

A WRETCHED WAIF REUNITED AFTER FORTY-TWO YEARS.

Pathetic Meeting of Brother and Sister Who Had Long Been Separated.

London, Oct. 31.—The pathetic meeting of a brother and sister, after being parted for more than forty years, was described yesterday by Mr. Barnett, the missionary at the Westminster police court.

The man was Alfred Borgius, whose appearance at the court on a charge of attempting to drown himself, and whose "diary of starvation" has been chronicled in the newspapers. The sister is the wife of a working man, and she has taken her brother to her home in Cabott Town.

"I cannot describe adequately the meeting of brother and sister after forty-two years of separation," Mr. Barnett said. "She sat silently by his side—she is two years younger than he—and for more than an hour tenderly stroked his hand."

"They had written to each other for years, until the sister changed her address. His letter were returned to him, and they lost sight of each other. A relative in Wales saw the name in a newspaper, and telegraphed to his sister. That is how they came to meet."

"His sister is poor—the wife of a working man. But, she said to him, 'you must come home to Cabott Town.' Borgius passed his first day 'at home' yesterday restfully. He cannot eat much, but loving hands and hearts are trying to make him forget the miserable past. He has been introduced to nephews and grandnephews, and nieces and grandnieces whom he has never seen, and all vie with each other to make 'Uncle Alfred' happy."

The family history, like his own, is romantic. "We descended from the 'Huguenots,'" he said yesterday, "and our ancestors were compelled to leave France."

"For many years I was a ship's carpenter in the navy, and on leaving I went to Australia, where I remained for a quarter of a century. I returned

MARRIED PRIVATELY In Order to Escape Curiosity of Crowd.

to London in 1866, and afterward worked in Woolwich Arsenal. Then when I was discharged I secured work of a casual kind till—the trouble came."



DUKE OF ABRUZZI.

Naples, Oct. 31.—It is reported that the Duke of Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins will marry, privately, in order to escape the curiosity of the crowd. It is reported also that the duke and his wife will land at Naples, on their arrival from America, and for a short time be the guests of the Duke and Duchess of Aosta.

Rebellious Stomachs.

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FIRST STEPS TAKEN LONDON TO FOLLOW PHILADELPHIA'S LEAD.

Ten Thousand Acres of Waste Land in City That May Be Cultivated.

London, Oct. 31.—The city of London is about to follow the example set by Philadelphia.

Within an omnibus ride of the Bank exist, it is reckoned, quite 10,000 acres of waste land. Much of this lies vacant even for years, "eating its head off" and of no service to man or beast.

These vacant plots, even when to all appearance masses of rubbish and brickbats, are capable of growing most things that a garden is expected to grow. Why then should they not become actual gardens without delay?

It is hoped that this consummation will soon be reached. Philadelphia—the pioneer city in making waste places blossom like the rose—provides, it is learned, for over 800 families out of its vacant sites. Cannot London and Manchester and every great town in England do the same?

A society has been formed—the Vacant Land Cultivation Society—with the object of obtaining the loan of unused land from the public authorities and private owners, and a first-class gardener has been retained to visit the gardeners and give advice. The county council has made a beginning by granting a loan of land at Fulham, and twenty men are now at work on the patch.

But now is the time to make the movement general all over the country. If these melancholy rectangles, these pernicious eyesores, where a tangle of weeds indicate the capabilities of the soil, could be taken in hand this winter, the early spring would see rich gardens dotted all about the town, bearing in London alone \$500,000 worth—it may be \$1,000,000 or \$1,500,000 worth—of produce where nothing grew before, and serving as happy recreation grounds—for there is no recreation like gardening—where no one, not even a truant child, refreshed himself before.

For this ideal to be achieved two things are wanted: the free grant of the vacant lands for this temporary but precious work, and the quick sympathy of the public. Experience shows small and results large. The English society, whose headquarters are at 39 Wilson street, E. C., hope for as great a return in England; and Joseph Fels, who has inspired it, has the advantage of American experience. There is reason to hope that the movement will spread rapidly all over England, as it has in America, but clearly London, with its 10,000 wasted acres, should give the lead.

THOUSANDS IN PARADE.

Bengal's Protest Against Partition.

Calcutta, Oct. 31.—A remarkable anti-European demonstration was made throughout Bengal to-day, on the occasion of the third anniversary of the partition of the province.

The natives observed the anniversary as a day of mourning, discarding their clothes and footwear, and abstaining from food. All shops were closed in Calcutta.

Special police proclamations were posted everywhere forbidding meetings and processions after 5 o'clock, and ordering the arrest of any native found carrying weapons.

In consequence of the alarming rumors that the Bengalis contemplated an attack on Europeans, two companies of Gordon Highlanders were turned out for patrol duty and the remainder of the regiment was kept under arms in the fort.

Two hundred police with fixed bayonets marched to the scene of the principal demonstration in Calcutta, while 500 other police, including plain-clothes men armed with revolvers, were posted in the native city, in order to be ready to quell any rioting.

Forty thousand Bengalis paraded the streets, the procession being a mile and a half long, and stopping all traffic. Surrendranath Banerjee, the "uncrowned king" of Bengal, was escorted by a bodyguard. He walked beneath the standard of Bengal.

The police prevented any speeches being made by the agitators, and attempts to create disturbances were promptly suppressed. A European corporation official was attacked outside the university, and his carriage was stoned. One of the footmen was severely injured, and only escaped death in consequence of the bravery of the coachman.

Race Suicide in New Zealand.

France is not the only country with a falling birth rate. The Hon. J. A. Miller, the minister of labor in New Zealand, has been calling attention to the "staggering statistics" on this subject in that part of the empire. The New Zealand birth rate has fallen from forty-one a thousand in 1890 to twenty-seven last year. The reduction of a great attendance at their schools is very noticeable. It is feared that New Zealand's industries, instead of expanding will shrink and disappear if the population is not maintained.

VISITED THE CZAR. The Crown Prince of Serbia at St. Petersburg.



LATEST PORTRAIT OF SERBIA'S CROWN PRINCE.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 31.—The visit of Crown Prince George of Serbia to the czar, from which the Servians hope great things, took place, yesterday afternoon. The prince, accompanied by x-Minister of Foreign Affairs Pastich, went to the Peterhof by train, taking King Peter's letter to the czar. The interview lasted about twenty minutes. It is reported to have been most cordial, but nothing can be learned of what passed.

SCHEME TO AID CHARITY.

England's Queen Becomes Authoress.

London, Oct. 31.—Queen Alexandra, ever thoughtful of her poorest subjects, has decided upon the publication on their behalf of "Queen Alexandra's Christmas Gift Book: Photographs from My Camera." The queen, thus turning her well-known hobby of "snapshooting" to profit for a benevolent object; the proceeds of the sales, no doubt very considerable, will be devoted to charitable purposes.

By her majesty's express desire the "Christmas Gift Book" will bear her name as authoress. All the contents pictures and letterpress will be the queen's own work. The pictures will all be photographs taken by Queen Alexandra, and beneath each one will be a description which the queen has written.

Her majesty is well known to be an enthusiastic photographer; she is not only the gift book with set ceremonial subjects, but has selected informal, unofficial, everyday snapshots.

The only page in the book which is not her majesty's handiwork is the frontispiece, a charming new portrait of the queen in private dress. Following this will be a number of snapshots of the king and other members of the royal family, few of them posed for and most with the especial interest attaching to pictures taken informally, on the spur of the moment, as it were.

Many were "snapped" on board the royal yacht, many at Copenhagen, showing the queen's father, the late king of Denmark; a few on her majesty's last visit to her brother, the king of Greece; some at Reval, during the recent visit of the king and queen to the czar, and several in Scotland and at various country houses where the queen has stayed. In the descriptions members of the queen's family are referred to by their Christian names or by their relationship.

Her majesty does not specify which of the many charities in which she is interested are to profit by her book, but her sympathies extend, as is well known, over a wide area. In order to bring her book within the means of all classes, and to insure a large sale, she has decided that the price shall be no more than half a crown.

The book will consist of about 130 pages, and the photographs, which are of various sizes, will be reproduced by the latest and most perfect processes. They will in most instances be mounted upon stiff green sheets, the book itself being demy quarto in size. The publication has been undertaken by the Daily Telegraph, and it is anticipated that the book will be ready and on sale early in November.

No Time To Leave.

Harper's Weekly. Rastus was on trial for the theft of a turkey, and took the stand on his own behalf.

"I didn't steal no turkey, Squar; I stole a rail."

"Well, Rastus, how did those bones get in your back yard?"

"They done come dar without my permission; an' I ain't s'ponsible. You see, Squar, I wuz needin' firewood; so forty-one a thousand, an' I toted it home, an' der wuz a turkey on it; a great big fellah. Well, sah, what's on my lan's mine, an' I didn' give 'im no time to run off neither, Squar."

The Squire deliberated a few seconds, then he said, "Case dismissed."

A Revolt Against Borden.

Toronto Telegram, (Cons.)

Canada yesterday saw party lines broken in every province by a race and creed stampede to Laurier. The whole story of the victory in North Waterloo is told in the truth that one element in the electorate, which formerly divided on party lines, united for Laurier and King, irrespective of party lines, and carried its favorite to victory.

The Borden opposition was the victim of a race and creed stampede for Laurier in every province. The Borden leadership suppressed the issues which might have inspired a counter-stampede against Laurier in the English-speaking provinces.

The conservatives need to win thirty-five more seats than they carried yesterday before they can form a government in Canada. They might win by waiting until Sir Wilfrid Laurier passes from the scene, unless Sir Wilfrid is succeeded by some other statesman who can unite the minority in every province of Canada as the minority was united against Borden. Or, the conservatives can go in to fight for the right because it is right, realizing that courage cannot fall worse than calculating cowardice failed on Oct. 26, 1908.

The great hope of conservative victory in Canada is in the virtues of the Whitney government. The unspoken eloquence of a party's usefulness to public rights will make more votes than all the junk that can be thrown together in the Halifax or any other platform. If Hon. Frank Cochrane had started operations on the Gillies Limit, and the province had been "cleared up" \$100,000 a month from its own silver mine the conservatives would have had one argument that could not be answered.

And R. L. Borden will have to get himself and his party out of leading strings to the Montreal Gazette type of Toryism. The conservatives in Ontario and the west must be tired of having their federal leadership at the beck and call of a lot of Montreal reactionaries who never give the party anything but advice. The Halifax platform has its merits. The place to build a platform is Ottawa, not Halifax. The stuff that R. L. Borden must put into his platform is not the brave language of sincere speech, but the valiant deeds of a parliamentary career inspired by sympathy

with progress, respect for public rights and fair play to public ownership.

The leadership of R. L. Borden is now accepted, even by Canadians, who believe that Mr. Borden should have faced Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the school question with a determination to do right and leave Quebec to do as it pleased.

Mr. Borden could not have taken any position on the school question that would have left him weaker in Quebec than he was yesterday. No form of hostility to Laurierism could have united the church and state vote in the constituencies of Ontario and the other provinces more solidly than that vote united against the Borden candidates yesterday.

It is not to be doubted that Mr. Borden handled the school question in such a way as to gain nothing from Quebec or its sympathizers in the other provinces, and to lose at least twenty-five English-speaking constituencies that Sir Wilfrid Laurier could not have carried if he had been brought face to face with the issues raised by his betrayal of provincial rights, his hostility to national schools.

But R. L. Borden is not being harshly judged. Mr. Borden is the only opposition chief who ever lost two successive general elections without losing his leadership. The conservatives may well go back to Ottawa with undiminished faith in Mr. Borden. It is the privilege of the opposition leader to justify that faith. Let Mr. Borden make more use of W. F. Maclean and the ideals of progress and public rights, which Mr. Maclean has largely made his own. If Mr. Borden is determined to cut Mr. Maclean's throat let him use the knife after he has become premier. The needless isolation of the Borden opposition from the policies of W. F. Maclean interferes with Mr. Borden's chances of becoming premier.

The future belongs to R. L. Borden if he will only realize that the strength of the conservative party in Ontario and the west is in its progressive, not reactionary, elements. R. L. Borden can make the conservative opposition at Ottawa the party of public honesty, fair play to public ownership. Let Borden put his hand to the plough and the sorrows of his present, and not altogether undeserved defeat will be forgotten in the joys of the success he may yet command, by the simple process of deserving success.

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