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Billy Sunday has stirred up the whole of Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, partly West Virginia and Maryland. He is one of the greatest pulp speakers the world has ever known. When Billy Sunday some years ago commenced the work of evangelizing, severe strictures were placed on him. Now he is charged at times with being engaged in his work for mercenary purposes, but those who have heard him most frequently give him the unstinted credit of being sincere in the work in which he is engaged. True, there is much of the morbidly curious that takes many to his tabernacle, but scarcely any come away without having felt the mighty influence of the man, and many have received the courage to make a new start in life.

This may be one of the peculiar phases of religion in this age. It is, nevertheless, a fact that many are led to think different thoughts, place before them higher standards and are earnestly trying to actualize nobler ideals. While there are few Billy Sundays, yet the church has been at work for nearly 2,000 years has changed the character of the world and has transformed humanity from the natural state into the kingdom of grace, and while it is not permitted very many to be under the inspiring spell of the great preacher, there is usually the privilege given every man, woman and child to meet in some church, to worship the same God whom Billy Sunday points out and listen to God's word as proclaimed by his servants. If men and women cannot attend the Billy Sunday services and become good men and women through him, they can still attend divine services and become better men and better so doing.

A year ago the indications pointed strongly in Somerset county at this time to no-license. The ruling of the Court later on showed that the efforts of the 6,000 or 7,000 who signed remonstrances did not count in the matter. With the attitude of the Court on the question of applications for license, a year ago, those opposed to license have made no effort in the way of remonstrating against the saloon, while on the other hand there is an increase in the number of applications for the licensed houses. This seems to indicate that the temperance people are not taking a very active part in the great question that is disturbing the country, and it shows on the other hand that the saloon element is entering the contest in Somerset county with greater and fuller assurance than before.

Whatever the ruling of the Court may be, he who runs may read, that the day of the saloon is running its course and that before many years the saloon will go. It is no longer confined to the prohibition party in politics, but is a question of nation-wide importance and confronting the national lawmakers at the nation's seat of law.

This inactivity in Somerset county at this time is not due to indifference or to the fact that the people have changed sentiment, but on the other hand the people are more fixed and determined on this question than ever before and are ready at the first opportunity to be counted and to measure strength with the saloon element.

THE postmaster general takes the position that the telegraph and telephone lines should be under the control of the government. This is not a new idea. It is rather a forward step that an administration urges it strongly. There is much expense connected with the ownership, for example of the telephone lines of different companies.

Take the situation in Meyersdale. It is almost a necessity for every firm to have both phones and the expense this involves is a considerable sum, while if the ownership was by the government one telephone would reach where the two are necessary, and the practice of the government is not to make money but rather to meet expenses. Government ownership of telephones is that which would pay the public and which is evidently one of the good things which will come before many years.

The parcel post has reduced the price of expressage nearly half and government ownership of the telephones would give service equal to what we now have and a great reduction in the cost.

On the 14th of March 1912 President Taft issued a proclamation that there existed in Mexico conditions of domestic violence which were promoted by the importation of arms or munitions of war procured from the United States, and that it became unlawful to export arms or munitions of war to Mexico except under such limitations and exceptions as the President should prescribe. The President on Tuesday declared that the conditions which then existed ceased, and that the above embargo is revoked.

This action gives the constitutionalists, that is, the rebels, an advantage that they did not have before. They are now in a better position to procure arms than in the past and the beginning of the end ought to be here. The price of peace in Mexico is blood. More arms means possibly more bloodshed, but it should mean that the struggle should be shortened and that the contest, sanguinary, but from now on of short duration.

THE United States is living at peace with the whole world; is a strong advocate of peace, but the Secretary of the Navy recommends that not less than two battleships per year ought to be built.

Japan passed through two expensive wars in late years, but is going to expend something like \$80,000,000 on her navy. Japan is also at peace with the whole world. These two nations are contemplating the spending of lots of money when both nations are at peace.

"In time of peace prepare for war" seems to be literally carried out by the United States and Japan.

The express companies have revised their rates, but they are something like the revision of the tariff under the Taft administration. While parcels admissible as mail matter are reduced, those not accepted by the postoffice have been increased.

## HE GOT THE MACHINE

By ELIZABETH SHEAR.

"Gene Filers has a new automobile," said Harry Jungles. He had stopped his trotter at the gate to the Trampton farm for the very good reason that at the gate Pearl Trampton was waiting for the mail man.

"Has he?" inquired Pearl with interest. Then quite casually she addressed the fence post. "I should never—er," said she, "marry a man who didn't own an automobile. Why, I wouldn't care if it were a wheelbarrow—just so it was an automobile."

"Giddap!" said Harry Jungles to his trotter. Arriving at the town of Three Pines, he told the hardware man who had been pestering him for a month about the mare that he could have her for the price he offered.

"Going to buy a car?" asked the established hardware man when he had paid down the money. "Everybody seems to be getting 'em nowadays!"

"I want to buy some thing," Harry told him, briefly. That was one thing about Harry Jungles. He had down to perfection the art of not hearing what people said to him, thereby saving much time in which to think.

If Pearl Trampton passed a good deal of time the next ten days waiting at the mail box it did not disturb anyone but her mother, who remarked on rooms undusted and chickens unfed, but to no avail.

When a young woman puts on a fresh frock every day and troubles to do her hair the new way and nobody comes to view the dazzling results except an aged mail carrier with a wife and six children it is likely to wear her nerves ragged as a natural re-



"She Stared Helplessly."

tion. Harry Jungles was due to get a particularly acid reception when he did appear.

Long before his head appeared over the slight ridge in the road Pearl listened in amazement to the remarkable chugging sound that was approaching. When she saw Harry she sat down suddenly. She stared helplessly when he stopped, with some effort, before her.

"How do?" Harry said, casually. He was seated somewhat precariously in the largest wheelbarrow Pearl had ever seen, with two extra wheels under it, a motor attached to the rear and a clever amateur steering gear in front. Never would she have thought that a human being in such an absurd position could look so entirely at ease.

"Want anything in town?" Harry asked.

When Pearl managed to gasp out a faint "No" he grabbed a handle and choked it, banged his foot on a valve and shook the apparatus in front of him fiercely, whereupon the wheelbarrow lunged, snorted and trundled off.

"And he's actually going to appear on the streets of Three Pines in that thing!" she murmured in agony. "Oh, my! What have I done?"

Naturally she did not know that Harry Jungles on reaching the turn below the Trampton farm headed his wheelbarrow around that section of land and back home.

After that he came to see Pearl every day, always in his unique motor car. He never mentioned it and Pearl was afraid to after that first appearance of his when he had ignored it so completely. But she suffered at the hands of her family, who said it was a disgrace to the community and that she must make Harry Jungles stop it. Pearl could have done this easily enough by telling him not to call, but apparently the idea never occurred to her.

"Want to go for a ride?" Harry asked finally one bright day when he stopped at the mail box. "There's room for two!"

"No, I don't!" she answered with spirit.

"Will you marry me?" he inquired next in precisely the same tone.

Thereupon Pearl burst into tears and Harry descended from the barrow with so much speed that the machine tipped over and was fatally wrecked.

"Wh-wh-why do you ride in that awful thing?" sobbed Pearl on his shoulder.

"Had to," Harry told her. "You said—"

"You never asked me!" flushed she indignantly, "I didn't care whether you had any old automobile or not, goose! Why did you have to?"

"Because," said the practical Jungles, "the new automobile I've ordered won't be delivered for another month and I couldn't let Gene Filers get all that start of me after what you said."

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