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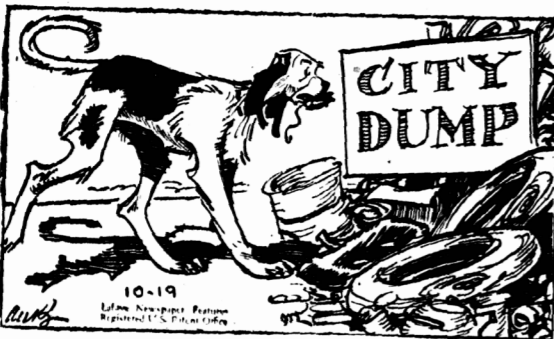
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The Queen's Holiday

By Elizabeth Corbett

She looked a little white when she turned back to Ted. "There has been a big train wreck," she says. Prince Paul of Leucadia was killed, and President Tilius of Leucadia has been paralyzed. "So the news is out! No wonder the neighbors are excited." "That is not the greatest excitement—for them. Last night the Royalist army—the army Baron Gottlieb raised—seized the city of Granheim and marched in. The counter-revolution has succeeded." "Then you're back on the throne of Leucadia?" "I don't know where I am. I don't know who can tell me." "Let's go to the consulate. Elsa." "Not to the American consulate. I think No," said Elsa firmly. "To the Embassy. The Leucadian Embassy." She gave the direction to the driver.

Before the imposing brick and stone facade of the Leucadian Embassy they crawled out of their farm cart. Ted said of the driver. Then a step or two behind Elsa he mounted the steps of the Embassy. Two sentries in Leucadian uniform—the Republican uniform barred their way. In painful French one of them demanded to know the fugitives' business. "We have business with the Ambassador," said Elsa in clear Leucadian.

At the sound of his own language the sentry stopped and stared. Then his jaw dropped in amazement. "Pardon, Your Highness," he said, and came to "Elsa." His companion followed his example. Ted looked at them significantly, and started to fall back another step.

Elsa turned and seized his hand. Side by side they passed between the two sentries rigid with respect.

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In clear careful French, Elsa demanded of a footman that she be allowed to speak to someone in authority. The Ambassador was busy, she was told, but she might speak to an attaché.

The attaché presently arrived on the scene. He was a suave young man, but he stared at Elsa as if he had never learned the first point of politeness.

"I wish to see the Ambassador as quickly as possible," said Elsa, shifting to English. "I know it is very early. But if he is not up yet, I will wait."

"The Ambassador has been up for hours. There is important news from Leucadia. There have been complications."

Elsa looked the attaché full in the eye. "It is about those complications that I have come. I think your Ambassador will wish to see me, no matter how busy he is. I am Miss Higby. My name will mean nothing to him. But you may tell him that I bring him important news about the Duchess of Granheim."

"The Duchess of Granheim. But surely that is which which former Queen Elsa assumed when she..."

"When she abdicated," Elsa finished coolly.

The attaché disappeared through a lofty doorway at their left. Elsa hummed a tune, and stood gazing up the imposing marble staircase.

The footman whistling to the doorman, and they were both staring at Elsa. When they encountered her glance, they became rigidly respectful.

The attaché returned; the Ambassador would see Madame at once. "Monsieur comes with me," said Elsa. "You may announce us, please, Miss Higby and Mr. Layton."

They found themselves in a spacious room; from behind a desk at the farther end a man in an officer's uniform scrutinized them intently. But when they were half-way toward him, he came hastily around his desk and advanced to receive them.

"I shall not detain you long," said Elsa. "I have news for you; unexpectedly good news. My fiancé and I have been traveling in the neighboring state of Leucadia. There we have had adventures—oh, incredible adventures. I will not bore you by detailing them. It is enough to say that we escaped

W.C.T.U. NOTES

THE LIQUOR SELLERS ARE LICENSED TO DO WHAT?

LICENSED to make the strong man weak;
LICENSED to lay the wise man low;
LICENSED to rob the poor of the means by which they live;
LICENSED to give the drunkard and the gambler the means by which they live;
LICENSED to make the pure of us impure;
LICENSED to make the home the scene of drunken quarrels and fights;
LICENSED to make the children of our race the victims of their parents' sins;
LICENSED to make the youth of our country the victims of their parents' sins;
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We license destruction of food-stuffs.
We prohibit dirt in backyards.
We prohibit the sale of that which betrays men's bodies to the cause of disease germs.
We license the sale of that which causes disease germs to flourish.
We prohibit drunkenness.
We license the sale of that which causes drunkenness.
We prohibit fighting.
We license the sale of that which kindles hate and strife—Westwood Printer.

HALF OF FATAL ACCIDENTS IN CANADIAN PROVINCE RESULT OF DRUNKEN DRIVING

Reliable motorists will find little surprise in figures on the causes of traffic tragedies issued by Dr. J. M. Rousell, Montreal medical expert whose grim duty it is to make post-mortems and testify at inquests—the ugly after-effects of highway crashes. Fifty per cent. of all fatal accidents in the province are, he says, the result of drunken driving, and since Dr. Rousell has been called upon for fifteen years to medically examine death-car drivers who might be suspected of drunkenness, he is in a position to know.

"The answer to better protection would seem to lie in two measures which many automobile club authorities are at present advocating. One, that all drivers suspected of drunkenness be required by law to undergo a blood test for alcoholic content by a medico-legal expert, rather than at present having the option of this decision. The other, that prison sentences for drunken drivers be made longer and more common than at present, having the effect of deterring drivers from the commission of this crime. The American Issue."

DON'T TELL CHILDREN THEY ARE "TOO YOUNG TO DRINK"

The act of drinking has all too often been associated with being in safety, though we are badly travel stained. Others were not so fortunate.

"Were you in that train wreck, by any chance?" asked the Ambassador.

"The train wreck was only an episode before that train ever left for Granheim, the poor duchess—the former queen, you know—had met her fate. That is what is important for you to know."

"The Ambassador looked dumfounded and more common than I had seen him. She was obviously on the point of breaking in. Elsa swept on. "It is sad to die so young. And I fear the poor thing had but a slim time of it while she lived. She perished mysteriously in the Castle of Warnbeck. There was treachery, of course. But I am accusing nobody."

"How can the queen have perished, in Castle Warnbeck or elsewhere? If she had, her death would be known. I do not know what your motive may be in coming to me with such a story. But your story itself is completely incredible."

"We will not bother about my motive," said Elsa coolly. "But how about yours? Suppose you had a good motive for believing my story, fantastic as it sounds?"

"What motive could I possibly have for believing any such far-farago as you are trying to tell me?"

(To Be Continued)

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"grown up" Parents without meaning to do so, have promoted this attitude by saying: "You cannot drink alcoholic beverages until you are 21"; or "You must promise not to touch the stuff until you're grown." Liquor interests have seized the opportunity to use such advice to their own means. Their ads appeal to the youth of today. They are ever anxious and ready to grab youth who have become "of age." They tell him that he is grown up now, he can think for himself; that it is important that he knows what drinks to serve and what liquors to go with what functions.

Parents should refrain from telling their children that they are too young to drink. This only postpones any desire that they may have acquired, until a later date. They should be told of the untoward reactions of alcohol and the facts should be impressed on their minds that alcohol should never be touched. Above all else it is important that the parents themselves set a good example of total abstinence.—The Spotlight.

"AVOID DRINKING ENTIRELY"

A letter from Sydney Wooderson, British athlete and world-famous runner, to a meeting of the United Kingdom Alliance, states his position in no uncertain terms. His message to youth is:

"I have been a total abstainer all the years of my athletic career—which has stretched from 1884 to this year—and I realize now, more than ever, what a great help this has been in my putting up records and winning races."

"It must be obvious to all young runners that drinking alcoholic drinks can be in no way beneficial in fact, it has a totally opposite effect, and causes one to lose just that extra bit of stamina and fine judgment which is needed to reach the top."

"Thus my advice to the youth of the country is to avoid drinking you never know how far you will be led—anyway, it is not big to drink and in fact, it takes a big man to say 'No' when others are saying 'Yes.'—Alliance News.

SPEECH EXPERTS MEET

LONDON — (CP) — Speech therapy experts from 15 countries recently concluded their first world congress held here. The conference, which enabled the experts to exchange views, was organized by the College of Speech Therapists of London.

BORN IN LEIPZIG

Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig in 1813.

Highfield 80th Anniversary

On Sunday, October 10th, 1948, the congregation of Highfield United Church observed its 80th anniversary by a special service at 3 p.m. with Rev. George Ayers as guest speaker, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. D. MacKenzie and John F. MacKay, student minister of the church. Zion Male Quartette also rendered two beautiful selections. Rev. Mr. Ayers brought a very challenging sermon based on the words of Paul to the Philippians Christians "only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27). At the close of the service three new members were received into the membership of the church: this was followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The church was called almost to capacity to pay tribute to those who had begun the work of faith 80 years ago, and to those who have carried on the work throughout the years.

Highfield is proud of her record of six men for the ministry—Rev. Benjamin Turner, Thomas Pierce, George Selar, Henry Pierce, Hammond Johnson and Daniel Chowen. Also three young ladies became

ministers' wives: Esther, Alice, and Annie Johnson became the wives of Rev. George Ayers, Rev. Henry Pierce, and Rev. George Selar.

Two years ago the church was almost completely remodelled, and as a result of such a wholesale response to an appeal for funds, this expense has been completely paid. Highfield was once part of the Cornwall circuit, but since about 1894 it has been part of the Winstoe charge.

Says Greek Morale Being Impaired

ATHENS, Oct. 17 — (AP) — War Minister George Stratos said Saturday night Greek army morale is being impaired by the continued aid to Communist guerrillas by Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

He made the statement in commenting on an appraisal of the Greek situation earlier in the day by the United States Ambassador, Henry F. Grady.

Grady told American correspondents who had submitted written questions to him that the Greek military operations against the guerrillas were unsatisfactory and that more effective co-operation was needed between the Greeks and the American aid mission.

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