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## CAPT. BETHELL'S ROMANCE

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London, December 15 .- Justice Sir William Sterling, sitting in the chancery division of the high court of justice to-day, had before him a romantic marriage case arising out of the death of Capt. Bethell, R.N., who was shot by the Boers in 1884, in an engagement in which Gen. Sir George Warren, now chief commissioner of police, also took part. Capt. Bethell, a few months before his death, had become enamored of a native girl belonging to the Baralong tribe. He married her according to the rites of that tribe, the ceremony consisting of the slaughter of an ox, the head of which was sent to the mother of the bride, while the father was provided with a plough. The name of the bride was Teepoo. About ten days after the death of Captain Bethell she gave birth to a daughter, who was subsequently baptized under the name of "Mabetele," meaning "Mother of Bethell." In support of these statements Montsioa, an African king and the chief of the Boraleade cavalry, made affidavits to the effect that Teepoo was duly married to Capt. Bethell, and that she was not before married. Capt. Bethell by his will left certain number of heifers to Teepoo and directed that if a child were born it should be educated in England, after it reached eight years of age, and that if a boy he should enter the English army, but that Teepoo should forfeit her property if she behaved improperly. Capt. Bethell left considerable property in Yorkshire, and the question arises whether the marriage was a legal one, and the daughter consequently legitimate and entitled to the property. Mr. Hastings, Q.C., contended that this was not a polygamous marriage, and that it was consequently valid. There may have been polygamy in the Baralong tribe, but Capt. Bethell lived with Teepoo as his only wife and had no intention of committing poly gamy. The case was not completed when the court adjourned.

A SENSATIONAL DIVORCE CASE. Another sensational divorce case was brought before Justice Sir James Hannan to-day. Mrs. Hyde, the daughter of Capt. Rowley and niece of Admiral Rowley, sued for divorce from Frank Hyde, the artist. She alleged cruelty against him, and he filed a cross bill alleging infidelity on her part. Percy and Honley Tellgate, cousins of Mrs. Hyde, were implicated as co-respondents. All the parties denied the charges. It was shown that the co-respondent had slept in the sitting-room of Mrs. Hyde after she had left her husband. But no actual

THE LORD CHIEF-JUSTICE NEARLY CHOKED. In one of to-day's trials great excitement was caused by Lord Chief Justice Coleridge retiring abruptly from his seat on the bench apparently violently ill. A doctor was called, and it was found that Lord Coleridge had swallowed a lozenge whole and that for the moment he had come near choking to death.

misconduct was proved.

#### FAMOUS UNMARRIED MEN.

BACON says that " certainly the best works and those of greatest merit for the public have proceeded from unmarried or childless men. Schopenhauer, the German philosopher, appears to be of the same opinion: " For men of higher intellectual avocation, for poets, philosophers, for all those in general who devote themselves to science and art, celibacy is preferable to the married life, because the conjugal yoke prevents them from creating great

Moore has expressed the same belief, asserting that in looking back through the lives of the most illustrious poets it is evident that they have been, with scarcely any exception, " restless and solitary spirits, with minds wrapped up, like silkworms, in their own tasks, either

strangers or rebels to the domestic tie." Dante, Milton, Shakespeare and Dryden are instances of the saddening effect of married life upon poets. Dante went through life away from his wife and children, nursing his mind

that oft-told jest of Dryden, which sufficiently exhibits his view of the subject; when his wife told him she wished she were a book in order that she might have more of her husbands companionship, he said : " Be an almanac, my love, so that I can change you every year."

Scott's remark about Dryden was that "on no occasion when a sarcasm against matrimony would be introduced has he failed to season it with such bitterness as spoke of an inward consciousness of domestic misery."

But the same is true of other artists as well -of musicians and painters as well as poets. Wagner, when a young man, married an ac tress, " pretty as a picture," but she appears to have had but little sympathy with his aims. and he lived apart from her. He afterwards married a daughter of Liszt, who did appreciate his genius, and with her he was very

The girl whom Haydn married turned out a shrew. Berlioz wrote: "O, that I could find her the Juliet, the Ophelia that my heart calls to, that I could drink in the intoxication of mingled joy and sadness that only true love knows! Could I but rest in her arms one autumn evening, rocked by the north wind on some wild heath and sleeping my last sad sleep !" We are told that a few years after these

effusions were written he arranged an amicable separation from his wife, his former divinity, and he left her to die in misery and solitude. Handel was never in love, and had an aversion to marriage. In 1707 he went to Lubeck to compete for a position as organist, but, finding that one of the conditions for obtaining the place was that he should marry the daughter of his predecessor, he fled precipitately .- Brooklyn Eagle.

#### FOR COMMERCIAL UNION

Mr. Sanford Fleming at the Toronto Branch of the Federation League.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 .- At a meeting of the local branch of the Imperial Federation League here ast night, Mr. Sanford Fleming, C.M.G. president of the branch, delivered an address. Regarding commercial union with the United States, he said that if it could be obtained on favorable terms he would welcome it with satisfaction. They all desired free commercial relations with that country. They desired it not only in Canada but in every British possession. Throughout every part of the British empire there existed the most cordial and friendly feelings towards the United States and the universal desire was that such feelings might be perpetuated. Such being the case, the commercial union which had been brought under our notice was much too narrow in its aim. They wanted one broader and farther reaching. It might be asked why should not commercial union embrace every country under the British flag? The consideration of commercial union would in no way interfere with the federation of the British possessions. It might, however, tend to widen the discussion

and influence the consideration of a greater question-re-union of the two great Englishspeaking nations. Professor Macoun read a paper on a customs union with England, and a resolution favouring free trade between Canada and Great Britain was, on motion of Mr. John Kean, tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

### INDIGNATION AGAINST TRAIN.

St. John, N.B., December 1, 1887 .- The tatement is published that in a lecture at Moncton, George Francis Train spoke slightingly of Mrs. Cleveland, and drew on a blackboard a caricature of President and Mrs Cleveland. This has caused much indignation against Train among the people of New Brunswick, who entertain the same admiration and respect for Mrs. Cleveland that is accorded her in her own country.

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