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HOW THEY EXTRACT TEETH IN TIBET.

London. (Associated Press).—The Dalai Lama of Tibet, the religious and secular head of that secluded country has to work harder than the average British or American business man. He gets up at 4 o'clock in the morning and labors until midnight, notwithstanding the fact that he is unquestionably the "big boss."

Sir Charles Bell, a British political officer in India, who has just returned after a year's residence in the romantic "forbidden city" of Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, says the Dalai Lama is a wonderful personality. Sir Charles is one of the few Europeans who have mastered the Tibetan language and this helped him to become friendly with the head of all Tibet.

"He paid me the honor of inviting me into the forbidden enclosure of his country palace," said Sir Charles.

"This was a little wonderland of flowers, birds and wild animals—a hidden retreat where he gives deep thought both to his religious and state affairs. Hundreds of canaries were singing here, and there were also stags, pheasants and a great tiger from Bengal."

The climate was intensely cold when Sir Charles arrived, and for days the temperature indoors never rose above freezing point. The place of window glass, Tibetans used a sort of wax cloth. It lets the wind in, but they are a hardy race and do not appear to feel the discomfort of the cold.

"Mutton, yak beef and pork are the staple diet," Sir Charles went on. "Tibetans do not like either chickens or eggs."

"They do not sleep on beds but on the floor, on which are placed large downy cushions. You lie on top of these and fold them over you. They are very comfortable and warm."

"There is an official date for winter to begin and end, and the fur hat and other warm garments ordained for officials are invariably worn without regard to weather conditions between those dates. However comfortable the official may be with the fur hat April 25 or without it after that date, he would never dream of departing from the sartorial convention in public for five minutes. The etiquette of the people is very elaborate and strict."

"There are, practically speaking, no police, no firemen, and no wheeled traffic in Lhasa. If a man suffers from toothache, he goes with a few friends on to the flat roof of his house. His friends bring a big stone, round which they fasten a string. The string is then tied to the bad tooth, and the stone dropped over the roof top. Two or three friends hold on to the patient to prevent him from going over too."

Willing to Meet Winner of Gibbons Greb Bout.

New York.—"Jack Dempsey will gladly meet the winner of the Tom Gibbons-Harry Greb bout in Madison Square Garden provided either man shows sufficient ability to warrant such a match," declared Jack Kearns, the champion's manager. "We're not looking for anything 'soft' mind you, but then everybody ought to be 'soft' for a world's champion, don't you think?"

"On the level, nobody is more anxious to see a real contender develop than we are. This fellow Gibbons is big enough and has a healthy enough wallop, according to all reports, to give Jack a contest. However, we'll have to wait and see how he does with Greb."

"Personally, I'm afraid Greb is too small for Dempsey, but then you never can tell. Sometimes a little fellow is harder to fight than a big man. Look at what little Joe Walcott did to the heavyweights in his time. And they were good heavyweights too."

"We are not anxious to leave the United States, but business is business, and we are tired of remaining practically idle. If we don't get a suitable offer here we'll be forced to go abroad and take one of the offers over there."

Chinese Pirates Pillage Steamers.

Shanghai. (Canadian Press).—Chinese shipping companies, lacking government protection from pirates who have been seizing and looting ocean going vessels in buccaneer style, have taken to arming their ships and placing details of guards aboard.

No trace has been found of one pirate band, 30 in number, whose members shipped in the guise of passengers aboard the steamer Kwang-lee from Shanghai to Hong Kong, last December, and when a day out from Hong Kong, rushed the ship, imprisoned the officers and crew and looted the vessel and its passengers of valuables estimated worth \$120,000 Mexican.

Two weeks after the Kwang-lee episode the steamer Hsingha was attacked by pirates, between Hong Kong and Shan Mi. The marauders



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Fishers' Protest.

SCOTCH ANGER WHEN GERMAN CATCH IS LANDED.

The Elise Kunkell, a German steam trawler, landed a catch of white fish at Aberdeen. The trawler is the first ex-enemy fishing vessel to discharge at a British port since 1914.

Every previous German effort to

land catches had failed. Frequently at Scottish and English ports fish workers had refused to handle the catches. The Elise Kunkell was successful because the fish porters had earned little for many weeks owing to the storms, and desired to "sink their principles to get a bite of dinner."

The unloading of the German trawler was witnessed by fishermen and other workers, who protested

angrily. At a meeting which was held later it was agreed to take steps to prevent a repetition of the incident.

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