

FAMOUS ASTOR DIAMOND HAS REMARKABLE HISTORY

Sancy is Claimed to be Among Astor Jewels—This Gem Once was Taken from Stomach of Messenger Who Lost His Life Guarding It—Charles the Bold the First Possessor—It is Valued at Seventy-five Thousand Dollars.

The British House of Windsor, and they parted with his diamonds have as Cullinan and other precious crown jewels, but the British House of Commons with La Tour's diamond as an "honorable member," can now claim the Sancy which for fame ranks with any of them.

History Uncertain

Or perhaps it can be said there lies the story. When the late William Waldorf Astor—Viscount Astor of Heyer Castle as he came to be in England—gave Clivedon estate to his son, the present Viscount, on the occasion of the latter's wedding with Mrs. Nancy Langhorne Shaw he presented to his new daughter-in-law a magnificent "flattish, pear-shaped brooch, rather off color and with a white feather flaw said to weigh 53½ carats," to quote the experts. It was said to be valued at \$75,000 and to be the Sancy, a stone as well known to European history as to European gem fanciers. The new edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica states of the Sancy that "it now belongs to the son of (the late) Viscount Astor." But W. R. Costello, author of an interesting book on "The Diamond" as cautious a chronicler as he is an expert, raises the question by declaring that there are but two things upon which writers agree, viz. that the first owner was Charles the Bold Duke of Burgundy, and that later it came into the possession of Nicholas de Bary, Baron de Sancy, after whom it was named. Following Mr. Costello's relation of the conjectural history of this unusual stone, according to some it was an heirloom in the family of Charles the Bold and was brought from Constantinople by an Ambassador. Its history between Charles and the Baron de Sancy is uncertain. Some say it was lost with the former's other treasures at the battle of Granson in 1476, when the Swiss soldiers who looted his tent had no idea of the value of the things they found. They supposed his vessels of gold and silver were of tin and copper

of Russia.

Another account says that it was among the Spanish crown jewels ten years after it left France and that Prince Demidoff owned it from 1828 to 1858 when he sold it for almost \$100,000. In 1867 Prince Demidoff's stone was exhibited at the Paris Exhibition and later purchased by the Marquis of Puthala.

There is a tale which has the stone stolen from among the crown jewels of France, as related recovered by Pouché for Napoleon and sold by Prince Paul Demidoff, next owned by the Earl of Westmeath and passing into the hands of the multimillionaire Sir Jamesjee Sahebji. Sir Jamesjee's beautiful stone now adorns a tiara which is worn by the American woman who sits in the House of Commons.

Beautiful, but is it the Sancy? With the tale are gathered from the multiplicity of contradictory stories about the history of this diamond that there may have been several stones known by the name. It is also possible that the irregular cut stone of Charles the Bold has been at some time since re-cut and not publicly mentioned and that the more perfectly cut pear-shaped diamond long among the French crown jewels is the same as the irregular stone which originally bore the name of Sancy.

AND WHERE IS THAT?

Mr. Greiger did not escape entirely. He was hit on the contrary.—Colorado Springs paper.

LEAP YEAR SAID TO BE RULED BY ANCIENT LAWS

Woman's Right to Propose at This Time is Founded on a Myth But was Enacted in the Statutes as Far Back as 1288—A Curious Book on Courtship and Matrimony Published in London in the Year 1606.

(New York Sun)

According to an old myth, a girl proposing to matrimony in leap year is at liberty not only to choose her life partner, but should the man of her choice by any chance feel indisposed to waver by her side he is under obligation to soften her disappointment

by proffering a silk gown and a kiss.

In these days, when the prices for raiment of any material not to mention silk, have soared to such inaccessible heights it might be advantageous for a man "to cherish and obey," repent and rue, for the rest of his quota on earth rather than produce the price for an all-silk gown.

An old law, said to have existed in Scotland in the year 1288 may afford additional comfort to sceptical spinsters of today, even to the extent of rejuvenating their hopes for securing during the coming year a spouse, a silk gown, a kiss, or all three; at all events, it will doubtless instill further assurance as to the veracity of this time-worn but none the less tender privilege. This law reads:

"It is statut and ordaint that during the rein of her most blessed Majesty, for ilk yeare knowne as leape yeare, ilk mayden layde of bothe hiegh and lowe estate, shall have liberte to bespeke ye man she likes, albeit he refuses to take her to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye sum of pundis or less as h's estate may be; except and avis gif he make it appeare that he is bethrathit and other women, he then shall be free."

A few years later a similar law in France received the approval of the King. It is also said that before Columbus sailed on his famous voyage a like privilege was granted to the mothers of Florence and Genoa.

A curious little book entitled "Love Courtship and Matrimony," published in London in 1606, contains the following contribution apropos to the subject:

"Albeit it nowe become a part of the common lawe in regard to social relations of life, that as often as every leape yeare doth return, the ladies have the sole privilege during the time it continueth of making love, either by wordes or looks, as to them it seemeth proper, and moreover, no man will be entitled to benefit of clergy who doth in any wise treat her with elight or contumely."

STRANGE, BUT TRUE.

A woman is keen for new wrinkles in mild ery stockings and clothes. But paws up the ground. And storms when she's found. A new one each side of her nose.

NOT WITHOUT HOPE.

Old Gentleman (to boy fishing)—"Caught any hing, sonny?" Youngster—No, but I expect to when I get home."

Just when we have things worked around so we can make both ends meet, somebody moves the ends.

Scientists say the sun is due to go cold in 12,000,000 years. It seems to be cold enough now.

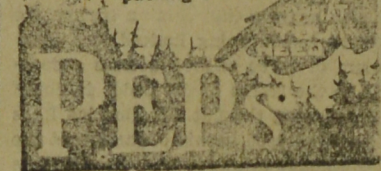
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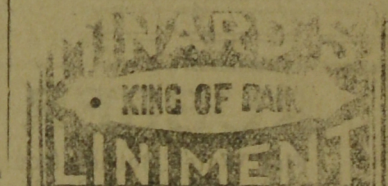
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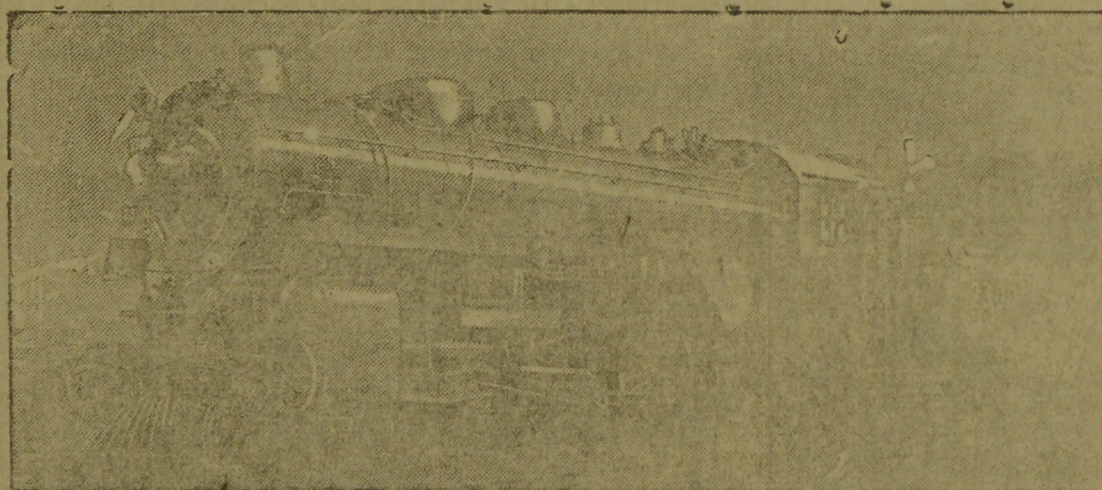
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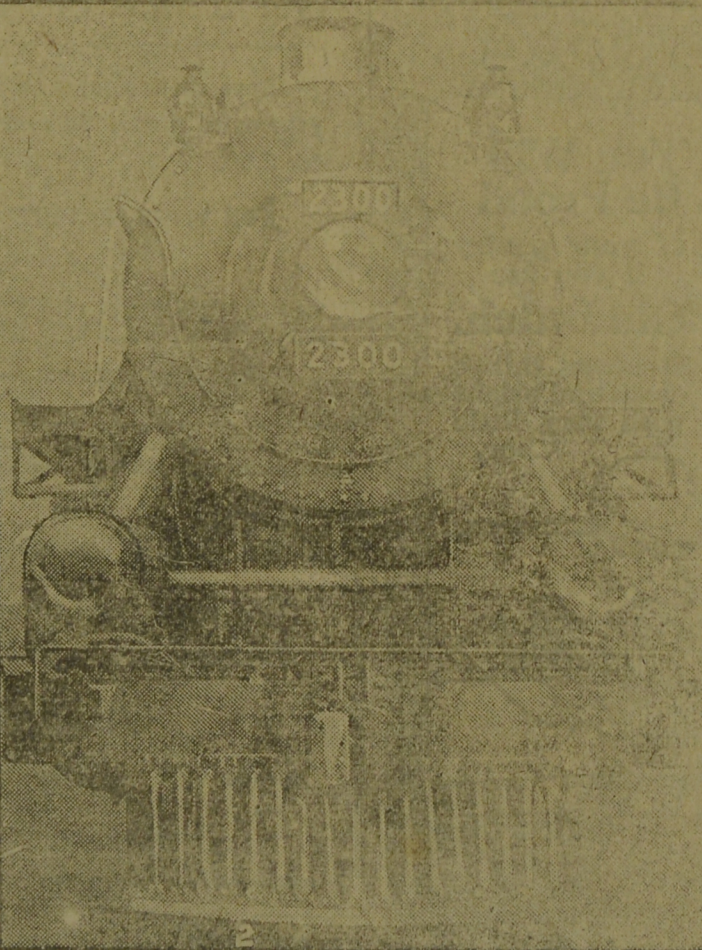


Big and still bigger locomotives are being turned out by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Sixteen new ones are being built at the Angus Shops, Montreal, at the rate of one for every five and a half working days. They are masterpieces of engineering workmanship, the largest and heaviest passenger locomotives in the Dominion, and construction has been speeded up so that these required might be ready in time to draw the Royal Train carrying the Prince of Wales across Canada. They were specially designed, and constructed under the direct supervision of Mr. W. H. Winterrowd, chief mechanical engineer of the C. P. R. The total weight of each engine and tender in working order is 450,000 lbs., the cylinders are 25 inches by 30 inches, the diameter of the driving wheels 75 inches, and the boiler carries 200 lbs. steam pressure—giving the locomotive a tractive effort of 42,000 lbs.

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