

Telling ON CANADA AND THE BRITISH EMPIRE

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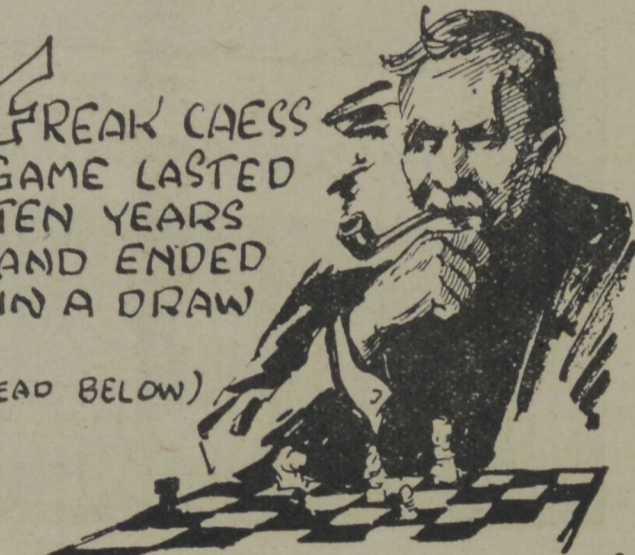
THE WEGRICH TRIPLETS OF PORT COLBORNE (ONT) WERE THE ONLY THREE OF THE KIND OVERSEAS.



PETER OWNED BY MAUD. R. HALL OAKVILLE (ONT) IS 27 YEARS OLD AND STILL SINGS

FREAK CHESS GAME LASTED TEN YEARS AND ENDED IN A DRAW

(READ BELOW)



IRELAND'S FAMOUS JUDGE LYNCH HIMSELF HANGED HIS OWN SON.

A CRYPTOGRAM IS NOT A SECRET MESSAGE OR CIPHER BUT A PLANT

MANY BROTHERS fought side by side during the Great War, and there are some recorded cases of twins, but to Canada fell the distinction of having the only triplets bearing arms in the Allied forces. They were James, William and John Wegrich, from the Ontario town of Port Colborne. All three enlisted on the same day, and wanted to enter the air force together, but the authorities ruled otherwise, so Jim and Bill saw their service with the 67th Battery, C.E.F., while Jack did his bit in the aviation branch.

All three survived the war, and Jack and Bill are today back in the old home town, while Jim is a resident of Niagara Falls, N. Y. Their war separation was the first one of consequence for the triplets, who stuck closely together during boyhood days. They travelled through the three R's together, and when one of the three failed on his entrance examination, Hon. Dr. Pyne, then Provincial Minister of Education, passed him along with his more fortunate brothers.

Parents, teachers and friends generally were the subject of amusement galore for the Wegrich boys, who were as similar in appearance as the proverbial peas in a pod. Jim got blamed for sundry of Bill's exploits, and as frequently Jack took credit for meritorious work by his brother. Each of their "girls" often were unwitting victims of hoaxes by the brothers.

The notorious Lynch law that is so frequently exercised in the Southern United States was inaptly named after an Irish judge whose sense of justice was so stern that he not only condemned his son to death, but acted as execu-

tioner himself. When he sentenced the boy to death for a criminal offence, Judge Lynch realized that the regular court officials were reluctant to carry on the sentence, so he determined to take the law into his own hands and hung the wayward youth from a second storey window of their home. Sight-seers in Ireland often have had the building pointed out to them as a place of horrible significance.

Chess is generally regarded as an example of slow motion, but the record performance is believed to be that of two Yorkshire devotees who spent ten years at one game whose outcome was a stalemate.

Messrs. Kaye and Garside, of the Linthwaite Chess Club, were the participants in this novel form of endurance, which began when Kaye went to Australia. Declining to permit distance to cause a cancellation of their chess activities, the two inaugurated a game by mail, which progressed at the rate of about forty moves a year until it had spun its existence into a decade.

The long-lived Hall canary is a German roller, which was six months old when brought from Germany in 1908. He is blind and his feet are bad, but he hears well and sings a little every day for his mistress.

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FRIENDLY ENEMIES

The terrible capacity for destructiveness which the white ant possesses was recently again illustrated at Darwin, Northern Australia. Short circuits had constantly severed the telephone service, and it was found that white ants had eaten through cement, an inch thickness of earthenware, a thick coating of vaseline and arsenic, a quarter-inch lead cable, and the insulation of the telephone wires!

Yet in Burma this very destructiveness is turned to account. Sandalwood is one of the country's most precious assets, but the hard and fragrant heart wood

alone has value. As the tree grows the valuable heart is overlaid by a soft and worthless layer, forming eventually two-thirds of the trunk.

It is here that the white ant comes to man's aid. When the tree is felled and cut into lengths it is allowed to lie, and at once the ants get busy on the soft wood which is sappy and sweet enough to attract them first. In a few weeks they deliver the heart free of all the worthless sap wood.

It was a bad month for magicians. Houdini's brother was nearly suffocated in an escape stunt, and six Philadelphia lawyers were debarred.

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viding these good roads and they deserve the commendation of every citizen for their work in this direction.

SANDWICH IS MEAL

Denver.—A 10-cent sandwich legally constitutes a meal in Colorado, under a recent ruling of Secretary of State James H. Carr, who has charge of enforcement of the state liquor laws. A law enacted by the recent session of the state assembly provides for the serving of alcoholic drinks with meals only.

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