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PROPOSE CIVIL LIST FOR NEW KING OF BELGIANS BUT IT IS VOTED

QUEEN ELIZABETH

panels, Dec. 31—The Socialists in the list of Deputies opposed the civil list king, which amounts to 3,300,000 (\$600,000) and reaffirmed their allegiance to a republic. M. Roitier declared the royal chateaux should be turned into sanatoriums. The appropriations were adopted by a vote of 100 to 10.

king's civil list is the same as that of Leopold, the new sovereign, declared the Catholic Party's suggestion of a civil list.

A Socialist amendment calling for an increase of the contents of the royal palace to prevent the sale of national property, as under King Leopold, was defeated.

ALBERT I., KING OF THE BELGIANS

Fashion Hint for Times Readers

PERSIAN LAMB COAT WITH MINK COLLAR

Costs of one fur with luxurious trimmings of another are the last cry of fashion and very splendid and luxurious are the big coats with their collars and cuffs of contrasting pelts. They are worn over dainty little afternoon frocks of cashmere, silk and wool, or the moirai and wool weaves, and also over evening gowns of the theatre and restaurant type. This coat is of Persian lamb with Eastern middle collar and cuffs, and there is also a handsome mink muff to match.

The New Commandment

By Anthony Verrall.

(Continued.)

Having selected a spot well tracked by the feet of the small brown birds, she fetched her trap to the place. The mat she had woven was placed, bearing several stones upon its top, with one edge resting on the ground, while under the opposite edge she stood her foot-long stick with the cord attached to its centre in such a manner that it properly and supported the weight of the loaded fall.

Her intention was to sit, concealed below, with the further end of the cord in her hand, to wait till the unsuspecting quail should gather beneath the trap at their eager feeding. Then she would jerk away the prop and down would come the fall, made deadly by the weight of rocks upon it. A glitter of fierceness and satisfaction was in her eyes as she finally took her seat on a shaded bank of gravel to await developments.

It was a long and wearisome vigil to the hunter, but she was not deterred by hunger. She had not yet discovered that the quail invariably visited the spring at noon to drink and then lay concealed in the shade till the heat should be somewhat abated. All the long, hot hours of the afternoon she sat in her hiding place, alertly watching for prey. If her body grew stiff, however, her nature grew more determined.

When at length the shadows began to lean eastward from the declivity of the hill she heard the comfortable little sounds of a covey of quail feeding slowly along the slope. Her breath came quickly as a number of the restlessly darting little birds appeared in the circle of her vision. She hopped to her feet and ran to the place where she had laid her trap. Three of them fell with avidity upon the seeds she had scattered on the ground. Then, as she leaped tensely forward, the bird she had drawn near, a pair of the birds moved unexpectantly beneath the loaded mat.

"What an exclamation on her lips Judith jerked out the prop, and instantly, leaping to her feet, ran to the place and had the wild satisfaction of beholding one of the helpless quail pinned flat to the earth. The others had down in alarm. In her eager haste she snatched up the mat to catch her prize. The bird had been mortally hurt, with a wing-bone snapped and its back cut and bruised, yet it scrambled to its feet, its instincts for life still strong upon it, and darted away towards the cover.

Judith sped after it instantly. It ran down the hill to the shaded oasis. As savagely as a famished tigress the woman flung herself forward on the earth to clutch her prize. She missed it, and ran to dash again, tearing her clothing on the brush as she ran, and keeping her eyes on the wounded bird relentlessly. It halted in the thickness of a bush of willows. She pounced upon it with animal ferocity, crushing the willows down upon the trembling form with all her weight. When she extricated the crumpled bit of meat and feathers, a moment later, the last spark of life had gone out in a flutter of fear.

By the fast falling rays of the sun she ignited a fire at her cave, and had soon scorched and eaten her dinner. Then, half appeased only, she looked upon the mere streak of greenery presented by the watered oasis—the all her world—and from that to herself and her clothing, half torn from her body, and her mind was stimulated to craft and cunning for her needs. She knew she must manage to lay more traps than one, and that all must be practically automatic. Food she must and would have till she could leave this desolation, and on traps alone could she rely for birds or rabbits. With straw and sticks she began a study, on the ground, to invent the means of preparing a trap that the creatures would spring upon themselves.

She noosed a cord, and studied intently to recall the methods that her young-bird cousin had once employed to hang a cottontail. When at length she fancied she had solved the mechanical problem, she was baffled by the need of a knife, with which to cut the necessary twigs, with their notches and triggers.

Indeed, a cutting edge had become indispensable to her life. She could neither use her teeth nor any bit of stone, in the labors she knew she must achieve. She thought of herself as a prisoner here in the desert a dungeon prodigious in size. She thought of all the desperate deeds that prisoners perform to gain one dash of liberty—of how they have often been known to cut through solid bars of iron with some utterly preposterous imple-

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she knitted was therefore a web with a firm and closely knotted mesh. At sundown the thing was completed.

There was something splendid in the figure that Judith presented as she filled the pouch with pebbles and whirled it in circles above her head. At that moment she antedated Diana. She was far more elemental, far more fierce and hungry. Her arm was bare, her black hair had fallen from the coil she attempted to keep upon her head. Her supple body, freed of restraint, awaited with the motion of her hand.

When she cast the pebbles from the knitted sling they scattered widely, far from the brush at which, in a manner, she had aimed, but they tore through the shrubbery at high velocity, humming a song of their force.

The weapon was one more appliance with which to kill, and she knew she could learn its grimmest use. The days of her hunger and her savage descent upon the small, helpless creatures of the growth had barely commenced.

While she labored thus, creating and devising at her cave, Gheut had been scarcely less active. His determination to escape from the desert had been tremulously augmented by his recent discoveries. The thought of the two bleached skeletons haunted his dreams. Possession of a sound canteen for carrying water made an exploration of the desert possible.

Impatience coursed in his veins, yet the man was wise in his sense of the dangers with which the desolation abounded. Of these, starvation was the first. He could make no attempt to leave this strip of life-giving greenery till he could slay and prepare a number of birds or rabbits, to be carried, like his can of water, against the demands of his body.

Meantime, he had never been anything but hungry, night or day, and between himself and Judith was waged a silent competition for the living creatures on which they must both of them prey. Some of Judith's contrivances he found in the runways of the animals. What success she had achieved in killing meat for food he could not know. For himself, he had whittled new arrows, since his bow was still his only weapon, and upon them he depended wholly for supplies.

He had learned new ways of stealth in threading through the growth in search of game. Skill was swiftly coming to his hands, just as keener vision and steadier accuracy developed in his eyes. A ready, however, the native wild creatures of the strip were becoming more wary, more frightened of the two sinister beings that daily made victims of them all.

Thus went the days in the canon. Judith continued to be far more starved than Gheut. Despite her snares, traps, pits and sling, her means of securing food were far less certain than the man's. Time after time she was driven to return to her first crude method, which she watched for half-days at a time.

(To Be Continued.)

RECOMMEND TOTAL OF \$9,000 IN CITY GRANTS

Treasury Board Favorably Considers Claims—The White Candy Co.'s Petition

Santa Claus was at city hall last night & even if his visit was delayed a little at the usual Christmas day, there is no doubt that his gifts to the various organizations in the city will be highly appreciated. In brief, the city treasury board met to consider the annual grants charitable and public organizations and a session of two hours and a half, recommended the voting of \$9,000. Of this amount \$1,500 is for grants which should have been made this year, \$300 to the Victorian Order of Nurses and \$1,000 to the Victoria Association. The balance of \$7,200 is the grant for 1910. If the board's recommendation passes the council on Monday the different objects will benefit as follows:

Victoria Playgrounds	\$ 800
Victoria Order of Nurses	1,000
C. A. A.	300
Day Club	200
Metropole	200
Victoria Society	5,000
Victoria Park	220
S. B. Tourist Association	275
Associated Charities	200
Free Kindergarten	575
Total	\$9,000

Ald. Baxter presided, and those present were Aldermen Sprout, Vanwart, Potts, Frink, Comptroller Macintyre and Chamberlain Lingley.

The chairman of the assessors reported on the case of David Shepherd, who claimed he had been assessed for taxes in 1906 before he was twenty-one years of age. The board decided to recommend that the amount of assessment paid be refunded.

In reference to a letter from James Fleming & Son, complaining of a remark made reflecting upon Messrs. Fleming, but in his letter made several observations which the board claimed were not asked for. It was decided to return the letter to Roger Murchio, with the request that he eliminate his general observations and confine himself simply to his apology.

The matter of grants was then taken up.

Miss Mabel Peters appeared for the playground committee. She referred briefly to the work and said an application had come in for the extension of the playground movement to the West Side. If the work was to be carried on by the school board it would require a grant of \$1,000 next year. For the year just closing they got no money.

Mrs. D. McClelland endorsed the remarks of Miss Peters.

F. B. Francis appeared for the Victoria Order of Nurses. They had received since 1904 a grant of \$1,000 a year, but this year had not received it. Through various subscriptions and fees from patients, they had managed to scrape along but this year they would require about \$1,000. The order had employed nurses to engage in night work.

der's work. Mr. Francis said that in 1903 the order had made 2,212 visits, in 1906, 2,767; in 1907, 3,168, and in 1908, 4,703. The grant received in January, 1909, was for the work done in 1908. The order would require an annual grant of at least \$1,000 if the work was to be carried on. He suggested that the grant might be assessed for.

Mrs. McClelland said it was on the understanding of the \$1,000 grant that the third nurse was engaged.

Brigadier Aday, Mrs. Aday and Adj. Carter represented the Salvation Army in an application for a grant of \$300 for the Salvation Army Metropole, and \$200 for the Evangeline Home.

Ald. Baxter said the city could not make a grant to the Evangeline Home unless it was administered through some civic or municipal department. The Metropole was different, as it took the place of a wood-yard or some other means which the city would have to provide for caring for the human derelicts. He suggested that the army should ask for \$500 for the Metropole and nothing for the Evangeline Home.

Adj. Carter agreed with this proposition.

Judge J. R. Armstrong and G. S. Fisher appeared for the Horticultural Society. Mr. Fisher said the society would need \$3,000 to run the balance of this year and all of next year. Much work remained to be done in the park, and money was needed to do it. It took \$600 to feed the park live stock. They could also use a horse, which might not be serviceable to the city.

Judge Armstrong outlined the financial position of the society. That had no money and had spent \$3,600 this year. They asked for \$1,000 at once, and the grant of \$4,000 for next year. Last year they had secured \$1,000 from a legacy and had only managed to get through on \$3,600 by a complete cessation of all new work in every department the work had been skimped. The park received \$750 a year from the ice revenue, but this was more than used up in interest charges. He asked for the \$1,000 at once, and said he would prepare a formal statement for the council. The society could get along with less than \$4,000 if they skimped as they did this year.

Ald. Baxter said it appeared to some that the park was asking for \$5,000, while the poor unfortunates who could not get a meal were cared for in the Metropole for a grant of \$300. Last year the city had granted \$300 to the Salvation Army and this year were asked for \$500; \$300 went to the S. P. C. A. last year, and the same would be asked for this year; the Horticultural Association got \$2,000 last year and asked for \$1,000 now and \$4,000 for next year; River View Park got \$250, the Tourist Association \$375, and the Every Day Club \$100. These applications would all be in again and would total about \$7,200 or about three cents in the tax rate. He advised that all such grants should be assessed for. They could fall back on general revenues and take the credit balances from other departments and work through a moderate financial problem in this way. Referring to the playground matter, he did not think playgrounds needed to be provided in the West End as the natural playgrounds were there.

Mrs. Frink contended that it was supervision that was required rather than space. Equipment was also needed now.

Ald. Baxter contended that the Victorian Order of Nurses, the Every Day Club and the Salvation Army institutions took premier rank.

Ald. Frink agreed with Ald. Baxter that all charities should be assessed for.

Ald. Baxter said the assessment of three-

cents for charities would be one-tenth as much as for streets, one-sixth of the fire rate, one-fifth of the police, one-third of the amount for lights, one-quarter of that for hospitals, one-half of that for the poor, nearly as much as for sewerage maintenance, the same amount as for ferries, and more than for libraries or the board of health.

The delegations then withdrew.

Ald. Baxter read the petition of the White Candy Company, asking for exemption from taxes and water rates and a guarantee of bonds to the extent of \$50,000. If this was done the company promised to increase their plant so as to employ 100 hands, and disburse a pay roll of \$15,000 a year.

On motion of Ald. Potts, the petition was taken up.

On motion of Ald. Potts, the petition was filed without discussion.

The comptroller was given authority to certain amounts for departmental necessities up to the end of the year.

The consideration of the grants was then taken up.

The application of the playgrounds committee was first taken up.

Ald. Frink said it is this playground committee, any way?

Ald. Baxter—"It is a highly reforming agency consisting of a few heads of sand and some discarded blocks. I can tell you, if he had ever journeyed down to one of those playgrounds and heard the sunny faced children sing little drops of water, little grains of sand make the mighty ocean and the solid land," he would be willing to vote \$5,000."

Ald. Baxter, however, said he was in favor of some assistance to the playgrounds.

Ald. Frink said it should be part of the educational system and moved a grant of \$500.

Ald. Potts moved in amendment that the amount be \$300, and the amendment carried.

On the application of the Victorian Order of Nurses for 1909 and \$200 for 1910.

Ald. Frink moved in amendment that the grant be \$300 for 1909 and \$1,000 for 1910.

Ald. Potts thought the object was worthy but the city was not financially fixed to make the whole grant. He did not object to splitting the difference between the two motions.

Ald. Frink's amendment carried and the grant will be recommended as asked.

On motion of Ald. McClelland \$300 was recommended to the S. P. C. A.

Ald. Frink moved that \$100 be granted to the Every Day Club.

Ald. Potts moved in amendment that the grant be \$200. It was a very worthy institution. The \$200 vote was carried.

Ald. McClelland and Vanwart voting nay.

The grant to the Evangeline Hospital was voted out and the sum of \$500 was voted to the Salvation Army Metropole.

Ald. Baxter said he thought the Metropole had saved the city thousands of dollars and should be encouraged. The other aldermen concurred in this view.

Ald. McClelland moved that the grant to the Horticultural Society for Rockwood Park should be \$1,000 for 1909 and \$4,000 for 1910 as asked for. The motion carried.

A recommendation that \$250 be given to River View Park was adopted on motion of Ald. McClelland.

The grant to the Tourist Association was made \$375, the same as last year, on motion of Ald. Frink.

The Associated Charities asked for a grant of at least \$250 and a letter from J. Hunter White, urging the grant, was read.

On motion of Ald. Sprout the board recommended a grant of \$200.

The grant to the Free Kindergarten was recommended to be \$575.

The Times Daily Puzzle Picture

CHAPTER XII

Only an eager inventor or an artisan skilled in creating forms in wood and metal may comprehend the fever in which Judith labored in the morning to make herself a knife. She was out of her cave at dawn, the coarset-steeled in hand.

Two of the steels were large and strong; the remainder were smaller and thinner. Even the pair that promised good results were much too long and blunt. She pined for a sharp-edged rock, and finally succeeded in breaking it in twain.

The pieces were abundantly provided with small brass catches along the outer edge. Utilizing these projections, Judith bound the strips of steel to roughly prepared handles, after which she began to begin the task of grinding the blades to practical keenness.

There was one method only by which it could be done, and this was to chop on a rock. Back and forth and back and forth she rubbed the steel for hours, applying first one side then the other, till she cut a handle from a tree and lashed a lump of rock upon the end. Every time she made was produced by painful labor. Her tools were clumsy and inefficient; her hands became blistered and sore.

That afternoon, when hunger made her fierce, she attempted to repeat her tramping of quail. The effort failed. In her desperation she thought of gathering all the seeds about the place, to starve the birds into her devices. This was utterly impracticable.

She found one of John Gheut's arrows. Envy possessed her, for she had no conceit that she could either make or use a bow. When, however, a sling for hurling a handful of pebbles was suggested to her mind her wit rose to meet the occasion. From the willows she cut two slender wands and roughly carved a pair of knitting needles.

A sling is no more than a pouch suspended like a hammock between two strips a half-yard in length Judith was simply a lawyer. Not only had David's wonderful weapon of biblical lore been explained and pictured to her understanding, but in her tomboy days she had broken the windows of the farmhouse, in an effort to master the forces at command with such a device.

The sling that she remembered had a leather. The only material she had at this environment was cord. The pe-

A NEW RESOLUTION

"From smoking I'll refrain," he said, And said it quite sedately; Then added, as he shook his head, "Approximately."

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