

SIENESE UNIQUE IN HOLIDAY FETES

Every Man Takes the Pageants Seriously, for It Means Intense Rivalry.

ANIMALS' NAMES USED

Horse Racing Is One of Native's Chief Sports of Their Mediaeval Events.

Florence, Italy, Feb. 29.—In a country so saturated with the spirit of the past as Italy, the tourist is continually happening upon some old-world feature at variance with twentieth century experience.

The Sieneze are particularly notable for their attachment to antique festivals and pageants, and travellers who chance to be in Italy at the right time usually make a point of going to Siena to see the Palio—certain curious traditional horse races held in honor of the Madonna.

To realize what this event means, the visitor must first know what he already knows about the race track, for this Palio is more in the nature of a religious ceremony than a mere contest of fleet-footed steeds.

The Sieneze faithfully keep the Palio in celebration of their victory over the Florentines at the battle of Montapert, a victory they believed to be due to the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

The races keep alive their feelings of gratitude, and the victor in them is awarded a Palio, or embroidered banner, adorned with the arms of Siena and her magistrates, and a portrait of the Virgin.

The Sieneze take the pageant very seriously, for it calls into play keen rivalry between each of the seventeen wards or contrades into which the city is divided. Every district has its own captain, ensign and coat-of-arms, and each contrade enters a horse for the Palio.

Most Named After Animals.

Most of the wards are named after animals, such as the contrada of the wolf, the contrada of the goose, the contrada of the snail, and weeks before the great event takes place the merits of the competitors are canvassed among the rival factions with an excitability that looks dangerous to the Anglo-Saxon visitor.

To rehearsals, or Prove, precede the July race, when the horses are selected and given a trial run over the track. The choice of the gree-gees and the contrade to run them is carried out according to traditional usage.

After a trial run, the ten fastest horses are set apart and marked on the hind quarters with distinctive numbers, and duplicates of those numbers, each contained in a wooden case, are put into an urn, while the second urn contains the names of the ten contrade to compete in the race. A wooden case is then drawn from each urn, and the contrade so selected has to run the horse whose number falls to it by lot.

For the occasion of the Palio, Siena is transformed into a splendid mediaeval city, and as a repetition of the events takes place in August, the place is doubly decorated in the garb of gaily.

Every horse is attended by its jockey, an armored knight in doublet and hose, and quaintly dressed pages, with long hair falling on their shoulders from beneath feathered caps.

Pageant at 6 p.m.

As 6 o'clock strikes the pageant of the Palio enters to the beating of drums, curving round the track and unfolding like a beautifully colored ribbon. The procession is headed by the carabinieri or mounted police, with drawn swords and waving plumes, followed by a standard-bearer mounted on a gorgeously caparisoned steed and carrying the white and black banner of Siena.

The procession pauses at intervals that the allied may give exhibitions of their skill, and when the Palazzo Pubblico is reached the performers take their appointed seats and the races begin.

A peculiarity of the racing is that the horses are ridden without saddles, the jockeys employing a curious kind of whip, the neck, used rather to retard their competitors than to encourage their own steeds.

Winter's Chill Upset Kidneys

Pains in Back Tell of Congestion Caused by Cold.

You Can Prevent Serious Complications by Using DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS

When the surface of the body is suddenly chilled, the millions of pores in the skin are quickly closed. Under ordinary circumstances, these pores are of enormous assistance to the kidneys in removing poisons from the system. Their failure means greatly increased strain on the kidneys, and frequently congestion, which leads to serious disease.

This explains why kidney troubles are so frequent at this season of the year, and why you require something to quicken the action of the kidneys and keep them in healthful condition. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are particularly effective under these conditions because of their combined action on the kidneys, liver and bowels. The whole filtering and excretory systems are thoroughly cleansed and invigorated, the poisons are removed from the blood, and you feel like a different person.

The digestive system does not have half a chance when these other organs are clogged with waste matter and sluggish in action. But once you get the liver and kidneys right the mass of food being digested moves quickly through the alimentary canal, your appetite improves, digestion is good, and life is worth living.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25c a box, at all dealers, or Edmanon, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

CAVALRY ASSOCIATION ELECTED OFFICERS

Colonel Hamilton W. Merritt, of Toronto, Is the New President.

[Canadian Press.] Ottawa, Feb. 29.—Officers were elected at the opening session of the Canadian Cavalry Association, held this morning in the committee rooms of the Senate.

Col. W. Hamilton Merritt, of Toronto, was elected as president.

The other officers are: Honorary President—Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes. Honorary Vice-President—The Inspector of Cavalry. Vice-Presidents—Ontario, Col. Chadwick, Toronto; Quebec, Lieut.-Col. C. A. Smart, Montreal; New Brunswick, Lieut.-Col. H. H. McLean, St. John; Nova Scotia, Lieut.-Col. N. H. Parsons; Manitoba, Lieut.-Col. F. J. Clark; Saskatchewan, Lieut.-Col. R. J. Gwynne; Alberta, Lieut.-Col. Jas. Walker; British Columbia, Major, J. M. Harper; Prince Edward Island, Capt. A. E. Innes. Honorary Secretary—Major J. R. Munro, Ottawa. Honorary Treasurer—Lieut.-Col. R. M. Courtney, Ottawa.

RIOTERS PLANNED TO LOOT KINGSTON

Plot of Lawless Gang Was, However, Frustrated By the Police.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 29.—The lawless element in Kingston had planned to take advantage of the disturbances in connection with the dispute between the populace and the street car company owing to the raising of fares, by starting incendiary fires and looting the residential portion of the city on Tuesday, but the police obtained knowledge of their intention and cowed the rioters by force of arms.

The conspirators had arranged to give a false alarm of fire in one section of the city, and while the fire brigade and the police were drawn to that quarter other bands would start fires at the opposite end of the town. By the time the brigade could reach the spot from which the false alarm had come and could return to cope with the real conflagration, the rabble intended to go elsewhere and start other fires.

When the police learned of the plot strong detachments of armed men were sent out, but only a few rioters appeared in the west end and sent in a false alarm. The fire brigade responded, but the police arrangements all over the city were so perfect that there was no chance of the incendiaries being successful, and they dispersed rapidly on the threat of the police to shoot to kill.

UNDERTAKERS FIGURE IN ACTION FOR LIBEL

Alleged To Have Had a Most Unseemly Altercation While Waiting at Station.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Feb. 29.—James Irwin and Lewis H. Stephens, both undertakers, of Campbellford, Ont., are respectively plaintiff and defendant in a libel action at Osgoode Hall, which the latter seeks to have postponed until the jury sittings at Peterboro.

The action is based on a letter to the Campbellford Herald, in which it is alleged that the defendant stated that he had arrived at the Campbellford station with his best funeral equipage to receive a corpse that was coming from Kingston. That he waited there quiet and with dignity. That the plaintiff, with a casket under his arm, came galloping at full speed, and, in a loud, rough, noisy, angry manner, asked what authority the defendant had to be there.

The defendant had said, it is alleged, that he was there under instructions from Father Casey, whereupon the plaintiff had demanded to know what Father Casey had to do with it. The altercation was stopped by the son of the dead man requesting the defendant to withdraw, and that he would make it all right with him. A quotation from the letter reads: "The loud, rude words must have fallen on the hearts of sorrowing friends like coals of fire on an open wound."

In asking for postponement, the defendant alleged that a son of the dead man, now in Calgary, is a material witness.

MANY ARE ANXIOUS TO HEAR ROOSEVELT

Not Worried by Reports of Cool Reception Given Him in Massachusetts.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Feb. 29.—Apparently not in the least worried by reports which had preceded him from Boston to the effect that his reception in Massachusetts had been a cold one, Col. Roosevelt arrived back in town and resumed his work at his editorial office here today. It was his first day in New York since his announcement that he was willing to accept the presidential nomination, and a large number of politicians went to see him. He said that he had made no definite plans for the time before the Republican national convention in June. He has received a large number of invitations to speak, but said that he was not willing to make extended trips if he could avoid it.

Col. Roosevelt was asked if he would make any comment about the dispatches from Washington bearing the information that nine governors had sent telegrams to the Taft headquarters there, pledging themselves to support President Taft for re-nomination. "I haven't heard anything about it, and I am not a prophet," he replied.

ONEDAY MORE

FREE PANTS SATURDAY

Our Sale, Saturday, Feb. 17, at which we gave away with each spring suit or overcoat a free pair of pants was a big success. Owing to the crowds which attended, we feel that there were many disappointed customers who failed to get their orders in. The Sale was better than we had anticipated—it was so unexpectedly large that we were unable to handle the people.

It has always been our endeavor to satisfy and please. In order that every one should be satisfied and no one disappointed we are going to hold one more big FREE PANT SALE THIS COMING SATURDAY.

Just one day more for a free pant sale so that every one will be pleased

Since then we have been besieged with customers anxious to know if we would put on the Sale for just another day. Even long distance 'phone messages came to us asking about this. We admit being taken by surprise and were not prepared to handle the fearful business of Saturday, Feb. 17, so the management has decided to have another Sale on this coming Saturday.

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CAN RIFLE HIS POCKETS

Wife Can Take Last Cent From Her Husband, Law Court Decides.

Philadelphia, Feb. 29.—According to a decision by Magistrate MacFarland here, a wife has a right to rifle the pockets of her husband, take his last cent, and the husband has no redress. The decision was made in the case of John Dorcas, arrested for non-support. Dorcas pleaded that he was forced to leave his wife because she insisted upon going through his pockets nightly and relieving him of every cent she could find. The magistrate announced that according to the law, that which belonged to Dorcas also belonged to Mrs. Dorcas, and it did not make any difference how she got it.

Shiloh's Cure

quickly stops coughs, cures colds, heats the throat and lungs. 25 cents.

FEAR A TRUST

Peculiar Situation in Regard to Tombstones Develops at Hamilton.

[Canadian Press.] Hamilton, Feb. 29.—The controllers today refused to endorse the action of the cemetery board, in prohibiting tombstone makers from putting firm names on monuments in the cemetery, because they feared it would create a trust, as people would not know where to go outside of Hamilton for monuments. The cemetery board's objection was that it does not think a cemetery is a fit place to advertise goods.

BIG NEW RINK

[Canadian Press.] Hamilton, Feb. 29.—Hamilton is to have an artificial ice rink which will cost \$50,000 and have a seating capacity for 3,000, with provision for increasing it to 5,000. A local company is promoting it, and will make a big attempt to boom hockey here next winter.

EXTEND PLANT

Hamilton Firm Will Erect a Big New Iron Pipe Foundry.

[Canadian Press.] Hamilton, Feb. 29.—The Gartshore-Thomson Company, of this city, promised the controllers today to erect a new foundry here and employ one hundred additional hands, so as to rush through the quarter of a million dollars' contract for cast iron pipe in connection with waterworks improvements. In the meantime the firm was authorized to get the larger sized pipes manufactured in Toronto.

ELECTED OFFICERS

J. C. Dance Is President of Ontario Mutual Fire Underwriters. [Canadian Press.] Toronto, Feb. 29.—At the annual meeting of the Ontario Mutual Fire Underwriters' Association this morning the following officers were elect-

WILEY MAY RESIGN

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, pure food expert, is seriously considering resigning his position as chief of the United States bureau of chemistry in the department of agriculture. Admitting this in an interview, Dr. Wiley said that while he had not yet determined to offer his resignation, it

AN AMUSING TEST

[Canadian Press.] London, Feb. 29.—A new test for drunkenness has been adopted by police magistrates. If the suspect can say "British constitution" without stumbling he is discharged.

THE STING OF CORNS

RELIEVED IN A NIGHT

Never slit your boots—that doesn't cure the corn. Just apply that old standby—Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor. It acts like magic. Kill the pain, removes the corn, does it without burn or scar. Get the best—Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor, the sure relief for callouses, bunions, warts and corns. Price, 25c. As substitutes are dangerous, insist on getting Putnam's only. Sold by druggists.

THE FIRST PRISONER TO TRY IT AT LONDON

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