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CROMER'S CRITICISM OF GENERAL GORDON

Lord Cromer has some very striking things to say about General Gordon in his handbook on Egypt. "No one who has read General Gordon's journals," writes the official in Egypt, "especially Lord Cromer or Sir Evelyn Baring, as he then was—can have avoided wondering what Lord Cromer thought of Gordon." writes the London Daily Chronicle. "He, of course, as we all know, was once asked the question, and refused to be drawn. All he would say was that General Gordon was a hero of heroes. So he undoubtedly was. But heroes are often 'little cattle to deal with,' and General Gordon, though he has been no exception, Lord Cromer does every credit to the loftiness of Gordon's motives, and the heroism of his death. But he reveals by the process of simple narrative the difficulty he experienced in dealing with a man who changed his mind, several times a day, and recanted every change in successive telegrams.

do my duty. But what is 'duty' asks the Chronicle. "Is it compatible with disobedience to written instructions? Lord Cromer thinks not."



SCAMMELL'S

SPORTING MATTERS

CHALLENGE FROM CAPITAL. Frederick is called by the bowling trophy captured at Castele by the St. John bowlers. Harry Black has received a challenge from the Queen Hotel team for a match, and the challenge has been accepted. According to the rules of the competition the trophy cannot be played for until four months have elapsed after the date of the preceding competition.

CAPE BRETON HOCKEYISTS SUSPENDED FOR PAYING FREDERICK CAPITALS. SYDNEY, N. S., Mar. 31.—The Cape Breton Athletic Union held its first annual meeting tonight. Secretary Robb reported that 374 registrations had been received from amateur athletes. The suspension of those of the Sydney hockey club and Glace Bay, for playing with the Frederick Capitals after the latter had been professionally suspended by the M. P. A. A. A. resolution was passed asking the M. P. A. A. A. to reinstate the teams thirty days after date.

GORDON FEARS NOTHING.

"Starvation stared him in the face. The soldiers had to eat dogs, donkeys, skins of animals, gum, and palm filly, and famine prevailed. The soldiers stood on the fortifications like pieces of wood. The civilians were even worse off. Many died of hunger, and corpses filled the streets—no one had even the energy to bury them." "treachery and internal dissension threatened him from within, whilst a waste of burning African desert separated him from the outward help which his countrymen, albeit tardily, were granting every nerve to afford," continues Lord Cromer. "All the anxiety he had undergone had gradually turned his hair to silvery white." "Yet," said an eyewitness, in spite of all this danger by which he was surrounded, Gordon Pasha had no fear. "Go," he said, "tell all the people in Khartoum that Gordon fears nothing for God has created him 'without fear.' Now was this an idle boast. General Gordon did not know what the world fear meant. Death had no terrors for him. 'I would,' he wrote to his sister, "that all could look on death as a cheerful friend who takes us from a world of trial to our true home."

THIS NEVER HAPPENED.

"Will you please drive off the truck?" asked the motorman. The truck driver promptly reined to one side. "Thank you ever so much," added the motorman, with a smile. "You're very welcome," responded the truck driver; "but you must pardon my seeming carelessness. I had no idea your car was so near."—Philadelphia Ledger.

PATERSON'S COUGH DROPS THE ONLY CURE

MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE DEATH OF FRANK NOWLIN

His Frozen Body Found in MacBeth's Field Yesterday Afternoon by Bob King, Who Was On Debauch With Him and Frank King Sunday—Coroner Berryman Will Hold Inquiry.

The stiff and frozen body of Frank Nowlin was found yesterday afternoon lying against a tree in MacBeth's field. Life had been extinct for nearly two days. On Sunday night the deceased, who was a longshoreman, with two companions secured enough liquor to paralyze all three and made their way to the woods at the end of Millidge lane. The other men were Bob King and Frank King, who live on Main street, and who are also longshoremen. After the whiskey was consumed and all were drunk, the Kings left Nowlin and returned to the city. No search was made for Nowlin until yesterday, when Bob King, with Thomas Wendall and Edward Maber, suspected that something had happened, on account of Nowlin not turning up at work. Maber searched for him but did not know where Frank was. Officer Covay was notified and the remains were taken to the morgue. To the Sun yesterday, Bob King said that he met Frank Nowlin and John bowlers, Harry Black, the most admired beauty of the court of Charles II. It is stated by Grammont that the King caused this lady to be represented as the emblematical figure of "Britannia," on the coin of the realm. The portrait presents a tall woman, with the voluptuous features of a beauty and person which seems, perhaps from the taste of the painter, to characterize the beauties of this reign. She leans upon the base of a pillar, and has an aspect of utmost sweetness. Her luxuriant hair falls upon her fair white shoulders and her half-smile booms. She is magnificently attired in the most sumptuous robes of green, falling away from her shoulders, comes round her limbs, and draws the purple garment nearer to her figure. Such is the reputed origin of our "Britannia," but a figure not unlike that on our copper money is to be met with in the large brass coins of Hadrian and Antoninus Pius.

THE NORTH WIND. Long had Gustavus Vasa sought to rouse his fellow-countrymen, the Swedes, against the infamous Danish tyrant Christian, whose memory will always be linked with that of the "Bloodbath" of Stockholm. But the brave Gustavus found his compatriots cowardly and slow. An outlaw himself, no voice was raised in the assembly in his favor. He called upon the people to fight, but they sat sullen around him. Suddenly a cold wind arose from the north, and an old countryman cried, "God approve of the designs of Vasa, for a north wind is always a happy passage." These simple words acted like magic. The men flew to arms and prayed Gustavus to lead them against the Danes. In a few days he had collected an army, large and brave enough to give battle to the formidable troops of the King of Denmark. Victory was theirs from the first, and the capture of Stockholm in 1523 placed the crown of Sweden upon Vasa's head. It is recorded that years after Waterloo, when the Iron Duke stood before the tomb of his great enemy at Les Invalides, he said, "Napoleon never was a gentleman."

SOME VERY QUEER FACTS OF HISTORY

At Lethington Castle, in East Lothian, Scotland, is a full-length portrait, by Lily, of Frances Therese Stuart, Duchess of Lennox, the most admired beauty of the court of Charles II. It is stated by Grammont that the King caused this lady to be represented as the emblematical figure of "Britannia," on the coin of the realm. The portrait presents a tall woman, with the voluptuous features of a beauty and person which seems, perhaps from the taste of the painter, to characterize the beauties of this reign. She leans upon the base of a pillar, and has an aspect of utmost sweetness. Her luxuriant hair falls upon her fair white shoulders and her half-smile booms. She is magnificently attired in the most sumptuous robes of green, falling away from her shoulders, comes round her limbs, and draws the purple garment nearer to her figure. Such is the reputed origin of our "Britannia," but a figure not unlike that on our copper money is to be met with in the large brass coins of Hadrian and Antoninus Pius.

ENGLAND OWES TO PEPPER. It is curious to remember that when England's commercial greatness was making, her most serious rival was Holland. But the enterprising Dutchmen ruined their chances by their greediness. There was a popular little couplet which ran: In matters of commerce, the fault of the Dutch, Is giving too little, and asking too much. The whole course of English predominance abroad might have been changed, had the Dutch had not asked too much. In the closing years of the sixteenth century, galloped up to the battery with the East Indies, and they "put up" the price of pepper to such a point that the English consumers "struck out." A meeting of London merchants made one December afternoon a decision, when they agreed that the East land cannot be exaggerated. It was nothing less than the resolution to form a London East India Company. The petition of these merchants to good Queen Bess was granted in a Royal Charter of Incorporation. The company, founded at first to establish direct trade communication with the East and lower the price of pepper, soon took to itself larger purposes. Fleets of merchant ships came and went between England and India, and from the quarrel about pepper the corporation of merchants was destined through Clive and his "Nabobs" to give England a vast empire.

OPERATIVES WILL OPPOSE DECREASE. The Single Taxers' Union say that if the lumber manufacturers do not pay summer wages when the lumber mills reopen, they will not return to work. This will undoubtedly delay the starting of the mills and several owners say that owing to existing conditions they would let their plants stand idle sooner than pay the wages asked. Spruce logs are scarce and in the market in Great Britain and United States is not brisk and it will be necessary for several manufacturers to wait for the new logs. This combined with the difficulty arising from the wage question, will necessitate a later date for opening. A union is in the course of being formed among the operatives, and will be organized before the reopening

FIRSTBORNS WILL AGREE. They were discussing the law of entail, the English law bequeathing the bulk of the family property to the eldest son. "There is 60 per cent. of logic in that law," said a "first-born," "a first-born family property went to the firstborn, whether son or daughter, the law would contain 100 per cent. of logic. For the firstborn child is practically always the best—best in brain, in build, in beauty, in everything."—Atlanta Constitution.

AN IMPOSING FAMILY. "The Switsons seem to keep up an imposing establishment," remarked the carns-poets drummer. "You bet they do," replied the grocer, with a sigh long drawn out, "and I'm one of the fellows they impose on."

LOCAL NEWS

White lawn 40 inches wide, 10 cents yard, 600 yards to sell at this price. McLean's Dept. Store, 142 Mill St. Several good coatmakers wanted at A. Gilmore's, 68 King street. Steady employment at the finest class of work. Apply at once. Millinery opening at A. DeForest's, 245 Waterloo St., Wednesday and Thursday, April 1st and 2nd. Millinery opening at F. Payne's, 67 Broad St., Tuesday and Wednesday, Mar. 31 and April 1st. There's an art in washing and ironing; any housewife will tell you that. Edgar's Laundry people have acquired all the fine points. Men's new spring overcoats, all the latest styles, \$4.99 to \$18.00. Union Clothing Company, 28-29 Charlotte street, opposite city market.

The drudge W. S. Fielding has been doing excellent work in deepening the channel at the mouth of the harbor. The tug Lord Kitchener left last evening for Lunenburg to bring to Saint John two barges for the Fieldings' use. An alarm rung in from box 113 shortly after six o'clock last evening called the West Side firemen out on a wild goose chase. Some boys who were playing in an empty house belonging to the Mooney estate, had thrown some burning paper out of the window, but there was no other fire.

WHAT CAUSES HEADACHES. From October to May, Colds are the most frequent cause of headaches. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes cause. E. W. Grove on box 25c.

Conductor Peter Letevre, against whom there are charges of smuggling, arrived in the city yesterday. When interviewed at the Victoria Hotel last night he declined to discuss the case. "There will be a hearing Saturday," he said. He does not appear to be worrying as to the outcome of the inquiry.

The Every Day Club orchestra is requested to meet at the club this evening for practice. The fife and drum band had a good practice last evening, and the checker match between Messrs. Robertson and King attracted many lovers of that game. The minstrel circle had a practice after the crowd dispersed. The hall was crowded most of the evening.

Henderson & Hunt's King street store was closed all day yesterday and will be closed today. They are getting their large store in readiness for the big removal sale which begins tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. This sale promises to be one of the largest ever held in St. John and the price offered at this season of the year should crowd Henderson & Hunt's store from morning till night.

The Woman's Missionary Aid Society of Main street Baptist church gave an At Home last evening to the members of the church and congregation. The Sunday school room was very prettily decorated for the occasion. The guests were received by Mrs. R. C. Ekin, the president of the society, assisted by Mrs. W. H. White and Mrs. Litchinson. During the evening Miss Marion Campbell sang two solos, and a duet was sung by Mrs. Tufts and Mrs. Healy. The evening was spent very pleasantly.

Last night the Board of Public Works decided to grant the request of the City Cornet Band and permit that body to erect a steel band stand over the King Square fountain. The board also decided to continue to collect the tolls from North and South Market wharves through Acting Harbourmaster Alward until further notice, and to have a committee look into the whole matter of the collection of harbor tolls and revenues. The C. P. R. claim for \$2,000 damages on account of the Union street slide was referred to the recorder and the West side committee to report back. The same committee was instructed to look into the matter of the alterations in the plans of the new West Side wharf.

FOR FINE SPRING DAYS. During the coming fine Spring days mothers should remember the little ones out in the pure fresh air, so that they will have a good strong constitution when they grow up. Amalard Bros., Ltd., have a beautiful stock of baby carriages and go carts in the latest English and American styles and the prices are marked down within the reach of everyone.

AN EATING ULCER.

Ulcers are a skin disease, and are more or less directly occasioned by a bad state of the blood, which produces acid humors and corrupts the secretions. No one can expect to have a skin free from disease when the blood is in a disordered condition and the stomach and bowels act feebly in consequence. Through its wonderful cleansing, purifying powers on the blood, and its renovating action on the entire system, Burdock Blood Bitters has made thousands of cures of different skin diseases during the past thirty years it has been on the market. Mrs. Joseph Robinson, Hallowton, Que. writes: "I had an eating ulcer on my ankle. I took two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and it worked like a charm, cleansing out all the impurities from my system and improving my appetite. While taking the B.B.B. internally I used it externally to cleanse the sore, and it helped a lot."

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OPERA HOUSE Second Week, commencing March 30. THE FAVORITES. Myrtle-Harder Co. Endorsed by every newspaper in St. John as the best Stock Co. travelling. Ask anybody! WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY Lost in the Alps Big hit. Great play, wait and see! FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Davy Crockett A play that has made two fortunes. VAUDEVILLE. Buro Sisters, Clara Evens, Musical Toys, new act; Bruce Morgan, Dancer; Jos. T. Kelly, Holland and Pinkey.

THE CEDAR JIMMY FAIRBANKS FUNNIER THAN EVER. He appears at both afternoon and evening performances. NATHAN HALE. The greatest motion picture ever manufactured, and three others. ILLUSTRATED SONG: "Honey Boy." Amateur Night—Friday is our Amateur Night. This week will be the best ever. 5c—ADMISSION—5c

THE DOUKHOBORS ARE TAKING UP LAND Great Body of Them are Now Under More Enlightened Leaders and are Doing Better. LANGHAM, Sask., Mar. 31—Doukhobors taking out naturalization papers and making homestead entries is the latest development following the schism which has definitely separated the great bulk of these people from their less tractable fellows. This movement is now daily becoming more evident and comprehensive. The adherents of the naked and primitive cult are falling away and under the leadership of a more intelligent element are at last coming to an idea of citizenship and personal responsibility. Rev. Dr. McDougall, Doukhobor Commissioner, and Interpreter. Who are busily engaged visiting Doukhobors and taking homestead entries some thirty-five of which were made last week in this district alone. This movement is far from popular with those squatters who have relied on the obstinacy of the Doukhobors to gain title to some of their land. J. R. Cowan, general manager of the Cumberland Railway and Coal Co., is at the Royal.

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