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NOBLEMAN INVOLVED IN CARD SCANDAL

Trouble Takes Place at Country House of Sir Charles Ross in England

Host Is Well Known in British Columbia, Where He Promoted Large Interests

A late London despatch states that society has been greatly excited about another country house card scandal. It now transpires that it took place at Balnagowan, the residence of Sir Charles Ross.

A titled visitor was suspected as wrath and swearing vengeance against all concerned. Now it is the delinquent. There was a painful scene, he departing in great believed the case will come into the courts, as the nobleman charged knows his name has been bandied about, and feels compelled to attempt to clear his character.

It is said the discovery was made through the instrumentality of a parlor maid, who confided to a lady's maid something she had observed.

Sir Charles Ross is very well Known in British Columbia. He was one of the chief promoters of the great electric power plant at Bonnington Falls and also obtained the charter some years ago for the Cassiar Central Railway. He is also the inventor of the Ross rifle which the Dominion government is now serving out to the forces in Canada, from the factory established at Quebec. Sir Charles obtained a divorce some years ago from his first wife after a most sensational trial in England and married later Patricia Ellison.

Durihg the Boer war Sir Charles equipped a battery of artillery and presented it to the British government. He also went with it to South Africa and took his share in the fighting.

DIVIDING THE CITY

By-Law for Providing Wards For the City to be Introduced Monday

At present Ladysmith has no wards, the task of dividing the city into such divisions being placed in the hands of the council, which, according to the Municipal Act, must undertake the duty. Last night the special committee met and had a lengthy discussion over the matter. Things were advanced so far that at the next council meeting notice of a bylaw to divide the city into three wards will be given and the following week the bylaw will be in shape to place before the Mayor and aldermen.

A SHINING MARK.

London, Oct. 8.—Harry Marks, the chief owner of the Financial News of this city, and a former New York newspaper man, has been elected to represent the Isle of Thanet in the House of Commons, though by a greatly reduced majority, succeeding the late James Lowther, who died Sept 12. The figures were: Marks, (Con.) 4,041; King, (Lib.) 3,662. The camapign was marked by violent personalities throughout. The dissident unionists aided with the Liberals in appealing to the electors to uphold the principle of the intergity of public life rather than party success. The Liberals however, claim that although many of their party abstained from voting, no great number of dissident unionists voted for Mr. King.

SET FREE.

Sandwich, Ont. Oct. 8.—Jonathan George, an aged colored man accused of murdering Mrs. Eliza Williams who was found dead in her home on April 5th last, has been liberated because of insufficient evidence to convict him.

SMITH'S SUPPORTERS TO MEET MONDAY

Gathering To Be Held in the Committee Rooms For Purpose of Organizing Committees

Riley and Prior to be the Rival Candidates In Victoria City This Election

Next week the campaign in this part of Nanaimo constituency will begin in earnest, for the supporters of Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P., are called to meet in the Committee rooms on First Avenue at half past seven and prepare for organization. Mr. Smith will be present and everyone will be welcome. At this meeting, the general committee will be chosen.

In Victoria last night both Liberals and Conservatives selected candidates for the election. Mr. Geo. Riley, the present member was the Liberal choice. C. H. Lugrin and Dr. Lewis Hall being the other nominees. The result was as follows:—Riley, 383; Lugrin, 147; Hall 80.

Col. E. G. Prior was the Conservative candidate, the ballot being: Prior 197; Ald. J. L. Beckwith 59.

James McGeer, who claims he is a Liberal, announces himself as a candidate in Vancouver for the Commons.

EASTERN CANDIDATES.

Montreal, Oct. 8.—The following nominations for the House if Commons were made yesterday:

Queens, P. E. I.—zTwo seats)—Judge Warburton and C, E. Prowse, (Libs.)

Resticouche, N. B.—W. A. Moot, (Con.)

Terrebonne, Q. — S. Desjardines, (Lib.)

Chateauguay—G. McGowan, (Lib.)

Ottawa—(Two seats)— T. Birkett and N. Champagne, Cons.; R. Stewart and Hon. N. A. Belcourt, Libs.

South Qntario—P. Christie, Con.

North Toronto — Mayor Urquhart, Toronto, Lib.

East Toronto—E. A. Kemp, Con.

South Waterloo — G. A. Clare, Ton.

Russell—N. Wilson, Lib.

Norfolk—H. B. Donnelly, Lib., in place of Hon. John Charlton, who retired owing to ill-health.

North Simcoe—Major J. A. Currie, Con.

West Middlesex— W. S. Calvert,

Westmoreland, N.B.—H. A. Powell, (Con.)

Charlotte—D. A. Gilmore, (Lib)

Wm. Fenton is reported as likely to be the candidate chosen by the Socialists at their meeting in Nanaimo to-morrow. J. T. Mortimer will be the candidate of that party in Vancouver.

CARIBOO OUTPUT.

Over $1,000 per day was the average return of the operations of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company, which are conducted at Bullion in the Cariboo district, under the management of Mr. John B. Hobson. This season the company had water sufficient for 88 days and in that time $86,000 was taken out. During the first part of the time, $1,500 per day was the high average.

Mr. H. C. Hammond, of the well known firm of Messrs. Osler & Hammond, Toronto, who is interested in the company, and who reached Vancouver a few days ago from Bullion, where he was present at the final clean-up for this season, announces that the company will very likely spend another quarter of a million dollars in the endeavor to get more water.

"The lack of water is our whole difficulty," Mr. Hammond said recently. "It seems rathet hard lines that on Slough Creek where Mr. John Hopp is manager, the Company has been pumping eleven years to get the water out of its workings, and has not yet succeeded, while the Consolidated Cariboo suffers for the lack of it. The high average yield of the ground at Bullion is a sufficient indication of what gold can be obtained if water were available. During 1892 and 1893 the first years our Company operated, there was considerable water, and streams over which one may now pass on stepping stones, had to be crossed in those times by swimming the horses. It has been dry ever since, and the only thing the Company can now do is to spend another $200,000 or $250,000 to get the water which they need so much. It is quite probable that this will be done."

TRY TO BURN THE BARRACKS

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 8.— An attempt was made to set fire to the N. W. M. P. Barracks at Melford last night, but not much damage was done.

The body of Alex. Tuffin has been exhumed at Moosejaw and identified preparatory to the trial of F. W. Watts for murder.

Fred Scott, a brakesman, was crushed at Brandon by falling in front of a moving yard engine. His arm was amputated.

Winnipeg building permits this are $8,000,000 to date.

PROSPECTS OF THE ALSEK

H. McLaren, of the Dominion Geological survey, who have spent the summer in the Alsek country, near White Horse, have returned to Vancouver on their way home.

In an interview Mr.McConnell said he was favorably impressed with the district from what he had seen of it. There were at present several drawbacks to the district, the chief being its distance from regular lines of travel. At the present time it costs from 30 to 40 cents per pound for freight brought in. These charges would, however, be shortly reduced, as a road was being constructed to the camp. Last summer was an unfavorable one for mining operations as far as climatic conditions were concerned, as it snowed almost every day and winter set in early. The season was, however, regarded as abnormal. The diggings, too, are what are known as "deep diggings" and it thus takes considerable time and expense to peove the worth of a claim. Some pay dirt had been struck on Ruby Creek, but not much work had been done on the creeks. Most of the people had come out for the winter owing to the cost of living in the district.

Mr. McConnell mentioned that Mr. W. L. Breeze was planning an amalgamation of the claims on Bullion Creek, and if the scheme went through work on a large scale would be started and a good idea of the value of the district would then be obtained.

Mr. McConnell said that he had not been in Dawson, so did not know anything about the political troubles there. Mr. McConnel is one of the oldest members of the Canadian Geological Survey and for the past 20 years has been engaged in exploration work in British Columbia and the Yukon. He expects that next year he will again visit the same district, as owing to the short summer it is impossible to do much work in one season.

The Earl and Countess of Lichfield are on the way to Winnipeg from the coast to spend a few days shooting at Poplar Point with Commissioner Chipman, of the Hudson's Bay Company. From here they proceed to Montreal.

Brandon's population is now over 8,250. This year some 250 new buildings have been erected, not including the C. P. R., Civic or Asylum work.

AN OMINOUS SILENCE CAUSES GRAVE ANXIETY

St. Petersburg Has No News of What Is Transpiring at the Front

Minister of Railways Says the Road Around Lake Baikal is Working Well

ST. PETERSBURG ANXIOUS

St. Petersburg, Oct. 8.— The meagreness of the news from the front is increasing, the uncertainty regarding the developments. There is good warrant for the belief that Gen. Kuropatkin is strengthening his left flank to meet the Japanese turning movement, his troops occupying a triangle from Fushun to Mukden and Tie Pass. Over three hundred guns have arrived at the front and the activity of the Russian skirmishes below the Hun river creates the impression that Kuropatkin may contemplate assuming the offensive. The war office gives no encouragement of this idea though naturally if such a movement is contemplated the war office could not be expected to admit it.

VATICAN OFFER.

New York, Oct. 8.—The Russian agent accredited to the Vatican, Mr. Nariskino, has been in frequent conference recently with the Cardinal Secretary of State. It is stated that this talk has been upon how to end the war in the Far East. It is asserted that the Pope consented to act in the interest of peace at the solicitation of the German Emperor, who being informed by his political advisors that it would be impossible for Germany to undertake this task, urged the Pope to tender his good offices. So far the Vatican has confined itself to negotiations with Russia, but it is said that if Russia consents to the head of the catholic church making the first proposal of peace the Vatican will open direct negotiations with Japan.

SEIZED BY JAPANESE

Shanghai, Oct. 7.—The British steamer Sishau, from Hong Kong, has beeb seized by the Japanese off New Chwang. The Sishan carried a cargo of cattle, and flour intended for Port Arthur. The Sishan is a steel screw steamer of 1,351 tons, and is owned by Thos. W. Richardson, of London.

AROUND LAKE BAIKAL.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 8. — Prince Pilkooff, minister of railroads has arrived here after spending three months in personally superintending the construction of the Circum-Baikal railroad. He says the whole Siberian line is working perfectly. The Circum-Baikal branch is open for freight traffic but passengers are still crossing the lake on ferry boats, that being the shortest road. The ferry boats taking three hours to steam across about thirty miles, whereas the train take four hours to cover the railroad route around the Lake, about 73 miles. Work is still proceeding day and night on the Circum-Baikal road, so as to have the line in complete order before the lake freezes over.

RELEASE LOGGING PLANT.

The status of the cases of the impounding of logging plants recently by officers of the provincial government has been partially cleared up through the investigations of the Department of Lands and Works. As a result of inquiry the plant of Messrs. Faber & McGraw, who were operating on lands fronting on Semiahmoo Bay, has been released, as it was found that the operators were working Dominion and not provincial lands.

The timber dues chargeable against the limits being worked by Kinley, close to Semiahmoo Bay, and against those operated by Pierce & Premont, up the Nicomekl River, have been guaranteed to the department, and it is understood that the question of Martin's rights is now under consideration by the department. Martin was working near Semiahmoo Bay.

According to a statement made today to Mr. R. J. Skinner, Timber Inspector, none of those who were logging on provincial lands had any intent to evade payment of taxation but there existed in their minds a question as to whether their intering been demonstrated by the deests were taxable or not. It hav-partment to the loggers that their output was taxable there have been no complaints against payment. The land on which all the loggers were working was alienated to the province as far back as 1883, and such being the case those owning the timber had every right to export the same on the payment of the provincial export tax. A settlement of the amount of taxes due the Government by the loggers is being arrived at by negotiations between Mr. Robie L. Reid, Barrister of New Westminster, and the Department of Lands and Works.

TORONTO'S POPULATION

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 8.—Toronto's population has reached the quarter million mark.

ROSS WILL HANG ON.

Mount Bridges, Ont., Oct 8.—Speaking at a meeting in the interest of W. S. Calvert, Liberal nominee for West Middlesex, Premier Ross said he had no intention of resigning and intended to fight the bye-elections for the local legislature.

GRAND MASTER'S TRIP.

A Masonic record has been made, as far as British Columbia is concerned, by Grand Master W. J. Bowser, of Vancouver, says the World of Tuesday. He has just returned from a tour which embraced the interior of the province south of the Canadian Pacific Railway. During an absence of several weeks he visited practically every lodge of the craft in the Kootenays. His trip was one round of meetings and banquets. The former record for Grand Master's visitations was held by Superintendent Downie, of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Since his time, however, other lodges have been formed and Mr. Boweer now holds the record. One of the most notable of the banquets held was the one at Fort Steel where Masons from three countries were officially present. Mr. Bowser himself was Canada's chief representative. Most Worshipful Brother W. Burrow, of Devonshire, was the English guest, and Brother Staples, of Stillwater, Mich., represented the United States.

VETERAN'S FAREWELL

Kharkoff, Russia, Oct. 8.—A touching scene was witnessed here when Gen. Dragemiroff, former governor-general of Kieff, bid farewell to-day to the fourteenth division, which he led across the Danube at the time of the Russo-Turkish war. The old veteran was so moved that he could hardly speak. Finally he gave an order for the division to form around him in a square and addressed the troops, wishing them success and expressing the hope that they will do their duty as well in the Far East as their fathers did on the Danube. He also advised the soldiers to stand by each other and sacrifice their lives for their comrades. The General's words were frequently interrupted by tears by the troops and the vast crowd of people present, also wept. Dragemiroff then kissed the colors and the color bearers, shook hands with the officers and then removed his busby and bowed low to each battalion, murmuring, "Farewell, God bless you and bring you back safely."

MUST BE FOUGHT TO THE BITTER END

Russsian Press Says That Any Idea of a Compromise Is Abandoned

Once For All She Must be Driven out of the Asiatic Continent

St. Petersburg, Oct. 8—Replying to the statement of Count Okuma, leader of the Japanese Progressive Party that the war with Russia would be long but that Japan would win in the end, the Novoe Vremya this morning declares that the idea of a possible compromise with Japan has been abandoned and that the war must be prosecuted by Russia in such a way that there can be no possibility of Japan renewing the struggle. Europe for thirty years was under the menace of a war of revenge for Alsoce. If we conclude peace with Japan all our efforts in the Far East will be valueless and we shall have to send enormous sums to keep up our armament there The Japanese once for all must be driven out of the Asiatic continent."

It is now accepted here that the naval experts of the newspapers dwell on the difficulties which the Port Arthur squadron must experience in breaking out after the disastrous sortie of Aug. 10. The general situation is that the squadron thing had happened to the Japan could not venture out unless someese warships of which there is no knowledge here. In any case the Russian ships could not go to the neutral ports of Che Foo but must head for Vladivostock.

RECOVERED FROM INDIANS

White Child Found at Fort Rupert and Carried back to Vancouver

The white child which was taken north by an Indian woman from Vancouver a short time ago has been recovered. When it was ascertained last week that the Indian having charge of the child had left Alert Bay, Constable Wollacott came to the conclusion that she had headed for Fort Rupurt, at the northern end of Vancouver Island. Thither he went in a small steam launch, and there he found traces of the woman, and shortly after landing he located her. The woman, who is reported to travel under various names, is known in Vancouver as Louisa Saunders. When found by Constable Wollacott the woman had the child with her, and she was disinclined to give it up. In her efforts to keep the child the woman was backed up by all the Fort Rupert Indians, and they threatened all sorts of trouble if the child were taven away.

Not in the slightest disturbed by the rather ominous demeanor of the tribesmen, Constable Wollacott told them he had come after the child and intended to take her, and without further ado he annexed the infant.

The woman went with the child to Alert Bay and through to Vancouver, although at Alert Bay the little girl was turned over to the care of Miss Scott, matron of the Children's Aid Home in Vancouver.

According to statements made by Constable Wollacott to Miss Scott, the woman refused at first to make any statement regarding her possession of the child, but after several days she made a clean breast of the matter.

A HEAVY SUIT.

Toronto, Oct. 8.—Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, of Vancouver, is one of the defendants in a big three hundred thousand dollar suit entered by certain shareholders of the Cramp Steel Company against officers and directors. One plaintiff's call for cancellation of three hundred thousand dollars' worth of shares which the directors voted for transfer to the Northern Iron and Steel Company.

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RECIPROCITY.

In the United States at present a great deal of attention is being paid to the question of reciprocity with Canada, and especially is this the case in the States that border on the Dominion. In Boston yesterday the platform of the Republican State Convention over which United States Attorney-General Moody presided, placed a plank in its platform favoring measures of reciprocity with other countries and especially with Canada and Newfoundland "consistently with the principals of protection," and without injury to the United States agriculture, labor or industries; or when, as President Roosevelt said in his message of 1902, 'the minimum damage done may be disregarded for the sake of the maximum of good accomplished." '

We Canadians do not expect very much in the way of reciprocity from our neighbors in the south under present conditions. The spirit of high protection in the United States is too strong for us to look for any offer that we could accept with benefit to ourselves and our rapid material progress in the face of a high tariff against our products has been such that we have become indifferent to the question. There was a time when an offer of reciprocity would have been gladly accepted by the Dominion; indeed, we sent time and again to Washington commissions to endeavor to come to some arrangement. But at that time the United States people believed that their high tariff would eventually force us to accept their terms which virtually meant the surrendering of our tariff making to Washington. As we could not for a moment consent to this condition, we finally abandoned any hope of success. Then we did what we should have done in the first place, looked around for new markets, and with such success that at the present time we have increased our foreign trade to something over 170 a head, while the United States is approximately $35. Canada has risen to such importance now that it is the people of the States who are eager for reciprocity. We have many products which they require. Our natural resources are enormous in such things as timber, wood, pulp and many other things. Wheat, which the United States used to export in enormous quantities, will, in a few years, be not greatly more than their own consumption requires.

Even now their millers are agitating for placing wheat on the free list list, as they see enormous increase in the work being done by Canadian millers, and that Canadian flour has taken its place in the world's markets as the finest that can be made. As shrewd business men the manufacturers of the United States want, if possible, to secure our raw materials in exchange for their manufactures; but never again until Canadians allow themselves to be placed in the position of hewers of wood and drawers of water for another nation. We cannot sacrifice our manufactures. The question too, of imperial preference has come to the front since Canadians dropped the idea of securing reciprocity from the United States. This has done a great deal to arouse our neighbors to the danger of losing our trade. When they come to make overtures to us for reciprocity they will find that we are in a pretty independent position and everything they get from us can be secured only by their giving in return something that is equally advantageous to ourselves. We are finding out now that in many respects we are giving too great a benefit without a quid pro quo, as for example the permission to ship rough lumber free into Canada, while our lumber must pay a duty. In this respect the tariff is unfair to our mill men, and before long we hope to see that matter remedied. Some months ago British Columbia asked for an adjustment of the tariff on lumber, and only a few days ago eastern lumbermen sent a deputation to Ottawa to complain of the same grievance. From a business standpoint, a country should look after its own interests and this Canada has got to do.

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Each subscriber to the Daily Ledger will be handed a card and asked to write down a guess of the number of people our census, which will be taken with reasonable accuracy will show.

Envelopes will be given with the card. Write down your guess, sign your name, put the card in the envelope and seal it up; either hand it to the canvasser or leave it at the Ledger office. All guesses must be in during October; none will be counted after that date.

The census will be computed by the 15th of November. The envelopes will then be opened and the following prizes given:

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In the early years of his leadership in the House of Commons Mr. Arthur Balfour used joyfully to mark its close by rushing off to be present at the Passion Play at Oberammergau. That, of course, assumed that the date of the prorogation synchronized with that of the play. This year it does not, and the Premier was left at liberty to undertake to deliver the Presidential address at the meeting of the British Association.

For a hard-worked Minister, buffeted through a six-months' Parliamentary session, that seems an odd way of enjoying one's self. The task has apparently been made the harder by the circumstances attendant on the closing weeks of the session. The all-night sitting, to others a crowning sacrifice of personal comfort, Mr. Balfour welcomed as a special intervention of Providence.

"If," he said to a friend, "the House had adjourned as usual at midnight, I should have gone off home and gone to bed, excusing myself as being too fatigued after a constant grind of ten hours to turn to and complete my address. Having to stay at the House through the night, I just sat down and got to work." He rather hinted that the final revision of the manuscript was accomplished in the quietness of a Sabbath morning spent at Lord Rothschild's country house.

The Premier shares with Mr. Gladstone the gift, priceless to a busy man, of quickly resting. This is largely due to the trained habit, brought to perfection by the older statesman, of swiftly, in intervals of rest, throwing off all mental associations with the work temporarily set aside. Mr. Gladstone once said that when he laid his head on the pillow after whatsoever day or night of intense excitement, he pre-emptorily dismissed all thought of the situation, however critical, which had engaged his attention. Sometimes, after an exceptionally lively night at the House of Commons, he, before getting into bed, read "something light"—Homer, I fancy, by preference. As a rule he was able to get right aff to sleep, completing his minimum term of seven hours.

The Premier's habit, at least in holiday time, is to read far into the night and lie abed in the morning. That is not possible when the House is sitting. When, a fortnight ago, the House adjourned at 6.30 a.m., Mr. Balfour, who had sat it out, had an important public engagement for noon which was faithfully kept.

It is the week-ends, fruit of the new procedure rules, that keep him going. Some overworked men like to enjoy their Friday night to Monday morning in the quietness of their country home, or such privacy as is to be obtained at a seaside hotel. Mr. Balfour finds his rest with hosts like the Rothschilds, whose perfectly appointed country houses are peopled from Saturday to Monday with brilliant company.

Asked how such conditions of life at the end of the week spent in the turmoil of Parliamentary and social life in London could suit him. Mr. Balfour answered:

"Well, it does. They don't get me up on my hind legs. Practically I don't show up till dinner time, and have the advantage of fresh air and change of scene."

It is an old Parliamentary joke, born at the period when Disraeli was Premier, and had got through a session distinguished by lack of accomplished work, that he was "going to the Lords with a little Barren Session." 1875 was, however, a fruitful year, compared with 1904. Of a dozen bills promised in the King's speech, only of first class importance was passed, and that only by the machinery of the closure. Considering that for legislative purposes Mr. Balfour has had available a working majority of at least forescore, this simple statement implies gross mismanagement, or what, enquired in to, will usually be found to come to the same thing, unredeemed ill luck.

He has, however, one success to his credit, the magnitude and importance of which outweighs a succession of failures. He has kept Parliament going till the usual date of prorogation, and has earned for his ministry six months' certain ?est in the sanctuary of the recess. That is an achievement which in the circumstances probably no other man could have carried out. It should, perhaps, be added that no other responsible Minister would, for such particular purpose, have displayed equal cynicism in disregarding Parliamentary traditions.

Edith—Is it true, Dolly, that Larkin kissed you before he picked you up in that runaway?

Dolly—Yes, dear; you know he is studying to be a doctor, and that was first aid to the injured.

ERRONEOUS BELIEFS.

ODD NOTIONS ABOUT ANIMALS THAT ARE BORN OF IGNORANCE.

Some Superstitions About Toads and Snakes Explained Away—Nocturnal Animals and Their Eyes—Lambs and Sheep and Their Tails.

It is commonly believed that toads cause warts. This is based upon the following combination of facts: Toads are the only common animals that are naturally covered with wartlike lumps. They eject a clear liquid. This is supposed to do something. Warts appear mysteriously, and no one is able to explain the causes of their coming and going. It is erroneously inferred that they are produced by this wart bearing, nocturnal creature with peculiar habits, upon the basis of the doctrine that "like produces like." The common belief that tadpoles shed their tails has for its origin the facts that while living in water each possesses a swimming tail, but when it metamorphoses into a frog or a toad it becomes tailless. In fact, the tail does not drop off, but it is absorbed and disappears in the body, just as a swelling from a bump on the head disappears. How often do we hear that frogs and toads have fallen with rain, and almost every July we may read accounts of such phenomena. These may have for their basis the fact that during the month of July toads change from the tadpole stage and aquatic habitat to the adult form and terrestrial habitat and then migrate landward in great numbers. They are active only at night or during hot weather, effectually concealing themselves in the most common places during the daytime. However, when a rain falls at such a time they appear by thousands, as if by magic, and give the impression of having fallen with rain.

There are doubtless more superstitions concerning snakes than any other creatures. This arises in part from the traditions of the form of the original tempter and in part from the fact that but very few persons are willing to calmly observe serpents for themselves and learn the truth directly. We have met persons who believe that all snakes are venomous. This doubtless comes from the old Roman rule, "Ab uno disce omnes." How prevalent is the belief that horse hairs turn to snakes! There is no other foundation for this error than the resemblance of the so called hairsnake (gordius) to a common horsehair. Snakes are often supposed to charm birds, but the fact is that the feathered songsters are paralyzed by fright when they suddenly see the reptiles at close proximity.

The common erroneous belief that snakes sting or bite by means of their tongues may come from the Scriptural quotation, "It stingeth like an adder." The supposition that snakes bite themselves and die is doubtless based upon the actions of certain species, like the hog nosed adder, which when teased will act as though dead and thus sometimes find protection. It is very commonly thought that snakes' tails "live" or are active until sundown. This arises from the prolonged activity of the tail, due to the reflex action of the caudal nerve centers, which may continue for a longer or shorter period owing to temperature and other conditions. Many persons believe that there is a glass snake or joint snake, which may be broken to fragments when struck, but can rejoint itself and live. This may come from the fact that a certain lizard (Ophiosaurus ventralis) readily loses its tail, and while the body escapes the caudal member wiggles and attracts the attention of the pursuer.

The erroneous idea that turtles breathe under water, as do fishes, is derived from the observations of their having remained submerged for some hours. But this is made possible by their lung capacity, their limited need of oxygen compared with that of warm blooded animals and their ability to store oxygen in their tissues and use it as needed.

Both species of American cuckoos (genus coccyzus) build nests, contrary to the popular belief. The error comes from the fact that the European cuckoo (cuculus) builds no nests, but is parasitic, laying its eggs in the nests of other birds, as does our cowbird (molothrus). The old idea that "a sight of the oriole cures jaundice" doubtless is connected with the yellow color of the bird and the homeopathic doctrine "Similia similibus curantur" (like cures like).

Most persons believe that owls, cats and other nocturnal animals can see in absolute darkness. This error arises from the fact that in these animals the pupil of the eye is very large or dilatable, and in subdued or very feeble light they can see much better than can man. One can readily demonstrate the fallacy of the supposition by taking an owl or other nocturnal animal into a perfectly dark room, as we have done, and touching it with the hand. It does not move, even though it be an untamed animal. Cats and other nocturnal animals are erroneously thought to emit light from their eyes because when looking toward the light the crystalline lens of the eye produces a glaring reflection. The ideas that swans sing when dying and moles open their eyes at the time of death are handed down from the writings of Pliny and represent ignorance of the facts of zoology.

We were once seriously asked by a teacher, "At what age do the little lambs' tails drop off?" He had accurately observed that the tails of the lambs are long, while those of the old sheep are short, and he had obtained a false idea, which is, however, prevalent. Of course he was shocked to learn that sheep raisers amputate the tails to prevent the soiling of the wool.—Forest and Stream.

JAPANESE PATRIOTS.

We are often reminded that old Japan is still with us, and that its survival adds not merely a picturesque, but also a noble, element to the character of the nation.

An illustration has just occurred. Nearly 300 years ago, when Togugawa Iseyasu captured the castle of Osaka from the Taiko's widow, Yodo, and her son, Hideyori, he found there a large part of the treasure that the great captain and statesman had accumulated. It was in the form of gold horses, for the Taiko's fancy has been thus to stamp upon the precious metal an indication of the warlike uses to which it was destined.

The Takugawa leader distributed a great part of the treasure among his chief retainers, and to his second son, Norinao, he gave 300 ingots, with an injunction that the gold should be held as a reserve for use in a national emergency. Norinao received in fief the probince of Owari and in the vaults of the colossal castle built by him at Nagoya the ingots lay untouched until the fall of feudalism in 1874.

The feudal chiefs were then reduced to the position of simple gentlemen, with incomes representing a mere fraction of their previous revenues. But no official scrutiny was made into the contents of their strong rooms, and thus many emerged from the debacle in a much better financial position than the bald figures of the state's commutation scheme suggested.

The Owari ingots, however, being reserved from ordinary uses by the injunction of Iyeyasu—an injunction of absolutely binding force in the eyes of his descendants—remained inviolate until a few days ago, when their owner, Marquis Girea, present representative of the Owari family, decided that the national emergency contemplated by his illustrious ancestor had come. The ingots have a value of 1,000,000 yen—£100,000—in modern money.

It would have been more than natural that the head of one of the three principal branches of the Tokugawa clan, which had been driven from administrative power and robbed of all its ancient splendor by the present government, should have kept the treasure for his own enrichment, and that to hand it over to the national exchequer would have been his last thought. But Japanese patriotism is superior to vicissitudes of individual fortune.

Marquis Griel repaired to the tomb of his forefather Morinao, and there, in the presence of his sons, his principal relatives, and some of his family's former vassals, invoked Norinao's spirit to witness that the trust reposed in him by the Tokugawa chief had been faithfully observed through three centuries, and that to transfer the treasure now to the coffers of the state seemed a true interpretation of the purpose of Iyeyasu.

The gift has not evoked much comment in Japan. It appears to be considered too appropriate to be extraordinary. But it constitutes an interesting link between the old and the new—Tokio Correspondence of London Times.

It is said there is nothing which diffuses itself more quickly in a family than the coolness, indifference and discontent which manifest themselves in the countenances of one of its members. This thought is not absolutely true. There are some things which communicate themselves with as much rapidity and more force. They are a bright smile, a frank and open manner, a cheerful face, a happy heart.—Selected.

A Mean Dig.

Maude—Mr. Willing asked me to accompany him to the opera tomorrow evening.

Clara—And you accepted the invitation?

"Certainly."

"Strange! He asked me also."

"There's nothing strange about it at all. I told him I wouldn't go unless he provided a chaperon."

His Own Crafty Way.

Fusilby—Human nature is a funny thing. It was said I had quit drinking, and everybody I met asked me to take something.

Glassby—And you couldn't accept? Poor fellow!

Fusilby—Oh, yes, I accepted every time. It was I who started the reformation story, you know.

She "Hoped" For Their Happiness.

The Newly Wed—Edith did the hatefulest thing at our reception, and I'll never forgive her.

Cousin Jane—Why, what could it be?

The Newly Wed—She addressed Charles in the most pitying manner and said, "I hope you'll be happy." The way she uttered that word "hope" was positively unbearable.

She Wanted One Saved For Her.

Young Miss Wilgus—Where are you going, papa?

The Rev. Mr. Wilgus—To the temperance meeting. We intend to inaugurate a movement to save the young men of the country.

Young Miss Wilgus—Try and save a nice one for me, will you, papa dear?

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LOCAL ITEMS

J. W. Bowes arrived in town today by the Nanaimo train.

Judge Harrison passed through town this morning on his way to Victoria.

I. Gould and his nephew returned yesterday from a fishing trip to Somenos Lake. They were extremely lucky, catching no less than 189 fish.

AT THE ABBOTSFORD.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Little.
J. A. Colvert.
J. G. Potts, Montreal.
A. D. Mowatt,
F. S. McKee, Vancouver,

Rev. A. Ewing, superintendent of Chinese Missions in Canada, and who has spent ten years in China, arrives today and will preach in the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning. Mr. Ewing is a very fine speaker. He goes to Chemainus in the evening.

Yesterday Government Agent Mr. Thompson held an informal investigation into the trouble between two white lads and a Chinese boy. The affair apperently was not as serious as at first supposed and the boys were dismissed with a caution on promising to purchase a new lantern for the Chinese boy in place of the one broken by a kick. The white boys stated they were in fun and that the breaking of the lantern was accidental.

FIRE INQUIRY OPENS-

A small number of interested spectators gathered at the Provincial Government office today to hear the evidence given at the inquiry before Mr. Thompson, into the fire which occurred in the latter part of September at P. Zinkovitch's house on High street. Mr. F. McB. Young represented the city, while Mr. Russel Simpson looked after the interests of Zinkovitch. Mr. Zinkovitch was examined at length upon the question of insurance and the condition of the house; but as her evidence had to be translated from the Austrian tongue, the proceedings were rather lengthy. The inquiry was still in progress when the Ledger went to press.

SPORTS

CHECKERS.

The members of the Checker Club last night had an informal talk over arrangements for the approaching game with Nanaimo, which will be played here on October 22nd.

PRACTICE TOMORROW.

A final practice will be held tomorrow morning for the association football match between the Black Diamonds and Snowflakes which takes place Oct. 16th.

BASKETBALL.

A Basketball match between the Shamrocks and Leaders has been arranged for Wednesday evening and a good deal of interest will be centered on the event, as both teams can turn out strong combinationa.

NANAIMO FOOTBALL.

The Nanaimo Athletics beat the the Mosquitoes yesterday at Rugby by a score of eight to seven.

SHAMROCKS DEFEAT CAPITALS

Montreal, Oct. 8.—The Montreal Shamrocks, champions of the world and holders of the Minto Cup, yesterday defeated the Capitals of Ottawa by the decisive score of six goals to one in the first match of the post season series. The match was played on the M.A.A.A. grounds in the presence of two thousand spectators.

NO MEETING.

The public meeting to decide about what should be done with the Dominion Day celebration fund surplus did not take place last night owing to the small attendance and apparent want of interest taken in the matter. Another effort will likely be made to get a gathering together later on.

CAUGHT A DEER.

While the mechanics employed at Protection Island shaft were enjoying their mid-day meal yesterday, says the Free Press, they observed a deer in the water swimming to Jack's Point. Mr. J. Gillespie speedily launched a boat and pulled after it. He caught the deer and after an exciting struggle which was watched from the shore with breathless interest, and in which the boat was almost capsized and the hunter thoroughly drenched with salt water, he succeeded in getting the deer into the boat and in tying it securely.

MARINE

Tug Lorne, which was in port this morning for bunker coal, is again under the command of Capt. Butler, who, after a year's absence in California, has quite recovered his health and this morning was welcomed back to Ladysmith by his many friends. Captain Cutler, who, during Capt. Butler's absence, has been in command of the Lorne, returns to the collier Wellington as captain. The Wellington, now lying in Esquimalt harbor, will soon be in commission again. Mr. A. Matthieson has gone to Esquimalt to join her as first officer. The Lorne left today for Vancouver to tow the bark Harold to sea.

Mr. James Fowler, surveyor for Lloyds, is in Esquimalt making the survey of the Wellington before she goes into commission.

A telegram from San Francisco last night states:

"The Merchants' Exchange has received a cable despatch from London stating that the steel steamer Mineola, of 1,892 tons, bound from Petropavlovsk, Siberia, for this port struck a reef off Tigil bay on September 5th, and became a total wreck. The officers and crew were rescued and taken to Hakodate, Japan, by the British cruiser Algerine.

The Mineola is well-known to people here as for a long time she carried coal between the Vancouver island mines and San Diego for the Southern Pacific railway. She is owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., and her master, Capt. Kirkwood, was married to a Nanaimo lasy, formerly Miss Ritchie.

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BIG HARVESTS.

Saratoff, Russia, Oct. 8.—The railroad officials here are unable to handle the enormous accumulation of grain from the big harvest in the Southeast of Russia.

ALL ARE DEAD.

Dessau, Germany, Oct. 8.—All of the eighteen miners imprisoned by a sudden inrush of water and mud in the Leopold Brown coal mine near Koethen on Thursday, are dead The bodies of the men cannot be reached.

COAL AT COLEMAN.

"Our colliery at Coleman, in the Crow's Nest Pass, will be producing a daily tonnage of 500 tons by the end of next week," said Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, president of the International Coal & Coke Company, to the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday last, on his way east from British Columbia.

"The bituminous coal lands acquired by the International extend about seven miles north and south on the strike of coal measures, and have a width of one mile. The Crow's Nest branch of the C. P. R. passes within 200 yards of the main entry of the mine. Development work was started last October. We have already extracted 35,000 tons of coal and are in 2,000 feet in No. 2 seam, which has a uniform thickness of fourteen feet. There are in all seven coal seams which outcrop at darious points across our property. Mr. Baton, a Pittsburg coal mining engineer, who designed our plant, estimated the coal resources in sight on our lands, above the level of the Old Man River, at 64,000 000 tons.

"This plant," continued Mr. Flumerfelt, "is now nearing completion. is designed to handle an output of 2,000 tons of coal daily by the end of December and expect to reach the maximum capacity of the plant by next June. We are employing three hundred men, including mechanics engaged on construction. Our coal tipple, now nearing completion, is designed to handle 4,000 tons of coal daily. It is the largest tipple in the Crow's Nest district. The C. P. R. has already built two and three-quarters miles of tracks and sidings on the coal company's property. A battery of 104 coke ovens have been completed and coke is now being shipped to the British Columbia smelters. We anticipate no difficulty in finding a market for our output, as the coal is adapted for cooking, steaming and domestic purposes. At this juncture the C. P. R. is one of the largest consumers, the coal being used as fuel in the locomotives along the main line and branches."

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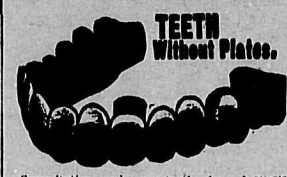

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