

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

“O friend, never strike sail to a fear! Come into port greatly or sail with God the sea. He has not learned the lesson of life who does not every day surmount a fear.”—Emerson. Can you imagine a mother who deliberately handicaps a child by encouraging habits which are sure to lead to some physical defect. Of course not. And yet how often you come in contact with cases in which mothers have handicapped their children by encouraging habits of mind which led to mental defects. I am thinking especially just now of the child who is afraid of thunderstorms. In nine cases out of ten when a child is unreasonably terrified by a thunderstorm it is the mother's fault. Sometimes she's to blame because she has deliberately encouraged the child by letting him see that he can hold the centre of attention whenever there is a thunderstorm if he will yield completely to his fear, and by talking in his presence about how terribly he suffers during thunderstorms and about his big strong and nervous temperament. More often she's to blame because she does nothing or not nearly enough to overcome the child's fear. Most children are naturally terrified by heavy crashes of thunder and vivid lightning. But there are two ways of treating that terror. One is to sympathize with it and make so much of it and increase it by all the power of suggestion. The other is to pass it off lightly as possible and interest the child in other things or even in the beautiful impressive aspect of the storm itself. I was with a very wise mother the other day during a terrific thunderstorm. It was the biggest storm her little four-year old daughter had ever witnessed and of course at first she was frightened. Instead of yielding to, and sympathizing with this terror, the mother drew her little girl's attention to the great beauty of the lightning, got her to look for especially striking signs, told her the dear old folk story of Hendrik Hudson rolling his great balls in the mountains, explained to her how little reason for fear there was and soon had her interested and comforted. The child will doubtless grow up without the needless discomfort of terror every time the sky darkens as if for a thunderstorm. I am convinced that there are very few people—and I mean a VERY few indeed—who are so afraid of thunderstorms as to be so full of electricity that a thunderstorm does affect them physically. Further there is a certain amount of absolutely reasonable alarm, natural fear of being struck when a thunderstorm is close at hand. That you cannot blame anyone for feeling although I think the reason changes too suddenly, to heart's content, to be a reason for the three that runs through all the winning mazes of the world to hold back the hand from the rose because of the thorn and from life because of death.” is to lose half the world's living. But aside from these two conditions, I think that fear of a thunderstorm is something to be very much ashamed of and that the mother who does not do everything in her power to help her child overcome it, or better still keep him from acquiring it, is doing a very wrong thing.

La MARQUISE de FONTENOY

Lord Kitchener and the Gordon Memorial Cathedral—The New Lord Chancellor of Ireland—A Monarch Whose Education is Barren of Results

(Copyright, 1911, by the Brentwood Company) Inasmuch as the Anglican cathedral in Khartoum erected in memory of General Gordon, is in every sense of the word a creation of Lord Kitchener. It was constructed by means of money which he personally collected, sometimes in a manner that would admit of no denial, especially when he was dealing with financial magnates, such as Lord Rothschild, who despite differences of creed, was one of the largest contributors to the fund, it is therefore eminently fitting that the field marshal's first piece of work after the assumption of his duties as British plenipotentiary in the land of the Nile will be to promote the consecration of the cathedral, which is now completed. The ceremony of consecration is to take place on January 20 next, which will be the twenty-seventh anniversary of General Gordon's death at Khartoum, and a large number of people including many of Gordon's admirers are arranging to go out to Khartoum for the occasion, leaving London on January 14, arriving in Khartoum several days later, traveling by way of Trieste, the Suez Canal, Port Sudan, and thence across the desert to Khartoum. The return trip is to be made by the Nile to Wady Halfa, and down the Nile to Cairo. The cost of the entire trip will be about \$250 for each person. Lord Kitchener has never been looked upon by the general public as a man of a great deal of heart, nor as very religious. Yet these impressions are altogether based on lack of knowledge. He does not carry his heart on his sleeve nor does he make a parade of his religious principles. His dislike of General Sir Rudolf Slatin Pasha, for becoming a convert to Islam during his captivity among the Dervishes in order to save his life, and his erection of the cathedral in Khartoum to commemorate Gordon, constitute evidence of the fact that he feels strongly on such subjects. The Bishop of London who is well known in Canada, is to officiate as true consecrator of the cathedral and his throne will be placed beside Lord Kitchener's seat on the fourth side of the chancel. The building, both within and without, is a most imposing edifice, constructed for the most part of plain, solid sandstone. The gabled roofs are particularly fine. The north transept is to be used as a separate chapel when the number of worshippers is small and it is known as the Gordon Memorial Chapel owing to the fact that it stands on the spot where Gordon met his death. New Chancellor of Ireland Redmond Barry, who has just been promoted from the attorney-generalship of Ireland to the office of lord chancellor of the Emerald Isle, enjoys the distinction of being the only Irish Liberal in the House of Commons. All the other Irish members are either Nationalists or Conservatives. Sir Redmond Barry, for by this time he will have received that honor of knighthood which is an indispensable adjunct to the lord chancellorship of Ireland—hails from Cork, and is a son of Patrick Barry of Hill View, Cork. He was included in Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's administration, as solicitor-general for Ireland six years ago, and has since then sat in parliament for North Tyrone, winning his election on each occasion by a very narrow majority. The office of lord high chancellor of Ireland carries with it a salary of \$40,000 a year, that is to say, just \$10,000 less than the lord high chancellor of Great Britain, but unlike the latter he has no seat in the House of Lords. On one or two occasions, as, for instance, in the case of Lord Ashbourne, he has been accorded a seat in the cabinet but this has only been by way of an exception. The lord chancellor of Ireland has in charge of the great seal of Ireland. It is in real-

ity a duplicate of the great seal of Great Britain but is used by the lord chancellor of Ireland for only purely Irish state documents and records of his use have been transmitted to the lord high chancellor of Great Britain. The lord chancellor of Ireland presides over the Irish chancery division, and is, ex officio, a member of the Irish justice of the peace, but not the paid resident magistracy in whose hands the magisterial functions of Ireland are really vested. These are nominated, promoted, and in case of necessity discharged, by the viceroys of Ireland. The office of lord high chancellor of Ireland, who has no woodland on which to sit, is a very ancient one. The first to hold the office was Stephen Bled, who received his appointment in 1189. Formerly there was a lord high chancellor of Scotland, but 200 years ago, on the union of Scotland with England, his functions were merged in those of the lord chancellor of Great Britain. Sir Redmond Barry is a comparatively young man, being but forty-five years of age, has been married for the last six years, and makes his home at 10 Fitzwilliam Square, in Dublin. His Education Lacking in Results Western education of scions of the reigning families of the Orient has thus far not proved much of a success. It has been a distinct failure in British India; it has been a source of no end of trouble in Egypt in the case of the present Khedive; and now the new King of Siam is doing everything to show that in the abortive training which he received in England, at the military college at Sandhurst, at Oxford, and also during his service with the Kaiser's First Regiment of Guards at Potsdam, he has failed to acquire any knowledge calculated to be of use to his countrymen. He has been on the throne for nearly a year, and while there are innumerable matters demanding reform, he seems to have restricted his attention altogether to mere sartorial questions. Thus, he has furnished the royal bodyguard with an entirely new uniform, which is a sort of balaclava that worn by the Scots, Coldstream, Grenadier and Irish Guards of King George V. He has designed a new costume for the police. All civil servants, no matter what their rank, have been commanded to don a species of military uniform, while the staff officers of the army have their helmets surmounted by a gilt representation of a mythological bird called a "kroon," which looks like a night-mare adaptation of the eagles surmounting the helmets of the Kaiser's Garde du Corps at Potsdam and of the Czar's Cavalier Gardes at St. Petersburg. But the most extraordinary garb of all is that which he has devised for his new personal body-guard organized on the lines of King George's corps of gentlemen-at-arms, in which all the privates are distinguished officers of the rank of colonel. The King of Siam's corps of gentlemen-at-arms is composed of princes, nobles and officials of the higher ranks, and the terribly fantastic attire, all black and yellow, with roomy knickerbocker breeches, and huge slouch hats, has in some way justified its title of "the Wild Figures." All the nobles and the higher officials are required to subscribe to the funds of the corps under the penalty of royal displeasure. This is about all that King Vajiravudh has accomplished since his accession to the throne. With want and distress universal prevalent, partly through severe commercial depression and largely caused by military conscription laws, which have caused large tracts of land to go out of cultivation for want of labor, and with much lawlessness and official oppression, the present outlook in Siam is far from promising.

THE STOCK MARKET New York, Sept. 11.—The stock market fails to evidence any substantial recovery as yet, and when hitches a peg or two up, suddenly weakens again. After the long period, however, of steady decline, downward symptoms should begin to disappear and some sort of a recovery to set in. The final settlement of the Morocco trouble should cause an uptick for the time being. J. S. BACHE & CO. "Good education," says Plato, "is that which gives to the body and to the soul all the perfection of which they are capable."

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INCREASED MAJORITY FOR LIBERALS IS JUDGMENT OF POLITICAL EXPERTS

News From all Over Canada Shows Failure of Conservative Attempt to Stampede Electors—Government Will Gain in Every Section—Summary of Reports to Ottawa

Ottawa, Sept. 10.—The government will be returned with an increased majority is the opinion of the best informed judges of the political situation. It is the belief of men in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa in both parties. Reports from constituencies all over Canada indicate the Conservatives' attempt to stampede the electors with the annexation bogey is failing utterly and that a great majority of electors have made up their minds to vote for reciprocity. The two Ontario seats, Conservative candidates are realizing that they are facing defeat and are sending frantic appeals for help to headquarters. Sharp in North Ontario; Currie, in Simcoe; Henderson, in Halton; Lator, in Haldimand; Boyce, in Algonia; Gordon, in Nipissing; and Stewart, in Hamilton, practically admit defeat to their friends. The rural Ontario, Conservative candidates are safe for the government, and Hon. Charles Murphy will have a walkover in Russell, as will Emmanuel Dwyer in Wright. McMarlin, the New York Cobalt millionaire, who is making a spectacular financial fight in Glengarry against J. Angus McMillan, is finding that the Scottish electors are going to vote for reciprocity. The chances are that the Liberals will get forty-five Ontario seats. They now have only thirty-six. In Quebec the Nationalist representation of eleven is almost certain to be

FELL TO HIS DEATH The body of William Lockhart of 317 St. John street west, was found on the rocks left bare by the tide near Long Wharf yesterday afternoon. It was discovered by Thomas Doherty and Walter Moore. Coroner Berryman was called. Examination showed that the man had met death but a short time before. The body was taken to market slip in a row boat and removed to the morgue. Identification was made by Samuel and James Lockhart, brothers. A wife and four small children survive, also six brothers, John, of Campbellton; Samuel, James, Alexander, Harry and Andrew of this city.

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OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN. WINNING, Sept. 9.—Following the retirement of M. J. Howell, the Conservative candidate in Battledore, where the Liberals had a majority of over 1,100 last election, F. A. Morrison, the Conservative candidate in Victoria (Alberta) announces that, while criticizing the present reciprocity pact, he is in favor of reciprocity with the States. A. D. Chisholm, president of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, in a public statement, says he is strong for reciprocity, and says Sir Wilfrid Laurier will win. He says there are twenty-two sure Liberal seats in the west out of thirty-five.

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SHIPPING. ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, SEPT. 11. High Tide..... 1.00 Sun Rises ..... 5.51 P.M. Low Tide..... 7.30 Sun Sets ..... 6.31 The time used is Atlantic standard. PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived Yesterday. Stm Manchester Merchant, Payne, Manchester. Schr Azeta, Summerside. Bark Edna, B. Pickles, Summerside. Schr Nettie Shipman (Am), Burnie. New York, R. R. Reid, 1290 p.m. piling. Scheduled Saturday. Schr Hunter (Am), 187, Gayton, for Pawtucket, Stetson, Cutler & Co. Schr Priscilla, 101, Granville, for Boston, Stetson, Cutler & Co. CANADIAN PORTS. Quebec, Sept. 10.—Arr, strs Hesperian, Glasgow; Willehad (Ger), Hamburg. BRITISH PORTS. Liverpool, Sept. 9.—Arr, strs Almeria, Halifax; Virginian, Quebec. FOREIGN PORTS. New York, Sept. 10.—Arr, sch John R. Fell, St. George (N. B.). New York, Sept. 10.—Sld, schs Scotia Queen, Bridgewater; Margaret May Riley, St. John; Abbie Keast, do; Christie, do; Cora May, do; Mina German, North Haven (N. B.); Kennebec, Calais; Calabaria, Yarmouth; Lane Cobb, Lunenburg. Vineyard Haven, Sept. 10.—Sld, schs Mercury, from Southampton for New York; John G. Walters, Amherst; Ethyl B. Sum-

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