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TRIAL BY JURY IN MELTING POT IN OLD LAND

Royal Commission Urges
Many Changes in
System.

PRINCE IS SNUBBED

Queen Mother Alexandra is
in a Serious Financial
Tangle.

LONDON, July 26.—Trial by jury in England is in the melting pot, and no one can now tell how that institution which patriotic British orators have been in the habit of holding to be the palladium of our British liberty will emerge. There are a lot of people and among them an uncommonly large number of judges, lawyers and other experts, who would like to see it suppressed altogether but it is hardly likely that the man in the street who has a deep-rooted distrust of the expert will consent. At the same time he is deeply dissatisfied with the system which compels him to give up days and some times weeks of his time to listening to other people's troubles so it is not unlikely he will agree to some compromise severely curtailing the system.

Job Is Speedily Done.

The first step in changing any old-fashioned law or custom in England is to appoint a royal commission to take testimony and report on it. That was done in the case of the jury system in December, 1911, and commission has just published its report. It is worthy of note that this is almost a record in speed for a royal commission. Perhaps this business-like promptness is due to the fact that this particular commission was presided over by Lord Mersey who also had charge of the Titanic investigation.

What he thinks of juries in criminal cases may be judged from a remark which he is said to have made at a gathering of lawyers. It was:

"If I were placed on trial for a criminal offence and had my choice I would choose a trial by jury if I were guilty for then I might get off."

but if I were innocent I should strongly prefer to entrust my life and liberty to a judge."

The commission does not see its way at present to abolish trial by jury altogether but it does advise in the majority of civil cases it might well be dispensed with. It also advises the creation of one class of jurymen only and some far system of rotation in summoning jurors—and what will be most appreciated by the jurors it advises that they be paid for their services.

Prince Is Snubbed.

Prince Paul of Serbia is having the time of his life in London this season flinging royal dignity to the winds and apparently having but one object in view—that of enjoying himself. Of the fitness of things he certainly has a goodly notion and unlike his older brother—the crown prince of Serbia—that was he never does anything that could be questioned in the slightest degree. Prince Paul goes to every important ball but he arranges with his hostess to dance only with the girls he likes. One of these is Lady Essex's little debutante daughter, Lady Iris Gell, who is half-American. The other night she declined to dance with the Prince because he was a little late in claiming her. She waltzed the latter half of the dance with Prince Maurice of Battenberg.

When anyone proposes to her—and it appears several have—she laughs, for the very idea of marriage amuses her beyond words.

Prince Tries Airship.

The fact that the Prince of Wales made a cruise in an army airship recently for half an hour at Farnborough without any observation being made of the event at the time is disclosed in the War Office report of the work of the Royal Flying corps.

Motor Vetoes Romance.

Princess Maud, daughter of Princess Royal, a demure girl, who has always been submissive to parental control, amazed her mother a few days ago by announcing at the dinner table she was engaged.

"Engaged?" exclaimed her mother. "Yes," said Princess Maud, hopelessly. "I'm engaged to Prince George of Greece."

"You certainly are not engaged," cried Princess Royal, "and you are not going to be engaged just yet."

Despite the stern attitude of the Princess Royal, the couple keep up a voluminous correspondence, and are making all plans for their marriage.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used a clove for a chaser?

MAYOR'S PLEA FAILS TO REOPEN CASTLE

Tradespeople Suffer Through
Closing of Windsor State
Apartments.

LONDON, July 26.—The fact that the state apartments of Windsor Castle are closed to the public is seriously affecting the tradespeople of the borough, and the mayor has pleaded on their behalf for the removal of the restrictions.

He has received the following from Lord Stamfordham, the king's private secretary:

"Dear Mr. Mayor: In reply to your letter it is needless for me to say that the king quite appreciates all the serious consequences of the closure of the state apartments. At the same time you are perfectly aware of the reasons for their not being opened as usual. The matter, however, will be carefully considered, with the hope of an early suspension of the present existing restrictions."

It is supposed that the reason for the closing of the state apartments lies in the activities of the militant suffragettes.

A New Boon For London

LONDON, July 26.—Passengers on London trains are to enjoy a privilege in the possession of patrons of surface cars in the crowded cities of the United States. The London county council has just presented to the private bill committee of the House of Commons an omnibus bill in which powers are asked to carry an additional number of persons not exceeding one-third of the number of inside passengers for which the car is licensed. This means that strap-hangers may in future grace the interiors of cars. In the past extra passengers have always been removed by policemen constantly on the lookout for one extra passenger. When this unfortunate person was discovered he was at once ejected by the constable, and the conductor of the car promptly summoned before a magistrate and fined.

During the coal strike, when the railway train service was disorganized, it was found desirable to wink at the practice of strap-hanging, which is now regarded as a great convenience to the public.

CROMER'S APPEAL FOR BRITISH EGYPT

He Says England Should Arrange With Other Powers
to Get Authority.

LONDON, July 26.—The Adamovich case in which a Russian refugee in Egypt was arrested in Alexandria, tried by the Russian consular courts under the Capitulations, and promptly transported to Russia for trial, has, according to Lord Cromer in The Nineteenth Century and after, "touched one of the most tender points in the English political conscience."

It has long been suspected that after the Balkan war England would attempt to obtain full control of Egypt where she now has control de facto, and Lord Cromer, who for many years was the British consul to Egypt, now points out how the entering wedge may be effected.

"The British government should request the other powers of Europe to vest in them the legislative power which each now exercises separately. Simultaneously with this request a legislative chamber should be created in Egypt for enacting laws to which Europeans will be amenable. There is, of course, one essential preliminary to the execution of this program. It is that the powers of Europe also the European residents in Egypt should have thorough confidence in the intentions of the British government, by which I mean confidence in the duration of the occupation, and also confidence in the manner in which the affairs of the country will be administered."

As regards the first point Lord Cromer considers there is no cause for doubt. And as to the second, Lord Kitchener's administration has, in his opinion, inspired the fullest confidence in the minds of the whole of the population of Egypt, whether European or native, and he cannot doubt that when the time arrives for Lord Kitchener, in his turn, to retire, his brusque or radical change will be allowed to take place in the general principles under which he is now administering the country.

Lord Cromer hopes that no endeavor will for the present be made to create one chamber composed of both Europeans and Egyptians with power to legislate for all the inhabitants of Egypt. It is, he believes, quite impossible to devise any plan for a united chamber which would satisfy the very natural aspirations of the Egyptians and at the same time provide for the Europeans adequate guarantees that their own legislative rights would be properly safeguarded. He therefore submits that the theoretical objections which may be urged against trying the novel experiment of creating two chambers in the same country, each of which would deal with separate classes of the community, should, in the special circumstances of the case, be set aside, and that one more anomaly should, for the time being, at any event not be added to many strange institutions which exist in the "land of paradox."

"Whether at some probably remote future period," he goes on, "it will be possible to create a chamber in which Europeans and Egyptians will sit side by side will depend very largely on the conduct of the Egyptians themselves. The real future of Egypt lies not in the direction of a narrow nationalism, which will only embrace native Egyptians, nor in that of any endeavor to convert Egypt into a British possession on the model of India or Ceylon, but rather in that of an enlarged cosmopolitanism, which, while discarding all the obstructive fetters of the cumbersome old international system, will tend to make the interests of all the inhabitants of the Nile valley and all alike to share in the government of their native and adopted country."

\$8,000 FOR LOAN OF \$20

Englishman Made Heir of American He "Grub-Staked"

LONDON, July 26.—An Englishman named Pringle, a resident of Stockport, who is leaving soon for America, has proved his title to \$8,000 left him by a wealthy real estate merchant of San Francisco. The money was left Mr. Pringle in recognition of a loan of \$20 by him which enabled his benefactor to pass custom authorities and proceed to the Klondike, where he amassed a fortune.

AUTOS EMPTY CHURCHES

English Priest Asserts British People Have "Ceased to Believe."

LONDON, July 26.—Father Bernard Vaughan, speaking at a garden party in connection with the Jesuit college, Stamford Hill, said English people had ceased to go to church because they had ceased to believe. Their motor cars were as full as their family pews were empty on Sunday.

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FEW "GILLIES" LEFT ON THE SCOTCH MOORS

Rich Americans Who Rent
"Shooting Boxes" Can't
Get Helpers.

LONDON, July 26.—Because of the recent boom in trade, rich manufacturers in the Midlands and in the north are tumbling over each other to obtain the best fishings and shootings in Scotland for the fall. As a rule the best are snapped up by wealthy Americans, but the latter are much troubled by a great dearth of "gillies," as the keepers are called.

Hundreds of young gillies have emigrated to Canada, soon there will be none, and the millionaires will have to find their way alone about the deer forests and grouse moors.

For the season to date the number of Scotchmen who have gone to Canada is 24,500, but by the end of the season it will be well over 30,000.

An Inventor Is Disgusted

He Has New Range Finder
and the Admiralty
Won't Take It.

LONDON, July 26.—After experimenting for five years with a range-finder invented by A. Hungerford Pollen, the British admiralty has decided not to adopt it for the British navy. The inventor has therefore patented the apparatus, and will seek to dispose of it to some foreign navy.

The Naval Annual, in commenting on the subject, says that it is at a loss to account for the decision of the admiralty, as experiments had proven the range finder to be the only accurate one in existence. The apparatus is based on the paradox that if two ships are approaching each other at a constant speed of 50 knots, and the first ship is fired at a range of 10,000 yards, the range would have to be altered by nearly half a mile while a six-inch projectile is in the air.

It was therefore not only the absence of a range finder that accounted for the ship's position at which naval firing was being carried out, but because no one had yet solved the problem of how to ascertain the future position of the moving target and to lay and train the guns accordingly. The conclusions at which Mr. Pollen arrived were first that the only clue to the future position of the target must be found in its past movements; secondly, that the only conceivable information of its past movements that could be obtained, must be the observation of its successive previous positions; thirdly, that if these were plotted, with due allowance for the progress of the observer's ship through the water, a plan would result; and, fourthly, that from such a plan the fore-casting of the future ranges and the angle of elevation must be a mere matter of calculation.

From these conclusions, Mr. Pollen went to work, and ultimately devised a method of ascertaining the target's speed and course that is almost automatic. He has also devised a change of range machine for automatically supplying a forecast of the ranges to the guns. This machine not only guarantees the future ranges, and works as the target at the true rate of change, but, like his plotting table, can be corrected for any change of course by the observer's own ship.

JAILED FOR DUCKING MAN

Woman Gets Two Month Term for Pushing Him Into the Canal.

LONDON, July 26.—For pushing John George Agar into the Grand Surrey canal the other evening, Mary Ann Buckland, 36, an artificial flower maker, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment. Agar said that he was giving his dog a swim when he was pushed from behind into the water. "You were swimming your dog," said the woman, "and I thought I would make you have a swim as well."

LETTERS THREATEN WIFE.

Husband Held for Sending Missives to Spouse.

BERWICK, England, July 26.—James Albert Salton was remanded to murder her. It was said that he had been sending letters to his wife threatening to murder her. It was said that he had gone to his wife's house at Northam three times and had broken the windows. Salton made a statement attacking his wife's solicitors and saying that they had no right to bring the letters against a dying man.

Swarm of Bees in a Train.

A swarm of bees left their hive in the luggage van of a train at Brigend Station, Wales, and settled in the van and the passenger compartments, making the removal of luggage impossible. The bees travelled two or three times in the train up and down the branch line, to Aberystwyth, before all of them returned to the hive, which was placed on Brigend Station platform.

MAN PERILS THE TOWN

Mysterious Stranger Attacks Women in Lonely Road.

NUNEATON, Eng., July 26.—Women are afraid to go about in the streets after dark at Nuneaton, Warwickshire, where a reward of \$50 has been offered by Police Superintendent Evans for information which will lead to the arrest of a man "with dark, staring eyes" who, by attacks on women, has terrorized a residential part of the town.

Hinckley road has been the scene of all the outrages, beginning with the murder of an unknown girl a few months ago.

The latest victim has been a domestic servant girl named Cadman, who, while returning to her master's house on Sunday evening, was stabbed by a man who, it is stated, a few minutes before seized another woman by the throat.

TEARS BRING SIGHT TO BLINDED EYES

Woman in Darkness a Year
Has Sight Restored While
Weeping at Grave.

LADY MAXWELL ENDS "BUNNY HUG" DANCE

LONDON, July 26.—The conflict on the subject of the American dances has entered into the family life of London. Girls prefer the new dances, but mothers ban anything except the stately waltz.

At the Duchess of Somerset's ball there was an amusing scene between Lady Maxwell, formerly Miss Bonplage of California, and her daughter Phylae. Miss Maxwell was forbidden to dance the bunny hug, but on hearing the intoxicating music she over-looked the ban. Her steps were arrested by her mother, who rushed into the floor exclaiming: "Now we are going home."

The girl replied that it was not the bunny hug, but the one step, but her mother's only resort was to lead her toward the coat room.

KIEFF EXPELLING JEWS

Medieval Ferocity Shown by the Officials in Persecution.

LONDON, July 26.—Russian correspondents of the Jewish Chronicle send accounts of barbarous conduct by Russian officials at Kieff, in expelling Jews, who are regarded as having no right of domicile there. The expulsions have assumed the shape of a Jew hunt of medieval ferocity. Every night police cordons surround the streets in which Jews reside. The houses are searched for coreligionists of the Jews, who, if discovered and declared to have no right of residence in Kieff, are marched off to the overcrowded police stations and confined like criminals in noisome cells pending their exile.

Bartender Six Years, Then \$250,000.

Edward Musse, bartender at a prominent Delaware Water Gap, Pa., hotel, has fallen heir to a \$250,000 from a German uncle "providing he stays continuously employed at the position he occupies when he learns that he is heir to my fortune."

A codicil provides if he marries "respectably" before January 1, 1914, he is to receive an additional \$14,000 from each of two aunts.

CRYPTIC REPLY HELPS ENEMIES OF GREAT BANK

British Minister Evades
Direct Answer in the
Commons.

CRITICISM INCREASES

Hong Kong & Shanghai Corporation Domineering Over Chinese Republic.

LONDON, July 6.—An echo of the increasing criticism against the policy of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking corporation in China, which is said to be domineering in regard to the new republic and to the aspirations of other financial groups in England, was heard recently in the House of Commons. As Mr. Craig asked the secretary for foreign affairs this question:

"Does the government propose to continue exclusively to support the Hongkong and Shanghai corporation and its associates in connection with the issue of the future direct loans to the Chinese government or loans arising out of contracts for the construction of railways and similar undertakings?"

Sir Edward Grey's reply was: "The future policy of His Majesty's government is now under consideration, but I can make no statement at present."

This cryptic reply of the foreign minister seems to have encouraged the many and active opponents of the great bank. They point out that the very fact that the government no longer rushes to the defense of the Hongkong bank with its old-time fervor, indicates the ultimate breaking up of the bank's monopoly in Chinese financial affairs. They are also encouraged by Sir Edward Grey's implication that the government even now is contemplating a modification of Dowding street's traditional, tender watchfulness over the Hongkong bank, whose days as an "infant industry" have long since passed away.

At the same session of the Commons Sir Edward Grey was asked by Mr. Bradburn if the British government had mediated in having the price of the recent \$125,000,000 loan to China. He answered: "The Chinese government was settled by agreement between them and the international group of bankers, without the intervention of His Majesty's government."

VICAR BAR CONFEETI.

LONDON, July 26.—The vicar of Holy Trinity, H. Tilton Lury, states that those who are found in possession of confetti at weddings in that church will in future be refused admission until they have deposited \$5 which will be forfeited if they throw confetti in the church.

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Exclusive Features

Everybody in Brantford and vicinity knows that the COURIER is now in the "big city daily" class. Recently it has secured features that the metropolitan dailies of Canada and the United States use; here are some of them:

Scoop, comic feature, which appears daily in the second section.

The New York Herald's pictorial features, which appear nearly every day.

The New York Herald's page of Paris fashions, which will appear every week.

The Standard Photo Engraving Co.'s pattern service, which appears daily, and which will interest every woman.

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