

RAPID RISE.

From a Soldier to a Leading Place in Journalism.

THE CAREER OF MR. EDGAR WALLACE.

Correspondent of the London Daily Mail.

Mr. Edgar Wallace who is visiting Canada as correspondent of the London Daily Mail, was once a poor boy in London, and not more than six years ago was a full private in the British army, a common soldier with a shilling a day, whereas he now has a salary that yearly runs into five figures.

He left school at 11 years of age and became a messenger in London. At 13 he was selling newspapers on the London streets for W. H. Smith & Co. Then he became a cabin boy on one of the fishing schooners sailing to the North Sea. He was in the schooner 43 A when she was lost on the Goodwin sands, and was rescued with his fellow-fishermen by another schooner. He carried lime, screened sand, clerked and did other work for some time, and after running as purser on a tramp steamer engaged in a coasting trade from London, he joined the army at the age of seventeen.

He became a private of an infantry regiment, and, having had a hobby for medicines and anatomy, etc., he finally drifted into the Medical Corps. As a "Tommy" he often wrote soldier songs and poetry. He wrote some comic songs also, some of which were taken by Mr. Arthur Roberts, one of the foremost of London's comedians. He wrote a song called "A Sort of a King of a ——" for Mr. Roberts when a soldier, and was given 168 hours extra for breaking leave to go and hear it sung.

He was drafted to South Africa with his corps and fought through the Matabele campaign. During this campaign he was utilized by the admiralty with others of the Medical Corps, to nurse the sick who came from the Benin expedition, and received thanks from the admiralty.

When at Cape Town, on the advice of Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who had admired his work, he secured a position on a Cape Town newspaper in 1897, and remained there until the war broke out. He had been known to Mr. Kipling as "the soldier poet," and was invited to a dinner at Cape Town by the author. He went in uniform, and Mr. Kipling afterward used influence to secure him a post on the Cape Town paper.

"When the South African war broke out he became the Cape Town correspondent of Reuter's agency, and was afterwards sent with General French's column in the war against the Boers. Then he was transferred to General Methuen's column, and from that post was sent to join General Carrington, who was advancing toward Mafeking through East Africa.

He secured the management of a newspaper at Johannesburg at a salary of £2,000 a year, and later was asked to join the staff of the London Daily Mail by Mr. Harmsworth. He had been writing articles in the Daily News on South Africa and the campaign, and when he took service with the Daily Mail he found the war on as strong as ever. He advised London that the campaign was going strong and was sent to the front.

He left the front, going from one engagement to another that was more pressing—to marry his fiancée at Cape Town. After a honeymoon of two days he returned to the front. This was in May, 1901, and soon after his arrival at the front he found that the Boers had been shooting the wounded at Vlakfontein. The Boers had rushed a column and captured some British guns, shooting and bayonetting the wounded. For purposes of their own the British war department suppressed the news of this outrage and had cut all references to

it from the telegrams of the correspondents. He learned of this and scrounged a letter through which told the story in all its details.

When the Daily Mail published the startling news there was a great talk in the House of Commons, and Mr. Wallace had to enter a discussion with the War Department and Hon. Mr. Brodrie, minister of war. He was slated by the War Department and was told that he would not be allowed to accompany any other British force. His despatches were quite correct, though. This was proven, but he had committed the offence of publishing matter which the War Department did not wish published, and for this he lost the medal given for the South African campaign.

He was the first correspondent to give the world the news that peace had been declared. This was done by sending messages which appeared to be commercial telegrams, to the editor of the Daily Mail at a private address. His first message read: "Referring to the sale of the Gold farm, Paxfontein, all parties necessary to the contract are now in Pretoria, where Alfred has gone to get bottom price." This code was understood, and the Mail writers were enabled to announce exclusively that negotiations were being made for peace.

A series of commercial cables, that is, seeming commercial cables, followed, in which Chamberlain was referred to as "your Birmingham agent," the cabinet as "your London house," and Kruger as "your Holland agent," with meaningless messages interspersed to keep up the deception for the censor's benefit. In the meantime letters had been received by the editor in London that when peace was declared a message would be sent to buy so many shares of a certain stock, and if not, another stock. Peace was declared, and by Mr. Wallace's ruse, the Daily Mail was the first paper to publish the news, and Mr. Wallace, in the interim since he was a soldier, had become a noted journalist.

Middle Southampton.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)
Nov. 2.—At the last regular meeting of Hipwell, L. O. L. No. 75, the master and recording secretary were appointed a committee to prepare a resolution of condolence on the death of Brother Theodore Fox of East Waterville, York Co., N. B. The committee met and brought in the following resolution:

Whereas, the great and supreme Ruler of the universe has in his infinite wisdom removed from among us one of our worthy and esteemed members, Brother Theodore Fox; and whereas, the long and intimate relation held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties in this society makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him; therefore,

Resolved, that the sudden removal of such a life from among our midst leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members of this organization.

Resolved, that with deep sympathy with the bereaved parents and relatives of the deceased, we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this order, a copy printed in the local papers and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

F. M. Brooks, W. M.
H. H. Freeman, Rec. Sec. } Com.

Not The Only Rooster.

London, Nov. 13.—Hon. Mr. Foster, speaking at Sunderland last night declared the tariff question would be settled not by opinions of the dead, but in practical common-sense fashion by the empire's working men. The colonies look forward to everlasting life, and if England heeds the call and does not run away with the idea that America is the only rooster across the Atlantic, there is a young cock which can crow if need be, just as lustily. After all she lost in the Alaska award Canada still possesses 100,000 more acres than the United States.

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FOR CHARITY.

Curious End of a Whitby Lady's Benevolence.

MRS. MATTHEW GOLD, RESPECTED CHURCH WORKER.

Spends a Fortune in a Few Years

AND NOW MUST COMPROMISE WITH CREDITORS.

Whitby, Ont., Nov. 14.—Whitby has been startled by the revelations following a meeting of the creditors of Mrs. Matthew Gold, long regarded as the richest and known to be one of the most philanthropic women in the district. For nearly twenty years Mrs. Gold, to gratify her apparent mania for spending money for charitable purposes, has carried on a system of borrowing money unknown even to her husband. She has dissipated not only her own private fortune, but involved herself in heavy debt.

Aside from the certainty that the collapse will have serious results for a score of creditors, the case possesses an unusual degree of interest from a psychological point of view. Mrs. Gold, who is a lady of something over fifty years of age, inherited about \$20,000 from her father. She is known to have had some liabilities at the time of her inheritance, but was still generally regarded as a woman of considerable wealth. She is the wife of Rev. Matthew Gold, a Baptist minister, and both are held in the highest esteem in the community. Mrs. Gold is a member of the Methodist church, but her charities have included almost every poor family in the town. While living comfortably in a fine residence, Mrs. Gold's expenditure upon herself has been rather meagre than otherwise. She has, however, given, largely for the benefit of the church, and in most cases secretly has assisted the deserving poor. Her family even have been in complete ignorance of most of these benefactions, although they believed that she was drawing too heavily upon her private means. Her financial affairs he maintained absolutely private, and the fact that her notes were held by many of her friends was known only to them. It appears, however, that for twenty years she has been paying interest on notes which she gave for sums ranging from \$200 to \$1,000. The lenders were in every case bound to secrecy. Each creditor apparently believed that his or her loan was the only one negotiated by Mrs. Gold, and the gathering of creditors in the office of Mr. J. B. Dow, Mrs. Gold's solicitor, was a mutual surprise. Two sisters, one of whom had held Mrs. Gold's paper for a number of years, learned for the first time at the meeting that they were both creditors. Among the other claimants were a number of the insolvent's relatives.

By the use of her name and standing in the community Mrs. Gold has raised some \$17,000, and all of that amount which can be traced has been expended in assisting poor friends and in gifts to religious bodies.

The value of her estate, as contained in a statement given to the creditors, is a farm worth about \$4,500, which is mortgaged to within \$1,000 of its value, and her house upon which there is a mortgage of \$1,500.

The outlook for the creditors is not at present encouraging, but it is believed that some arrangement will be made whereby Mrs. Gold's relatives will come to her assistance. Among the creditors are several local merchants and retired farmers, who have invested a substantial portion of their savings with her, and three of them have been appointed a committee to investigate her affairs. Among the other creditors are two women, who have invested practically their all with Mrs. Gold, and who will await the

report of the committee with considerable fear. The lady herself is undisturbed by the crises, and her friends believe that, although she has carried paper for years without attracting attention, she has been irresponsible in monetary matters. She has never indulged in stock speculation, and has not spent money lavishly. It is believed that a great deal of her borrowings have been eaten up in interest. Even among her creditors there is a feeling of sympathy, and they will be slow to believe that this woman, who lived such a simple kindly life among them, has defrauded her friends.

In a few days the creditors will meet again, and an assignee will probably then be appointed.

"The blood is the life." Science has never gone beyond that simple statement of scripture. But it has illuminated that statement and given it a meaning ever broadening with the increasing breadth of knowledge. When the blood is "bad" or impure it is not alone the body which suffers through disease. The brain is also clouded, the mind and judgment are affected, and many an evil deed or impure thought may be directly traced to the impurity of the blood. No one can be well balanced in mind and body whose blood is impure. No one can have a wholesome and pure life unless the blood is pure. Foul blood can be made pure by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. When the blood is pure, body and brain are alike healthy and life becomes a daily happiness.

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The Lawyer at It, Too.

Counsel (to witness).—"How can you prove that the prisoner stole six of your handkerchiefs?"

"Why, because they were my handkerchiefs that were found on him. Look at them for yourself. They are exactly the same as mine."

"That proves nothing. I have some handkerchiefs like those."

"That's quite possible," replied the witness, "several more of mine are missing."

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Mr. Joseph Pominville, of Stillwater, Minn., after having spent over \$2,000 with the best doctors for stomach trouble, without relief, was advised to try a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. He did so, and is a well man today. For sale by all druggists.

Fredericton, Nov. 14th.

To the General Public:

I have leased the Arctic Rink, which has been thoroughly strengthened by Mr. Alfred Haimes, for the coming season, and I cordially here invite the hearty co-operation of the citizens of this city, and its surroundings, also the citizens of the town of Marysville, to join in and help make the management of the pleasantly located institution a success.

Winter sports of all kinds in the province should be encouraged, and I have no doubt that the general public will endeavour as much as possible to make the Arctic Rink which is considered the largest in the maritime provinces, one of the best conducted ones. The management will also desire that all breach of politeness, etc., on the part of its employees shall be reported.

This rink will be open for regular skating as soon as convenient. Season tickets will be sold in a few days for ladies, gentlemen and children, and the public will be informed from day to day what attractions will be presented.

Yours respectfully,
A. E. HANSON.

Woodlands.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Nov. 11.—Most of the men around here have gone to the lumber woods. Richard Thomas and William Leslie started yesterday.

Miss Sadie Stickles, who is staying with her sister, Mrs. Albion Thomas of Green Hill spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Stickles.

Misses Jamie and Ila Macdonald have purchased a new organ.

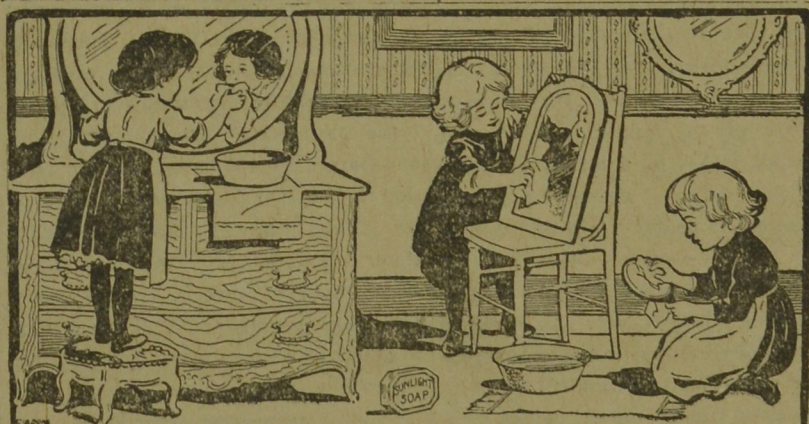
The people of this place have purchased a new organ for our church.

Mrs. Amos Schwartz, who has been spending the summer at Cross Creek, has returned home for the winter.

Mrs. Win. E. Jones, who has been staying at St. Marys for a while, has returned home.

Misses Ila and Jamie Macdonald have gone to Fredericton for the winter.

"To study is not to do, but to study is to learn how to do," says a wise man. Equally wise was the man who said: "We learn to do by doing."



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