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MONTREAL WINNIPEG OTTAWA LONDON

M. Benjamin Constant, the famous French painter, writing recently in The Westminster Gazette, had some extremely interesting things to say about English art and incidentally about English women. "Concerning the modern English school of art," he says, "I am astonished, emerveille, at the strides the English have made in decorative art. Look at that wall paper—it perhaps only costs a few shillings apiece. Yet we could do nothing so good and so artistic for the price or for much more than the price." Touching upon the question of color, the great artist said: "The finest old schools which worshipped rich color are the English, the Dutch, the Venetians—those northerners of Italy. . . . And this is why. The sun is a spoiler of intrinsic color. It throws its own glamor over all things it permeates and alters. It may glorify . . . it may irradiate . . . but it spoils the relative values of tones and shades. . . . . Take a very beautiful woman into a northern lit studio and look at her well. All the minutest defects will appear in their most startling reality. The white sunless light of the north, tho terribly ruthless, is truthful, and that is why northern painters paint truthfully. Southerners may understand form and other details of technique, but they never can paint as the northerners, because they cannot see in the same way."

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Touching upon the feminine side of his subject, M. Benjamin Constant said: In the art of dress—which certainly is an art—I think there are no women in the world like the Parisiennes. By what subtle sense does a Paris working girl know exactly where to place a flower in a hat, so that it is not a centimetre too forward or too backward, I cannot tell. English women seem to lack this sense of fitness in detail. But how picturesque their aristocratic women are! I admire them perhaps more than any women in the world. Look at them at a smart garden party during the season, dressed in the long flowing robes and picturesque hats so dear to Gainsboro and Reynolds. Are they not delicieuses?

Fashionable authorities assert that Empire gowns are all the rage for evening wear, made of crepe de chene, white silk gauze and fancy nets and chiffon, since they are all soft and clinging enough not to completely conceal the outline of the figure. Some of the new crepes de chene have a raised floral decoration, which changes their appearance, and then there is a new phosphorescent silk which is also very lovely for evening gowns. A pretty idea for a simple crepe de chene gown is a finely-pleated bebe waist finished with a band of moonlight blue velvet around the decolletage and extending underneath the arms. Over this, forming the shoulder finish and the elbow sleeves, is a very short lace bolero, with long stole ends, reaching nearly to the hem of the skirt. The skirt, tucked from the waist line to the knee, has three plaited flounces, with inch wide bolero hems, beaded with a lace beading thru which velvet is run, and the belt is of velvet.

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Another suggestion for an evening gown originated by Madame Fashion is white mousseline de soie, dotted over with silver and gold paillet. The hem of the skirt is finished with a vandyked border of pink roses. A scarf of pink chiffon passes under the arms in Empire style, and falls in long ends at either side from the bust, where handsome gold ornaments are the fastening. Very pretty and youthful gowns are made of white point d'esprit, dotted white net—with plaited ruffles edged with a narrow gold galoon or some gauze ribbon.

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It is a whim of Fashion this season that black should be worn in evening gowns by girls and young women. We are assured that an all-black gown on a young girl is exceedingly smart. The materials are net, chiffon or gauze to give lightness in effect as well as weight, always a good feature of dancing frocks. A bunch of bright-colored flowers or colored velvet bow is permitted at one side of the bodice, but otherwise the frock must be all black or the style will be sacrificed. It is said that these fluffy black evening frocks are astonishingly becoming to their youthful wearers. Black net run thru in some pretty design, with either narrow black velvet or satin ribbon, makes a simple and pretty gown.

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One hears that an evening gown of painted mousseline has the painting continued on the bare shoulders and arms of the wearer to represent sprays of flowers and leaves, but this is one of the statements which one takes cum grano salis, and an uncommonly large grain at that!

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A stylish model for a dressy gown is of grey crepe de chene, trimmed with stitched bands of panne velvet of the same color. A wide belt of the panne, a Venetian lace chemisette and revers edged with fur are the special features of the bodice. This wide draped belt, which is so popular now, is often attached to the skirt as if it were a part of it. A new idea for belts is found in their being made of lace and fastened with handsome buckles.

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Muffs are large and soft, round or flat, according to the fancy of the wearer, but the newest thing is rounded down in solid die in a melon shape, which allows the hands to fall in a natural position. A trailing bunch of orchids is suggested as a chic decoration for a sable muff, and tho they were rejected at first by fashion, varied and charming combinations of fur, flowers, lace and velvet make the daintiest of muffs which are worn by the most fashionable women.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TO BE USED

In the Construction of All Laws Enacted in the Philippines—Various Regulations.

Manila, Dec. 21.—The Philippine Comission has passed bills prescribing that English text shall be used in the construction of all laws enacted; authorizing the Provost Marshal to establish police and health regulations with limited punishments for their violation; appropriating $75,000 for the immediate construction of a highway from Pozzorubio, Province of Pangasinan, to Baguio, in Benguet Province, along the line surveyed for a Government railroad.

MEN PUNISHED, WOMEN LET GO.

The Divorce Mill Employer and Employes in New York Sentenced by Mr. Goff.

New York, Dec. 21.—Recorder Goff today sentenced Henry Zelmer, one of the heads of a fraudulent divorce bureau, to 10 years in State Prison, and James Holden, alias Frank Wilson, a professional co-respondent, to three years in State Prison. Mrs. Byrdie Herrick and Mary Thompson, who said they had testified falsely in divorce cases, were allowed to go under suspension of sentence.

Police Court Record.

Magistrate Denison yesterday committed John McCully to jail for 20 days for stealing a set of scales from a C.P.R. lorry.

Jane Craig was acquitted of a charge of stealing a purse, the property of Rebecca Prouse.

Frank Brunell was sent to jail for three days in default of the payment of a fine of $50 and costs for being drunk.

Morris Speigel was ordered to pay David Grossmand $5 due him as wages.

Emma King, a negress, was convicted of a charge of vagrancy, and sent to the Mercer Reformatory for six months.

For being drunk, John Daly was fined $1 and costs or 20 days.

Galicians and Doukhobors.

The Rev. Dr. Warden desires to express cordial thanks to the many friends who so generously responded to the appeal made for clothing on behalf of the Galicians and Doukhobors, and especially to Mrs. J. C. Hamilton and other ladies who kindly interested themselves in the matter. As the result, four large bales, nearly one-half ton in weight, were yesterday shipped to the Medical Missionary.

Read Stark's Ad.

In their advertisement on the sporting page of this paper Messrs. Charles Stark & Co. advertise different lines of sporting goods that should ensure them a big trade. Among the articles advertised are many most desirable for holiday gifts. As an evidence that prices are right it is simply necessary to point to the fact that mic mac hockey sticks are offered at 15 cents.

Guggenheims Got a Good Price.

New York, Dec. 21.—M. Guggenheims Sons, whose smelting plants and mines are to be absorbed by the American Smelting and Refining Company, have announced that the price received for their properties was about $45,000,000. The combination is to become effective on or about Jan. 1.

Cigar Cured Hiccoughs.

Geneva, N.Y., Dec. 21.—After being afflicted with hiccoughs for three days, Arthur C. Dove of this place was given a cigar by a physician as a test, and the hiccoughing stopped immediately. Several other physicians had failed in every effort made.

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SITUATION IN CAPE COLONY

The Fighting is Now in the Older British Territory, But Boers Have Been Checked.

SOME CAPE DUTCH JOINED THEM.

Enemy Occupied Philipstown and Have Cut the Wires in Several Places.

Cape Town, Dec. 21.—A Government memorandum issued last evening makes the following announcement:

"The principal seat of action has been transferred to the northern part of Cape Colony. Early Dec. 16 a large body of Boers crossed the Orange River toward Burghersdorp. A British force followed, to avoid which the Boers turned westward and occupied Venterstad Dec. 18. But they evacuated the town the same day on the approach of the British, and marched in the direction of Steynsburg.

Boers Intercepted.

"The Boers, however, have been intercepted, and find difficulty in moving in any direction, as Steynsburg, Burghersdorp, Stormberg, Rosmead and Naauwpoort are all strongly held by the British, and the Orange River has risen considerably in their rear.

"Another 2000 Boers crossed at Sand Drift, making for Colesberg, but on the despatch of a British force they diverged and occupied Philipstown Dec. 19, cutting the telegraph wires between Philipstown and Houtkraal. Early this morning a portion of these Boers reached Houtkraal Station, and cut the line there.

Reinforcements for DeAar.

"Considerable reinforcements have been sent to De Aar and Hanover, and it is expected that further invasion will now be stopped, except in the case of scouting parties, which may slip thru to raid cattle and to obtain much needed supplies.

The Enemy Run Away.

"Hitherto there has been very little fighting, as the enemy in every instance have retired before the British. They took our garrison of 20 men at Venterstad prisoners; but the Magersfontein garrison repulsed their attacks, inflicting heavy loss, after some hours' fighting and a refusal of a demand to surrender.

The Invading Forces.

"It is probable that of the two invading forces, the former is a part of Dewet's commando and the latter consists of several small commandoes hitherto operating in the west of Orange River Colony and of a number of rebels."

Martial Law Extended.

Cape Town, Dec. 20.—Martial law has been proclaimed in the following additional districts: Bristown, Victoria West, Richmond, Hanover, Murraysburg, Graaf Reinet, Aberdeen, Middleburg, Steynsburg, Cradock, Tarka and Molteno.

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Convicted Prisoners Will Be Sentenced by Judge McDougall To-Day.

The prisoners convicted during the present sittings will be sentenced at 11 o'clock this morning.

The petit jury was dismissed yesterday, after a jury had been selected to try the case of the Toronto & Suburban Railway Company, charged with maintaining a common nuisance, which is set for Jan. 9.

The grand jury indicted Fanny Elchart on a charge of shoplifting at Eaton's last Wednesday.

County Court Cases.

After listening to the argument yesterday, Judge Morson reserved judgment in the County Court suit of William Miller, bicycle repairer, to get damages from James Townsend for injuries received by being run down on Bloor-street by one of defendant's vehicles.

Judge Morgan also reserved judgment in the suit of Arthur A. McKay of 292 East Queen-street against Langley & Co., dealers in trading stamps. McKay claimed $262.50, a 25 per cent. rebate on a quantity of books which he bought from the company, and was to receive back by the terms of an alleged contract.

The suit of Tyrell v. Langlois is set down for trial to-day.

Men of Devon.

Sir Rupert Lethbridge of The Manor House, Exbourne, R.S.O., Devon, England, has issued a circular letter as President-elect of the Devonshire Association, asking all persons of Devonshire descent or Devonshire connexions now in the colonies to assist him in his proposed history of the distribution of the descendants of Devonshire families permanently or temporarily settled in the British colonies or in the United States of America.

A Benevolent Move.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The directors of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway have decided upon a permanent pension system for the 27,000 employes of the road, to go into effect Jan. 1, 1901. The system is patterned in many respects after that recently created by the Pennsylvania lines, and will call for an annual expense upon the part of the company of $200,000.

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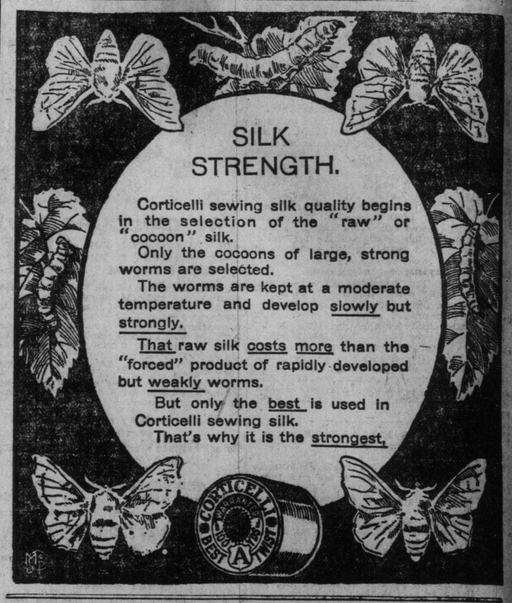

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