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Benedict Arnold.
BY H. L. RANN.



One hundred and thirty-two years ago this month Benedict Arnold tried to deliver the West Point military academy and all its contents, including some haughty first class men and several unwashed and unrepentant plebes, into the hands of the British government. He failed abruptly, with no visible assets, and that is why we are here to-day, living happily and contentedly under the benign rule of J. Pierpont Morgan, rather than being bossed around by a king whom none of us has ever been introduced to.

Benedict's work as a traitor was very coarse. He had got mad at George Washington because George refused to make him a brigadier general, which was something Benedict knew he was cut out for every time he looked in the glass. So he arranged with Major Andre to slip West Point to him one dark night, when nobody was looking.

Arnold agreed to surrender the academy to Major Andre in exchange for some of England's best tuppence. He was to meet Andre at the front door with a look of great surprise and after firing several blank cartridges at him in an expostulatory vein was to surrender en masse and be given a trip pass to London.

On the night of September 23, 1780, Andre pinned a quit claim deed to West Point to his left insole and started on horse back to seize West Point with his bare hands. On the road, however, he met a couple of New York farmers who were of an inquisitive and prying nature, and they searched him with such deadly aim that they discovered his guilty secret by disrobing his feet.

Arnold escaped in a British vessel, but returned later and tried to burn down all of the Atlantic coast he could get to. After the war, he engaged in light housekeeping in London and attempted to live down his past. There was too much of it, however, and whenever he went anywhere people would twix him about committing a faux pas, which is a French word meaning bonehead. He died in London, owing several months' rent, and his funeral had the enthusiastic endorsement of all concerned.

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The operation of this company will be watched with interest, as the industry in Newfoundland of packing under the Scotch method is in its infancy, and is capable of becoming a valuable asset to this part of the island.

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**Mary Visits
St. John's**

WITH THE BRITISH SOCIETY EXCURSION.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Well here we are on the eve of another excursion, this time the British Society's annual excursion to St. John's. Isn't it a wonder how people who are "excursioning" all the summer can live at all during the winter months. No person but those in Government positions can feel comfortable on so many excursions. The poor man with a household full of children to support, how on earth can he afford to be off for a day or two during the whole summer and lose his pay, not to speak of a day every week. It often occurred to me, Mr. Editor, and Tom and myself have often thrashed the matter out but could only arrive at one conclusion, and that is that all the excursions during the summer are doing it to make young men and maidens dissatisfied with their lot, if not to place temptation in their way to get more money than their employers are aware of. Are we old "covies" going to keep our tongues still and see these things going on and not raise a finger to point out the danger? Not by a

jug full, says Tom and myself. But as I said, the British excursion takes place to-morrow, and Tom said he was going over. He wanted to say good-bye to the Governor; to see his old friend Dick Macgee, and to go up on the Parade Ground and have a glance at the "tavern," where he spent so many pleasant hours in the long ago.

"Well, Tommy, me boy, said I, "if you go, I am going too. I could not have you go on that trip alone." I think a woman should always accompany her husband on such trips. I'd just like to see the day when I'd be tame enough to let Tom go on an excursion train an act as I have seen married men act before; that is being all attention to other women in the cars—putting the windows up for them, buying oranges and candy for them, and almost begrudge to leave them a minute for fear they would be lonesome. No siree, I am not jealous, and I never was, but Tom don't go anywhere without me, unless it is to leave this little world; and of course in that case if I had my way, although I'd be sorry to part with him, I'd sooner he would go alone. But since he has got three weeks' work now without a break, I guess we might as well take in the first, last and only excursion to St. John's from this place this summer. Our friend Paul Higgins, who is the very life of all excursion parties, assured

me to-day that we were going to have a good time, and our tickets would be good until Friday night. Paul is going to take over a couple of his little ones with him, and I hope the little ones will enjoy their visit to St. John's. Good-bye, Mr. Editor. Tell Dick and the Governor we're coming. Yours sincerely,
MARY.

Harbor Grace, Aug. 4th, 1912.

**C.B.B.S. Dance
and Reception.**

Last night the Conception Bay British Society people had a grand dancing assembly in the British Hall. The affair was largely patronized and a very enjoyable time spent. In addition to the Harbor Gracians, about 50 couples from the city participated. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and continued until early this morning. The music was supplied by Power's orchestra. At midnight, during the customary interval of an hour, a reception was held in the under flat of the hall, the officers of the C. B. B. S. being banqueted by the executive members of our St. John's body, and a pleasant time was had. The excursionists, though not favored by the weather clerk, are pleased with the success of this year's outing, and will leave for the Second City by this evening's train.

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Marine Notes.

The bargt. Lake Simcoe, Wilson, sailed for Brazil yesterday.

The S. S. Mary left this morning for Bell Island, freight laden.

The S. S. Durango reached Halifax at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The run took 46 hours.

Here and There.

SURVEY BEING MADE.—The s.s. Wilhelmina is now on the dry dock. A thorough survey of the steamer is being made to-day by Lloyd's surveyor.

VOYAGE OVER.—The Cape St. Mary's fishing fleet have given up the voyage, and it is estimated that the total catch will be equal to half of last year's.

SPRACKLIN CASE.—Inspector General Sullivan went to Harbor Grace by last evening's train and is conducting an investigation into the Spracklin case to-day.

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**A Case of
Beri-beri Here.**

Yesterday afternoon a male resident of Conception Bay was brought to Hospital. He is suffering from beri-beri disease though his illness is not acute. This disease is being gradually stamped out and very few cases, it is said, have been reported within the past six months.

MAY DEVELOP BLOOD POISON.
—One of the seamen on the S. S. Stephano is suffering from a very sore hand and it is feared blood poison has set in. Some weeks ago the seaman cut one of his fingers. Careful treatment was not given the hand and soon after it became very sore.

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