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A SHOCKING CRIME.

The horror and indignation aroused by the murder in New York last week of Franz Sigel's granddaughter by her Chinese pupil naturally results in severe condemnation of the whole system of Chinese missions, in which a number of influential churches, and some very worthy people are deeply concerned.

To build a sweeping verdict upon the premises of this individual crime may be unjust, but it cannot be denied by any intelligent human being that, if Chinese missions are to be maintained at all, the system needs to be drastically revised. The intimate association between the girl teachers and their charges has never produced a tragedy equal to this, but it has resulted in scandals that disgraced the communities in which they occurred.

In discussing the murder of Miss Sigel, the Brooklyn Eagle says:

"Some time ago several Chinamen accused of most revolting crimes against children, and whose subsequent release by no means convinced the public of their innocence, were the objects, while under lock and key, of a mawkish and affectionate solicitude on the part of young white women. The sentimental antics of these misguided girls did not edifyingly reflect upon the system of Christian education they were supposed to represent."

"The people of this city are today asking a question which the churches in mission work among the expatriated Cantonese of New York would do well to answer: Why is it that young girls are considered essential to the Christianizing of these shirt-washing heathens? Are there no men or elderly women available? If the answer be that young women are most effective in arousing the interest of the Chinaman in the gospel of Christ, we can only reply that interest depending for its awakening upon the youth and physical charm of the teacher would better be allowed to lie dormant."

"People are not going to forget this case in a hurry. The capture and punishment of the criminal and his possible accomplice will not satisfy the public mind. Enough evidence has been accumulated to show that the case of this unfortunate young woman is not singular, except in its shockingly tragic climax. The managers of the Chinese missions throughout the city will do well at once to examine closely into conditions existing in their several charges, with a view to instituting wholesale reforms."

CURRENT COMMENT

The three minute speech of the Hon. J. K. Pinder, M.P.P., was the feature of the Stanley Tory meeting.

According to the St. John Standard Messrs. McLeod and Pinder "also spoke" at the Stanley picnic.

Mr. Pinder told his friends some time ago that he was done praising the Hazen government, and he seems to be keeping his word.

Mr. Pinder was the only speaker at the Stanley picnic who failed to get his picture in the St. John Standard. Why this discrimination?

We observe that our old friend, Mr. Pinder, was compelled to play second fiddle to the Solicitor General at the Stanley picnic yesterday.

If the Hazen government has derived such a large revenue from stampage collections as alleged, why was it found necessary to almost double the road tax.

Mr. Pinder's three minute oration at the Stanley picnic will be more eagerly read than the long winded harangues of Messrs. Daniel and Crockett.

It is said that at the caucus of New Brunswick Tory M.P.'s held here on Tuesday evening, an effort was made to select a leader. The vote, however, resulted in a tie.

It is said that the applause accorded Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., at Stanley was much more hearty and enthusiastic than that which greeted the Solicitor General. The failure of the latter to land the job of Sheriff for his nominee, Mr. John Andrew Humble probably accounted for it.

We notice that Sheriff Howe was honored with a seat on the platform at the Tory meeting at Stanley yesterday. The new sheriff has promised to discharge the duties of his high office impartially, and in order to do this it would be well for him to follow the example of his predecessors and refrain from identifying himself with political gatherings. We are not aware that official business made his presence necessary in Stanley yesterday.

Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., in his speech at the Stanley picnic, in referring to the G. T. P., is reported to have said: "The government had let the contract for construction to large firms who sub-let portions of it at a cut of 10 to 15 per cent. They in turn sublet again at a similar reduction, until there were three or four sub-contracts, each lower than its immediate predecessor. The consequence was that the people who actually did the work were so badly paid that they could not meet their bills." Mr. Crockett must certainly be hard up for material on which to base an attack upon the government. The next thing we know he will be setting up the claim that the government is to blame, because some people do not pay their bills. Great man, this Mr. Crockett.

WORLD'S RICHEST WOMEN.

Ten Who Command the Enormous Sum of £71,000,000.

Mrs. G. Asher, the daughter of the late Mr. Harry Barnato, who becomes the legatee of a second million of money from the same source (her father settled the first million upon her on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Asher), has already been "marked" by those who desire to secure assistance in various ways.

Mrs. Asher's house, 30 Berkeley Square, has been inundated with "callers"—many of whom wished to lay the claims of institutions or individuals before her. But Mrs. Asher has as yet seen no one except her nearest relatives, the task of dealing with the applicants being undertaken by Mr. Asher.

The acquisition of this second fortune places Mrs. Asher in the band of women who figure as the richest of their sex. The richest woman in the world is generally admitted to be Mrs. Henry Green, with a fortune of between fourteen and sixteen millions at her command. Others who follow closely are:

Mrs. Russell Sage, who received a fortune of £17,000,000, but has distributed much of it in charitable bequests.

Mrs. Annie Weightman Walker, who is said to possess £12,000,000.

Frau von Bohlen, the daughter of Krupp, the German gunmaker, has property valued at £16,000,000.

Mme. Creel, a Mexican lady, is said to have an income of nearly £1,000,000.

The Marchioness of Graham is the richest British-born lady, for on the death of her father, the twelfth Duke of Hamilton, she came into an income of £114,000 per annum.

The Duchess of Roxburghe was left £5,000,000 by her father, Mr. Ogden Goelet.

The Baroness Von Eckhardstein came this year into the second portion of her fortune left by her father, the late Sir John Blundell Maple, making her total income £66,000 per annum.

The Countess Szechenyi, as Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, inherited £2,500,000.

SOME SMOKERS' DON'TS.

What to Do If You Would Enjoy Your Weed.

Don't wet the end of your cigarette before you put it into your mouth; you spoil the flavor of the smoke. To prevent the cigarette from sticking to your lips keep the cigarette dry and your lips dry.

Don't wonder why a home-made cigarette burns the tongue more than a ready-made one. The end of the home-made cigarette gets screwed up to a point, and thus you get a "pin-prick of smoke on your tongue. In the same way a pipe with a small bore will burn the tongue more easily than will a pipe with a large bore.

Don't fill a new pipe full of tobacco the first time you are going to smoke it. Let the bowl be half full, but smoke it right out, charring the bottom of the bowl. This is the shortest way of breaking in a new pipe.

Don't smoke the same kind of tobacco always if you want to get the utmost enjoyment out of the smoke. After several Virginia cigarettes, smoke one of Turkish tobacco; you will then be able to appreciate the next Virginia cigarette much more thoroughly.

Don't believe all you hear about fine-cut tobacco smoking hotter than flake tobacco in a pipe. If the fine-cut tobacco is packed fairly tight in the bowl, the smoke will be just as cool as that of a coarse-cut tobacco.

Don't put a piece of raw potato in your pouch in order to keep the tobacco moist. Your aim should be to get out some of the moisture which is put in the tobacco when it is manufactured. The simplest way of doing this is to spread out the tobacco on a piece of paper and leave it on the table all night.

SHORT STORIES.

Only one person in a thousand reaches sixty years.

The log cut on Aroostook (Me.) waters this year will amount to approximately 123,700,000 feet.

Many rare and valuable paintings have just been discovered in one of the subterranean passages of the State college at Pueblo, Mexico.

Two horses belonging to a former minister to France and kept in luxurious idleness near Milton, Del., were shipped to France because the minister's widow desired to see the animals. Measuring ten feet six inches, an octopus while being killed at Tooradin, Victoria, twined a tentacle so firmly around the foot of one of its captors that the terrible membrane had to be cut to free the man.

John Brown's wagon, in which he made pilgrimages during his crusade against slavery, was destroyed by fire in Iowa City, Ia., recently. The wagon was left there by Brown many years ago and had been preserved by Herbert S. Fairall, a pioneer newspaper man of Iowa City.

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