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CHEERY WORDS FROM CHINA

Chief of Methodist Missionaries Reassures Anxious Friends.

"All well here and at all our stations, for which we are all grateful. There are no disquieting rumors to amount to anything in West China. We trust to get thru the summer safely," was the cable received by Rev. E. T. Shore, secretary of the Methodist Foreign Mission Board, yesterday morning from Dr. Kilborn, who has charge of the Methodist missionaries in China.

For the first time in seven years the Rev. A. W. Lockhead of the Canadian Presbytesian Mission, Honan, China, has returned to Toronto on a year's furlough. Mr. Lockhead says uprisings are caused in China by the ignorant masses, who use every opportunity to oppose the Manchu dynasty, which governs the country.

Forcing the Question.

The interesting question, "Does a man support his wife?" is being thrashed out in a London newspaper. This may not be exclusively an English question, but it cannot be called an American question, for women here have not arrived at the state of individual and sex self-consciousness where their economic status begins to trouble them. If, as is mentioned, the woman contributes unpaid labor to the the house, the courts would seem to establish this as the husband's perquisite, for he can claim damages of a co-respondent in a divorce case for the loss of a wife's services.

DIED RATHER THAN SURRENDER

CORNWALL, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Fred Ashley of Massena Springs shot himself in the head with a 32-calibre revolver in his brother's cornfield. Ashley went to the home of his brother Levi, whom he tried to shoot, as well as Levi's wife and his own son, who was calling on his uncle. He was prevented from doing any damage, but made his escape. Officer Demo had a warrant to arrest Ashley on a charge of abusing his wife and family some time ago, and learning that he was hiding in the cornfield, the officer proceeded in search of him. When Ashley saw the officer coming he put the revolver to his head and fired, and died in a few minutes.

MODJESKA'S LAST TRIP.

To-day the steamer Modjeska of the Hamilton line will make her last trip of the season, leaving Toronto at 6 p.m., after which she will go into winter quarters in Hamilton. Commencing Monday, Sept. 11, only one steamer, the Macassa, will be in commission between Toronto and Hamilton, leaving Hamilton at 9 a.m. and Toronto at 5 p.m.

Liked Look of Schools.

Inspector Hughes, Superintendent of Buildings Bishop and Trustees Hodson, MacKay and Taggart, members of the property committee of the board of education, made a tour of inspection yesterday of the work being done on the Fern-avenue, Manning-avenue, Kent, Howard Park-avenue and Perth schools. "Everything was going on in good shape," the inspector said.

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HAMAR GREENWOOD DID NOT COMMENT ON PACT

Full Report of Interview in Montreal Herald Does Not Agree With Impressions Given.

The reciprocity papers made considerable out of the interview with Mr. Hamar Greenwood, the member for Sunderland, in the British House of Commons, on his arrival in Montreal a few days ago, but the full report of the interview in The Montreal Herald does not give the impression that the extracts in the Liberal papers conveyed.

Mr. Greenwood made it plain, that altho he was a Canadian, it was not his business to take part in the Dominion elections, and he deprecated any interference on the part of members of the mother parliament.

He declined to express his opinion as to what the people of Canada should do, or to take the platform, much, as he says, he enjoys the invigorating atmosphere of a general election.

Mr. Greenwood did comment, as an imperialist, on "the abnormal, and I think melancholy, spectacle of Mr. Bourassa and Mr. Monk stumping Quebec with the motto 'Down With the Navy.' Mr. Bourassa's nationalist opinions, and his fearless exposition of the same are well known, and I am bound to say that I never expected to see a Quebec Conservative on his platform under his banner, which stands for making Canada a third-rate republic, rather than maintain her, as I hope she will always be, the first dominion of the crown.

"The imperial navy is as much for the protection of British Columbia from an invasion from Japan, or Quebec from an invasion from the Americans, as it is to protect England from the Germans, and when Messrs. Bourassa and Monk talk about no navy, they are advocating a policy, that means that the Canadian Government should go back on her solemn pact with the home and other dominion governments, and that Canadians in their view should leave matters of naval defence to the generosity of the mother country, or the humiliating forebearance or support of the American republic."

Mr. Greenwood talked with the reporters about Sir Wilfrid Laurier, General Botha, the English strike, Lloyd George, the war scare, and a lot of other subjects, but never a word about the pact.

CANADA SELLING HER SOUL

That is the Way Kipling Describes Reciprocity.

MONTREAL, Sept. 8.—In reply to a request for his views on reciprocity, Rudyard Kipling wires The Montreal Star as follows:

"I do not understand how nine million people can enter into such arrangements as are proposed with ninety million strangers on an open frontier of four thousand miles and at the same time preserve their national integrity.

"Ten to one is too heavy odds. No single Canadian would accept such odds in any private matter that was as vital to him personally as this issue is to the nation.

"It is her own personal soul that Canada risks to-day. Once that soul is pawned for any consideration, Canada must inevitably conform to the commercial, legal, financial, social and ethical standards which will be imposed upon her by the sheer admitted weight of the United States.

"Why, when Canada has made herself what she is, should she throw the enormous gifts of her inheritance and her future into the hands of a people who, by their haste and waste, have so dissipated their own resources that even before national middle age they are driven to seek virgin fields for cheaper food and living?

"Whatever the United States may gain, and I presume that the United States proposals are not wholly altruistic, I see nothing for Canada in reciprocity except a little ready money, which she does not need, and a very long repentance."

Important Changes in Grand Trunk Train Service.

Penetang-Huntsville Express, leaving Toronto 10.15 a.m. daily, except Sunday, has been discontinued between Allandale and Huntsville, but will run to Penetang Wharf until Sept. 9, inclusive. Muskoka Express, leaving Toronto 12.20 p.m. daily, except Sunday, will be discontinued after Sept. 16. 2.15 a.m. train for Muskoka Lakes, Huntsville, Temagami, etc., will be discontinued after Sunday, Sept. 17. 10.15 p.m. Buffalo Express will be discontinued after Sept. 10. Through Pittsburg sleeper on 4.32 p.m. train will be discontinued after Sept. 9. Jackson's Point Special, leaving Toronto 1.40 p.m., Saturday only, and leaving Jackson's Point for Toronto 7.30 a.m. Monday only, has been discontinued.

What the Tourist Doesn't See.

"It was our good fortune to see at least one thing in Paris which the tourist knows nothing about," writes an American woman from that city. "Everyone knows about the Tuileries and sees what is left of the historic pile, but not many find their way to the kitchen from which the elect of the third empire were served, as we did. It lies under the Pavilion de Flora, its high arched ceiling resting on massive columns. It is divided into many sections, at the entrance to each of which there is a sign—gold on marble. Here we see 'Rotisserie,' 'Patisserie,' 'Section aux Sauces,' etc. The provisions for washing gold, silver and porcelain services, the tremendous roasting, boiling and broiling arrangements, the extra roast beef oven, six metres high and seven metres broad; a roaster with a capacity for six sheep and four dozen chickens, all looked extra large and imposing to us, who manage to worry along in a flat kitchen, which has two things, however, which we could not find in Napoleon's dinner factory—electric light and a battery of washtubs."

Fitting Task.

"This is a raw deal," remarked the speeding motorist as he was conducted to the inner circles of the inferno.

"Never mind," said the demon, soothingly, who was escorting him. "We'll put you where you can soon be scorching."—Baltimore American.

Goes to Theosophical Convention.

Albert E. S. Smythe is attending the convention of the Theosophical Society at Chicago.

HOUSING CONDITIONS IN THE NETHERLANDS.

One of the peculiarities of Amsterdam housing conditions is the fact that wealthy business men very frequently have their residences in their office and warehouse buildings. The upper floors of the structures are elegantly curtained with plush or lace, while the lower floors are occupied as office quarters, or the lower floors are used for residential purposes and the top floors as warerooms. All of these houses front on the canals and waterways.

Each house in Amsterdam has a lifting pole projecting about four feet over the sidedalk from the highest gable of the roof. All coal, furniture, household supplies and merchandise are lifted by rope and pulley and taken in thru the windows. Another peculiarity of Dutch houses is the little mirror attached to the windows that show, to persons in the upper storeys, a view of the street or of any one ringing the front door bell.

Recent years have witnessed the construction of new four and five-storey apartment houses and tenements, entire blocks and suburban sections having been built up in this manner. The workingman's flat in these tenements generally consists of only two rooms, rarely of three, and the average rent is $10 to $14 per month. In more pretentious houses the rent is fully twice this amount. In the old sections of the city, where five and six families occupy a single tenement, the rent averages $3 to $4 per month for each room, according to size and general accommodations. In the better inner quarters one large room with a small kitchen, and even two small rooms with kitchen, can be rented for $5 to $10. In the old-fashioned houses, peculiar to Amsterdam and predominant on all the side streets, with one living room downstairs, and sleeping room on the second floor and a kitchen and dining room on the third floor, the rent is $14 to $16 for these three rooms. The upper floors are reached by a winding stairway; the first floor is entered direct from the street. The side streets in Amsterdam on which these dwellings prevail are rarely over eight feet wide, yet occasionally the lower rooms are used for business purposes.

One of the striking features of the Netherlands housing methods is the quarters of barge and canal boat men who, with their families, exist in the hulls of their craft. The rooms are necessarily small, with no ventilation or sunlight except such as may come in thru the open hatch, which must be closed at night and in rainy weather. The deck furnishes the children's playground. The larger motorboats and steam barges have one or two small rooms constructed at each end of the barge. The rooms must be low to allow the boats to pass under bridges. These people are leading possibly the most frugal lives of any of the urban working classes of Europe, with no rent, no street car fares, or other usual, unavoidable city expenses. Chickens are sometimes kept on the boat and consume the garbage.

Workingmen in The Hague generally live in small houses built opposite each other on narrow side streets or garden places. These houses are customarily two storeys in height, with one room downstairs and one room upstairs; often a small kitchen, not larger than 6x8 feet, is attached. This same class of house is sometimes found in the rear yards of large business structures. The rent paid varies from $5 to $6 per month, according to location. Merchants, especially the retail shopkeepers, live in the same building where their business is located, either at the rear or above their stores. If they live in the rear they rent the upper floors, in good locations, as flats, at $12 to $20 per month.

Russian Prayer Halls.

In the villages of Russia the "prayer hall" is the common 'izba" or cottage of a Stundist mujik, or a shed attached to a very primitive farmstead surrounded by prodigious quantities of mud, dust or snow, according to the season of the year. A separate building erected expressly for worship among the rural evangelicals of Russia is a luxury yet to be provided in the great majority of cases. The meeting place, whether "izba" or outhouse, has walls of earth. It is without ceiling. The floor is the bare earth, trodden hard by many feet thru the lapse of long years, and worn into lumps and hollows. The walls are lime-washed and destitute of decoration or adornment. There are rough wooden benches around and across the room. The place is usually packed to suffocation with men, women and children, crowded on the seats, thronging the doorways and huddling together on the top of the huge stove.

Unconventionalities.

"Mrs. Ringbone, you remind me so much of my Aunt Ann. She couldn't make her upper lip cover her front teeth either."

Can't you call next week, Mr. Chuggins? I'll be away on my vacation then."

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THE DECLINE OF EXERCISE.

Physician Thinks Motors Are Making People Lazy.

Anyone who takes an outing, particularly at the seaside, can hardly fail to notice the revolution that has taken place during the last decade in the methods of enjoying a vacation, says The New York Medical Journal. The automobile whizzes by on the roads and the motor boat sputters noisily within sight of the shore, each bearing its crowd of pleasure seekers, while even the swimmers are supported, a large proportion of them at least, by an artificial contrivance designed to kep them afloat without exertion.

Rowing, walking and swimming are the three ideal exercises, all demanding the open air and all having definite objects apart from their excellent effect on bodily health. But the modern amusements, such as motoring and motor boat racing, have nothing to recommend them gave that they too require outdoor space.

Golf seems to be increasing the number of its devotees, even if the latter go to the links in high-powered cars. But the writer would like to see the immense audiences of baseball and football games playing on numerous diamonds and gridirons of their own, and would welcome a regulation that prescribed a playground ten times its size to adjoin every new library. It is not only the rich who become lazy; the omnipresent trolley car embodies the favorite recreation of the poor.

"Chestnut" Has a Classic Origin.

Joseph Jefferson, the actor, asserted that the origin of the word "chestnut," as applied to a stale story, was to be found in a melodrama entitled "The Broken Sword," by William Dillon in which the following bit of dialogue takes place between Count Xavier and his servant Pablo.

Count Xavier—Once I entered the forests of Calloway, when suddenly, from the boughs of a cork tree——

Pablo—Chestnut, Count.

Count—Cork tree.

Pablo—A chestnut. I should know as well as you, for I have heard you tell the story twenty-seven times.

GEOGRAPHY LESSON FROM A SHRIMP.

Dr. Gaillard, a member of the Tilho mission, discovered in Lake Tchad numerous shrimps of a species well known to naturalists but hitherto found only in the Nile and its tributaries. This discovery leads physical geographers to assert that the basins of the Nile and of Lake Tchad were once in communication. For it is impossible to imagine that the very fragile eggs or larva of Palaemon niloticus, as this shrimp is called, could have been transported from one basin to the other by aquatic birds in the manner that seeds are carried.

The topography of the intervening region is not yet sufficently known to make it possible to assert certainly that there was once a great lake or marsh between the Nile and Lake Tchad, or that a tributary of the great river once took its rise in the Saharan lake, but there is a vast depression about the Bahr-el-Gazal region that makes this hypothesis seem probable.

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