

CAPTAIN LOOSE
THE TRUE STORY

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self as extremely sorry that he cannot after repeated efforts, get in touch with Dr. Cook, the explorer. He believes he can help Cook with some money though the captain is not a rich man himself. He thinks that Cook may be ill or disabled in some way or his mind might even be temporarily unbalanced by the worries through which he has passed, but he had absolute faith that if given a chance he will be able to convince his judges of the honesty of his belief that he has been to the north pole.

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"Do you believe that Dr. Cook was at the north pole?" The Times correspondent asked Captain Bernier.
"I neither believe or disbelieve that either Peary or Cook was there," he replied. "They both might have been at the pole or they might not. I cannot say, it is simply a matter of records. Until Dr. Cook gets his records, he can prove nothing. He should have brought those things back with him. I could have told in five minutes by questioning them and looking at his observations, whether they were telling the truth or not."

Captain Loose.
"What about Capt. Looses' charges that Cook had encouraged him to take observations?"
"I don't want to be associated with Capt. Looses' charges," he said. "I believe what he says. If Dr. Cook asked him to correct his records that is only a matter of mathematics. Two of the employees of the Marine Department in Ottawa are working with me to correct his records. There is no swindle in that."

At Copenhagen.
Copenhagen, Dec. 15.—Although the members of the committee which is investigating Dr. Frederick A. Cook's Polar records, and sworn to secrecy concerning everything connected with the examination until a decision has been submitted to the university, it is understood the work is well advanced. Meetings are taking place daily in the university observatory.
The method of procedure indicates a most painstaking investigation. Dr. Cook's records and diaries are first read aloud. They are then submitted in sections to the various members of the committee, each writing a report. A general discussion will be held at the conclusion of the sittings and a common report will be signed by the whole committee and finally sent to the university.
It was reported today that the representative of the New York Times has received the sworn statements of Dunkle and Looses, but he denies this. The committee has expressed willingness to investigate statements if they arrive.

Made a Record for River Trips.
The party of adventurers who proposed going up river to Gagetown on the tug Winnie, yesterday, were prevented from so doing by Inspector J. J. Olive, on account of there not being a sufficient number of life preservers on board and the tug not having a license to carry passengers. There was nothing to prevent the owners from going and Mr. J. W. Vanwart, Mr. C. E. Colwell and Mr. B. Vanwart made up the party which started. The day was bright and clear and all went well until Wednesday morning, when the tug began to encounter thin ice and when Carter's Point was reached it was seen that an impassable barrier of ice had formed which prevented any further progress. The officers of the party saw that the whole of the Long Reach was full of ice so they were reluctantly forced to turn back, arriving at Indianopolis shortly after three o'clock. Even though they did not reach their destination, it is claimed that the trip breaks the record for the latest trip on the river and that the party accomplished their object.

Rumor is a Lying Joke.
There was an alarming and persistent rumor spread about the city last night that an unknown man had committed suicide in the vicinity of Broad street. About 10 o'clock a telephone message was sent to the Central police station and Officer Joseph Scott received a broad street to investigate. Arriving there, the officer found everything in its usual peaceful condition, and upon inquiry, learned that nothing out of the ordinary had occurred during the evening. Upon further investigation, it was learned that the report originated from a crowd of boys who had witnessed a fight between some sailors on the balcony in the earlier part of the evening. The boys claimed that one of the men was left lying in an unconscious condition on the wharf which probably led to the report that a man had committed suicide. Search in that vicinity failed to locate the alleged injured man, and as it was not known to what ship the men belonged, that ended it.

Donations to the E. D. C.
At the Every Day Club last evening there was keen competition in the game of pins and rings, by members of the club, for a handsome tea set, which had been donated to the organization by a friend, who also through Mr. M. Beldin, presented a handsome hat rack for the use of the club. Mr. A. Turner B. Howard gave a short address on "Trifles," in which he commended the club for the good work which it was doing and spoke encouraging words to the members.
New England Tea.
The New England Tea held by the young ladies of St. Matthew's church last evening was one of the brightest affairs of the season and was well attended. The schoolroom was decorated in Christmas style and presented a pretty appearance. Following is the list of ladies in charge: Tea table, Mrs. A. E. Armstrong, Mrs. Reid, Misses Annie Henderson, Bonnie Henderson, Barbara Irving, Jennie Kelly, Jennie McMaster, Nellie McLean and Sarah Cunningham; Candy table, Miss Margaret Henderson and Miss Ethel Hastings. Tea was served from 6 to 8 o'clock, after which an excellent programme was rendered in which the following took part: Mandolin and Mrs. Ellis; solo, Rev. L. A. McLean; quartette, Messrs. McEachern, Marley and Waldron; solo, Mrs. George Craigie; address, Rev. J. J. McCracken.

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Managed with him. Reports of a Government victory at Rivas have been freely circulated and rumors that a massacre of revolutionists had occurred were allowed to spread unchallenged and unheeded. It finally became known that these were without a shred of truth and they rebounded like a boomerang. First one deputy and then another took up the denunciation of Zelaya in the chamber and latter in the public places and soon through out the city demonstrations were held in which open revolt was voiced. Last night, however, a pro-Zelaya demonstration marked the session of congress but this had no effect outside the walls of the house. The rising was more marked today than ever and the president decided discretion was the better part of valor and withdrew from office.

His Career.
Jose Santos Zelaya has been in command in the republic of Nicaragua for sixteen years. He ruled with a strong hand and has been called the sternest petrot of Central America. He was always noted for his cunning and bravery and he was remarkable, too, for his ability to surround himself with those who were ready to do his bidding. As a consequence in later years he was an absolute dictator. He amassed wealth by taking a large percentage of the profits from concessions and by the formation of a group of men who aided him in exacting millions from the people.

CARLETON-VICTORIA TEACHERS' INSTITUTE
Two Days Session Opened Yesterday With Addresses By Prominent Educationalists.
Special to The Standard.
Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 16.—The sessions of the Amalgamated Carleton and Victoria County Teachers Institute opened yesterday and will be continued today. One hundred teachers are attending the session. Much important business was transacted during the day including the appointment of committees, receiving of reports and other business connected with the institute. Addresses were heard from several prominent educationalists.

REACH BOTTON OF COBALT MYSTERY
Toronto, Dec. 16.—By the arrest this afternoon of the stand late in the morning session. He at first gave evidence of a more or less unimportant nature. When asked to divulge the price secured for coal in Montreal, Cantley refused to do so, alleging that the American instigator of the case was seeking to get private information of this character in order to do some harm to the House and the magistrature ruled that Mr. Cantley had to answer. A commitment was asked for and at last its issue was insisted upon. Finally the information was given as a sealed exhibit and an ending satisfactory to all was reached.

PREMIERS MAY GET TOGETHER
Toronto, Dec. 16.—It is understood that if there are no elections in Manitoba and Nova Scotia this year an inter-provincial conference will be held. Premier McBride of British Columbia is anxious for such a gathering and all the other premiers likely will concur if the elections referred to are held.

MYSTERY IN DEATH OF PROMINENT WOMAN
Paris, Dec. 16.—The mangled body of Mme. Gouin, whose husband was the late Jules Edouard Gouin, governor of the Bank of France, was found under a train near Paris today. The door of the compartment in which she was travelling was almost torn from its hinges and there was a pool of blood on the floor. The relatives of Mme. Gouin first believed that her death resulted from an accident because she was subject to hemorrhages and attacks of dizziness and it was supposed that she was overcome as the train was approaching the station and that while trying to emerge her dress became entangled in the door throwing her under the wheels.
Now, however, the police believe they have found evidence of a crime. Rings and other jewelry are missing from reticelle which was turned inside out and the certain of the door of the compartment, covered with bloody finger marks, was found half a mile from the body. The affair has created a sensation on account of the prominence of the woman, but no arrests have yet been made.

MONEY ON CALL AT 4 1/2 P. C.
New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Close: Prime mercantile paper, 5 to 5 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange, firm, 43.25 to 43.50 for sixty day bills and at 4.85 for demand.
Commercial bill, 4.33 1/2 to 4.34 1/2; bar silver, 52.58; Mexican dollar, 44. Government bonds, steady; U. S. bonds, steady.
Money on call, firm, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent; ruling rate, 4 7/8; last loan 4 1/2.

Zelaya belongs to the aristocracy of his country. He received his education in Paris, but his success was due more to the sword than to the peaceful methods of civilization. He is 51 years of age and as he is the most hated man in South or Central America, the wonder is that he has managed to live so long, after making for himself so many bitter enemies. Innumerable attempts have been made against his life, and in the emergency his bravery has stood him in good stead. While yet a comparatively young man, Zelaya began an agitation against the government and his actions became so violent that he was expelled. He went to Guatemala, then ruled by Barrios, and it was there that he received the training which fitted him for his subsequent career. In the army of Barrios he saw active service and after fighting for a number of years he reappeared in his own country at the head of a band of insurgents. He was successful in his attempt to overthrow Barrios and a final battle won for him the presidency.

Aids to Navigation.
Mr. A. Claude MacDonell brought up the subject of Lake Erie, more especially the disasters that occur on the car ferries. The Government had been remiss, Mr. MacDonell contended, in not providing aids to navigation such as fog horns, etc. on the Port Stanley, Port Burwell, Rondeau Harbor.

Budget Debate Resumed.
Then came the budget debate once more. Dr. Sproule resumed it. He said that the speech from the throne dealt with the subject of naval defence. "On that question," he said, "I do not desire to intend to make any lengthy observations. But I may say in passing that the speech from the throne rather indicated that the bill would be brought before Parliament long ago, and cannot understand why the delay at the present time. The Governor General said: 'Two members of my Government attended the Imperial Conference on the question of defence. A plan was adopted after consultation with the Admiralty for the organization of a Canadian naval service on the lines of the solution of the House of Commons of the 29th of March last. The papers will be immediately brought down and a bill introduced accordingly.'

MONCTON BOYS CHARGED WITH BLACKHAND GAME
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Moncton, N. B., Dec. 16.—Three boys, Robert Smith, aged 15 years, James Vanbuskirk, aged 15 years and Frank LeFrance, aged 14 years, were charged with sending a black hand letter to Alex. Torrie, manager of the Grand Opera House. One boy wrote the letter, another drew the picture and a third smeared blood to make the missive appear more dreadful. The boys appear to be dim-witted readers and say the letter is a joke.

Meeting of Creditors.
A meeting of the creditors of the firm of Phillips and White Co., Ltd., was held yesterday afternoon at the office of their solicitor, Mr. H. H. Pickett. Mr. Fraser Gregory acted as chairman. The financial statement according to the auditor's last report, showed the assets to be \$23,000 and the liabilities \$18,000. The chief reason for the insolvency was not enough stock has been sold to successfully run the business. After the money received in by the sale of stock had been used to purchase a plant for the company. A committee of seven consisting of Messrs. A. H. Hannington, W. S. Clawson, J. H. A. Fairweather, C. W. Brown, J. R. Woodburn, Frank E. Williams and J. B. Keena was appointed to look into the company's affairs and report at another meeting. It is expected that the company will come out of its difficulties in time.

Concert in St. Philips.
Those who were privileged to attend the concert and musicale given by the members of the congregation of St. Philips' church, last evening, were amply rewarded for the price of the admission fee, an excellent programme was carried out in which the following well known entertainers took part: Solos, Mr. John Bizard, Miss Ann Bizard and Mr. Herbert Brown; Reading, Mrs. Cassie Maxwell; Quartette, Mr. Stephen Andrews, Mr. S. Bizard, Mrs. Ann Edison and Mr. M. Brown. Rev. Mr. Gibbs, the pastor, delivered an excellent address. At the conclusion of the entertainment light refreshments were served.

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ing land grants or disclosing discoveries in advance of their being reported to Parliament. These are the stipulations imposed on members of the geological survey and on surveys, etc., under the Railway Act.
A Knight Excused.
Mr. Speaker Marcell (Bonaventure \$125 per head), brought up yesterday's point of order when Sir Frederick Bolton returned an insulting answer to a question asked by the ruling, put by Col. Worthington. The ruling was: "The answer given to said question in my opinion did not seem measure contravene the rules and practice of this house in that regard, but as the Hon. minister stated the answers were drawn from him in that form in consequence of irregularities in the form of the question. In my opinion the question put by Col. Worthington was in several particulars irregular."
Subsequently Col. Worthington proposed the order of the day, with the withdrawal of his statement that he had "answered a fool according to his folly."

Man of Business.
King Leopold was regarded as one of the shrewdest and ablest men of the times. He was essentially a man of business, cold, reticent and calculating. He was of particularly independent spirit, more than once it is said to have told other sovereigns who attempted to advise him in connection with his private affairs, to mind their own business, and to let him alone as he came estranged from many of the courts of Europe.

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Prince Albert is one of the most popular members of the reigning house of Belgium. His wife is equally popular. Her home life being such as to attract the admiration and love of the people. Prince Albert has travelled extensively and is a man of affairs. In appearance he is strikingly like the late king, but their dispositions and temperaments have always been in marked contrast. Prince Albert has been a great student of politics and economics. He has frequently lectured on these subjects in public. To broaden his grasp of the affairs of the world, he visited the United States and other countries, always studying and always adding to his store of knowledge and philosophy.
Another Side.
There is another side to the new king, which appears to popular fancy. He is clean and healthy. He is an accomplished horseman and a fine flier. He is a flight or two in a dirigible balloon. In his intercourse with others, he is most gracious. His frank, good nature and his intelligence and his tastes and manners, he is, nevertheless, a man of firm decision and kindly dignity.
While always conspicuous before the public on account of the nature of his private life, particularly in recent years, King Leopold latterly had not given expression to these feelings. He was proud of the work that had been accomplished in that territory and at Antwerp made a remarkable speech, in which he said the founder of the Congo Independent State was the greatest satisfaction of his life. He declared that Congo would play a most important part in the expansion of Belgium. It was because of his whole-souled interest in the development of the Congo in connection with the progress of Belgium that his own people in a measure, overlooked the wrongs which were alleged against him.

Baroness Vaughan, who is said to be the king's morganatic wife, occupies a chateau close to the pavilion where Leopold died. She is the daughter of parents of the name of Le Lacroix, who were concierges, or janitors, first at Leige and afterwards in Paris. Her mother is dead and her father is an inmate of an asylum for the insane. She is the mother of two children.
King Leopold spent a great deal of his time with the baroness and gave his ministers much concern on this account. At one time there was talk of his abdication, but, as months went by, his subjects apparently became accustomed to his ways and abdication became a thing of the past.
King Leopold's recent illness dated from about two weeks ago, when he was compelled to take to his bed, suffering with rheumatism. It was thought at the time that he had a stroke of apoplexy, for he was paralyzed on one side and the paralysis seemingly spread over his entire body. His confinement brought about intestinal obstruction, for which an operation was performed on Tuesday, and it was feared then that his age would prevent ultimate recovery.
One of the most powerful men in Belgium, who knew King Leopold better than any other man, was Count Winer, the king's trusted friend and confidential legal adviser. He assisted Leopold in drawing up the Congo project and probably will manage the disposition of the king's fortune. Sentiment in Brussels has taken a new turn and the people are heatedly occupied with the question of the position of Baroness Vaughan in the royal household, as the result of a sensational article published in the Soci. The paper charges that Baroness Vaughan was constantly at the bedside of the king, even being present when extremeunction was administered, whereas the king's daughter and his nephew were not admitted. The question was put by the Soci, to Mr. Cooremans, the venerable royal chaplain of the king's marriage. Baroness Vaughan according to the provisions of the religious ceremony, adding that all Belgium was astonished and scandalized that the church would sanction the presence of the woman near the king's couch while the priest was busied with his sacred mission.
The chaplain intimated that the marriage exists and said that his conscience was clear about the visit to the king. The church's code of morals, he added, was the same for the king as for the people, and in conclusion, he said:
"From the standpoint of the church, the king's situation is regular."
In London.
London, Dec. 17.—Although in view of his advanced age, there was little expectation of ultimate recovery, the news of King Leopold's death came as a shock in its unexpectedness, all the latest reports from Brussels having had a hopeful aspect of possible recovery. This possibility was strongly reflected on the Stock Exchange yesterday in the firmness of American and South African securities in which it is believed Leopold had large holdings and there is little doubt that today will witness a corresponding dip in anticipations about the ability that large blocks of stocks will be thrown on the market when the time comes to realize on the king's estate.
It is recalled that the report that the king and Baroness Vaughan had been morganatically married in 1906 was officially denied at the time and speculation is busy whether the alleged marriage was an actual death-bed ceremony.

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King Leopold spent a great deal of his time with the baroness and gave his ministers much concern on this account. At one time there was talk of his abdication, but, as months went by, his subjects apparently became accustomed to his ways and abdication became a thing of the past.
King Leopold's recent illness dated from about two weeks ago, when he was compelled to take to his bed, suffering with rheumatism. It was thought at the time that he had a stroke of apoplexy, for he was paralyzed on one side and the paralysis seemingly spread over his entire body. His confinement brought about intestinal obstruction, for which an operation was performed on Tuesday, and it was feared then that his age would prevent ultimate recovery.
One of the most powerful men in Belgium, who knew King Leopold better than any other man, was Count Winer, the king's trusted friend and confidential legal adviser. He assisted Leopold in drawing up the Congo project and probably will manage the disposition of the king's fortune. Sentiment in Brussels has taken a new turn and the people are heatedly occupied with the question of the position of Baroness Vaughan in the royal household, as the result of a sensational article published in the Soci. The paper charges that Baroness Vaughan was constantly at the bedside of the king, even being present when extremeunction was administered, whereas the king's daughter and his nephew were not admitted. The question was put by the Soci, to Mr. Cooremans, the venerable royal chaplain of the king's marriage. Baroness Vaughan according to the provisions of the religious ceremony, adding that all Belgium was astonished and scandalized that the church would sanction the presence of the woman near the king's couch while the priest was busied with his sacred mission.
The chaplain intimated that the marriage exists and said that his conscience was clear about the visit to the king. The church's code of morals, he added, was the same for the king as for the people, and in conclusion, he said:
"From the standpoint of the church, the king's situation is regular."
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London, Dec. 17.—Although in view of his advanced age, there was little expectation of ultimate recovery, the news of King Leopold's death came as a shock in its unexpectedness, all the latest reports from Brussels having had a hopeful aspect of possible recovery. This possibility was strongly reflected on the Stock Exchange yesterday in the firmness of American and South African securities in which it is believed Leopold had large holdings and there is little doubt that today will witness a corresponding dip in anticipations about the ability that large blocks of stocks will be thrown on the market when the time comes to realize on the king's estate.
It is recalled that the report that the king and Baroness Vaughan had been morganatically married in 1906 was officially denied at the time and speculation is busy whether the alleged marriage was an actual death-bed ceremony.

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