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LONDON, THURSDAY, AUG. 16.

THE MAD MULLAH ONCE MORE

It is unfortunately too true that the Mad Mullah has broken out again. He has raided caravans, captured thousands of camels, and killed hundreds of members of a tribe friendly to the British. For two years this combination of hot sand and ginger, and first cousin of Fuzzy-Wuzzys, has been leading a peaceful pastoral life, in the recesses of Somaliland, having promised the British to "be good," in return for the cessation of military operations against himself and his followers. In private life the gentleman known as the Mad Mullah is Hadji Mohammed Bin Abdullah. After a pilgrimage to Mecca, about ten years ago, he set himself up as a second Mohammed, and rallied a great number of the tribesmen of Eastern Africa to his standard. In 1901 he began to raid the coast settlements of the British protectorate in Somaliland, on the Gulf of Aden, and an expedition was launched against him under Col. Swayne. It was a dismal failure. Many good lives were lost in the jungles and morasses of Somaliland and the Mullah emerged from the first campaign with a greater prestige among the fanatical Moslems. In 1902 and 1903 British expeditions on a larger scale were sent inland, but with the same deplorable results. The British Government made up its mind that the Mullah was a serious proposition, and decided that he must be crushed at any cost. Gen. Egerton, a brilliant Indian officer, commanded the next British campaign, and utterly routed the Mullah's forces, but the warrior-prophet himself escaped into Italian Somaliland. It was announced by the War Secretary in the House of Commons that he had lost his following, and that the British felt secure in discontinuing military operations. From first to last the cost of these expeditions was \$15,000,000, and nearly 400 British troops were killed. It was hoped that by a chain of military posts, with the aid of the Italian and Abyssinian authorities, the Mullah would be prevented from gathering another force, but it is now seen that a blunder was made in not following up the operations of 1904. It was Gen. Egerton's belief that 1904 would not terminate until the death or capture of the Mullah, and he appears to have been right.

PERPLEXITIES OF THE ASSESSMENT LAW.

The difficulties surrounding the whole question of taxation are illustrated afresh in the case of the Walker residence in Walkerville. The owner built a magnificent house, and was assessed at a figure approximating its cost. He carried an appeal to the board of judges, who reduced his assessment on the ground that it should be determined, not by the amount of money expended, but by the value of the house for domestic purposes. It was argued that the mere fact that money was spent in embellishing the house, inside and out, did not increase its utility as a place of residence, and that the assessment should be governed by the utility value. The case recalls that of the Montreal merchant who adorned his store with a stone front, and finding that he was punished for his enterprise by an increase of his taxes, threatened to cover the stone wall with brick. A system of taxation which fines industry and enterprise is radically defective, but the present assessment law in Ontario works out in this way, and so long as improvements are taxable the principle laid down in the Walker case will be very difficult of application, and will lead to inequality and discrimination. If the poor man is to be taxed on the full value of his house, the same treatment must in justice be accorded the rich man. What is called the utility value of any house or building is a very indefinite thing and leaves a good deal to the imagination of an assessor. It is noted in connection with the Walker assessment that the valuation of the site, \$21,000, was not in question at any stage of the proceedings. Land values are easily determined and cannot be concealed, nor will taxes on land discourage improvements which give employment to labor. The ideal assessment system, if it is ever evolved, will be largely shaped by this fact.

SCOTTISH HOME RULE.

Mr. Pirie's Scottish home rule bill, which he laid before the British Parliament provides for a single legislative chamber for Scotland, the executive authority to be vested in the crown and the King to be represented by a lord high commissioner. The subjects which he would reserve to the Scottish parliament are as follows:

1. The establishment and tenure

of executive and administrative offices, and the appointment and payment of executive and administrative officers; 2. Local government and municipal institutions; 3. Public health; 4. Criminal law; 5. The administration of justice; 6. Police; 7. Prisons; 8. Marriage and divorce; 9. Education; 10. Hospitals, asylums, and charities; 11. Lunacy; 12. Railways; 13. Fisheries; 14. Canals, inland navigation and harbors; 15. The holding, acquisition, disposition and descent of land; 16. The acquisition by any public authority of any property on just terms from any person for any purpose in respect to which the Parliament has power to make laws; 17. The regulation of labor in factories and mines; 18. Conciliation and arbitration for the prevention and settlement of industrial disputes; 19. The regulation of trade in intoxicating liquors, but not so as to include the power to impose any duty or tax on the sale of intoxicating liquors; 20. The church as by law established, and its endowments.

Power is also given to the Scotch Parliament to impose taxes other than duties of customs and excise, and special provision is made for the adjustment of the financial relations between the Scotch Parliament and the Imperial Parliament.

These powers are somewhat more extensive than those delegated to the Provinces of Canada, but they run so nearly parallel as to suggest that Mr. Pirie has made the Confederation Act the basis of his bill. There is no room to dispute that at least some of the matters he enumerates could be dealt with more expeditiously and effectively by a local body, thereby relieving the Imperial Parliament of an immense amount of parish business and enabling it to give more time to national and imperial interests. Mr. Pirie's bill, however, is premature and got no serious consideration in the Commons. It may be that home rule sentiment is not so strong in Scotland as in England, because the Scotch rule England under the present system. But time is on the side of the federal scheme, and some day the Imperial Parliament will be glad to unload some of its responsibilities.

The western farmers stake everything on wheat, but even the prairie soil will not stand that forever.

A German newspaper terms King Edward a "political artist." So he is; and he gets better results than the Kaiser with half the fuss.

The King and Kaiser kissed when they met. This is a customary form of salute for men on the continent, but it must make King Edward's gorge rise to have to conform to it. It may surprise ladies who think osculation is one of life's greatest joys to learn that the average man, on this continent at least, would rather kiss his dog or his horse than kiss another man.

The Ottawa Citizen, Conservative, defends Sir Frederick Borden against the criticisms leveled at him for appointing a Conservative to a lucrative position in the militia department. "It must be said for the minister," says the Citizen "that he has all along endeavored, in the face of obvious difficulties, to keep his department out of politics." During the Dundonald incident Sir Frederick Borden was the most abused man in the country, and the attacks upon him in the Toronto News, the Ottawa Citizen, and other Conservative papers were disgraceful. Sir Frederick has done a great deal to raise the standard of the Canadian militia, and his former enemies are now admitting it.

Mr. J. W. Daffoe, the editor of the Windsor Free Press, attended the Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, and blushed for his country. "The bumptiousness, arrogance and cocksureness of some of the Canadian orators was almost incredible," writes Mr. Daffoe. "We cut a pretty figure at the congress with our multifarious resolutions, our strident declarations of our own greatness and our bectoring and bullying attitude toward the mere Englishmen who did not agree with us." Mr. Daffoe expresses his surprise after having toured the United Kingdom and finding vitality and prosperity everywhere, to attend the congress and hear Messrs. Drummond Cockburn and Denison declare that the empire was on the verge of a calamity unless the congress passed the little resolution of the Canadian delegates. Even Canada, in their opinion, would be lost to the empire if the little resolution of the Canadian preferential imperialists was not accepted.

A SEVERE ONE.

[Cleveland Leader.] Says Mrs. McNob to Mrs. De Knocks, "I was called on today by Mrs. Van Rex." Says Mrs. De Knocks, "I knew she was coming." The papers all say that she loves to go slumming.

A LAND OF DISTANCES.

[Canadian Correspondent Washington Star.]

Your Canadian will hook up a couple of range ponies to his light buckboard or swing himself over the back of a home-bred horse and travel a trifle of 50 or 60 miles to a place, or a frolic of any kind, without thinking it over a minute. And along the line of the railroad 'tis the same. I met a very genial gentleman while traveling over the Canadian Northern at the frightful speed of eight miles an hour, who, as he informed me, had "just been up the line a bit to take dinner with

Aunt Hattie. The genial person lived at Prince Albert, and I found out after a little conversation that Aunt Hattie resided some 700 odd miles up away. Think of traveling from Washington to Chicago to take tea with Sister Sue or anybody else! Isn't it a wonder?

HIGH JINKS IN PEA RIDGE SOCIETY.

[Edgefield (S. C.) Chronicle.] Mrs. Pod Ruggles, who lives down on Pea Ridge, has become quite a social lioness. She gave a sassafras tea and pigs' feet luncheon last night to the ladies of the Jealous Society, and it was quite a swell affair. She wore her tailor-made suit and benedicta diamonds, and presided with the grace of a queen. These Pea Ridge social functions are becoming much talked about in neighboring towns.

THE PRIZE HARD-LUCK STORY.

[Atchison (Kan.) Globe.] A farmer in this neighborhood had a chapter of accidents Tuesday. He was cutting grass and mowed his dog's leg off. In the excitement he stuck his lighted pipe into his pocket and burned not only his pocket but his pipe and tobacco as well; and to cap it all, he threw down a lighted match and set the stubble afire.

MAY HAVE CHOKED TO DEATH.

[Smithfield (N. C.) Herald.] It will be remembered that two weeks ago we published an account of the murder of Alonso B. Jones at what is known as the High Land bridge. Jones was found dead with no pistol about him and wearing his hat and a tooth brush in his mouth.

WHO DUG THE GRAVE?

[Keyser (W. Va.) Mountain Echo.] Mrs. Hickie died last week. Had been poorly a long time. Rev. Samuel Umstot preached her funeral at the house. B. W. Smith made the coffin.

A ONE-SIDED AFFAIR.

[Bartlesville (Ind. T.) Enterprise.] Buck Brookins, a professional nurse, of Tyro, Kansas, is here with Mr. Roach, who is quite sick on the West Side.

MAKING HIMSELF COMFORTABLE.

[Libertytown (Md.) News.] Edgar Hamond had a very nice log house built last week on Mrs. Mary W. Sim's premises, which he occupies.

TOURISTS AND HIGHLANDERS.

[Vanity Fair.] I would pass a law compelling every Highlander laddie not only to speak Gaelic, but to wear the kilt habitually, and every Highlander lassie to appear in a tartan frock and with bare feet. They would all marry well, among the very pick of the tourists of both sexes, and a new zest would be added to the rush for the north.

MADE IN GERMANY.

[London Tribune.] The following little anecdote comes from an English resident in a German household where English only is spoken at the table:

Gretchen—Mother, in the milk pail was a dead mouse.
Mother—Well, hast thou it thereout taken?
Gretchen—No; I have the cat there-in thrown.

IAN MACLAREN'S PUN.

[Christian Life.]

It is said that the Rev. Dr. John Watson (Ian MacLaren), is degenerating into a punster. At a dinner long ago the conversation turned to the art—or crime—of punning, and Dr. Watson ventured the opinion that he could do very well in that line, offering to try then and there. He sat silent for a few moments, and Hall Caine, who was among the guests, exclaimed: "Come along, Watson, don't be all waiting." The preacher-punster replied at once, "Don't be in such a hurry, I'm waiting."

HOW "BRIDGE" GOT ITS NAME.

[The Tatler.]

The story goes that, some twenty years ago, before the name of bridge was known in London clubs, two families who played the game under the name of "Russian whist" were living in neighboring houses at or near Great Dalby in Leicestershire. They were in the habit of visiting each other's houses on alternate evenings to play this fascinating game, and the only road of communication between the two houses lay over a broken-down and somewhat dangerous bridge which was very awkward to cross in the dark. It was a frequent occurrence for the departing guests to say to their hosts, "Thank goodness, it is your bridge tomorrow," meaning that the other party would have to cross the dangerous bridge the next night. Hence is said to have arisen the title of "bridge."

HER PLAN.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

"I can't see," complained her husband, "why you feel that it is necessary to go away on account of the hot weather. Can't you treat heat as you do physical ailments?"
"Yes," she calmly replied. "I am going to give it absent treatment."

HER PROUD PEDIGREE.

[Baltimore American.]

"I suppose, Mrs. De Rich, you enjoy your family tree so much this sultry weather."
"What do you mean, Mr. Sharp? Why should I enjoy it particularly now?"
"Because it's such a very shady one."

HAVING THE MATTER UNDER-STOOD.

[Chicago Record.]

"You are a man after my own heart," said the Pittsburgh heiress.
"I am glad to hear you say that," replied the marquis.
"I was afraid you might suspect that I was after your money."

ECCENTRIC.

[Chicago Record.]

"What an eccentric sort of a woman Mrs. Binkley is."
"I know it. She has never gone to a hospital to be operated on for anything."

FISH ARE SCARCE IN GREAT LAKES

Preservation of Finny Tribe Sadly Neglected—Fishermen Leave Grounds.

Marquette, Mich., Aug. 15. — The commercial fishermen of this city have deserted the fishing grounds in the immediate vicinity of Marquette and are now setting their nets in the vicinity of Isle Royale, near the Canadian shore. The lifts this summer have been very light. Commercial fishermen at Ontonagon, Lake Superior and at Manistig, Lake Michigan, have suspended operations entirely. The truth of the matter is that fish are disappearing from the great lakes and largely because the various states have not properly protected them. Hundreds of millions of trout and whitefish have been deposited in the waters within the past decade, yet fish are more scarce now than ever and prices were never as high. It is contended that unless the Federal Government steps in and assumes control, it will not be many years before commercial fishing on the great lakes will become an industry of the past.

THE ALMOND PRINCESS

Speaks the Language of the Koran Better Than the Arabs.

Paris, Aug. 15.—Mme. Delarue-Mardrus is helping her husband (the man who has done for the "Arabian Nights" in French what Sir Frederick Burton did in English), to make a perfect translation of the Koran with authoritative commentary.

Together they have visited in the course of years the most learned and saintly Marabouts (holy men) of Islam in Turkey, in Arabia, in Egypt, in Morocco. Speaking perfectly, not the current Arabic, but the antique, dialect of the Sacred Books, both have attained, in the eyes of the venerable doctors of the Koran, Marabout rank and prestige.

She has charmed the Arab people apart from her rare acquaintance with their religious lore. She is called by them the Almond Princess. When in her Arab costume and wearing splendid and strange jewelry she enters the desert camp with a greeting from the Koran on her lips, the whole tribe gathers from the tents to sit in a vast circle with Oriental solemnity and gravity to hear the white Marabout recite the old tales of the wandering tongue they hear only in the mosques, on the lessons of the Koran, "the cry of the Prophet," as the Almond Princess says.

One day, however, it happened that a caravan crossing the route of Dr. Mardrus in the desert paid no attention to the Koranic salute of the strangers, "dogs of infidels."

Mme. Mardrus rose in the stirrups of her desert-steed, and, throwing her burnous (Arab cloak) in a commanding gesture loose from her form, rebuked the astonished True Believers, saying:

"You are more unbelieving than the infidels themselves; you who, despising the word of the prophet, do not return the greeting of the traveler."

The Arabs were covered with shame. Filled with reverence for the stranger who spoke to them in the tongue of the prophet, they halted their camels, turned their about and marched back, each rider in turn halting for a moment to bow low in humble obeisance until the whole caravan had gravely made reparation. Then they resumed their way through the desert.

SUMMER DRINKS.

The London Lancet, discussing "refreshing beverages," agrees with the Herald regarding their extensive use among all classes. "Probably," it says, "there are two reasons for it. First, all carbonic acid gas gives piquancy to a beverage, a briskness to it, and secondly, and secondly, there are reasons for believing that the effervescent properties of a liquid promote digestion in two ways; first, by the carbonic acid acting as a stimulant to the movements of the stomach, and second, by assisting in the disintegration of the contents of the stomach."

One the other hand, however, it may be undesirable to distend the stomach with so much gas, as it may lead to the embarrassment of a weak heart, and may even poison the blood by the direct absorption of the gas by the stomach. In such cases, therefore, such beverages should be avoided. It is the question, then, of mere immolation in use that causes real trouble.—New York Herald.

INSOMNIA AND ITS CAUSES.

There are, says Sir William Broadbent, in an article on the treatment of sleeplessness, good sleepers and bad sleepers; light sleepers, disturbed by the least light or sound; heavy sleepers, who rest calmly through a thunderstorm. Some fortunate people fall asleep almost as soon as the head rests on the pillow every night; others, less fortunate, must woo sleep patiently.

The quality of sleep often varies. The neurotic wakes tired after a long night's rest; the after-dinner sleep of undue repulsion is unrefreshing, and sometimes stupefying. On the other hand, a brief nap may dismiss at once the fatigue and languor of a busy man.

The greatest foe to sleep is perhaps terror: suspense and anxiety come next. Speaking generally, continues Sir William, emotional excitement relating to the future and to action is a greater cause of sleeplessness than grief and regret for the past. Grief, however, often gives rise to protracted sleeplessness indirectly; it causes the digestion, and then dyspepsia interferes with sleep.

When cold feet interfere with sleep, it is not merely through the feeling of cold as such, but by an influence on the general and cerebral circulation. Coldness of the feet, indeed, is often a concomitant of sleeplessness rather than its cause.

When the feet are cold after hard brain work, the blood seems to be positively shut off from the feet from the hot bottle is then often of no use, and the best way of warming the feet with a view to procuring sleep is to start in cold water, and then rub the feet dry with a rough towel.—The Practitioner.

Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain cure for all the various forms of skin disease, such as eczema, psoriasis, and every form of itching, bleeding and protruding piles. See testimonials in the press and ask your neighbors about it. You can get it and get your money back if not satisfied. 50c. at all druggists. KANSAS, BATES & CO., Toronto.

DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT.

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO

The August Sale--- Friday And Saturday Bargains

The store news for Friday and Saturday tells concisely of values that are quite impossible to duplicate. Values that are purposely planned to hurry on the August Clearing. Special sales also contributes to the many pleasing opportunities to buy and save. Taken as a whole, the page fairly outdoes all previous midsummer offerings it has been our pleasure to present.

Towelings and Cottons

150 yards Pure Linen Crash Toweling, 16 inches wide, tomorrow and Saturday at 6½¢ yard, or 16 yards for \$1 00
40-inch Twilled Pillow Cotton, regular 15¢ and 17¢. Bargain Day and Saturday 12½¢
Unbleached Twilled Sheet, 2 yards wide, at, only 18¢

Girls' Wash Dresses

A sale of Wash Dresses, for girls, 3 to 13 years, made of all the best wash materials in different styles, just the dresses to finish vacation and start school. On table tomorrow. ONE-THIRD OFF.
4 dozen White Cambric Pinafores, sizes 1 to 4 years; were 30¢. Bargain Day and Saturday 20¢
Embroidery Trimmed Pinafores, in same sizes. Bargain Day at 25¢ and 44¢

Men's Furnishings

Men's Summer Undershirts and Drawers reduced. Bargain Day and Saturday, a garment 30¢
Men's Fancy Embroidered Lisle Half-Hose, in tan and black, worth 35¢ to 50¢ pair. Bargain Day and Saturday 29¢
Men's Black and Tan Cotton Hose, at 10¢ pair, 3 pairs for 25¢
Black Patent Leather Belts, were 25¢, at 13¢

Men's Cottonade Pants

Two days more for this sale of Men's One Dollar Cottonade Pants at 70¢. Well made of strongest dark striped cottonade, all sizes. Bargain Day and Saturday 79¢

Clean Up in Men's Suits

No two suits alike, this lot is the last of many lines, formerly selling at \$10; fine single-breasted sack suits of fancy tweeds and worsteds, sizes 36 to 42 in the lot. Bargain Day and Saturday \$5 00

Another in Men's Suits

Marching orders have been given to these suits, formerly selling at \$15 and \$18 50, handsome worsteds in the desirable oyster grays, strictly tailor made. A bargain \$13 95

Men's Pants

Men's Fancy Worsted Pants, in dark stripes, all sizes, a regular \$2 75 line. Bargain Day and Saturday \$1 95

Boys' School Suits

Fix the boys up for school; tweeds, Norfolk, to fit boys 8 to 14 years, were \$4 50 and \$4 75; are on sale Bargain Day and Saturday \$3 48
Balance of \$2 50 and \$2 75 Boys' Two-Piece Tweed Suits, fit boys 10 to 15 years. Bargain Day and Saturday \$1 69

Victoria Lawns

39-inch White Victoria Lawn, for dresses, skirts, aprons and children's wear. Regular price 12½¢ yard. Bargain Day and Saturday 9½¢

Colored Muslins

Remnant Sale of Colored Muslins continues throughout this week, and Sheer Batiste, in pink, mauve, natural and reseda, was 30¢ yard, at 19¢

Flannelette---Shirting

Plain Blue Flannelette, 33 inches wide, worth 12½¢, Bargain Day and Saturday 7-12-20
Four patterns in Oxford Shirting, blue and white check, was 12-12-20 Bargain day and Saturday 8-20-20

Souvenir Cards

Souvenir Cards of London, assorted views. Only, dozen 100

Notice

A big Shirt Sale is to be arranged in a few days. Five thousand Men's Print and Zephyr Shirts—75¢, \$1 and \$1 25 values, to go at a price. Watch the ads.

J. H. Chapman & Co., 126, 128, 128½ Dundas St.

A Jug Sale: Tomorrow

One of the unusuals for tomorrow is a jug sale. 10 dozen Blue Willow Jugs and 12 dozen Blue Banded Jugs on sale at nine o'clock in the morning at TEN CENTS each. They're on display today in the window. If you see them you'll be sure to come to the Sale. Tell your neighbors about them too, Telephone, but no mail orders filled. 10c Come early.....

Plaids and Tartans

The new Plaids and Tartans, especially suitable for girls' school dresses; we're showing a fine range at 2½¢ and 50¢

Clean Up in Dress Goods

Bargain Day and Saturday clearing of Dress Goods, worth up to 75¢ yard; all seasonable and desirable at 25¢

Lace Curtains---Special

Extraordinary values in Lace Curtains. If you are going to fix up your home this fall and need Curtains, here's good news for you. Nearly 1,000 pairs new Lace Curtains go in the August sale at values that cannot be duplicated. You'll surely want some of the Curtains when you see them; 50¢ to \$2 00

Wrappers and Kimonos

15 dozen Ladies' Summer Wrappers, left to clear, all sizes, 22 to 44. Special Bargain Day and Saturday 42¢
Just arrived—White Duck, the scarcest goods on the market, at 15¢
White Fancy Muslins, for children's wear, 12½¢, 15¢ and 18¢ values; on sale at 9½¢
Full Length Muslin and White Lawn Kimonos, were \$1 00, \$1 25 and \$1 50. Bargain Day and Saturday 78¢
Pretty Figured Dimity Muslin Kimonos, with white organdy fronts and cuffs, were \$2 50, at \$1 25

Drop in Petticoats

A bargain table of Printed Percale, Mousseline and Washable Chambray Petticoats, the latter are in rose and linen colors, with fine flills and a dust frill. Range in price from \$1 00 to \$1 50, at 78¢

Silk Waists at a Price

Ivory and Colored Jap Taffeta Silk Waists, varied styles, exceptionally dressy, sizes 22 to 38 only, were \$2 50, \$3 50 and \$4 00. Don't miss this clearing if you want a waist at \$1 95

Raincoats---Suits

Ladies' Fawn and Gray Full Length Chevenette Raincoats, fitting and loose backs, were \$10 50 and \$12 50. Bargain Day and Saturday \$7 50
Last chance to get a Girl's Waterproof Coat at \$1 00, in navy and fawn, 30 to 42 inches long. Special at \$1 00
Eight or ten Ladies' Black and Navy Broadcloth Suits, in Eton and short jacket styles, were \$10 and \$12 50. Bargain Day and Saturday \$4 85

Hose---August Prices

Princess Ribbed Lisle Hose for children, sizes 5 to 9½, all round, at per pair 25¢
Fresh supplies of Black Mao Cotton Hose, light weight Cashmires and Black Cotton Hose, with natural wool feet, the best grade for the price 25¢

Two Nightgowns

Ladies' White Cambric Nightgowns, slit over style, lace yoke and trimmed fronts, \$1 40 value, at \$1 25
Ladies' White Cambric Nightgowns, square cut, embroidery yoke. Special for Bargain day 95¢

Petticoats---Corset Covers

These bargains go in pairs seemingly. Fine Cambric Petticoats, three clusters of tucks and lace on flounce, usual \$1 50 value, at 98¢
Cambric Corset Covers, insertion 4½ back, edging of lace, usual 35¢ and 45¢ values, at 29¢

Infants' and Children's Vests

Infants' Sleeveless Summer Vests, 2 for 50¢
Children's Summer Vests, sleeve and sleeveless, sizes 2 to 12 years. Bargain day and Saturday, 6 for 25¢
Ladies' Long Sleeved Knit Corset Covers, for cool evenings, at 25¢