

Proceedings At House of Assembly

(Continued.)
The mighty Reid or Wilson—they could afford to squander large sums on mere fripperies. Let then, the government place a clause in this Bill now before the house, to the benefit and interests of the working man, that he may receive \$2.00 a day, and which he earns. The Wilson deal then had been altogether changed, was in a new dress as a matter of fact. Much that was objectionable had been cut out, and it was wise as had it been attempted to push that Bill through, in its original form, he (Mr. Coaker) could assure the government that an agitation would have followed which that government would have remembered.

DR. LLOYD followed Mr. Coaker in a very spirited speech, and scored the government on every point brought forth.

Sir Edward Morris, who evidently feels uncomfortable when either Messrs. Morine, Coaker, Kent or the learned doctor speak—again tried to squirm out of some unhappy admissions which he had been guilty of at the earlier session, but the Doctor as a matter of fact "physiced" him much to Sir Edward's distaste.

MR. BENNETT, who closed the night's session, congratulated the Opposition, mentioning Messrs. Kent, Clift, Lloyd, Coaker and Morine, on the part they had taken in showing up the objectionable features of the Wilson Deal and in having altered the Bill to its present better form. The very magnitude of the deal—probably one of the greatest ever introduced into that house—and the able manner it had been handled by the Opposition, was very kindly commented on by Mr. Bennett.

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock this afternoon.

G. T. R. CENSURED

Stratford, April 29.—The juror empanelled to enquire into the death of Engineer Edward Roman, who was crushed to death, at the adjourned inquest to-night, returned a verdict censuring the G. T. R. for allowing their employes to handle engines in the yards or roundhouses without proper rules. Also that the engine was left foul of the switch. The employes have no rules.

THE OUTCOME CERTAIN

The sudden destruction of three great ships of steel in the attack on the Dardanelles is more of a dramatic than a vital loss to the Allies. There is no reason to think that the result will be anything but a more grim and determined assault on the historic straits. The chances for success are practically unchanged. From a strategic standpoint the Allies could afford to lose ten of fifteen of this type of ship if they could force the Dardanelles and capture Constantinople. The victory would be dirt cheap at the price.—New York Press.

THE BIG GUN

It was Lord Fisher who gave this country the big ship, armed with big guns of one calibre, and coupled with high speed. In the great day of trial, should it ever come, we shall have reason to be thankful that this policy was so boldly adopted by the board of admiralty. Our big guns have survived all the doubts cast upon them, and it is satisfactory to learn that the ships armed with the new 15-inch gun, the most powerful naval weapon in the world has ever seen, are gradually coming into line.—London Times.

This Importer Approves Wednesday For Holiday

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—After carefully reading the rules adopted by the Importers' Association, I most heartily agree with their decision to change the monthly holidays from Monday to Wednesday, at the same time I would very much prefer having a whole holiday every second week during the summer months as the weekly half-holiday is of very little use to the proprietors, as by the time they get the morning's work squared up and get through dinner there is very little of the afternoon left, while one, and all can enjoy a full day's outing quite thoroughly.

As to the closing the stores at 6 p.m. during the Spring or even during the Fall, there would be no objection to our adopting this course if all the stores on Duckworth, New Gower and all other streets in the City would close at the same time.

I know for a certainty that there are quite a number of stores not on Water Street which keep open up to 9 o'clock and some even up to midnight all the year round, which do equally as large, if not a larger and more profitable trade than is done by very many of the stores on Water Street. Why, then, should the smaller Water St. stores, to their own disadvantage, close at 6 p.m. and by so doing build up the trade of the stores on the other streets. Some will argue that the Water Street stores do not loose trade by closing at 6 p.m., as they supply the other street stores. I submit, however, that such is not the case, as very many of these so-called small stores are importers and many others are supplied by agents and importers on Duckworth and other off-Water St. wholesalers.

Further, if a few of the so-called "big" firms, who claim to be wholesalers, but will sell a cent's worth of anything choose to close their stores after 6 p.m. all the year round, let them do so, but why is it to be expected that the smaller Water St. stores should keep them company.

It is quite time that these small dry goods, millinery, hardware, grocery, book and stationery, and other Water St. stores should see that they adopt such measures as will prevent their legitimate trade from slipping through their fingers, before it is too late. The very heavy expenses attendant upon doing business on Water St. to-day in many instances does not by any means compensate the extraordinary amount of mental thought and strain that the proprietors put into it.

AN IMPORTER, BUT NOT A MEMBER OF THE I. A.

At the Crescent

This is the story! You will see the picture at the Crescent how Frank Deacon, a convict, vows if he ever gets a chance he will lead a straight life. His conduct in prison is so good that his term is shortened, and he goes out into the world several times; he gets employment but on each occasion it is found out he has been a jail bird and is sent adrift. He resolves to take to the road and be a tramp. One day he stops at the gate of a country house, owned by a widow, who for years has expected the return of a recreant son, who really has for some years been dead. The poor old woman, who is partially demented, thinks that this must be her boy, and Mary, the daughter persuades Frank that he had better accept the false position, as it may save the old woman's life. He consents and finds a job as a station agent.

All is well, until John and Bill, two ex-convicts, come along to hold up a train, they place logs across the track and go to the depot to overpower the agent; they recognize each other as fellow-prisoners, but Frank puts up a fight, is overpowered and bound to a table. At the same time, Mary in a jewelry store, where she works, has been playfully closed up in a vault by the proprietor's little boy. The child getting frightened, goes to find help at the depot. He unites Frank and together they hasten to the store. In the meantime Burton, the warden of the jail, has landed in the train-wreckers, who seeing Frank rushing to the jewelry store, follow. There at the point of a gun, he forces one of the convicts to sense the combination of the safe. The girl is released and the crooks taken back to jail. As Frank, seeing himself worthy, declares his love for Mary.

Tokio, April 18.—The Cabinet to-day fixed November 19 as the date for the coronation of Emperor Yoshihito. The ceremony was to have taken place last November, but a postponement was made necessary by the death of the Dowager Empress. The Diet to-day has appropriated 4,000,000 yen (\$2,000,000) for the expenses of the ceremony.

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Something About Gold Nuggets

By what process is a nugget of gold compacted into form in which it is found? Sometimes a mass worth more than \$5,000 is found. In answer to the question there is cited the attempt of an investigator in Australia to ascertain the workings of nature in this respect. This investigator, says the Science Sitings, cut and sliced and polished gold nuggets with the sole purpose of ascertaining just what was their structure.

The first thing he discovered was that there is one curious point of resemblance between nuggets and meteorites. Both when polished and etched with chlorine water exhibit a crystalline structure.

In the case of meteorites the lines thus exhibited on the etched surface are called Widmanstatten figures, and their presence is held to be one of the most invariable characteristics of those metallic bodies that fall from the sky to the earth. But it is not meant to be implied that gold nuggets have fallen from the sky because they exhibit a crystalline structure recalling that of meteorites. The resemblance is apparently only superficial, and the crystals of the nuggets differ in form from those of the meteorites.

Another curious fact is that when a nugget is heated in a Bunsen flame explosions take place on its surface. Blisters are formed which continue to swell until they burst with a sharp report, and bits of gold are violently scattered about. It is evident that the nuggets contain either gases or some liquids or solids which are easily converted into the gaseous form, the expansion of which produces the explosions.

The Sacred Turkish Beard

Some years ago the German Colonel von Schlichting, instructor to the Ottoman army, was shot dead on parade at Yildiz Kiosk by a young Albanian soldier, Hadji Bairam, because the German in correcting the faulty pose of the soldier's head touched his chin with his riding whip.

Unfortunately the colonel did not know or did not remember that to

touch a Mussulman's chin is a grave offense from a religious viewpoint. It is by the board of the prophet or his own beard that he swears allegiance and makes his vows and promises. According to a Turkish general, an Albanian would kill his own father if he laid hands upon his son's head in so disrespectful a manner. A Mohammedan military service is simply a religious duty, and it implies a voluntary submission to discipline. But Turkish officers know better than to touch their men ruddy or even to shout at them.

Of course it was a ver regrettable misunderstanding, and the Sultan sent a telegram to the Kaiser to express his sorrow, and an imperial Ottoman prince and three Turkish ministers followed the victim's hearse to the cemetery. But in the interests of discipline the murderer had to die despite an appeal for a reprieve from the colonel's widow.

The Albanian was shot by ten men of his own battalion, and when he was asked before the execution if he repented of the deed he replied twice in a firm voice, "No!"—Washington Star.

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