

DOGS SMUGGLE TOBACCO.

No Less Than 270 Offenders Shot by Custom Officers.

Within the last three months no fewer than 270 dogs have been shot by Italian customs officers on the Swiss-Italian frontier, while in the act of smuggling tobacco, sugar and salt from Switzerland.

The fact that these articles are heavily taxed in Italy has led to a great deal of smuggling, especially of tobacco, and the Italian Government has fenced off the frontier with high strips of wire netting, of which the gates are fitted with alarm bells, while customs officers armed with rifles are on guard every hundred yards or so.

It has thus become almost impossible for men to carry on smuggling without being caught, and consequently they have taught dogs to do the work.

The animal is first taken to an Italian village near the frontier, where he is petted and well fed. After some weeks of this the dog is taken to the nearest Swiss village, where he is half-starved, and where a man in the uniform of an Italian customs officer gives him an occasional beating. After a few days of this treatment a parcel of tobacco is fastened to the dog's collar and he is set free.

He immediately makes for the frontier to reach his home on the Italian side, and when he catches sight of an Italian customs officer he remembers his beatings, and does his best to avoid coming near him. The dog wanders up and down the wire fence until he comes to one of the spring gates, which he pushes open. A bell tinkles, and the customs officer immediately fires at the dog, but if he misses the animal the smuggled goods cannot afterwards be impounded, for all goods that have once got over the frontier are considered as having paid duty.

After a dog has been shot at two or three times, and has got away, he becomes extremely wary, and will wait until the officer is at the farthest end of his "beat," and will then endeavor to pass the spring gates with as little effort as possible, so as not to set the bell ringing.

LORD BROOKE A PRISONER.

Heir of Lord and Lady Warwick Captured by the Japs.

Lord Brooke, eldest son and heir of Lord and Lady Warwick, is reported to have been taken prisoner by the Japanese at the battle of Liao Yang, while attached to Gen. Kourapatkin's army, as special correspondent of Reuter's Telegraphic Agency. He is a young fellow of a good deal of character, of which he first gave evidence while at Eton. His parents having declined to permit him to volunteer for service in the South African War, he ran away from school, sold his jewelry, fur coat, etc., bought a ticket for Durban with the money thus obtained and sailed for the seat of war.

His parents, on hearing of this, came to the conclusion that it was useless to restrain him, and secured for him a commission and an appointment on the staff of General Sir John French, which he found awaiting him on landing. He served throughout the South African campaign, was mentioned in the despatches, and was transferred after the conclusion of peace to the 1st Life Guards, with the rank of lieutenant, but resigned his commission last year, and since the beginning of the present war in the Far East, has been doing excellent work as Reuter's correspondent with the Russian army.

FIVE YEAR OLD HERO.

Rushes Into Burning House to Save Younger Brother.

A splendid deed of heroism was performed by a five-year-old boy at Blackburn, England. His name is James Neild, and with his younger brother, aged two, he was left alone in the house. The father, a mechanic, was away at work, while the mother was nursing a sister, who was ill.

About four o'clock in the morning the five-year-old boy was awakened by a crackling noise. He found that the bed on which he and his brother lay was in flames, and he was so frightened that he jumped out of bed and ran downstairs. He had no sooner reached the yard than he heard the screams of his younger brother. Without a moment's hesitation the brave little fellow rushed up the stairs. The fire had gained a hold on the other furniture in the room, and smoke was pouring out on the staircase.

Fighting his way through the smoke, the boy again reached the bed, and seizing his brother in his arms, carried him out into the yard. He was only just in time in effecting the rescue, for the baby was already badly burned, and a few minutes' delay would have been fatal. The alarm was promptly raised, and the fire brigade appeared, but, despite their efforts, the house and its contents were destroyed.

POST OFFICE PHONES.

British Villages Connected With the Larger Cities.

An important experiment, which may have far-reaching results, is being made by the telegraph department of the British General Post-office in half a dozen villages. The

object is to ascertain if it is practicable to make village post-offices serve the purpose of public telephone call offices. If successful the result will be the removal of one of the disabilities to life in villages.

For the past six years, although the fact is not generally known, it has been the practice to use the telephone which officially is a telegraph instrument, to transmit telegraph messages from town centres to small village post-offices. The installation of a telephone wire is cheaper than the telegraph installation, and the messages can be sent more expeditiously than by the needle instrument of the A B C code, the methods generally used in village post-offices, the messages are written out and stamped by the sender, and are sent over the wire by the clerk.

In the selected villages it is now possible for any member of the public to ring up a subscriber and use these post-office telephones in the ordinary manner at the ordinary rates. Should the person with whom communication is desired not be on the telephone the sender can telephone his message to the nearest post-office and have it sent on by express messenger. In the case of long messages the saving in expense, as compared with sending the same message at telegraph rates, will be very considerable. Similarly, the town-dweller will be able to communicate with the villager.

The point to be decided is whether this new arrangement meets a real public want.

DID THEIR DUTY IN EVERY CASE

HOW DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS BANISH PAIN IN THE BACK.

Cured Mrs. Jas. Murphy and Everyone Else She Recommended Them To.

River Gagnon, Que., Oct. 31.—(Special).—No complaint is so common among women as Pain-in-the-Back. It is a safe estimate that fully half the women in Canada are afflicted with it. For that reason every evidence that there is a sure and complete cure in existence is thankfully received. And there is abundant evidence that Dodd's Kidney Pills is just such a cure. The district could furnish a dozen cures, but one is enough for an example. The one is that of Mrs. Jas. Murphy. She says:

"I suffered for thirty-eight months with a pain in my back. I took just one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills and I have never been troubled with the pain since. I also recommended Dodd's Kidney Pills to other people, who complained as I did and in every case the Pills did their duty and brought relief."

NEW HORSELESS CARRIAGE.

In Upogoro, a tract of land in German East Africa, the leopard has been domesticated and is now used for the purpose of pulling light mountain guns up the steep hillsides. They seem to have no difficulty in performing the work. These beasts in their wild state are a menace to the natives, whose huts they burst into without fear, and whom they attack and devour without hesitation. Curiously enough, a leopard will never touch a European, and the ferocity of the animals seems to entirely disappear when the leopard is caught young enough, and the natives find the domesticated animal a very useful addition to their stock.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

LAW-BREAKING MADE EASY.
There are certain laws on the British Statute Book—for instance, those, against Sunday trading; appearing in disguise in the streets (for which a man could still be hanged); abstinence from public worship—which are constantly infringed without any consequences worth mentioning.

According to statute law, it is allowable to hawk perishable goods in the streets on Sunday, but in most civilized neighborhoods it is illegal for hawkers to hawl on that or any other day.

A very considerable amount of law-breaking is also done in Great Britain by railway companies and other powerful corporations, who shelter themselves behind the great difficulty and expense of putting the law into motion. Of European countries, so long as the offender keeps away from political offences, it is most easy to break the law in Russia and Turkey.

Unless the offence is a very serious one, a judicious bribe, or a sufficiently powerful application of personal interest, will nearly always get the offender off scot free. In most of the South American Republics almost any law can be broken with impunity by those who are prepared to pay in money or influence for the privilege.

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