

MASSACRE ISLAND

Descriptions of the interesting Purchase in Lake of the Woods

An interesting purchase was made by the Historical Society of St. Boniface, when they bought at a nominal price, from the Dominion government, the famous Massacre Island at the Lake of the Woods, where the explorer, Sieur de la Verandrye and his 21 companions, including the Jesuit missionary, Rev. Father Aulneau, were martyred at the hands of the Sioux Indians. It will be remembered that the remains of this little band of heroes were discovered by the Jesuit Fathers of St. Boniface on the site of the old Fort St. Charles on American Point, in the Lake of the Woods.

It had been learned from historical documents that the bodies of the martyrs had been removed to Fort St. Charles for burial, and this led to the expedition which ended in their discovery, and the tracing of the site of the old fortress. The bones and skulls of the martyrs together with many curios found on the historic site, were brought to St. Boniface college.

Massacre Island includes about 66 acres, and is in Canadian territory. The massacre spoken of above, and after which the island was named, occurred on the 6th of June, 1736, just one and three-quarter centuries ago.

ROWS ROYAL

Storms in Very Exalted Circles That Have Taken Place

The old saying "As happy as a king," has gone out of favor. A twentieth-century King has to keep a tight hand not only on his wife and children, but also upon the whole of his wide circle of Royal relatives.

They may not marry, make a will, even write a book, without the consent, and if they break the House Laws, it is the unlucky king's duty to make things unpleasant all round. No one can suppose for a minute that Alfonso of Spain enjoyed pitching into his aunt for publishing her very harmless little book without first letting him see the proofs. But he had to do it.

The Kaiser is, as a rule, very happy in his home life, but there has more than once been friction between him and his eldest son, the Crown Prince.

The first occasion was when the young prince went steeplechasing, a pastime his father detests, and rode his own horse in the race. The next was when he rode up the steps in Sans Souci Park at the head of his Guardsmen, whom he afterwards took to a circus. On both these occasions he was punished by confinement in his own quarters for forty-eight hours.

One of the worst rows in the German Royal circle was caused by the conduct of Prince Joachim Albrecht of Prussia, the Kaiser's first cousin. He is a very smart man, and, besides being a major in the Guards, has considerable reputation as a composer of light operatic music.

One night he appeared at a masked ball in evening-dress, accompanied by a well-known variety actress, and wearing the silver star of the great Order of the Black Eagle.

The Kaiser was furious, and ordered the young man four days' arrest. But there was worse to come. The prince announced that he was going to marry the soubrette in question, who was ten years his senior. The Kaiser at once sentenced him to active service with the colonial army in South-West Africa!

The worst and most bitter of all Royal quarrels was that which resulted in the feud between the late King Leopold of Belgium and his daughters Princess Louise and Princess Stephanie. This led to Princess Stephanie's suing her father for her portion of the property left by her mother.

The rupture between Stephanie and her father was caused by her marriage to Count Lonyay, and the bitterness of the King's feelings may be judged by the fact that he refused to be reconciled, even over the Queen's dead body.

Out of Pig Iron

The United Kingdom, the United States, and Germany account for about 80 per cent. of the world's total output of pig iron.

The Heaviest Men

On an average, Scotsmen are the heaviest men in the United Kingdom, then Welshmen, followed by Englishmen, and Irishmen last.

Age of Earrings

Earrings were worn so far back as 1732 B. C.

Weight of Brains

The average weight of a man's brain is 3 lb. 8 oz. and of a woman's brain 2 lb. 11 oz.

Agriculture in Germany

Agriculture supports nearly 19,000,000 of the inhabitants of the German Empire.

THE HOME LIFE OF THE WELSH

Some Glimpses of the Subjects of the Prince of Wales—Influence of Mr. Lloyd-George

Mr. Frank Elias has a very informative article about the Welsh people in T. P.'s Magazine.

"The student of Welsh life and character who encounters almost any village in North Wales, will be able to acquire a full knowledge of his subject without travelling a mile farther. For Welsh life has a certain quality of uniformity which is not found in the other constituent peoples of the Empire.

"The centre of the Welshman's life is the Chapel. On it his hopes are set, and in its light every fact of his character illuminates itself. He spends his leisure in its service, and even his relaxations are taken within its walls. The characteristic entertainment of the Welshman is the annual Chapel 'Tea Party and Grand Concert.' The 'grandeur' of the concert is taken for granted. The table spread before the purchaser of the tea-party ticket is not, perhaps, one to charm an eclectic taste. Bread and butter and bun loaf are the chief dishes. But there is abundance, there is an effervescent spirit of friendliness, and—thought dear to the passionate musician in every Welshman—there is the prospect of the concert.

"But the significance of the Chapel to the heart of the Welsh villager rests upon surer foundations than the social: Wales is a deeply religious nation, and the history of Wales is a religious history. Through the character of the Welshman there runs a strong strain of poetry and mysticism; he feels, with a special urgency, the appeal of the unseen. From his childhood he has breathed in the religious fervor of his fathers. The magnificent services of the Welsh Sunday-school to the national life have never been properly acknowledged. Nearly all the achievements of the Principality have had their foundation in this school.

"No form is more characteristically Welsh than that of the minister. He is plainly a son of the people. Indeed, every man who has moved the mind of Wales during the past two hundred years was born poor. Moreover, with the exception of Mr. Lloyd George, nearly every Welshman who wields an influence over his people has remained poor. Any obscure Englishman of modest property going daily to the City and live in a \$300 house, could have bought up most of the great Welshmen of the past. They had always to keep their warts humble. From inspiring their people they had to face an empty larder. But poor, these men were not despised; theirs were the names their country celebrated. And so it is to-day.

"They have small means to buy books—these men—yet nearly every one of them has his library—a library which includes much of the best of English literature. That this is so becomes obvious when, as they often do in their journeys, they preach in the Saxon tongue.

"But not only are these men readers; they are writers and they are poets. Indeed, the greater number of the national bards are ministers of religion.

"The Welsh minister is not, however, wholly a self-trained man. He has his denominational college and his National University. But, more than this, many Welsh preachers are Oxford men. No-Nonconformist ministry, probably, has a larger number of its younger men holding Oxford degrees. Jesus College is the recognized home of Welsh culture, and it was among a notable set of Oxford men of the late eighties that the Young Wales Movement, of which Tom Ellis was leader, had its rise.

"The influence which Mr. Lloyd George wields in Wales is not, perhaps fully understood. It is true that he attracts the admiration and enthusiasm which are the due of the national leader. So, however, did Gladstone in England and Parnell in Ireland. Between the popular attitude towards Mr. Lloyd George there is this difference, that Gladstone and Parnell, loved though they were by the common people, were regarded not only with affection, but with a certain element of awe. They were felt to stand upon another plane than that of their followers. There is very little of this feeling among the men who follow Lloyd George.

"Mr. Lloyd George has an enormous moral and political influence in Wales. But he exercises, in a curious degree, an influence of quite another kind. Not only is he moulding Welsh opinion; he is even affecting Welsh psychology. The minor note in Welsh character has been observed. But the emergence of a Welshman, in every sense typical of his countrymen, upon the platform of world-history, has quickened the Welsh pulse and widened the Welsh outlook."

For Dog Catchers

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USE VENISON STEAK

Dr. Grenfell Tells How to Reduce the Cost of Living

There is still a chance that the high cost of living will be reduced. Dr. Grenfell told the members of the Canadian Club, Toronto, in speaking of the latent resources of Labrador, about how the reduction can be brought about by merely changing the dinner course from beefsteak to reindeer.

At present too little attention is paid to the conservation of animal life in the northern country and reindeer are left to be exploited and diminished. The reindeer development is in its infancy, but despite this fact, the herd number 30,000, and with regular breeding it is likely that 20,000 fawns will be added this season.

"Here is an opportunity for large investment of private capital, which would be a profitable money making proposition," said Dr. Grenfell. "The meat of the reindeer could be made to add much to the world's supply at a low cost, the animal's milk could be exported, and the skins could be made an important factor in the fur market. The skin could also be tanned, creating another industry, and used for the making of gloves. Three or four millions of deer could be maintained within the bounds of Labrador."

He said the possibilities of fur trapping had only begun. He pointed to the fox farming in Prince Edward Island as a good example to follow, which would mean much profit to Labrador. He believed that in the future more attention would be paid to the commercial breeding of reindeer.

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She threw seven stones, she threw eight stones, she threw nine stones, and then a man laughed.

She threw the tenth stone at the man and broke the window.

FAMOUS CHILD RULERS

Infants in Europe Who Ruled the Throne

There have been a remarkably large number of young sovereigns in European history, who commenced their reigns when mere boys, often when little more than infants. Louis XIV. and Louis XV. of France, for instance, were each but five years old when they succeeded to the throne, and Louis XIII. was only nine. Ten child monarchs are prominent in British history. They include Henry III., who began to reign at the age of ten, Edward II., Richard II., Henry VIII., and Edward VI. Henry VI. was scarcely eight when he was made King, and Queen Victoria was a girl of eighteen when the news was brought her that she was ruler of the British dominions.

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