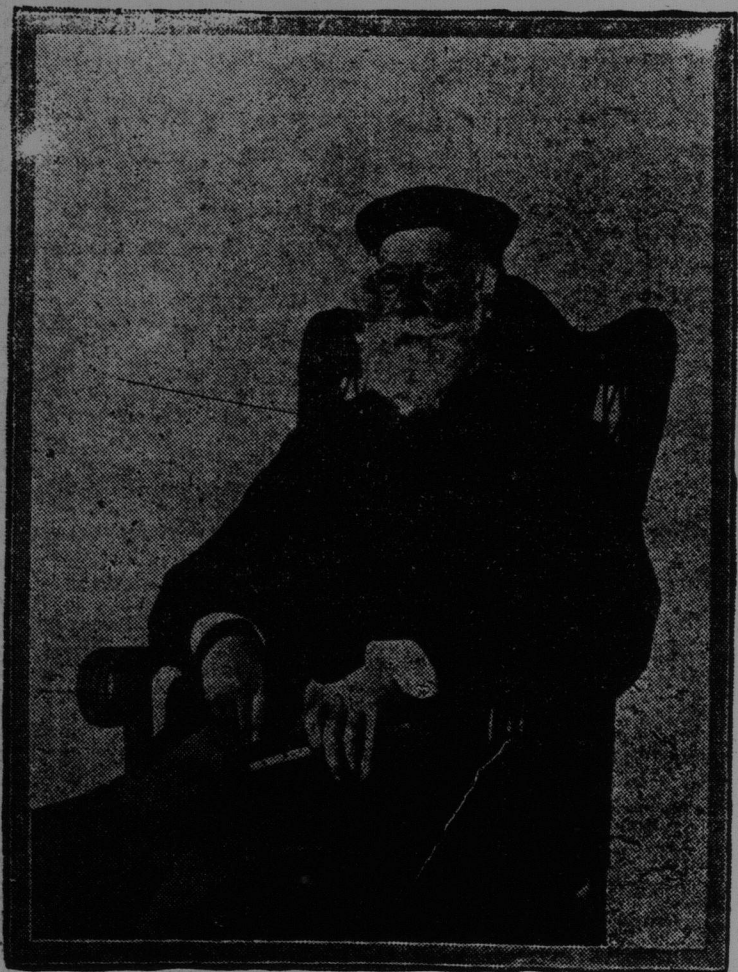


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OLDEST LIVING MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS



LONDON, Dec. 29.—Latest photo of Sir Robert Burrell, fourth Baron Gwydyr, ninety-six years old, who is the oldest member of the House of Lords.

PARTICULARS OF THE DEATH OF REV. C. C. GODDEN

Missionary in the New Hebrides Killed
by a Convent With an Axe

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 29.—News has just reached here from New Hebrides of the remarkable manner in which the murdered Anglican missionary, the Rev. C. C. Godden, met his death.

Mr. Godden was stationed at Aoba Island. The murderer had served several years imprisonment in irons in Queensland on a charge of attempted murder and resented his treatment so much that he vowed he would murder the first white man that he met on returning to his own country.

The outrage took place at the extreme northern end of Aoba, where Mr. Godden had travelled to visit his assistant.

The murderer engaged in conversation with the missionary, but as Mr. Godden was leaving the hut, stealthily creeping up behind him and pointing a rifle close to his body the weapon was discharged. The bullet shattered the missionary's thigh, and in a crippled condition he made a frantic attempt to escape.

Following his victim the enraged native made a desperate rush at Mr. Godden, finally killing him by means of the tomahawk.

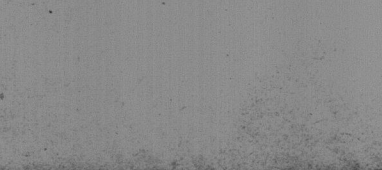
A native attached to the mission arrived on the scene at that moment and carried the body of the missionary to his own hut. He then gave information which led to the arrest of the murderer.

COULD NOT STAND THE OPERA GLASS HABIT

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Herr Nikisch, the musical conductor, caused a sensation a few nights ago at Leipzig while directing a performance of Bruckner's "Ninth Symphony."

Suddenly rising from his seat he faced the fashionable audience and sharply upbraided the ladies for staring at him through their opera glasses. "Your conduct," he said, "makes me so nervous that I cannot continue conducting."

PROF HORN INVENTOR OF PHOTO TELEGRAPHY



MUNICH, Dec. 29.—Latest photo of Professor Horn, of this city, whose invention, photo telegraphy, is the wonder of this century. The Professor declares that within a short time it will be possible to telegraph photos across the Atlantic.

GREAT RECORD OF BRITISH GUNNERS.

Phenomenal Improvement Shown Throughout the Navy in the
Rapidity of the Firing and the Ratio of Hits to
Rounds — Drake Heads List.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Herald's naval correspondent publishes the result of the tests of gunlayers with heavy guns in the British fleet for 1906 has just been issued and shows as a result of Admiralty encouragement, consistent training on the part of the officers and appeal to the men's vanity by the wide circulation throughout the fleet of the result of practice, phenomenal improvement and a still higher standard of marksmanship.

The method of carrying out this gunlayer's test was fully described in the Herald on Aug. 14 this year, and the only difference between the test of this year and last was a slight shortening of the time allowed for each run. Thus whereas in 1905 each turret gun had a run of three minutes, this year the run was reduced to two and three-quarter minutes and similarly for lighter calibres.

The Admiralty in issuing the report notes its extreme satisfaction at the very marked improvement in the results as compared with former years, including even those of 1905, when the shooting showed so great an advance over previous results. It further notes that this improvement is due to a higher standard generally throughout the fleet.

NUMBER OF HITS PUBLISHED.
The great innovation which marks this report is the publication of the number of hits for each ship, whereas previously only the points awarded have been published. The average points per man have risen from 62.3 last year to 80 this year, and it must be remembered that this test is a test of the ability of the gun captains to hit the target and of the rest of the gun's crew that they can handle their gun smartly. The officers are not permitted to assist or interfere in any way, the test differing in this respect from the similar one carried out in the American navy.

It is only when it comes to the more severe test of battle practice that the firing is controlled by the officers.

The Good Hope, flagship of Sir Richard, 119 hits out of 347 rounds. Of these 15 ships the first in order of merit made 124.49 points and the last 101.44 points.

The Bulwark, the flagship of Lord Charles Beresford came next and missed her century by only a fraction, her gunners making 93 hits out of 118 rounds fired. Several other flagships fell below the average, including the Albemarle, flagship of the Rear-Admiral of the Channel fleet; the Victorious, flagship of the Rear-Admiral of the Atlantic fleet, and the Hermes, flagship of the Vice-Admiral on the East Indies station, which made a lamentable showing altogether. Courts of inquiry are to be ordered in all the worst ships.

In order of merit of the squadrons top place is taken by the second cruiser squadron, the Drake being the first ship in the squadron. The score for this squadron averaged 86.7 points per man. The Mediterranean fleet came second with the Formidable as the best ship, the average points per man being 81.5. The third cruiser squadron is third in order of merit, the Carnarvon being the best ship, and the points per man 80.3. The Atlantic fleet stands fourth, with the King Edward VII. leading, and the squadron score at 83.5 points per man.

FINE INDIVIDUAL RECORDS.
Some of the individual performances may be mentioned as remarkable. Senior Baker of the Drake made 11 hits out of 11 rounds with a 6-inch gun in one minute. Scores of eight hits out of eight rounds, and seven hits out of seven rounds have been frequent with the 6-inch gun, but the record appears to stand with the Drake.

Petty Officer Sullivan of the Duke of Edinburgh made 10 hits from 10 rounds and men of the ship, with a 6-inch gun, and eight hits out of eight rounds with this gun appear to have been common.

THE LITTLE BABY WHO WILL WEAR THE HEAVY CROWN OF RUSSIA



ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—The latest photo of the Czarina and the little Czarovitch. Grand Duke Alexis, who although only two years old, already shows signs of having inherited the gigantic strength of some of his forefathers, as for instance, his grandfather, Alexander III, who could straighten out horse shoes without the slightest visible effort.

spotting aloft, and then the whole fighting organization of the ship is on trial.

It has been said that the average number of points was 80, and forty-two ships out of eighty-eight that fired were above this average, while no less than fifty-eight were above the average of last year.

SHIPS IN ORDER.
The first fifteen ships in order of merit above one hundred points, and their firing was as follows:

The Drake, flagship of Prince Louis of Battenberg, 146 hits out of 167 rounds.

The King Edward VII., flagship of Sir William May, 139 hits out of 148 rounds.

The Cumberland, Capt. Storey, 95 hits out of 113 rounds.

The Formidable, Capt. Simons, 109 hits out of 130 rounds.

The Hindustan, Capt. Colville, 121 hits out of 140 rounds.

In regard to the 12-inch gun, a petty officer of the New Zealand scored nine hits in ten rounds in 3 1/2 minutes, and a marine in the Bulwark made 10 hits out of 12 rounds.

The aggregate of shooting has been equally good with all classes of guns, reflecting the greatest credit on officers and men of the ships, and upon the director of naval ordnance and inspector of naval practice, who is responsible, under the direction of the First Sea Lord, for a new system of training and supplying the fleet with instructional appliances, new pattern sights, and other instruments essential to the advancement of naval shooting.

The object of gunnery training in the present day is to ensure rapidity of hitting. It is not sufficient therefore that gun layers should fire quickly, but they must also shoot straight. Results are estimated and prizes awarded on the basis of combined accuracy and rapidity. It is important to bear this in mind, as writers frequently refer to the volume of fire which the ship can deliver as the standard of efficiency, but it is not all the shots fired that hit, and the only reliable standard is that based upon the pinpoints named above and known among gunners as the rapidity of hitting.

In this connection a most interesting table is supplied with the official return, giving the results of the annual target practice for ten years, from 1897 to 1906. This table shows that fewer ships are now in commission owing to the elimination of slow, poorly armed, semi-obsolete and unprofitable vessels by Sir John Fisher, but whereas a

PHOTO OF PRINCE OLAF AND HIS MOTHER, QUEEN MAUD



LONDON, Dec. 29.—This photo of Queen Maud and little Crown Prince Olaf, of Norway, is being sold by the thousands here, and is seen in almost every shop window. It was taken just before the little Prince left for Berlin to visit the Kaiser.

FIGHT EVERY TIME A FUNERAL TAKES PLACE

French Graveyard the Scene of Many
Conflicts Between the Church
and Town Council.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Gruesome wrangling perturbed La Canourgue, a small town in the Lozère. Every funeral produces a scene of quarrelling between the mayor and priest at the churchyard gates. The town council has established a monopoly for burials and has bought a municipal hearse, the use of which costs five shillings for the present and will be free when the purchase outlay is paid off. But it has not been blessed by the church. On the other hand the latter charges more than the town, and besevered families are consequently glad to patronize the municipality. Hence the quarrel. When a funeral arrives at the churchyard gate the priest refuses to allow the municipal hearse to enter consecrated ground. On the other hand the mayor threatens to call in a summons against the priest if he brings his own hearse into the street beyond the churchyard precincts.

The present modus vivendi hit upon is as follows: The municipality comes to the churchyard gates within which the hearse belonging to the church waits, and the coffin is transferred from one to the other, mayor and priest looking on with eagle eyes to note that neither funeral home nor church is oversteering the boundary separating, so to speak, church and state.

JAPANESE JIU-JITSU SUBDUES A BURGLAR

Dublin Man With a Knowledge of the
Science Practises It to Good
Advantage.

DUBLIN, Dec. 29.—A knowledge of jiu-jitsu, the Japanese art of self defence has brought about the capture of a burglar and a lunatic under the most remarkable circumstances.

Two Belfast burglars were smartly caught at the residence of Mrs. John Davidson, Belfast, the other evening by Mr. Ian Davidson.

Hearing noises in the dining room Mr. Davidson took off his boots, turned on the light in the hall and quickly opened the dining room door. The burglar was engaged in ransacking a writing desk when they were surprised by Mr. Davidson's appearance. One escaped through the open window but the other was not quick enough. He was tackled in the correct jiu-jitsu fashion and given an arm lock which rendered him absolutely helpless. The police were summoned by telephone and took the man into custody. From a full description of the second man the authorities were able to effect his arrest a short time afterwards.

A lunatic who recently left the asylum after being discharged, ran amuck in the streets of Dublin the other day and stabbed three men with a large knife.

One of the men by using jiu-jitsu methods overpowered his assailant until assistance arrived when he was taken into custody.

BRIDE AND GROOM OVER A HUNDRED YEARS OLD

VIENNA, Dec. 29.—A centenarian pair have just been married at Auefeld, in Moravia. Rosa Waldner, the bride, is just over 100 years. She walked up the aisle fairly briskly dressed in the costume of the peasant women of her locality and carrying a bunch of white flowers.

Josef Kopper, the bridegroom, is one year older and required the assistance of the arm of a friend as he went up to the altar. After the ceremony the newly married couple walked arm in arm out of the church and received a great ovation from the villagers.

very large proportion of ships in the sailing fleet managed each year and for many years to shirk firing altogether, now in 1905 and this year every ship in commission took part in the test, we are enabled also to compare the number of rounds fired with the number of hits made, and it is shown that while from 1897 to 1905 the misses were always in excess of the hits, the boot is now on the other leg. In 1906 1,073 guns fired 5,661 rounds and made 5,738 hits.

The percentage of hits to rounds fired remained fairly constant from 1897 to 1902, then the curve began to move upward, but fell again in 1904, when the range was increased to an extent that the gunlayers could not see whether they were hitting or not.

In the following year Capt. Jellicoe, became director of naval ordnance, and he diminished the range to the distance previously used, with the result that a great rise was obtained, which has been maintained this year.

TEN YEARS' IMPROVEMENT.
In the ten years the percentage of hits per gun per minute has increased with the 12-inch from 39 to 51; with the 8.2-inch, from 17 to 24; with the 6-inch, from 39 to 53, and with the 4.7-inch and 4-inch, from 13.3 to 4.68.

Altogether the returns show that the British Admiralty has reason for satisfaction with the standard of efficiency reached by gunlayers in 1906, and while it is not to be supposed that finally has been arrived at, particularly as it is believed that the time limit will be again shortened next year, some very brilliant shooting has been made, the general average has been raised, and the marksmanship of the fleet has improved tremendously.

PROSPECTIVE BRIDE TURNED OUT TO BE A MAN

Before Marriage He Shot Himself, and the
Would-be Groom is Insane.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—A remarkable tragedy at Breslau has revealed a long hidden secret.

Herr Meyer, teacher, living in the town, fell in love with Mme. de Paradols during a recent visit to Paris. They were betrothed and Herr Meyer brought his fiancée to Breslau to present her to his family. The day before the wedding Mme. de Paradols committed suicide. It was then found that the fiancée was a man. He was thirty-five years of age but had masqueraded as a woman for twenty years without being suspected.

Herr Meyer is suffering from brain fever which was set up by the mental shock of the discovery.

FROZEN DEAD AS HE CUT CORDWOOD

Landowner Perished on His Property—
Victim of Heart Trouble and
Severe Weather.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Dec. 28.—An amazing story comes from a place called Little Kingsburg, in Annapolis township, Prince Edward County, across the bay from this city. It seems that two or three days ago Stanley Carnite, a land owner, went out to the woods on his property to cut cordwood. He did not return that night, and the next morning a search was made for him. He was found leaning up against a fence frozen stiff, with a hatchet in his hand.

Carnite was subject to heart trouble, and it is supposed that he was seized with an attack, leaned up against the fence near where he was working and died there.

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TO-STOP THE SALE OF ABSINTHE IN SWITZERLAND

BERNE, Dec. 29.—No federal campaign has ever had such success as that which was started to banish absinthe and all similar liquors forever from Swiss territory. The secretary of the campaign committee is, authority for the statement that 80,202 signatures have already been obtained, and there are now probably 100,000 who have signed asking that a Federal law of this sort be passed. Contrary to what has been said the German cantons have been just as enthusiastically supporting this prohibition scheme as have the other cantons. It is likely that a prohibition law will be voted at once though fears have been expressed that it may drive away American and English visitors next summer.

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