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### EUROPEAN BEHEADED.

Put to Death by the Chinese at Mukden.

Was Executed with a Number of Bandits—His Headless Body Discovered by a Russian.

The London Daily Express of July 16 had the following from its correspondent at Paris:—

A Moscow paper prints extracts from a letter written by Captain Kinleff, of the Russian army, in garrison at Mukden, giving a circumstantial account of the execution of a European at the hands of the Chinese.

Captain Kinleff states that in consequence of it having been reported by a Chinaman in the market place that a European had been that morning put to death by the Chinese authorities, together with a number of Chinese bandits, he was deputed to make inquiries into the matter.

He sent for the Chinaman, who conducted him to the scene of the execution, and there the captain was horrified to discover that one of the headless corpses was that of a European, as the Chinaman had stated. A search was made for the head, but it had been evidently taken away by the Chinese executioner to avoid trouble.

On being questioned the Chinaman said that seeing the crowd gathering that morning at the place of the execution, he had stopped to see what was going on. Four condemned men were attached to stakes, and the Chinaman at once recognized one of them as a European. His body was so enclosed in a sack that it was impossible to see his clothes, but he wore long black hair, and had evidently been a long time in prison. The man cried out frenziedly in despairing accents, and raised his head as far as the wooden "cangue" in which it was enclosed, would allow him. He called to the Mandarin to approach, and shouted out several times in Chinese, "I am no bandit. I am a European."

Then he began to recite in a foreign tongue, as though praying, but before he had finished the executioner struck off his head.

The Russian authorities are instituting an inquiry into the matter.

#### A MODERN CICERO.

Prisoner Addressed Montreal Police Court in Marvellous Language.

"I am a wolf, I am. I've got three rows of teeth and I can howl and I will howl."

This is how James McNally announced his identity, his ability and his intentions to a public officer on St. James street, Montreal, early Thursday morning. The officer thinking that it was unwise to allow him to roam at large promptly corralled him and led him the Central station. When he reached the station he was in merry mood, and just to show that he could do other things besides howl he executed a sprightly hornpipe in the corridor. He was taken before Recorder Poirier on a charge of drunkenness. When he made his appearance in the dock James smiled blandly at the rest of the court room. His capabilities were not unduly noticeable until he started in to talk. Then it became instantly apparent to every one that a new star had arisen in the oratorical firmament.

The police officer took the stand and testified that James was found painfully intoxicated and laboring under strange delusions on St. James street between five and six o'clock this morning.

"Parlez-moi, votre Lordship, but may I interrogate the officer?" said James, and permission being given he asked, "Did you not imbibe refreshments with me this morning?"

He means "Did you have a drink with him?" said one of the officials.

"I did not," replied the policeman.

"Then all I can say is that you are an uneducated gentleman in every sphere of the question," responded the prisoner. Then addressing the court he said, "Your grace, I try to get through this world

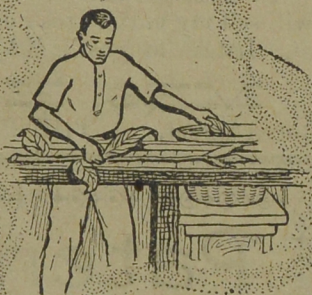
as disaffectedly as I can, but when the mental pigmy yonder deities having had a drink with me I shall disband the arguments I was prepared to advance and take my sentence like a gentleman."

"Two dollars fine and two days jail or in default of payment two other days," was the Recorder's comment. Robert Sontar an Englishman, faced Recorder Poirier this morning on a charge of being drunk on Chenerville street. Yesterday he was up on a similar charge and was accused of lying drunk. "Whv, your Honor, Hi wasn't lyin' drunk, Hi ham a gentleman." Then he was fined \$2 which he paid. This morning he was up again, and when the charge was read over to him he said, "Well, you see you

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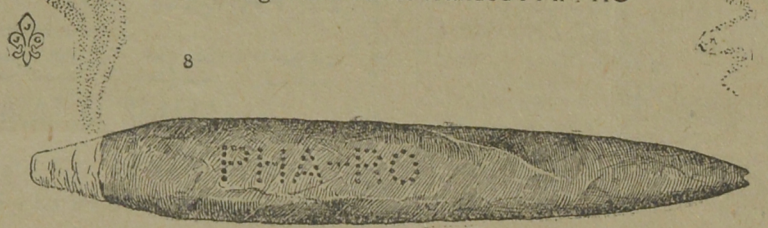
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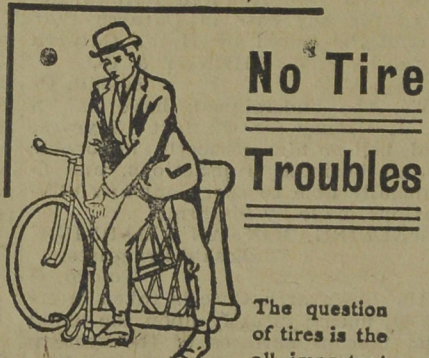
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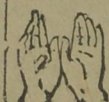


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