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EXPOSING A HOODOO. Something About the Superstition Concerning Opals. "I think Sir Walter Scott is largely responsible for the superstition as to opals," said the traveling salesman of jewelry to a representative of the Birmingham News. "He that as it may, it is still widespread. There is a large jewelry house in one of the big cities which will not handle opals. This means a loss of thousands of dollars annually. The founder of the house put the bar on opals and the third generation is keeping it up. "It was behind the counter of a house in the East. A lady came in and handing me a breastpin set with opals, said: "Mr. Jones, what will you give me for these stones? They were an heirloom in my husband's family, but since they have come into my possession my husband and I have had nothing but misfortune. We have lost our residence by fire; there has been sickness in the family all the time, and he is ex-

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SON ACCUSED OF MURDER OF FOUR

Killed Father, Mother Brother and Sister. House Was Set on Fire in an Attempt to Consume Their Bodies.

AUBURN, Cal., Nov. 15.—Adolph Weber, twenty-year-old son and only surviving member of the family of Julius Weber, who with his wife, his nineteen-year-old daughter, Bertha, and fourteen-year-old son, Paul, was killed and burned on Friday night, is under arrest, charged with the murders. Public feeling against young Weber is very high. He is closely guarded in his cell and no opportunity will be allowed for any public demonstration. Julius Weber, a wealthy retired brewer, lived with his family in a beautiful home in Auburn, Adolph, who has had an excellent reputation, was his eldest son. It is known that the father had a violent temper, and at a preliminary inquest the son said that separation because of this infirmity. When the home was discovered on fire on Friday evening there was an instant rush to save the building or other every aid. When not a member of the family could be found at the fire men entered the burning building and in a room discovered Mrs. Weber, her daughter and son dead and partly burned. The charred body of the father was found the next day in the bathroom. Superficial investigation showed that the four had been murdered before the fire. Three had been shot, and the son's body had been hacked at with a hatchet. That the mother and children had been burned in a room which was not on fire is an important point the police had to work on, and the next was that no robbery had been committed. Adolph Weber, who reached the scene late, said at once that he did not believe robbery or revenge had been the motive and hinted at his father's temper as a possible explanation of the affair. When he was questioned Adolph said he had left the house at six o'clock and had gone down town, where he purchased a pair of trousers. Returning he had found the house in flames and had thrown his old clothes into the fire as the best way of getting rid of them.

INSPECTORS PLEASED WITH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Premier Tweedie and Others Return Today—Company Wants Hundreds More Laborers.

RUSSIA RESENTFUL

Feeling Against Britain Inflamed by Speeches of Lansdowne and Lord Selborne. (Associated Press Despatch). ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 16.—The resentment produced by the speeches of the British minister on the North Sea incident is really the assumption that Russia has agreed to punish the Russian officers of the squadron in accordance with its findings of the commission, has been further inflamed by the speech of Lord Selborne, first lord of the admiralty, Nov. 14, at Bristol, on the danger of a Russian invasion of India. The Novoe Vremya while philosophically disposed to hold the British jingoes responsible for the constant provocative attitude, calling attention particularly to Viceroy Curzon's and Lord Kitchener's deputations to Persia and Afghanistan and disclaiming any desire on the part of Russia to engage in fight, says that nevertheless Russia is a chance of evening up British superiority at sea by a move in the direction of India, and therefore naturally it is a great comfort to Russia that she has direct rail communication with Tashkend. The Novista, on the contrary, makes light of the ghost of a Russian invasion of India, which British statesmen are constantly trotting out for the benefit of the British public and suggests that it would be better for Great Britain to make overtures to Russia regarding the Indian border instead of taking refuge behind Afghanistan.

A KICK FROM THE DEPT.

Strong complaints were heard this morning at the depot by passengers who frequently have occasion to use the gentlemen's waiting room. The waiting room today was occupied by a party of immigrants who took up all the seats. These immigrants are bound for Boston and are travelling on C. P. R. tickets. Their stopping over in the city is due to the fact that they refused to pay the capitation tax. For the past week the waiting room has been daily taken up by immigrants passing through. They stick to the room all day.

TURKEYS PLENTIFUL

The market today has a choice stock of turkeys and other meat products. A dealer said this morning that never before in his memory was the market so plentifully supplied for Thanksgiving. He feared that the abundance of turkey at the present moment would mean a dearth for Christmas. Turkey per pound is selling today at 18c and 20c. Geese are also abundant and are selling at from 80c. to \$1.00 each.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

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JAPS DENY REPORT OF KUROKI'S DEATH.

Absurd Rumor Officially Contradicted—Russian Torpedo Boat Escapes From Port Arthur With Despatches Concerning Surrender

(Western Union despatch via the short cable from Canso to New York). TOKIO, Nov. 16.—The Japanese war office denies positively the report that General Kuroki is dead. The official staff pronounces the report circulated by a Russian correspondent of the Associated Press that Kuroki was fatally wounded by a shell at the battle of Shake River, to be an absurd rumor. (Associated Press Despatch). CHEE FOO, Nov. 16, noon.—It is rumored that the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rastorofsky, which has put into port, brought despatches from General Stoessel asking the St. Petersburg authorities for instructions as to whether he would continue to hold out awaiting relief or make immediate arrangements with the Japanese for surrender upon the most advantageous terms possible. This rumor cannot be confirmed, but it is obvious only despatches of the highest importance would compel Gen. Stoessel to risk the loss of a warship by sending her out upon such a mission in face of the rigid blockade maintained off Port Arthur by the Japanese fleet. The captain of the Rastorofsky has notified the Chinese authorities that he will disarm. It is believed that this despatch was arrived at after communicating with St. Petersburg. There is reason to believe that Japanese cruisers have been watching the port, although a steamer which has just arrived saw no Japanese warships. The Rastorofsky brought a number of copies of Novakral, a Port Arthur newspaper. In one of the issues it is stated that while a Japanese destroyer was laying mines on Nov. 11 she was surprised by the battleship Retvian and sunk. LONDON, Nov. 16.—That the main defenses at Port Arthur will be carried by the Japanese at the next assault is indicated by a belated despatch from Gen. Nago's headquarters. A correspondent declares that the siege preparations are complete and have been of the most thorough character. The rocky hills have been tunneled but the most arduous labor until the Japanese works extend to within one hundred yards of the parapets of the forts. Through these tunnels the Japanese can march to the fortifications without losing a man and avoiding the fire which has exterminated their regiments in nearly all the previous assaults.

CREW OF ST. JOHN SHIP REPORTED DEAD.

Gruesome Story of the Ship Troop—Capt. Wyman Belongs to St. John.

A despatch from Philadelphia says that the St. John ship Troop is believed to be drifting about the Pacific Ocean with all hands dead. The Troop sailed from Manila for the Delaware Breakwater on Aug. 3, with a cargo of mail and was spoken a few weeks later with one of her crew dead and the rest sick and almost helpless with fever. Twenty-three days after the Troop left Manila she was spoken 650 miles east-south-east of Hong Kong by the British steamer Radnorshire, which being a tramp ship and having no physician aboard, could give no assistance to the fever-stricken crew. Captain Wyman, of the Troop, signalled that he was about to try and reach Hong Kong for medical aid. He should have reached that port a week later, but no further tidings have come of the ship. Captain Wyman belongs to this city. The crew were shipped in the east.

SUGAR JUMPS AGAIN.

Sugar has taken another jump, that is raw sugar, and as a natural consequence it is only reasonable to expect refineries to put the manufactured article up a few points. In New York this morning raw sugar advanced one cent per pound. Later. Advice from Montreal this afternoon announce that the refineries there have jumped the price ten cents per hundred pounds on all grades. It is expected that this advance will shortly be followed by others.

WU TING FANG HONORED.

(Associated Press Despatch). PEKIN, Nov. 16.—The emperor's birthday honors include Wu Ting Fang, formerly Chinese minister to Washington, the honor consisting of permission to ride horseback in the for-merial. This hitherto has been a rare privilege. [Wu Ting Fang was formerly Chinese minister to the United States and was supposed to be in disfavour in Pekin because of his progressive ideas.] JUDGMENT DELIVERED. Justice Landry delivered judgment yesterday in the case of Daniel Adams vs. Walter L. Allcroft and George D. Prescott. This was an action for wrongful dismissal. The judge found all the issues in favor of the plaintiff and assessed the damages at \$1,000. The case was tried at the last St. John circuit.

KING OF PORTUGAL ON NORTH SEA COMMISSION.

(Associated Press Despatch). ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 16.—The King of Portugal, it is believed here, will be selected to name the fifth member of the international commission which is to inquire into the North Sea incident. In the event that the admirals fail to agree on the selection of the fifth member. THE WAR IN THE EAST. (Pot Shots From a Poppin). There's a nimble Russian General, Runs faster than a cat kin, He'll stop, perhaps, when stopped by death, But they cannot Kure opaktin. Kourapatkin Sols: What's up with me. I've no more luck 'That the Tibetan Lama; And still I pray both night and day, "Am I to win," Ozyana.

SENSATION IN FREDERICTON.

Warm Melodrama in the Barker House. Elderly Husband, Young Wife and Strange Young Man Were the Prominent Actors.

(Special to Star). FREDERICTON, Nov. 16.—The Barker House, a hotel noted in this city for its calm respectability, was the scene yesterday of a wild disturbance. Despite the efforts of the hotel officials to prevent reports of the occurrence becoming current, the facts have leaked out and tell a tale of a young wife and an elderly husband goaded to acts of rash violence by her behavior, it is alleged with another man. On Monday last a strange couple came to the hotel and registered as man and wife. The man was tall and thin, and apparently much beyond the half century mark. In marked contrast the woman was young and pretty. There was no indication on the register as to where the couple hailed from, but presumably they were Americans. From overheard conversation the man is evidently in the theatrical business, or has been, as he was heard at different times to remark in rather boisterous tones that he had made thousands from his shows. The woman was vivacious and attractive, and was inclined somewhat to disregard her elderly partner for the attentions of young men. Her appearance in the street always attracted attention. Yesterday afternoon about three o'clock the calm of the Barker House was broken by the piercing shrieks of a woman. Bell boys and attendants rushed up stairs to encounter the strange woman partly clothed running down calling for help. Close on her heels was her husband agitated by the furied passion and desperate. Catching up with his wife he led her back, threatening in the harshest language, while between sobs she begged him to desist. The hotel officials stood by mystified. A third person, a young gentleman, is said to be the cause of the occurrence. A revolver also, is said to have figured in the affray, and to have been the only thing which prevented the young man from serious harm at the hands of the enraged husband.

EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO.

(Associated Press Despatch). MEXICO CITY, Nov. 16.—Earthquake shocks are reported from several points in the state of Jalisco. At Aullan the walls of several buildings were cracked. At Manzanillo the shock lasted ten seconds. No damage, however, was done. The volcano Colima is in active and further seismic disturbances are feared.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Moderate west to north-west winds, local showers. Fair on Thursday. Not much change in temperature. Synopsis—The outlook is continued fair winds. To Banks and American ports, moderate west to northwest winds. Temperature at noon 40 above.

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