

A STORY OF EXPLORER WHO IS ELECTED KING

Paris, June 12.—It looks like a story from the Arabian Nights' entertainments, when I write that the king of Arabia is in Paris. Nevertheless, it is true, and his majesty is installed with his suite in the Hotel de Bequerel, Rue de Bequerel, Montmartre.

"The king of Arabia" is none other than the experienced French explorer Viscount de Breuil. There is a hazy idea that this interesting country of Arabia, the cradle of Mohammedanism, is not the case. Turkey nominally rules the northern, eastern and western coasts, while the south coast is controlled by British India. Central Arabia is a high and beautiful plateau where Arab sheiks dwell in all the purity of their race. It is of this vast plain, peopled by a wild population of 30,000,000, that Viscount de Breuil is king.

The story of how he mounted the throne is simple. Inevitably explorer, he was studying the manners and customs of the people and the flora and fauna of central Arabia when he found the various tribes in deadly antagonism. Every Arab chief wanted to be king. There was no hope whatever of reconciling them. The explorer, who was well and favorably known to the sheiks, did all he could to bring about peace and to get a king elected. The chiefs could not agree upon one of themselves. Finally they proposed that the intrepid explorer himself should become their king. He accepted. Then they thought out a title under which he should rule. Taking his first name, which is Alfred, they by an easy Arabic translation made it Al Ferid and so they installed Viscount de Breuil king of Arabia under the title of Al Ferid I.

Took the Oath.

The king took an oath to safeguard the independence of Arabia and to protect the integrity of its territory. Under him is a grand vizir who executes his orders. The king of Arabia, who comes from an old French family, has organized the interior provinces, civilization, promoted commerce, and introduced a medium of western trained army of three million men ready to defend their country against all comers.

The object of his visit to Europe and what he hopes to accomplish there is explained in the following proclamation which he has issued to his subjects:

"It is 20 years since we founded together the independent kingdom of Arabia—20 years since God made me your king. Under the direction of the eminent vizir whom I left at your head you have accomplished the desired evolution; you are now ready to receive the blessings of western civilization. You are ripe for great things and for vast enterprises. Your ancestors set out to conquer the old world, but their power crumbled because it was based upon the fragile foundation of Mohammed. But we shall win by peaceful measures the glory of other days and this time it will last because it will be based upon the rock of Christianity.

No Compulsion.

"Persuasion and love invariably inspire my counsels for you. There must be no pressure and no compulsion even for the most humble among you. I always try to dry the tears of the widow and the orphan. By the grace of God the Most High, I am your absolute monarch. As such I will find for you loving and devoted teachers who will bring you the benefits of real civilization.

"They will teach you the sciences and the arts and will bring back to you those principles of knowledge which your forefathers scattered

throughout Europe. The promises of glory and of fortune which I have made to you shall be realized. On the anniversary of the foundation of the independent kingdom of Arabia you shall see me enter our capital of Eyoum not alone, but with my companions in arms, your future instructors and friends. They will give your sons a solid military education. They will enable our great army of three million men to protect the integrity of our new empire against the covetousness of Europe.

Will Build up Navy.

"I will bring you engineers who will construct highways, railroads, forts, canals and ports. I will bring you shipbuilders who will build up a navy. I will bring you architects who will make your old cathedrals arise from the dust of ages. You can turn your minerals, your rich cereals and your precious perfumes into a golden harvest. Quick sailing ships will carry our products to the great markets of Europe and America and bring back the raw material which we need. No one will be permitted to interrupt your pious pilgrimages to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina. These pilgrimages will take on their first meaning. For before Mohammed, your fathers worshipped the God of Abraham, who with his own hands built to the glory of the Most High the first temple of stone.

"It is then in honor of Abraham that you will make your pilgrimages to Mecca to worship God. Medina was founded by Ismail, the father of your glorious race. In the days of the Crusaders your women married the Franks. French blood flows in your veins as in mine. We salute together the generous French nation of which you and I are the issue."

Key to Three Continents.

Yes, there at the very gates of Europe, five days from the port of Versailles, a country four times as big as France. It is the key to three continents and is situated between four seas. And yet it is an unknown land except to a dozen or so of explorers among whom is King Ferid I.

The king informed me that Sir Rich and Burton the celebrated English explorers knew that Arabia is richer than Europe in mines, than America in petroleum and than the Transvaal in gold. The reason why this country has remained so long in the shade is because Turkey pretended to Europe to claim sovereignty not only over the coast but also over the hinterland, a sovereignty which the emirs have never acknowledged and which Turkey cannot enforce. Only on the side of Arabia—that which looks towards the Red sea—is on the highway of commerce. The other parts of this quadrilateral peninsula are off the beaten tracks.

"My country," King Ferid said, "has five hundred millions of acres of arable land. These form a plateau at an altitude of from nine hundred to fifteen hundred yards, and the part between the twentieth and the thirtieth degrees of latitude is perpetual spring like the French Riviera. Gold abounds in the northwest; there are also mines of silver, nickel, zinc, lead, and iron. Copper is its dominant metal. Its agricultural and its mineral wealth are almost entirely undeveloped. Our Arab steeds alone are worth a kingdom and we have a stud book showing a race of thoroughbred Arabs going back many centuries."

Consecrated Bishop.

Boston, June 17.—Archdeacon S. G. Babcock, of this city, was consecrated as suffragan bishop of Boston today in Trinity church, St. Paul's cathedral being too small for the

purpose. A number of distinguished clergymen, including a half dozen bishops, participated in the ceremony.

Sentiment is all right, but it is less desirable than a steady job if a man wants to eat regularly.

Play for Morris Memorial.

Chicago, June 16.—All the clubs of the Western Golf Association began playing today for the Tom Morris memorial cup. Last year the trophy was won by the Los Angeles Country Club. Fifty-two clubs turned in scores. Each club selects a team of eight men to compete in the Morris event.

Notes From Great Britain

Upper Thames at Normal Level. The Thames, which was dangerous for boating at Whitcham, is now down to summer level and quite safe.

Death from a Pin Prick.

Death from blood poisoning following on a pin prick was an inquest verdict at Leeds on John Lister, aged sixty-three.

Royal Letter to Centenarian.

Mrs. Sarah Kitching, of Sparkhill, Birmingham, who has just celebrated her 100th birthday, has received a letter of congratulation from the king.

Dog Causes Child's Death.

In an attempt to avoid a dog which was jumping up to her a little girl named Evans was killed in King St. Rungate, on Monday, by a passing motor car.

Dock Laborers Uniting.

It was announced at the annual congress of the National Union of Dock Laborers at Liverpool, that the membership had risen in three years from 12,000 to 50,000.

£1,500 for Tropical Medicine.

The trustees of the late Sir Julius Wernher have voted £1,500 to the fund which Mr. Austen Chamberlain is raising for the extension of the London School of Tropical Medicine.

Sunday on the Royal Estate.

With the consent of the king, it has been decided to open the Deringham Working Men's Club on Sundays from twelve to one and eight to ten p.m. for reading and refreshments only.

Garden in London Where Four Hundred Graves of the Smart Sets Pets are Buried

One day a little dog was out walking with his mistress in London's most famous open air space, Hyde Park. The pair passed out of the Victoria gate and there, in the busy drive just outside, the little dog frisked to near a pair of prancing hounds. A moment later it was carried by its mistress, a piteous, lifeless little heap, into the keeper's lodge at the gate.

Very deeply the bereaved mistress lamented, but to more purpose than most sorrowful mistresses of reckless little dogs. For this dog's mistress was the Duchess of Cambridge whose husband his royal highness the duke was then ranger of Hyde Park. He was summoned to the scene and the duchess demanded that her darling be buried in the green turf near which he had died. "Very well," said the duke. "Choose the place you like best." And the duchess chose the tiny garden back of the lodge, where doggie was buried with much ceremony.

Four Hundred Graves.

Today the little garden holds four hundred miniature graves. One by one, sad owners or tragically short lived dogs obtained permission to bury them in this spot where they would not be forgotten, or lonely; where their faithfulness, their sagacity, their thousand doggie virtues might be written on a tiny headstone.

Shut in from the gay, sunny Hyde Park lawn and from the busy hum of the avenue by thick bushes of holly, box, lilac and acacia, shadowed deeply by great chestnut trees, the little silent square mutely testifies the place a dog may gain in a human heart. It is a little eerie, with its elfin graves of a foot or so and their quaint inscriptions, but the order of the neatly marked out walks, the prim array of shell borders, the showing over the whole of forget-me-nots, pansies, nigella, red and white daisies, all serve to make the predominant note one of tender, grateful pride.

It is difficult to conceive of more heartfelt, eloquent tributes than are here offered to canine friends. A Russian grand duke has placed on the headstone of his dog Pika his coat of arms, reversed, and his crest. The little grave beside it contains the ashes of a cremated dog, whose headstone says:

"Puck Lee

In a false world
Thy heart was brave and true."
The mistress of a dog who for four

THREE MONTHS FOR EMBEZZLER

Book-keeper Found Guilty of Using Employer's Money, and Sent to Jail

Prince Albert, Sask., June 17.—Augustus Dudley, formerly book-keeper in the office of the C. M. Turner Realty Co. here, was this morning sentenced to three months in jail for embezzling twenty dollars from that firm. Dudley was arrested in Saskatoon last week and brought here for trial. In court Dudley admitted having embezzled some three hundred dollars from the real estate firm of Robinson and Black, Winnipeg, which matter was settled out of court and he was allowed to go free.

Providence Girl Weds Title.

Providence, R.I., June 18.—The marriage of Miss Linda Arnold, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olney Arnold, to the Marquis Max Strozzi, of Philadelphia, son of Marquis Pic and Marchioness Rita Strozzi, was celebrated today in St. Joseph's Catholic church in Hope street. The bride couple start for Italy tomorrow, and will pass the summer in Florence. The wedding was attended by many distinguished guests and followed by a reception at Mr. Arnold's residence.

Railroad Notes

The Canadian Pacific has increased the wages of 9,500 employees ten per cent.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen has decided to pay all policies in full when the holders reach the age of seventy.

Railroads operating in Minnesota are fighting the interchangeable mileage law, allowing the privilege of interchanging mileage books among members of the holder's family, effective July 1.

General Manager Webb says that the forty new Mikado engines recently purchased by the Katy are adding to the per train tonnage.

The American Railway Association says that the net surplus of idle cars in the United States and Canada is much below that of a month ago. The

largest car shortage in the history of the country occurred in the autumn of 1906.

Lower prices and a decrease in new business are the latest developments in the iron and steel industry. Railroad orders are falling off and it is reported that there will be retrenchment on several lines in case the legislation at Washington takes a too unfavorable turn.

Daniel L. Turner, of New York, deputy engineer of the Public Service Commission declares that so long as any city deals with municipal transportation as a business problem instead of a social one, it will continue to have a "strap hanger service." Turner advocates municipal ownership, and private operation as the only rational solution.

Western Intercollegiate Golf.

Burnside, Ill., June 18.—The western intercollegiate golf championship began at the Calumet Country Club here today and will continue through next Friday. The event is under the direction of the university of Chicago, the tournament being played in two parts, one foot team championships and the other for individual championships.

Medical Museum Veritable Genisis Of the Science

London, June 4.—There is a prospect of the Historical Medical Museum, which is to be opened in London on June 24, being continued as a permanent institution. The museum will cover the whole range of primitive, ancient, medieval, and early modern medical instruments.

It will be almost entirely a loan exhibition, and daily the exhibits are arriving from the 1,000 lenders. When all have been received, classified and properly arranged, the layman will be able to learn more about medicine and its history in a day than he could by gleaming from books for a year.

Hall of Primitive Medicine.

On entering the museum the visitor will find himself in the "Hall of Primitive Medicine." Around him he will see the crude medical and surgical appliances which constituted the black and white magic of the tribal savage. Weird looking things, some of them are made of bone, ivory, ebony, wood and metal. Side by side with them will be placed the very latest appliances of modern tropical medicine.

Ancient "medicine" in all parts of the world.

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Calgary Preparing For Caledonian Games Next August

Calgary, June 16.—Great preparations are being made for the Caledonian games for the championship of the Dominion of Canada to be held at Calgary on August 9th, next.

The various Scottish societies of this city are co-operating to organize these games and a large entry list is expected from all over Western Canada, but particularly from the Calgary district. At first some doubt was expressed as to whether it would be possible to hold dancing and bagpipe concerts in which professionals would participate and it was feared that the Alberta Amateur Athletic Association, the governing body for such matters in this province, would interfere and refuse to let amateurs compete. This notion has, however, been dispelled and the A.A.A.A. has notified the committee in charge of the games that everything will be all right.

Motor Road from Calgary to Coast Will Be Greatest in World Says Californian Visitor

Calgary, Alta., June 16.—"The motor road which is now being constructed from Calgary to the Pacific coast through the mountains will be the greatest in all the world," said General Houston, of California, who arrived here the other day after passing over part of the road with a party of fellow tourists.

"Calgary motorists will be able to take visitors through the grandest scenic region in the world when this road is finished," continued the general. "The Alps have nothing like it and nobody can grasp the magnificence of the trip unless he takes it for himself."

"The road is now under construction from Banff to Windermere, the portion between Banff being complete."

It is the intention to build such a motor road that the trip between Calgary and Windermere can be made in four or five hours under favorable conditions. In time this great national highway will be continued from Windermere across the East Kootenay range of the Selkirk mountains and thence by way of the Monashee Pass to Vernon in the Okanagan Valley. Connection will be obtained here with all roads through the beautiful Okanagan district and thence by way of Nicola, Princeton and over the Hope Mountains into the Fraser Valley the road will be very quickly connected with Vancouver.

"The completion of this road is expected to bring a great number of tourists annually from the coast into the Calgary district."

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Mexico City, June 17.—The military operations of the government have been divided into three general campaigns, one in the south against the followers of Zapata, conducted by Gen. Juvenal Robles; another whose centre is Guaymas, in Sonora, and the third directed from Monterey against the rebels operating in the states of Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas. In addition to these defined campaigns the government troops are riding here and there over a dozen states, forcing their way from one point to another, often only to find when they arrive at their destination that the rebels have cut in behind them or have torn the country to pieces on either side of their line of march.

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Tennis at Del Monte.

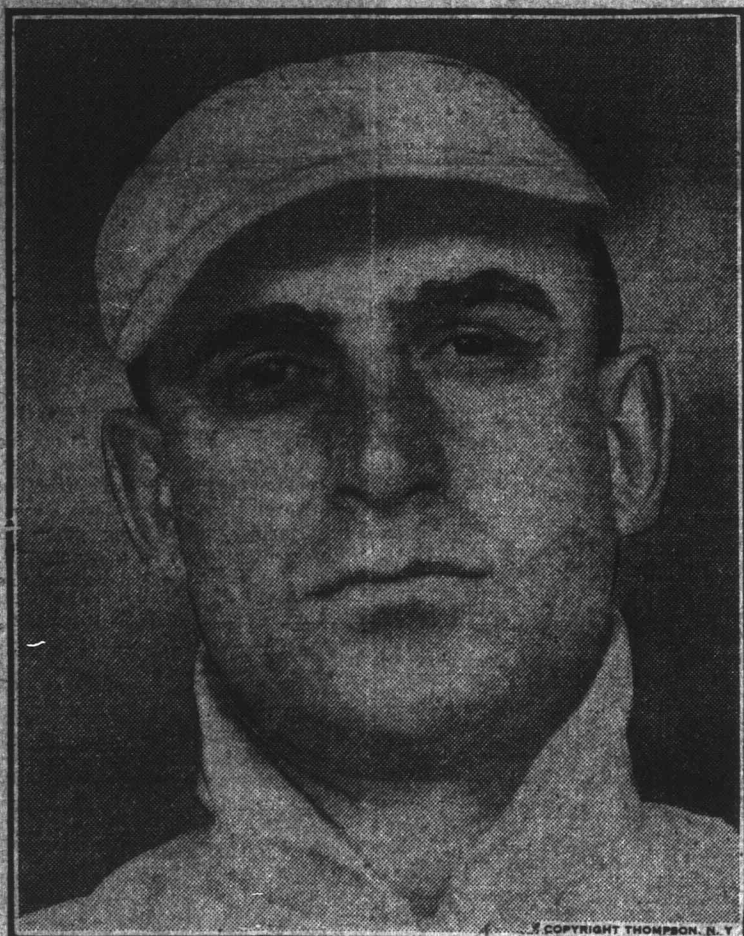
Del Monte, Cal., June 16.—The Pacific States Lawn Tennis Association's

PREMIER WATT EN ROUTE HOME

Is Congratulating Himself on Having Steered Clear of Party Politics During His Stay

London, June 17.—(C. A. P.)—Hon. W. A. Watt, premier of Australia, who leaves England for home today, is congratulating himself on having steered clear of party politics during his sojourn here. At the same time he has no hesitation in saying that much can be done without touching the tariff. There are more ways than one, he says, of creating new trade changes or of renewing and expanding old ones. If British statesmen are really desirous of strengthening the overseas dominions for the common benefit of the Empire, a way can be found, he declares, without doing violence to the fiscal views of any party at home or abroad.

When a man discovers that he has made a mistake he doesn't stop his friends on the street to tell them about it.

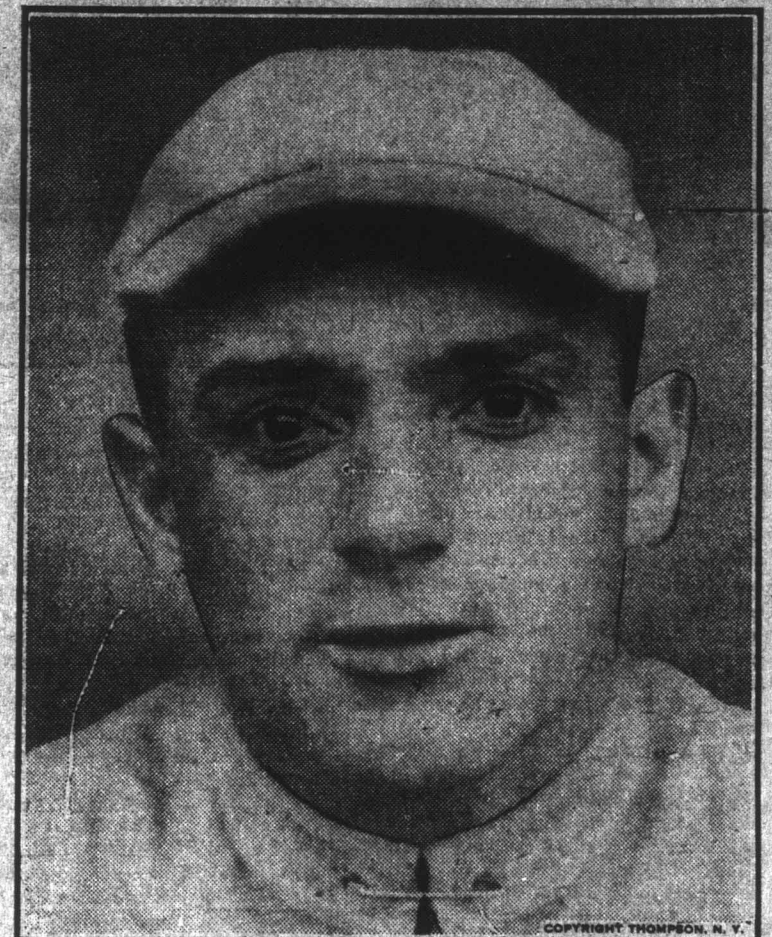


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