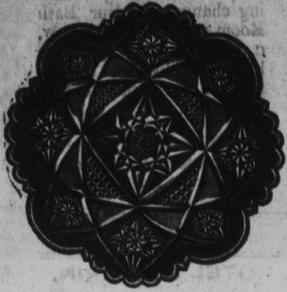


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ADVENTURE WITH A WILD CAT.

(Victoria Co. News.)

Jan. H. Bradley, Game Warden at California Settlement, took a stroll through the woods Sunday to see that everything was all right, and quite close to the settlement he found a large wild cat caught in a trap by the hind leg. He undertook to kill it with his axe, but evidently in a somewhat careless manner, as before he got within striking distance the cat made a spring carrying the trap with it, and landed with its paws on Bradley's head cutting severe gashes behind his ears. He jumped back and fortunately fell out of the animal's reach when the chain stopped his cat's advance. When Bradley recovered himself he made a more careful blow and with a well directed blow ended the animal's existence. When skinned it measured 18 feet, making a very handsome No. 1 hide which he disposed of to F. D. Sadler. This is the eighth he has caught about the same place during the last two seasons.

FORMERLY OF ROTHSBAY.

(Vancouver World, Jan. 21.) When F. Bayfield, of Tupper, Peters & Gilmore's office, attended the Rothsbay, N. B. collegiate school, he was one of the school star hockey players,

that is on ice. Since he came to British Columbia a short time ago, he has entered into the English game known as grass hockey, and it said to shine at that. In a recent practice Mr. Bayfield was struck over the right knee and the blow was so severe as to lay him up, but he hopes to be about again in a few days.

HE IS NOT A HUNTER.

A Maine correspondent of the Boston Globe makes the remarkable assertion that the owners of Maine lumber lands desire that all game animals, footed and winged, may be exterminated as quickly as possible. Their contention is that with no game there will be no hunters, with no hunters no campers, with no campers no forest fires.

ANOTHER IMPOSTURE.

The Victoria Colonist says: "To those who have been interesting themselves in the Alaska mirage, the following telegram from a reputable party in San Francisco will prove of interest: 'Silent city story is a fake. That first mirage picture was really taken from an old plate of the city of Bristol, and it was exposed at the time. It was merely a photographer's trick. There is a mirage on the glacier, but it is childish to talk of it as a reflection of a city on the other side of the globe.'"

ACROSS THE SEA.

German Papers Object to Emperor William Honoring Lord Roberts.

Wilhelmina's Good Time — News From Various Parts of Europe.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—It is rumored that Crown Prince Frederick William, of Prussia, will marry Princess Ena, of Battenberg, daughter of Princess Beatrice. It is asserted that the dowager zarine is coming to London to visit Queen Alexandra, her sister.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, is confined to his bed, but expects to recover his usual health in a few days.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Emperor William has bestowed on Dr. Von Holleben the German Ambassador at Washington, the crown order of the first class.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—At a banquet given at the Kaiserhof in honor of Queen Wilhelmina's wedding, the people of the Netherlands and Mecklenburg, 3,000 marks were collected for the imprisoned Boer women and children. The Transvaal hymn was heard with every mark of approval, the entire company standing. Christian Dewet, the Boer lecturer, is confined to his bed at Frankfurt-on-the-Main with an attack of appendicitis.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Former King Milan, of Serbia, according to a special despatch from Vienna, is suffering from pneumonia. His condition is pronounced to be dangerous.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A despatch from Portsmouth says the royal yacht Victoria and Albert has been ordered to be gotten ready to take King Edward to Flushing soon after the opening of parliament, when his majesty will return Emperor William's recent visit to England.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The report that Emperor William has conferred upon Lord Roberts the order of the Black Eagle, although not officially confirmed, is now accepted as true. A number of confirmatory despatches from London are published today. While the papers generally admit that if Emperor William gave decorations to any British officer, Lord Roberts could not be omitted, the public and press unanimously condemn the bestowal of the decoration as directly unfriendly to the Boers.

The Kreuz Zeitung says: "We fail to see why this Boer destroyer should receive such a unique mark of Emperor William's distinction and also why the emperor, after being horribly thrashed five years ago by the officers of his British regiment, should now show them marked attention. The Hamburger correspondent, semi-official, also disapproves, declaring that a painful feeling has been cast into all parts of the country."

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 9.—The belief is held by well informed persons here that the Duke of Connaught will be appointed commander-in-chief of the British forces in India.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 9.—Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Henry had an enthusiastic reception at Apeldoorn Thursday night. The Loo palace was illuminated, and all the country round was ablaze with fireworks.

Yesterday morning they strolled through the park and visited the royal stables. The weather continues frosty, but the people keep up their festivities with an enthusiasm that verges on boisterousness. Great preparations are being made at Amsterdam for the queen's visit.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Sportsman understands that for the coming season most of King Edward's race horses in training will be leased to the Duke of Devonshire.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Discussing King Edward's visit to the continent, a London cablegram to the Tribune says:

Soon after the opening of parliament the king will go to Germany to see his sister, the Empress Frederick, and to visit the Kaiser. It is believed he will come to the continent in the Riviera. Naturally the events of the last three weeks have affected him acutely, and he may recognize the wisdom of a short rest; but at the same time there is no truth in the report that his health is far from satisfactory.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The king presided at a meeting of the privy council at Marlborough house this morning to consider the terms of the speech from the throne at the opening of the first parliament of his reign, Feb. 14. Leveson Gower was among the privy councillors present.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Commenting upon the despatches of Lord Roberts, the Times says:

"The most vivid impression produced is that on its fighting side the British army need not fear comparison with any troops in the world. A second, and less agreeable, impression is that the army is less strong on its business than on its fighting side. Its splendid qualities have been largely neutralized by want of foresight, initiative, organizing abilities, common intelligence and common sense, on the part of those whose business it was to utilize the fighting qualities to the utmost."

PAUL KRUGER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—In a despatch from the Hague, the London correspondent of the Tribune says:

"While Mr. Kruger has gone to Utrecht for treatment by an eminent specialist for his eyes, his general health is not good and he is showing increasing signs of feebleness. His heart action, as physicians attending him here have admitted, is weak and gives warning that he cannot live long."

T. BULMER DEAD.

Fell a Victim to Congestion of the Brain.

MALIFAX, Feb. 8.—The city was surprised this morning to learn of the death of J. T. Bulmer, the well-known barrister and temperance reformer. He had been ill for some days with congestion of the brain. This morning he rose from bed and moved about the house, soon after complaining of a pain in his back, he lay down and in a few minutes passed away. It was on Monday that he first took ill, when he fell on the street in a fit, at that time he remained unconscious for more than a day. Mr. Bulmer had recently fitted up new offices and he had renovated his fine library.

John Thomas Bulmer was one of the most interesting and impressive characters in the circle where he moved. He had a way of interesting people in the cause he advocated, and threw himself with wonderful energy and enthusiasm into any movement that appealed to him. He is better known, perhaps, as an active leader during several years of the political prohibition party in Nova Scotia than in any other relation.

Mr. Bulmer was born at Nappan, Cumberland County, fifty-three years ago, and grew up on a farm. Educated at Amherst Academy, under Mr. J. T. Mellish, he studied the profession of the bar, and became a barrister in 1875. Before that he had become interested in temperance work, and was one of the principal organizers of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars. After his admission to the bar he became greatly interested in local history, and was made secretary of the Nova Scotia Historical Society. Through the instrumentality of persons interested in the same studies, he received the appointment of librarian of the Nova Scotia legislature, and in that capacity ransacked the whole province for books and files of newspapers published in the province. As a result of his activity the Nova Scotia legislative library is exceedingly rich in files of provincial newspapers and Mr. Bulmer himself obtained, perhaps, the largest private library of Canadian publications to be found in the Maritime Provinces, with the exception of that of the late T. B. Aiken, which is now a part of the Nova Scotia Historical Society collection.

It was an unsuccessful applicant for the position of librarian of the Canadian parliament; but produced very strong recommendations for that position.

Mr. Bulmer did not allow his historical studies and interests to interfere with his temperance enthusiasm. In his early career in Halifax he was an active conservative, but finding neither of the political poles and finding only advanced in temperance matters to suit his views, he assumed an independent position. In 1887 when Sir Charles Tupper returned to Canada from England to become a candidate in Cumberland, the largest private library of Canadian publications to be found in the Maritime Provinces, of which his old school fellow and comrade, Rev. William Brown, became the president. In the election of 1896 Mr. Bulmer issued one of his vigorous manifestoes against the late governor, which he condemned on temperance and other grounds. A few years later, after the treacherous conduct of the liberal party in the matter of the plebiscite, Mr. Bulmer became a vehement opponent of that party, and was said to have established a profitable business. Mr. Bulmer was married soon after he settled in Halifax and leaves a family.

TO ISSUE NEW RIFLES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The war department is making arrangements to replace all the United States magazine rifles, calibre 30, 1892, now in service, with later models of 1896 and 1898 of the same rifle. A circular was issued today in regard to the subject, which says that requisitions for rifles of the '96 and '98 models should be made in all classes where the old model of '92 (not converted to model 1896) is still in hands of the troops.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

HONG KONG, Feb. 9.—A despatch from Canton says four men who had been arrested for attacking Germans near Kanchuk have been executed. The same despatch announces the arrival of the new viceroys of Canton.

The native newspapers approve the appointment, stating that the new official belongs to the progressive party.

WILL GO TO EUROPE.

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—Hon. Chas. Langstaff has acknowledged the truth of the rumor that he will shortly leave for Europe to make a study of the archives of Paris, London and St. Petersburg, in connection with the subjects of the Alaskan boundary and Behring seal fisheries questions.

AN OLD SCHOONER.

The oldest coaster in the Machias district, in Maine, is the schooner Clement, built in Vinalhaven, 1827. Despite the fact she has sailed with the winds and storms a longer period than is allotted to most craft, her owner, Edmund Alley, can see no reason why the Clement cannot celebrate her diamond anniversary, as she is still in good trim for service.

LONDON LETTER.

The Opening of Parliament Will be a Brilliant Affair.

Some Interesting Note and Comment Concerning the King and Queen.

(Special Cable Letter.)

LONDON, Feb. 9.—In all the homage paid to King Edward, Queen Alexandra is little heard of. "Proclamation by the king," in big black type, parades itself curiously on the London boardings, and the young blood of England is fired by the idea that a manly, almost martial, ruler once more controls their destinies. There exists something of that feeling with which the London apprentices hailed the accession of the last Edward. So there is little wonder that Queen Alexandra for the present, comes in for but the small part of this virile enthusiasm. A diplomat thoroughly conversant with court details informed a representative of the Associated Press that her majesty assumes her increased responsibilities with a feeling almost akin to regret.

"I am growing so old," she said the other day, "that I almost feel unable to face the arduous duties before me." The queen's appearance betrays her words. It is her growing deafness which is likely to prove her greatest handicap. Before long, it is feared, she will have to use an ear trumpet. In other ways she is not so strong as formerly.

The rumor that King Edward is suffering from cancer (promptly denied by Sir Felix Semon, physician for diseases of the throat to the national hospital for epilepsy and paralysis, through the Associated Press) probably arose from the fact that Sir Felix Semon is attending Queen Alexandra for sore throat, to which, recently, she has been extremely susceptible, though there are no traces of serious disease.

Should the Associated Press informant says, he is only too glad if destiny had permitted her to finish her days in England as Princess of Wales, the greater freedom and simplicity of the minor title being preferred by this woman, who by her kindness and goodness, has endeared herself to her adopted people. Since the death of Queen Victoria, Queen Alexandra has frequently expressed herself as determined to carry out as far as possible those old-time public and private customs which made the rules of the court so different from any others in Europe.

According to report King Edward and Queen Alexandra will visit the Dover and Bremer Express in March, and will spend Easter at Copenhagen, with the King of Denmark. But, if this programme is carried out it will be done in the quietest way.

Speculation is rife as to the date of King Edward's coronation, some people maintaining that it will occur as early as September. But probably the year of court mourning will be strictly observed, the coronation not occurring until February, or later, in 1902.

The curious fact of the king's birthday coinciding with Lord Mayor's day, November 9, may cause an alteration in the date of one or the other of these celebrations in the immediate future. King Edward's time is busily taken up. The most important event, of course, is the opening of parliament February 14th, which, next to the coronation, is likely to be the most brilliant spectacle of his reign. Peers and others are clamoring for places in the house of lords, whose seating capacity is so limited that only a few can hope to be successful. Whenever the king has previously appeared in the upper house it was as an attentive auditor of the debates, sitting on the ordinary benches. The only time he voted was in favor of legalizing marriage to a deceased wife's sister, which he has constantly but futilely supported.

Among the other functions which are shortly to be performed by the king is the reception of a loyal address from the corporations of the three capitals of the United Kingdom, which will be presented at Buckingham palace.

Every prison in the United Kingdom is in a state of keen expectation for the inmates hope the king will signify his accession by remitting some pardons. The friends of Mrs. Florence Maybrick are taking new heart. By giving up the Duchy of Cornwall to his son, King Edward sacrificed his income of over £1000 a week, though he now receives what is estimated to be about £1000 a day.

Queen Victoria has not been dead a fortnight, yet advertisements are appearing in the papers advising the public to guard themselves against possible loss by insuring against the death of the king. It is said the insurance companies are rapidly approaching the limit of the risk they will accept on King Edward's life. One of the redeeming features of what was naturally a dull week, socially, was a dinner given by Sir Richard Wyatt, the government parliamentary agent, in honor of his American son-in-law, J. A. Harvat, who has just been admitted to the English bar. Mr. Harvat was formerly a member of the New York bar. Among those present were William Court Gully, speaker of the house of commons; Joseph H. Choate, the United States ambassador; Lord Coleridge, H. H. Asquith, the former home secretary; Sir John Gorst, Sir William Grantham and other notable men. Out of compliment to the New York bar the legal authorities took off six months of Mr. Harvat's period of probation.

As a result of the visit to Cowes to attend the naval parade of the German war vessels, H. H. Wilson (honorary editor of the Navy League Journal) is writing a series of articles, de-

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BRO. ROBT. WILLS.

clearing that the personnel and management of the German navy are superior in many points to the British. His articles are creating no little comment. It is believed the navy will soon undergo a public overhauling, somewhat similar to that inflicted on the army.

Engineering comments lengthily on the report of Rear Admiral George W. Melville, chief of the bureau of steam navigation, United States, on naval boilers, and hopes his arguments will not be utilized by the British admiralty, declaring that the water tube boilers being placed in American ships today will be outclassed before the vessels run their course.

THE JOINT SMASHERS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, the Kansas City "joint smasher," attended by a delegation of Tophat supporters and admirers, arrived here late this afternoon and tonight she addressed a fair sized audience at the Academy of Music. She said it was not her intention to attack the saloons of Kansas City. Later she took a train for Des Moines, Ia.

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 8.—Mrs. C. Bremford led 20 women in a crusade at Clearwater today. All the jointists purchased immunity by promising to abandon their liquor business, which they did. But the women now demand that they give up their billiard and pool tables also. This they refuse to do, and the women threaten to smash them. A raid is expected, and the town is excited.

THANKS TO MCKINLEY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The British ambassador called at the White House today and presented to the president an acknowledgement from King Edward of his appreciation of the presidential services here and of the feeling of sympathy of the people of the United States.