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MORE BUNGLING

The Bell aggregation were in session during the storm of Wednesday night and after due consideration decided that "a doubt exists as to the qualification of franchise voters no by-elections would be held until after a meeting of the legislature when such doubt can be removed by appropriate legislation."

The cause of the "doubt" is that in repealing the Road Act of 1912 and the enactment of the Road Act of 1920 no provision was made for the qualification to take the place of the road receipt which under the former act was the qualification of non-property holders to vote for an Assemblyman.

The Bell aggregation has had two sessions. At its first sitting it hatched the famous Taxation Act and at its second sitting passed a "Cureall Bill" to cover the defects of the first. At this session also it passed the Road Act 1920 containing errors and omissions which make it impossible to hold an election and on the correcting of which much of the time of the next session will be wasted. They failed to take advantage of concurrent legislation in connection with the Prohibition Act, thus rendering the latter practically inoperative.

All this in the course of two sessions! And the aggregation not without help and well-paid help too. The Attorney General, under whose supervision all legislation is prepared and who has claimed and been granted an increased salary, the law-clerk who is paid an ample salary for his knowledge of the law and for his services, should surely have seen these errors and omissions, but evidently they did not! What are the public to think? How long is this to go on? What will be the next move and where will it land us? Five constituencies must now go without representation, because of the bungling of well-paid representatives and officers.

PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT

One of the readers of the Guardian reminded us yesterday that the reason the Prohibition Commissioners and their secretary were appointed to act without salary was because of the repugnance of the part of Temperance people to receiving pay from the fines imposed on bootleggers and others for contravening the Prohibition law.

That is true but the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary have vastly increased since the Commission was first instituted and it would be impossible should the present incumbent resign to get another man to discharge the onerous and multifarious duties without a commensurate salary and competent assistance. So we may disregard the original self-sacrificing intentions of the first Commissioners and so far as their Secretary is concerned and admit the fact which experience in other connections has taught that efficient and effective executive service must be paid for.

As already pointed out the duty of seeing that the provisions of the Act are complied with and enforcing the same and prosecuting offenders devolve on the Chief Inspector, local inspectors, the city and town council and every police officer. When monetary penalties are imposed the prosecutor must see that the money is immediately paid and immediately forwarded to the Secretary (or the defendant sent to jail). A certified copy of every conviction must within three days be transmitted by registered letter or delivered to the Secretary by the Clerk of the County Court or Stipendiary Magistrate, and the Secretary must keep an index of the names of the persons

against whom such convictions have been made, arranged in alphabetical order. Any Clerk of the County Court or Stipendiary who fails to make these returns is liable to a penalty of ten dollars. Therefore, if the law be not complied with the whole blame falls on the Secretary, the executive officer of the Commission. What we thought we gleaned from our interview with the Secretary last year was that the trouble and responsibility of enforcing these penalties were so great that the 1920 no provision was made for the decision that their duties should cease when a conviction was obtained and that the duty of enforcing the penalty should be left to the Attorney General who had the machinery and to whom the duty rightly belonged. But Mr. Smith, under his own signature, denies this, and no doubt the late Commissioner will bear him out. But that being the case, then on the Secretary as the executive of the Commission, falls the responsibility for the effective operation of the Act as on the thirtieth day of December in each year, the Board shall make a return to the Provincial Secretary which shall contain:

(a) A list of convictions made under this Act during the six months preceding the date of the return with the name and address of the offender, the date of the conviction, the penalty imposed and the term of imprisonment ordered, where no pecuniary penalty is imposed and the costs of each case claimed and been granted an increased salary, the law-clerk who is paid an ample salary for his knowledge of the law and for his services, should surely have seen these errors and omissions, but evidently they did not! What are the public to think? How long is this to go on? What will be the next move and where will it land us? Five constituencies must now go without representation, because of the bungling of well-paid representatives and officers.

(b) A statement of the amount expended for the purchase of liquor, and their secretary were appointed to act without salary was because of the repugnance of the part of Temperance people to receiving pay from the fines imposed on bootleggers and others for contravening the Prohibition law.

Others' View Points

Just to Suit Himself.
(Toronto Star.)

Admiral Beatty had no sooner landed on English soil than London journalists questioned him about the story published in the American press stating that his story of wearing his hat at its famous tilt was in order to protect a tender bump on his head. "What did the fellow say?" asked the admiral. The American story was stated to him. "He imagined tilt of the Admiral's cap means just what everybody hoped it did—that he just feels like wearing it that way."

The Dollar Watch.
(Hamilton Spectator)

The potency of a name is seen in the case of the Ingersoll Watch Company's bankruptcy. The company had built up a tremendous business by making "dollar watches." When the war came, it was impossible to continue the sale of the Ingersoll watch for a dollar, for with the higher prices of labor and material it cost much more than that to make. But when the company raised the price the people would not buy. They didn't see why they should pay more than \$1.00 for a "dollar watch."

All a Kind of Cunning.
(London Spectator)

The Home Secretary announced on Wednesday that he had cancelled the certificate of naturalization granted in 1892 to Sir Edgar Speyer, and that the King had struck Sir Edgar Speyer's name from the Privy Council list. Inquiry had shown that Sir Edgar Speyer had "shown himself by act and speech to be disaffected and disloyal," and that during the War he had "unlawfully communicated with subjects of an enemy state and associated with a business which was to his knowledge carried on in such a manner as to assist the enemy in such war." It will be remembered that in May, 1915, Sir Edgar Speyer, upon whom grave suspicion had been cast, informed Mr. Asquith of his desire to resign his titles. Mr. Asquith, in reply, rebuffed the attacks on Sir Edgar Speyer as "baseless and malicious imputations." It is not axiomatic to reflect now that Sir Edgar Speyer's air of offended dignity and terribly injured innocence was all a kind of cunning.

Strongest Form of Resistance.
(Rabbi Blau in Atlantic Monthly)

Being hated, despite its obvious inconvenience, is really a high distinction. Philosophers always knew this. Saints were passionately convinced of it. Hence the fierce pride of martyrs. For one thing, the position of the hated becomes automatically one of moral superiority over the hater—which is the subtlest and noblest revenge. And it is hated can but rise to the height of his opportunity, neither returning hatred nor attempting to avert the blows of the hater, he has decidedly solved his problem. He has solved it by non-resistance. And non-resistance, though few people are aware of it, is the strongest form of resistance.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

From the collection of the late Mr. W. S. Louson

MORNING

The day returns and brings us the petty round of trifling concerns and duties. Help us to play the man; help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces; let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day; bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored; and grant us in the end the gift of sleep.

Robert Louis Stevenson

EVENING

If I have faltered more or less in my great task of happiness; If I have moved among my race And shown no glorious morning face; If beams from happy human eyes Have moved me not; if morning skies, Books and my food, and summer rain, Knocked on my sullen heart in vain, Lord, Thy most pointed pleasure take, And stab my spirit broad awake.

Robert Louis Stevenson.

Austrian Princess Defied The Court

In a little Austrian country schloss, hardly more than a villa, lives a granddaughter of Francis Joseph, the late Emperor of Austria-Hungary, protected by Communist workmen. They are guarding her against her husband, Prince Otto von zu Windisch-Graetz, and the police.

An Austrian court decided that the Princess had not created a sufficiently moral atmosphere about her and awarded the children to her former husband, who obtained a divorce from her as soon as the general revolutionary movement which swept over Central Europe three years ago made it possible for him to do so. He got the divorce after a spiky trial, the testimony in which never got into the Vienna newspapers, and afterward he was given the right to raise the children, but that is all the good it has ever done him. The Princess, aided by the Communist workmen of Wiener Neustadt, who were "against the Government" or any issue, has gone on living in her little schloss just as if the Austrian courts had never issued any order. At one time the court felt that it must maintain its dignity by sending functionaries to bring back the children, but the workmen in the factories drew a cordon about the Princess's house and drove the functionaries off.

A Loveless Marriage.

The court took this as a challenge and adopted the old Imperial and revolutionary custom of swooping down in the middle of the night. But the Communist workmen knew all about that trick and had a Red guard on hand. Since then the court evidently has decided that any atmosphere of Princess created would have to be good enough for her children. Back of this Imperial domestic situation is a story which has never been printed before in detail. It is hardly less dramatic than the story of the Princess's father, Archduke Rudolph, Francis Joseph's only son, the mystery of whose tragic death has never been completely told, says a foreign correspondent of New York World.

The First Tragedy.

She saw him first at a court ball, where, according to Imperial custom, it was her privilege to choose her partners. Habitually Imperial young ladies never invite the same man to dance with them more than once in an evening, but Elizabeth invited Prince Otto three times. Indeed, she showed such a fancy for him that his fiancée went home leaving her young man in a terrible state of mind, though in nowhere near such a state of mind as that of the next week when he discovered a love-passion in the young Archduchess, which, to say the least, was embarrassing for a betrothed young man. But that was not the worst. The Archduchess went to her grandfather, old Francis Joseph, and told him she wanted Prince Otto for her husband. Whereupon Otto, who was summoned before the Emperor, told about it, and, to make him eligible, was elevated slightly in rank to Fürst (Prince). To make him the equal rank of his elder brother, who alone had the right to that title. Scandal, as well as history, has no time for broken hearts, so the first tragedy in the life of "Fürst" Otto is buried somewhere in old lavender, but every one agreed that the newly-engaged Royal couple were perfect specimens of the real old Austrian nobility. Both tall, slender, noble in bearing and with cultivated manner of the most haughty aristocracy in Europe, they did make a handsome couple.

Slapped Prince's Face.

Then there was a family scene at which there was only one silent witness, the dead servant but in the house Francis Joseph had been provident enough to plant a servant faithful to him and he promptly got Vienna on the telephone. Wakened from sleep, Francis Joseph immediately ordered his Imperial railway train, and in what must have been a very weary condition made the fastest time between Vienna and Prague that has ever been known. He was prudent enough not to dash into the railway station, but halted the train outside the city on the main line, went into town by automobile and burst in on the family quarrel before morning. The Emperor was seventy-five and had never been known as an easy-going man. He stood up his subject, Prince Otto, before him and slapped his face so hard the Prince was ashamed to show his swollen cheeks for a week. During this strange onslaught poor Otto had to stand at attention before his Emperor and commander with his finger tips on the stripes of his trousers. The Emperor squared the family of the dead servant and cleared from Prague before breakfast.

Montreal's Night Life Given Severe Blow By City Council

MONTREAL, Jan. 12.—Night life in this city sustains a severe blow in the by-law, adopted by the executive committee of the city council here today, fixing the closing hour for public dance halls at 1 a. m., except on Saturdays, when they must close at midnight. In case of such social events as charity balls, the closing hour may be extended, on application to the Chief of Police, to be admitted to such events.

Gun Play

Francis Joseph installed them in a castle at Prague, a place so replete of historic scandal, he ought to have known better. He could hardly have had any illusions as to the probabilities of domestic tranquility. If he had have any they were shattered in two months. Young Prince Otto had hardly taken a good look at Prague before he spied Maria Zieglerova, the prettiest sourette on the stage in that city of pretty girls. Just when his wife became aware of his interest in the sourette is not recorded, even in the gossip annals of Prague, but one night, after having announced that she was going to the country, she came down from her apartment with a revolver in her hand, and when the old servant who was on

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