

INDIA'S GREAT PRINCESSWEAR ALLEGIANCE

Readers of the Nugget may be interested in learning something of the great Princes and native rulers of India, who in the past have been renewing their oaths of allegiance to the Emperor of India, known to us under the less Oriental title of King Edward. The number of Indian counts among the most enlightened statesmen of Asia...



H. H. THE GAEKWAR OF BARODA.

The Nizam is a Mohammedan, although all his people save a million are Hindus. He traces his descent from the first Kalit after Mahomet, the family having entered Hindustan from Turkestan in the seventeenth century. The Nizams of Hyderabad have always held close alliance with the British power...



H. H. THE NIZAM OF HYDERABAD.

for British rule. Perhaps the most notable evidence given of the strength of this feeling of loyalty in the breast of the present ruler of Hyderabad was the following letter, written in 1887 to Lord Dufferin, at a time when Russia was making trouble on the frontier...

with a quarter of a million people. He has ruled over them since 1899. For most of the facts regarding the Indian Princes we are indebted to Rev. H. N. Hutchinson's excellent work, "Living Rulers of Mankind."

LABRADOR TEAM DOGS

Ours Are Angels by Comparison

Every Labradorian Has Been Bitten by Them Yet There's no Hydrophobia.

It is evident that the dogs of the frozen mainland on the western side of the continent are very different in their characteristics from the dogs which are here generally designated "inside" dogs, which generally means dogs that spent all their time outside in the open air. The malamute is certainly not a parlor dog, but he is not so bad, after all, in his manners as compared with the dogs of Labrador. Our dogs are lazy, so lazy that they will lie all over the sidewalk and one has to step over them or go round them...

HISTORY AND LEGENDS OF SOLOMON'S GREAT THRONE

BY SIR EDWIN ARNOLD.

The story speedily contradicted, that Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, had discovered the long-lost throne of Solomon, was current long enough to induce Sir Edwin Arnold, the greatest living authority on the traditions of the Orient, to write the following sketch in the London Telegraph. All Asia is talking about the great Durbar to be held at Delhi in four weeks' time from this. The peoples of her myriad states and kingdoms, in thousands of her bazaars, her markets and her khans discuss over hookah and narghich the glories that will attend the Imperial occasion. Townsman and countrymen chat about the mighty business when they meet, and the womenfolk shopping in the streets, reclining at the bath, or trifling the time away behind the curtain, repeat to each other with wonder and admiration-glittering in their dark eyes, the superb preparations being made in and around the ancient Mogul capital. Moreover, when a prodigious topic like this passes through the cities and countries of Asia, fancies are let loose, and wild ideas put abroad, which show that the east is now, as always, the natural home of romance. An instance of this is given in the report sent from Calcutta about the viceroys who, as even the Hindus know, is deeply interested in ancient history. The bazaars declare that Lord Curzon has discovered the hiding place of the far-famed throne of Solomon; that he will make employment of it as a seat of state during the Durbar; and that all kinds of miraculous events, bringing admiration, peace and prosperity to India, will accrue from the fortunate hour when the representatives of King Edward VII, sitting in the chair of Solomon, receives the homage of the living princes and potentates. The throne of Solomon—the Takht-i-Suleiman—has been talked about in the east for hundreds—nay, for thousands—of years. Many and many a square-topped hill or mountain, besides the remarkable eminence which overhangs Indus, near the Khyber Pass, is styled the Takht-i-Suleiman, the localities thus distinguished being almost as numerous as the footprints of Buddha. That mountain, over the northwest border, which perhaps has the best right to bear such a title, is linked with a beautiful story telling how the great King of Israel collected round his throne there all the birds, beasts and creeping things of that region, there has never been a case of hydrophobia there. This fact is attested by Dr. Grenfell, the superintendent of the English medical mission there, and who has now spent ten years on the coast and treated over 30,000 patients. He cannot explain this singular circumstance, but it is more probable the result of the wolfish strain in the breed of the dogs. The extraordinary part of it is that such a condition should be found allied with the most absolute savagery on the part of the animals. They are the fiercest of any brutes trained to be of service to mankind; they will attack anything they believe weaker than themselves, and they are only kept in subjection by the unceasing use of the lash. They are a cross between the wolves and the earlier Newfoundland dogs brought there—and by this time almost all but the wolfish characteristics are eliminated. The coastfolk find them indispensable, yet live in fear of them. No man ventures abroad without his whip, every woman carries a club; it is death to a child to get among them. Only last month, the little son of the agent of the Hudson's Bay Company's post at Sandwich Inlet was attacked by these brutes. Within a minute they had inflicted over sixty bites on the child, and but for the devotion of a pet retriever dog and the lad's mother promptly trying to the rescue, he must have been literally torn to pieces. He was taken to the hospital at India harbor, where he is making a quick recovery. This was a more fortunate outcome than was the case at Cartwright last year. A child wandered from home and when the distracted mother flew to where a pack of angry dogs were ravaging she found nothing but the bones of her offspring. A little girl was so badly mangled by them at Punchedown last year also that she never recovered. Every year brings its quota of those mishaps, while there are scores if not hundreds of cases of adults being bitten. It is impossible to keep sheep, goats or poultry on the coast because of the brutes, and their extermination would have been effected long ago were it not for the fact that they are the only means by which communication is kept up in the winter. There are no horses on the coast, as there is nothing to feed them. Teams of dogs, attached to sledges, are the means of travel. With them the settlers go from harbor to harbor, make hunting trips in the interior, haul firewood from the forests and convey parties to the Hudson's Bay Company's posts. These dogs play the same part in the economy of this region as they do in the Arctic, and there the characteristics are the same, though we do not hear of such instances of their savagery.

draw her golden robe above her knees in order not to moisten it. Nor truly, was it less than marvellous that the chair, which had no equal in the world, and which she had left behind in her African courts, should be awaiting her in such incredible swiftness of manner in the palace at Jerusalem. As for the queen herself, she became on the spot the vassal of the king, and a believer in his God, and India—nay, indeed, the greater part of Asia—would think it only a natural finish to the ancient legend if Lord Curzon had indeed in some way or other acquired the incomparable seat of state and were to occupy it on the great morning of the Grand Durbar. But no one knows, and probably no one will ever know, what became of "that throne of Solomon" whereof the Koran treats as a thing which did once exist. The only item of imperial upholstery which at all coincides with the splendor and unique design of that article of the Queen of Sheba's household furniture was the throne carried away from Delhi and his Hindu sovereign by Nadir Shah, the Persian. But we know where that is today; it is visible, and even in occasional use, at the palace of Teheran, and is the property of his majesty the Shah, who has lately visited our shores. It is nothing more or less than the "Peacock Throne"—Takht-i-Taous; and surely if skill in workmanship and wealth of material could settle the question, rich and fine enough for the dignity of any legend. The "Peacock Throne" has been valued by competent European jewelers at £1,000,000, and there are said to be on the gold, the ivory and the ebony of which it is constructed jewels of absolutely unequalled value and importance. How it has survived the financial exigencies of successive shahs it is difficult to realize, or what will prove the ultimate destiny of an object which could build half a dozen first class battleships or pay the expenses of a small war. The history of races and religions would indeed be romantically rounded-off if the famous throne had been found which was a seat of state for the Queen of Sheba, a chair of dignity for the renowned son of David, and disappeared, perhaps, as the King of Israel himself disappeared, when the great Temple at Jerusalem was finished. Who knows what curious and precious objects may lie hidden in the To-sha-Khanas—the treasure chambers—of India and Central Asia? And what, I wonder, would be the market value of such a throne if Mr. Pierpont Morgan or Mr. Andrew Carnegie should desire to purchase it to make, perhaps, a rocking chair for the president of the United States? Such perspicacity struck the king more than he had been disappointed by her when she took the polished floor of his palace for water, and

SHORT ON STOCKS

N. A. T. & T. Co. Sending Out Buyers in a Hurry. W. J. Guthrie, chief of the dry goods department of the N. A. T. & T. Company, and Frank J. Noland, chief of the men's furnishing department of the same company, left this morning on the White Pass stage for the outside. They were in a hurry they would not have faced the journey until the hard weather showed some signs of a break. They are going out to buy goods for the company, and in the course of this business will visit Toronto and Montreal, New York and the New England manufacturing, and Chicago. They are to be back in April, but their purchases will begin to come in over the ice as soon as they can be shipped. This does not mean that the company's stocks are suddenly run low, but that it is expecting the large increase in its business during the past few months to continue, and is desirous of having new stocks of the very latest design purchased by men who have a thorough knowledge and experience of the Dawson market. Both men are expert buyers and both have been here long enough to know precisely the kind of goods among the most modern fabrications which would command the readiest sale here. A woman in New York was adjudged crazy after she had placed an order for \$100,000 worth of jewelry. It would be exceedingly interesting to many women in Seattle to know how far they can go in the jewelry market before reaching the limit that constitutes the test of sanity in Gotham. FOR SALE—Very cheap, interest in creek claim No. 143 below lower on Dominion. Inquire E. C. Stahl, this office. Send a copy of the Nugget's Christmas edition to your outside friends.

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