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THE POLICE.

The Star has no desire to harshly criticize the police force of St. John nor to intimate that the members of this department display anything but sound common sense in the performance of their duties. But it would seem that the following statement from the evidence of Mr. G. F. A. Anderson regarding the investigation into the robbery at the Simms' office calls for some explanation. The reports published in the three evening papers are as follows:

In the evening he visited Chief Clark and suggested that a thorough search of the office and factory be instituted, and as a result, Sergt. Campbell was detailed to accompany the witness to the building.—Times.

Witness called on Chief Clark during the evening and suggested making a search of the factory and office. The search was made by witness and Sergt. Campbell.—Star.

Witness called on Chief of Police Clark during the evening and suggested that the factory and office be searched. Sergt. Campbell accompanied witness and the search was made.—Globe.

From this it might be inferred—for nothing to the contrary has been stated—that although the money disappeared and the police took hold of the case, before one o'clock in the afternoon, the premises were not searched until late in the evening, and then only at the suggestion of one not connected with the department. It may be argued that the house of possibility that the money might be still missing had Mr. Anderson not offered his advice. To the commonplace citizen who has no acquaintance with the intricacies of police methods now or the proper steps in ferreting out culprits, an immediate search of the Simms premises would have appeared the wisest course. Perhaps an early search was made. If so there has been no mention of it, and the police force is suffering in the opinion of the citizens generally from what is regarded as unnecessary negligence. It was of course advisable to carefully watch outgoing train, but even this was of secondary importance. Perhaps Chief Clark can enlighten the public and at the same time remove what may be a wrong impression regarding the efficiency of his force in the case now under investigation.

THE FLEET'S VOYAGE.

The battleship fleet anchored in Hampton Roads yesterday, after a voyage which encircled the globe. The difference between this fleet and the British navy is that the latter is all around the world all the time. Wherever the United States vessels went, they found British warships waiting to receive them. The latter do not find it wholly necessary to make spectacular voyages for the purpose of creating an impression. It is to be noted as well that although sixteen United States battleships were able to complete such a lengthy voyage, and return to their own country in an efficient condition, they could not well have done this had it not been for the assistance of some forty or fifty steamers, supply vessels and colliers, which accompanied them. The spectacle of a section of a great navy relying for its coal and supplies upon the merchant marine of a foreign power detracts somewhat from the impression which might otherwise be created. However, setting aside all these things the voyage has been a momentous one. Various ports have been visited with each other in providing entertainment for the visiting fleet. China has been mortally offended. Bob Evans has retired, and Capt. Qualtrough has been suspended for drunkenness. These have been the most important incidents of the trip if any reliance is to be placed on the reports published by the United States press.

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OPERA HOUSE AUDIENCE ENTHRALLED BY MISS HALL

Brilliant Young Violinist Scores a Triumph—Miss Basche an Exceptionally Clever Pianist.

Miss Marie Hall and her violin held an audience of music lovers spellbound at the Opera House last evening. The distinguished young artist received an ovation as hearty and spontaneous as it was deserved, for her remarkable playing compelled the highest admiration. A slight, fragile looking, English girl, simply gowned, with no stage mannerisms, she is accorded sympathetic attention from the instant of her first appearance but thereafter compels admiration by reason of her magnificent genius, her complete mastery of the violin, her brilliant technique and the overwhelming force of her own artistic personality combined to invest her work with really exceptional effect.

In last evening's concert the great Mendelssohn concerto was the opening number, rendered with wonderful brilliance and forceful expression. On her second appearance the Miss Petropoulos and Beethoven's Minuet were perhaps the most impressive, but indeed every selection was so perfectly interpreted that the audience made no distinction in their admiration. One gentleman very truly and audibly remarked, when Miss Hall played as an encore Dvorak's Humoreske, that "after all there is nothing like the old Scotch air!"

Miss Hall, however, was not the only artist in the concert party. Miss Louise Basche, the accompanist, was tendered an equally demonstrative reception, which was thoroughly deserved. She is a pianist of the highest order, and in the minds of many shared with the violinist the honors of the evening. In her solo numbers Miss Basche proved herself to possess not only a superb technique but a brilliance of tone rarely heard here.

Mr. Harold Beasley, baritone, created a very favorable impression. The effect of his first number was somewhat marred by his apparent desire to get off the stage in a hurry, but this tendency he overcame later in the evening. His voice is of a pleasing quality, not great in volume, but under complete control and used most effectively.

ADVOCATES A LIFE TERM FOR PRESIDENT

Governor of New Jersey Sees Danger in Frequent Elections—Commends the Hamiltonian Idea.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 23.—The Hamiltonian idea of a life term for the President of the United States found some favor with Governor John Frank- lin of New Jersey, in his address at the Washington Day exercises of the Union League Club today, and incidentally he rebuked California and Nevada for what he termed their infringement on treaties of the national government with foreign countries.

"It would seem to be true in our day that the strength of the departments of government are rather in an inverse order of popular favor from that which the fathers evidently expected. The Governor said in part: "The foresight of Hamilton is apparent to the thoughtful observer of today. The constant election of executive compels them to declare their position to advocate special measures and to pledge their support to matters of public concern. The result is that we are having thrust on the executive departments of the nation and state, responsibilities and demands which were not dreamed of in the early days of the republic."

"The legislative department is large and the responsibility is diffused, among many somewhat from the impression which might otherwise be created. However, setting aside all these things the voyage has been a momentous one. Various ports have been visited with each other in providing entertainment for the visiting fleet. China has been mortally offended. Bob Evans has retired, and Capt. Qualtrough has been suspended for drunkenness. These have been the most important incidents of the trip if any reliance is to be placed on the reports published by the United States press.

DENIES THAT STEEL TRUST WILL REDUCE WAGES

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—E. H. Gray, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, when asked tonight for confirmation or denial of the published announcement that there would be a reduction in the wages of steel and iron workers before May 1, said: "The statements are inaccurate. The United States Steel Corporation has never considered such a thing."

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KWANG SU MURDERED TO ENSURE PEACE

Story of the Tragedy Appears in Parisian Paper.

Emperor of China Given the Choice of Method of Suicide—Took the Opium Pills.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Revue of Paris publishes an interesting study of the life and death of Kwang Su, Emperor of China. The story, said to have been procured from an unimpeachable source in Peking, supports the suspicions aroused by the death of the Emperor and Dowager Empress within two days of each other.

After sketching the miserable existence the Emperor led after the betrayal by Yuan Shi Kai of his plot to intern the Dowager Empress, a plot which led to his own captivity for the rest of his days, a detailed story is given of his death. It appears that when she felt her end approaching the old Empress Tsai-hai convoked the Grand Council on November 4 and it was decided that as Kwang Su had no male issue, the infant son of his younger brother, Chun, should be named successor, with Chun as Regent.

As soon as the Grand Council had broken up she summoned Yuan Shi Kai, the Emperor's most deadly foe, together with Prince Ting, the head of the imperial family, and the chief of the eunuchs of the palace. As a result of their meeting it was announced that Kwang Su was dangerously ill from heart disease, and the offers of the foreign legations to send their doctors were courteously but firmly declined.

Next morning at 10 the chief eunuch, with two confidential attendants, entered the little palace where the Emperor was confined. After having ordered everybody out of the room he declared to Kwang Su that the Empress was dying and that it was needful for him to predecease her. So saying he deposited on a table some pills of opium, a piece of gold leaf and a yellow silk plated cord, promising to return in three hours time.

If he found that neither the opium nor the gold leaf had been used it would be his painful duty to call upon the two assistants to strangle him with the silken cord. Meanwhile the two executioners would watch the door of the room. It should be explained that a piece of fine gold leaf is placed over the lips, and the breath being deeply drawn it is inhaled and obstructs the glottis, causing immediate suffocation.

The news of what was about to happen quickly spread consternation throughout the palace. Fearing a similar fate for themselves, set up lamentations, and the favorite eunuchs hastily began to hide their valuables.

During this time the unfortunate Kwang Su remained alone in the room with the two executioners of the chief eunuch. When this official returned at 1 o'clock the opium had disappeared and Kwang Su was stretched almost lifeless on his couch, though still breathing.

Yuan Shi Kai, being informed, carried to the Empress a report of the state of her nephew, the Emperor, and while the foreign ministers waited in the hall he communicated with the Prince Ting was sent to deposit offerings on the imperial tombs to propitiate the gods in favor of their descendant.

At 5 o'clock Kwang Su expired, and the three-year-old Pu Yi was at once proclaimed Emperor. Tsai-hai could now die in peace, which she did twenty-four hours later, after having, as she imagined, by the murder of her nephew insured the tranquility of the Celestial Empire after her death.

MAY ARRANGE TO CARRY ON BOOTH & CO'S BUSINESS

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 23.—Judge K. M. Landis of the United States district court took under advisement today until Thursday the question of the bankruptcy court's jurisdiction in the case of A. Booth and Company. Should the petition in bankruptcy be dismissed, the present receivership will not be interfered with and the plans of the bankers and the creditors committee for a reorganization of the fish business will probably be carried through.

FINNISH DIET SACKED BY EMPEROR NICHOLAS

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 23.—Emperor Nicholas today issued a rescript dissolving the Finnish Diet and ordering the holding of new elections May 1. This step is due to the criticisms of the Emperor's policy in President Svinhuvud's resolve to the speech from the throne at the opening of the Diet, February 16.

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TONS OF SILVER COIN.

Paid Over Every Week to Old-Age Pensioners.

Enormous Quantities of Silver Handled by British Postoffice Authorities—Something Like 800 Tons a Year.

A sum of £145,000 in half-crowns, two-shilling pieces, shillings, and sixpences has now to be provided each week by the British Postmaster-General, and paid over the counters of more than 25,000 postoffices to the recipients of old-age pensions.

The greatness of the task involved by this distribution of silver is suggested by three simple calculations. The silver coins paid over the postoffice counters throughout the country number close upon 2,000,000 a week; if packed in the canvas bags in which bankers send out \$100 worth of silver they would more than fill two seven-ton railway trucks; by the end of the year the Postmaster-General will have collected and paid out silver coins to the weight of more than 800 tons.

At St. Martin's-le-Grand a number of schedulers have been employed to show the exact amount of silver required each week throughout the country, by an arrangement which he had arrived at with the principal banking houses, the Postmaster-General pays the bulk of England's old silver, but not yet with the exception for varying sums, and these are immediately placed to their credit as occasion demands, whereupon they advance, through their country branches, what silver the local postmaster may require to pay the pensioners.

FASHION FANCIES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

The Beauty Patch Being Revived With the Directorate Costume—Striking Spring Hats for Male Wear.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The latest fad which the Directorate has helped to bring about is the patch. Both French and English women are reviving this old style, but not yet with the exaggeration of bygone days. So far it is only a bit of black coat plaster or whichever part of the face it sets off best, and with the elaborate hairdressing of the day and the long clinging gown it is effective fashion.

So far only discs and little crescents have been seen in Paris or London in the way of patches, but they are very much worn.

Fashion gives men's hats for this coming spring season many novel features.

"There are scores of different shapes in the new hats," says the editor of Men's Wear. "Felt and tweed must be the material for these hats, the advantage of felt being that it does not absorb the moisture and can go through a heavy storm without being the worse for the experience."

The cup and saucer hat is one of the novelties. It has a square top, a deep circular indented crown and wide flexible brim, and suggests a cup and saucer in shape.

"The new silk hats are both light and graceful and have a trifle more bell than last season. The hard felt hat is exceedingly squat. In some cases it is actually wider at the top of the crown than where it joins the brim."

The straw folder, on the lines of the ordinary felt hat, is to be revived in a number of new styles. The models are neat and compact, with high crowns and small brims. They will be worn in dark colors as well as white.

The boating hat will have a beveled crown this year and the band will be exceedingly deep. It need not be in black, slate, gray, greens and browns being allowed by good taste as well.

In spite of the sartorial artists, an attempt to make dress suits in dark green, put and the red attractive to mankind has failed. In vain have the weekly papers helped out the sales by painting the picture of a rich costume for the twentieth century cavalier; men will have none of it. The black dress coat still suits all requirements.

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GERMAN FLOODS DO MILLIONS OF DAMAGE

MAGDEBURG, Germany, Feb. 23.—The peril to the surrounding villages has been increased through further frosts, although the floods have slightly abated. A semi-official estimate of the damage done in this vicinity is \$2,500,000.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS

Notice is hereby given that the "Antioch" Lightship anchored on Luchter shoal, off Yarmouth, N. S., has broken her moorings, and is now in Yarmouth. It will be replaced on Sunday, the 21st instant, weather permitting.

J. A. LEBRE, Marine and Fisheries Department, St. John, N. B. 20-23

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DEATHS

MCCORDOCK—In this city on the 23rd inst., William J. McCordock, aged 78 years.

FUNERAL from his late residence, 216 Douglas Avenue. Friends are invited to attend.

PICK—On February 22nd, Helen Josephine, infant daughter of Clifford and Sule Price, aged six weeks.

FUNERAL from 260 Watson street, at 2:30 Wednesday.

SOVERVILLE—At Springfield, Kings Co., Feb. 19, Percy E. Somerville, aged 18 years, after a brief illness of appendicitis. (Boston papers please copy)

FRANCIS—Suddenly, at St. Eugene Hospital, Cranbrook, B. C., Thursday, February 11th, David T. Francis, son of James H. Francis of Armstrong Corner, Queen's Co., N. B. in his 32nd year, leaving father, mother, seven brothers and seven sisters to mourn their sad loss.

Remains expected to arrive Friday. Notice of funeral hereafter. (Maine papers please copy)

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COUNSEL ENTERS PLEA OF INSANITY

George Prince to be Examined

SPEEDY TRIAL ASKED

Meanwhile an Examination of Accused Will be Made by Doctor

George Prince, who was sent up for trial by Magistrate Ritchie on Saturday on a charge of uttering worthless checks and forgery, appeared before Judge Forbes yesterday and through his counsel, W. Watson Allan, elected to be tried under the Speedy Trials Act.

As counsel claimed that his client's mind was unbalanced a plea was not allowed to be entered, and an adjournment was made. Meanwhile the defense is to gather evidence to prove his assertions. Yesterday morning Dr. G. A. B. Addy was engaged by Mr. Allan to examine Prince, and owing to the large amount of work on hand was unable to make the examination yesterday, but will probably do so today.

ROBBED HIS JAILERS AND GOT AWAY SAFELY

Bristol, Tenn., Feb. 23.—After having been brought across the country from Oregon, D. H. Mead wanted in Scott County, Virginia, for murder, made a daring escape at an early hour today from two officers at Appalachia, Va., after robbing them of their money, guns and watches.

BRITISH STEAMERS MAY HAVE TO INSTALL WIRELESS

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Winston Churchill, President of the Board of Trade, announced in the House of Commons today that as an outcome of the recent collision off Nantucket of the steamers Republic and Florida, he was considering the introduction of legislation to require all British-owned steamers to carry an efficient wireless telegraphy equipment.

THE WATER WAGON AS A COMMON CARRIER

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Some practical joker introduced a bill into the local assembly in the name of Assemblyman Walters, amending the transportation law, making the "water wagon" a common carrier. The bill provides that the "water wagon" shall be fitted with a sufficient number of safe, commodious and comfortable seats and anyone may ride.

ROOSEVELT WILL STALK MISSIONARIES TOO

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 23.—While in Africa President Roosevelt will not only visit a number of missions, but will make addresses giving his observations when he returns to this country.

This statement was made here today at the Methodist Ministry's weekly meeting by Bishop Joseph G. Hartzell, who has charge of the Methodist African missions, and who recently visited the president at the White House.