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Mark Twain of Canada

when interesting people came to Canada to find it there was nobody could reveal the spirit the land to em like George lam of the C.P.R. is said he put Major Pond of the United States out of business. Why go on a wearisome lecture tour under that im-pressario's guid-George Ham could transport you to Winnipeg and on through the delights of the Rockies in all the comfort of a sumptuous coach? Great personages beseech him to call them by their first names. He has loaned matches to kings and potentates and auto-

grayures of his leatures for admiring authoresses of best sellers. There did once seem to be a time when the truly great would not venture to come to Canada without first ascertaining whether George Ham could receive them. He is said to have got so "fed up" with dukes and royal bodies that he did not mind, for a change, escorting untitled personalities of international fame. Many men whose signatures command imperious power would no more think of forgetting to send him their Christmas cards than they would dream of neglecting a royal command. He is so very much persona grata with all kinds of people in Who's Who, when he arrives in London the court circular has to be enlarged to publish the invitations issued in his honor. Now he has achieved the signal honor of an unpaid-for mention in the exclusive Morning Post. It feels relieved to know that even if the League of Nations be jeopardized, the official entertainer of the C. P. R. is keeping his health and revelling in his high spirits. This bright though aristocratic London paper says George Ham is the Mark Twain of Canada. It claims his jests are beyond computation. He will yet go down to fame as having originated one joke. He has been as generous with his humor as he has been a profitable acquaintance for professional jokesmiths. As he never has patented any of his in-imitable quips he often laughs at them when he hears them on the stage, until he realizes that they were of his own making. You may have heard of the Cincinnati millionaire he took to Muskoka. While there the plutocrat was attacked by brigands from Toronto. ' The chief brigand later complained to the police that in the encounter his watch and chain had been stolen. It should be added that George Ham was not out with his Cincinnati charge when the watch and chain were stolen. Thousands of personages who have enjoyed seeing Can'da have testified to how much their enjoyment was due to his kindly wit and indefatigable They have paid tribute to the courtesies he knows so well. how to extend in behalf of his railway. But perhaps one of the best tributes ever paid this incomparable humorous eicerone of the railway ties, was a copy of verses by Mr. Neil Munro, the Scottish author. He sang how George Ham had "freighted laughter ten thousand miles." when acting as uncle, aunt, brother, father and grandfather to a party of British scribes. They think in Britain that not to have known George

Hand of the C. P. R. is to display ignorance of the Empire's geography.

ZARA RULED BY VENICE.

Winged Lion of Saint Mark Caps Gate In the Town Wall. Zara, where Gabriele d'Annunzio is reported to have landed, and its lo-cation relative to Fiume, already oc-

cation relative to Filme, arready oc-cupied by the soldier-poet, is describ-ed in a U.S. Geographic Society bulletin, based on a communication from Kenneth McKenzie, follows:— "Starting from Filme, one sails lown the channel called Quarnerolo; leaving Istria and the Gulf of Guarnero to the right. The Island of Arbe,

about half way to Zara, has an old cathedral with a twelfth-century tower. Coming from Trieste one skirts the western shore of Istria, stopping perhaps at Rovigno and at Pola. The stay of an hour enables one to get a hurried glimpse of the great amphi-theatre and other Roman remains of Pola, under Austrian rule an important naval station and strongly fortified. The language here is chiefly Italian. Istria would well repay the time devoted to a trip of several days; but we pass on, stopping at one

or two of the islands, to Zara, the

"Zara is noted all over the world for its maraschino. Aside from this, however, the town has many attractions to offer. On landing from the steamer in the land-locked harbor, we find ourselves in front of a gate in the town wall. Over the gate is the winged lion of Saint Mark, oftenmet with here and elsewhere in Dalmatia, and a symbol of the former dominion of the Republic of Venice. Passing through the gate, we enter the narrow paved streets of a typical Italian city, such as we may imagine it to have been two or three centuries ago, except that the hotels are more comfortable. There are many mediaeval churches in the town, îneresting achitecturally, and contain ing works of art. The cathedral in particular, a majestic Romanesque church, is righly adorned outside with many areades of little columns and inside with marbles and paintings. It is in the best Italian style of the middle ages. Its campanile is a land-

"Wandering among the narrow streets, we come upon several open squares and market-places, where in the morning scores of peasants may be seen in the brilliant-colored cos tumes. There are Roman remains. oo-columns and statues.

Leaving Zara, the steamer comes out of the harbor, encircles the point of land on which the city stands, and skirts low-lying shores, passing among innumerable islands. All at once a narrow opening appears; we go through it, and find ourselves in the spacious harbor of Sebenico, with the town rising from the water to a fort crowning the hill."

Loyal to British Crown. There are a number of diminutive water-surrounded monarchies off the coast of Scotland. They each have their kings, but are subject to the British crown. One of them is the Isle of Bute, in the Firth of Clyde, which is owned by the Marquis of

The kingdom contains only fifty square miles, but has a population of 11,000 people. There are six lakes within the island, the largest being Loch Fad, which is about a quarter of a mile wide and about nine times hat in length. The famous old home of the marquis dates from the year

Arran is another of these kingdoms n the same firth. The Marchiones of Graham rules over its 5,000 inhabitants. It is nineteen miles long and ten miles broad. It was on this island that Robert the Bruce is said to have hidden in a cave for some time and there planned one of his expeditions to recover the crown. The ruins of a castle, once the home of one of Scotland's kings, is on the

Sir John Bullough rules over the island of Rhuth, which is one vast game preserve. Nearly all this island s deep forest and moorland, and all are tillable, and there are 160 inhabitants. The island provides deer and other game for the nobility.

The largest of these island groups is doubtless Lewis Island, one of the outer Hebrides group, off the west coast of Scotland. It covers an area of nearly 700 square miles and boasts a population of 37,000 people. It has splendid lochs, where splendid fishing is to be had, and red deer still roam over the moors and forest

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Mirrors. In the early part of the sixteenth entury mirrors first became articles household furniture and decoraon. Previous to that time - from he twelfth to the end of the fifeenth century-pocket mirrors or mall hand mirrors, carried at the irdle, were adjuncts to ladies' toittes. The pocket mirror consisted f small circular plaques of polished netal fixed in a shallow circular box overed with a lid.

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