I heard he was in a going concern."



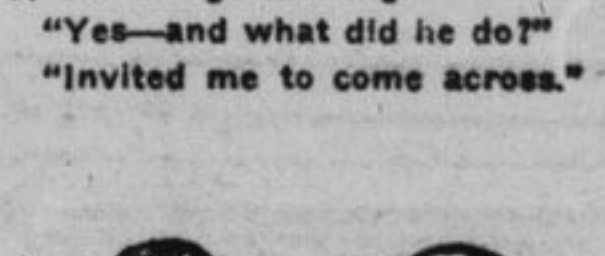
HOW MUCH HE HAD MOVED Teacher: I told you to stand in the corner, Willie! Do you know how much you have moved? Willie: Yes'm; only moved two feet.



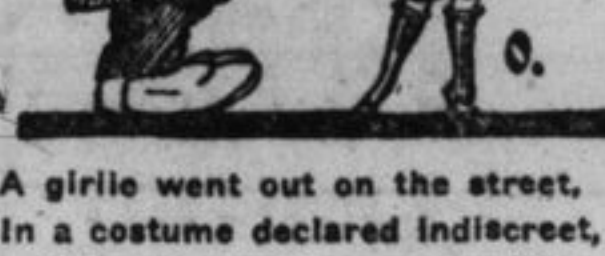
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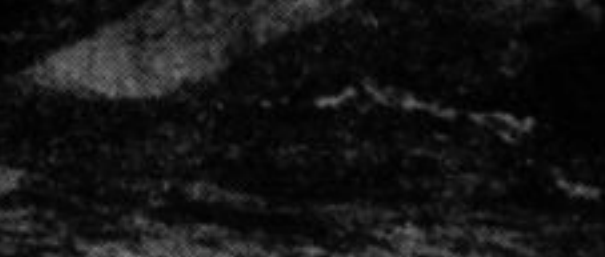
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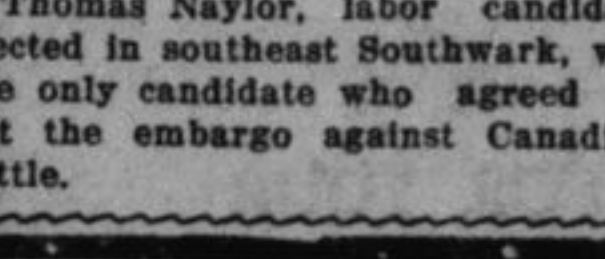
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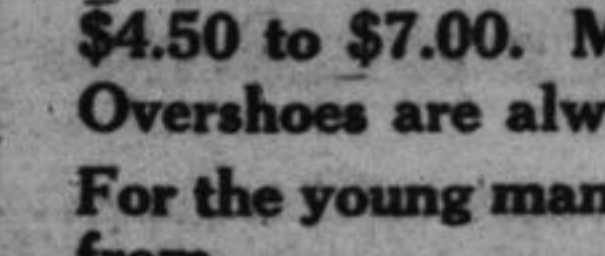
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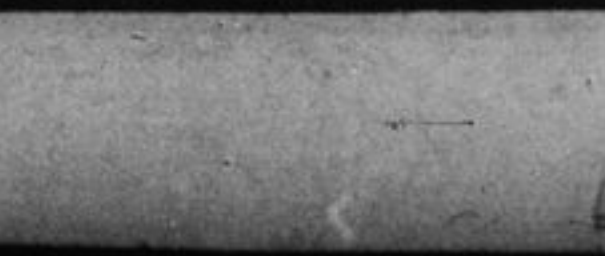
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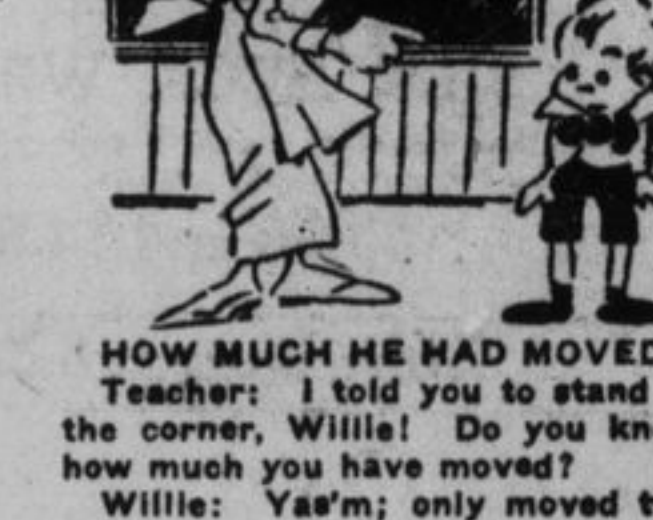
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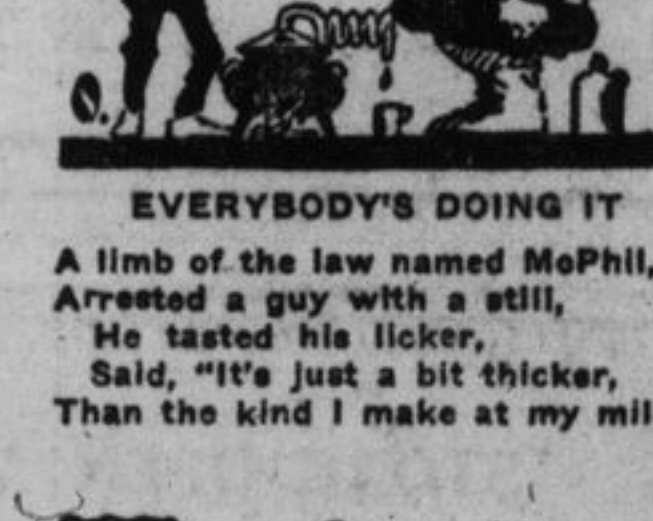
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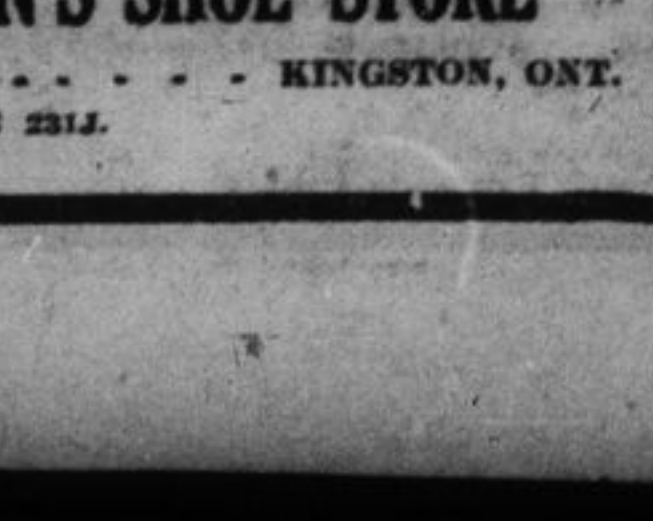
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