

THIS SULTAN MAY LOSE A KINGDOM

State of Johore To Be Wiped Off the Map?

MONARCH LIVES IN ENGLAND

Has Given Up Attempt to Break into the Best Society—Is Great Sportsman.

London, Aug. 23.—When the gay and festive young Sultan of Johore makes up his mind to bid a temporary adieu to the delights of London and return to the land of his fathers he may find himself without a throne or a kingdom. The foreign office is gravely considering the advisability of annexing the little state to the British crown, and giving his Highness Ibrahim a pension in the shape of a pension of \$200,000 a year.

The dusky monarch has never shown any great fondness for his domain, and is much more partial to the modern Babylon than to his own diminishing capital, where the opportunities for getting the peace are necessarily much more limited. Probably he would make a vigorous protest for form's sake, but there is little doubt that privately he would welcome an exchange which would provide him with a magnificent income.

Wedged in between the British-protected federation of the Malay States and the British-owned island of Singapore, Johore has long been overshadowed by British influence, and it is political agents are tactful, and it is seldom that the sultan of Johore has been made to feel the steel links within the silken strands that bind them to the Indian Empire. But it happens that the sultan derives the bulk of his revenue from the gambling and opium dens in his capital, and it is the scandal arising therefrom that now furnishes the British authorities with a plausible excuse for absorbing this little kingdom and adding another blotch of red to the British Empire.

Johore is 10,000 square miles in extent, and stretches right across the Malay Peninsula from the Malacca Straits to the South China Sea. Its 200,000 or more common people are rather barbarous, and adhere strictly to the simple life, but the sultan, who is a European, and particularly European vices, and regard themselves as highly civilized and up to date. The splendid casino, where gambling goes on from morning till night, is a well-known feature of the sultan's capital, and the blue Mediterranean. And, honestly, when one comes to compare Monte Carlo with Johore, the advantage lies with the eastern paradise. The sea is bluer, the sun blazes brighter, the tuffets palm rise to more graceful heights, and the royal rights of the Johore sultan are certainly wider than those of the Prince of Monaco.

The Sultan of Johore is 32 years old. He succeeded to the throne eleven years ago. He was educated by English tutors, and as a crown prince made a European tour. Then he was feted and made much of, and formed the opinion that money could command a much better time in Europe than in Asia. Soon after he had been proclaimed sultan he came to England to take his initial fling. He was ambitious to get into society with a capital S, and was willing to spend money lavishly for that purpose. But he soon discovered to his chagrin and amazement that as a more or less permanent resident, despite his wealth and rank, society took a very different view of him from that which it did as a touring prince.

Not long ago, it is said, Princess Henry of Battenberg, looking at some precious stones, when she took a fancy to some turquoise and expressed a desire to purchase them for her daughter, Queen Victoria.

"It would be absolutely impossible for me to give you these jewels," said the jeweler. "They are for Miss —, a present from the Sultan of Johore."

"But the lady can have some like them," persisted the mother of the Queen of Spain.

"Oh, dear, no, madame," said the jeweler. "You have no idea of the trouble I have had to procure these. In fact, it would be impossible to get another set to match so perfectly, and this is what his highness is so particular about, because Miss — said unless they were quite perfect she would not take them. Besides, I doubt if your highness would care to pay the price for them."

The princess, who has a keen sense of humor, laughed and said: "It strikes me it is better in some respects to be a queen of the stage than to be a queen of the realm. I quite agree with you. I could not afford to pay fifteen hundred pounds for these stones."

Few men have had such wide experience with blackmailers as his highness of Johore. Their games have been tried upon him year in and year out. At first when he burned with ambition to get into royal society and the best smart set he was ready to buy any one who threatened to assail his reputation.

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SHOT BY COSSACK ON GERMAN SOIL

Murderer Drags Body Across the Frontier Into Territory of the Czar.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—A Russian smuggler was shot and killed on Prussian soil recently, near Laurahutte, by a Cossack frontier patrolman, who crossed the frontier and dragged the body on to Russian soil, after attempting to remove bloodstains which showed that he had killed the man on German territory.

When the Cossack saw that persons working in the fields were watching him he disappeared. Another version says that the dead man was a book-keeper on his way to the customs house. He was pestered by Cossack patrols without reason, and when he tried to flee they shot him down.

PRIEST BOYCOTTED HIS GRAVE DUG

Parishioners in Revolt Against Him and Many of Their Leaders Excommunicated.

Dublin, Aug. 23.—An extraordinary state of affairs reigns in the Keadue district, County Roscommon, consequent on the action of the parishioners of the locality, who refuse to recognize the right of the parish priest, Father Meehan, to appoint a teacher to the Graeghnafarnagh national school. Some time ago Father Meehan, as a stranger named Fleming, against the wishes of the people, who wanted the son of the former teacher, Gaffney, to be installed, said they should have a voice in the matter, and insisted on popular control of the school. As the priest refused scenes of violence ensued, and graves were dug outside the residences of Father Meehan and the teacher. The latter has a police escort to and from school, where the attendance has fallen off perceptibly owing to the people's determined stand. The Rev. Dr. Hynes, Roman Catholic bishop of the diocese, has excommunicated several leaders of the revolt.

BUYS DRINKING PERMIT

Indian Gold Miner Intoxicated Daily at Twenty-Five Per.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 23.—Having paid \$5,000 for the right to drink intoxicating liquors, Tagish Charlie, of White Horse, the Indian who discovered gold in the Klondike, and reported his discovery to white men, becomes intoxicated regularly each day, is arrested, fined \$25 and released for the next day's spree. Advice from the Yukon say that Charlie is spending his fortune so rapidly for liquor and in payment of fines that at the present rate he will be penniless in less than ten years.

Charlie is probably the only Indian in the Dominion who is permitted to buy intoxicants, the sale of liquors to Indians being forbidden by law. Charlie felt, however, that in consideration of his services in discovering the gold fields, he should receive special privileges, and his offer of \$5,000 for the permission to buy liquors was accepted in recognition of his claims.

As Indians go, Charlie is very rich. His discovery of the Klondike made his fortune, which is estimated at present at about \$100,000. He has no extravagant habits except of squandering his cash in drink and in paying fines. But no day passes which does not see him hopelessly intoxicated, in the hands of the police.

FOR REVENGE

Two Attempts to Wreck Trains on the N. Y. N. H. and Hartford.

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 23.—Two attempts within twenty-four hours to wreck New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad passenger trains have been followed by the arrest of Charles Kanarin and Martick Titupian, Armenians, who claim to have come from New York.

A few minutes before the New Haven local, due at Long Meadow at 5:57 a.m., reached the station, the men, it is charged, placed two large spikes upon

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Wash Goods—East Store.

August Bedding Sale: 2 Big Buying Chances In White Quilts

Here are two big buying chances in white quilts that no careful housewife should think of missing. Quantities are limited. No more will be sold at such low prices after present limited lots are exhausted. Hurry!

LOT 1. Canadian White Quilts. Reversible. Good size, 72x84. Regular \$1.25 value. August Bedding Sale price.....\$1.00

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30 ONLY American Quilts. Crochet weave. Nice white finish. Very large size, 78 x 88. While they last.....\$1.35

MARSEILLES Quilts. Several good designs. Extra large size and better finish than we are usually able to offer you at this price. Your choice at.....\$2.00

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These handsome, smooth-finished Covert Cloths will make stylish Tourist Coats. Wear excellently, too. English make. Oxford, mid and light gray, light and dark green. 58 inches wide. Splendid value at.....\$1.25

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149, 151, 153 and 155 Dundas Street

SELLS HIS CHILD FOR SIXTY CENTS

Eight-Year-Old Girl Handed Over to Gypsy for Price of Few Drinks.

London, Aug. 23.—An extraordinary account of the sale of a child to gypsies for 60 cents was told at the Neath Police Court yesterday, when Albert Wood, a boy of 11, and his 8-year-old sister, Martha Ellen, were charged with stealing three hens from a peasantry and three ducks.

The culprits confessed their crime, and the boy declared that he cut the heads off the birds and would have roasted them if he had possessed matches to light a fire.

It was stated that after the theft the father gave the girl to some gypsies from whom she was taken by the police. The boy was ordered to a reformatory for five years, and the girl was sent to the cottage homes.

This decision necessitated a consideration of her case by the guardians, and it is quite proper to be somewhat indefinite on the subject of Drake's exact age. He says:

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"The tortoise was captured in the Galapagos Islands toward the end of the eighteenth century. At this time the sailors regarded him as a biocenturian, relying on a date cut into his shell with a knife, which, though half-effaced, appeared to begin with 18. From this it was inferred that he had been first captured in the seventeenth century by some of the English or French pirates who were then disputing the passage of the Philippines and who made the Galapagos their rendezvous. One of these filibusters, in a vein of pleasantry, or perhaps to furnish data for the benefit of future naturalists, may have cut on the prisoner's back the date of his capture, and then set him at liberty. Perhaps he even added his name, which has been obliterated by the growth of the shell.

"From this vague date undoubtedly comes the name of the tortoise, 'Drake,' from the famous chief of the buccanniers, Sir Francis Drake, the illustrious and sanguinary sea rover of the New World.

WOODS' FAIR

Ladies' Silk Waists, \$3.00. Ladies' Print Wrappers, \$1.25. Ladies' Gowns, 75c. Black Underskirts, 85c.

Ladies' Fine Lonsdale Cambrie Gowns, in three different styles square or V8 neck, yokes made of tucks and embroidery insertion and embroidery around neck and sleeves, special sale price.....75c

Ladies' Fine Mercerized Black Satene Underskirts, full gored with deep flounce, trimmed with 3 trills, sizes 38, 40, 41 and 42, and sold regularly at \$1, special sale price.....85c

MEN'S NIGHTSHIRTS, 50c. Men's White Cotton Nightshirts, with rolling collar and pocket, nicely finished, assorted sizes, sale price, each.....50c

See our Special Line of Ladies' Underskirts, at \$1.00.

Children's Dresses to clear at special prices.

THIS TORTOISE LIVED FOUR HUNDRED YEARS

DEATH OF "DRAKE," THE FAMOUS EXHIBIT AT LONDON ZOO GARDENS.

A living creature that has trod the earth, however slightly, since the days of the Spanish Armada is an object of no common degree of interest. Such a creature has just passed away peacefully in London, in the person of Drake, a venerable tortoise of the Zoological Gardens, supposed to be nearly 400 years old.

Mr. V. Forbin, who contributes a short obituary with portrait to La Nature, notes that it is quite proper to be somewhat indefinite on the subject of Drake's exact age. He says:

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