ROBBERS BECOME LITERARY CRITICS

Many Prisoners Refuse Everything But Standard Works.

London, May 3.—When the English criminal is put away for a long term of imprisonment he is in the way of becoming a connoisseur of literature. While practicing his highly developed trade of annexing other folks' property, his acquaintanceship with books is usually confined to the volumes kept by bookmakers, but once inside jail he becomes an intellectual persons. At least, if one is to judge by home office reports, he develops distinct literary preferences.

There is a library in every big convict prison, run by the chaplains, assisted in some cases by well-behaved prisoners. Educated prisoners are just as prone to intellectual fads in jail as in the cultured society from which they are drawn. There are men at Maidstone jail who demand the works of Bernard Shaw and Herbert Spencer, who despise the fiction of the day, and will only accept works by their favorite high-class author. Often enough their demands cannot be met by the prison librarians.

Shakespeare in Demand.

Curious fashions in books sometimes run through a prison. The less literate prisoners are subject to a curious form of vanity, and think that to be seen reading Shakespeare is a hallmark of respectability. There is consequently such a demand for the works of the Bard of Avon that it outruns the supply.

Sometimes Dickens becomes the rage. Recently an ex-convict had something to say about "Oliver Twist" in the way of criticism. "The general moral of that story is all wrong," he said. "Look at Bill Sikes, with his black eye and his bulldog. A man who was getting such a lot of money as he was wouldn't be knocking about a neighborhood like Seven Dials. He'd be with the swell mob. Then's there's Fagin, teaching boys to thieve. You'd never see an old man teach a boy. If a man in the swell mob was found taking an innocent boy out with him nowadays, he'd stand a good chance of having his brains knocked out by the other professionals."

Among the most popular authors are six living writers. No American figures in this list of prison preference. Mrs. Henry Wood heads the list, followed by Charles Dickens, G. A. Henty, Rider Haggard, Sir Walter Scott, Wilkie Collins, Capt. Marryat, Alexander Dumas, Silas Hocking, Miss Braddon, Charles Reade, Lord Lytton, Clark Russell, Charles Kingsley, Rolf Boldewood, Walter Besant, Rose N. Carey, Edna Lyell, Hall Caine and Conan Doyle.

FIRST CHILDREN POOREST

English Doctor Thinks Law of Inheritance Should Be Changed.

London, May 3.—"The law of inheritance should be altered so that not the eldest, but the second or the third son comes into the possession of title, property and position on the father's death."

This revolutionary opinion was given by a physician with a large family practice when discussing the examinations of only and eldest children recently made in Vienna by Professor J. Friedjung, from which it would appear that only the eldest children are usually timid, neurotic, unstable and hysterical.

The professor had under examination 100 such children, forty-five of them being boys. Of them all only thirteen were fully normal. Eighteen were severely neuropathic and sixty-nine showed nervous instability.

"I have frequently noticed that the eldest children are often backward and neurotic," said the family physician referred to. "The eldest child has usually been the only child for a considerable period, and the only child is the hub of the house. Everybody has to give way to it; everything is sacrificed to it, and the child speedly suffers from exaggerated ego. Such a child is spoiled, pampered and improperly fed. Even supposing that it is not true that the first child is naturally not so good as later children, he soon becomes not so good because of the way he is treated.

"In large families the healthy children, physically and mentally, are those which, having been born latest, are left to grow up by themselves and look after each other, instead of being coddled and shepherded by the parents. Children of a big family are far fitter than those in a family of one or two children only."

"Professor Friedjung is quite right," said another physician. "The best children are born when the mother is aged from 28 to 35."

BALLOONIST SCHUACK DEAD.

Berne, Switzerland, May 2. — Col. Theodore Schuack, the Swiss aeronaut, who competed in last year's international balloon race at St. Louis, died today.

Schuack piloted the balloon Helvetia which landed at Ville Marie, Que., having covered a distance of eight hundred and fifty miles. The airship took fourth place in the contest.

MANY RULERS ON ISLAND KINGDOMS

Americans Prominent Among Owners of Great Estates.

London, May 2. — There are other kings in Britain besides King George. Though no coronation ceremonies attend their assumption of power, these minor monarchs of island homes wield almost regal influence over their tenants.

Prominent in the list is the Hon. Cecil Baring, who with his American wife, a daughter of the late Pierre Lorillard, passes part of each year on the island of Lambay, in Dublin Bay. Three miles in circumference, the island is four miles from Ireland's capital, and every inhabitant is peculiarly dependent upon the owner.

The biggest island property is Arran, ruled over by the beautiful Marchioness of Graham, wife of the eldest son and heir of the Duke of Montrose. This tiny kingdom is 19 miles long, 10½ miles broad, and has an area of 168 square miles.

The beneficent despot reigns at Brodick Castle, visited in 1902 by King Edward when cruising in Scottish waters. Ne - by are the ruins of Loch Ranza Cast... once the residence of the Scottish kings. Along the cliffs of the south coast are several caverns, in one of which Robert Bruce hid himself, while it was from Brodick Bay that Bruce sailed to Carrick on his expedition for the recovery of the crown.

Another Island realm, the Calf of Man, was for several years the property of a wealthy American family. There the late Col. Gary, a man of scholarly attainments, lived immersed in his books, without so much as visiting the neighboring Isle of Man for months at a stretch. William L. Cary, who succeeded to this unique property, emigrated to the United States when quite a boy, and amassing a fortune in California, came back to his island home and lived there for ten years. Tiring of its seclusion, he sold the estate for $100,000 last fall.

LITTLE STREET SINGER TO MAKE GRAND DEBUT

Stella Carol, Who Was "Found" in London Last Christmas Eve, Is to Appear for Princess.

London, May 2.—Operatic impresarios are watching a tiny, but bright, new star which has just appeared on the horizon. When little Stella Carol, to use the new phrase which has been adopted for her, made her last appearance as a singer it was on a Hampstead sidewalk in the chilly dusk of last Christmas Eve. Her next appearance will be under the auspices of a princess, for at Hoxton Hall next week the Princess Alexandra of Teck will be on the platform when little Stella sings, and there will be other masters to hear and to weigh up her talent and the prospective value of her young voice.

The story of Stella's discovery is no new one. Other great singers have been found in the same casual way. The little girl set out to sing in the streets in order to earn some money to buy a Christmas present for her mother. But a good fairy was abroad that night, and Mme. Amy Sherwin, who heard her, was so charmed with the sweet child with the silvery voice that she adopted her, taught and trained her. So rapid has been her progress that, though still in the beginning of public life, possibly fame and fortune await her. Such, at any rate, is Mme. Sherwin's opinion.

"Stella's progress has been remarkable," she said to a correspondent. "Several very great musical critics have heard her during her months of practice, and they have been astonished at the wonderful purity of her voice.

"Her training during her stay with me has not been purely musical, either. She has a governess to superintend her lessons. Princess Alexandra of Teck is very anxious to hear her, and the opening ceremony of the new institute of the Girls' Guild of Good Life, at which her serene highness is to officiate, will make it a suitable opportunity.

OMETEPO ACTIVE.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, May 3.—The volcano Ometepo, in Lake Nicaragua, is in a state of great activity. Great quantities of ashes have been thrown up, and much uneasiness is felt by the people living on the border of the lake.

LORDS SHOULD GIVE IN, DECLARE TORIES

Fight May Be Shorter Than Expected in the House.

London, May 2. — Will the Lords yield in their struggle over the Parliament bill, designed by the Commons to limit their veto? That is the question that is agitating England, and it is by no means so certain that the attitude of the peers will be irreconcilable as appeared at first.

There is importance in the fact that most of the Conservatives have abandoned the contention that the country did not give a mandate to the Liberals against the Lords at the last election, because they rely on the support of Labor men and Nationalists for their maintenance in power. "That cock will fight no longer" is the decision of the wire-pullers. Whatever the combination is that maintains the ministry, it is solid against the privileges of the Lord.

And now one hears Conservatives quoting a late and great leader of their party, Lord Salisbury, as to the limits to which the Upper House should go in a crisis. When Mr. Gladstone sent the Irish Church from the state, Lord Salisbury led 35 Conservatives into the lobby in support of the measure, though he and they disapproved of it. He judged it unwise to run counter to the national will, and he explained his reasons.

"I quite admit," he said, "everyone must admit—that when the opinion of your countrymen has declared itself, and you see that their convictions—their firm, deliberate, sustained convictions—are in favor of any course, I do not for a moment deny it is your duty to yield. It may not be a pleasant process, it may even make some of you wish that some other arrangement was possible; but it is quite clear that, whereas a minister or a goverment, when asked to do that which is contrary to their conviction, may resign, and a member of the Commons, when asked to support any measure contrary to his convictions, may abandon his seat, no such course is open to your lordships. And, therefore, on those rare and great occasions on which the national will has fully declared itself, I do not doubt that your lordships should yield to the opinion of the country; otherwise the machinery of government could not be carried on."

On that view of the matter the dominant question is whether or not the national will has been fully declared on the Parliament bill, and, as I have said, there is a weakening in the Conservative opposition to that view. So, after all, if the cooler heads prevail, there may be a shorter fight than was looked for on this vital measure, so enormously important to British parliamentary progress.

RUSSIAN DANCERS AGAIN IN TROUBLE

Lively Scene in London Theatre When a "Turn" Was Omitted.

London, England, May 2. An extraordinary scene, of a kind that has not been witnessed for many a year at a local theatre, took place at the Palace Musical Hall. The star "turn" of the evening—the performance of the famous Russian dancers, Pavlova and Mordkin—was the cause of the amazing incident. The two artists declined, in spite of repeated calls, to appear in the most popular piece of their repertoire, Glasnov's "Bacchanale." The audience expressed their dissatisfaction by tumultuous booing and hooting, which even the comic pictures of the bioscope could not stop.

It is an open secret that since their first appearance on Easter Monday at the Palace, a spirit of discontent had prevailed among the leading members of the Russian troupe. On that day the two stars of the company were seen together on the stage, and then matters grew strained. At subsequent performances Pavlova appeared alone, and Mordkin also appeared as a solo dancer. A reconciliation was attempted, and at one time it was thought that friendly relations would be restored, and that the two famous artistes would consent to dance their famous duos.

Even that night Mr. Alfred Butt, the manager, confidently anticipated they would work again harmoniously together, but after giving several turns separately they declined to interpret the famous "Bacchanale." The curtain was hurriedly lowered, and M. Mordkin appeared in front of the bioscope pictures apparently willing to satisfy the demands of the audience.

But, standing in an appealing attitude, he intimated in dumb show that he was unable to prevail upon his lady partner to join him. The audience set up a tumult, and it really was a tribute to their patience that damage was not done. The management of the Palace must be exonerated from any blame. Everything possible has been done to induce the artistes to work in unison.

M. Mordkin retired, and reappeared several times garbed in the character for the "Bacchanale," but Madame Pavlova remained obdurate. Finally, the curtain was rung down amid a perfect storm of booing and hissing.

FORESTERS' SANATORIA

Supreme Chief Ranger Intimates That They Will Be Established.

Toronto, May 2.—The banquet to the members of the supreme court meeting of the Independent Order of Foresters in the assembly hall of the Foresters' Temple tonight was one of the most successful in the long list of successful banquets in the long history of the society. The proceedings were international in character and the speeches bore pleasant reference to the kindly relations existing between Canada and the United States. The keynote was struck by Lieutenant-Governor Gibson, of Ontario, when he intimated that wooing was all right in its place, but that cousins should not be too intimate.

Supreme Chief Ranger Stevenson referred to the noble work the order had undertaken in providing for the orphans of deceased members. He intimated that a further advance might shortly be undertaken in the establishment of sanatoria, with full equipment of nurses and outdoor hospitals, to look after the victims of tuberculosis who are members of the order. The chief institution would be erected in Ontario, he said.

GERMANS TRYING TO CORNER RADIUM

Expect to Bring Rare and Expensive Product Into More General Use.

London, May 2. — One of the biggest deals on record in radium has just been carried out between the British Radium Corporation and a number of leading German scientists. The arrangements provide for practically the whole output of the Trenwith mines in Cornwall, the total cost being put at $500,000 annually.

Germans will thus establish practically a corner in British radium. The success of several huge schemes of putting radium within popular reach the world over depended upon an assured unlimited supply. Among the plans proposed by the German scientists is one providing for the introduction of radium into various medicines and compounds which are guaranteed to cure maladies like rheumatism, gout, sciatica, diabetes and heart weakness.

Then a "radium exhaler" is also promised. This is a machine which, if placed in the centre of any room, gives forth emanations which have the same effect on the clothed occupants of the room as if they had been taken on a journey to the radium baths at Johannsthal or Badgastein.

The mud, which is the refuse of pitchblende after radium has been extracted, is also to be treated and sold for "radio mud baths." Radium salts, another invention, have universal use. For example, a piece the size of a pin's head, placed on electric light switches, keyholes, etc., will in the darkness indicate the location, while the same principle is also to be applied with artificial light.

When the scientists' plans have matured an extensive campaign is to be prosecuted in the United States for the wider use of radium compounds.

TIGERS ARE CAUGHT WITH FLY PAPER

London Man, on Trip in India, Finds New Way to Trap Animals.

London, May 2. — A new way to catch tigers has been revealed by Payson Stewart, who has just returned from India, where he learned about it.

A certain Indian gentleman of wealth and title has a hobby of taming and domesticating wild animals. His last experience, according to Mr. Stewart, was with tigers which he had captured and brought to his place at great expense. For a long time they were kept in a compound until they seemed to have become as harmless and tame as house cats. Then they were let loose to be pets of the neighborhood. Immediately their jungle tastes and habits returned.

The first night they cleaned out a native village and ate up something like a score of inhabitants. In spite of all the ensuing excitement, the would-be tiger tamer insisted that the animals must be captured alive and returned to the compound; they were too valuable to be killed and so the hunting party was disbanded.

No volunteers came forward, however, to catch the tigers as you do sheep, or even by putting salt on their tails. Then western ingenuity came to the front. Mr. Stewart suggested fly-paper. Hundreds of sheets of it were spread around the lawns. While the anxious people in the houses were peering out that night the tigers prowled up, stepped on the sticky fly-paper, seemed very much disconcerted when it did not drop off, and that the more they rubbed around to wipe it away the more they got on.

In a minute or two what might have been an approaching tragedy was turned into a burlesque. The tigers changed from terrors to clowns in the struggles with the fly-paper. They rolled on the ground to rub it off and finally became wiggling, howling bundles of paper instead of ferocious wild animals. They were so stuck up that they couldn't even see and hardly move, and were easily captured. Mr. Stewart recommends this method to Col. Roosevelt.

COULDN'T FOOL VIENNESE

When American Posed as Royalty the Band Played "Yankee Doodle."

London, May 3.—"One night in Vienna, a little while ago," said Avery Hopwood "Hobby Dempster and I did the variety shows and then started in on the late places of entertainment. We became bored and yearned for something to break the monotony.

"I conceived the idea that I wanted to be mistaken for royalty, or nobility at least, so I decided to pose as a grand personage incognito. It was arranged that Bobby was to call the head waiter to our box and tell him that his highness wished the band to play a certain air. Well, Bobby can't speak a word of German, so I wrote the request on a piece of paper and Bobby handed it to the head waiter with a very large tip.

"Then I assumed what I thought was a royal attitude and we waited. Nothing happened. We waited and waited some more and still nothing happened, so we got mad and left in disgust. We decided that we didn't start right and should begin on the royalty business as we entered. With this idea in our heads we hunted up another music hall, determined to act our roles consistently. Bobby was to be my aid-de-camp. As he entered he took my coat and began calling me 'your highness' and doing all sorts of salaaming. When we got in our box and had ordered some of their most expensive champagne I again assumed a royal attitude and sent word for the band to play a certain tune.

"Pretty soon the leader of the orchestra came over and stood in front of our box. I thought sure we had won this trip and were really being mistaken for royalty. I puffed all up and looked very haughty.

"And then the orchestra began to play 'Yankee Doodle.' We left in a hurry, but the waiter caught us and demanded a lot more money for the band."

WORTHEIMER'S BEQUESTS.

London, May 3.—The late Charles Wortheimer, the art dealer, left $3,000,000. He directed that his famous collection of pictures, miniatures, snuff boxes, and other art treasures, be sold and bequeathed substantial sums to London charities.

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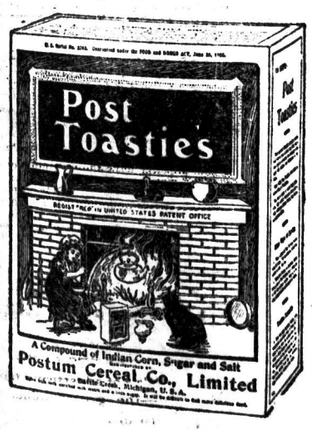

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THREE EXPEDITIONS IN ANTARCTIC DASH

The Japanese Have Given Up Attempt and Put Back to Australia.

[Canadian Press.]

San Francisco, Cal., May 2.—The recent meeting on Antarctic shores of Ronald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, and Capt. Scott, head of the British expedition, was no surprise to either, according to a message received from Amundsen yesterday by Henry Land, Norwegian consul-general at this city. The message stated that Amundsen had notified his rival from Madeira of his plans.

The meeting of the two at Whale Bay was very short.

Capt. Scott learned that eight men of the Fram's crew were at the time established in winter quarters about two miles inland. Amundsen's plans for reaching the South Pole are revealed in mail advices received here. He informed the British officers that he hoped to reach the pole via Beadmore Glacier. He had 116 dogs and enough sleighs and skis to work his dogs in two shifts.

Amundsen expected to have all his supplies packed and his winter quarters ready for occupation a few days after the Terra Nova left for New Zealand. As soon as he was settled in his shore camp he intended to dispatch the Fram to Buenos Ayres, while he remained with nine men to make his dash for the farthest south. The ship will return in December or January to bring the expedition back.

There are now three expeditions in the Antarctic waters. The Japanese have returned, the Amundsen, the Scott, and the Australian, under Capt. Douglas Mawson, being still in that territory.

ARMY AVIATOR HURT.

Muelhausen, Germany, May 2.—Lieut. Roser, of the German army, who recently obtained an aviation pilot's license, fell with his aeroplane from a height of 150 feet today, and was so injured that there is no hope of his recovery. His machine was smashed to pieces.

REV. DONALD BROWNE.

Boston, Mass., May 1.—Rev. Donald Browne, long an Episcopal missionary in Labrador, died at his home in Malden this afternoon, aged 59 years. He was chaplain of the Boston Hospitals and priest in charge of the House of Prayer at Lowell. Until last March he was rector of the Episcopal Church at Marion. Mr. Browne was born and educated in London.

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