

THE CALCUTTA SWEEP IS DE-CLARED ILLEGAL.

According to a message from Calcutta there is some likelihood that the Calcutta sweep on the Derby and other lotteries will be stopped. At a meeting of the Bengal Legislative Council Mr. H. L. Stephenson, member in charge of the Police Department, intimated that no Calcutta club had Government authority for to run lotteries and were punishable under the Indian Penal Code. Whether and when the Government will take action is unknown. The Calcutta Derby sweep is the greatest sweepstakes in the world. Tickets are sold at 13s. 4d. each, and the first prize is about £75,000. This year £61,500 was won by a Liverpool girl, Miss Gwendolin Thomas.

A. C. MASLAREN'S XI BEATEN BY VICTORIA.

Victoria beat A. C. Maslaren's side at Melbourne by two wickets. The visitors who were 68 in arrears on the first innings, were dismissed in their second venture for 231, and Victoria knocked off the necessary 163 to win for the loss of eight wickets. Titchmarsh played steadily for his 82, and Chapman gave a dashing display in his innings of 69. The Light Blue was frequently applauded for his brilliant strokes, which included a very effective legside pull. He hit a six and four 4's. Altogether the Englishmen batted for nearly three hours and a half. The Victorians, despite the consistently good length of Calthorpe and Brand, which greatly kept down the rate of scoring, were successful in obtaining the requisite runs with a quarter of an hour left for play. Willis was top score with 60.

HOME FOR 6,000 SETTLERS.

After an all-night sitting the New South Wales Parliament, by a majority of six votes, states the Sydney correspondent of the Daily Mail, confirmed the agreement of the Imperial, Commonwealth, and New South Wales Governments to place 6,000 British settlers on the land. A sum of six millions sterling, which will be provided in the first instance by the Imperial Government, will be raised for the purpose. The Premier, Sir George Fuller, described the project as the beginning of the biggest immigration scheme ever undertaken. The Opposition, acrimoniously contended that Britons adapted to settlement on Australian land were not available, because there are better prospects for them in Britain. Accordingly, it was argued, there is danger of the scheme falling through owing to the wholesale arrival of unsuitable.

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QUEEN AS NEEDLOWMAN FOR LONDON'S SICK.

A few fortunate London babies will soon be sleeping beneath soft wool quilts made with the Queen's own hands. Equally lucky are those small girls who will have a fawn jumper knitted by Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles. The garments are amongst £2,500 articles for the sick and poor of London exhibited by Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild at the Imperial Institute. The quilts which the Queen has made are of the treble stitch, shell pattern, familiar to all devotees of the crochet hook. They are made in pink and white soft wool and finished with dainty rosettes and bows to match. The hems of the silk linings show that Queen Mary works a sewing machine or plies a needle as neatly as most of her feminine subjects. Princess Mary uses a plain-ribbed pattern for her jumpers and a puri and plain design for the cuffs and collar. The Prince of Wales sent a cheque with which socks and shirts were bought. At the close of the exhibition the gifts were sent to London charities.

GOING A LONG LONG WAY BACK.

Four unemployed men who had taken possession of an empty house in Peckham and installed their families in it, were charged at the Old Bailey under Statutes of Richard II, and Henry VI (14th and 15th centuries). They were charged "with forcibly making entry into and detainer of certain lands and tenements otherwise than where entry is given by law." "I daresay," remarked the Recorder, Sir Henry Will, before whom the case came, "these men have never heard of Richard II, and Henry VI. This is not an attempt to show that there are no such things as rights in property?" The Recorder asked a police sergeant. "The sergeant replied that it was not. The Recorder observed that he was glad to know that the men did this high-handed thing under what they regarded as compulsion. In the circumstances, he would issue a writ for the recovery of the premises, but he would order that it should not take effect till January 1, so that the men's wives and families would be able to remain in the house till then. He would not pass any sentence of imprisonment on the men, and, when they were brought up next session, they would be released.

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SAFETY FIRST OR MAY ARRIVE HEADLESS.

Miss Megan Lloyd George presented prizes at the Kingsway Hall to the children who were successful in the Essay Competition organized by the London "Safety First" Council. The young competitors were invited to write advice on travelling for an aunt who had not been in a train for 40 years and was visiting London. The number of entries was 130,000, from 850 London schools. The essay was won by Miss Lillian Grant, a pupil of Salter's Hill L.C.C. School, West Norwood. Among the essays received was one containing the following passage:

Whatever you do don't put your head-out of the window whilst the train is in motion. A passing express might whiff it off, and you would arrive headless and perhaps not at all if the door was not secure. Lord Newham, who presided, pointed out that 700 persons were killed annually in London and 44,000 injured, so there was room for improvement.

CAPTURE AFTER ESCAPE FROM PRISON.

Four convicts incarcerated in Peterhead (Scotland) prison were responsible for a daring attempt to escape. They were employed in a quarry, and at the conclusion of the day's work were marched to a railway siding to be taken back to prison by train. Instead of entering the train they simultaneously made a dash for freedom. It would have been an easy thing for the guards to have brought them down by rifle fire, but, as the warders were following close on the convicts' heels, they withheld from shooting blood. Two of the convicts were brought to bay 50 yards from the railway siding, and quietly surrendered, but the other two managed to evade capture for a little longer. An alarm was given immediately after the escape, and a posse of guards and warders from the prison drew a cordon round the fugitives. Ten minutes after escaping the remaining two were captured a quarter of a mile from the quarry.

THIRD SUCCESSIVE WIN FOR M.C.C.

At Port Elizabeth, M.C.C. gained the third successive victory of their South African tour, beating Eastern Province by an innings and 9 runs. A correction had been previously notified in the M.C.C. innings, the extras being returned at 9, instead of 13, the total thus being reduced by 4. With the total at 158 for six wickets, in their second venture, Battman (9) and Hops (2) continued the batting for Eastern Province. Fender and Kennedy opened the bowling, and the score rose to 187, when Woolley recored the Hampshire man, and off the third ball of his first over he caught Holtman from a skier. With the total still at 187, Ochs, the newcomer, was caught by Kennedy off Fender without scoring. Hops, with his score at 14, was joined by Cole, and 13 runs were added before the ninth wicket fell, the Kent professional then catching Hops from one of his own deliveries. Ochs, the last man in, was dismissed by Gilligan off Woolley for a "duck," and the innings, after lasting two hours and a half closed for 200.

LONELY CANADIANS APPEAL TO MAYOR OF LEICESTER.

Some months ago a lonely Alberta farmer secured an English bride by writing to the Mayor of Leicester. His plea was published in the "News of the World," and the mayor was inundated with letters. The new Mayor of Leicester has also taken on the duties of a matrimonial agent, as the result of a request from a man living in Ontario. In a letter to his worship the would-be bridegroom, who is 36, says: "I want a good, Christian girl for a wife. One that can cook, and is neat and tidy. I am not rich, but I have a nice little sum in the bank. I would like a young woman between 20 and 30, and would not object to a widow with one child, but not more than one. I would help her to come, and would marry her on arrival. I don't want any flappers or that kind. I want one who dresses nice and plain. You see I am very lonely. She must be honest, clean and good." The mayor will forward any applications from ladies who think the description fits them.

BANISHING OLD AGE. REMARKABLE EXPERIMENTS IN GLAND GRAFTING.

The news that some of the leading London doctors are about to meet Dr. S. Voronoff, a Director of the Laboratory of Experimental Surgery at the College de France, to investigate his experiments in gland-grafting, again directs attention to this interesting subject. According to the "Lancet," Dr. Voronoff has been doing some extraordinary things with sheep and goats. Old goats have been rejuvenated, and male and female sheep have been considerably altered by transplanting of their glands. Encouraged by his animal experiments, Voronoff in 1920 began to experiment with human beings. The blood of man being of the same composition as that of monkeys, the chimpanzee was selected for grafting purposes. Seven cases in all were reported, the most successful being that of an Englishman of 74, who stated that he had recovered 20 years of his lost vigour. The "Lancet" says that although Voronoff's investigations are suggestive and of the greatest interest, there are omissions in his book describing them.

BARBERS' ORGANIZER COMING THURSDAY

A meeting of the master barbers is to be held on Thursday evening at the Windsor Hotel Ottawa, when they will meet Mr. Leon Worthall, general organizer of the Journeymen Barbers of the International Union. The main objective is to have a discussion on the general conditions prevailing in the city in the barber trade, the general organizer having been specially requested to come to Ottawa for mutual benefit purposes.

that the cautious and serious researcher will most certainly regret. The accounts of the cases of rejuvenation are lacking in precision, and tests might have been made which would have been of greater value to the scientist than photographs of old gentlemen fencing or carrying bags upstairs. The subject is, however, of far reaching interest. Rejuvenation from one point of view may be possible, but the question is whether you can put new wine into old bottles.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S PET SHIP SCHEME MAY FAIL.

One result of the recent American elections is to confirm the idea that Congress will not accept President Harding's Ship Subsidy Bill, and another strengthens the belief that the Democrats will probably beat the Republicans at their knees at the Presidential election of 1924. The first event would mean that the threatened strain on British shipping would be greatly relieved, and the second that a party having a great deal of the Wilsonian element in it, even to the extent of support for the League of Nations, would be returned to power. It is too early to predict which will be the standard bearer for the Democrats in 1924, but the indications to date favour Governor Al Smith, whose rise to fame in American politics almost equals the spectacular rise of Mr. Lloyd George. Mr. Smith, once a poor boy living in New York's East-end, is a self made man who became Governor of the great State of New York through native ability, hard fighting, and personal charm. Mr. Smith's mother was a charwoman, and if he ever reaches White House, as many believe, he will be something more than a Tammany henchman.

PIQUANT IMPRESSIONS OF THE LATE LORD WOLSELEY.

"The Letters of Lord and Lady Wolseley," just published by Heinemann, are a most important contribution to the social and political history of the reign of Queen Victoria. They throw new light on several important personages of that reign, and contain the shrewdest and wittiest comments ever made on the great Victorians. "I feel," write Lord Wolseley in 1894, "that a country whose upper classes live as a certain set of men and women do can only be saved from annihilation by some such upheaval as a great war, which will cast all the best families their sons, and call forth the worst animal passions and the noblest human virtues, and for the time place the very existence of the kingdom in danger. I can see why God sends great famines and plagues and wars."

From the Nabian deserts in 1884 he wrote: "I am so tired and weary of Mr. Gladstone and his cabinet of vestrymen, with their... littleless, love of party, and indifference to the honour or greatness of England, that I hate to read anything about them. I hate to read anything about them. A dirty, doughill sort of democratic wave is now passing over the world. While he is ranting on halfpenny card about the sinfulness of war... he is planting the seeds of trouble which must end in a great Boer war in South Africa, and eventually in a war in Europe."

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LOST WHILE MARCHING.

In connection with the march of the unemployed while marching to London, Eng, the question arises whether unemployment benefit is payable to persons taking part in the marches, and also whether vacant tickets are to be issued to such persons. The person who decides these questions is appointed under the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Acts and is known as the Unemployment Inspector. It is therefore interesting to learn that the questions raised above have been recently before the Unemployment Inspector, and that his decisions were as follows: In each case he decided that benefit could not be allowed in respect of the period of the march, as in his view the applicants' prospects of obtaining employment could not fail to be diminished by their getting out of touch with the industrial area in which they had been at work previously. As to the right to benefit during the period of stay in the town to which the marches are proceeding, the Inspector in one of the two cases referred to above was not satisfied that there was sufficient ground for discontinuance of benefit, but he indicated that benefit should be paid in such cases only when it is found that during the period of stay in the town the marchers are genuinely seeking work. Where this fact is not established, benefit should be refused. Regarding vacant tickets it has been decided that these are not to be issued except to persons travelling in a genuine search for work, and that they should not therefore be issued to persons taking part in a march. Persons contemplating joining in such marches who are at present in receipt of unemployment benefit would be well advised to ponder over these decisions.

TRIPPLETS AND TWINS WHO FAILED TO SURVIVE.

Five children at a birth constitutes a record for Ireland. This has been the experience of a Belfast woman, who is now making good progress, though the children are dead. Triplets were born first, and twins followed, and this is only the 31st case on record in medical science. "A case of five children at one birth is not astonishing in Ireland than it would be in England," Dr. J. B. Brydson, an authority on obstetrics, declared. "I don't know why it is, but twins occur in Ireland twice as often as in England. The actual percentage is 1 in 60 in Ireland, and 1 in 120 in England. The most famous case in obstetrics is that of seven children in two years. It occurred in India and the mother was named Kennedy. There was one child in January, two followed in December, and four girls, all of whom lived, arrived in November." "I have never myself had a case of more than three at a birth," stated Dr. Carham Garner, lecturer at the East End Mother's Lying-in Home. I believe, however, that a London hospital has a record of no fewer than eight at a birth." At Koenigsberg, in 1794, a woman gave birth to five children at once, and there was another case in London in 1800, and one in Belgium in 1860. A remarkable instance of fecundity is that of a Russian peasant woman who was presented to the Empress Catherine in 1757. Her family consisted of two twins, 20; seven triplets, 21; four four-at-a-birth, 16; total 57. In 1888 it was reported that Mrs. George, of Dallas, Texas, had six children at a birth.

INCREASED FORCES AT THE COAL MINES

Edmonton.—Coal mines in the Edmonton and Clover Bar field report they are operating with increased forces and picketing is quiet. Many of the strikers have returned to work at Clover Bar and the Tuesday output was 1,091 tons, with 384 men at work there. Black Diamond, Marcus and Humberstone mines also claim that their output is nearly at normal again. Cardiff is still a closed field, none of the mines being operated. Some little trouble was experienced at Big Valley yesterday, where union men were told to leave the premises. After some fighting between union and non-union men, the mine was continued in operation as an open shop.

UNEMPLOYMENT HEAVY IN HALIFAX DISTRICT

Halifax.—The Unemployed Workmen's Association has written the city council drawing attention to what is termed a "serious situation" developing in Halifax and outside points due to widespread unemployment and calling the municipality to task for not having anticipated this state of affairs and taking measures during the summer months to guard against hardship for the unemployed during the winter. The letter asked for immediate relief measures that will provide food clothing and comfortable shelter for the unemployed men and their families and declared that families were "starving in a land of plenty."

WITH SALVATIONIST LEADER.

His Majesty has once again shown his sympathy with the work of the Salvation Army. When General Bramwell Booth sails for India in the course of the next few days, he will carry with him a message from the King to the Dependency. His terms will not be disclosed until the General has actually landed. The message was given him by His Majesty at Buckingham Palace, during an audience lasting for half an hour, upon the subject of the Salvation Army leader's coming tour. General Booth's itinerary includes Colombo, Calcutta, Lahore, Madras, Delhi, Bombay. He will be absent from England for three months. "The King came straight from a Council Meeting to see me," declared General Booth, "and was extremely cordial. His Majesty grasps a subject, however intricate, quickly, and has what we sometimes call the understanding heart. His questions indicated a full sympathy with our work and with our perplexities. He was particularly interested in our work amongst the lepers in the Dutch Indies, and expressed the hope that we would extend it to India."

CRITICISM OF FUNCTIONS OF U.S. "OBSERVER."

Criticism is heard in America, according to our Washington correspondent, of the policy of Mr. Harding's administration in sending to Lausanne a representative who acts merely as an "observer." Singular callousness towards the problem of America's position in international affairs is attributed to those responsible. How much the Kennalist Turks will respect the American "observer" at Lausanne remains to be seen. The value of the official attitude is not only questioned, but an awakening is coming, because all the signs prove that there is a reaction to the present business revival not many months ahead. Mr. John Moody, the greatest authority in the United States on economics and finance, told a Chicago audience that there can be no business as usual until either farm prices rise or labor costs and other living costs have fallen considerably. The reason why farm prices do not rise partly because Europe is too poor to buy anything except necessities, and those in the cheapest market. Labor costs are enormous, because the arrival of competition from abroad is limited to 3 per cent. per year of the nationals already living in the United States. The present average purchasing power of the American farmer, representing about one-third of the population today, is only about 64 per cent. of that of pre-war times, whereas the purchasing power of labor in industrial sections is still from 100 to 104 per cent. of pre-war times.

SENSATIONAL SEIZURE OF A BRITISH SHIP BY WOMEN PIRATES.

Pirates led by Chinese women made an audacious attack on a British excursion ship while steering for Hong Kong. It appears, according to the story of the officer in charge, that while the vessel was at Macao some 60 men came on board as passengers. When they were an hour out on the return journey to Hong Kong these men suddenly drew revolvers and knives and attacked the crew. The latter were taken completely by surprise, and, despite a gallant fight, were overpowered. In the struggle, two Indian guards were killed, the skipper, Capt. Birs, was seriously injured, and most of the other officers received slight wounds. After overpowering those on board the pirates forced the second engineer to go ahead while they proceeded to ransack the vessel. This they did in a most thorough manner, and the passengers, who included 60 first-class many of them British, were robbed of the whole of their belongings. It is estimated that the total value of the loot is over £70,000. After finishing their work the pirates compelled the second engineer to steer for a deserted Chinese bay, and this being reached they decamped in native boats. The Sultan is a vessel of 1,845 tons, owned by the Hong Kong and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd. The pirates were under the leadership of Chinese women, one of whom was wounded.

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OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.

Of great importance to the medical profession and the public generally, was a case heard in the Supreme Court, South Africa. An eminent Cape Town surgeon was sued by a patient at a public hospital for £10,000 damages for a serious operation to which plaintiff's consent had not been obtained. The surgeon diagnosed the malady as cancer, and, under the impression that the patient's consent had been previously obtained, amputated a vital organ as the only means of preventing a horrible death. Counsel argued that plaintiff was entitled to refuse an operation and take the risk of death, and also that as defendant had not explained the disease or the operation to plaintiff, and had not obtained his consent, he was liable to heavy damages. Counsel defending insisted that the permanent hospital officials, and not the honorary visiting surgeon, were responsible for securing the patient's consent, and pointed out that since this case a new rule had been introduced into the hospital requiring the patient's written consent to any operation. Counsel enlarged on the hardships that might befall the public if eminent surgeons who gave their services free to the suffering poor were to be penalised for the omissions of others.—The jury by six votes to three, gave a verdict for defendant, and judgment was entered accordingly with costs.

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