



THE MAIN STREET OF DAYTON, SHOWING THE CHIEF BUILDINGS AND INDICATING THE RUSHING WATERS WHEN THE FLOOD WAS AT ITS HEIGHT

HOW EXPLORERS WRITE BOOKS OF ADVENTURE

Interesting Glimpse of Difficulties That Can Be Experienced in Literary Work. London, April 1.—An interesting glimpse has just been given of the difficulties that a famous traveller can experience when he comes to write a book about his adventures. There was Captain Robert Scott, for instance—the hero who died at the south pole and whose diary will appear in a few days in New York. His publishers have just explained how, like so many men of clear mind and practical power, he had a natural gift of writing clearly, simply and with an unassuming confidence born of truth and the strength of his impressions. But he had no experience of formal writing, and when he came to write his first south polar book he found himself in very deep waters indeed. He would appear in the publishers' office from time to time with a new chapter finished, saying: "This is a treadmill job, and it makes such dull work that no one is likely to read it," and would gladly make it over to a friendly hand to make sure that, in his own phrase, the "hooks and eyes to many a random sentence" were in their right places. But others knew good work when they saw it, and time after time a letter went forth from the publishers with advice and criticism and warm appreciation to banish such despondency and cheer him in his task.

Rescue of Ship. J. M. Barrie, after reading his "Voyage of Discovery," exclaimed that the account of the rescuing of the ship free of the ice was the most thrilling story of adventure he had ever read. Others give the palm to Scott's modest account of how he and Evans—the herculean seaman who followed him even unto his death—fell into a crevasse while the third man was just able to keep the sledge jammed across the opening, and how they were saved by an astounding feat of agility and strength on his own part. When Evans had at last been hauled out for a minute or two they could only look at one another; then Evans said, "Well, I'm blown!" And that was the first sign of astonishment he had shown.

WOMEN'S MOVEMENT GAINS NEW IMPETUS IN SWEDEN. Success in Municipal Elections Gratifying to Them After Recent Defeat of Franchise Bill and Spurs Them to Demand Full Political Citizens' Rights in 1914. Stockholm, Sweden, Apr. 1.—One of the important political movements of the present day in Sweden is the women's movement. The defeat of the women's suffrage bill in 1912 has only rendered the advocates of the measure more strenuous in their work of propaganda. That they have been successful, and that women are becoming a power in the conduct of the affairs of the country is shown in the result of the municipal elections held in December of last year.

At these elections 20 women were elected town councilors, thus bringing the total number of women councilors to 64. Of these 20 newly elected councilors, 12 were elected by the Liberals, two by the Conservatives, two by the Social Democrats, one by the Liberals and Social Democrats combined, and three on the women's own list. These municipal successes led the council of the national union of women's suffrage societies, which held its meeting in the capital early in January, to decide on the prosecution of a vigorous campaign in order to offer proof to the government, who intend bringing a women's suffrage bill in 1914, that the women really wish for the vote. The council further decided to collect signatures to a declaration reading as follows: "We, the undersigned Swedish women, join in the demand for full political citizens' rights for the women of Sweden." The wording of this declaration was adopted in order to enable women of all parties to sign it.

ADMIRALTY ARCH PROBLEM CALLED NEARER SOLUTION. London, Apr. 1.—There is reason to believe that the problem of the Admiralty arch, concerning which there has been so much discussion during the last few weeks, may still be solved in a satisfactory manner. It now appears that the recent purchasers of the land which is needed for opening up the arch, the Liverpool London and Globe Insurance Company have written to the London county council expressing their willingness to suspend all building operations for a reasonable time without making any monetary claim, provided that a suitable site in the neighborhood is found for them, preferably at the corner of the Mall.

The improvements committee, which has the company's letter under consideration, is to lay it before the London county council at an early meeting. In the event of the proposal for the suspension of building operations being accepted, it seems probable that the London county council will instruct the improvement committee to draw up an entirely new scheme.

TWENTY-FOUR YEARS ON ONE WORK OF ART. Man Dies in Penury With Fortune In Art All Around Him. Paris, Apr. 1.—All Paris is hastening to Ivory, a suburb, to see the works of art left by an old man named Fraissard. He died in great poverty, but this, perhaps, is not wonderful when it is added that he would never part with any of his works no matter what price was offered to him.

For fifty years he executed the most beautiful works of art, mostly in mosaics. Every piece of work he did was a masterpiece, and two rooms in which he lived contain a wonderful collection of beautiful objects. One is a black marble table with a chessboard in onyx and some cups, glasses and bottles. So delicate is the workmanship that the saucers are transparent. Eight years were occupied in the fashioning of this piece of work.

M. Fraissard's masterpiece took him 24 years. It is a black marble table. In the middle is a chessboard, on either side of which are playing cards, arranged as fans. On the table are dominoes and dice, cigars and cigarettes, and several coins in gold and silver. All these, are, of course, inlaid. The materials in the table, besides the black marble, are agate, onyx, porphyry, malachite, and lapis lazuli, the tones of which are black, red, orange, blue and white. Ninety different kinds of marble were also used. In the old man's lodging there are dozens of mosaics, opal sops, chandeliers, and inkstands, inlaid in all sorts of stones.

FORTUNE QUICKLY WON IN MOTION PICTURES. Company Has Achieved Extraordinary Results in the Sale of Pictures.

Copenhagen, Apr. 1.—The Northern Motion Picture Co. (Nordisk Films Kompagni) have just achieved some extraordinary results in the sale of motion pictures. With a capital of \$500,000 they have during the first ten months of their financial year earned \$350,000, so the year's working will probably show something like cent. per cent. profit. Nor do the prospects for the future appear to be particularly gloomy. For the next financial year contracts have already been completed for the total sum of nearly \$1,000,000, and some of the contracts extend over three years. One country alone is good for \$125,000 in orders for next year.

Some novel enterprise, naturally, is needed to bring about such golden results and from Norway, for instance, come complaints that these Scandinavian motion picture companies carry their efforts a little too far, inasmuch as the novels of the great departed Norwegian writers are on occasion somewhat ruthlessly adapted to suit the interests of the film.

Thus the surviving relatives of the famous Jonas Lie are highly indignant because there has been produced a motion picture version of his work "The Commandant's Daughter," yet it was bought bona fide from Lie's publishers. News also comes from the Norwegian capital that Henrik Ibsen is about to be filmed. Dr. Sigur Ibsen, Henrik Ibsen's only son and once Swedish Norwegian minister in Washington, is not adverse from this agreement, provided the work is not mangled in the process and the cast is sufficiently high class. Gerhard Hauptmann has also just sold his jubilee novel "Atlanta" to the Northern Motion Picture company.

KING'S SECRETARY LEAVING OFFICE.

London, Apr. 1.—Viscount Knollys, senior private secretary to the King, will shortly retire. He has held the position which he is now relinquishing for many years, having been first appointed private secretary to the Prince of Wales, afterwards, King Edward, and having been continued in that capacity by the present King when he succeeded his father. King Edward, as is well known placed the utmost reliance in the tact and ability of his private secretary, and marked his appreciation and regard on his accession, by raising Sir Francis Knollys, as he then was, to the peerage. Since the accession of King George, Lord Knollys has acted mainly in the capacity of political secretary.

FARMERS OPPOSE MILK STANDARD.

London, Apr. 1.—The executive council of the National Farmers Union at a recent meeting in Whitehall rooms in London, issued a protest against the milk standard imposed by the government, which they declared inflicted great hardships upon them. A resolution was passed expressing the opinion that the standard in operation in many districts was no proof of adulteration, owing to the enormous variation in quality of pure milk.

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