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RAISULI.

The British Legation has advised the Sultan of Morocco to take prompt action towards securing the release of Sir Harry McLean, now held a prisoner by Raisuli, the romantic bandit. The Moroccan foreign office is of the opinion that Britain is not qualified to take up the affair, McLean being the Sultan's commissioned agent, but evidently in this matter opinions differ. Raisuli has during the past few years made himself notorious by his dime novel exploits, his almost miraculous escapes from justice and determination with which he carries on his campaign against the Sultan. He first attracted attention by kidnapping Mr. Percicaris, a wealthy American resident of Morocco, in May, 1904. This was by no means his first exploit in kidnapping. He had previously taken to his camp for purposes of revenue Mr. Harris, the Tangier correspondent of the London Times. He detained Mr. Percicaris for about two months, but he delivered himself into the hands of a dentist who largely advertised the "painlessness" of his operations.

After a busy five minutes the offending molar was drawn, and the victim was trying to ascertain the extent of the damage to his jaw. "Is that what you call painless?" he asked. "Certainly," smiled the wielder of the forceps; "it was entirely painless to me." "Oh, was it? Well, this is what I call a painless punch," said the victim.

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Then the diplomatic corps around it, and on December 27, the Sultan deposed Raisuli, the Sultan's troops entered Tangier and Raisuli's men retired. His place at Zinat was captured and destroyed, and he became a fugitive among the wild tribes of the Moroccan desert. After various narrow escapes, the Sultan having placed a price on his head, Raisuli joined forces with Bu Hamara, the pretender to the Moroccan throne, who had a force of about 20,000 men in the field.

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KEEP DOWN THE RATE.

There is a distinctly noticeable tendency on the part of members of the common council to introduce into civic affairs a more systematic administration, and especially in this apparent in the assessment and collection of taxes. It will be generally admitted that all the aldermen are to the best of their ability endeavoring to give St. John as good a government as is compatible with the financial standing of the city, and although some of those men who occupy seats at the board cannot be regarded as brilliant, yet the efforts of a few of their more experienced and better qualified colleagues, will no doubt be appreciated, and the improved methods suggested will meet with support.

During the past few months several good recommendations have emanated from the various boards. In the matter of raising money, higher rates have been imposed on goods stored in certain civic properties. It has been decided and rightly so, that civil service employees shall be liable to taxation the same as all others who enjoy the advantages of city life. At the present time a committee of aldermen have in hand the task of preparing a new schedule of wharfage rates which will no doubt materially increase the revenues. All of these things are good, yet the work should not end. There are numerous other sources from which contributions should be drawn; many profitable industries which ought to be liable to

taxation but which have heretofore escaped.

It is greatly to be feared that the assessment system is not up to the mark, that the limited staff officials are unable to accomplish properly all the work that is set before them or that the methods employed are antiquated. Since the proposed new assessment law has been killed by the wealthy class, it is only reasonable to hope that more even distribution of taxation under the existing law shall be arranged, and that the fear of incurring the displeasure of some few men who are supposed to have a pull will not deter the board of assessors from properly performing their duties.

The rate of taxation last year was \$2.00 per \$100. This year for all purposes the city must raise about \$23,000 more. Of this amount \$6,000 will be paid by civic servants and \$2,000 will be received from increased wharfage rates. This leaves a balance of \$15,000 which could, if proper care were taken, be levied upon men who are now known to be paying far less than they should pay. St. John does not want to make money out of its citizens, but sufficient funds must be raised to meet ordinary expenses, and the rate of taxation is now high enough. The motto of the aldermen should be, lower the rate and increase the valuation.

PAINELESS OPERATIONS.

He was a mortal who was much to be pitied, says an exchange. For several days he had suffered a martyrdom from toothache, and now he had delivered himself into the hands of a dentist who largely advertised the "painlessness" of his operations.

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British Cabinet Unable to Proceed in U. S. Negotiations—Trying to Find a Loophole.

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FOREIGN COMMENT ON THE JAPANESE DIFFICULTY

TOKYO, July 8.—The Hochi this morning prints an interview with Admiral Sakamoto in which the Admiral is quoted as follows: "Should hostilities break out between Japan and America, the result would be indefinite owing to a want of proper bases of operation. Such bases as they exist, are too far distant for practical purposes. Even the nearest bases, namely, the Pescadore and Manila, are 600 miles from one another. If the Washington government should decide on war it is doubtful whether the Americans serving the navy are sufficiently patriotic to fight."

THE HAGUE, July 7.—The sentiment of the delegates to the peace conference regarding the question that has arisen between the United States and Japan is likely to be referred to the two countries in a disproportionate to the grave results which may follow. The question, the delegates think, is likely to create a hostile atmosphere, endangering their reciprocal commerce to which the former friendly relation had opened vast fields.

LONDON, July 7.—The present tension between the United States and Japan is exciting the keenest interest among all the European diplomats. None of them, however, believe that it will reach the stage of warfare, because the heavy burden of debt Japan is carrying as a result of her failure to obtain indemnity from Russia forbids her embarking on a similar costly enterprise in the next decade. It is recognized, nevertheless, that the United States is acquiring the emity of Japan which may prove a handicap in the event of trouble with any other power.

BERLIN, July 7.—The conviction of an ultimate conflict between Japan and the United States appears to be widespread in Germany. It is one of the subjects certain to be referred to wherever diplomats and military and naval officials and other accustomed to follow international politics meet. The newspapers agree that President Roosevelt is earnestly trying to satisfy the Japanese requests that Japan asks nothing unreasonable. They recognize that the difficulty lies in the question of race, the economic antagonism of the Californians against the Japanese, and the constitutional impossibility of federal coercion.

AMERICAN PAINTER EXHIBITS PORTRAITS

Collection of Orlando Rouland's Works Likely to Establish Reputation in England.

LONDON, July 6.—At the Modern Gallery, in Bond street, a young American artist of rare talent is holding an exhibition of his portraits in oils, which is likely to establish his reputation in this country. He is Orlando Rouland, of New York, who, in a half-score or so of paintings, displays the mastery he has attained over his medium, and moreover proves himself a strong colorist and an excellent character painter.

MARK TWAIN WORE WHITE FLANNELS AT DINNER

Was Entertained at a Banquet in London and Gave a Lengthy Address.

LONDON, July 6.—Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain), was entertained twice today by prominent Englishmen. Lord Avebury gave a luncheon in his honor at noon. The other guests included Lord Kelvin, Sir Archibald Geikie and Sir Charles Lyall, but the most interesting function was tonight, when Mr. Clemens was the guest of the evening at a dinner at the Savoy Club, where he was welcomed by a large gathering of distinguished people. He wore his white flannels for the first time in England. He spoke for 25 minutes in splendid form and his remarks were received with the greatest enthusiasm and followed with the keenest attention and interest.

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PARIS, July 6.—A number of suits have been brought in France by the heirs of Catholics to recover property bequeathed to the church for the specific purpose of saying masses for the repose of the souls of dead persons.

THE three Gray sisters who lived among the Hyperboreans could not have kept up their strength if they had ceased drinking the TIGER TEA.

Dr. C. Sydney Emerson, DENTIST, 24 Wellington Row.

LIPSETT—On Saturday, July 6th, to the wife of J. A. Lipsett, a son.

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Boy—My mother bought some slippers last week. Man—Felt? Boy—Yep. Three times already.

Children's Feet.

It's a crime to put ill fitting shoes on children's feet. Boys and girls cannot grow straight and strong on narrow soled, narrow heeled, pinching shoes. The shoe must be broad of sole, broad of heel, and must allow for the growing, expanding feet.

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SCIENTIST INDORSSES THEORY OF DARWIN Says That Man and Ape Had Common Ancestor, Probably in Tertiary Period

NEW WITNESS IN FAMOUS SUIT, American to Give Evidence in Druce Claims to Dukedom of Portland.

LONDON, July 6.—A new witness in connection with the claim of George Hollamby Druce to the dukedom of Portland has been found.

BERLIN, July 6.—Professor Haeckel, of Jena, the eminent Darwinian, whose public appearances are exceedingly rare, lectured last night before a distinguished audience of scientists from all parts of Germany on "The Problem of Man." The Zoological Institute of the University of Jena produced all its treasures, skeletons of a gorilla, of man of various races, of apes decaying the platform.

After paying a tribute to the early work of the Swedish naturalist, Linnaeus, as the predecessor of Darwin in the theory of descent, Haeckel claimed Darwin as the man who established for all time the morphological relationship of men and apes. It is not to be understood by relation-ship, said the lecturer, that man has descended from some existing type of ape, but rather that he and the existing anthropoids had one common ancestor—perhaps in the remote Tertiary period—that this ancestor was descended from a still more remote "half-ape," which in turn descended from some insect-eating beast of mammal affinity.

The line of descent, claimed Haeckel, is now accepted by scientists with greater certainty than any theory about the descent of the elephant or the whale, as for the religious or philosophical consequences of such a theory, it was immaterial whether man's origin was found in the region of the apes or in that of any other species of mammalia; for example, the sheep, as Professor Virchow once sarcastically suggested. However our pride may rebel against this theory of descent, it remains a fact that no group of animals approaches nearer to man than the apes.

Professor Haeckel paid an eloquent tribute to Huxley for his work, showing how close their relationship was. Dealing with the objections of those who point out anatomical differences in the legs, feet, brain, etc., who lay stress on man's consciousness of good and evil, his sympathies, his nobler feelings, Haeckel said that, although these objections had his entire sympathies, there would, he thought, be more intellectual pleasure among men on this question if they freed themselves once and for all from the binding influences of traditional prejudices; and if they recognized in their lofty origin the best evidence of their brilliant faculties, and in their progressive past a reasonable ground for belief that their future will lead them to still loftier heights.

Giant Pheasants Evolved. Carl Hagenbeck Crosses Breeds and Produces a Heavy Stock.

HAMBURG, July 6.—Herr Carl Hagenbeck, the celebrated Hamburg dealer in wild animals and birds, says that he has produced a new breed of pheasants.

By cross-breeding between the European and Asiatic pheasants and a careful process of selection he has produced a stock that weighs three to four pounds heavier than the present European bird. More than 300 birds of the new breed have already been sent to Walter Rothschild at Tring, and more are to follow.

Herr Hagenbeck declares that in a few years the game of Europe will be revolutionized if his ideas are carried out.

KING ALFONSO SAVES SOLDIER. Jumps From Carriage to Help Artilleryman Thrown From Horse.

MADRID, July 6.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria continue to lead a quiet life at La Granja, free from the intricacies of court etiquette. The queen passes most of the morning in the beautiful gardens with her son, the Prince of Asturias, and in the afternoon she takes a drive with the King, usually about three hours.

While the King and Queen were driving yesterday to Segovia, where some artillery manoeuvres were in progress, an artilleryman fell from his horse and was in danger of being kicked by the animal. The King, who saw him fall, jumped from his carriage and rescued the man from his perilous position.

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