

PLAGUE SPOT OF EUROPE

SUGGESTION THAT THE NATIONS WIPE OUT MONTE CARLO.

Many Cases Hushed Up—Families Ruined by the Curse of Gambling.

An interesting letter in the London Times signed "Indicus" suggests that it is time to consider the plague spot of Europe.

"Before this hideous, avian Carlo tragedy ceases to be a legend," writes "Indicus," "I would suggest that it is time attention should be drawn to the spots of this nature, the gambling rooms of too notorious places."

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LORD CURZON ON INDIA

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF LORD CLIVE.

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At a dinner given in London recently by the Merchant Tailors' Company, Lord Curzon, as an honored guest, was invited to make a speech on the subject of the present agitation in India.

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NOAH'S ARK IN YUKON

"CASEY" MORAN THOUGHT RUINS THOSE OF ARK.

An Enterprising Reporter Hears Story of Wonderful Building on Mountains.

"Mount Ararat," with the ruins of Noah's Ark on it, discovered in Yukon, was the headline that appeared in a Dawson newspaper some few years ago.

And while a controversy may well be waged as to the meaning and original purpose of the story, the Yukon declares to exist on the top of a mountain far in the interior of Northern Yukon, the management of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, which will be held at Seattle in 1909, intends to have photos and plans of it at the Pacific World's Fair, in order that archeologists may be able to give an intelligent opinion.

GERMANY AND BRITAIN

QUARRIES BY THE OCEAN

Men Live In Oddly Grouped Stone Cottages—Strict Rules of Ancient Guild.

Although the Isle of Purbeck is not strictly speaking an island, the wide stretching Dorset heaths and the range of hills which run from Worbarrow Bay to Handfast Point so isolate it that it is not surprising its inhabitants possess characteristics of their own even to this day.

It is from these hills that the famous Purbeck marble comes, and the men who quarry it are almost a race apart, says the London Globe.

TERRIBLE FALSE ALARMS

CAUSELESS PANICS WHICH COST MANY LIVES.

Practical Jokes are, Sometimes the Cause of Serious Loss of Life.

It is said that in the case of theatre fires, many more lives have been lost than in the case of street fires, and that many of these lives were lost through the effect of practical jokes.

"The cause of these panics," he says, "is the effect of practical jokes on the minds of the people."

MAX PEMBERTON'S VIEWS.

Max Pemberton, the novelist, who is an authority on Monte Carlo, said recently that the diplomatic situation would make it still untried, but one thing is clear—Monte Carlo is the haunt of every adventurer and adventurer in the world.

"The government," he says, "is perfectly aware that Monte Carlo should be suppressed, but the diplomatic situation makes it impossible, and France, under whose protection Monte Carlo exists, is placed in a most difficult position."

INDIANS RECOGNIZED PICTURE.

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SOLD BABIES IN ITALY.

Pump Twins Brought \$40 Each, But Police Interfered.

A Rome despatch brings the story of an attempt to sell children in the market at Avellino. A peasant and his wife brought two of their children, twins, four months old, and in open market offered to sell them for \$40 each.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Nursing sorrow is rising sin. You cannot keep life sweet and wholesome by taking all your sabbath days.

Some think they are full of faith because they turn their backs on the facts. Of the best way to understand your brother is to look in the face of your Father.

QUAKE ENRICHED TOWN.

"With all the harm that earthquakes do," said a rug dealer, "it is pleasant to hear of an entire town that an earthquake enriched. The town I mean is Ouzoun-Ada, on the Caspian Sea, the terminus of the Trans-Caspian and Sevan-Rankaitz railways. Ouzoun-Ada is a town of about 5,000 inhabitants. It had a miserable past, but a few years ago an earthquake visited her, and on its departure she found herself the richer by a harbor deep enough to float the largest ships. Since that fortunate visit—Ouzoun-Ada's population and wealth have trebled."

FAVOR RETURN OF GUILLOTINE.

Might Check the Wave of Brutal Assaults in France, It Is Said.

There is reason to believe that the guillotine may again make its appearance in France for the carrying out of capital punishment. The High Court has denied the appeal made by Sollicitant, who was condemned to death in this city last month for the atrocious murder of a little child.

"I see by the papers that your friend Langwater is meeting with the greatest success as a writer of a series of articles. How to get on in life." Yes, and the good of it. The poor fellow has failed in everything else he ever tried."