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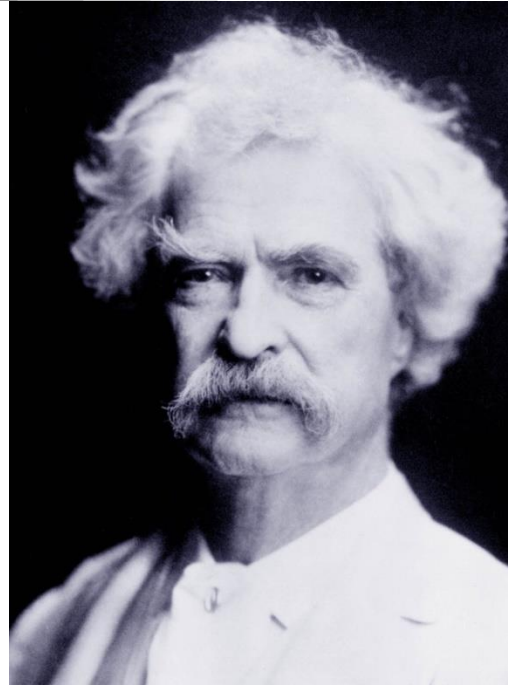
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## Twain Tours

Samuel Clemens visits Assiniboia

A month to the day after the disastrous Titanic riots in which seventeen Wonders and thirty scions of Adam and Eve were killed Mark Twain has visited our fair metropolis to visit the continent's first Wonders ghetto. Dubbed Wondertown by Mayor Waugh it consists of those parts of the former Point Douglas area east of Gomez Street. The houses along the west side of Gomez have been appropriated by the city and a sturdy chain link fence erected dividing the ghetto from the rest of the city. Entrance and exit

from the area is now strictly controlled by police watch posts. When Mr. Twain was informed that the region had until recently included Assiniboia's Red Light district a smile came to his face and a twinkle was seen in his eyes which according to his personal assistant had long been absent. "So the madams are out and the freaks are in?", he quipped. Both Chief of Police MacPherson and Mayor Waugh were aghast at the disclosure and the quip. He regretted his words later when he met Trunky, the former Queen of the Harlots, Minnie Woods who is now the elephant headed proprietor of the city's only Wonder friendly drinking establishment in the city, The Comet Bar. Mayor Waugh explained that all the housing and



Samuel Clemens, "Mark Twain"  
former humourist turned Wonders Advocate

## Wonders Ghetto

businesses in the area are now reserved for those affected by the Comet and anyone willing to live with them. Wonders from all over the city and surrounding areas are expected to flock to Wondertown so they can feel secure in being among their own kind. Mayor Waugh may be premature in proclaiming Wondertown a success, since one of his predecessors made the questionable decision to centralize the oldest trade in the area. Ironically perhaps when the decision to expropriate the area in favour of Wonders the prostitutes were one of the first



Wondertown

groups to vacate the area! When asked whether he thought the ghetto was a good idea a fleeting expression of anger crossed Mr. Twain's face. "I don't imagine the Jews of Europe thought ghettos were a good idea but I suppose it made them easier to round up when the mood struck". He ground out his cigar and apologized for his terseness.