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JAMES GORDON BENNETT ILL IN EGYPT

New York, April 18.—For several weeks the daily cable dispatches have told of the condition of James Gordon Bennett, the owner of The New York Herald, who has been critically ill in Egypt. There was a time, though long ago, when Mr. Bennett was a familiar figure in the streets of New York. But the New Yorker of today knows nothing of Mr. Bennett personally, for the reason that he has lived abroad, mostly in France, nearly all of his manhood. Of late years his visits to this city have become fewer and farther between, although he "is The Herald" as of old. It is commonly known in newspaper circles that there are many veteran employees of The Herald who would not know Mr. Bennett if they were to meet him face to face.

Mr. Bennett is a man of many peculiarities. One of the most pronounced of these has been his desire that he should remain personally unknown to the readers of The Herald and, if possible, to the community at large. He has never sought to impress his personality upon The Herald's pages. It is doubtless true that, in a large sense, he has been the editor of the paper and the dictator of its course. But he has always paid more attention to its news enterprises than to its political policies. His hobby is the "news." In his view, the daily record of the world's occurrences is journalism, and the whole earth should be raked every day of the week for "news" as to the significance of which the readers should be left to make up their own mind. Mr. Bennett once told an acquaintance that he entertained the purpose of abolishing altogether his newspaper's commentary department, as it seemed to him useless.

In his earlier day Mr. Bennett was a notable amateur sportsman, but it is a fact now almost forgotten that

he once was the amateur champion pedestrian of America. He excelled at polo and was an adept with the rifle and whip. Of late years his love for sport has found vent almost exclusively in yachting. He is a top-notch navigator and has circumnavigated the globe several times. Of good size and athletic figure, he could hold his own with the best of them in a fisty encounter in the days of his youth. It has been said that something of this sort figured in the episode that led to his determination to forsake America and live abroad. But this was many years ago and the parties who were said to have been concerned in the affair have long since passed away. As related in the golden days along Park Row it was an interesting story but, as already stated, it happened so many years ago that the facts of the case have almost been blotted from the memories of even the old-timers.

Mr. Bennett was educated for the pursuit of journalism, being carefully trained by his father in all the details of the profession. To build up a great newspaper had been the leading purpose of the elder Bennett's life. It was in 1835 that James Gordon Bennett Sr., had founded The New York Herald. His first office was in a basement on Wall Street. He was editor, wrote all the editorials, was bookkeeper, clerk and sold the papers himself. The top of a packing case was his desk and he had a plank set on two empty barrels to serve as a counter for the papers. The printing was done on shares of profit and loss by two struggling printers. Mr. Bennett made his paper sensational, attacked individuals and made enemies, but his paper sold. He had strong financial articles and kept in touch with world news. He believed that news had a marketable value and worked on that basis. He is said to have been the first to hire newsboys to go out among the people and sell papers. He worked with an energy that can hardly be conceived. He never tried in any way to reform the world, but accepted it as he found it and gave news that all classes would find of interest.

When the elder Bennett died in 1872 his last injunction to his son was to sustain the great newspaper which he



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Paris, April 18.—King George and Queen Mary are coming to Paris next week to return the visit of President Poincaré. The visit will be the first that their Majesty have paid to France since they came to the throne and naturally it has aroused the liveliest interest throughout the country. While no important changes in political relations are expected, the hope of the public is that the visit will tend to draw even closer the two friendly countries.

Elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the King and Queen are well advanced. They will receive the highest honors that the Prestige and the general public can accord, the Government and municipal cord. Already the Place de l'Opera and the boulevards are being lined by huge columns bearing the arms of England and of the City of Paris, with electrical devices on a scale of magnificence not seen here in many years.

An interesting phase of the royal visit is the solicitude of the municipal authorities over the possibility that something might occur to shock Queen Mary's sense of propriety during her stay in the capital. There has been a general clean-up of the Montmartre resorts and all the Paris music halls have been ordered to cut out the raw stuff during the week of the royal visit. These precautionary measures are somewhat in view of the fact that there is not the remotest possibility of Queen Mary attending a music hall performance or taking even a glimpse at naughty Montmartre.

The royal party will be quartered at the Foreign Office, living in the same luxurious apartments that have been occupied by King Alfonso and other royalties who have visited Paris in recent years. The programme of entertainment has not been completed in all its details, but the leading features have been decided upon. These will include a gala performance at the Opera, military manoeuvres at Chalons, a big review at Vincennes and visits to the Invalides the Pantheon to St. Cyr and Versailles and other places of interest. In addition there will be dinners at the Elysee Palace at the British Embassy and elsewhere which will serve to bring out expressions of the friendly relations existing between France and Great Britain.

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had created. This injunction the James Gordon Bennett of today has faithfully followed and in doing so he has displayed all the energy, sagacity varied ability and personal proclivity that distinguished his father. His offices in Paris have been the headquarters of two great newspapers one issued in Paris, the other in this city, and there he has not only directed their general policy but attended personally to the minutest details connected with their management. On his periodical visits to New York he has made a habit of going carefully through the composition and press rooms, observing the condition of the machinery and now and then suggesting improvements to increase the speed or capacity. And with all this attention to detail he has always been a keen observer of current events and an excellent judge of the drift of public opinion.

Mr. Bennett's capacity for extended operations has been evidenced not only by his successful conduct of his widely-separated journals, but by the various schemes of discovery and commercial enterprise, in which he has engaged at various times, such as the publication in England of his storm-warnings, the fitting out of the Jwannette expedition to the Polar Sea, the despatch of Stanley in search of Livingstone and the building of an ocean telegraph line to curb two great monopolies. Never was greater newspaper enterprise displayed than in the ill-fated London edition of The Herald. When the Princess Louise and the Duke of Fife were married on a Saturday, The Herald featured the affair after the American fashion and took the ground from under the Monday morning English papers by publication of several pages of the story, lavishly illustrated, on Sunday morning. Hundreds of "sandwich men" paraded the streets Saturday, bearing announcements of The Herald's enterprise. Moreover, a special mile-a-minute newspaper train carried the papers throughout the provinces.

With all his newspaper cares Mr. Bennett has managed to enjoy life. He has always lived in high fashion abroad and has been known as one of the best dressed men to be seen on the Paris boulevards. He is the owner of estates, mansions and yachts and is the companion of princes and nabobs. A quarter of a century or more ago his fortune was estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000. The supposition is that it has vastly increased since that time. The net revenue of The Herald has for

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Washington, D. C., April 18.—The celebrated Gompers-Mitchell Morrison contempt case is docketed for a complete rehearing before a full bench of the Supreme Court of the United States on Monday. It will be the third time the contempt case has been before the highest court. On the original hearing the court held that criminal sentences for contempt had been imposed on Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison in a proceeding in equity, and the decision of the District supreme court was reversed. The District court, the following day, instituted new proceedings, the result of which was the imposition of the same sentences set aside in the original proceedings.

Mr. Gompers is president, Mr. Morrison secretary and Mr. Mitchell one of the vice presidents of the American Federation of Labor. In the original action of the three labor leaders were charged by Justice Wright of the District supreme court with contempt in that they were charged with continued publication, in the "We do not patronize" list of the American Federationist of the name of Buck's Stove and Range Company of St. Louis, after the court had issued an injunction to restrain them from such publication.

A sentence of one year's imprisonment was originally imposed on President Gompers, with nine months in jail for Vice President Mitchell, and six months for Secretary Morrison. The District court of appeals reduced these sentences to thirty days.

When the action was last before the Supreme Court of the United States Justice Lurton was absent from the bench. The action of the highest tribunal in restoring the case to the docket for rehearing has led to the assumption that the court is divided on the knotty problem and desires to have the whole matter gone over again with Justice Lurton present.

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years approximated \$1,000,000. Probably no person in the world except Mr. Bennett and his solicitor knows what disposition is to be made of The Herald and of Mr. Bennett's personal fortune at his death. Mr. Bennett has been the subject of tales unnumbered that circulate in the newspaper offices of New York. It is believed that he is a bachelor but his name has often been associated with marital rumors.

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