

Two Children Awarded the Albert Medal.

Two children, a boy only eight years old, named Anthony Farrer, and a girl of eleven, named Doreen Ashburnham, left their homes at Cowichan Lake, Vancouver, on September 23, 1916, for the purpose of catching their ponies, when about half a mile from home they were attacked by a cougar, which they had approached before they saw it crouching in a path at a corner. It first attacked the little girl, springing upon her and knocking her face to the ground. The animal was on her back, but the boy at once attacked the cougar with his fists and riding blade, and succeeded in driving him off. It then attacked him, and his companion, getting to her feet, came to his rescue, fighting with her clenched hands and blade, and even putting her arm in to the cougar's mouth to try to prevent it from biting Anthony. She

succeeded in getting it off the boy, and it stood on its hind legs and fought again with her, but evidently it was disturbed by some sound, for presently it slunk away and ran under a log, where it was afterwards killed. Both the children were badly injured but were able to make their way home. The cougar measured over seven feet from nose to tip of tail. (The cougar is the Brazilian name for the puma, one of the largest and fiercest members of the great cat family). The two children were awarded the Albert Medal.

Proceeding to England.

Capt. Neil Nielsen late master of the ill-fated S.S. *Lady of the Sea* was a passenger by the *Digby* from Halifax en route to Liverpool. Capt. Nielsen had his certificate suspended for 12 months, over the stranding of the *Gaspé* and it is reported he is proceeding to England to lay his case before the British Board of Trade from whom he holds his ticket.

Emigrants Must Each Have \$250.

Ottawa, Sept. 20.—Regulations governing the admission to Canada of immigrants, and published in this week's *Canada Gazette*, provide that each immigrant over the age of 18 years, must have at least \$250 in his possession, in addition to a sum sufficient to cover land transportation charges. In the case of immigrants under the age of 18 years, the sum of \$125 is required, while parents must possess \$50 for each child under the age of five years.

These regulations are waived in favor of farm laborers, and domestic servants and in favor of persons travelling to join their families. The entry into Canada is prohibited of persons not in possession of a valid passport issued by the governments of their respective countries. These passports must be presented within one year of their issue, and, if

not British passports, must be vouched for by British diplomatic or consular officers. This regulation is not intended to apply to British subjects coming to Canada either directly or indirectly from the United Kingdom, the United States or any of the self-governing Dominions, or to citizens of the United States or to persons who have been resident in the United States for at least one year.

Steamer Connection.

Passengers leaving by to-morrow morning's train will connect with S.S. *Glencoe* at Placentia, for the West Coast route. The ship is undergoing some repairs which has caused more delay than was anticipated.

Sir Walter Scott's favourite walking-stick has been presented by Lord Knutsford to the Scottish Museum of Antiquaries, Edinburgh. It bears an inscribed silver plate with the inscription: "Sir Walter Scott, Abbotsford." Round it is still tied a faded silk cord and tassels.

Rise and Progress of the Sennusi.

Threatened by western pressure; the Moslem world has been fashioning new weapons for its defence.

The most remarkable of these are the new type religious fraternities, best exemplified by the Sennusiya. The story of the Sennusiya is one of the most picturesque in modern annals. Its rise and progress well illustrate the great vitality of Islamism.

With nearly eighty years of successful activity behind it, the Sennusiya order is today one of the vital factors in Islam. It counts its adherents in every quarter of the Moslem world. In Arabia its followers are very numerous, and it profoundly influences the spiritual life of the holy cities, Mecca and Medina.

North Africa, however, still remains the focus of Sennusism. The whole of Northern Africa, from Morocco to Somaliland, is dotted with its Zawias or lodges, all absolutely dependent upon the grand lodge, headed by the master, El Sennusi.

The Sennusiya stronghold of Jowf lies in the very heart of the Libyan Sahara. Only the European eye has ever seen this mysterious spot. Surrounded by absolute desert, with wells many leagues apart and the routes of approach known only to experienced Sennusiya guides, every one of whom suffers in thousand deaths rather than betray him, El Sennusi, the master, sits serenely apart, sending his orders throughout North Africa.

Always listened to and obeyed. The influence exerted by the Sennusiya is profound. The local Zawias are more than mere "lodges." Besides the Mokaddem, or master, there is also a "Wakil," or civil governor, and these officers have discretionary authority not merely over the Zawia members, but also over the community at large—at least, so great is the awe inspired by the Sennusiya throughout North Africa that a word from Wakil or Mokaddem is always listened to and obeyed. Thus, besides the various European colonial authorities, British, French or Italian, as the case may be, there exists an occult government with which the colonies authorities are careful not to come into conflict.

On their part the Sennusiya are equally careful to avoid a downright breach with the European powers. Their long-headed cautious policy is truly astonishing. For more than half a century the order has been a great force, yet it has never risked the supreme adventure. In many of the fanatic risings which have occurred in various parts of Africa, the Sennusiya have undoubtedly taken part, and the same was true, during, the Italian campaign in Tripoli and in the late war, but the order itself has never officially entered the lists.

In fact, this attitude of mingled cautious reserve and haughty aloofness is maintained not only toward Christians, but also toward the other powers that be in Islam. The Sennusiya has always kept its absolute freedom of action. Its relations with the Turks have never been cordial.

An Elaborate Programme.

The Sennusiya programme is the welding, first of Moslem Africa, and later of the whole Moslem world, into the revived "Ummat" of Islam's early days, into a great theocracy, embracing all true believers—in other words, Pan-Islamism. But the Sennusiya believes that the political liberation of Islam from Christian domination must be preceded by a profound spiritual regeneration. Toward this end they strive ceaselessly to improve the manners and morals of the population under their influence while they also strive to improve material conditions by encouraging the better cultivation of oases, digging new wells, building rest houses along the caravan routes, and promoting trade.

More fighting for fighting's sake is no part of their programme. The slaughter and rapine practised by the Soudanese Mahdists disgusted the Sennusiya and drew from their chief words of scathing condemnation.

Meanwhile they are covering North Africa with their lodges and schools, disciplining the people to the voice of their Mokaddem and Wakil; and, to the southward, converting millions of pagan negroes to the faith of Islam. —Family Herald.

Big Fish Shipments.

S.S. *Digby*, when she left for Liverpool on Wednesday, took nearly 4,000 cases of fish, most of which was for the Italian market, but some will be consumed in England where our Labrador fish is now in demand. The *Digby* was unable to take all the fish offering. The *Bosall* will also take a big fish cargo for transportation to the Italian market. It is reported that within the next few days, a *Whitney* steamship will load fish for the Mediterranean, direct.

A man called upon Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes and said: "I see that fish is good for the brain. How much would you advise me to take daily?" The doctor looked at him with a critical eye and remarked: "Well, in your case I think one whole on least every morning would suffice."

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