

# WHAT IS BEING TALKED ABOUT BY THE NATIONS OF EUROPE

## Buckingham Palace's New Facade Is To Be "Aged"

### King George and Queen Mary Dislike Appearance of Brand New Building and Stone Work Will Be Made to Look Slightly Weather Worn.

## LITTLE PRINCE JOHN GLAD HE IS NOT A GIRL

(Special Dispatch.) London, June 28. The little Prince takes an intelligent interest in the maffraettes, and a few days ago, when walking with his nurse in the Green Park, in a fit of enthusiasm shouted at the pitch of his voice, "Votes for Women!"

The Prince of Wales is getting a fine reputation at Magdalen. Some time ago he was often hunting, when he slipped and fell on a sharp stone, cutting his knee. The wound bled profusely. He pulled out a handkerchief, bound it round the wound and was off again like a shot.

Undergraduates sit in the dining room of their college in the order that they take up their abode in the houses. The Prince has his place on the bench in a decidedly pleasant position for these warm evenings; but it must have been far from agreeable during the spring and winter, for it is close by the door, and the draught is perceptible even in summer.

It is a subject of remark how many children of prominent society women are appearing nowadays in the Park without hats or bonnets of any description; and another thing to be noticed with regard to the children is the simplicity of the materials used for the little garments. Many society mothers dress their children in white embroidery frocks, such as their grandmothers made in bygone days, and the year round, the only difference being the addition of a coat in cold weather, but still with the little heads unprotected in any way.

Mrs. Winston Churchill is largely responsible for the "bareheaded" fashion, she is considered quite an authority upon the clothing and upbringing of children.

## AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TAKES TEA LIKE A NATIVE

### MR. PAGE HAVING HIS TEA

## HOME OFFICE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS IMPORTANT CHANGES IN JURY SYSTEM

(Special Dispatch.) London, June 28. The Home Office Departmental Committee's report recommending many important amendments in the law and practice governing the jury system is creating a lot of discussion. The majority of the committee desired to retain the existing division of juries into special and common, with, however, important changes in the qualifications in both cases. The minority recommended the abolition of the special jury, holding that it is "a class institution which is very obnoxious to the working classes."

The retention of the special jury on the ground that their reform proposals will meet the most important objections to that tribunal was defeated by the majority. The majority believed that under these proposals special juries will be used much less frequently, that the suggested revision of qualifications will ensure a far wider choice of jurors and that the adoption of some uniform and purely mechanical system of selection will tend to secure impartiality.

The recommendations of the majority are directed to extending the jury list, while providing against the infliction of hardship on individuals. It is proposed that those liable to serve should include directors of public companies, occupiers of flats, and husbands of women who are rated.

## ATHLETIC GIRL THE MOST MORAL

(Special Dispatch.) London, June 28. BOTH gymnasium instructors and physicians in London are interested in what Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, director of athletics at Harvard University, has been saying regarding the morals of the modern athletic girl.

Dr. Sargent is reported as having said: "The social evils are the result of life's forces being turned into wrong channels. The eternal longing to externalize oneself—that is, to find an outlet for the emotions—is an inherent one in human nature. The basic impulse may find natural healthy expression in athletics, or it may find some sinister form."

Mr. Stempel, at Stempel's Gymnasium, in Albany street, Regent's Park, on reading this, said he was a firm believer in the efficacy of athletics from the moral standpoint. "My personal experience," he said, "is that girls who go in for athletics have a far higher moral standard than girls who do not. Primarily, of course, the health is very greatly improved by athletics, and a girl gets into such a good healthy condition that there is not the likelihood of her giving way to her emotions."

"I am heart and soul with athletics," he is heard to say, "but I believe that a girl who is taken moderately and not overdone. Athletics offer the girl who is busied into worthwhile occupations the opportunity to acquire not only a sound, healthy body, but a moral and mental equipoise which I believe can be acquired in no other way."

"I certainly believe that the athletic girl is less liable to succumb to temptation than her sister who does not go in for athletics. Woman is more emotional than man, and with her sex attraction is apt to be more blind. It is certain that the athletic tendencies are less liable to go astray. This is because they find in athletics a safe outlet for the emotions. It would seem to be nature's own scheme for preserving the moral balance."

"The sports girl will also be a good friend to the man who is warding off the onslaughts of disease."

## Interesting Exhibits in Art Galleries of London

### Water Colors and Oil Sketches of Mlle. Mercier, at Walker's, Have Attracted Attention of Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria—Mrs. Richard Speaight Showing Miniatures.

## FOREIGN PAINTINGS AT THE FINE ARTS SOCIETY

(Special Dispatch.) London, June 28. QUEEN Alexandra and Princess Victoria have been showing deep interest in the work of Mlle. Ruth Mercier, Sociétaire de la Société Nationale des Beaux Arts, who is now exhibiting water colors and oil sketches at Walker's gallery, No. 118 New Bond street.

Her large water colors of "Pink Roses," "Wreath of White Roses" and "Roses and Violets" give a remarkable impression of power and freedom. The flowers are beautifully arranged but without any appearance of conventional design and are painted with a broad, flowing touch that preserves their freshness and suggests their fragrance.

The best of her landscapes are those in which flowers in sunlight take a principal part, such as "Springtime Near Cannes," "Anemones in the Fields" and "Cannes in Summer."

Mrs. Richard Speaight, who has been a regular exhibitor at the Royal Academy since 1888 and at the Paris Salon since 1898, is holding a very attractive exhibition of about a hundred miniatures at Messrs. Speaight's gallery, No. 15 New Bond street, which is attracting society. Many of the miniatures, which cover a period of ten or twelve years, have been lent by their owners. They include portraits of several members of the royal family.

The work of Mrs. Speaight is charming and full of character. "Her Majesty the Queen" is painted three-quarter length, in a mauve evening dress, with a collar of pearls. It is an excellent likeness. Other royal portraits are those of "H. R. H. Prince George of Wales," in a white sailor suit; "H. S. H. Prince Rupert of Teck," and "H. S. H. Princess Mary of Teck."

## Loss of Dogs Blow to Abdul Hamid

### The Kindlier Side of the Deposed Sultan is Revealed by a Noted Veterinary.

## SEARCHERS FOR POET LAUREATE NOT KEEN

(Special Dispatch.) London, June 28. THE death of Mr. Alfred Austin has left the poet laureateship vacant, and literary London is in search of a bard to fill the place occupied not only by Wordsworth and Tennyson, but by some of the hardest singers and hardest nightingales England has known. Several names are mentioned, among them vigorous though not mute Miltons who enjoy purely suburban reputations.

There is a strong party in favor of a lyric named Davies, another in favor of one named Newbolt and another for Mr. Maurice Hewlett. Mr. Stephen Phillips is excluded because of his indiscretions and Mr. William Watson because of his indiscretions. Mr. Rudyard Kipling will accept such posthumous and desired laurels.

Real lovers of poetry sincerely hope that the poet will not be filled at all, so that he may be spared the vexation of being forced to read on royal birthdays some metre and worse matter.

At the Ball Game. Washington Star—"Chucky, don't," said young Mrs. Newbolt. "I think we mean."

"No, we didn't. We got nosed out in the final inning."

"I mean you and I. We bothered louder than anybody else in the grand stand."

His Habit. Baltimore American—"There goes a man who can always get a foothold in the world."

My Chiropractor. "I mean you and I. We bothered louder than anybody else in the grand stand."

## Early Reference to Hospice Dogs



BARRY V. Writer in 1544 Pays Tribute to Barry, Who Saved More Than Forty Lives.

(Special Dispatch.) London, June 28. In relation to the dogs which made the Hospice of St. Bernard famous, and more especially with reference to the great Barry, the English weekly, Our Dogs, publishes the following:— "The following passage, of the year 1514, contains the first allusion to the little legs of spirits along the dogs' necks with which we are so familiar in Lindber's 'Alpine Mastiffs' and other early pictures.—The dogs of St. Bernard, which are employed to find travellers lost in the snow possess a wonderful sagacity—an instinct truly astonishing. Not only do they scent bodies buried deeply beneath an avalanche, but they will seize them by their garments, and, without injury to the unfortunate sufferers, drag them to the convent, or assist them to walk, and loosen the little bottles of wine which they always bear tied round their necks for such purposes.' (Alpine Sketches compiled in a Short Tour Through Parts of Savoy, Switzerland and Germany during the summer of 1814. By a member of the University of Oxford, 8vo., 1814, p. 274.)

## LONG TERMS OF SERVICE.

(Special Dispatch.) London, June 28. HERE'S a record for laborers with long years of service that any cousin across the Atlantic would probably have difficulty matching. Prizes were offered by the Huntingdonshire Agricultural Society with these results:— In a class where age was unlimited, first honors were awarded to John Isky, aged sixty-nine, with an intermittent service of fifty-four years in Lord de Rains's family; second being William Wilson, seventy-one, with fifty-three years' service with Mr. W. Brown, of Leighton, and third to Edward Hayden, eighty-two, for forty-nine years with Mr. Thomas C. Ashcroft, of Foston. The first prize was under forty-five years of age was awarded to Wallace Uffindell, thirty-five years with Mr. Edwin Norman, and second to John Pyswell, thirty-nine, for twenty-nine years on the farm of Mr. H. Crumfield, of Buckden.

## OWLS SOLUTION OF UNCANNY MYSTERY

(Special Dispatch.) London, June 28. OR three days it was a mystery— a weird, uncanny mystery. It was thought that a madman had broken loose and was in hiding in the woods near the little village of Carleton, Fenrith, in South Wales. George Lamb, head gardener at Carleton Hall, was returning home to the village one night about ten o'clock, when suddenly something struck him on the head, knocking off his hat and cutting him to the extent of two inches on the side of his head. Thinking some one had thrown a stone at him in the darkness, he searched behind the hedge, but could neither see nor hear anything. Bleeding, he returned home and informed the police.

Next night about the same hour Thomas Pattinson, of Fenrith, was attacked at a very same spot, receiving a deep gash on the side of the head, which had to be sewn up.

Sergeant Armstrong, of the Fenrith police, was told off to investigate. As he was making the usual inspection, searching for footprints, finger prints and other signs on the moss and grass, he suddenly heard an angry hiss, and before he had time to recognize his assailant he was struck in the face, one of his eyes having newly escaped being torn out. With the other eye he saw a huge owl, which was upon him once more, before he had time to recover, and out open his chest with his beak. He beat off the snare but could not capture it.

That owl evidently retained some of the characteristics of the usual owl, for it was 17,000 constables.

## London's Police Cost \$15,000,000

(Special Dispatch.) London, June 28. MORE THAN 20,000 men on force in Metropolis, of Whom 17,000 Are Constables. (Special Dispatch.) London, June 28. THE London police costs just under \$15,000,000 a year. The income, according to statistics just issued, was a little over \$12,500,000 more. Of this London ratepayers bear the largest contribution towards the rates exceeding \$7,000,000. Parliament granting only \$50,000 toward national services rendered by the metropolitan police.

It is possible for any one to life a policeman, and the extent to which members of this force are borrowed for private purposes is indicated by the receipt of \$3,700 from private companies, institutions and private individuals who during the year "rented" policemen. Thus the policing of Windsor Castle brought in a revenue of \$2,100, while policemen sent to St. Petersburg earned \$1,500. The British Museum had to pay \$2,750. The policemen in the House of Parliament cost \$60,000. Other of these semi-private police forces are maintained at Kensington Palace, \$2,500; King Gardens, \$1,500; National Gallery, \$300; Post Office, \$1,000; Tower of London, \$1,155; the Mint, \$500; and War Office military stations, \$55,000.

There are more than twenty thousand members of the force, which includes 17,000 constables, thirty-three sergeants and 2,000 sergeants and 17,000 constables.

## ANATOMY INSURANCE ATTRACTS ATTENTION

(Special Dispatch.) London, June 28. THERE has been of late, a great increase in the business of insuring the various important parts of the anatomy of professional persons. The latest is Miss Grace Tyson, an American actress, now appearing at the London Opera House, who has insured her eyes for \$2,000. She has a reputation for emotional expression of the eyes, hence her care of them.

According to an insurance manager, Paderewski has his hands insured for about \$40,000. Caruso has insured his voice, and the case of this actress is not the first where a person has insured the eyes. A policy was recently taken out by a scientist on his eyes owing to the fact that his research work was a constant strain, and in this instance the premium was rather high. Policies have been taken out by several well known artists who are afraid that they may lose the use of their eyes.

The most remarkable client of all was a lady who insured her nose. She was very proud of it—it was a Roman nose—and she did a considerable amount of motoring there was always a possibility that she might meet with an accident. Besides insuring her life, she took out a policy on her nose, and for ten years had the premium regularly.

An artist man who did all his writing with his toes insured his feet for \$200. One evening when he was out walking, he stumbled and fell and injured one of his feet so badly that it had to be amputated. The insurance company refused to pay the sum insured.

## THE KINDLER SIDE OF THE DEPOSED SULTAN IS REVEALED BY A NOTED VETERINARY.

(Special Dispatch.) London, June 28. ABDUL HAMID was a "lovable man" in the opinion of Dr. Heinrich Schaefer, an Austrian and noted veterinary surgeon who for eighteen years was in almost daily association with him. The deposed Sultan's love of animals, especially of dogs, made a deep impression on Dr. Schaefer, and in an interview with your correspondent pays the following tribute to the erstwhile ruler of Turkey:— "You will admit that a dog knows a good man. Well, Abdul Hamid's dogs never knew anything about the Armenian massacres, and they would have eaten up Mr. Gladstone if they had had a chance. I never have seen such mutual affection. They knew when he was coming, and when Abdul Hamid got tired of all the sycophancy and insincere flattery of his courtiers and flunkys he would go down to the kennels with me. There he knew he was loved for himself and that it was not because he was the Sultan that those dogs wagged their tails.

"When a European sovereign wanted anything out of Abdul Hamid he sent him a dog. Emperor William, I believe, used to sit up nights thinking what next he could find to send to Constantinople when that Bagdad Railway concession was hanging fire. To offset the Kaiser's gift there would come a gift from London. His favorite collier Crisp was given to him by Queen Victoria, and Ledin was his last present from King Edward. The dogs were all named, and Abdul Hamid knew every one of them.

"It was a sad day for me when they came up there and made the Sultan abdicate, but it was a sadder day for his animals. And, you know, our street dogs would never have been sent to that island if the Young Turks had not overthrown Abdul Hamid? Had they suggested such a thing to him he would have sent them there instead. It would have been better for the country."

"But you say that you are not interviewing me for my political opinions. You want to know what became of those animals. Most of the domestic animals except the cats—how the present Sultan hates cats—were preserved. The wild animals died or were stolen. The mammals, and birds, and the best of the dogs and other animals. I nearly lost my life