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FAMOUS MURDER CASE MAY BE RETRIED

Accessory in the Assassination of Count Bonmartini Makes Fresh Disclosures.

ROME, Jan. 7.—The Bonmartini murder case will probably have to be retried from the beginning. Dr. Pico Naldi, irritated by his utter abandonment by the Murri family, and also by the news of the Countess Linda's pardon, which has just reached his ears, has made his long-provisioned revelations. The part played in Count Bonmartini's assassination by this presumed accomplice remained obscure, while the existence of a third unknown accomplice of Tullio Murri has always remained obscure, while the existence of a third unknown accomplice has always been suspected. Dr. Naldi now proposes to disclose the real name and whereabouts of this person. He says that the part he himself undertook in the crime was limited to cutting the corpse into pieces—a task which was never fulfilled owing to the date fixed for the crime having been postponed for four days at the last moment. Dr. Naldi produces various items of new evidence, which, if true, show that the participation of Scovelli (Countess Linda's lover) in the crime was much more grievous than heretofore supposed.

FRENCH GENERAL DISMISSED.

Kept His Men in Garrison Town in Perpetual Town.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—General Pourquerey de Pechalles, who commanded at Verdun, where the garrison was known as "the garrison of all for fun," has been retired. An inquiry ordered by General Picquart, Minister for War, has shown that, instead of attending to their duties, the men were kept employed by General de Pechalles in organizing a continual round of games. The general made use of the military engineering shop to supply electric light for these military clubs, where he gave balls and brilliant entertainments. His men were kept busy in providing for the amusement of officers and for the merry banquets, dances and receptions which were constantly given.

NOT WORTHY OF BLAME.

Governess—You're a naughty little girl, Christabel, to kick your cousin like that. Christabel—I didn't kick her. Governess—Oh, hush, dear! I saw you kick her several times. Christabel—I didn't. I missed her every time!

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NATURAL HISTORY.

The opening of the Natural History Society's new home is an event of no little importance to St. John, and marks a distinct forward step in the path of education. Only by earnest effort and sheer hard work on the part of a devoted few, has the society reached its present proud position, and the magnificent building with its very valuable collection which was formerly thrown open to the public last evening will no doubt create a more general interest in the work of the society than has been manifest in the past. The aims of education are many but it is seldom found in public schools that much attention is given to the development of the perceptive faculties or to the awakening of interest in the natural life of the world. Such institutions as the Natural History Society endeavor by lectures and by collections of specimens of various kinds to fill in what is missing from the school training, to appeal to the higher sensibilities and to afford by practical instruction a clear knowledge of all that is around us. The course of study adopted by the Natural History Society, including as it does series of lectures by qualified men and women, field days, and opportunities for personal study in the museum, is one which should appeal to all and one from which much benefit may be derived. This is true as regards not the individual alone, but the nation, and a more thorough acquaintance with the subjects treated might have, in the past, prevented many unfortunate actions on the part of both those who make and those who observe the laws. The museum which was seen for the first time last evening can only be regarded as astonishing. No one believed that such a creditable collection existed in St. John, for during many years it has been hidden under layers of dust in the old rooms in the market building. Now, however, it is properly arranged and makes an excellent and comprehensive display, equally attractive to the student and to the casual visitor. Now that such an opportunity is afforded, the Natural History rooms should be the resort of many more persons than have visited them. In the past, St. John citizens should learn to appreciate the splendid work which is being carried on.

THE DOVER TUNNEL.

The proposal to construct a tunnel under the Straits of Dover between France and England is again receiving attention from all classes of people in the two countries. The suggestion this time is that parallel tubes shall be built, the total cost to be sixteen million pounds, and that half the capital shall be furnished by the promoters of the tunnel. The approaches to the tunnels would be from points considerably above the sea level by loops of masonry trestle work, which might easily be destroyed and communication completely cut off in case of war between the two nations. This scheme although warmly supported by the mass of people who look forward to the day when they can cross the Straits without being seasick, is strongly opposed by the war departments of both countries. Many objections have been raised and arguments put forward to show that in case of war these tubes, in spite of the greatest precautions, might be made serious obstacles to the carrying on of a successful campaign. The very suggestion of such a tunnel is evidence of the close friendship existing between the two nations but it may be that the outlining of the scheme, a somewhat extravagant method of exhibiting the feeling.

THE NEW WHARF.

The aldermen sprung a surprise last evening in deciding to call at once for tenders for another section of the new wharf. It was the opinion of a large number of citizens that bids should be asked for all the work remaining to be done, but the action of the board last evening will turn out to be the better policy. Any amount of time will be afforded the contractor for securing supplies of timber and the announcement that the remaining section of the wharf will be constructed as soon as conditions permit, is ample notice to intending bidders to be prepared. It would appear that by January 24th, the day on which tenders close, until the opening of next winter's traffic there will be time for the building of the berth and warehouses, and for the laying of the necessary tracks. It should also be easy enough, if the job is properly carried on to complete the outer section of the wharf. This display of energy on the part of the board of works is as praiseworthy as it is unexpected, and the members deserve due credit.

A DREAM OF FLIGHT.

Soon shall the frequent bicycles And roaring motor-car Be quite as rare as icicles In summer solstice are. Yea! They'll be dead as a plain It seems to be indeed Pharaoh—plain When all prefer the aeroplane For comfort, rest and speed. By steerable balloon. Yet nervous folk will, cavilling At this mode, find full soon The safest way of travelling By steerable balloon. For ecstasy then singing out To learn at last she can, Will Mary Jane go winging out With her dizziest young man.

HARD MAN TO DOWN.

(From the Peoria Herald-Transcript.) It takes more than a little \$50,000 fire to bother a philosopher. While the contents of the Star office were furnishing the ingredients for a heavenly conflagration Eugene F. Baldwin, editor and publisher, stood on the sidewalk on the other side of the street watching the scene with great interest. As the big plate glass window behind which he has worked as the Peoria Star's principal exhibit for so many years fell outward with a terrific crash, he turned to a friend with a quiet chuckle:

"This is the second scoop we've furnished Peoria with today," he remarked. "A fire sometimes gets too interesting and to watch from the other side of the street. Presently Mr. Baldwin evinced a desire to cross over and see whether his desk and office chair were blazing up as merrily as they should. His friends objected.

"Stay over here," they protested: "it's much better over here."

"Now, what do you think of that," said Baldwin impatiently. "Here I am furnishing a \$50,000 fire and blamed if I can have a front seat."

"How do you expect to down a man like that?"

AMERICAN TRAINED STUDENT STOOD FIRST.

(From the Yellow Dragon.) At a recent examination held at Peking by the Imperial Board of Examiners for the degree of Li. D. (Lian Shu) thirty-two candidates who had all returned from education in foreign countries were successful in passing. The nine men whose names occur first on the list had an audience of the Emperor of China on the 27th of October, and were admitted as members of the Imperial Literary Academy (Han Lin), the highest literary distinction that can be conferred in Empire of China. Dr. Chan Kam-to, Doctor in Laws, of Yale University, has the distinguished honor of heading the list.

A SKATING ONE.

Yvette Guilbert, the famous French actress, is an excellent skater. In the Bois de Boulogne, in Paris, there is an ice rink where Mlle. Guilbert's skating is one of the principal attractions.

Talking about skating in New York one day, Mlle. Guilbert said: "It is only through perseverance that one learns to skate well. I am sure no one ever suffered more than I in learning to skate."

"I remember one day in my girlhood, the second or third time I had ever been on the ice. I was wearing home in a crowded omnibus, and a kind old man got up and offered me his seat."

"I shook my head, and the old man laughed a good deal when I said: 'No, thank you. I've been skating and I'm tired of sitting down.'"

A WICKED CHRISTMAS GIFT.

"There are Christmas gifts and Christmas gifts," said Bishop Posa, a few days before his departure for Japan; "but the only acceptable ones are those given with a pure motive."

"In a crockery shop, during the holidays, I once saw the proprietor hand a plainly-dressed young woman a two-dollar bill."

"She looked at the bill, and said bitterly: 'Is that all? And during the past year ain't I broken thirty-five tumblers, twenty-six cups, nine meat platters, four saucers, seventy-two plates, and thirteen of the mistress' best tumblers?'"

"There, there," said the shopman, soothingly; "here's another dollar for you. And don't forget me, you know, he ended, with a wink."

A SUNNY DAY IN OREGON.

(From the Newburg Graphic.) A few days ago a subscriber dropped into the office, paid a year's subscription in advance and volunteered the information that he considered the Graphic about the best local paper he had ever read. We thanked him for the kind words spoken and went about our work.

AN ALARMIST.

Tim—There goes a man who has done much to arouse the people. Him—Great labor agitator, I suppose? Tim—Now, alarm clock manufacturer.

PROGRESS OF A CLIMBER.

Knecker—Has Nevich risen in society? Booker—Yes; he used to be afraid the cook wouldn't stay; now he's afraid the butler will.

NOT SO COMPLIMENTARY.

Stella—Isn't that rather wooden? Bella—No; even a table can be engaged.

Follow Editorial No. 2. HE HAD HEARD.

Mrs. Hicks (relating burglar scare)—Yes, I heard a noise and got up, and there under the bed I saw a man's legs. Mrs. Wicks—Merely! the burglar? "No, my husband—he had heard the noise, too."

CONSPIRACY TO MURDER

ALL THE WHITE OFFICERS

Discovered Among the Negro Soldiers at Fort Reno.

EL RENO, Okla., Jan. 8.—Belief of the army officers at Fort Reno that a conspiracy to murder every white officer at Fort Reno beginning with Capt. Edgar A. Macklin, against whom it is said many negro soldiers at the post entertain a grudge as a result of the affair at Brownsville, Texas, and the discharge of the negro soldiers, that followed, became known today as a result of the preliminary hearing in the case of Edward L. Knowles, corporal of Company A, 8th Infantry, who was held on a charge of assault with intent to kill Capt. Macklin on the night of Dec. 21st. Knowles was bound over to await the action of the Canadian County Grand Jury at the opening of the court.

All of the officers now go heavily armed and protected throughout the night. Every effort has been made to keep the alleged conspiracy a secret but it is learned that an investigation is now being conducted at several army posts and important places throughout the country and within a short time several arrests of the members of the troops recently discharged without honor are expected to follow.

Information was received here tonight that the arrest of a negro soldier was made at La Junta, Colo., today.

THE VITAGRAPH.

Photography as an art and science with its countless applications has kept pace with the other branches of knowledge and is undergoing marvellous changes with wonderful rapidity. An entertaining form of amusement now more interesting and pleasing theatrical division can be found and its great popularity which a few years ago was thought to be its highest was merely its introduction. From an entertainment by a contractor. The condition of affairs has driven Mr. Dana to the verge of nervous prostration. He says since the dynamite disappeared he has seen more rats and larger rats than ever before.

"I'm afraid to throw a brick at the peckey critters for fear they will explode and blow up the barn," he says. "I can hardly sleep nights, thinking I handle the hay and bedding as gingerly as I'd handle eggs. What if one of those animal bombs were to be in it? I'd be reduced to a quivering jelly."

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TO REDUCE BRITISH NAVY.

Battleships in Commission to be Cut Down From 33 to 26.

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TRACHOMA PATIENT

FIGHTING FOR RELEASE

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Susan, beloved wife of Edward C. Woodworth, died January 9, 1904. Asleep in Jesus.

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FEARS EXPLOSIVE RATS.

Rodents Ate Ten Pounds of Dynamite and Farmer Can Hardly Sleep at Nights.

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 8.—Charles B. Dana, of Oxford, owns a barn full of rats. During the last month they have eaten ten pounds of dynamite which was stored in his barn for the winter by a contractor. The condition of affairs has driven Mr. Dana to the verge of nervous prostration. He says since the dynamite disappeared he has seen more rats and larger rats than ever before.

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SUGGESTS TITLES FOR THE ALDERMEN

Correspondent Thinks the Work of the Past Year Entitles the Civic Fathers to Proper Recognition

To the Star:

With your permission I would be pleased if you would allow me to trouble you again on the subject of titles, but this time for a different purpose. I would like to sound public opinion as to whether our distinguished common council, and their engineers, after such meritorious services as they have rendered the city during the past year, exhibiting such marvellous civic ability, ought not to have a special mark of public recognition. Of course the citizens would have a right to expect a few instances laid before them of what they have done, to show the wonderful business ability manifested in its accomplishment.

Let us look at this feature. The engineers decided not to commence dredging and building at low water mark and to work upwards, because all the drippings from the dredging would have soaked into the mud and left the bottom clean as they went along. But that might have diminished the quantity of dredging, and Union street would not have been transported out into the Bay of Fundy. So they began at the inner end, no doubt hoping that Rodney wharf would slide out too, and increase the dredging requirements. However, Rodney wharf would not go, but Union street slid out. And they would not have concluded it did not go fast enough, so they began to drive spiles, like wedges, to loosen the earth below the water to make it go faster. And tides got into the openings made by the spiles, and cleaned it out spiles and all. Is that not engineering skill of the highest order that deserves suitable recognition?

I might note at this point if the work had been done promptly, we might have had the turbiners and Engresses both coming here this winter. But Halifax would have been left out in the cold, and our common council would never act so heartily as to do such a thing. In fact this feature alone entitles them to our profound respect and admiration.

Then there is that magnificent eighty thousand dollar specimen of naval architecture, the Lucow. Some of our ignorant fellow citizens have been simple enough to say that owing to the narrowness of our harbor, with its strong tides, eddies and currents always running, a boat of that class was too large, and being a propeller ship drew too much water to be properly managed under such conditions; that two smaller boats running continually would do better and more work at less cost. But they forget that our council would do better and more work at less cost. But they forget that our council would do better and more work at less cost. But they forget that our council would do better and more work at less cost.

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COUNT IS HORSEWHIPPED.

Man Whom He Accused of Stealing Gnomes Has Gnomes Revenge.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—The Blue Diamond case, in which the Count de Rodolphe de Porcie accused M. Greger of stealing the gem from him at a country house near Brest, was dramatically brought before the public again yesterday.

The Count was riding in the Bois de Boulogne, when M. Greger rode up, and, witnesses state, struck him three or four times across the face with a horse-whip. The Count turned his horse and rode away, but M. Greger galloped after him, whipping as he rode.

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IS Seldom Out of Jail—Her Life Devoted to Work.

TORONTO, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Maud Barrington Booth yesterday afternoon addressed a crowded meeting held in the auspices of the Canadian Temperance League in Massey Hall, on the work of the Volunteer Prison League. Fifty thousand names in the league, and these men had promised and were striving to lead better lives.

"My life today is consecrated to this prison work," said the speaker. "I am seldom out of prison. It has been said that a life sentence has been imposed upon me."

It was ascertained that she was burning 200 tons of coal a month more than the other boats, but as soon as her attention was called to it she concluded to burn some of her machinery every two months and then go into the hospital for repairs for two months to keep down the coal bills. Could you expect two little out of date old-fashioned obsolete paddle boats to exercise