

DOG SAVES LIVES. IS SHOT

Remarkable Illustration of the Fidelity That Are Never Relaxed in England.

London.—It is no uncommon thing for a dog to save human life, but the case of a dog who saved three persons from being burned to death in a fire at Egham, a village not twenty miles from London, the other day, and that of the dog that had to pay the penalty of death after being rescued from a sinking ship, owing to the amazing English quarantine regulations, serves as a contrast between canine and human kindness.

A Norwegian sailing ship was driven on the rocks at the Lizard. The crew were taken off by means of the rocket apparatus, when suddenly the captain discovered his dog had been left behind. At great risk and amid cheers the dog, which was a great favorite with the sailors, was rescued. Then fresh trouble arose.

The quarantine regulations had to be complied with. No dog could be landed on the shores of England without the board of trade certificate, and there was no provision for quarantine at the Lizard. Without the necessary permit the captain had broken the law by bringing his dog ashore, and the poor dog, which had been born and lived all its life on board his master's ship, was shot.

English soil, however, provided the little alien with a grave.

ODD BELIEF CAUSED SUICIDE

Man Convinced That Fall of Portrait From Wall Presages Death Kills Himself.

Athens, Ga.—Belief in the odd superstition that the fall of a family portrait presages death is thought to have caused Mark B. Bell, brother of Congressman Thomas Bell, of the Ninth District, to kill himself while in bed.

On the previous evening while there was a gathering of friends at the Bell home a family picture fell from the wall. "That means a death in the family," said a member of the party. "Yes, and I will be the victim," said Bell.

After the friends left Mrs. Bell says her husband became gloomy and referred to the fall of the portrait as a sure sign of death. Mrs. Bell arose and left her husband in bed. Soon after she left the room she heard a shot and, returning, found that her husband had put a bullet through his brain.

Bell was wealthy, being the head of a large marble plant. This is the fourth tragic death in the Bell family in a few years.

Two years ago Lester Bell, a brother, shot himself in the presence of his bride of a few months. Shortly after that the father of Bell was murdered. An uncle also met a violent death.

FUR SALES TOTAL MILLIONS

Trappers and Hunters Make \$2,000,000 on Skins of Wild Animals in Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis.—That trapping of fur-bearing animals is still an industry of much magnitude in Wisconsin is gathered from figures of the state fish and game department. Two million dollars annually represent the sales of pelts.

Seven hundred and fifty thousand muskrats, it is estimated, are trapped in a year, and at 45 cents per rat are worth \$337,500. Three hundred thousand skunk skins a year are sold for an average of \$1.50, or a total of \$450,000. One hundred thousand mink are caught annually. These are worth on an average \$4.50 each, or a total of \$450,000.

It is estimated that other fur-bearing animals bring the hunters and trappers at least \$100,000.

THIS NEGRO TURNS WHITE

Strange Case at Chillicothe, Mo., Is Reported to National Medical Society.

Chillicothe, Mo.—The case of a negro who turned white is reported to the National Medical Society with the hope that something may be learned of the peculiar skin disease which has baffled physicians of north-west Missouri for several years.

The negro, who is dead here, was Dudley Payne, coal black and typically African in features. He came to Chillicothe three years ago. After he had been here a few months he began to turn white in spots. The spots at first appeared on his hands and later spread to the upper part of his body. The change came gradually. At the time of his death Payne's face and the upper part of his body were as white as those of any Caucasian.

Child Hugs Horse's Legs.

St. Louis.—Billy, four-year-old son of William Black of Alton, was thrilled to see a horse in his father's yard. At first the big animal's iron-shod hoofs, glowering mane and flashing eyes frightened the boy. But he gathered courage to approach and then strove the glossy hide. Finally the child flung his arms about the horse's hind leg. The animal kicked and Billy alighted unhurt 40 feet away.

The horse galloped to where the boy lay, but the lad's father ran to the rescue and drove the animal off.

Woman as a Horse thief. Boise, Idaho.—Marion Kirkpatrick, a young woman of twenty-two, is under arrest on the charge of being a daring and successful horse thief.

BOY HOLDS RECORD

Six-Year-Old Child Climbs a Stack 250 Feet in Air.

Follows in Footsteps of Forefathers and Helps His Parent Win Wager From His Fellow Steeple-Jack.

New York.—Six years old, and a steeple-jack. It was born in Danny Klein, son of William Klein, of 8 Hays street, Newark. His father and grandfather and great-grandfathers followed that line of work, and it is only natural that Danny should take to dizzy heights. When he went to the top of the Gorham laundry in Newark the other day and swung there, 250 feet from the ground, while his little hand plied a paint brush, he earned the title of the youngest steeple-jack in the world.

His going up the stack, however, was the result of a wager between his father and Thomas Breen, a brother "Jack." They were talking about the steeples they had climbed, the stacks they had been up, the heights they had surmounted, and how many years they had been in the business.

Klein boasted that his father and his grandfather before him had been steeple-jacks, and that his father went into the work when he was six years old. "I don't believe it," said Breen, candidly. "There ain't any kid of six that's going to go to the top of a stack or anything else."

"There ain't, ain't there?" inquired Klein. "I've got a six-year-old kid that will go up any stack you name. I've got \$25 says so."

"You're on," responded Breen, and the men immediately began making arrangements for little Danny to get up in the world. The agreement was that the youngster was to be securely fastened in the swing and be hauled to the top of the Gorham laundry stack, which towers 250 feet above the ground.

The Newark police were not taken into the confidence of Klein and Breen, for they have a habit of intertonguing with such ventures. Little Danny, smiling and proud, seated himself in the chair and was carefully strapped in. A minute later he was dangling against the side of the stack, going steadily upward and "fending" with his toes, as his father taught him to do, to keep away from the scorching metal, for there was heat in the stack.

Half way up the hoisters halted and his father called up to the youngster to learn how he was feeling. "Fine, dad," came down the answer. "How's the weather down there?"

Up and up he went until he reached the very top. He dipped his brush in his paint bucket and went to work like a veteran. Breen looked on in stricken silence for a minute and then said: "The money's yours, Klein. It's worth that much to see that a kid can do it. But it's born in him."

A great crowd gathered to watch the juvenile steeple-jack, and when he was finally lowered to the ground again there was a rush of women to hug him and men to shake his hand and congratulations poured in on him and on the father of "such a plucky lad."

"How did you like it?" inquired one of the little folk. "Bully," was the prompt reply. "Dad didn't look any bigger'n me when I was up there."

CREATES OPALS WITH SILICA

Lawyer Has Secret Process of Injecting Fire in Manufacture of Precious Gems.

Independence, Mo.—After working patiently for 15 years, never for a moment forgetting his cherished ambition, William Rose, a lawyer of Independence, has discovered a secret process for manufacturing opals of the precious variety.

About all that he will tell is that the opals are made of silica. He has known for a long time how to make the jewels, he says, but only recently discovered how to inject the fire into them. The independence is there, but can only be seen under a glass.

The inventor says, however, it is now only a matter of a short time until he will bring the colors to the surface.

PLOUGHING, TURNS UP BONES

Believed to Be Those of Indians Who Camped in Field Near Marshalltown, Ia.

Marshalltown, Ia.—While ploughing on the Ralph Bennett farm, near Jefferson, Carl Nelson's plough turned over what appeared to be human bones, and upon a deeper excavation two human skulls were found.

The farm has been in possession of the Bennett family for years, and no one could explain the mystery. Old "residents" of the community give as their opinion as an explanation that the skulls are those of Potawatamie Indians who spent the winter of 1863 in that part of the state.

A great many of the Indians formed the camp, and several died owing to the hardships experienced.

Grief for Good Samaritan.

Chicago.—Alexander Di Giacomo, a tailor, acted the part of the good Samaritan by paying the bill for lunch for three strangers. They got him outside, shot him down and stole his bankroll.

MOTHER FIGHTS WITH CAT

Williamsburg, N. Y., Woman Found Animal Inhaling Her Baby's Breath.

New York.—Mrs. Mary Murass, of Williamsburg, was attacked by a big Maltese cat, which suddenly went wild and was severely bitten and scratched before a policeman went to her aid, and, after knocking out the vicious animal with his club, ended its nine lives with chloroform.

Mrs. Murass has four small children, the youngest ten months old. Some four months ago the cat jumped through a window and proceeded to make itself at home, soon becoming a favorite with the children. It was peaceful until a few days ago, when Mrs. Murass noticed it was continually wandering about the house with its eyes glittering strangely.

The youngest Murass child lay sleeping in his crib until the mother heard a faint cry and discovered the cat lying across the child inhaling its breath. Mrs. Murass got a broom and tried to beat off the cat. It thereupon sprang fiercely at her, fixing its teeth in her right shoulder and chewing savagely.

The woman tried with her left hand to free herself, but the cat bit that hand and continued clawing. Mrs. Murass screams were heard by the policeman, who clubbed the cat till it released its hold. The woman was assisted to a drug store and her wounds cauterized.

The carcass of the cat will be subjected to examination for possible symptoms of rabies.

USES PAINT TO MARK FOWLS

Woman and Neighbor in Court Over the Killing of Chicken—Both Discharged.

St. Louis, Mo.—In an effort to keep her chickens distinct from those of her neighbors, Mrs. Katie Schmidt of Westlawn Groves painted their necks green, according to her testimony in Justice Werremeyer's court at Clayton recently. She was prosecuting witness against her next-door neighbor, Mrs. Edith Smith, whom she accused of killing one of her choice Brahmas.

Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Smith each went to feed her chickens one morning about the same time. Mrs. Schmidt said she saw one of her chickens in Mrs. Smith's flock, recognizing it by the paint on its neck. She demanded its return and trouble followed.

Mrs. Smith killed the chicken to settle the dispute, asserting that the fowl belonged to another neighbor, Mrs. J. Stroter, who had given her permission to kill any of her chickens that entered the Smith yard.

Mrs. Stroter went on the stand and testified that she and Mrs. Smith ate the chicken. Judge Werremeyer discharged the defendant after delivering a lecture on the futility of neighborhood fights.

GIRL TRAINS WILD BEASTS

Danzens of the Jungle Permit Brave Young Woman to Enter Their Cage.

London.—Stroking the manes of savage lions as though they were mere house cats, Gwendolyn Murray, a London girl, is nightly startling large crowds at the Bostock menagerie exhibition with her feats as assistant wild beast trainer, a post never before filled by a woman so young.

Although only recently engaged, Miss Murray has demonstrated unusual power over the jungle beasts, and seemingly possesses the requisite self-assurance and personal magnetism generally associated with successful handlers of wild animals. Speaking of the ordeal of her first public appearance in the arena, she admitted that she never thought she could enter the cage, in which lions were performing on pedestals, but when the momentary hesitancy had passed, she advanced fearlessly and after a salute to her audience, bowed herself out again. But had there not been two regular trainers near at hand, Miss Murray admits that she might have been tempted to turn and run.

COW FINDS LOST GOLF BALL

Bovine Shakes Head at Player and Missing Sphere Drops From Ear.

London.—A distinguished member of the king's staff was playing recently on the links at Balmoral. At a critical moment in his match he apparently failed to loft his ball so much as he may have intended in making an approach stroke. His ball was seen to strike a cow, which slowly moved away. When the player came to the spot vacated by the cow his ball was not to be found.

"Not unnaturally, he turned toward the cow with an air which may be presumed to have mingled question with apology. The cow deprecatingly shook her head, as if to declare with deep regret that she could offer no suggestion as to the player's difficulties, or the errant missile. The movement, however, dislodged the ball from her right ear."

Rainey Kills Twenty-Seven Lions.

London.—A dispatch from British Central Africa says that Paul Rainey, the American sportsman, with R. B. Woomnam, a game ranger, last Saturday killed twenty-seven lions in the game preserve near Kapti and a number of others outside the closed area.

The hunters employed Mr. Rainey's pack of Russian bear hounds to find and round up the quarry.

CLERK DUPES MANY

Berlin Youth Loses Cash for Later Profits.

Housewives Were First Victims in "Cheap Living Scheme"—Small Capitalists His Prey—Also Lived Double Life.

Berlin.—Hans Miller, a copying clerk in the law courts at \$750 a week, has discovered a new high road to fortune, his progress along which has, however, been suddenly stopped by the police. To moneyed acquaintances he told a tale of a friendly high official in the patent office, through whose mediation he was able to do profitable business in the exploitation of marketable inventions.

His stories were supported by plausible manners, remarkable readiness in lying, and a number of ingenious expedients. For instance, he went to inform the wives of his intended victims that through some mysterious association of which he was a member he was able to purchase provisions at specially advantageous rates.

If they expressed a desire to share in these benefits he would buy the goods asked for at current rates, pass them on to the delighted housewives at a fraction of the same, and for the time being defray the difference out of his own pocket.

He was also profuse with opera and theater tickets, which he professed to obtain by virtue of his high connection, but which he really bought at the box offices, like any ordinary mortal.

By such devices he won the confidence of small capitalists and induced them to intrust him with money for his patent transactions. Their first investments were always prepaid with handsome profits, which increased their avarice, their confidence and their speculations.

This system of Muller proved enormously remunerative, for his takings from it, so far as discovered, amounted to \$100,000 in a year. When he was arrested he had \$25,000 on his person.

A curious feature of the case is that while in the circle of his victims he was under an assumed name, boasting of his important connections, and spending money right and left, and at the same time was living with his mother and sister the careful and modest life of a copying clerk.

SOCIETY MAN WEDS NURSE

A. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer of Stockbridge, Mass., Marries Miss Mabel Watts at Pittsfield.

Pittsfield, Mass.—A. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer, a member of the Van Rensselaer family of New York city, was married in this city to Miss Mabel Louise Watts, a trained nurse, of North Adams.

The wedding is the culmination of a romance which began early last summer when Miss Watts was called to Fair Acres, the Van Rensselaer home at Stockbridge, to nurse the groom during a severe illness. While Mr. Van Rensselaer was convalescing he rented a furnished house in this city and Miss Watts remained with him until his complete recovery. Then he proposed to her, according to their friends, and was accepted.

Mr. Van Rensselaer is about sixty years old and his bride less than half that age. He has lived in Stockbridge for many years, and is prominent socially.

The marriage took place in the Methodist parsonage. Miss Watts is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gleason F. Watts, and was graduated from the Bishop training school for nurses of this city.

DREDGE BRINGS UP COINS

Hundreds of Dollars Lost Overboard From Wharf by Excursionists and Others.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Employees on the government dredge in the harbor at San Pedro have been gathering a harvest of coin amounting to hundreds of dollars. While the dredge was operating at the Fifth street landing, deepening the channel from twenty-five to thirty feet, two of the men who kept watch on the discharge pipe recovered \$135.

Another picked up \$40 in various denominations out of rubber coupling on one of the pipes in which the coins had lodged.

No work has been done at that point for years, and in the meantime purses and money have been constantly lost off the wharf by excursionists and others.

Many tons of coal, lost overboard long ago, have also been recovered.

FORTUNE GONE; IS WAITER

Man Found in New York Dance Hall Was Traced Around the World.

New York.—How a man spent an inheritance of \$50,000, then disappeared and was traced almost around the world was told in the undefended divorce action of Mrs. Hazel W. R. Ash against Frank Ash, Jr. The case was before Justice Stapleton in the supreme court in Brooklyn. The plaintiff, it was testified, disappeared two years ago and was found in a Chicago dance hall, where, under an alias, it was asserted, he is now employed as a waiter.

INDIAN AS CO-RESPONDENT

Wealthy New Yorker Objected to Wife's Trip Into Mountain With Red Skin.

Bridgeport, Conn. Walter Ferguson, Jr., of Stamford, was granted a decree of divorce in the Superior court here by Judge Howard J. Curtis. George Graham, a half-breed Indian guide, was named as the co-respondent. Mrs. Ferguson's cross suit on the ground of cruelty and her application for alimony were denied. Mr. Ferguson is a wealthy manufacturer. Mrs. Ferguson comes from a prominent Philadelphia family. Trips into the Maine woods with the guide as Mrs. Ferguson's companion, furnished the basis for her husband's suit.

Walter Ferguson, Jr., is wealthy and has a handsome home at Strawberry Hill, Stamford. He is in business in New York, where Mrs. Ferguson has been living for sometime. The latter is well known in Philadelphia. Her father is a distiller.

Many stories of a sensational nature helped to enliven the trial, which began at Bridgeport on October 26. Mrs. Ferguson admitted that she was a great admirer of the big, handsome guide, but insisted on the witness stand nevertheless that her husband was the only man she ever really loved. She testified that the fact that Graham was a half-breed Indian only increased her interest in him.

Mrs. Ferguson on the witness stand admitted having bought a pair of gold suspender buckles and a pair of gold garter buckles for the guide, as well as silk shirts and pajamas.

LIFE PERSERVER TRAVELS FAR

Drift from a Wreck ON the Coast of Japan Is Picked Up Near the Shetland Islands.

San Francisco.—Drifting half around the globe, a life-preserver from the wreck of the steamer Stanley Dollar, which went ashore on the Japan coast in August, 1905, was picked up recently on the beach at Oullivoe, Shetland Islands, according to a letter received here by Stanley Dollar, of the Dollar Steamship Company.

The letter was written by John Gear of Oullivoe, whose son is in the employ of the Dollar Company, and includes a clipping from the Shetland Times.

Whether the drifting cork jacket made its way to the other side of the world by currents sweeping around the Cape of Good Hope or Cape Horn, or whether it navigated the Northwest Passage is a mystery to seamen here.

Although the life preserver had been in the water more than six years and had drifted more than 10,000 miles, the name of the steamer was said to be clearly decipherable, as were also the words "passed by J. G. S. F. (al. June 1, 1905)." "J. G." is said by customs officers to be Inspector James Guthrie, who passed on the safety appliances on the steamer a short time before she left on her last voyage.

The life saver will be brought here and kept as a memento by the Dollar Company.

LOVE IN COTTAGE BETTER

Two Rooms in a Flat and a Kitchenette Don't Bring Bliss, a California Judge Says.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The serpent of Eden tempting the Eves of the present day, and married life in two rooms in a flat and a kitchenette, are the causes given by Judge W. M. Conley of Madera, who is sitting in extra sessions here, as underlying the facts contained in a statistical statement of the county clerk that there is one divorce in Los Angeles in every three marriages.

Judge Conley is presiding over the divorce court here. The high cost of living, he said, also has something to do with the widespread desire to surrender matrimonial ties. Speaking of a remedy, Judge Conley said: "Flower and vegetable gardens, which would occupy the idle moments of women and keep them in the open, would tend to lessen the divorce evil."

"Eighty per cent of the men in California earn about \$75 a month," added Judge Conley, "and some women spend a month's wages to get a feather for a hat."

JURORS DRANK THE EVIDENCE

Georgia Judge Admonishes Talesman in Blind Tiger Case—Decision Was "Warped."

Atlanta, Ga.—Moderation in the consideration and likewise in the consumption of liquid evidence was preached to the juries of Georgia in a decision handed down by the Court of Appeals in the case of J. Morse, charged with keeping liquor on hand for sale and with the sale of it.

The decision of the lower court was reversed on the ground that the defendant should not have been charged with two offenses in the same indictment.

The high court admonished the jurors against "consuming too much of the evidence," and said that while liquor may be introduced that the jurors may taste, smell and thereby see that it is the genuine stuff, it is unseemly that they consume enough of it to warp their decision in passing on the case.

Down Attracts Attention.

New York.—A shimmering form-fitting gown of golden color attracted so much attention at the Hotel Breslin that the manager asked the wearer to leave the dining room. The gown was of rubber.

POLICE HELP POOR

Organization Started by London Officers Aided by Cadets.

Will Extend Imperial Service Corps, Now Two Years Old, Which Takes Children in Hand and Helps Needy.

London.—From Brighton town hall an influential signed appeal has just been issued for funds to extend the Imperial service cadet corps, an organization whose origin is bound up with the remarkable and romantic career of the Brighton police scheme for clothing destitute children.

The cadet corps is only two years old, the police charity nearly eight. The story of the latter is one of the most bracing human narratives which could be placed before the public. The police of Brighton have worked the charity themselves, taking note of the destitute children in the streets, visiting their homes to make inquiries and fitting them out with new clothes on certain days when the children attended at the building which had been acquired for a wardrobe.

The public supported the scheme well, the police grew increasingly keen as they saw its good results, and the progress of the movement has been such that according to the last annual report 339 boys and 295 girls were clothed in the year 1909-10.

In course of their inquiries the police found that many young girls were desirous of entering domestic service could not do so because they had no suitable clothes. The same report states that forty-three girls were supplied with complete outfits for entering service, and that the policemen's wives, having formed themselves into a working class at the police institute, made 205 garments.

The question of discipline and employment for the growing lads arose and led to the formation of the Imperial Service Cadet corps by the chief constable, who is lieutenant colonel of the corps. As stated in the appeal referred to, it aims not only "at taking the boy in hand when he leaves school and helping him in co-operation with the labor exchanges to find employment, but continuing his education in at least some of those habits and industries which the state has already taught him."

King Edward was greatly interested in the movement, and on Feb. 12, 1910, while on a visit to Brighton, he paid a call at the Central police station, Town hall, inspected a number of the lads and the clothing and boots prepared for them, and had the whole scheme explained to him by Lieutenant Colonel Gentile. Afterwards his majesty said: "I have been deeply interested and touched by what I have seen and heard. I think this work a most excellent one. I heartily congratulate you and your committee and wish you continued success."

The cadet corps has now been recognized by the war office as part of the territorial force. It numbers 250 boys under the direction of 15 officers.

Lieutenant Colonel Gentile says that the police of Brighton are extremely happy in their work for the children, and that the latter grow up to know, respect and even love the police. The scheme has also promoted a better understanding between the police and the public.

The police believe that the cadet corps helping the boy "when the time comes for him to become a wage earner," will not only prevent juvenile crime and exterminate the tramp, but will help to prevent people getting into a state of acute destitution.

The immediate object of the appeal is for funds to erect suitable headquarters for the corps at Brighton. A free site in a central situation has been offered by C. R. Scrase-Dickins, and the building, with its furniture and fittings, will cost £3,000.

LAZY FATHER SENT TO JAIL

Californian to Work Two Years for County—Money Earned to Be Paid Family.

Sacramento, Cal.—Edward Westlake was sentenced to two years confinement in the county jail by Superior Judge Hayes as a "lazy" father. The sheriff was ordered to put Westlake at work on public roads. The law under which Westlake was sentenced provides that a husband or father who fails to provide for his family shall, upon conviction, be put at work for the county and paid \$1.50 a day, the money to be paid over to his family.

CARRIES CELESTIAL ON BACK

So-Called King of Border Smugglers Arraigned at El Paso, Tex., on Serious Charge.

El Paso, Tex.—Tomas Montes, a Mexican known as the king of Chinese smugglers on the border, was arraigned before the United States commissioner on a charge of smuggling Chinese into the United States from Juarez. Montes was captured in the middle of the Rio Grande with a Chinaman complacently mounted upon his back.

Gets Pay for Mal De Mer.

Chicago, Ill.—A jury in the United States District court awarded \$11,000 damages to Miss Birdie Lynch for injuries she received on one of the company's steamers during an attack of sea sickness.