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AN INTERESTING ACTION.

A most interesting action for criminal libel is now before the courts in Philadelphia. The North American, an enterprising newspaper of that city, has for some time past been criticising the policy and conduct of Mayor Reubyn. There are a number of very clever cartoon artists on the staff of the paper, and these along with certain special writers have frequently intimated that Mr. Reubyn is cognizant of, but allows to pass without interference, illegal acts in departments directly under his control. He has been charged by the paper with negligence and with permitting graft in the police and public works departments of the city government. Mayor Reubyn had warrants issued, charging criminal libel against three writers and four artists of the North American. That paper promptly responded by repeating in very distinct type the worst of all those things which it had previously said about him and by reproducing all the cartoons upon which he bases his charge. Not only that, but nearly every day since the writs were issued two pages of the North American have been devoted to these cartoons, and accompanying them are particulars of all that, in the opinion of the paper, the mayor has failed to do, together with a running account of the proceedings of the day in the libel suit. Mayor Reubyn objects to newspaper criticism, but since commencing this action, all his shortcomings have been more prominently placed before the public than if he had permitted the ordinary criticism to pass unnoted during the whole of his term of office. The truth or falsity of the statements made must be left for proof before the courts, but the North American, although slightly inclined to sensationalism, is on the whole, reliable in its news. This was the paper which single handedly denounced the grafters and forced the State Government of Pennsylvania to take action against those contractors and officials who, during the construction of the new Capitol building, had robbed the treasury of many millions of dollars. Libel actions which were started against the paper at that time, by the persons involved, were very quickly dropped, and instead of the artists and writers being punished, the complainants in this case were sentenced to terms of imprisonment. Mayor Reubyn may find that he has made a mistake in attacking the North American.

ROBERTS IN CANADA.

Fortunately, Earl Roberts has never been called to Canada in his official capacity, as a general of the Imperial forces. In his long career as an army officer he has visited many other portions of the Empire and has conducted successful campaigns against the enemies of the throne. In the present age when there are so many able men in the world, an individual must be possessed of very exceptional qualifications in order that he may be regarded as a great man. One hundred years ago Wellington was hailed as a martial wonder. By a combination of circumstances he defeated the greatest general of modern times. Yet Wellington with all his ability would not be a match for two weeks against Lord Roberts. Wellington is held up as one of Britain's most renowned heroes, and his name will live long after that of Roberts has been forgotten. It will not be because of his superior ability but rather because he lived in a time when great men through disadvantages of environment, were not quite so plentiful as they are today. It takes distance to lend enchantment in a good many cases, and Lord Roberts' march from Kabul to Kandahar is even now regarded as a wonderful feat, whereas it was a trifling occurrence when compared with his more recent expedition from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. However it may be that in another hundred years Earl Roberts will be given his proper place among the great ones of the Empire, and meanwhile Canada, during the next few days, will endeavor to do all in her power to impress upon him that his services for the Empire are formally welcomed. He has already been formally welcomed to the Dominion. During his stay in Quebec he will be received by all in a manner which cannot fail to deeply impress upon him the loyalty of Canadians to the Empire, and the personal esteem of the people towards himself. Since the South African War, Earl Roberts has become, in a sense, a personal friend of Canada, due to the fact that he commanded the army in which were enlisted several thousands of men belonging to this nation. The recollection of the thoughtful treatment accorded the Canadians by "Bobs" will have some effect in increasing the heartiness of his reception.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER IN NEW JERSEY

Daughter of Murdered Woman Tells of Fearful Grime.

Austrian Woman Shot, Robbed of \$2,200 and Body Placed on Track Where Train Cut It in Two—Daughter Shot Also—Suspect Girl's Fiancée.

NEW YORK, July 19.—A strange murder case developed today when officers of Hackensack, N. J., examined the body of Mrs. Otella Eberhard, which was found early today lying on the tracks of the New York, Susquehanna & Western R. R. near Cosberg, N. J., discovered bullet wounds. A passing train had cut the body in two. Otella Eberhard, a daughter of the dead woman, was wounded three times by bullets and dragged herself a few feet to an isolated farm-house. The police are hunting for August Eberhard, a nephew of the murdered woman, believing that he may know something of the crime. Mrs. Eberhard and her daughter arrived from Vienna last Thursday on the invitation of August Eberhard. The Eberhard girl states that there was an understanding that August was to marry her. Yesterday, Miss Eberhard says she and her mother were invited by August to go to Rochelle Park, in New Jersey, and that they wandered around there until evening. At the Cosberg coal pockets, the girl says, she saw a flash, however, caused serious wounds. She saw her mother fall, she says, when the first shot was fired. Recovering consciousness, shortly afterward, she found her way to a farm-house, whose inmates bound up her wounds and escorted her into Hackensack today. By that time the coroner was working on her mother's case. Miss Eberhard says her mother had \$2,200 in United States currency and \$300 in German notes when they left for their excursion. The \$2,200 was missing when the body was found. The police say that Eberhard, too, may have been murdered, and his body disposed of. Meanwhile, however, they are making every effort to locate him if he is alive.

THRILLING RESCUE FROM WRECKED STEAMER

Camping Party Make Fourteen Mile Dash in Autos and Assist in Saving Lives of Crew by Breeches Buoy.

NEW YORK, July 19.—While the Chippewa, of the Clyde Line, was pounding gales in her hull off Montauk Point Life Saving Station, early today, 24 men were taken from her by a camping party, the members of which had made fourteen miles dash in automobiles to aid in the rescue.

Three weeks ago the Chippewa, bound from Charleston to Boston, with a cargo of lumber and animals, went on the rocks in a heavy blow. Ordinary means failed to dislodge her, and pumps and other appliances were installed to float her. All the preliminary work had been done, and it had been planned to haul the Chippewa from the rocks yesterday, when a heavy sea began to run and by the middle of the afternoon the ship was pounding on the sharp rocks in an alarming way. The twenty-four men aboard, some of the crew, and some of the wrecking crew, believing their lives were in danger, sent up signals of distress. Jumping into three automobiles a camping party which had seen the signals, made a fast run to the life saving station, fourteen miles distant. They found Captain Hodges and placed themselves under his command. The life gun line was brought into action and four lines shot seaward before one caught on the rigging. Over this line the men on the pounding vessel were brought ashore, one by one, in the breeches buoy. It is feared the Chippewa will be a total loss. She was valued at about \$500,000. The animals aboard, including alligators and ostriches, were not taken off.

GOAL STEAMER AGROUND.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., July 19.—The six-masted schooner William D. Douglas, Captain McLean, of the Crowley Transportation Company from Baltimore to Boston, with a cargo of 5,360 tons of coal, is hard and fast ashore in Vineyard Sound on the extreme west end of Lucas Shoal in 23 feet of water. The schooner entered Vineyard Sound last night in a fresh southwest wind and a dense fog setting in, prepared to anchor off the channel, when she grounded. She sustained no damage but lacks four feet of water to clear herself. Arrangements have been made to have lighters sent from Boston to lighter her.

LONDON, July 20.—Waldorf Astor has donated \$5,000 to the Children's Fresh Air Fund.

WARM WELCOME FOR AMERICAN FLEET

New Zealand and Australia to Give Them Good Time.

British and American Sailors Will Mixle In Festivities—Balls and Other Social Events for Officers—Horse Race and Prize Fight.

MELBOURNE, Australia, July 20.—The Stars and Stripes have witnessed sights and achievements in bygone years on that wide and lonely ocean, the South Pacific. The fleet reviewed in the general mind by the cruise to the Antipodes of the American battleship fleet, American States are growing more and more frequent in the southern ocean, but something of the old nautical prestige remains and this decadent render the big men of war will doubtless re-animate. Admiral Sperry's command has been at Auckland on August 10 and is to spend four days with the New Zealanders. It is due at Sydney August 20, where it will stay a week; on August 29 it will reach here for another week's sojourn, and on September 5 it will leave for Manila, stopping at Albany only long enough to coal. Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Poore, commander-in-chief of the Australian fleet, will leave Sydney for Suva, capital of the Fiji Islands, which lie close to the route of the Americans and thence he will intercept them with two British warships and officially greet them prior to their reaching New Zealand. The New Zealanders have made elaborate preparations for entertaining the Americans. Auckland will be decorated with flags from every city in the dominion and illuminated at night. The programme of all parties is arranged for the enjoyment of 15,000 officers and sailors, including the crews of the three British warships. Six hundred and fifty American and British officers will be the guests at an official banquet and there will be a state ball which will be attended by upwards of 2,000 persons. At Auckland, Admiral Sperry will meet Thomas E. Ewing, minister of defense of the Australian commonwealth, who will consult with him about the commonwealth's reception of the fleet. Alfred Deakin, Premier of the Commonwealth, members of the federal cabinet and representatives of all parties in the federal parliament make up the federal committee of arrangements. The programme at Sydney includes a federal and state reception to Admiral Sperry and his brother officers; a big review of the fleet; a state ball; Australian troops and British blue-jackets and probably American sailors will take part in the entertainment. At the visiting fleet; a federal ball; extensive entertainment of the fleet; an athletic meet. By special invitation Admiral Sperry and his flag officers will stop while at Sydney, at a beautiful residence of the successive governors-general. Here at Melbourne the round of entertainment will be as big as that at Sydney. The American fleet will be met down the bay by ministers, members of parliament and leading citizens. The week's programme will comprise a dinner to the fleet's senior officers by Governor Carrivick, a dinner at Parliament House by the commonwealth government, and a reception to the officers by the state government. There will be 7,000 guests at this last which will be held in the exhibition building. At the Fiedling race course, where 25,000 people are wont to gather on Melbourne cup day, a special meet will be held and the cars will carry the Australian and British contingents, the Roosevelt handicap, etc., in honor of the visitors. Another sporting event to mark the week will be the fight between "Tommy" Burns, the Canadian heavy-weight, and Lang, Australia's best man in the same class.

SUICIDE STATISTICS.

Childless Marriages a Cause—Rate High Among German Nationals.

Among 1,000,000 suicides of all classes it has been found that 205 married men with children destroyed their lives, 470 married men without children, 526 widowers with, and 1,004 widows without children. With respect to the women, 45 married women with, and 158 without children committed suicide, while 104 widows with, and 228 without offspring, completed the list. On the face of things, it would appear that in childless marriages the number of men suicides is doubled and in women trebled. Leaving the case of actually insane persons out of the count, it would also appear that in males suicide is more frequent than in females.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN PRACTICE.

Prof. Harry E. Kelly, now practicing in Denver, put forth the Iowa State University, had some of the obligations to woman suffrage put on him for answer. This is the way he handles them:

1. Woman suffrage would create disorder in the family. "Colorado has never heard of a case of family discord that was even alleged to have originated in woman suffrage. The members of a family are inclined to stand together upon political questions much as they are upon religious questions; but this fact broadens the family interest in public affairs, because women, disregarding the family scramble for office, direct the family interest along the line of social questions, in addition to the interest in partisan politics. While woman suffrage increases the number of votes, it gives us an increased breadth of public interest in social welfare. Neither has woman suffrage rendered politics attractive to women as a vocation, nor has it rendered any other effect on the character than to multiply their social interests and widen their intellectual horizon. The right to vote has not made them less dutiful as mothers and wives."

2. Women do not wish to vote. "The women of Colorado are not office-seekers, but they vote solidly when there is anything in a campaign that appeals to their interest; and in all elections their vote is large. Among them of course there are some bad women, just as among men there are some bad men. But I apprehend that nobody has any scheme by which the suffrage can be so restricted as to exclude persons who are evil-minded. There is not a city in the world where the vote of evil women could be of enough consequence in a controversy like this."

3. The surroundings of the polls are such that a refined woman cannot well go to them. "This is moonshine; for under woman suffrage, as we have seen in Colorado, the voting booths are placed in most respectable quarters, largely in private houses, with surroundings that offer no opportunity for criticism."

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BRIDEN—At the Home for Incurables, on the 19th inst., Thomas Bryden of this city, leaving a wife and one nephew to mourn their loss.

McBREARITY—At Eopous, New York, on Sunday, 19th inst., John J. McBrearity, formerly of this city, leaving a wife, two sons and one daughter to mourn their sad loss. Funeral at Baltimore on Wednesday afternoon.

OFF TO THE SOUTH POLE.

Explorer to be Away from Civilization for Three Years. PARIS, July 20.—Dr. Jean Charcot, the well-known explorer, will set sail in a few days in the ship Pourquoi Pas (Why Not) on a voyage of discovery to the South Pole.

"The twentieth century cannot," says the doctor, "allow the great white void to remain on this map. Scientists await from us, the explorers of the Antarctic, the solution of problems that we alone can solve. It is on the discoveries in the Antarctic that one may depend to solve the great problem of the origin of life."

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THE DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT IN JAPAN

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CONSCRIPTION SYSTEM.

"When the conscription system was enacted, the privileges of the Samurai class was abolished, and as soldiers all classes of people are treated alike. Rich men, peers and scholars lose their distinction before the system, and only the efficiency of soldiers opens a prosperous career to him. From this viewpoint the rise of the democratic spirit in Japan owes much to the conscription system."

"The rapid growth of the business men in a position of social importance is the fourth reason given by Mr. Tokutomi. He observes: 'The development of business creates rich men, and aggravates the difference between rich and poor, sets up a barrier between capital and labor, and is a drawback to the growth of democracy. But that which augurs the development of democracy, and stimulates them to insist on their rights, is the result of the development of industry. The laborer's motto of today is 'Combination is Strength.'"

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