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KAISER BEARS UP WELL UNDER CONSTANT STRAIN

Recent Manoeuvres Make Enormous Demands on Vitality of German Emperor, But He is Able to Bear Them.

Berlin, Sept. 28.—The recent manoeuvres must have made enormous demands on the vitality and strength of the Kaiser, but he has shown that he is well able to bear them. It is not every man, officer or private, who could stay up till 2 in the morning, as the kaiser sometimes did, discussing the details of the next day's operations and then rise again at 4 to start out on a long day's work in the saddle.

His Constitution.

The explanation is to be found chiefly no doubt in the natural strength of the kaiser's constitution, but in the next place in his moderation in eating and drinking. He enjoys a breakfast of the solid English kind, with tea and a dish of meat or fish, the latter being his favorite. The ordinary German's cup of coffee and a roll or two would never enable him to get through the mental and physical labor of the entire forenoon until luncheon.

Sorely Tried.

Perhaps the majority of men in Germany, and certainly in the capital, where men's nerves are most sorely tried, eat little in the early part of the day and most heartily in the evening. It is otherwise with the kaiser who eat s heartily at breakfast and lunch, but very little in the evening. In Germany this is considered a sign of good health and strong nerves.

One of the things that contribute to the kaiser's good appetite is his moderation in smoking. Three or four light cigars, and these only when travelling, and half a dozen cigarettes of Turkish tobacco form his customary daily dole.

KING EDWARD SPENDS MUCH ON HIS CASTLES

Thousands of Dollars Spent On Improvements to Balmoral and Sandringham---Changes at Windsor Too.

London, Sept. 28.—King Edward has spent several thousand dollars this season on the improvements at Balmoral and Sandringham. All expenditure upon these properties is disbursed by the Keeper of the Privy Purse and does not appear upon the Parliamentary estimates in any shape or form. In other words, it is the King himself who bears the expense.

Heavier Than Formerly.

It is quite otherwise in the case of the changes that have been in progress at Windsor and in a less degree at Frogmore, these items of expenditure being debited to the vote for which the Office of Works is responsible. In various ways the King's disbursements during the present year have been heavier than for several years past, especially as he has increased the sum set aside for charities.

The King has not yet had an opportunity of enjoying the added comforts and pleasures which he has provided himself at Balmoral. In Queen Victoria's day discomfort and cramped space prevailed at this her favorite home, but the King has changed all that. He has enlarged the guest accommodation for one thing, though large parties are never held at Balmoral, only specially intimate friends of the royal family being invited there.

Ballroom Changed.

The ballroom has been much changed, widened, re-decorated and quite done over. It will be used as a concert room or for theatrical performances, as dances are not given there at all.

Queen Alexandra is said to be very enthusiastic about the improvement at Balmoral, and the King's opinion is being anxiously awaited by those who have carried out his orders. He never stays very long at his Scottish home and this year will be no exception to his custom. Sandringham is his favorite place and he means to spend a good part of the winter there, so extensive alterations, redecorations and refittings have been in progress there also for some time.

CANADIAN GRUB HAS NATURALISTS PUZZLED

Curious Insect Makes Its Appearance at London Zoo and Naturalists Are Worried--Was Sent from Canada.

London, Sept. 28.—By a log of wood riddled with tiny tunnels stands an ordinary looking beetle in the sect house at the London Zoo. It has just been born as a beetle from the grub which drove those tunnels. It belongs to the Longicorn family of beetles.

The grub was sent from Canada in a small log of Vancouver pine to a lady eighteen months ago. When recently it turned into a beetle she sent it to the zoo, and it has just emerged in its final state, but it may have been anywhere between twenty and fifty years in the wood, boring the tunnel through the log.

Naturalists Puzzled.

An official at the Gardens says that naturalists have not yet settled how long it takes beetles to accomplish this work of boring. There is the historic case of the Natural History Museum grub of the same species. For fourteen years it lived undiscovered in the boot tree constantly used by an Indian military officer and probably had lived in the wood itself before it was made into a boot tree. When the officer first discovered the grub he handed the boot tree, grub and all, over to the museum. It was placed in a showcase, where it lived ten years. About once annually the grub used to poke its head out into the daylight, when the curator promptly pushed it back into the wood and plugged up the hole so that it could dig its way out.

HOW LONDON VIEWS RIVAL POLAR CLAIMS

The Cook-Peary Controversy Growing Less Prominent, But the Humorists are working to Keep Interest Up.

WHAT THE JEWISH WORLD HAS TO SAY

London, Sept. 28.—The Cook-Peary controversy is beginning to grow much less prominent. To the end of last week Peary, no doubt, had things much his own way here and Cook's friends were few and far between; but already the style and tone of Peary's telegrams were causing a feeling of reaction, which has grown steadily ever since.

Cook's reticence, which at first was counted strongly against him, is now generally considered preferable to Peary's vituperation. With this feeling to aid it, opinion seems to be growing that there is little to pick between the two stories. The idea now coming to the front is that it may be well to suspend final judgment until the protagonists have given their complete data to the world.

Neither an Englishman.

Meanwhile the Britisher is extracting what fun he can from the whole affair. He would not be sorry if the verdict of the scientists were eventually to throw both men over. He would then feel himself justified in his first disbelief of Cook and his present disapproval of Peary. There are plenty who are beginning to think that both explorers have made a mistake in claiming to have found the pole, and one of the most frequent remarks heard where men are gathered together is:

"Thank God that neither of them is an Englishman."

A Former Controversy.

Apropos of the controversy the Manchester Guardian recalls the great dispute between Burton and Speke about the discovery of the sources of the Nile. Speke virtually discovered the source in Lake Victoria Nyanza on the lake alone, leaving Burton in his 1857-59 expedition. He had gone behind sick. Few people believed Speke and Burton was not one of them.

In 1863 Speke, accompanied by Grant, discovered the source beyond dispute, but still Burton denied the possibility. Then it was arranged that Speke and Burton should hold a public disputation on the subject before the British Association at Bath in 1864. On the morning of the meeting Speke was found dead in a fence, with a gun lying beside him.

The School Children.

During the last week hundreds of school children in London and the provinces have listened with eager delight to the story of the discovery and have written essays on the subject. Here are a few of the examples:

"There is now a lot of talk about the discovery of the north pole," begins a girl of 10. "Dr. Cook was supposed to have reached it, but when he got there Capt. Peary came up over the side and told Dr. Cook the pole belonged to him. They both became very angry, and waved the stars and stripes, but presently agreed to leave it in the hands of the president of America."

Immortal Americans.

Says another: "A lot of people have been trying to find the north pole, but when they got there they died, and their bones were found by Dr. Cook and Capt. Peary. The reason why Dr Cook and Capt. Peary did not die was because they were Americans."

Again another essayist affirms that Capt. Peary reached the north pole on a Dreadnought. He adds: "The reason why he went by sea was because it was cheaper than going by train. The discovery of the north pole is a good thing because it is the end of the world."

The Jewish World.

The Jewish World after referring with pride to Dr. Cook's Jewish origin says that the north pole is the only place on earth, except the other pole, where it is impossible for Jews to settle. Why? The Jew is commanded to turn his face to the east when he prays. How can he do it where there is no east?

Then how can he say morning prayers every day when the polar night lasts six months? It would mean morning prayer about once a year. Then what about the Omar? How can he count forty-nine evenings in the seven weeks between the second day of the Passover and Pentecost when there is only one long evening in the whole of the polar year? He would not know when the Sabbath was in or out.

"Suppose," the Jewish World concludes, "the long polar night began with a Sabbath evening. We should not be able to do work for months. Even that is not the worst. Suppose the long polar day began on a fast. How would you like a Yom Kippur or a Tishi B'Ab six months long?

STRATTON ELECTION TRIAL IS NOW ON

Special to The Standard.

Peterboro, Ont., Sept. 27.—The trial of Mr. J. H. Burnham, a protest against the election of Mr. J. R. Stratton as member of Parliament for West Peterboro, began at 11.30 o'clock this morning in the County Court room before Judges Magee and McMahon.

Mr. Burnham has issued between two hundred and fifty and three hundred subpoenas while Mr. Stratton in a cross petition has summoned over one hundred.

Teamster Killed.

Toronto, Sept. 28.—James Martin, aged 77 years, a teamster, was killed yesterday by being caught by a falling bank of earth and crushed against his wagon. The accident occurred at a sand pit north of the city.

CHESTERTON TO RESCUE OF DR. JOHNSON

Eminent English Journalist in Bicentenary Estimate of Hero Contests Points That He Was Rude and Pedantic.

ADMITS HE WAS RUDE BUT NEVER PEDANTIC

London, Sept. 28.—G. K. Chesterton, whose massive bulk dressed as Dr. Johnson was one of the chief delights of the recent church pageant comes to the support of his hero in a bicentenary estimate which contests "the two main popular motions that he was pedantic and that he was rude." That he was occasionally rude Chesterton admits, but declares that "he was probably the most unpedantic man that ever lived; certainly you and I are much more pedantic than Dr. Johnson. For pedantry means the worship of dead words; and his words, whether long or short, were always alive. He played long words and short words aginst each other with impromptu but infallible art."

An Example.

Chesterton takes as an example the story of the Scotchman who, vexed at the ritual jeers of Johnson against his country, said:

"Do you remeber that God made Scotland?" Johnson replied promptly: "Sir, you are to remember that the made it for Scotchmen." Then after a pause he said in grave meditation: "Comparisons are odious, but God made hell."

"Now," says Mr. Chesterton, "the vague popular opinion of Johnson would concentrate on long words like 'comparisons' and 'odious' and retain the impression that he was pedantic. It would be just as easy to concentrate on words like 'hell' and give the impression that he was vulgar. The only true way of testing the matter is to look at the whole sentence and ask if there is a single word, long or short, out of its place.

Reverse of Pedantic.

"Johnson was the reverse of pedantic, for he used long words only where they would be effective. Generally it came to this, that he spoke pompously when Boswell spoke flippantly and flippantly when Boswell spoke pompously—a very sound rule."

The charge of rudeness is admitted to be much more real, "but" says Chesterton, "about this also an impression still surviving requires a great deal of correction. Johnson was sometimes insolent, but he was never superior. He was not a despot, but exactly the reverse. It was his sense of the democracy of debate that made him loud and unscrupulous like a mob. It was exactly because he thought the other men as clever as himself that he sought in desperate cases to bear them down by clamor. Every one knows the brilliant description of him by one of his best friends, 'If his pistol misses fire he knocks you down with the butt of it'; but few realize that this is the act of a simple and heroic fellow fighting against a superior force.

Of Irregular Temper.

"Johnson was a man of great animal impulsiveness and of irregular temper and intellectually he was humble. He always went into every conflict with the idea that the other man was as good as he was, and that he might be defeated. His bellowings and bangings of the table were the expressions of a fundamental modesty. We can feel this element, I think, in everything he said, down to those last awful words upon his deathbed, when he spoke of Burke, the one man who had really excited and arrested him: 'If I saw him now it would kill me.'"

"He may seem to be hammering at the brain through long nights of noise and thunder," is the conclusion, "but he can walk into the heart without knocking."

WHAT BUDGET MEANS TO MONIED ENGLAND

Cumulative Effect of Proposed New Taxes Indicates That England will be a Poor Man's Country if Reforms Carry.

London, Sept. 28.—A member of the present British Liberal Cabinet not long ago made the statement that England would remain a rich man's country, even if the budget, with its heavy, fresh taxation proposals, were accepted by the House of Lords as it stood. The cumulative effect of the proposed new taxes indicates, however, that the contrary would be the case.

An Illustration.

As an illustration: Let a man own £250,000, of which £50,000 is invested in land. On the income derived therefrom, say £10,000 a year, he will have to pay: (1) Income tax, at fourteen pence in the pound (not quite 6 per cent.) and the supertax of 2 1-2 per cent. on income over £3,000 annually; roughly £758. (2) Land tax, £373. (3) The death duties on this estate, provision for which wealthy people and property owners generally now make of their income, would be £35,000. Assuming the expectation of the average middle age subject's life to be 20 years, this would be £1,750 a year. Extra settlement duty, £50. (4) Licenses for servants, dogs, guns, carriages, automobiles, £25. (5) Duties on wine, beer, spirits, cigars, tobacco consumed by household and guests, estimated, £100. Total annual taxation on an income of £10,000, £3,056, which is over 30 1-2 per cent., truly an enormous proportion.

THE HIDDEN MANNA OF THE PUGSLEY FEAST

What the Political Epicures Really Ate at Last Night's Banquet, With Sidelights On the After Proceedings.

THE AFFAIR IN DETAIL AS SEEN BY A CONTEMPORARY

The following from the editorial columns of the Fredericton Gleaner of Monday's issue gives a very fair idea of what had previously been mapped out for the Pugsley banquet of last night. That the programme was not precisely carried out as here indicated is not extraordinary. There are always hitches in affairs of this kind.

The Menu.

Courtenay Bay Oysters.
Served on half-shell, a la McAvity.

Soups.

Game Consomme (Leary).
Lost Memory.

Fish.

Potted Parasites on Toast (from the Sun's recipe).
Fritters of a Reputation, with Mayonnaise (pronounced Mayes) sauce.

Entrees.

Consolidated Electric Railway Stew (procured at 7 cents on the $ on $46,000).
Compote of Broken Promises and Unfulfilled Pledges.

Removes.

Listes du Votres, stuffed a la Rothesay and garnished with lemons.
Central Hash, served a la Croquette.

Joints.

Large Humble Pie, presented by the 40 odd members of Parliament who were absent when wanted.
Roast Emmerson, done brown and served with a knife.

Pastry.

Jumble Pudding, with Chaos Sauce.

Fruit.

Apples of Discord gathered in the Liberal party's orchard.
Pears, of grafters, donated by Messrs. Moore and McAvity and other associates of the Minister.
Plums of office, plucked by the Minister himself.
Dates, of cheques which don't correspond with the postmarks.
Fig(ment)s of finance.
Grapes, (sour) contributed by various disgruntled members of the party.
Nuts, pea, donated by Col. McLean.

The Card Itself.

The menu card itself is most appropriately gotten up. At each of the corners is a chaplet of laurel leaves, enclosed in which are the Minister's initials, "W.P." Connecting these is a tastefully executed border, which upon close examination turns out to be the mysterious figures "$5,000" elaborately worked in the form of a scroll. The menu cards for general use are engraved, but as a delicate compliment to the Minister, that which he will use has been tastefully hand-worked in lead-pencil.

The Decorations.

The decorations will be upon an elaborate scale. Round the walls of the banquet chamber will be hung a series of allegorical pictures prepared under the supervision of the Minister himself, representing Peace and Prosperity, and are intended to symbolize the happy condition of the country when all the Minister's optimistic predictions have been fulfilled. These will be held in place by 33 cents worth of German sur-tacks.

"Paper Surpluses."

To prevent conclusion and to distinguish them from the guests, the waiters will be garbed in paper surpluses, kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. Fielding.

While the banquet is intended primarily as a personal compliment to the Minister, it is understood that the latter does not desire the personal element to be carried too far. Instead therefore of making the form of reply usual on such occasions, and with a desire to eliminate all traces of egotism, the Minister has expressed a desire to confine himself mainly to public matters. His speech therefore will be upon the following topics:

The Topics.

Suspense Accounts and how to operate them.
The Theory and Practice of Overdrafts.
Rake-offs and commissions as factors in political economics.
How to operate a railway so as to net $134,000, besides extras.
The elasticity of figures and how to manipulate them so as to prove anything.
How not to do it.

Taken as a whole, the banquet promises to be an event which will become historic in the traditions of the Liberal party in this province.

HEINZE INTERESTS TO REMAIN IN CONTROL

New York, N. Y., Sept. 27.—According to a statement issued tonight by attorneys for F. Augustus Heinze, the efforts of Newman Erb and others to wrest the management of the Davis-Daly Copper Mining Company from the control of the Heinze interests, will prove unavailing, because proxies for 350,000 shares—a safe majority, it is said—are already in the hands of the Heinze committee.

KING MANUEL TO MARRY

London, Sept. 28.—It is positively stated in Lisbon that King Manuel will marry in April. The name of the bride-elect is not given, but in view of past rumors connecting the King's name with that of an English Princess it is assumed that it will be an English alliance.

Inquiries here, however, fail to bring forth any confirmation of the report.

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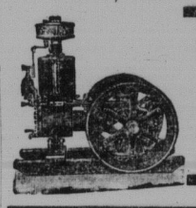
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