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British Explorers Will Make Search For Sacrifice Tree

A Woman to Accompany Party to the Island of Sinbad the Sailor—Will Hunt for the Tree Which is Said to Devour Human Beings, Offered as a Sacrifice

LONDON, Aug. 18—A band of British explorers, including one woman, will land on the island of Sinbad the Sailor in a few weeks to search for the mysterious Madagascar "sacrifice tree," which devours human beings.

The so-called man-eating tree, which actually is said to take the lives of young girls rather than men, is not a product of the imagination, high authorities declared.

Capt. V. De La Motte Hurst, a fellow of the Royal Geographic Society, has been convinced that it not only exists, but that each year it devours several of the most beautiful maidens of the island. The superstitious tribes offer the girls to the tree as sacrifices, he said.

MR. BRUCE A SPEAKER AT A LUNCHEON

Ottawa, Aug. 17—"We hope by Saturday to announce to the world that this Conference is a success," Rt. Hon. Stanley M. Bruce, leader of the Australian delegation to the Imperial Economic Conference, declared here today at a luncheon given in honor of the various delegations by the City of Ottawa.

"Our responsibility," he added, "is to lay the foundations truly and soundly in order that the structure will ensure to the benefit of the British peoples and the people of the world."

The luncheon, presided over by Mayor J. J. Allen, was featured by brief addresses delivered by the heads of all nine delegations to the Conference. In the main these struck the common note, one of thanks to the Capital for the hospitality extended to them during their stay here. Admiration for the beauties of Ottawa was generously expressed.

Echoing Mr. Bruce's sentiment, Rt. Hon. J. G. Coates of New Zealand, believed that while the various Commonwealth states might not get all they wanted, nevertheless the Conference results would reveal themselves to be great strides forward in the task of putting inter-Dominion commercial relationships on permanent basis.

HANDICAPPERS SAYS DON'T BET

New York, N. Y., Aug. 17—Walter Vosburgh, handicapper for the Jockey Club for many years and a turfman for fifty years, says "Anybody can handicap a horse if he studies his characteristics and is painstaking in computing the past performance charts."

He has no "system," he says, beyond observation and the charts.

With all his knowledge, he has not made a bet on a race since 1887. "I learned early in my career that you can't beat 'em," he says.

Will Probated

The will of the late Lemuel V. Cowperthwaite, of St. Mary's, has been admitted to probate before Judge West. The estate is valued at \$3,000, of which \$2,000 represents real property.

PANNING FOR GOLD IN RIVERS OF WASHINGTON

Sultan, Washington, August 18 — With godpan and shovel, approximately 3,500 men and women are now engaged in the primitive method of extracting gold from basic gravels in central Washington.

No one gets rich, nor will they even discover bonanzas as there are no large veins nor pockets of gold in the mountains of this note. But all river gravels are carriers of gold. The metal is present in a "floury" state, small meal, kernels and nuggets. The scores of workers busily engaged at the water's edge washing out the dirt and sand from pans averaging during a long day, from dawn to dusk from 50 cents to \$5.

"It's hard work, but it beats the breadline," remarked a sun-tanned miner.

SEAL BOY IS INJURED, AN EVIL OMEN, THEY SAY

New York, N. Y., Aug. 17—The seal boy was in the hospital today with what was believed to be a fractured skull, and the freaks of the Forty second street dime circus viewed the injury as an evil omen.

The seal boy, Grover Cleveland Bramel, no arms and shriveled legs, was being carried to a taxicab after the grand performance Tuesday night. An automobile whizzed by. The seal boy was dropped to the pavement as his bearer jumped to safety.

TOWN GREET FIRST VISITOR

Campbell, California, August 17—This community was all agog the other day. For the first time in 40 years a railroad ticket had been purchased from San Jose to Campbell. Local residents, informed of the passenger's coming, turned out en masse to view the spectacle.

The potato contains 87 per cent water.

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE IN THE MURDER CASE

Many Witnesses Testify in Behalf of the Crown at the Trial of Joseph Norman Pitre.

Bathurst, N. B., Aug. 17—Cross-examining of Crown witnesses today brought forth several disclosures in the trial of Joseph Norman "Rufus" Pitre, young Beresford, Gloucester county man, charged with the murder on April 20 last of George G. Smith, aged South Tetagouche store-keeper who died as a result of a bullet piercing his head.

Among the eight who gave evidence today as the trial opened, Wallace Pitre, a brother of the accused, also charged with the same murder, was the "star" witness for the Crown. Two points in his testimony, upon which the full glare of the defence counsels' questioning played most persistently, were trouble in the Pitre family concerning their farm and the method in which Royal Canadian Mounted Police obtained a confession from Wallace.

C. T. Richard, M. L. A., Bathurst, was the keen interrogator in this regard. G. T. Feeney, Bathurst, his associate, was alert in questioning the widow of the murdered man in connection with the fact, disclosed in evidence, that a doctor was not summoned for Mr. Smith, before he died, three hours after he was shot.

Dr. John C. Meahan, West Bathurst in answer to a question of the Crown prosecutor, A. M. Robichaud, Caraguet in this regard declared: "I think he bled to death. Nothing could have been done to save his life if a dozen doctors had been called."

Wallace Pitre admitted discord in his family regarding the farm and signing his share over to his mother, but denied having trouble with his brother Rufus.

"Do you swear you didn't have trouble with Rufus?" he was asked. "I don't remember," was his answer.

"Lavish Promises"

Recounting long periods of close questioning of Wallace by several of the police during two days was included in the evidence given under cross-examination.

"Lavish promises" to use the words of His Lordship, Mr. Justice A. T. LeBlanc, Moncton, presiding at the trial, that Wallace would "get" not more than two years if he admitted his part in several alleged crimes in the past two years, were given by the police, the "star" witness declared.

These, however, were not relied upon by him, he said.

"Do you expect to get entirely free for giving your evidence here?" he was asked by Deputy Attorney General R. P. Hartley, Fredericton, associated with Mr. Robichaud in the prosecution.

"No," Wallace replied.

In the evidence of the witnesses heard today the story of the crime was fairly well pieced together, although there are yet many missing links.

Reached For Hammer

A new aspect appeared when it was disclosed in evidence that George Smith reached for a hammer on the wall, when according to Wallace, he was faced with a revolver in the hands of Rufus across the counter of his little store that fatal night.

Evidence of Mrs. Smith and of a

LORD KYLSANT IS LIBERATED FROM PRISON

Swindling Ship Owner Walks Out to Begin Life Anew

WAS GREETED BY HIS WIFE

Defrauded Public With a False Financial Statement

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

London, Aug. 18—The Great Iron gates of Wormwood Scrubbs prison opened today and Lord Kysant, who once controlled more world shipping than any other man, walked out to greet his wife and to begin life anew after almost a year behind the bars. The tall broad-shouldered aristocrat had just completed a sentence for instituting the public to invest in the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company on the basis of a false financial statement. When he emerged—dressed in a dark grey lounge suit, light shirt, high white collar, black tie and grey stetson hat—he appeared utterly broken in spirit. A recent illness in prison left lines that did not disappear when he smiled.

MR. COCKBURN HEAD OF GRAND LODGE K. OF P.

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 17—George H. L. Cockburn, M.L.A., of St. Stephen, N. B., will guide the destinies of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Maritime domain, for the ensuing year. He was elected to office of Grand Chancellor at the closing session of the 46th annual convention here today. He succeeds J. Walter Scott, Springhill, N. S., Immediate Past Grand Chancellor.

Heading the list of associate officers are: Lloyd Weatherbee, New Waterford, grand vice-chancellor; Frank L. Greason, Saint John, grand prelate; Albert E. Prince, Saint John, grand keeper of records and seals; E. F. Smith, Glace Bay, grand master of the exchequer; Frank W. Beattie, Bridgetown, N. S., grand master at arms; Hugh J. Flemming, Juniper, N. B., grand inner guard; Anthony Priest, Halifax, grand outer guard, and B. L. Fullerton, Truro, grand trustee.

nephew and neighbor, Raymond Smith a farmer, was to the effect that George Smith was an old and feeble man, although "always active, even though he should have been a bed," according to his widow.

Mrs. Smith was unable to identify Wallace and Rufus as the two men whom she was at her house at the time of the murder.

Photographs taken of the exterior and interior of the building were used extensively in the examination of witnesses, who included: Inspector Reginald Bettenay, commanding Bathurst sub-district of the R. C. M. P.; A. C. Cormier, Bathurst photographer; Wallace Pitre, Mrs. Smith, Dr. Meahan, Albert Payne, a Tetagouche farmer; Raymond Smith and Edmund Duguay, of Beresford.

Following the tedious empanelling of a petit jury which includes ten farmers, one clerk and one merchant, Mr. Robichaud gave the Crown's opening address, outlining what the prosecution intended to prove. He disclosed that the accused's sweetheart would testify and that letters found in Rufus' cell would be put in evidence.

Eight witnesses gave testimony on the behalf of the Crown up to the time of adjournment.

Mollison Off on A Flight Across Atlantic Ocean

Newly Wedded Scotchman Hero of Two History-Making Flights, Hopes to Make Round Trip to New York From Ireland Within Three Days—Big Crowd Saw Him Off.

PORT MARNOCK STRAND, Ireland, Aug. 18 —A 27-year-old newly married Scotchman, hero of two history-making distance flights, roared across the Atlantic today in an attempt to make the round trip to New York in his tiny plane within three days.

James A. Mollison, who holds the Australian-England and the England-Capetown speed records, and who was married last July to Amy Johnson, famous British girl flier, took off at 5.35 Eastern Standard Time, and headed into a dreary haze.

A large crowd cheered among them Amy Johnson Mollison, who is to England what Lindbergh is to America, hoped to reach Harbor Grace, Nfld., in twenty hours and to fly on to New York after refuelling.

CHEAP FARES BY RAILWAYS FOR LABOR DAY

Montreal, Aug. 17—Extension of the return date on the Labor Day excursion tickets on Canadian National Railways was announced by C. P. Riddell, chairman of the Canadian Passenger Association. The return portions of these tickets, it was announced, would be good until Tuesday, Sept. 6th. The going portions of the Labor Day week-end tickets, which are to be sold at one and one-quarter times the regular first-class one way fare, will be good from noon on Friday, Sept. 2nd, until on Monday, Sept. 5th. An extension of the time for the going journey. This special rate is good between all stations in Canada, and has been made effective so as to bring travel over the final long holiday week-end of the year within reach of as many Canadians as possible.

MRS. W. M. BURNS WAS HOSTESS AT A MOST DELIGHTFUL AT HOME

Mrs. William Burns was at home at her residence in Charlotte street from four to six o'clock yesterday afternoon in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Burns, of London, Ont., who, with her husband is visiting here. The affair proved most enjoyable and was largely attended. Mrs. Burns and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Burns, of Devon, assisted in receiving the guests.

Mrs. W. M. Burns wore a dress of black lace and Mrs. Harry Burns was similarly attired. The guest of honor was costumed in pale green French organdie, with large hat of lace straw and shoes to match.

Miss Frances Murray opened the door and Mrs. Reginald S. Murray ushered the guests into the dining room.

Mrs. R. A. McMullan and Mrs. D. H. Ferguson poured for the first hour, and were relieved by Mrs. Grace Davis and Mrs. Walter C. Burden. Those who served were Mrs. Ernest Myers, Mrs. Osgood Witherby, Mrs. Blaine Pugh and Miss Gertrude Davis. Mrs. Ella Robinson and Mrs. S. S. Dryden replenished. The floral decorations were sweet peas in the dining room and dahlias and gladiolas in the living room and halls.

CONFERENCE DELEGATES WILL SAIL TODAY

Montreal, Quebec, Aug. 18—The conference ship—Canadian Pacific Liner Empress of Britain—is definitely scheduled to sail from Quebec in the small hours of Sunday morning it was learned here last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas and Neville Chamberlain will head the party of returning members of the United Kingdom delegation. Familiar to them as the ship in which they come to Canada the 42,500 ton Empress of Britain will not this time warrant the title "Floating Downing Street" that was bestowed on her last month as the Cabinet Ministers are looking forward to long, lazy hours of relaxation after their strenuous labours at Ottawa. The hours will not be long however, for the fast vessel makes the passage in less than five days and the British Statesmen will find themselves transported from capital to capital in less than six days.

Messer Remanded 8 Days

An eight-day remand has been given Edison Messer, 27, of Harvey Station, driver of the truck which overturned at Yoho Crossing (York or Sunbury county) on Friday and resulted in two deaths and serious injuries to others. Messer, who has been in the York County Jail since the accident, appeared before Magistrate Limerick yesterday afternoon and on the posting of bonds of \$2,000 was allowed out on bail. The Harvey man is charged under Section 285 of the Canada Criminal Code, with causing actual bodily harm to Mrs. Elsie Messer and others. Mrs. Messer, the most seriously injured of those in the Victoria Public Hospital, was reported this afternoon as being about the same. Her condition is understood to be critical, she having a fractured spine. The others, five in number, are recovering.

Married Yesterday

Samuel Willard Waugh and Lillian Mildred Phillips both of Russignish were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. M. H. Mason at the parsonage. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends and relatives. The young couple will reside in Russignish.