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The British and American Bible Societies alone circulate some 8,000,000 copies a year. Forty per cent. of the cost is recovered by sales.

Often the payments are made in curious substitutes for money, such as cowry shells in Hebrides, copra and arrowroot in the New Hebrides, swords, daggers, sandals, amulets, straw hats, pieces of silk, eggs, butter, rotten cheese, dogs' teeth, sea-birds' eggs and other picturesque circulating material. Occasionally even Bibles are stolen.

Something like 2,000 colporteurs and Biblewomen travel in all manner of outlandish places, "by railroad, carriage, boat, bullock wagon, sleigh, bicycle wheelbarrow, on mule, jinrikisha or afoot," to distribute Bibles.

Bibles must be packed in water-tight parcels to be landed through the surf in Madras; they are made up in 56 pound packages to fit coolies' backs in Annam.

A century ago the Bible was printed in forty languages. It is now printed in 450, and new ones are being added every year. Sometimes languages are practically made by the Bible—that is to say, it is the first book printed in some obscure tongue, so rude that it does not even contain words enough to express thought.

Take, for example, the translation just made for the Sheetswa tribe in East Africa. They had no word for Supreme Being, or home, father, heaven, house, and other ideas equally fundamental. Other recent translations have been into Mare, Persian, Uganda, Labrador, Eskimo, Kongo-Baldo, Wedan, Fang, Madarese, and Nogugu.

And there are said to be on the borders of the Indian Empire alone 108 languages, in which there is no Christian Scripture printed.

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MORE MASSACRE FEARED IN CHINA.

Another Boxing Uprising is Threatened.

Plot to Kill All Foreigners On October 17— Movement May Be Suppressed

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Since May, says the Herald's Pekin correspondent, there has been increasing excitement among the natives in South Chi Li, north Honan and west Shan Tung districts. A new anti-foreign society, the Tsai Yuan has been formed similar to the Boxers, with many members. The movement is spreading rapidly, even during the present harvesting of good crops. The situation is much the same as in 1900 without the famine incentive. The south Chi Li mission of the Canadian Presbyterian church and the mission of the American board are in the affected region.

The principal centres of agitation are at Chan Te Fu and Ta Ming Fu, in Chi Li, and Tun Go, in Shantung. The placards of the new society being circulated are identical with the placards of the Boxers with the following addition: "If every member will distribute thirty copies we shall become as numerous as the Boxers and on October 17, the Chung Yang festival, all foreigners will be destroyed."

The membership of the Tsai Yuan includes, clerks, yamen, officials, Buddhist priests and rich and influential natives. The fact of Yamen subordinates being members of the society renders adverse action of the magistrates difficult.

The American, British and French ministers have notified the Chinese foreign board of the above facts and the board has ordered Viceroy Yuen to suppress the society. This same viceroy suppressed the Boxer movement in Shan Tung in 1900. The foreign ministers have confidence in his ability now. The situation is not critical at present, but owing to continued Japanese successes, the anti-foreign movement may easily become so.

DETERMINED TO DIE

Swallowed Glass From a Mirror and Ate Matches But Was Not Successful.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29—A despatch from St. Louis says:—Joseph H. Edwards, former manager of a plow company's branch at New Orleans, who was brought here from Denver en route to New Orleans, to face charges of embezzlement of $15,000, attempted to commit suicide after leaving Denver. Though handcuffed, he managed to break up a hand mirror and swallow some of the glass and when discovered was eating the sulphur end of matches. Edwards was out of danger when St. Louis was reached. He was taken to New Orleans.

WHAT HE WANTED.

Governor Charles B. Aycock of North Carolina, who was mentioned as a possible candidate for vice-president on the democratic ticket, illustrated a political point during a campaign speech by telling of a young chap who went to see a lawyer:

"There is a fellow making love to my wife," he said. "He takes her out riding, calls to see her when I am not at home as well as when I am there, sends her presents, writes letters to her, and pays no attention to me."

"Why doesn't your wife discourage him?" asked the lawyer.

"She seems to like the cuss," said the other. "She is always glad to see him, puts on her best clothes, and the other day I saw him a-kissing her. And she seemed to like it."

"You saw him kissing her and she din't object?" said the lawyer. "Well, we can get you a divorce without any trouble."

"Thunder!" said the husband. "I don't want any divorce. I want an injunction."

THE BOY AND THE MILL.

A small boy went to a mill with a sack of grain. It was out on the prairie in Iowa. The boy became tired watchin the slow turning of the miller, asked:

"How long is thins thing going to take I am in a hurry."

"Oh," replied the miller, "this is as fast as it can go."

"Well," retorted the boy, "I can eat that flour faster than it is grinding there."

"You might," quoth the miller, "but how long could you kep it up?"

"I could keep it up," the boy answered, "until I starved to death."

LOCAL BYE-ELECTIONS.

FREDERICTON, Sept. 29.—A meeting of the local government will be held in this city on Monday next, and the date of the St. John bye-elections will probably be a matter of consideration.

LADY CURZON BETTER.

WALMER CASTLE, Kent., Sept. 30.—The physicians in attendance on Lady Curzon issued the following bulletin this morning: "Her ladyship passed a quiet night and is on the whole, somewhat better."

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. R. H. RUBINS, 20 Simonds street.

LOST—Between foot of Main street and High street, by way of Acadia, a sum of money in bills. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office.

JAP ATTACK AGAIN REPULSED

Port Arthur Still Holds Out Stubbornly.

The Crew of a Captured Chinese Junk Tell of the Latest Battle.

CHE FOO, Sept. 30, 1 p. m.—A Japanese torpedo destroyer at midnight last night landed near Che Foo 18 Chinese coolies, whom the Japanese had taken from a junk which was attempting to run the blockade and carry mail from Port Arthur. The captured junk was burned. The Chinese say that two Russians, disguised as Chinese, were kept prisoners on the destroyer, and that two Chinese probably perished in the flames of the burning junk. The Chinese, who left Port Arthur Sept. 27, confirm the A. P. advices of Sept. 28 saying that the last assault was the old story over again, the Japanese intrepidly entering the Russian positions but being unable to remain in face of the fire from the large forts.

RUSSIANS SEIZE RICH PRIZE.

ASTORIA, Ogn., Sept. 30.—The Oriental liner Arabia arrived here yesterday from Far Eastern points. The Arabia was captured by the Russian Vladivostok squadron July 22. The cruiser Gromoboi brought the Arabia to a stop and three or four hundred men boarded her. The Arabia was taken to Vladivostok, where 65,000 sacks of flour were removed from her, 35 sacks being left on board. The Arabia also had on board 90 flat cars which the Russians threw into the sea.

"We were at Vladivostok for 28 days," said Capt. Bahle, "and there met the crews of several captured vessels. The Russian officers showed us every courtesy and personally our relations with them could not have been more pleasant."

The Russia and Gromoboi were at Vladivostok while the Arabia was there. I have heard that the Russians claimed both.

It was said that both vessels had been repaired sufficiently to permit them to resume duty, but I do not believe the report. I counted 26 gaping holes in the Rossia. All of them were near the waterline and were received in battle with Admiral Kamura's fleet. Repairs could not be made inside of several months. The Gromobi was also badly used up.

"We talked with many Russian officers while at Vladivostok, and all seemed cheerful. When Russian losses were referred to they laughed, saying the Japanese could not always be successful and that Russia would ultimately win."

At Yokohama the Japanese were celebrating the victory of Liao Yang when the Arabia arrived.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 28.—A despatch received from General Kuropatkin, dated yesterday afternoon, announces that numerous skirmishes have occurred along most parts of the Russian front. The Japanese have not altered their positions east of the railroad and confine themselves to outpost attacks to the north, all of which so far have been repulsed. Reconnaissances by the Russian troops have established the fact that the main Japanese forces are still along the branch railroad to the Yentai mines. The two sides are in constant contact. Gen. Saisonoff's troops particularly have had frequent encounters but have sustained very few casualties. The Russians have captured some Japanese cattle and horses. The Japanese have constructed pontoon bridges over the Taitse River at Pensilu.

The general adds: On the night of Sept. 25 Cornet Mikheleff with a detachment of Ural Cossacks attacked the Japanese bivouacked at Khouandi, causing a great panic. The same day the Orenburg Cossacks laid an ambush for half a squadron of Japanese cavalry, who returned the fire but soon retired, having sustained considerable loss and leaving several dead on the ground.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 28.—The latest official advices from the front are silent on the subject of the Japanese flanking movements east and west of Mukden, from which the war office concludes that Field Marshal Oyama has not yet begun to press his advance from Sianchan or up the Liao River valley, indicating that there is still further delay in the general advance. The Associated Press is now authorized to definitely deny the statement that the Japanese in any force have crossed the Hun River about 50 miles from Mukden.

There is no evidence that the Japanese turning movement is nearly so extended. The only Japanese at this point are the scouts reported in these despatches Sept. 26. The only information received from General Kuropatkin, timed 3 p. m. yesterday, is to the effect that the Japanese outposts east of the railroad along the Shakhe River continue to throw out small detachments, but they were invariably met and repulsed by the Russian cavalry, which maintains close contact with the whole Japanese line. Daily skirmishes are occurring, but none of an important character. According to information brought in by Russian scouts the main Japanese forces are still concentrated along the Yentai branch railroad and reinforcements are still crossing the Taitse River, using two pontoon bridges at Desau. From the latter fact it would appear that the preparations for the Japanese advance are more backward than heretofore supposed.

The information received at the war office concerning the situation at Port Arthur is not reassuring. The blockade at last seems to be effective. Admiral Togo's ships are arresting all the junks which try to enter the harbor and are sending them to Port Dalny. It is feared that their complete isolation may react on the spirits of the garrison.

YORK IS READY AND CONFIDENT.

Dr. McLeod or George Colter, the Candidate.

Conservatives Will Hold Convention Immediately—Report Says Either Will Accept the Nomination

(Special to the Star).

FREDERICTON, N. B., Sept. 30.—The news of the date of the election caused some excitement here today. Conservatives all express themselves willing for the contest. That the opposition party will have a strong candidate is assured. The two names most prominently mentioned as candidates are those of Dr. McLeod and Geo. J. Colter, either of whom would make a strong fight. The party in York is thoroughly united and will give a good account of itself when the time comes. Either Mr. Colter or Dr. McLeod will, from all reports, accept the verdict of the convention shortly to be called, and whoever is the choice will have the hearty suport of the other. Those Liberals who counted on York as a sure constituency on account of the Canada Eastern transfer are not as strong in their predictions today as they were a week or so ago and their faith will continue to grow less from now on.

Up to one o'clock no definite information has been received from Boston regarding the condition of E. Byron Winslow, but word is expected this afternoon.

FLAMING STREET CAR RUSHES DOWN HILL.

Exciting Time in Halifax — Passengers Panic Striken — One Woman Badly Injured.

(Special to the Star.)

HALIFAX, Sept. 30.—The controller box of an electric car took fire today and enveloped the car in flames. The car was going down a steep hill at the time. The passengers became panic stricken. Mrs. Woodsword Newcombe jumped off the car and broke her leg and injured her back. Other passengers were about to jump, but the flames becoming subdued remained on the car.

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Cleared.

Barge No. 3, McNamraa, for St Andrews.

Str Louisburg, 1,152, Gould, for Sydney, C. B.

Sch Dora, Canning, for Parrsboro.

FUNERALS TODAY.

The funeral took place this afternoon of Samuel Cochran from his late residence, 268 Brussels street. Rev. A. J. W. Nicholson officiated and interment took place in Fernhill cemetery.

The late Mrs. George Hanson was buried this afternoon from her late residence, 59 Marsh Road. The remains were taken to the Cathedral, where Rev. Fr. Coughlan read the service. Burial took place in the old Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of William Carr was held this afternoon from Hanover street. Rev. Fr. Coughlan read the service at the Cathedral and interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

CASUAL ITEMS FROM THE KANSAS PRAIRIE.

(Eureka, Kas., Messenger.)

Mrs. Carrol died day before yesterday from running a nail in her foot. We did not learn the facts.

There was an old gentleman died at the county house yesterday. We did not learn his name.

There was a load of watermelons passed along the road September 3rd. We did not learn where they were going to.

There have been five deaths around this part of the country in the past week. We did not get their names.

There were not many went from here to take in the re-union.

Mrs. George Hillman is feeling pretty poorly this fall.

While swinging in the hammock Wednesday Miss Nina Levering fell out.

MARKING PITT'S HOUSE.

The London county council has erected a memorial tablet on No. 14 York place, Portman square, where William Pitt resided for a time during the years 1803 and 1804. The tablet is of encaustic ware and green in color.

Pitt became the tenant of No. 14 York place in October, 1802. In that month a severe attack of illness drove him to Bath in search of health. From August, 1802, Pitt's residence at No. 14 York place was shared by his niece, Lady Hester Stanhope. Pitt was out of office during the whole of the time he lived at York place, but it was during his residence there that he delivered one of his greatest speeches, that on the renewal of the war with France, in May, 1803.

WRIGHT ACTED IN SELF DEFENCE.

So Say Witnesses at Examination Today.

Two Men Swear That McKnight Attacked Wright With a Club in Havelock Row

(Special to the Star.)

SUSSEX, N. B., Sept. 30.—The preliminary examination of Oscar Wright was resumed this morning. Four witnesses were examined.

Herbert A. Fowler, sworn, said he assisted in the arrest of Oscar Wright. He did not hear Constable Coates tantalize the prisoner. He was present all the time Constable Coates, Constable Perry and the prisoner were together.

Oldfield Proctor, sworn, said he saw Oscar Wright strike Sam Keith. He saw Oscar and Mrs. Wright in the middle of the road hitting one another with sticks. He saw Oscar Wright strike McKnight in the head with a stick. He heard a loud sounding blow and saw McKnight fall.

Frank Peterson, sworn, said that on the evening of the fight he saw several men take Oscar Wright from the door of the Wright shop. He saw Mrs. Wright beating Oscar with a long stick, later he saw Oscar clinched by a crowd. He also saw Mrs. Wright and W. C. McKnight, the deceased, beating Oscar and Oscar fall to the ground. Oscar soon got up, assisted by nobody. Oscar got a club near by. With this he cleared away the crowd. The next he saw was Oscar and Mrs. Wright having a duel, both were striking with their clubs. No one interfered. The next he saw was a club coming down on McKnight's head. The club was about the size of the one in court. He saw McKnight fall.

C. O. Peterson, father of the last witness, sworn, said he saw Wm. McKnight coming at Oscar with a club. McKnight and Mrs. Wright beat Oscar with clubs till he fell face downwards. The rest of his evidence corroborated that of the last witness.

PRISON RULES CHANGED

Important Change in New York System—First Term Men Wont Wear Stripes.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 30.—This is the last day of "prison stripes" on the clothing first term prisoners confined in the four state prisons of this state. Tomorrow morning 2,384 first term inmates of the four state prisons will take off the striped suits which for years have been the characteristic garb of convicts and will put on a new dress planned by state deaprtment contractor of prisons Collins for the purpose of distinguishing first term men from old offenders and in other was improving their condition. In line with this movement have been the abolition of the lock step and the cropped heads. Mr. Collins believes that the wisdom of these changes has been demonstrated by the fact that since they went into effect punishments in all prisons have decreased 40 per cent.

SNIDE LIGHTS ON HISTORY.

(From the Chicago Journal.)

Georgie Porgie had just kissed the girls and made them cry.

"They're crying for more," he said, complacently.

Which shows how conceited men really are.

Othello had just strangled Desdemona.

"I suppose the papers will say," he mused, as he gazed at his swarthy fist, "hattGT: mfwy cmfwyp cmfwyp fist, "that she was a victim of the black hand."

Muttering to himself, he went to another highball.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Gales southerly, shifting to westerly and northerly; clearing this evening. Saturday, strong west to northwest winds; fair.

Synopsis—The disturbance mentioned yesterday is now centred in the Gulf of St. Lawrence as a severe storm. Winds to Banks and American ports, gales southerly, shifting to westerly and southwesterly.

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