

Cheerful Tidings From London

London, April 4.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who used to be plain Dr. Doyle, must have yearned for the profession of one William Gillette a good deal before he was late. For the distinguished creator of "Sherlock Holmes" has just been copying himself recently into the task of making a play out of the adventures of his other short-story hero, "Brigadier Gerard," who is enjoying a magazine existence, and in that task the assistance of Mr. Gillette would have been invaluable. The play would have been an invaluable step by the inventive and consummate stage-craft of the American playwright, Doyle managed to construct a play out of his own detective's adventures which, though Gillette again to carry off all the weaknesses and improbabilities, proved one of the greatest of recent theatrical successes, and it was this fortune which inspired Sir Arthur to try again. But this time the knight has preferred to go it entirely alone—and so it remains to be seen of what quality is the four-act play dealing with the bold brigadier which Sir Arthur has just been finishing touches. Concerning the play the author declares that he has signed completely the various weaknesses of the French soldier which have already been told in print and which Sir Arthur has just seen in the games of both love and war. The scene of the drama is laid in France, immediately after the battle of Waterloo, and the Emperor Napoleon plays no small part in the action. It has not been decided yet where the play will be produced or when it will have it. Success, however, should reward Sir Arthur's work, for the erstwhile physician has not had the benefit of his former collaborator's assistance, for the knight, by no means a tyro at play-building. It will be remembered that "Brigadier" the little playlet in which Sir Henry Irving has appeared so often and so successfully, was Sir Arthur's pen, while another play of his called "Halves" enjoyed great favor in London about three years ago.

Captain Johnson Before Pekin

Capt. Ned Johnson of the army transport service, who was recently in St. Louis on his way to New York, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch was the man who supplied him with the fighting line at San Juan hill July 1, 1898. Since then he has seen much service in Cuba, Porto Rico, Guam, the Hawaiian islands and the Philippines. He was in the march to Pekin by the Red Cross and saw all the leading incidents of that campaign. Speaking of that affair and of the actors therein he said: "The movement of the allied forces against China was made under the banner of a mercenary commercial company against a people whose religion teaches them to do good for their sake, in contrast with our religion, which teaches us to do good for fear of perpetual torture. As the result of that military movement we secured a small indemnity, while we secured the hatred of 400,000,000 of people whose resources, if developed, will be more than ours. That development will come, not at once, but here long and then—China will rule the world. Remember, 'Westward the Star of Empire wends its way.'"

will tell you that Tommy Atkins is a mighty good fellow. "In Taku the American quartermaster employed many Chinese laborers—they were peaceable, friendly and hard working fellows. One evening I saw four or five of them surrounded by nine French soldiers. They had taken away from the Chinamen the wages just paid them. An English sergeant and a number of privates, all unarmed, came along. I explained to the sergeant what the French were doing. 'Are you sure these privates work for the Americans?' he asked. 'I am positive,' I answered. The sergeant stepped quickly over to one of the Frenchmen and said: 'I say, Frenchy—give the bloomin' pigtails back their bloody money—that's a good chap.' Frenchy could not understand English, the sergeant could not understand French, and directly there was a mixup with attitudes. It didn't last long, but the Chinamen got their money back. Then the sergeant gave the command 'Fall in,' and a moment later the detail was out of sight down the road."

SULPHUR.

Special to the Daily Nugget. L. McCarty has removed from 22 roadhouse to No. 7 above where he will run a bakery. Lumber still continues to arrive at the yard of Griffin & McBride and is just as rapidly being distributed. The miners are busy making preparations for the approaching cleanup, and lumber is very much in evidence on nearly every claim. Mr. De Chalais of No. 38 above took out a fifty dollar pan in his claim last week. In it was a nugget valued at \$10.50. While Mr. Woodson believes it will take a long time for the Tanana to develop into anything like a first class, high grade mining camp, still he is positively of the opinion the new field will ultimately become a mining district, possessing as much prosperity, stability and permanency as the Klondike. Mr. and Mrs. Lund have arrived back from Henderson creek. Mr. Lund is of the opinion that there is enough extensive mining and prospecting on this creek to place it among the gold producers of the future. A good deal of work is in progress and some claims are showing excellent pay. Ronald Morrison of 34 below has started work in earnest. He has a large number of men at work building a dam and making other necessary preparations for working his valuable properties the coming summer. Mrs. Colonel of the Brimstone roadhouse has finished some extensive additions to her roadhouse. This was found necessary in order that this popular proprietress could accommodate her constantly increasing business. It is said that a rival town to that being established on 244 Dominion

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has been started by William Tenniff at 262. The gentleman has commenced the manufacture of violins, a jack knife being the only machinery used in the art.

Mr. R. K. Latimer is visiting his family in Dawson but will return to Sulphur at the end of the week.

On Sunday last a pleasant sleighing party consisting of Frank Mahan and Miss Herkenrath, and James Sippell and Miss Harridan, went to Gold Run.

Mrs. Holbertson of No. 2 roadhouse who has not been in very good health for some time is taking a much needed rest. She is visiting friends in Dawson and other places but is expected back in a few days.

On 213 Dominion a new hotel with bath rooms in connection has been built. It is called the "Golden Flat" and is operated by Trump & St. John. It will be a part of the new metropolis being built at 214.

Mr. Lamb, the well known operator of 26 below Sulphur, made a flying visit to Dawson on Sunday last.

Sulphur is very much elated at the position which she and her sister mining creeks are permitted to take in the coming reception banquet to Dawson's (?) new governor. The Yukon territory was once larger.

WHITAKER WRIGHT.

Owned a Magnificent Home in England

London, April 4.—If Whitaker Wright is anything of a philosopher, he must have been struck, on finding himself in Ludlow street jail, New York, with the special irony of his situation, considering the fact that he is the owner of a residence in England, which is accurately described by the much-abused word "princely." The glories of "Lea Park," Surrey, the residence in question, have been dwelt on more or less since the arrest of the former chairman of the London & Globe Company, but little or nothing has been said of the extraordinary manner in which Mr.

Wright played the part of a Monte Cristo in transforming a merely picturesque English house and estate into an enchanted palace set in the midst of a modern fairyland.

BIG FORTUNE EXPENDED The sum of a million and a half of dollars is said to have been the magic wand which the London financier waved over the palace near Godalming as he found it, but it was less the mere lavishing of money than the high-handed fashion in which the very natural features of the estate were made to undergo arbitrary changes that was the remarkable part of Mr. Wright's transfiguration of his country home.

He bought it about seven years ago, and immediately called in a small army of architects and contractors, whom he ordered to set five hundred men to work, planning in this way to carry out within a comparatively short time a programme that ordinarily would have taken at least twelve years to complete. Then it was that he began his metamorphosis of the landscape. He took long walks over his broad acres, settling in his mind how he would improve on nature. Where there was a hill, say he would decide to have a lake, giving orders that the eminence should be carted off and put somewhere else, and if there happened to be a chasm where Mr. Wright believed a grove would have a more picturesque effect, why the chasm had to be filled up and trees planted over it.

TRANSFORMED LAKE He surpassed the Biblical task by making two lakes where one gleamed before, and in the lakes he placed artificial islands. More, beneath the surface of one of these stretches of water he built a sort of glass conservatory; the entrance to it being on land, so that on hot days he and his guests could bask in the coolness that lies under the water. For the other lake, too, he conceived a feature that Monte Cristo himself would have approved. This is a sort of cavern, which one enters by boat through a rocky chasm. Then there are steps hewn out of the solid rock which lead to a hall that is a glitter with Oriental ornaments and handsome statuary. Stabulary is, in fact, a hobby of Mr. Wright's and a feature of his Lea Park estate. One piece represents a gigantic dolphin carved out of a single block of marble. It weighs thirty tons and, as no railway could carry it, was hauled to the Wright estate by traction engine. There is also a magnificent fountain, formerly one of the glories of an Italian palace. Whitaker Wright bought it in Italy and engaged several Italian sculptors on the spot to come to England and superintend its setting in place.

The Lea Park mansion, over which the financier's handsome wife presides, is quite as wonderful as the rest of the property. Therein is a private theatre and also an observatory. The decorations of this pocket play house cost \$75,000, while the value of its drop curtain is \$10,000. The observatory is equipped with the latest instruments, regardless of cost. Mr. Wright's stables accommodate fifty horses. The fittings of these buildings are of gun metal and cost \$15,000. Behind the stables, for the benefit of those who wish to sit and look at the equines, there is a continuous row of settees, all in solid oak.

May 1st for Months. Lowell, Mass., April 4.—Six days have passed since the inauguration of the general suspension of the Lowell Cotton mills, and the resulting idleness of 18,000 operatives, and no disturbance or trouble of any kind has developed. So far as outsiders are able to learn of the drift of things a struggle of months is in progress.

The Lawrence Hosiery Company today paid its 3,200 employees \$21,000. The action of Treasurer Hallin, in bluntly refusing the demands of the spinners is favorably commented upon by other manufacturers, who believe that if the advance had been granted it would have had a bad effect on the situation from the mill agents' point of view.

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In the matter of the estate of Joseph King, deceased. John W. McMahon, administrator.

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Dated this twenty-eighth day of March, nineteen hundred three. JOHN W. McMAHON, Administrator.

Postoffice address, Jack Wade, Fortymile Precinct, Alaska, 14-21-28-5

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