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WHY THIS BELATED "CLEAN-UP?"

An announcement was made by the Police Commissioners on Wednesday afternoon that the dismissal of two police constables had been decided upon. The Board of Police Commissioners made a brave pretence of upholding public virtue. The Acting-Chairman in a statement to the press, is reported to have said that "The Commissioners intend to put a stop to this intimacy between the police and the restricted district."

This is a quite excellent decision. But why has the Board allowed this intimacy to exist at all. Since the Board came into power they have tolerated and protected it. They have insulted respectable citizens who sought to arouse their attention to the disgraceful conditions that were well known to exist. October 18th is a very late date in the year for the Board to waken up to this decision.

Ever since the Board fooled the Moral and Social and Reform Council into passing a resolution of thanks for their work in creating a vice monopoly for the benefit of the parlor-house keepers, their "efforts to rid the town of undesirable characters" are an object for suspicion.

If the Board is sincere in its dismissal of the officers on public and moral grounds, why was their meeting held behind closed doors?

If the Board is sincere in its dismissal of the officers on public and moral grounds, how does it happen that three months ago they sent the following offensive letter to a citizen, who laid a charge against one of the officers, on the sworn testimony of a woman.

Following is the Clerk's letter, showing the attitude of the Board of Police Commissioners on these moral and public questions so recently as August 1st:

"I am directed to state in reply that it is observed that the information is laid by one Gipsy Hamilton, a notorious prostitute. . . who is now awaiting judgment on a charge of keeping a common bawdy house.

"Under the circumstances it is deemed unreasonable for the Board of Police Commissioners to take any notice of such information, and the Board considers it is quite competent to deal with any question affecting its police officers without proceeding upon information laid by a prostitute.

"It appears from your letter that you have begun proceedings in the Police Court, and the Board will await with interest the result of such proceedings without taking any part in the same."

There is another question the Police Commissioners might answer. Why was the unfortunate creature referred to in the letter, threatened by the police with arrest and imprisonment unless she left the town, at a time when the Police Court investigation was pending, unless the Board had committed themselves to a policy of shielding the conduct of their officers from investigation.

Why did the Board refuse to act in August? Why was the Hamilton woman driven out of town by threats, the moment she threatened to talk? What is the reason for the new policy? What is behind this sudden decision to have a "clean-up" on the force?

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ITEMS OF SPORT

The people who believe that professional baseball is a bad thing for Canada and those who hold that it is worthy of public patronage will both find something to please them in a two-part article in the current issue of "The Canadian Courier." Ernest Paterson claims that professional baseball "can no longer in any legitimate sense be regarded as sport." He says that "the whole baseball organization is tainted through and through by a venal commercialism." He declares that the spectators are quite willing that the game should be poor baseball provided that the home team wins. He holds that "the whole temper of the game is an absolute antithesis to all that is usually accounted sportsmanlike and honorable." Finally, he says that professional baseball has several very bad effects on the boys and youths of the cities, and that it should be abolished from Canada.

On the other hand, "Bleacher" asserts that professional baseball is of as great importance to the people of this century as the Olympic games were to ancient Greece. He claims that baseball had to become professional because it proved to be too great a game to be played only by amateurs. He declares that professional baseball is worthy of public support because of the excellence of the playing and of the splendid way in which it is managed. Also he asserts that each game is a real contest between two cities because—although mostly "aliens"—the business judgment of the men behind baseball in one city is pitted against the same element in the other cities.

H. W. Stevenson, holder of the English billiard title, and one of the greatest players the game has ever known, is visiting Vancouver on his way from Australia to London. He has been out in the Antipodes playing a series of matches with Fred Lindrum, the 25-year-old Australian champion, and is now returning to the Old Country for the annual big series. Stevenson conceded Lindrum 4000 points in a game of 18,000 and won.

"The greatest rush on record for baseball tickets," is what those familiar with the history of world's series advance sales call it. Many schemes to secure special attention to their requests for pasteboards were tried by various applicants. Messenger boys by the score came to the offices with letters enclosing applications and money, but they all were turned away. One enterprising individual enclosed his application in a huge packing box marked "Valuable," and sent it to the offices of the club by express. The letter was taken from the box and tossed into a pile of thousands of applications.

The Rochester players presented John Ganzel with a silver tea service before they disbanded. It will find a place in the \$18,000 house which Ganzel is building in Rochester.

= THE COSY CORNER =

DEVOTED PRINCIPALLY TO THE INTERESTS OF WOMEN

This is a little section of the paper, which from day to day will be devoted to subjects of special interest to women. Any and all of the ladies of Prince Rupert are invited to contribute to its columns, and to take part in its discussions. Suggestions and criticisms are invited by the editor. The hope is expressed that "The Cosy Corner" will fill a social need.

AGILE LADY DOCTOR

Saved Herself from a Long Enforced Voyage

Dr. Grace Beebe, of San Francisco, is home and practising medicine today instead of being well started toward China, solely because of her unusual agility. She climbed fifty feet down a rope ladder swung from the side of an outbound liner.

When the steamer Siberia sailed for the Orient yesterday, Dr. Beebe did not hear the "all ashore" whistle. The first she knew about it was when the big boat began to swing in the swells and currents near Alcatraz Island.

"I want to go home," she said to Captain A. E. Seeder. "Please take me back."

"We carry the mails," observed the captain. "Our first stop is Honolulu."

"But I am a doctor and I must look after my patients," objected the shanghai'd young woman.

Captain Seeder whistled for a tug and when it bobbed alongside, had a rope ladder swung over the doctor without a word, swung down the liner's side, waited for the tug to rise on the wave, and, drenched with spray, let go at just the proper time. She saw her patients today.

HOBBLE SKIRT OUT

Curves All the Rage Now in Parisian Styles

Charles Kurzman, the world-famous Fifth avenue man milliner, who arrived on the Kaiser Wilhelm II, recently, brought word of a new fashion set at Trouville of skirts cut open at the bottom in front to permit more graceful

FAREWELL, HOBBLE SKIRT

The Very Latest Now is the "Tail Skirt"

New York, Oct. 20.—The passing of the hobble and the advent of the tail are shown here today in the exhibitions of the latest Paris fashions by living models. The tail is just evolved in Paris. It flaps and flutters behind to the left. Colors are quieter this fall also and the widened out garments shown by the models indicate that the days of the lineless lady and hobble-skirt are almost over and by next spring there will be real hips again.

New fall and winter hats for ladies and children in great variety.—Wallace's.

CLEVER BURMESE WOMEN

They Practically Run Their Nation's Trade

Every one knows that the Burmese women are practically the men of the nation, as far as business goes, having the trading instinct very strongly, while Burmese men are lazy and inefficient. Travelers say that in spite of being good traders Burmese shop women are really aggravating; for the stranger may walk through the markets for hours without being shown the least attention by the traders. They sit, those clean Burmese women, cross-legged on long tables in front of high cupboards holding their goods, and smoke and gossip, or arrange their coiffure or dress, apparently oblivious of the longing looks of the would-be purchasers, unless he or she has something in dress or manners that seems absurd to the traders; if that be the case.

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walking and showing the ankles. The new style, set by the Baronne de Vaughan at the French watering place is the antithesis of the old hobble skirt, which restricted and hampered walking instead of making it easy.

Mr. Kurzman also declared that the fashion of the season will be curves in the making of gowns, and that Parisian cutters have orders to make curves, no matter how the figure, and that they had evolved some startling effects. Fur hats and large velvet hats will be the rage this season, and paradise and os-rich feathers, as well as gaura, will be seen much in fashionable headgear.

MAN MADE LAW

But It Works All Right for Wives

California has a new law that sends a man to jail when he fails to support his family. He is then put to work in the streets, and \$1.50 a day is paid to his family. The women interested in the progress of the sex are jubilant over the law and hope it will be adopted in every state in the Union.

the joke is passed up or down the bazaar until all are laughing.

It requires a great effort to get a Burmese shop woman (they are nearly all women) to show you her silks, and when at last she has spread her merchandise broadcast upon the table and you are reveling in the illusion that you are living in the middle of a rainbow, with a chance of holding fast to some of its colors, she will ask her price (which is seldom more than one rupee too much) and will stick to it like glue. She is an indolent lady in many ways, who loves a quiet life, and she has determined that her most comfortable course is not to haggle in the market place. So you may make up your mind that bargaining and persuasion are useless arts to practice in Burmah however valuable they may be elsewhere.

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