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# PLANS FOR RENEWING THE AUD BRIG OF AYR

Engineers Report on the Steps Which Must be Taken—Scotland Expects to Reap a Rich Harvest From Wealthy American Tourists.

GLASGOW, April 27.—An American invasion of Scotland, surpassing all previous records will be the outstanding feature of the coming season. This abundance of Americans is said to be due in a large measure to the approaching arrival of the "motor millionaire's party."

The steamship companies have never known such times, for all their berths for May and June could be filled easily many times over. All the available steamers will be pressed into the service it is said, and extra steamers are being added on many vessels for the great rush.

On a moderate estimate \$500,000,000 of capital will be represented by a picked dozen of the visitors who will include members of the Vanderbilt, Gould, Bradley Martin, Stuyvesant, Fish and Whitney families.

The chief American tourist feature in Italy is May will be the arrival of 150 motoring American in London with their American cars on which they are making a European tour. Among these will be Mr. Willie K. Vanderbilt, Mr. Payne Whitney and Mr. F. R. Thomas all famous millionaire sportsmen.

According to all reports this has been a period of great financial prosperity in the States and the holiday makers many of whom have been visiting Scotland have determined to do things in style.

On the average it is expected each American guest will spend \$1,000 and the total expenses of the American invasion will have to be figured in millions and millions of dollars.

The citizens of Glasgow are just beginning to make their opinions concerning the city extension scheme which is being discussed in the suburban areas affected, heard. The draft provincial order to "extend the boundaries of the city and royal burgh of Glasgow and for other purposes" has just been issued as a printed document but it has not been accompanied by any memorandum indicating just what all means for the existing municipality. In the preamble of the order it is stated that it is expedient that the boundaries of the city should be extended to include the burgh of Pollokshaws and certain districts in the county of Lanark and Renfrew lying contiguous and adjacent to the city. The reason given, whereas the city has a population of over 800,000, the industries of the city being so numerous that the land suitable for the erection of works and dwelling houses within the city have been so limited that many persons engaged in business or employed in the city who are unable to find suitable accommodation within the same reside beyond the existing boundaries of the city.

Now that the funds have been subscribed for the restoring of, or normal strength to the Aud Brig of Ayr, and that the department it is interesting to see the proposals of the engineer so far as they come within the purview of that department, it is interesting to note the engineering aspects of the scheme. It has been said that the scheme for the work has shown great wisdom in the selection of Messrs. Simpson and Wilson, the Glasgow civil engineers. It is reported that they have done underpinning as difficult and delicate as that of the Aud Brig, and that their appointment is some guarantee of the realization of the hopes of many archaeologists and devotees of Burns.

There is satisfactory agreement among experts in the diagnosis of the trouble, just as there was a large preponderance of engineering opinion in favor of the work of restoration being undertaken in preference to reconstruction. The engineers named reported that the movement of the arches is due to insufficient and improper haunching and to the action of the water which has washed out a large proportion of the lime forming the original mortar. The consequence is that all of the arches have gone out of shape, more or less, particularly the south arch which has flattened at the north side and risen at the center, while the other three arches have sunk at the crown and have drawn the spandril walls away from the pier. Mr. Clayruthers, of London, who inspected the bridge on behalf of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, expressed the same view, but was equally satisfied that no harm has been done which cannot be remedied. Mr. Francis Fox, also of London, spoke of the perishing of the mortar being so extensive that many of the stones are held in their places only by the friction between them. Messrs. Wilson and Simpson propose to first caulk with neat cement grouting all open joints in the arches, spandril walls and piers. Ordinary jointing might not be sufficient to represent the mortar, so some thirty children had pieces of wool gummed to their clothing. In the first act the children in their march overturned a lighted candle.

At once the woolen material on the floor caught fire, and the frightened children ran from corner to corner, setting fire to each other. When help came some lay horribly burned on the floor and others had lost consciousness. Over twenty were sent to the hospital, where eight have already died and many still remain in a serious condition. Mrs. Slavenator, mother of one of the victims, has lost her reason, and Mrs. Tristram has died of the shock.

# THERE IS LOTS OF EXCITEMENT TO BE FOUND IN HUNTING ELEPHANTS IN INDIA

Narrow Escapes of Sportsmen From Angry Beasts—The Growing Support of the All-India Moslem League—Girl Murdered by a Soldier Who Loved Her—Young Student Shunned by His Former Friends.

CALCUTTA, April 27.—Steadily growing support is being given to the All-India Moslem League. The Nawab of Dacca, one of the leaders of the movement recently visited Comilla with satisfactory results. The visit, however, was marred by a disturbance which drove some of the Hindu papers into sensational headlines five inches deep. It appears that while the Nawab was being driven in procession through the town where large crowds had gathered to see him some persons from among the Hindus threw a stone at him from which he narrowly escaped. This annoyed the Mohammedans so much that a fight took place in which the Hindus came off second best. Later on in the evening some Hindu shops and houses were invaded. The Nawab attended a meeting next morning under a huge shawlina to which he was conducted amidst shouts of "Marhaba" by the committee of the All-India Moslem League, headed by a band. The meeting was a very crowded one, attended by all of the leading Mohammedans of the place. The Nawab, addressing the audience in Urdu exhorted the people to be moderate, and not over exulting over the partition. A mass meeting of Mohammedans was held the same evening in support of the league. There must have been at least 10,000 people present. The Nawab, who read a speech in English, the translation of which in Bengali was read was vociferously cheered. A large number of resolutions were proposed and carried, partially approving of the partition, of the formation of the All-India Moslem League, and the National Fund. The meeting was attended by all of the leading Muslims in and about Comilla.

Mr. S. M. Fraser, chief commissioner of the Coorg and a resident in Mysore met with an adventure in Coorg near the Canara border during his recent tour. Mr. Fraser accompanied by Mr. Harris, I. C. S., Assistant Commissioner McCarthy, forest officer, and Mr. Fraser's assistant director of agriculture, was riding along a narrow zigzagging path through an almost impenetrable jungle when he heard an elephant moving parallel with them. Mr. McCarthy rode to the next bend to see if the coast was clear. Mr. Fraser's horse came out on the path above him, and without a moment's hesitation gave the animal a sharp kick. McCarthy galloped back and with this flying start passed Mr. Fraser. McCarthy got up much pace, not fully realizing the danger. The rest of the party disappeared round the next bend. Mr. Fraser's horse was running in a panic, only to find it a regular trap of impenetrable growth on all sides. The rogue elephant was within a few yards of the horse.

Without an instant's hesitation, throwing an arm around a tree while passing he let the horse gallop from springing to his feet took refuge behind a large tree some paces away. Mr. Fraser in the meantime moved silently round the tree, keeping it between himself and the elephant. Fortunately after some minutes the tusker moved off and disappeared. Mr. Fraser emerged from his place of concealment, not damaged in any way, and as cool as though such hairbreadth escapes were a matter of everyday occurrence. The whole party was unharmed.

A Ceylon planter tells the following remarkable elephant story. "On one occasion I went after a herd of eight wild elephants. After stalking I got a chance at the biggest of the herd, and dropped it at the first shot. After two hours afterwards I had the tail and feet cut off and taken to the bungalow. Next morning I went to the spot to look at the elephant and to my surprise found no trace of the body. After searching round I found that the herd had been there during the night, and I soon discovered a track where they seemed to have retired in a body. Following this up I eventually came across a dead elephant lying at the bottom of a rocky stream. From the tracks it was quite evident that the body had not been rolled, but carried to the bank, and it was plain that it had been taken through the jungle, which grew on the bank into the stream. My neighbors were incredulous until I showed them where the elephant's tail and feet lay in the stream, which proved conclusively that by some means or other the body had been gotten over the intervening space in the night. It is difficult to understand how elephants with their trunks and feet could raise and support the dead body of a comrade. However, they seem to have managed to do it, and it is a pity that no human eye saw this strange funeral."

Corporal Wemyss of the Garrison Artillery is in custody charged with the murder of Amy Gardner at Darkest. Miss Gardner, who was only seventeen years of age, was the daughter of the steward of St. Paul's school, and it appears that Wemyss was thirty-five years of age was deeply attached to her. She had of late, however, shown a preference for Sergeant Leak, of the Military Works Service. Both men were present with the girl at a tea party, and after the other guests had left Wemyss asked the girl to come to the door with him. No one saw what happened, but a cry was heard, and one of the inmates running out caught Amy Gardner in her arms as she fell stabbed to the heart with a long thin native knife. She died almost instantly. The hearse was drawn to the cemetery, and the body of the victim laid in the grave by men of Wemyss's battery.

At the police court inquiry, Sergeant Cook, Royal Garrison Artillery, spoke to leading the prisoner a palanquin on the morning of the tragedy. He returned it to the witness the same evening saying he had stabbed Amy Gardner. Witness asked him if he was dressing as he looked dazed and stupid. Wemyss replied, "No," and was then put under arrest. The prisoner was a most quiet and inoffensive man. Sergeant Leak spoke of having known Amy Gardner for three months, and having loved her opportunity. Wemyss had been away in camp for three months. Witness did not know Wemyss was in love with her until the day before the murder, when she told him Wemyss had written her asking her why she had been to church with Leak and saying that he wished to see her the earliest opportunity. Witness met the prisoner at Mrs. Bartlett's house on the evening of the murder, but did not shake hands with him, as he did with the others. Later on the witness said that he left with the girl's father and was with him when the news was first brought that she had been killed.

The "Sulemani Akhbar," an Urdu weekly published at Benares, says:—"Sulaiman Singh, a Kahlvi, ex-student of the Central Hindu College, went to Japan in 1903 to learn glass blowing. He returned to Benares last year but people of his own caste have refused to recognize him, and have ousted those who have given him the right hand of fellowship."

JERUSALEM, April 27.—The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the German sanatorium on Mount Olivet was one of the most interesting even seen in Jerusalem. The boldest of the German Court proceedings, but the Governor of Jerusalem accompanied by many officials was in attendance.

Dr. Dryander, the German Court preacher, opened the ceremony and delivered an appropriate address, after reading a telegraphic message which he had just received from the German Emperor and Empress. Their Majesties sent greetings to their fellow countrymen, to the local authorities and the representatives of other nations and confessions present, and invoked the blessing of God on the institution which commemorates the visit of their majesties to Jerusalem. The message concluded with a hope that the foundation stone will be well and truly laid and the work of erecting the building speedily and successfully completed.

The German Consul then read a telegram from the Emperor and Empress conveying the grateful thanks of the German Colony in the colony's welfare, and another telegram addressed to the German Ambassador at Constantinople requesting him to thank the Sultan for having authorized the establishment of the sanatorium.

The ceremony concluded with three enthusiastic speeches by the Emperor and three for the Sultan.

# HE SPENT HIS LIFE IN REVILING ALL RELIGION

Maurice Jogand Dead In France After a Notorious Career—Dog Police Trained to do Excellent Work --- Man Bitten by a Cat Went Mad.

PARIS, April 27.—Maurice Jogand, who, under the assumed name of Leo Taxil, had, some years ago, achieved great notoriety, is dead at Sceaux. It is almost needless to explain that he passed away in comparative obscurity and neglect. Born in Marseilles and educated among the Jesuits he does not seem to have been a very tractable boy as before the age of twenty it was found necessary to send him for some time to a house of correction. He came to Paris, filled, he said, with hatred for the Jesuits and the clerical and founded an anti-clerical library in the Quai de la Seine where he sold principally his own anti-clerical books and pamphlets. At various times he was sued for libel and outrage to public morality, and in 1881 was sentenced to \$1,000 damages for publishing a second edition of a book in his own name of an author who had recently died. He had become a Freemason, but conducted himself in such a manner that the organization was obliged to withdraw from him as far as possible. Under the pseudonym of A. Valpi, he published the book of another author as his own, for which the real author gave him a sound thrashing. Finding that he could no longer impose on Freemasons, Leo Taxil then turned to the church and the clerical whom he had reviled, and made a public retraction with great pomp and circumstance and succeeded in imposing on the clergy who held a triduum and thanksgiving service in the basilica of Montmartre for his conversion. It is even said that through their intervention the late Pope Leo XIII sent him his apostolic benediction. His next turned on his former friends, the Freemasons and the Freethinkers with the same violence and disregard of truth that he had before displayed against the clericals. His books were translated into every language of Europe and his name for some time was regarded with wonder. He wrote and spoke so much of the so-called sect of Luciferians and Satanists that half his readers believed him, and the celebrated Dumas, Vaughan, supposed to be a high priest of the sect was to make a public retraction, and enter the fold of the church. By that time, however, his sincerity began to be doubted, and his scheme ended in a miserable failure. His most audacious imposture was sending the Devil's tail to the Jesuits as a present. The tail which, he said, he had secured under very difficult circumstances, was nothing more than a rug made of a lion's skin with the tail still attached. His satanic inventions were the most preposterous of men ever invented by the human imagination, and in one of them he described the Freemasons as having the devil, and holding a weekly service in his

honor. The rock of Gibraltar, he said, is undermined by subterranean galleries where the Freemasons meet Satan at stated times. His inventions finally came so absurd that he at last failed to find any more dupes and he died friendless and alone.

The sleuth hounds, or at any rate dogs trained to play the part, are really helping the police at Neuilly. They are taught to spring at dummy figures and hold them by the throat until their master comes up with the handcuffs. They know how to slink around walls and blind alleys and smell out suspicious persons. When attacked with stick or club, they wrench the weapon from the assailant. At least they have been taught to do all this perfectly on lay figures dressed up as Apaches and the police hope they will come up to the mark equally well when the Apache in flesh and blood appears in sight. If the hound grips the wrong man, the police after inquiry will call him off, and as the dogs are taught only to keep down their prey and not to maul them unnecessarily or bite them to death, mistakes will at any rate not be fatal.

Great mystery surrounds a case of infanticide followed by the suicide of an aged grandmother in a small place near Versailles. The police were informed recently by an anonymous letter that a certain young woman in the locality had killed her child. They investigated the matter, and after finding strong presumptions that a crime had been committed arrested the mother who finally confessed. She said she had let the child die for want of care and when her grandmother heard that her daughter had committed the crime she looked amazed and without saying a word led the police to the spot where the child was buried under a heap of rubbish. As it is evident that the old woman knew more about the matter than she wished to admit, the police gave her to understand that she might be arrested. She had scarcely left the house when the old woman committed suicide. When the police turned they found that she had hanged herself in her room. The woman was sixty years of age, and was greatly respected. An autopsy showed that the child, a little boy, had not died of mere neglect but had most likely been strangled.

The peaceful rejoicings of the Gingham Fair, were disturbed this other night by a tragic episode. A man with eyes bloodshot, distraught and frenzied at the moment, ran amuck among the crowd. A policeman took him by the arm and he was finally found to be suffering from hydrophobia. He had been bitten by a mad cat, and had been treated at the Pasteur Institute and discharged as cured.

# MAXIM GORKY CALLS NEW YORK THE CITY OF THE YELLOW DEVIL.

LONDON, April 27.—Maxim Gorky, the Russian novelist, whose peculiar ideas of morality failed to meet with approval on his recent visit to New York, and who was turned out of several hotels with a woman companion, has taken a characteristic revenge on the city which rejected him.

He has written an article entitled "New York, the City of the Yellow Devil," every line of which breathes abuse. An authorized translation of it appears in the "Monthly Review" for April. The following are some characteristic extracts:—"From afar, the city seems a black mass with uneven black teeth. It exudes clouds of smoke, and appears like a giant suffering from obesity. On entering you feel that you have come into a belly of stone and iron into a stomach which has engulfed millions, and which crunches and digests them, and yearly awaits more and more."

"Leomotives and cars crawl like great worms; motor-horns screech like fat ducks, electric wires wall grimly, as a sponge with moisture, with thousands of roaring noises. Packed in this dirty city, grimed with the smoke of factories, here is imprisoned a great number of human beings, who suffer from high walls covered with soot. He shudders apprehensively, exhales foul odors in one's face, he has been poisoned, is suffering and meaning."

"There are many energetic countenances, yet on each it is the teeth which first strikes one. In their eyes, of soul, gleams not in their eyes. And this energy, devoid of inner fervor, recalls the glitter of a kum-dow, which has not yet been dulled, the gloss on a rope which has seen little service. It is—the freedom of blind instruments in the hands of the Yellow Devil—gold, green, bloodless, non-stretched face I am acquainted with. Its eyes dim with hunger, and burning with avid-

ity, cunning and revengeful, or slavishly submissive, and always inhuman, everywhere have I seen—yet the horrors of destitution in the East are blinder than anything known to me.

"In those streets, packed with people as a sack with grain, children seek eagerly in the gutter for scraps of food, and on the footway for rotten vegetables and devour them, milken and all on the spot, amid the acrid dust and exhalations."

"When they discover a crust of rotten bread it arouses fierce enmity against them; seized by the wish to devour it, they fight like small dogs. They pervade the pavement in great flocks, like gluttonous pigeons; at one in the morning, they are still wallowing in filth, the wretched beggars of destitutions living reproaches to the voracity of the wealthy."

THEY USED COCAINE.

PORTLAND, April 26.—On the complaint of Captain Brown, of Fort McKinley that a number of soldiers under his command were in the hospital suffering from the use of cocaine and that two of his men under his direction purchased a quantity of the drug at the drug store of Wm. A. Flaherty, corner Middle and Franklin streets, Mr. Flaherty was arrested today, charged with unlawfully selling eight grains of the drug.

He was bound over to the superior court under \$300 bail.

EL PASO, Texas, April 25.—It was stated by her attorney today that Flora Wolff, the Negress who claims to have been the common law wife of Louis D. B. Bessford, will bring suit for half his estate, or over \$500,000. The suit will probably be brought both in Mexico and in this state, he says.