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LIVINGSTONE MEMENTO WILL BE EXHIBITED

Inkless Letter by Noted Explorer in African Wilds

USED JUICE OF PLANTS

Centenary Celebration—Why There Were no Christmas Morning Newspapers in London—The Proposed Washington Monument in Westminster Abbey

(Times' Special Correspondence)

London, Dec. 26.—One day in the spring of 1870, when he was wandering in the African jungle, Dr. David Livingstone, the famous explorer, sat down and wrote a letter to a friend in England. Having no ink, nor yet a pencil, he made a colored liquid from the juice of plants and used that as a writing fluid and, being possessed of no paper except an old copy of a London daily journal, he wrote his letter thereupon. The friend to whom the letter was addressed was the late John Murray, whose father was Bruce's publisher, and whose son and namesake keeps up the traditions of the famous house of which he is now the head. The letter now prizes Livingstone's "inkless letter" as one of the chief items of a collection of mementoes of the explorer, which he has formed, but he is going to allow it to be exhibited in connection with the coming celebration of the great missionary's centenary.

The fragment of newspaper on which Livingstone's letter was written is from the London "Standard" of November 24, 1869, and oddly enough the subject matter of this is an account of Livingstone's work in Africa, which begins as follows: "Away from friends, away from family, he keeps along his course, untired and undimmed. For, tramping perpetually, bivouacking anywhere, he knows that the people at home are following him with good wishes; that his comrades in science are listening, as it were, for his every footfall on those remote and solitary sands; and that, physically speaking, the light of the world is being kindled as he carries forward the torch."

Over these printed words, Livingstone traced his letter in the lonely jungle after having read the appreciation of his great work from the heart of civilization. The letter is written in a bold hand, and is descriptive of the wild savage part of the country in which Livingstone was traveling alone, but contented at that time. "The valleys into which the water is led," he says in the opening sentence, "are covered with a thick sward of wiry, damp-loving grass and other aquatic plants up to the verge of the forest." Unfortunately the first sentence is practically the only one on either side of the fragment which can be read with little difficulty, and much is impossible to read with the naked eye.

Why There Were no Xmas Papers

There is rather an interesting bit of secret history behind the "unannounced" action of the London newspapers in refraining from publication on Christmas Day. This is a thing which the proprietors of the majority of the journals of the metropolis have been trying to bring about for several years, but previously two important newspapers, namely the "Times" and the "Daily Telegraph" refused to agree.

The Proprietary of the "Times" is Mr. John Murray, and the "Daily Telegraph" is owned by Mr. John Murray. The "Times" is a paper of long standing, and the "Daily Telegraph" is a paper of more recent origin. The "Times" is a paper of long standing, and the "Daily Telegraph" is a paper of more recent origin.

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January Opening of Dainty New Whitewear

Commencing Thursday Morning

This annual exhibit of delightful whitewear has always been of great importance to the ladies of St. John and vicinity. When you come just observe the splendid workmanship, the excellent materials, the distinctiveness of these fascinating lingerie styles. Such a splendid showing is not the result of chance, but of careful planning, of placing orders months ago—and all who aim to have first choice ought not to be far off when the doors swing open.

NIGHT DRESSES

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\$1.00 Nainsook, imitation hand embroidery, low neck, short sleeves edged with lace.

\$1.10 Nainsook, low neck, round yoke of new punch embroidery, neck and sleeves edged with lace.

\$1.10 Nainsook, high neck, long sleeves, plain tucked yoke, neck and sleeves edged with Hamburg embroidery.

\$1.10 Nainsook, high neck, long sleeves, plain tucked yoke, neck and sleeves edged with Hamburg embroidery.

\$1.25 Nainsook, French style, imitation hand embroidery, low neck, short sleeves, neck and sleeves edged with fine embroidery.

\$1.50 Nainsook, V neck, yoke of tucks, neck and sleeves edged with fine embroidery.

\$1.50 Nainsook, low neck, pretty trimmed with cluny lace, beading and ribbon.

\$1.50, Seersucker, square neck, buttoned down front, edged neck and sleeves, lined lace.

\$1.75 Nainsook, low neck, fancy yoke, one row Val lace insertion, neck edged with lace, fancy sleeve, Val lace and lace.

\$1.85 Nainsook Novelty Stripes, neck and sleeves edged fine embroidery.

\$2.25 Nainsook, high neck, tucked front, neck and sleeves edged fine Swiss embroidery, beading and ribbon.

\$2.50 Nainsook, low neck, wide Swiss lace insertion and ribbon, linen lace insertion edged with linen lace, narrow Swiss beading and ribbon.

\$3.00 Fine Nainsook, fancy front of Val lace insertion with lace medallions, fancy short sleeves, edged neck and sleeves with lace.

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40c. Cambric, wide embroidery, beading with ribbon, edged sleeve with lace.

50c. Nainsook, two rows linen insertion, edged with lace.

75c. Nainsook, fancy front lace insertion, medallions, round neck, one row lace insertion, beading and ribbon.

80c. Nainsook, fancy front, Swiss medallions and lace insertion, edged neck and arm hole with lace, beading and ribbon.

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Household Linen and Cotton Sale in Linen Room

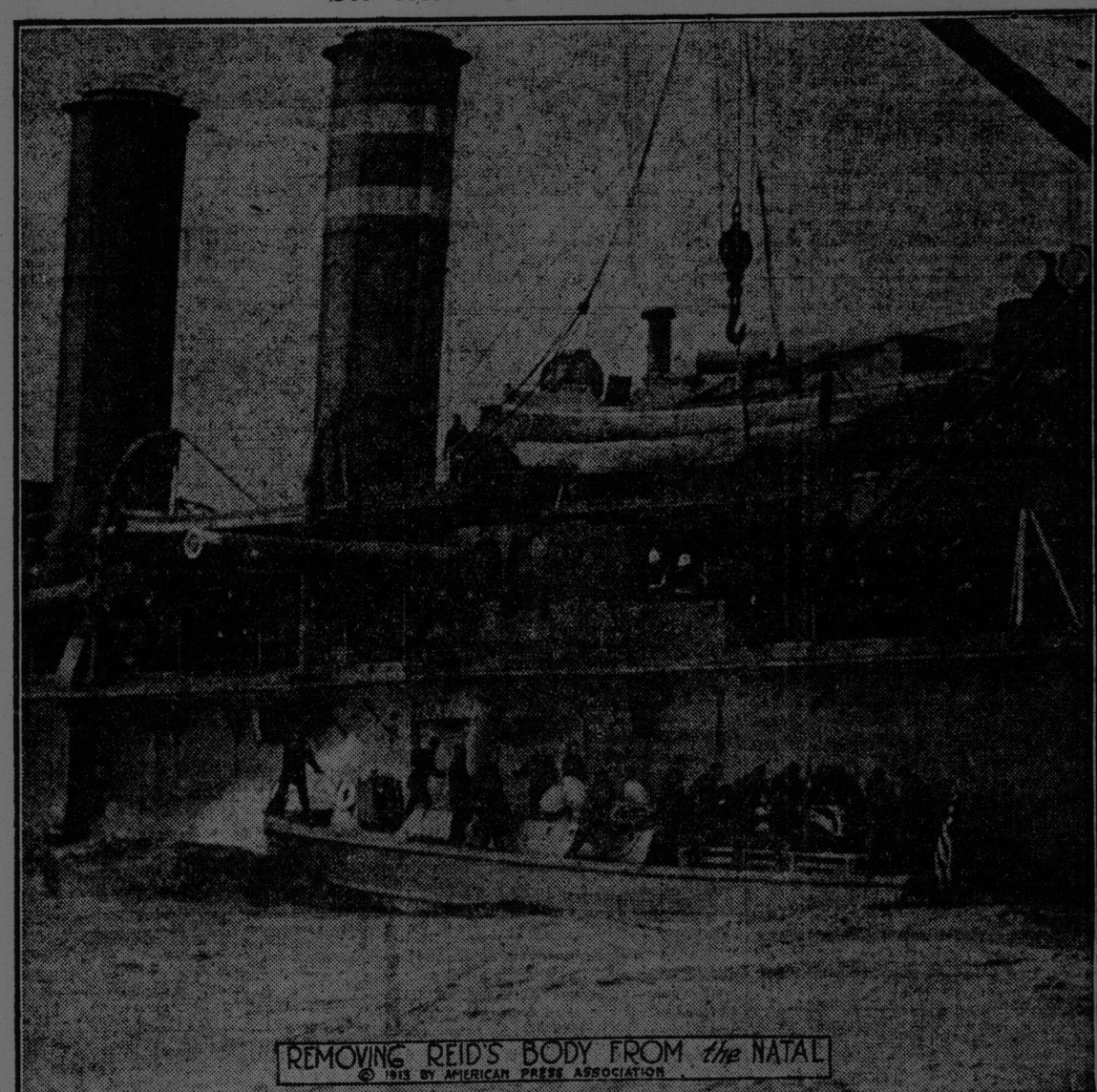
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FEARED FOR BRITISH CRUISER IN NINETY MILE GALE ON WAY TO STATES WITH AMBASSADOR'S BODY



This year, it was decided by all the other newspapers to refrain from publication and the "Times" and "Telegraph" do as they saw fit, when the metropolitan journals suddenly received an ultimatum from the newswriters of the metropolis that they could publish on Xmas day, or not as they pleased, but that if they did publish they could well shelve the papers themselves. This brought the "Times" and "Telegraph" into line, and so yesterday for the first time within living memory London found itself newspaperless on Christmas morning. An acquaintance in the newspaper business in London tells me that the news of the thin edge of the wedge—the probable next move being to cease publication on Good Friday and later on "Bank Holiday"—when the sales of newspapers in the metropolis do not cover the cost of printing them.

The Proposed Washington Monument

"David Christie Murray, novelist, and not Earl Grey, was the originator of the proposition to erect a monument to George Washington in Westminster Abbey," said a veteran London newspaper man to the writer, yesterday. "He advocated it as early as twenty years ago in a London morning newspaper, of which he was then editor, but which, like the novelist himself, is now no more, but at that time he could get no influential support."

"Murray was a keen admirer of everything American. George Washington was his favorite hero, and as an editor he tried hard to work up enthusiasm over his idea of a statue or other memorial to Washington in the national Valhalla, but evidently the time was not ripe for it. Among those Murray saw, by the way, in connection with the memorial project, was the late John Hay, who then was American ambassador to this country, and Mr. Hay gave the idea his private and personal benediction, though, of course, he couldn't identify himself with it officially."

HE HAS CAPTAIN'S PAPERS AT 25, WANTS SHORE BERTH

The Story of a Ship's Officer in Merchant Service—Why he is Tired of It

The following communication has been addressed by a ship's officer to the secretary of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild—

"I was greatly interested in the article you sent to the press concerning the sea as a profession, and the apprentices serving in the W. R. M. S. Company. I would like to say a few words about this matter myself. Eight years ago I was appointed to a northeast coast steamship company and for four years I had to save for forty sovereigns, doing exactly the same work as a sailor and getting the same food."

"I then began to take sea life into serious consideration, and being sick and tired of the watch and watch system, and not getting much time at home, I resolved to try some of our crack companies and eventually was appointed as third officer in a large firm where good food and decent accommodation were given. Of the former I could not complain, but when we arrived in port I was kept continually busy. I was expected to be smartly dressed in my own uniform, and climb up and down every ship's hold and tally cargo all the time cargo was being worked. This was carried on night and day, Sundays as well, and no

overtime paid. Last November we arrived in Liverpool, and the system of leave came into operation, i. e., the second and third officers take twenty-four hours alternatively. I found myself a stranger in Liverpool in charge of a ship with no food provided, all heating apparatus was off, and unable to sleep owing to the rattling of steam winches and 100 men or so tramping and shouting throughout the whole of the night.

"The next day was my day off, but where could I go. I could only tramp the streets, but I was glad to get away from the ship for a few hours. On Saturday night I laid in a supply of provisions intending to cook them myself on the Sunday. When Sunday morning arrived, greatly to my surprise the ship was taking in bunker coal. The galley funnel was working, and the fire out, and throughout the

starboard bow that were smashed in by the furious seas. According to stories told by the officers and men, the cruiser almost went to Davy Jones' locker on the night of Monday, December 23, when she was two days from the Irish coast. A northwest gale blew ninety miles an hour and the seas rose over the foretop, crashing down on the decks and giving the ship a list of forty degrees to port, which jammed the menried away.

"The good Sabbath day the vessel was wrapped in a cloud of coal dust. I went without food all that day, but the day following I did justice to breakfast, dinner and tea on shore, but found that it exhausted my whole day's pay."

"So I have decided if I can get an opportunity to find a position on shore I will willingly serve as a clerk, take charge of a river launch, or any other suitable situation, so long as I can make from 35s. to 42s a week.