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Is Charlie a Real Actor?

It is a very common thing in some circles to ask fool questions of an editor, expecting that even if he knows nothing about the subject he will try to answer. An example of that is seen in the question which heads this article. Is Charlie a real actor? There is but one Charlie in the world so there is no need to ask another fool question in order to further explain.

Possibly some people will point to the popularity of Chaplin and say that is an indication that he must be an actor because he entertains so many millions of people, who go again and again to see the same pictures. And yet that is not a reason. He is a comic genius rather than an actor, but he is also developing as an actor in the movie critic of the London Times is to be believed. Here is what the highest authority says of him:

London Times and Comic Favorite.

"The Kid" is the most ambitious production in which Charlie Chaplin has as yet essayed his peculiar pranks, and marks a distinct step forward in his ideas at humor. He has always been humorous even when he has been most erudite, for he is a natural comic genius. Hitherto, however, he has confined himself to humor of the type which may be described as 'knockabout.' He used to delight in falling down and causing other people to do the same. It must be admitted that he could fall down in a supremely humorous way, but that kind of thing was soon bound to pall, and it eventually did. Now he has aspired to higher things. The films in which he used to appear were farces; 'The Kid' is almost a comedy. Charlie Chaplin is still his own inimitable self, but that self is so mellowed and improved and so much more subtle that at times it is transformed into something quite new. He acts as well as clown.

The film itself does not call for very much comment, although it is worthy of note that it tells quite a possible story in quite a possible way. There are moments when it forgets to be comic and becomes positively tragic, and even in these moments Charlie Chaplin participates with credit. Altogether it is a revelation of his powers. He is no longer the comic mountebank; he is now the polished comedian, who should please the majority of his former detractors without alienating his millions of worshippers. Formerly it was the custom to say that Mr. Chaplin played down to the level of his audiences. Now it is to be hoped that he will lift his audiences up to this new level of his own."

Drunkenness is Dangerous Habit.

One of its beastliness, drunkenness is a dangerous habit, especially in a good many occupations in which the lives of the public may be endangered. The following quotation from the Toronto Globe in connection with this matter is very timely in this city:

"Liquor in a motor car is more dangerous than dynamite. How long would the management of a railway tolerate the taking of a bottle of whisky into the cab of his engine by a locomotive engineer? There would be no opportunity for a second offense. Men of otherwise good repute are apparently disposed to disregard the law which forbids the carrying or keeping of liquor in motor cars. Fines for the breach of this law are frequently imposed, yet they seem to have little effect in making an end of the practice.

In several motor accidents recently of a serious nature the persons responsible have been arrested on a charge of drunkenness. The magistrates may not be able to impose a jail sentence without the option of a fine upon persons who carry liquor in their cars, but they can discourage the dangerous habit by intimating that anyone discovered to be intoxicated while in charge of a motor will be sent to prison for a term long enough to make the practice distinctly unpopular. A motor car driven by a drunken man along a crowded city street is a menace to every foot passenger upon it, as well as to other motorists. The growing habit of carrying a hip-pocket flask while motoring should be stamped out ruthlessly. It is even more prevalent among the rich and influential than among people who in pre-prohibition days were most prone to public drinking."

Drunken Person is Sorely Punished.

It has become the fashion in some quarters to think it rather a sport to drink too much. The great mass of the people, however, look with pity if not with contempt on the person who cannot control his appetite for strong drink. There is nothing clever about being able to drink until the senses go, and certainly nothing to feel proud of. As a matter of fact it is the first step toward a criminal.

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CHARLIE BO MUST STAND HIS TRIAL

Case Against Chinese Merchant Will Go to Fall Assizes.

VICTORIA, Sept. 8.—The application for a writ of habeas corpus, made by W. C. Moresby and R. C. Lowe on behalf of Charles Bo, on bail to appear at the Fall Assizes to answer to a charge of bribery, was dismissed in a judgment handed down in Vancouver by Mr. Justice Murphy. The refusal of the application means that the bill against Charlie Bo will be presented to the Grand Jury at the Fall Assize along with the bills against Dr. Ernest Hall and Joseph North. Police Commissioners, charged with misfeasance of office.

In his written judgment Mr. Justice Murphy says: "It is conceded that if there is any evidence against the accused this application must fail. I have perused the depositions again and am of the opinion that I cannot hold there is no evidence whatever against the accused. Such expressions as 'You fix him up, Dr. Hall,' 'You fix him up, Fry,' which are sworn to have been used by accused when it is alleged accused paid over money to North, might, I think be held by a jury to mean that the accused meant some of the money should reach Fry. Indeed, if North were not a Police Commissioner, it could hardly be argued but said expressions, if used, ought to be passed upon by a jury. The fact that North is a Police Commissioner does not, I think, take these expressions entirely out of the category of evidence.
 "That fact is merely another bit of evidence calling for consideration by the jury, when deciding the question of intention on the part of the accused in reference to Fry. The application is refused."
 J. S. Brandon acted for the Crown and the preliminary proceedings in connection with the habeas corpus.

VANDERHOOF
 A Dominion Government Geodetic survey party has been camped at Vanderhoof for the past three weeks. They will go from here to Nichol and Prince George. N. H. Smith is in charge of the party and the other members are: W. J. Lowndes, R. D. Kinmond, C. F. Tomney, F. W. Smallwood, W. E. Hughes, A. L. Grant and A. Hammore.

J. B. Armishaw, G. H. Ostram and F. C. Borhaven interviewed Hon. Dr. King, minister of public works, on his recent visit here. The minister strongly advised one creamery for all of Central British Columbia.
 There was a dance and picnic social in aid of the Community Hall on Monday night. A substantial sum was realized towards the building fund.

PUSH FORWARD P. G. E. WORK

Provincial Government Determined to Construct Line to Prince George.
 VICTORIA, Sept. 8.—More than ever determined to construct the Pacific Great Eastern Railway through to Prince George, as the result of opinions obtained through the recent excursion from Squamish to the end of steel at Cottonwood River, Premier Oliver and Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, are busy seeking ways and means to finance the undertaking. Only 63 miles separate the steel-head and the city of Prince George and 3,000 tons of steel are now on hand at the latter point. The Premier hopes to lay at least 20 miles of this before winter, with the line to be completed early next summer.

What may happen the southern stretch of the road from Squamish to Lillooet remains in doubt. Many of the excursionists who made the trip expressed opinions that this section might well be abandoned as a railway and the route used as the trans-provincial highway. This would necessitate the construction of the Ashcroft-Glinton cut-off, with direct connection being made with the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific lines. Certain it is, the road will be completed as rapidly as possible to Prince George.

STOP FIGHTING AND WORK TOGETHER, SAYS ATTORNEY-GENERAL

The cities of British Columbia and the Government should stop fighting and unite to evolve plans for securing more revenue from the taxpayers of the Province. Hon. J. W. B. Farris, Attorney-General, told the Union of B. C. Municipalities at its convention at Alberni last week. "The present situation is very simple," Mr. Farris declared. "The municipalities are in need of money from taxation and the Province needs every dollar it has, and very likely will need more. There is no use our trying to take revenue from each other when there is not sufficient to go around.
 "The only thing to do is to get more from that defenceless person, the taxpayer, and we can work out the method of doing so at the next session."
 Mr. Farris said that if the Government ever decided to bring in a bill creating a Local Government Board the municipalities could not complain that they had not been given an opportunity to discuss the matter.

ALICE ARM

Work will be continued throughout the winter on the Bellevue Group, Hlanee River, according to present plans.

A. J. Bone, who with Mr. Hodgson has been operating claims up the Hlanee River this season, left last week for New York. From there he will go to Peru to act in an advisory capacity for an American mining company.

There was a double header baseball game last week between Camp Eight and Town players. The latter won both games by scores of 5 to 4 and 16 to 8.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

September, 8, 1911.
 Following a false alarm which was rung in from Hays Creek at 11:45 last night, there was a real blaze at 12:50 when two shacks on the lane between Third Avenue and Fraser Street near Eighth Street were destroyed. The shacks were occupied by Mr. Barbeau and Mr. Bradshaw.
 Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Porter, recently left the city, have taken over a hotel at Keremeos owned by L. Bullock-Westerbe of this city.
 The Royal Blue Ribbons defeated the Quill Drivers at indoor baseball last night by a score of 17 to 15. Sloan and Dunn were the umpires. Despite the sudden importation of W. H. Tobey from Mile 40, the Quill Drivers were unable to win.

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OPIUM SEIZED AT A CHINESE RANCH ON LULU ISLAND
 VANCOUVER, Sept. 7.—Opium valued at more than \$30,000 according to the police was seized at the farm of Kee Kit on Lulu Island and eight employees on the farm were arrested.
NO WONDER.
 One autumn little George entered the same kindergarten that his brother Henry had attended during the previous year. Very frequently the teacher called him Henry by mistake, until the boy became provoked at herself and said to him:
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