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We hear a great deal nowadays about the tango. Indeed it has been so well advertised by its opponents that most people are anxious to know just what it is like.

Anything that is new and "daring" is always popular. The desire to be different to other people is very natural. Besides that, it is considered a mark of greatness to be able to discard those narrow puritanical standards of right and wrong.

The tango has not made its official debut in Prince Rupert yet, but its spiritual fore-runners, the "turkey trot" and the "rag," have been here for some time. Those dances may be very exhilarating to the participants, but from the standpoint of the uninitiated they are certainly neither modest nor respectable. Of course in this triumphant march of broadmindedness it may be that all our modesty will turn out to be foolishness and our natural reserve an awful waste of splendid opportunity. In the meantime, however, it might be just as well for all offenders to know that they are thereby lowering themselves in the opinion of the best element of the community.

Since the days of Bismarck Germany has been developing the martial spirit. Every man has been compelled to pass through a severe military training in order to be more fit to serve the fatherland. As a natural consequence the army has become a kind of

aristocracy. The uniform is the highest badge of honor and the greatest ambition of their youth is to become a soldier. They can boast of the greatest army perhaps that the world has ever seen, and every nook and corner of the country is held firm in the grip of that iron hand.

Besides having the greatest army in the world, it seems also to be their aim to have the greatest navy. For the last number of years they have been making mighty strides in the race for naval supremacy, and although they are still far from the British standard, they refuse to let up in the mad race.

Supported by these two great forces, Germany is fast becoming a military despotism. This was well illustrated recently when because of an outburst of disrespect for the army at one of its outposts martial law was proclaimed. One citizen at least was put to the sword, others were imprisoned and matters carried with a high hand until the dignity of the army was again restored.

The strange thing about it all, however, is that the army seems to be above the law. The civil authorities at Sarnia had legal sentences passed upon the offending officers but through the influence of the army these sentences were reversed. As a result the whole country is greatly agitated and a struggle will no doubt be made to show which body is supreme.



TAFT'S SMILE IN CANADA

"I'd have indignation if I didn't get my photograph taken every day," said William H. Taft, professor of international law at Yale University, and former president of the United States, when he arrived at Toronto on January 28th for a speech-making tour of Ontario. It was his first visit to Toronto, although he frequently spends his summer holidays at Murray Bay, Nova Scotia. The picture shows him with Sir John Gibson, lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

## FIGURED THAT HE'D BE A HELL OF A GOVERNOR

William Sulzer Sheds Light on the Fashionable Conversation of the Mighty

New York, Feb. 7.—In the John Doe proceedings, Assemblyman William Sulzer, before Chief Magistrate McAdoo, testified respecting the influence brought to bear upon him. The ex-governor detailed one of his conversations with Charles Murphy, the Tammany leader, as follows: "I said: 'I want to tell you now that when I go to Albany, I am going to be governor, and the quicker you understand it the better.'"

"He said: 'Is that so? You'll wind up damned quick if you do, wind up damned quick if you do.'"

"Did he say anything else?" asked Mr. Whitman.

"When I said I was going to be the governor he said: 'Like hell you are.' I said to Mr. Murphy: 'The people have elected me governor and I intend to be governor.' Mr. Murphy looked at me and said: 'Well, you'll make a hell of a governor.'"

## The Sweetest Words

"Are there any sweeter words in the English language," musingly inquired Professor Swiggs, "than 'I love you'?"

"Well," grimly remarked the pessimistic hearer, "I understand that some authorities regard 'There's that money I owe you,' as about the epitome of satisfactory sentences."

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## DOUKHOBORS NUISANCE SAYS ERNEST MILLER

Member for Grand Forks Tells Legislature About His Constituents

Ernest Miller, M. P. P. for Grand Forks, spoke in the legislature on Friday. He talked of the Doukhobors who are living in his constituency.

Without going into details, he would say that the boasted morality of these people was a myth. They do not recognize marriage or divorce laws. They divorce themselves and remarry at will. "Our own people are required to obey the laws, and maintain them, by force of arms, if necessary," said Mr. Miller. "Can you wonder, then, if we resent, and resent hotly, this state of things right under our eyes?"

He had thought at first that by letting them alone in time they would learn our laws, fall in line, and otherwise become law-abiding citizens. It was useless to say that they were against sending their children to school on account of religious scruples. Verigin, their leader, had written advocating sending their children to school. Whether he secretly wrote or spoke in the opposite way to these people was another matter. The fact is, said Mr. Miller, with much warmth, these people are practically slaves, held so to Peter Verigin, in whose name stands the title to all the property they have acquired. No member has any tangible evidence of any interest in that property. Any who had dared to leave had been turned loose with very little consideration. The people were afraid to break away. As to their customs, they did not care for their sick, and

the rank and file were afraid to speak. But they would suffer imprisonment rather than submit to proper regulations. He would not accuse them of being immoral, but could not say they were moral. It had been told of them that they were a peaceful people, and would not carry arms nor fight. But when an effort was made to serve them with subpoenas they did not hesitate to use fence rails, hoes, picks and any weapon that came handy to drive off the officers of the law.

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