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SOME MODERN GIANTS

An unusual problem has to be faced by the military authorities in Wiltshire in the shape of a young man named Frederick Hempster, who is said to be 8 ft. 2 1/2 in. in height and still growing.

Mr. Hempster, who not long ago passed his majority, turns the scale at 27st. His boots are marked "sized 22 1/2," a penny can be dropped through his ring. When he travels he goes in the guard's van, the available space in an ordinary coach being too restricted for comfort. Three ordinary beds have to be placed side by side for him so to sleep in; he can span two octaves on a piano and light a cigarette comfortably at a street lamp. As the military authorities do not know what they could possibly do with him if they had him in the army, he remains for the time being peacefully at home.

At one time the distinction of being the tallest man in the British Army belonged to Pte. H. Barter, who joined the Grenadier Guards five years ago. 13 years of age at that time, he stood 6ft 8 1/2 in his stockings, and was still growing rapidly.

On Pte. Barter joining the Army the record of Major Oswald Ames, of the 2nd Life Guards, who reached the height of 6ft. 7 1/2 in. was broken. Major Ames had previously held the record for the British army by 1/4 in.

These records, however, are easily surpassed by that of Marchnow, who created a sensation at the London Hippodrome some years ago, and who weighed over 32st., and was 9ft. 3in. in height. The cloth used for one suit of clothes for him was sufficient to have made suits for six ordinary individuals.

Mention of Marchnow recalls Miss Mariel, the Tyrolean giantess, who stood 8ft. 3in. high, 23 years of age, her physical attractions were such while appearing at the London Hippodrome she received a proposal of marriage from Mr. Darral, the son of a wealthy Australian farmer, who stood no less than 8ft. 5in high in his boots. Mr. Darral was reported to have two sisters in Australia, each of whom was 7ft. 6in. in height, while his father stood 8ft. 3in. in his socks.

Another giant whom Londoners had an opportunity of seeing a few years ago was Constantine the Great, a giant standing 8ft. 1 in. in his stockings with a chest girth of 53in. To satisfy the needs of the inn he partook of five or six meals a day.

Chang, the Chinese giant who ended his days at Bournemouth some years ago, was a man of enormous size, standing over 8 ft. in his socks and turning the scale at 26st. He used to declare however, that he had a sister in China who could look over his head. This remarkable lady was 8ft. 4in in height, weighed 23st, and had a hand with a span of 2ft.

NORWEGIAN WAR BOAT FIRES ON GERMAN SHIP

Copenhagen, Denmark, Nov. 14.—The Morgenblatt says that a Norwegian torpedo boat has fired upon a German steamer which refused to stop when passing Stavanger.

The Norwegian fired a shot at the rigging, the newspaper says then boarded the steamer and dismantled her wireless.

Since the beginning of the war foreign ships have not been permitted to carry wireless installation when in Norwegian waters.

In the suit of Miss Ada Hunter, Shelburne, vs Brown, an action for breach of promise of marriage, which was tried in Halifax, judgment was given in favor of plaintiff, for \$2,500 and costs.

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REPORT ON POWER FROM FUNDY TIDES

Peculiar Formation of Cape Split Makes That Location Particularly Suitable for Proposed Plant.

Efforts are now being made to utilize the swift tidal currents in the Bay of Fundy in the production of power. This bay extends from the island of Grand Manan, of the mouth of the St. Croix River, in a northeasterly direction, for about 150 miles. It separates the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and for two-thirds of its length from Grand Manan is a straight solid body of water some forty miles in width, then is split by a narrow neck of land into two almost equal legs, the left leg known as Chignecto Bay and the right leg as Minas Basin. In this great body of water the tides of the ocean rise to a greater height than anywhere else in the world.

At the head of the bay in the two legs mentioned the tides reach the height of 50 feet; even at the city of St. John, on the main body of the bay, they rise 28 feet to 30 feet. In some places there are very swift currents, exceeding, in fact, the flow of the swiftest rivers, and it is the utilization of these currents for power that is now greatly interesting the maritime provinces of Canada.

The general flow in the middle of the bay is from one to two knots per hour, and the maximum rate at Digby Gut, on the Nova Scotia coast, is four knots; but in the right leg of the bay, known as Minas Channel, the rate is from eight to ten knots.

This rapid current, says the United States consul at St. John, in an interesting report on the subject, is doubtless due to the peculiar shape and formation of a neck of land known as Cape Split, which extends up into Minas Basin in the shape of a hook, narrowing the waters of Minas Basin at the extreme end of the cape to a very few miles.

It is at this point that the waters of the bay offer the greatest advantages for water power, because, first, there will be no obstruction to navigation; second it is an ideal situation for a power house; third, the swiftest current is here; fourth, here are the highest cliffs; and, fifth, it is the central position in relation to the needs of the province. Within a radius of 100 miles an urban population exceeding that of any city in Canada, except Montreal, can be reached.

Up to this time the use of tidal power has been almost entirely by means of large reservoirs, one of which is kept at high-tide level and empties thru power gates to the other kept at low tide level. Those who are promoting this power scheme at Cape Split because of the great current at this point expect to use just the tidal current rather than the head system. Storage will have to be provided for to meet the periods in every 24 hours when the tidal flow will have to be made. These features are now taxing the skill of engineers and others who are endeavoring to harness the tides of the Bay of Fundy.

BRITAIN MAY STOP THE MANUFACTURE OF LIQUOR

London, November 14.—A motion that the manufacture of intoxicating liquor in Great Britain should be prohibited will be made in the House of Commons, according to notice given by a group of members, after the speech last night of Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade on the food situation.

The members of the group, the notice stated, will move that this prohibition should be imposed, in view of Mr. Runciman's grave statement respecting the shortage of corn, sugar and other foodstuffs.

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