

LEGEND OF SCREAMING SKULL

Weird Story of Famous Old Country Mansion in England.

The Screaming Skull of Burton Agnes Hall, the seat of the Boynton family, is one of the weirdest of the many weird and fascinating old legends that are told of the famous houses of Britain. An account, authenticated by Sir Griffith Boynton, the present head of the family, is published in Pearson's Magazine.

The story goes that in her dying moments a certain Anne Griffith made her sisters promise that her head should rest for ever in the family mansion, but that after her death this was looked on as a mere dying fancy, and the promise disregarded.

Then comes the weird part of the legend. "About a week after the funeral, on the night of the week as that on which Anne died, just as the inmates of the house were retiring to bed, they were startled by a loud crash in one of the upstairs rooms. Concluding that a picture or some furniture had fallen, two men-servants went up the room to find out the cause of the noise, but everything was quite undisturbed. Full of anxious fear, the family kept vigil; but the night wore on without any further sounds, and the next morning there was no evidence of any disturbance."

"On the same night of the following week, at exactly the same hour, several of the heavy doors in the house began banging violently, with apparently no cause. The alarmed household, terrified nearly out of their wits, rushed on masses in the direction of the sound, but as fast as they searched one part of the Hall the doors in another part would begin banging and crashing, only to be found fast closed, and in many cases securely locked. At last the noise ceased, and the family, trembling and shivering, went to bed. On the same night, the Hall was alarmed by the footsteps of a large number of people hurrying through the rooms and corridors, while heartrending screams and shrieks broke the stillness of the night. This time the terrified household dare not leave their beds, but lay shivering with dread under the bedclothes. On the following day every woman servant had fled from the house."

"The two sisters, horrified beyond measure, consulted with their neighbors, Sir William Quentin and the vicar of Burton Agnes. They confessed tearfully that Anne in her dying moment had laid on them a solemn injunction which they had promised to perform, but had afterwards ignored, and they also told of her threat that unless her body, or some part of her body, should remain in the house, she would haunt Burton Agnes till the Judgment Day."

"After hearing their story the vicar suggested that some light might be thrown upon the matter if Anne's coffin were to be opened, so this was accordingly done. When the lid was raised a ghastly spectacle presented itself. The body, it is true, lay peaceful and untroubled, but the head had fallen to decay, and a grinning skull, already severed from the trunk, struck terror to the hearts of the beholders. This was at once accepted as the sign for which the vicar had hoped."

"Let the skull be brought to the Hall," said the sisters, "for until that is done the soul of our dear sister will never rest in peace." "The grisly relic was accordingly brought, with due reverence, to the Hall, and placed upon a table, and with its advent the ghastly nocturnal sounds ceased to alarm the sisters, and all was peace once more."

OUTRAGES IN IRELAND.

Deplorable Methods of Agrarian Agitators—Animals Being Maimed.

Several outrages are reported from Ireland in connection with the agrarian agitation that is being carried on. A cruel case of horse maiming is reported from Abbeyfeick, Queen's County, in which the neighbors there have lately been considerable agitation against grazing lettings made for the accommodation of shopkeepers and small householders of the town. A two-year-old filly was discovered to have been disembowelled and left to die in agony. The animal was the property of a poor widow residing on a farm forming part of the estates of Viscount De Vesel, and her offense was that she had refused to surrender her farm lands—which her husband had taken 25 years ago—at the demand of the agitators.

From Tipperary comes a report of another case of the intimidation of the holder of a grazing ranch. Since the last days of April—when a large farm twelve miles from Roscrea, the property of a Mr. Luttrell, was cleared of all its stock—the place has been pestered constantly by the police. Notwithstanding this vigilance, however, the constabulary were outwitted the other day, when a mob assembled and drove off all the horses, cattle, and sheep, running close on 400, and dispersed them a dozen miles over the country. When the police appeared on the scene they were powerless to cope with the crowd.

War Gods of Samoa.

In Samoa the kingfisher, heron, owl and bat are worshiped as war gods, and in times of war their actions are supposed to determine success or defeat. If the kingfisher flies before the troops, it is a good sign, but if it comes flying toward the people as they are preparing to start the oncoming fight, it is a bad sign. Should an owl fly about overhead while the troops are waiting along, that is a good sign, but if it flies away in the direction of the enemy it is supposed to have left the one party and gone to join the other and therefore to signify a calamity.

A Freak of Nature.

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STATE REGALIA STOLEN.

Dublin Castle Visited by Thieves Who Carry Off Jewels.

Dublin, Ireland, July 8.—A portion of the state regalia, valued at \$50,000, has been stolen from Dublin Castle. The safe in which the regalia was kept was forced. The jewels stolen were those used in the ceremony of investiture in the Order of St. Patrick, the professional cross studded with diamonds, and the jeweled sword which is borne in procession at the investiture of the knights.

Lord Castletown, Knight of St. Patrick, was to have been chief of the state ceremony on the visit of King Edward to Dublin, but it is officially announced that the ceremony will be postponed. Sensational developments are expected.

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The Day After.

Chicago, July 6.—The Tribune yesterday says 37 men, women and children are dead, 2,138 are maimed, incarcerated or burned as a result of Thursday's excess of patriotism in the United States. The roster of the dead is four more than last year's mortality.

New York leads in the number of injured, with Pittsburgh a close second with 15 dead. The total number of injured is under last year's figures, which were 2,789.

Most of the casualties were due to carelessness in handling firecrackers.

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Seven Were Killed.

Lacrosse, Wis., July 8.—Complete reports from the district east of Lacrosse, that was swept by a tornado Wednesday night, shows that seven persons were killed, instead of 26, as first reported.

Hon. Mr. Beck Home.

London, July 8.—Hon. Adam Beck arrived home yesterday from London. The London Hunt Club, under whose colors he won the hunt class at the Olympic Horse Show, will tender him a banquet.

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MARCH ACROSS SAHARA

ROMANTIC STORY OF JOURNEY THROUGH AFRICAN DESERT.

Old Arab Caravan Route—Fanatical Hatred of Natives—People Live in Underground Dwellings—Stretches of Petrified Forest—Danger From Senussi Sect—Lively Fight With Tuareg Band—Tubbs Cowards.

Some interesting details have just come to hand of the remarkable trans-Saharan journey undertaken by Mr. H. Vischer, one of the Protectorate Residents in Bornu, and through the forbidden hinterland of Tripoli to Lake Chad. The distance covered by Mr. Vischer was nearly 1,700 miles, and the actual marching time two and a half months. The whole journey lasted from July 8 to Dec. 12. Both from a geographical and from a political point of view the journey will prove of the greatest interest. Mr. Vischer, who was formerly a member of the Church Missionary staff in Northern Nigeria, joined the Protectorate of Northern Nigeria. He conceived the daring idea of Tripoli of returning to his post in Northern Nigeria by way of the Sahara and the old Arab caravan route from Tripoli to Kano. His departure was considerably retarded and his journey across the vilayet of Tripoli and Fezzan rendered much more difficult owing to the fanatical hatred of the inhabitants. Although permission was obtained from the Turkish Government, through the intervention of the British Foreign Office, for him to make his hazardous journey, every obstacle was placed in his way in the matter of obtaining camels and men. Mr. Vischer, however, left Tripoli in July last accompanied by Mecca pilgrims from Northern Nigeria, who were on their way home. The British Resident was well received by the Arab traders, who welcomed his journey as implying the re-establishment of the old trade route, and in many quarters the fact that a British official should have assisted the Mohammedan pilgrims across the desert created a great impression. In the Mountains of Gharian Mr. Vischer found people living in subterranean dwellings. Through entrances in the walls long and one yard broad he came upon a square courtyard, which was in reality a

Great Hole Open to the Sky.

Upon this all the rooms and stables converged. The rooms were very dark, and there were no windows, but the most absolute cleanliness prevailed. Beyond the entrance to the courtyard, where fig and olive groves lay among Roman ruins and underground villages. Nearing Murzuk, Mr. Vischer came upon stretches of petrified forest. Among the most important results of his journey is the information Mr. Vischer has been able to acquire regarding the Senussi. Mr. Vischer declares as a result of his inquiries that this great sect is constantly losing ground owing to the late Senussi who have died of the plague, and his opinion is that the danger from the Senussi movement lies chiefly in the fact that there is at present no leader strong enough to control the various factions. Kufra, the headquarters of the sect, is not only a regular arsenal, but a rendezvous for all kinds of fugitives and other people holding anti-foreign views. The arms there are transported from the coast of Tripoli, and a band of raiding Arabs whom the expedition encountered near Bena were all armed from Kufra. Mr. Vischer is of opinion that the great number of arms carried from the coast to the Senussi headquarters forms a serious menace to the position in Northern Nigeria. He reports that just beyond the waterless road and the wild Tummo Mountains he came into contact with

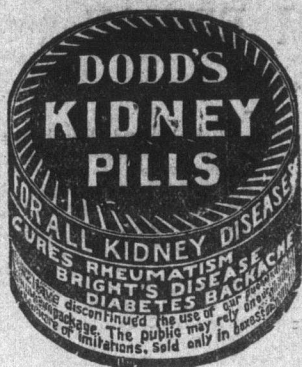
A Tuareg and Arab Band, who had come out to attack him or endeavor to get into the desert ahead to wait for him. With regard to this Mr. Vischer says: "I at once made necessary preparations by putting all my men on guard, and patrolling myself on horse back round the camp. In the morning I left the camp in charge of my boys, and went to attack the Tuareg before they could get at me. I found them, after much difficulty, entrenched in a position which enabled them to see me, while they were absolutely hidden by some large shrubs. I sent a Tubbu to ask them to come out and fight me. They answered back that they would come out when it suited them and wipe me out and take my loads. I then fired, and they answered with a well-kept-up fire from about twenty modern rifles. Their shots went all over my head or into the ground ahead, so that I was able to approach within about 200 yards. I killed one man and four of their camels, and then went back to my camp, six miles away. In the afternoon I attacked again, this time with all my ten rifles; while I left the camp in charge of the women and some friendly Tubbus. I killed four of their men and sixteen camels, which had the desired effect, driving them back north and keeping away the Tubbus, who are all cowards. The great following of Arabs which had come with Tuareg had kept away to see the result of the fight, and then disappeared. I was not attacked again on the road."

Damping Their Spirits.

A little Scottish boy was reading in his history an account of the battle of Bannockburn. He read as follows: "And when the English saw the new army on the hill behind their spirits became damped." The teacher asked the boy what was meant by "damping their spirits." The boy, not comprehending the meaning, simply answered, "Pittin' water in their whisky."—Christian Register.

The Sensitive Plant.

The sensitive plant seems almost to possess intelligence. When touched or even approached its leaves shrink away as though in fear.



ice Drivers' Strike Off.

New York, N.Y., July 6.—The strike of the American Ice Co. drivers, which had already been hopelessly broken, was formally declared off at a meeting of delegates from the Drivers' and Helpers' Union yesterday.

The action followed a final refusal by President Oler to treat with the strikers. Mr. Oler said, however, that he would be glad to take back the men and to hear and adjust any grievances presented by active employees.

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Provincial Exchequer Is Reported to Be \$500,000 to the Good.

Montreal, July 8.—A special from Quebec says: "The fiscal year which closed June 30 last has been a most lucrative one for the Province of Quebec, and the treasurer is enabled to place to the credit of the province a surplus of \$500,000."

The revenues from the different sources, but more especially from licenses, duties on successions, and taxes on commercial corporations, were in excess of preceding years.

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Tobacco Crop Damaged.

Hartford, Conn., July 8.—Wind, hail and rain caused damage to the extent of many thousands of dollars to the tobacco crop in the Windsor district late Saturday.

Laborer Killed.

Windsor, July 8.—Michael Monahan, aged 70, a laborer, was instantly killed by falling from a coal car at the D. U. R. power station yesterday morning.

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CONGO ATROCITIES.

Bishops Urge Steps Towards Immediate Reform.

The subject of Congo misrule was discussed in the Upper House of Convocation of Canterbury, the Primate of all England presiding.

A series of resolutions were passed, expressing profound regret and indignation at the methods of administration in the Congo Free State, declaring that the members of that house felt keenly the burden that was cast upon the consciences of England, as one of the powers by whose consent the Congo Free State was established and its neutrality guaranteed, and stating that the gravest responsibility will lie upon the consenting powers to bring to an end, in some way, abuses which are so crying, and which may be of the most sinister effect upon the relations between white and colored races throughout the African continent, and upon the work entrusted to the Christian nations of Europe for the service of civilization and humanity.

British Government Responsible.

The Bishop of Southwark, in introducing the subject, said the Congo State began on commercial, philanthropic and civilizing principles. The British Government had considerable responsibility for it, and there was ample evidence that things had gone signally ill.

Dr. Talbot went on to allude to the suppression of the evidence of the royal commission, and directed attention to the facts contained in Mr. More's book on "The Rubber and Ivory Trade in the Congo." No doubt a condition the most barbarous and terrible existed. To get a certain amount of rubber out of the poor natives, the most horrible methods had been resorted to, such as cutting off the hands and feet, and there was a great system of hostages, these hostages being largely women. No responsibility rested upon Belgium itself in the matter. If all the powers were keen about it, a very summary result, he said, could be obtained.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells said the Free Church Council in their honor, had been far before the Church of England in trying to arouse public attention, but this might be partly explained by the existence of so many Baptist missionary stations, from which information had come.

Described an Abomination.

The Bishop of Exeter spoke in general support of what had fallen from the Bishop of Southwark, and the Bishop of London pleaded for increased British consular representation in the Congo Free State. They ought to be prepared to back up the Government in any further step which they might wish to take with the view to wiping away this abomination from the face of the earth.

The Primate, in summing up the debate, said the House had discharged an imperative duty in calling attention to the well-established facts. In the last decade we seemed to have fallen into something which rivaled if it did not exceed, the horrors of the old slave trade. He could not suggest what diplomatic action should be taken, but they desired the countenance to know that they cared so much about this matter that they did not intend to let it alone.

Sunday Recreation.

"Don't let us turn Sunday into a day of misery; it's a bad advertisement for Christianity," declared Father Vaughan at a public meeting held in the Dome, Brighton, on the question of Sunday observance.

"When I built a club in the north of England, and let men play at billiards between the services, I was pelted in the streets. What an amazing thing," declared the preacher, "to tell a boy, 'God wants you to sit on that chair like an ornament on a mantelpiece.' He wants a boy to be a boy and a good boy, and when he has looked after his soul the best thing for him and his soul is to let him go to cricket or football, or something of that."

The masses, Father Vaughan went on to explain, wanted rest and recreation on the Sabbath day. And those who wanted recreation should have it. "Who, for instance, could object to men taking their week-ends in the country?"

He would not stop trains or trams or omnibuses on Sundays, but would give them who worked them every other Sunday off, pay them extra when they were on, and give them time to have rest during the week.

African King's Joke.

Sir John Kirk, who possesses three distinct knighthoods, is one of Britain's retired consular rulers. His chief service was in Zanzibar. On one occasion the Sultan of that country, having a very savage chained lion, thought to get rid of it by offering it to Sir John. Struck by a happy thought, he reminded the British Consul that the lion formed one of the supporters of the Royal Arms above the gate of the Consulate, and that the presence of the real brute would therefore be highly appropriate! Sir John got out of the difficulty neatly. "I am sure that your highness would never make an incomplete present," said he, "and when you are able to accompany the lion with a unicorn, I shall be delighted to receive your munificent offer."

An Imperial Post.

The Czar also, it appears, should be ranked among the intellectuals. He is credited with three different titles to the distinction. He is a poet, that is, to be precise, he writes verses; he is a musical composer; anyway, he sets his own compositions to music, and he sings very prettily. Such are the claims advanced on his behalf by a French admirer, who says that His Majesty's verses are not only weighty in construction, but full of a sweet melody, while the music which he writes is marked by a tone of melancholy fatalism, as is appropriate in a land given over to pogroms. The Czar's voice is tender. It is powerful, but it has a sympathetic quality, and an instance is recorded where he sang with what is described as delicate feeling Massenet's melody, "Mignonne veine l'Avril."—London Globe.

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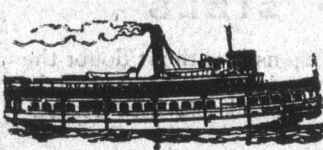
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