

BEAR WAR BURDEN WITHOUT COMPLAINT

Japs Are Heavily Taxed, But Are Willing to Bear It—Londoner in Orient.

Colonel A. M. Smith, of this city, has just returned from Japan, where he spent some time on business and pleasure combined. Col. Smith went to Japan by way of Vancouver, and returned by way of Honolulu, San Francisco, and New Orleans. While in Japan he traveled extensively among the people in the more secluded districts, and he has many strange and interesting things to relate.

Speaking to The Advertiser today, Col. Smith said the people of Japan in general are suffering from the extremely heavy taxation occasioned by the recent war, but that they are bearing the burden without complaint, being very patriotic, and willing to give all they have for their country.

The Japanese, he says, are going in extensively for manufacturing, and are very anxious to learn new and improved methods, no matter what source they come. To learn to speak and write English is the desire of nearly every young person in Japan, and now English is taught in all the public schools. Of late there has been a movement on foot to have the Japanese language Romanized—that is to have the Roman letters substituted for the complicated Chinese and Japanese characters—which would remove many of the difficulties to learning to write the language.

Speaking of the stand the Japanese people are taking regarding religion, Col. Smith said the Japanese are ready to learn anything about it. He said he would not be surprised to see the Japanese Government send a delegation to the different civilized countries of the globe to make a careful study of the different religions and report to the Mikado as to which they considered the most suitable for Japan.

Among the curious customs of the Japanese is that of never heating their houses, even in the coldest of weather, which makes it very inconvenient for Europeans and others who have to live among them.

Some sections of their larger cities he described as being very much the same as are found in European places, while other sections are built of Japanese architecture. The leading cities have all the modern conveniences, such as electric cars, electric light, and telephones. One very pleasant experience which Col. Smith had on his return journey was to bathe in the ocean at Honolulu in the month of December.

CAT GAVE ALARM

Roused Family in House Full of Escaping Cat Gas—"Bill's" New Stunt.

A resident of Waterloo street north, opposite St. George's school, has for some time been the proud owner of a large Angora cat, which performs all manner of tricks, and also as a side-saddle, which makes it very convenient for the owner to take it anywhere.

"Bill" is the somewhat uncommon name which has been given the cat. He invariably makes it a rule to stay by the old fire, and hence it was that the owner was a little surprised when at 1 o'clock this morning "Bill" came to his bedroom and started to scratch on the door. The head of the household arose with anything but kind words for the cat, but a moment later when he opened the bedroom door he found that he had good reason to further increase his love for the feline, if that were possible.

The house, it was found, was full of cat gas, and an investigation showed that a check which carries the gas from the furnace was closed.

The difficulty was soon remedied, the house aired, and the occupants were free to be none the worse for their experience.

But they feel that they owe much to "Bill," for had he not aroused the head of the family it is difficult to say what the consequences might have been.

"Bill, the Lion Saver," is very likely what the Angora, will hereafter be called.

FAREWELLED WITH FRIENDS

London last night lost two of its well-known young citizens, when Dr. Evan Ardell stepped aboard a train bound for Omaha, Nebraska, and Mr. John R. A. Grant, son of Assessment Commissioner Grant, boarded a train for Simcoe.

Dr. Ardell is a graduate of the Western Medical School, and was connected with Victoria Hospital for some time after completing his course in medicine. He will locate near Omaha.

Mr. Grant is well known for his long connection with the Molsons Bank, of this city, which has transferred him to the Simcoe branch of the institution.

Dr. Ardell and Mr. Grant were tendered banquets recently at the same cafe, and on the same night, Dr. Ardell was made the recipient of a gold-mounted pipe.

Speeches were made by Dr. McQuade, Dr. Reid, Mr. Scott Murray and Mr. Allan Tove.

The Waterloo Club did itself proud at Mr. Grant's farewell banquet, and turned out in full force to bid farewell to him.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DEATHS.

LEIGH—In this city, on Jan. 15, 1906, Edythe, the fourth daughter of John B. Leigh, in her 21st year.

Funeral from the family residence, 81 Madison street, West London, on Friday, at 3 p.m.; service at 2:30 p.m. Funeral private.

HOCKEY—Opening Game CITY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Puck faced by Mayor Judd at 8 o'clock sharp, Wednesday night, Jubilee rink. Admission, 25c. Reserved seats at the rink.

THE COCKBURN CASE

Witness Says He Told Ex-President That McGill Was Speculating.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Jan. 15.—At the trial today of G. R. R. Cockburn, charged with signing false returns to the Government, evidence was given by G. W. Yarker, manager of the clearing house, formerly a banker, to the effect that he had told Mr. Cockburn that McGill was speculating in stocks in New York.

Crown Attorney Corley told the magistrate that he would probably have called Caldwell, formerly inspector of the Ontario Bank, present tomorrow to give evidence. He then said he had information that would probably enable him to give more evidence later. Also from reports he heard he thought he ought to put McGill in the box after his case was disposed of in the other court. The magistrate said that the case had been going on for some time and that the crown should have its evidence ready and that the case ought to wind up tomorrow.

OH! THOSE RASSLERS

Michigan Man Says He Was Flim-Flammed Out of \$1,500 at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 15.—This afternoon a man named Brockman, who hails from Ameda, Mich., reported to the police that he was fleeced out of \$1,500, on a fake wrestling match pulled off here yesterday. He says that he was induced to bet on a wrestling match in Ameda and made a little money. He was then induced to come to Hamilton to bet on a match that was supposed to be "fixed." His friends told him that there was not a chance for him to lose, and he went the limit, betting \$1,500. The match was pulled off at the half-mile track, and the man Brockman backed lost. He does not know who the wrestlers were or who got his money, but is satisfied that he was the victim of a job. The local police were unable to do anything for him.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. J. M. Soper, of this city, leaves tonight for Omaha, Neb.

—The annual carnival of Trafalgar Lodge, No. 51, Sons of England, will be held tonight at the Westminster rink.

—Mrs. Allen and daughter, Miss Dorothy, of this city, are at present visiting Mrs. Thomas Symington, at Sarnia.

—Mr. A. A. Fairchild, B. A., of the Glencoe High School, has resigned his position as mathematical master to accept that of principal of the high school at Elora.

—The firemen were called early this afternoon to 99 Wilson avenue, West London, where a blaze had started in a chicken coop. The building was destroyed. Loss slight.

—Miss Anne Mackenzie has gone to Chicago, accompanied by her uncle, Mr. Wm. Ross, who is returning to Montana after a very pleasant visit with friends in this city.

—Mrs. Archibald McPherson will receive at her new home, 32 Grosvenor street, on Friday afternoon of this week, and on the first and third Mondays of each month thereafter.

—This evening Rev. Russell Conwell, of Philadelphia, will lecture in the Auditorium on the theme, "The Heroism of a Private Life." Dr. Conwell is considered to be one of America's greatest lecturers.

—A passer-by noticed a reflection in the windows of one of the McClary Manufacturing shops at 6:24 this morning, and he sent in an alarm. The brigade responded promptly, but its service was not required.

—Messrs. John and William Stevenson, of Clairholm, Alberta, returned home yesterday after a short visit in Grey, Simcoe and Middlesex counties. They have recently been the guests of Mr. John Stevenson, of 649 William street, this city.

—Mr. Frank A. Symons, formerly of this city, who has successfully represented J. Gage & Co., of Toronto, for some time as a sales agent, has been appointed to represent the same firm throughout the Northwest Provinces, with headquarters in Regina.

His many friends will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

—A pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Robert Cooper, 11 Pearl street, on Saturday, when her daughter, Miss Mills A. J. Nethercott, of Hamilton, Miss Dorothy Davidson played the wedding march. The bride was dressed in a blue serge. The happy couple left for Buffalo, where they will spend a short honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Nethercott will reside in Hamilton.

—The funeral of Florence Bonser took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her parents, Cavendish street, West London, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Nixon at 2:30. The funeral was largely attended and the floral tributes were very beautiful. The pallbearers were Messrs. Maiven Barthelemy, Ray Montefiore, Robert Wray, James Scoine, Thomas Fraser and Wm. Mercer.

—The case of Hemphill vs. the Pere Marquette came up at Toronto yesterday, when a motion was made before J. A. McAndrew, official referee, for directions as to trial of third party action. The suit is brought by the widow of Frank Hemphill, an M. C. R. trainman who was killed in a collision in August last between a Pere Marquette and M. C. R. train on the L. and P. S. line between this city and St. Thomas. The wreck was due, it is alleged, to the failure of the Pere Marquette to stop at a signal.

—The suit of Joseph Hagar, on behalf of S. Hagar, a minor, vs. the Ontario Spring Bed and Mattress Company to recover \$3,000 damages for the loss of a hand in an alleged defective machine—is being heard today at the winter assizes.

—It is understood that Mayor Judd has Mr. Charles Taylor slated to succeed Mr. W. D. Willis on the board of

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Premier's Statement Re the Waterways Settlement.

QUID PRO QUOS BASIS ONLY

The Ross Rifle Criticised—Coasting Privileges—Recent Wrecks—New Measures Down.

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In connection with the recommendation of the commission on international waterways for the division of an water at Niagara Falls for power purposes, the between Canada and the United States, to which Mr. Lancaster objected as unfair, Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave expression of the opinion he had entertained for a long time, that we should endeavor to settle permanently on the present time the question of the division of waters between Canada and the United States from Puget Sound to the St. John River. In order to arrive at this desirable end he suggested that it be necessary to give a quid pro quo for the concession of the water.

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WINNING FEATURES

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Manager Alois has another list of attractions at Bennett's Vaudeville this week, a number of which should pack the house every afternoon and night. It is one of those diversified bills which is sure to have something of especial interest for every taste.

The headline act is a protean sketch entitled "How He Won Her," presented by Mr. Thomas J. Keough and Miss Ruth Francis. Mr. Keough appears in six distinct characters, and his work in each is commendable. Miss Francis carries out her part of the sketch in a pleasing manner, and she also sings a popular number very well.

Another act which is of a high class is that of Detorelli and Glissandro, the French musical comique. The act is original and clever and proves one of the most entertaining of its kind as yet seen at Bennett's.

"A Cobbler's Dream," a neat little dancing sketch, put on by Fred and Eva Mezara, is a winner, and was rewarded with the applause it deserves. Carroll and Baker do fairly well in a singing and dancing act. Sazona presents some living portraits of famous men in a manner mostly clever, but sometimes a little off. Bob and Bertha Hyde have a sketch, and the La Belle Trio are also on the bill. The moving pictures this week are excellent.

It was announced on the curtain last night that Daby Harcourt is coming back to Bennett's shortly and the crowd applauded the announcement.

SMALLPOX AGAIN APPEARS HERE

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years the city smallpox patients, were re-engaged to look after her. She was taken to the hospital on the night of Monday, Jan. 7, but it was not until yesterday that the disease unmistakably manifested itself.

Dr. Hutchinson says the disease is of a mild type, but unfortunately the young lady has never been vaccinated.

There are many cases of smallpox in Oil Springs and the vicinity at present.

BUY EAST END SITE

Interesting Rumor About Messrs. Gorman, Eckert & Co.

It was stated today that there is a probability that the Gorman, Eckert & Co. may take over the plant of the London Canning and Evaporating Company. It is rumored that some time ago the Gorman-Eckert people made an offer to the canning company which has not as yet been accepted.

It is also known that the Gorman-Eckert Company, which is one of the most rapidly-advancing concerns in the city, has made an offer for the factory and grounds of the Bennett Furniture Company.

If the canning company's property can be acquired, the Gorman-Eckert Company will not need the Bennett factory. If not, it is said to be the intention of the company to start a canning factory on its own hook on the Bennett property.

In either event, the present large premises of the firm on Clarence street will be vacated.

THE DISPUTED SEAT

Mr. Armstrong Can Make No Move to Secure It for Some Time.

Mr. George W. Armstrong, who has made application to the seat to which Mr. Joshua Garratt was declared elected, stated today that it will be impossible to make any further move for some time.

In the first place, Mr. Garratt cannot be proceeded against until he appears here.

But if he should not appear and take his seat at the third regular meeting of the council, which will occur on the first week in February, then he will lose the seat.

Consequently, Mr. Armstrong's counsel is simply waiting to see what Mr. Garratt will do. If he is not here for the third meeting, Mr. Armstrong will take the seat.

And if he appears before that time, proceedings to unseat him will be taken at once.

The favorite recreation of Professor Smith, of Columbia University, seems to be along the line of collecting mathematical "antiques," in which pursuit he has spent some months of European travel during the summer holidays.

POPULAR ILL

Popular Hill, Jan. 12.—Mr. Ira Owen and Miss Mabel Hatch, of London, were recent visitors here.

The rink will open again on Wednesday, providing the weather man does not make another mistake.

Mr. F. G. Owen has returned from Fernhill.

The auction sale of cows held here on Thursday drew a good attendance, but the sale was not a success financially. Many

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