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A MURDER SYNDICATE  
DISCOVERED IN THE TYROL

Wealthy Tourists Killed and  
Robbed by Peasants—  
French Theatre Managers  
Will Not Feature "Stars"  
Any Longer.

memory for horrors will remember the grim tale of an Australian farm where a score or so of skeletons were found buried. The bluff, honest farmers had thrived for years on the robbery and murder of way-farers. A farm of this kind has just been discovered by three detectives of the Paris Scotland Yard in the Austrian Tyrol, at Bozen. On August 10 last M. Alphonse Braunschweig, a Swiss member of parliament, while mountaineering in the neighborhood, disappeared mysteriously, and his son appealed to the Paris Surete Generale, and three detectives were sent to investigate. Near to the spot where M. Braunschweig had been last seen they dug up the body of another tourist, who had unaccountably disappeared two months before. Near by was a small inn, which the detectives promptly visited. There they found a suit of well-cut clothes, which could hardly have belonged to the peasants owning the place, and more damning still, a button bearing the name of M. Braunschweig's tailor. The detectives went on investigating and making discoveries. In six years seven tourists had mysteriously disappeared near Bozen, almost at the self-same spot. The detectives, being French, could apply for warrants only through diplomatic channels, and negotiations are proceeding. Meanwhile, one of the suspected inmates of the farm and inn has fled the country. While English actresses, or rather their managers, are disagreeing over questions of what one must now call

GOLD BRICK MAN  
MISSED HIS CHANCE  
Britishers Found Out the Fake  
Before Parting With Cash

Their Banker Was Suspicious and Wanted  
to Know All About the Scheme—  
Such Incidents are Common.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The experience of two people who narrowly escaped being the victims of one of the American "gold brick" gangs is related in this week's "Truth." These people were on the point of going back to the States with \$335,000 in hard cash, to which their banker's caution and a paragraph in "Truth" concerning the self-same rogue with whom they had been in negotiation deterred them. The opening act of the swindle is to address from America letters to some gentleman recently deceased and whose will has been proved. The letters are designed to imply that the deceased gentleman has been ungenerous to his family, affording financial assistance to some person unknown in the Far West—famously alluded to as "Thomas"—who is engaged in prospecting for gold. The letter announces that "Thomas" operates a mine of surpassing wealth, and that he has decided to convey a half share of the property to his benefactor in England. In the present instance Mrs. S. and

SHAH OF PERSIA IN COUNCIL OVER THE  
GRANTING OF A CONSTITUTION TO HIS PEOPLE



ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 25.—As if to show the czar how to get out of the present disturbances in Russia, the Shah of Persia has granted a constitution to his people after consulting his leading statesmen. The accompanying picture shows the Shah presiding at a council meeting, previous to granting political freedom. From left to right the persons shown are: Mushir-ed-Dowleh, the Grand Vizier, Asad-us-Sultana, fourth son of the Shah. Next to him is the Shah himself, and in the utmost right the Persian Minister of War, Nalib-es-Sultana.

PLANNING FOR A BIG  
FAIR NEAR LONDON

American Ideas Will be Adopted in the  
Arranging of Some of the  
Attractions.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—A "cosmopolitan country fair," in which the American idea will be represented by the distinctive features of Coney Island, will be the Christmas attraction at Olympia in preparation for which the building is being transformed into a "City of Youth." "Our aim is to make the old feel young and the young feel extra happy," said C. B. Cochran, the organizer, who returned to London from New York, where he has been to inspect some of the ingredients of the "elixir of youth" he has discovered. "The pleasure city we propose to build at Olympia is designed to bring back to those of us who are no longer so young as we were some of the lost joys and the magic of youth. It will be the largest fair ever held in or near London, and all the countries of the world will send shows, the best to be found there. There will be all kinds of roundabouts, not only the circling horses, beloved in our early days, but up-to-date merry-go-rounds such as motor cars, and birds and croquet as you bestirre them. "An ostrich farm, with birds sporting feathers that will make all the women envious, will add a South African atmosphere, and there will be a menagerie and wild beast shows as well. "An American novelty will be a 'candy butchers.' This appears to be an ordinary meat store, brilliantly illuminated, but every joint will be made of sweetmeats instead of the other kind."

STATEMENT OF LOSSES IN  
SAN FRANCISCO FIRE

British Companies Have Paid Out Very  
Large Sums, and More is  
Still to Come.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The total loss of property caused by the disastrous fire which followed the earthquake at San Francisco has now been arrived at with a near approach to accuracy. The completed assessments show that insurances to the amount of \$20,000,000 had been effected, while the total loss of property was \$50,000,000. The companies which did not repudiate liability have already paid out rather more than \$10,000,000, while the salvage has varied from 5 to 10 per cent. of the face value of the policies. Although the fire has cost the British insurance companies dearly, they are said to have gained great credit with the American public for the just and equitable way in which they have met the claims. On the other hand, the attitude adopted by the purely German companies, it is said, has aroused fierce resentment throughout the United States, and especially in San Francisco. German policies are, in consequence, being cancelled on all hands. According to recent advices the following is a list of payments made by British companies up to September 19: Liverpool, London and Globe, \$4,050,000; London and Lancashire, \$5,000,000; Orient, \$11,000,000; Sun, \$2,000,000; Union of London, \$4,750,000; Law, Union and Crown, \$2,400,000; Scottish Union and National, \$1,300,000; North British, \$3,000,000; Phoenix, \$2,000,000; Atlas, \$3,750,000; New Zealand, \$2,500,000.

PREDICTS SERIOUS  
TROUBLES IN CHINA

Brigands Becoming Numerous—People are  
Not Satisfied With Prevailing  
Conditions.

COLOGNE, Oct. 27.—The "Keinische Volkszeitung," publishes a letter from a correspondent in the south of the Chinese province of Shantung, according to which a great catastrophe is impending in China. The disturbance of the year 1900 will probably, the writer declares, be child's play as compared with the forthcoming disorders. A peculiar unrest prevails among the people. A regular rebellion has broken out in Shantung, and at T'ian-chu-fu twenty thousand robbers are under arms. The well-to-do people are fleeing into the towns, the villages having been plundered. Pithed battles between troops and brigands have been of frequent occurrence, the brigands being victorious. The letter characterizes the proposed withdrawal of the European troops as an extraordinarily doubtful proceeding. Judicious advertising pays.—Col. Albert A. Pope, Founder of American Bicycle Industries.

LOVESICK COUPLE FOLLOWED  
EVERYWHERE BY SPIES

SHE RESTS BESIDE  
QUEEN GUINEVERE  
Lady Campbell - Bannerman  
Interred in Meigle  
Churchyard

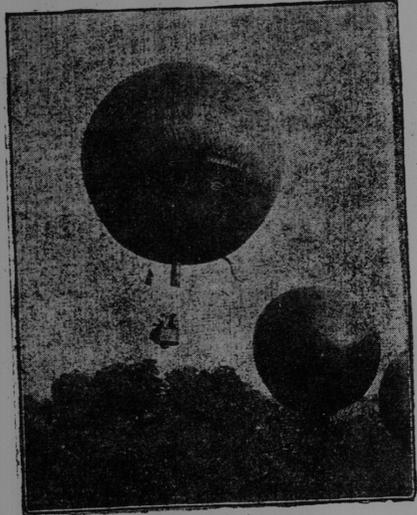
And Tradition States That King Arthur's  
Faithless Spouse Was Buried  
There.

GLASGOW, Oct. 27.—The burial of Lady Campbell-Bannerman in Meigle churchyard might well have drawn more attention than it has done to a curious and interesting tradition of the spot. That tradition, shortly stated, is that the dust of Guinevere, spouse of the famous King Arthur, lies in the churchyard. By the villagers, who repeat the tradition, she is called Guinevere, or Vanoza, but there is no doubt as to the person intended. A long low mound among the graves beside the church is pointed out as the actual spot where she lies, and certain of the strange carved stones which once stood in the churchyard and are now preserved in the old village school are said to commemorate her end. At first suggestion the presence of Arthur's Queen so far to the north may seem to the popular mind preposterous. But that popular mind derives its knowledge of Arthur and his kingdom and deeds from no more authentic sources, as a rule, than Tennyson's "Idylls of the King," and Sir Thomas Malory's "Morte d'Arthur" and similar romances. To the student of actual history there is nothing at all

Wife of Russian General Who  
Eloped Tells of Her Experiences  
in Trying to Elude  
the Agents Sent Out by  
Her Husband.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Madame Ouchakoff, the wife of General Ouchakoff, and Capt. Gabriel Tsippan, who were refused admission to the United States, are still being pursued by the Russian general, who has sworn to kill the lieutenant. They claim that they are being dogged by Russian spies all around the world. Interviewed during a motor car flight from London, Madame Ouchakoff admitted that she had grievously wronged her husband. Though worn with anxiety she remains a handsome woman of refinement and distinction. "I have resigned my private fortune of £250,000," she said in excellent English. "I have given my husband the right to divorce me. I do not blame him for what has happened. But surely he has tenfold increased his shame and disgrace by this mad pursuit. I will never return to him. I will kill myself first. And I am not mad, as he knows, unless he regards the love I feel for Gabriel as a kind of madness. "I was a rich woman when I gave up all for Gabriel. I would not live a dishonest life in my husband's house; I preferred to efface myself, and go right away. And the captain agreed. He, too, has sacrificed everything for me." The spies who have shadowed the couple have been innumerable, and their watchfulness has been unflinching. "These men, if they merely do their duty, are not to blame," said Madame Ouchakoff. "But if they once overstep the bounds of prudence, let them

ONE OF THE CONTESTANTS IN BALLOON RACE,  
COMTE DE LA VAULX, STARTING FROM PARIS



LONDON, Oct. 25.—The snapshot shows the Comte Henri de la Vaulx, the well-known aeronaut, as he was leaving the Tuileries Gardens in this city, in his balloon, the "Walhalla," with his friend and assistant, Comte D'Intremont, for the great balloon race the other day.

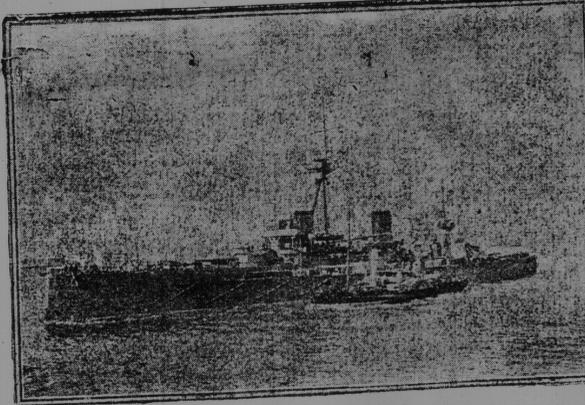
"featuring" M. Antoine, who has accomplished one or two revolutions on the stage already, has just carried quietly through one more, and abolished the "vedette" altogether. The vedette is the actor or actress whose name is displayed in the largest type on the bills. But M. Antoine has just pasted up the posters of the Odeon, which will reopen shortly under his management, and therein displays no name. That is to say, every member of the company, from the "gentleman" upwards, is in the same type. No list, and all in the same type. No one may count upon being "featured" at the Odeon. Even the order in which the names are printed is cruelly indistinctive. M. Antoine has dramatized the alphabet, without himself at the top, however, as he cannot act in a state theatre which he directs. This Mlle. B. has performed to come after Mlle. A., though the former be a star and the latter a third understudy of a sourette. The innovation of a company list in alphabetical order on the bills has revolutionized green rooms more than dramatist could have done by writing the masterpiece of the use. It is believed the new method will be an excellent preventive against quarrels.

her brother-in-law were tempted to go to New York and meet "G. James Cromwell," who wrote the letters. He showed them a sample of what looked like gold as big as a tennis ball. Thomas, he said, had seventy-three sacks of similar stuff, valued at \$1,500,000. It then appeared that the vein of gold encroached on adjoining property, but the owner was unware of it, so they had to go cautiously to work and purchase the land from him. The man only wanted a modest \$25,000 for land to get this sum. Their banker, however, asked them the reason for drawing such a large sum, and his suspicions saved them being duped. "Truth" states that this swindle is being tried on somebody in Great Britain almost every day with a sufficient percentage of successes to make it highly profitable.

CATTLE FOR GERMANY.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 27.—It is understood from a good source that the Dutch minister to Berlin has been instructed by the government to try to obtain an open door for the importation of cattle, which is presently forbidden under all kinds of pleas. Considering that the German meat famine continues unabated, these endeavors are likely to succeed.

PICTURE TAKEN OF THE DREADNAUGHT AS  
SHE WAS STARTING ON HER SPEED TRIALS



LONDON, Oct. 25.—The snapshot shows the great battleship Dreadnaught, the most formidable man-of-war in the world, and was taken the other day as she left the harbor of Portsmouth for her speed trials in the Channel.

WINNER OF LONG DISTANCE BALLOON  
RACE LEAVING PARIS ON THE CONTEST



PARIS, Oct. 25.—Snapshot showing the start of Lieutenant Lahm, the only American who participated in the great national balloon race in this city, and who won the cup, after having travelled four hundred miles, landing in the northern part of England.

impossible about the tradition that Guinevere ended her days at Meigle. When it is remembered that the Picts were Arthur's enemies—their capital was at Perth, on the Earn, near Perth—it seems natural enough that the erring Queen should have fled into their country, fearing the vengeance of her lord. Meigle is said to be the oldest village in Scotland, its carved stones are among the most curious of these monuments which strew Strathmore, and the possibility, to say the least, that its churchyard holds the dust of the far-famed Guinevere does not lessen the strange interest of the spot.

VICTIMS OF NATIVE  
REVOLT ARE UNBURIED

Districts in Which Disturbances Occurred  
are Desolate—People Almost  
Starving.

DURBAN, Oct. 27.—A missionary who has travelled through the greater part of the territory covered by the rebellion reports that the bodies of the natives slain in the operations are still unburied, in accordance with the gruesome and offensive native superstition against touching the dead. "The regions visited are described as desolate. The chief crops have gone and food is so scarce that some of the people are gathering edible leaves. The natives cannot yield any supplies for five months. Many of the men and boys, who but for the rebellion would be carrying a substitute for their families, have been killed or imprisoned.

look out. At Amelle-les-Bains, in the Pyrenees district, where we spent a month, a man with a decoration, who gave himself out to be a merchant near Perpignan, and spent money lavishly at our hotel, was betrayed by a maid. He was one of the general's agents. "I was so indignant that I rose as he sat down near me and said: 'I do not eat with spies.' The rest of the guests expected a violent scene, but the man merely smiled, and next day, when the captain approached him in the garden, he hurriedly disappeared, and we saw him no more. "At Barcelona, Lisbon, Alcazar, Gibraltar, Algeiras, Valencia, we were dogged by day and night. Once we alighted at a wayside station at midnight to rest matters, and a youth of twenty, who was our watcher just then, was so taken aback that he blushed and stammered, and finally actually asked me, in a panic: 'Where are you going to?' "We arrived at Hoboken, New York, on the Konig Albert. The steward would not let us land, though every other passenger went ashore. I applied to the captain for an explanation, and was told that some one was coming to see us. At 8 a. m. the commissioner of immigration and the clerk of the Russian Consulate saw us in the captain's cabin. The commissioner was very rude, and talked of arrest, but the German captain told me they could not arrest us, and at my request sent for Consul-General Lotjenski. When he came he told us we could not land, and advised me, 'as I would my own daughter,' to return by the liner La Savoie, which was delayed for us."

The fugitives have asked for a northern port, the destination of which is kept a secret.