

ARMY RECORD OF CRIME IS A GOVERNMENT SECRET (Toronto Star Weekly.)

Any misconduct of which you are guilty in the army can never be officially proved against you without your express permission. For the motto of the militia department of Canada is that war records are confidential between the King and the ex-soldier.

In the military records office at Ottawa there are complete confidential records of every one of Canada's 500,000 citizens who joined the army. Their health, their conduct, their share in the war, are fully docketed and filed for eternity.

Naturally, this would be a mine of priceless information to insurance companies, bonding companies, banks, and countless other organizations that require facts as to a man's character and health. And shortly after the army returned home, insurance companies began demanding the medical history sheets of their clients who had been overseas. These medical history sheets were a complete record of each soldier's health, including not only a most thorough medical examination, but all serious diseases and injuries he suffered during his enlistment. But the militia department ruled that this be refused the insurance companies.

The divulging of information relating to character is more sternly forbidden. Banks and bonding companies are given statements of a man's army record only on a written permission of the subject of their inquiries. In connection with character, women have actually applied to the department for clean bills of health for their fiancés, but this information has also been refused as being a breach of confidence.

One unfortunate young fellow who had been sent to prison by court martial for refusing to obey an order secured a splendid job on his release at the end of the war, and in his references gave as the date of the conclusion of his military service the date he was discharged from military prison. The company he was employed with tried to confirm his statements and if that had been possible, they would have found out about his disgrace, which even though it bore little or no relation to his real character, would have lost him his job.

There have been cases of people deliberately trying to ruin others on the strength of the military records. There was some one they wanted to "get" and they saw no reason why they should not be permitted to run through the man's war record to that end.

Another common effort is that made to discover whether a man has had venereal disease. Even in the case of a deceased soldier, where the army had to make a financial statement to his next of kin, information as to venereal disease was never disclosed, the pay forfeited while he had the complaint being shown as otherwise disposed of.

In the army, men are peculiarly at the mercy of the government.

These confidential records at Ottawa are necessary in order to protect the government against all sorts of fraudulent claims in time to come. But it is comforting to know that they are kept in strictest confidence.

"THE MOUNTAIN WOMAN" HERE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Probably no group of people in North America are more picturesque and interesting than the mountaineers of Kentucky and Tennessee. Pearl White's latest William Fox picture, "The Mountain Woman," is laid in the heart of the Kentucky timberlands and Miss White has the part of a tempestuous daughter of the hills who has been reared as a boy and named "Alexander" by her disappointed father, who had wanted a boy.

"The Mountain Woman," which will be seen at the Veteran Star tomorrow and Saturday nights, is adapted from Charles Neville Buck's famous novel, "A Pagan of the Hills." The part of Alexander fits the well-known athletic ability of this famous star perfectly, and altogether gives her a picture that for sheer interest and heart appeal is said to be second to none in which Miss White has appeared.

The picture contains some intensely dramatic situations, which include a dangerous logging trip down the river, a hotel fire, and the burning of an immense grain elevator. The sub-titles are said to be delightful, the quaint, humorous speech of the mountaineers being faithfully recorded.

Have you tried Rawleigh's Cold Tablets for that cold? Get a box at the Variety Store.

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WHY RAILROADS DO NOT REDUCE RATES

In the Bache Review for March 18 it is pointed out that in 1921, a starving year for railroads, Panama Canal traffic doubled over the preceding year. This did not mean an increase in general business but simply that the business was taken from the railroads on account of the high freight rates, making it cheaper for freight to take the longer trip from the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic and vice versa.

The Review comments further: "This is a very interesting economic illustration of the power of competition, but it also a very serious matter for the railroads, because the eleven hundred thousand tons which the Panama Canal gained in 1921 traffic came directly out of the volume of business which the railroads would have carried if their rates had been low enough to compete with the water rates.

"The layman's response is, of course, 'Serves them right. Why don't the railroads reduce their rates and get the business back? We have said right along that railroad rates were too high and were hurting the railroad business.'

"Why, indeed, do not the roads reduce their rates? The answer is that the railroads cannot do it and live, that their operating expenses are too high to permit it, that of their operating expenses, rail wages are the principal part, and that the supplies which they must purchase and which are too high also, labor costs keep them so.

"And so it comes about that high freight rates are hurting railroad labor by reducing inevitably the volume of railroad transportation, and so reducing the number of railroad jobs. And there is no way out of it except for railroad wages to be reduced to allow the roads to get back the business they are losing by water competition. Those losses are liable to increase as shipping rates go lower and make the competition more intense and the volume of traffic taken away from the roads larger.

The railroad labor unions should employ a sound business economist to find these things out, and impress them upon leaders and members."

IN A BAGDAD BAZAAR

The man who loves his Arabian Nights will find little to enjoy in modern Bagdad. It is no longer the splendid city of Haroun-al-Raschid where you could not polish a silver dish without the chance that you would thereby summon into your presence a hideous genie. Nevertheless, as we learn from Mr. Roland Gorbold in Asia, bits of the old Bagdad remain. Among them are the bazaars.

I usually visited the bazaars, says Mr. Gorbold, at the beginning or at the end of the day. But the people of Bagdad spend long hours in them; they are a welcome refuge from the intolerably hot streets. All day men and women surge through the miles of narrow lanes and share with trains of pack animals the protection that the low-domed brick or wooden roofs afford. At the shrill cry of "Ba'black! (Mind your back)" uttered by a man who sits on one of a long line of donkeys laden with building materials the crowd moves apart and everyone flattens himself against the wall or retreats into a tiny shop. Then when the train has passed the scattered folk flock together again and jostle one another along the way until the clonk! clonk! of bells and the advance of a solemn caravan of camels tied together, nose to tail, and swinging along with disdainful heads lifted high, sends them scurrying once more.

The shops at the bazaar are mere shallow depressions in the walls, but they have wide doors, which are shut at night and fastened with formidable padlocks. Everywhere there is a blaze of color and of semibarbaric splendor. There are piles of brights silks in gorgeous patterns interwoven with threads of silver and of gold; there are gaudy prints from the West and delicate, hand-printed Shiraz cottons in quaint designs and subtle shades; there are bowls and pots and trays of burnished copper, shining tin vessels made of army petrol cans, and heavy finger rings, earrings, nose rings, bracelets and anklets.

Everywhere there is noise—the whir of looms; the clang of hammers; the shouts of those who have goods to sell; the shouts of those who pretend that they do not wish to buy; the wail of the professional mourner; and the beggar's cry of "Alms, for the love of Allah!" Everywhere there is odor—rank exhalations from the refuse underfoot; fetid air; hot, unwashed bodies; rich spices and heavy perfumes of the East. You are glad to enter a bazaar, and glad to leave it.

Alyg—That vulgah puhson mistook me for a racing man.

Sally—How was that?
Alyg—He said that I won the Brown Derby.

THEY'RE COMING

The Orpheus Male Chorus, of Owen Sound, will give a Concert in Durham under Red Cross auspices, on THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 4, 1922

PROGRAM

- PART I. 1 March of the Guard, Geibel, Orpheus Male Chorus. 2 Song—"A Wreck on the Tide of Time", Lange, Mr. G. McGregor. 3 Sketch—Exits, Mr. D. B. Patterson. 4 Song—"The Magic of Your Eyes", Penn, Mr. D. Hubbard. 5 The Bill of Fare, Zolliner, Orpheus Male Chorus. 6 Solo—"Lovely War", Mr. H. E. Pembroke. 7 Zonophone Solo, Mr. L. A. Duncan. 8 Admiral Tom, Hastings, Orpheus Male Chorus. PART II. 9 Song—"Mother Carey (as told by the Boatmen)", Keel, Mr. J. L. Yule. 10 Sketch—"Fiction and Fact", Mr. D. B. Patterson. 11 Song—"A Red, Red Rose", Hastings, Mr. G. D. Fleming. 12 Comrades in Arms, Nevin, Orpheus Male Chorus. 13 Song—"The Ringers", Lohr, Mr. J. M. Christie. 14 Heroes and Gentlemen, Frank Peskett, Orpheus Male Chorus.

GOD SAVE THE KING

THE ENTERTAINERS

First Tenor.—G. D. Fleming, W. Savage, L. A. Duncan. Second Tenor.—J. M. Christie, G. Dunoon, D. Hubbard, C. L. Vanwyck. First Bass.—J. C. Telford, J. L. Yule, E. L. Ireland, H. E. Pembroke, D. B. Patterson. Second Bass.—J. G. MacKay, T. D. Bell, R. Wallace, G. McGregor, D. R. Dobie.

PROCEEDS IN AID OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

WHAT DO SHARKS EAT?

All sharks are not man-eaters. Far from it; most persons who have fallen victim to sharks have been eaten merely because they happened to be at hand. Then what do sharks eat? Mr. J. C. Bell of the American Museum has answered the question. Mr. Bell, says Mr. John T. Nichols in Natural History, examined the contents of the stomachs of more than thirty tiger sharks. Most of the sharks were from nine to twelve feet long, and seventy-six per cent. of them had been eating such creatures as sea turtles, other sharks and large rays and porpoises. Thirty-eight per cent. had eaten a variety of smaller creatures—crabs, horseshoe crabs, mackerel, shad and other fish, and one had eaten a water bird. Six per cent., probably in their role of scavengers, had swallowed the bones of domestic animals; one shark contained among other material beef bones and hair, and a second, which landed on the dock still alive, vomited several small mammal bones, among which were the leg bones of three sheep.

Ordinary sharks constituted the largest single item of diet for the tiger sharks that Mr. Bell examined. The stomach of one tiger shark eleven feet three inches long contained a large piece from the side of the head and gills of an eleven-foot hammerhead shark that was taken in the nets with it. In the stomachs of four tiger sharks were large pieces of black-tip sharks. One tiger shark twelve feet two inches long had swallowed a large shark eight or nine feet long, bitten into seven or eight pieces. An eleven-foot fellow contained a whole hammerhead perhaps three and a half feet long and also several parts of other sharks. In most cases the sharks that were eaten appeared to have been first caught in the nets. It is doubtful whether so many of them could have been captured in the open, although the evil tiger shark carries with it always the will to eat its weaker brethren.

Feed Oats For Sale. Western Feed Oats at 62c. a bushel at the Rob Roy Mills. 46tf

Rob Roy Grain Prices. We are paying 55c. to 60c. for Oats, 85c. to 90c. for Barley, 95c. to \$1.00 for Buckwheat, \$1.75 to \$2.00 for Peas, and \$1.35 to \$1.40 for Wheat at our elevator this week.—Rob Roy Mills Limited, Durham, Ont.

DURHAM MARKET

Table with market prices for Live hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Hides, Sheepskins.

OLD FAMILY HEIRLOOMS

Mr. W. G. Lauder left us a Bible a few days ago for inspection. It is interesting because of its antiquity, being printed in Edinburgh by the assigns of Alexander Kincaid, His Majesty's Printer, in the year 1785. It is regarded as a valuable heirloom in the Lauder family, as it was originally the property of the great-grandfather of the present owner, and handed down from generation to generation. It is bound in leather, well printed and still in a good state of preservation. Like all works of the time, it has the old-fashioned "s" made like an "f", as well as the one in modern use. It contains also the Psalms in metre, the Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus, and other features not given in modern versions. A family record of interest, dating back to January 7, 1785, when William Lauder and Jean Hastings were married, is given in manuscript, and this is followed by other members of the family down to the year 1868, when Thomas Dixon Lauder died at Durham, October 6, at the age of 76 years and six months. On a supplementary sheet the record is continued to June 18, 1889, when John Lauder died in the Township of Normanby at the age of 74 years. The book will long be treasured in the family.

We have also had handed in for our inspection, an Anglican Book of Common Prayer. Though no date appears on it, the book must have been printed about the year 1760. It was handed in by Mr. Erben Schutz, and is the property of his grandfather, Mr. George Whitmore. Like the Bible referred to above, it, too, is printed in the style of that day. We have not learned the history of the Prayer Book, but understand it is a valuable family heirloom of the Whitmore family and will be cherished the more as the years pass on.

BORN

Herz.—At Kitchener, on April 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Herz (nee Rita Torry), a daughter. McNally.—In Glenelg, on April 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert McNally, a son.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

We have for sale the following properties: 114 acres on the 2nd Concession of Glenelg; 60 acres cleared and in a good state of cultivation, about 20 acres bush, and the balance in pasture land; running water on farm. On this property is a good brick house, log barn and frame stable. It will be sold cheap for quick sale, on easy terms if desired. Rough-cast 8-room house in the Town of Durham. This property is not equipped with the modern conveniences, but is a good home for somebody. There is a good cellar, and a large, good woodshed. If you are interested in buying a farm or a house in town, consult us. The Chronicle Office, Durham.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Blyth left Friday morning to visit friends in Toronto for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cooper and family, of Paisley, spent Sunday with Mr. H. N. Burnett and daughter, Miss Frankie Burnett.

Rev. W. H. Smith of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. W. H. Burgess of Walkerton, exchanged pulpits on Sunday.

Dr. Cecil Wolfe was in Toronto on Friday attending a banquet at the Ontario Club of the heads of departments and the directorate of the Farmers' Dairy Company, of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Elliott, of Winchester, spent from Friday till yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. P. Gagnon. Mr. Elliott was a boyhood friend of Mr. Gagnon in the old home town of Winchester, and ran up to see him for a few days on the occasion of a business trip to Toronto.

Mrs. George Tolchard and daughter, Miss Edna Ritchie, of Chesley, were in town yesterday.

Mrs. L. Sanford, sister of Mrs. G. A. Moore and Mrs. J. Crutchley, who came to Durham in answer to a call to be with her brother, James Hopkins, during his recent illness and death, returned to her home in Inglewood Park, Ford, Ont., on Monday.

Mrs. (Dr.) Robertson (nee Jessie Munro), of Stratford, visited her mother and sister in town this week. Mrs. Robertson and husband have but recently returned from a winter cruise of the Mediterranean.

Mrs. S. MacBeth and Mrs. W. Calder are in Hamilton this week attending the I.O.D.E. convention.

Rev. and Mrs. Hardy are in London this week, the former attending Synod and the latter visiting her old home there.

Mr. R. Torry, who has spent the winter in Toronto, has returned to town.

Miss K. A. Firth has returned from an extended visit with friends at Niagara Falls and Port Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. White, Stratford, were in town Saturday and the former gave us a brief call. Mr. White, who is on the staff of the Stratford Collegiate, was formerly principal of the High School at Flesherton.

Miss Janet McLachlan of Glenelg, spent Easter with Toronto friends, and returned on Tuesday.

Mr. Alex. McLachlan of Montana, is visiting the Weir and McKinnon families here and his sister, Mrs. Robert Shortreed, of Priceville.

Mrs. Charles McInnis of Paisley visited her old pupil, Mrs. J. C. Nichol, last week.

Mr. John A. Darling of Simcoe is visiting his daughter, Mrs. George Gagnon.

Mr. Ross Parke of Hamilton visited friends here recently.

Mr. J. G. Ross of Montreal and Mr. R. B. Ross of London, are in town on business and incidentally guests of their sister, Mrs. J. A. Rowland.

Mr. G. G. Robinson of the Jno. E. Russell Company's Toronto office, was in town this week on business.

"REPUTATION" A MASTERPIECE; AT VETERAN STAR NEXT WEEK

Reputation comes in just two varieties—good and bad. A good Reputation is the hardest thing to get and the easiest thing to lose. A bad Reputation is the easiest thing to get and the hardest thing to lose. Reputation can be the most exalting or the most damning thing in life. Reputation is the right hand of Fate—that points out the road to Success or Failure. Reputation is an invisible pedestal on which we stand like statues, marked Famous or Infamous. Reputation is priceless and yet, it is within the reach of everybody. Reputation is the most precious thing to a woman and the most valu-

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Reputation is the first of a series of "Big" pictures at the regular price that have been contracted for by the Veteran Star Theatre, and will be shown next Tuesday and Wednesday night, the 2nd and 3rd of May. They will appear every two weeks thereafter. See "Reputation" next week and watch for further announcements in this paper.

THRESHING OUTFIT FOR SALE

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