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DRAPING IN OTTAWA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS BEING DRESSED IN BLACK.

Dr. B. E. Fernow to Represent Canada at Geology Congress at Stockholm—The North Bay Murder Case.

Ottawa, May 11.—The work of draping the public buildings in honor of the late king was begun to-day by the workmen's staff of the public works department and will be carried out along the lines of the draping at the time of the death of Queen Victoria.

The dominion subsidy of \$10,000 for the steamship service between St. John and Halifax has been renewed. The commission of conservation has appointed Dr. B. E. Fernow, of Toronto university, to represent it at the international congress of geology to be held shortly in Stockholm.

There are three applications for the position of trade commissioner in New Zealand, rendered vacant by the death of J. S. Larke, Australian commissioner. The Sidney office is now to be closed and one opened in New Zealand.

The case of Walter T. Ross, the North Bay murderer, is still in abeyance. The application for examination as to his sanity made by J. W. McFarry, will be before the cabinet this afternoon.

An Explanation Made.
In the report of the Orpheum theatre bill in Tuesday's issue, it was stated that "the main act on the bill was the Japanese trio, a father who stands and looks wise, while his two daughters, apparently about fifteen years of age, earn his living." The explanation of the inactivity of the father of the children on the stage is that the ladders used by the trio could not be utilized, as they were nine feet too high. Hence the girls had to do most of the performing under the direction of a skillful parent.

Only a Few Remain.
Few of those who were in collegium with Mr. Pense while school trustee remain. Only two represent the public school board—Judge Britton and William Allen, and representing the high school board are Judge Price, Hon. William Hart, Hon. M. Sullivan, J. McInyre, K.C., J. B. Carruthers, J. McKelvey and Prof. Dupuis. Among the dead who served with Mr. Pense are Alexander Horne, Dr. Smythe, Dr. Fee, Dr. Herald, R. M. Horsey and Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick.

Many a wife only thinks she is having her own way.

FAMOUS FREAKS.

Not the Attraction They Once Were—One Has Just Died.

There died a few days ago in a mountain county in North Carolina a negro dwarf whose peculiar physical conformation caused him to be sought by showmen from all parts of the United States, but for forty years he resisted their advances and died at the age of 63 without ever having been on public exhibition. The point that attracted showmen was not the statur of the dwarf—he was 34 inches in height—but the remarkable muscular development of his arms. The biceps were the size of the biceps of a man of 160 pounds, and the finger tips extended to within four inches of the ground. The little man weighed 51 pounds, but it was estimated by anatomists that his arms weighed more than half the weight of his entire body.

There has been a steady slump in the human freak market for the last three or four years, and an "attraction" that commanded \$50 or \$100 a week would find it hard work to-day getting an engagement at any figure. Indeed, it is a question whether Luola Zante, the finest human being that ever lived, and who attracted spectators as well as the general public, could command anything like the pay she received 25 years ago, when crowds flocked to see her in all the principal cities of the Union.

She was a perfectly formed woman and symmetrical. She weighed less than eleven pounds and her height was not quite twelve inches. She could walk under General Tom Thumb's extended arm without brushing his sleeve. An ordinary finger ring could be slipped on her wrist, and a teacup would cover her head. The nail on her little finger was not much larger than a pin head.

Giants are no more in demand nowadays than dwarfs. The great majority of those who travel with shows are not as tall by two or three inches as announced on the billboards and on the programmes. While a lilliputian cannot make himself appear smaller than he really is a giant can add to his stature with thick-soled Wellington cavalry boots and high heels and accoutre the illusion of great height by wearing a hat with a tall crown.

Chang, the Chinese giant, was probably the tallest man known in modern times. His actual measurement was within an inch of nine feet, and he possessed a fair degree of muscular strength. It is not generally known to the public that the average "show giant" has a very weak spinal column, and his muscles, as a rule, are atrophied.

The unusual growth, which is quite rapid appears to sap the strength. With the exception of Chang, there never has been a giant on public view whose lifting power was equal to that of a healthy normal boy of 15.

The two-headed girl, Millie Christine, was probably one of the most extraordinary freaks of nature born since the days of the strange creature described in the "Historia Heron Sicutiarsum" of George Buchanan. This being lived in the reign of James III. of Scotland in the year 1490. It was of the male sex, and from the waist up was double. There were two perfectly formed heads, two sets of lungs, two hearts and two pairs of arms. This double body was supported on one pair of legs. This monstrosity was neither repulsive nor displeasing. On the contrary, the dual mental equipment was so perfect that the king engaged a special tutor in languages and mathematics and music. The double man became proficient in all of these studies, and was a favorite royal diversion to have the heads argue with each other on the progress made during the day's work.

THE COST OF AIR TRAVEL.
Fare to Europe on a First-Class Air Liner.
The expense of air-shiping steadily decreases with experience. In operating a trans-oceanic service one week would undoubtedly be allotted to each of forty-eight annual voyages. The crossing would take two or three days. Engines and ships would be overhauled after each trip.

Air ships of 20,000 cubic meters displacement would need to be refilled twice a month. A new process for producing hydrogen makes the refilling of ships very easy. The Zeppelin IV cost \$525, as compared with \$1,001 a year ago. Gas drawn from the chambers and burned in the motors, to compensate for weight lost by the consumption of gasoline, would cost \$155, leaving \$198 for the gasoline consumed. Docking, over-hauling and repairing between trips would not exceed \$250. An air ship costs \$144,600, it will last four years if regularly overhauled, a credit of \$300 for each trip would represent material that could be taken from an obsolete ship to furnish a new one.

A captain costs \$3,856 a year; two helmsmen each \$2,410, and three engineers each \$1,446. This personnel would need to earn \$301 each trip, but by transferring the crew from incoming to outgoing ships \$290 would be a conservative estimate for wages. Roughly the expense of each trip would be about \$1,203.

If twenty passengers were carried at \$120 each, the fare on a first-class steamship, the returns would enable the air liner to pay a handsome dividend and lay aside a fund for better wages to more expert officers. The captain must be assisted by a navigating officer, both drawing \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year, according to the training and service demanded of them, which includes expert skill in astronomical and meteorological calculations and wireless telegraphy.—From "Over Sea by Airship," in the May Century.

Identification Settled.
Philadelphia Post.
It was only a small point of law but the two counsel were hammering at one another tooth and nail. They had been submitting this and that to the honor for twenty minutes, arguing more and more heated as they argued.

THE CITY MOURNED

PAID LATE E. J. B. PENSE A TOUCHING TRIBUTE

As His Remains Were Borne Through the Streets of His Native City—Service at St. George's—A Grand Cortège.

Kingston paid a splendid tribute to the memory of the late E. J. B. Pense, whose funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. The cortège was one of the largest that ever passed through the streets of the Limestone City, members of every walk of life being represented. Thousands of people lined the walks for many blocks along the route, and many business places were closed, while others had their blinds drawn, as the cortège moved from cathedral to cemetery. It was altogether a most striking and touching tribute to the memory of the deceased veteran journalist and publisher.

At the family residence, "On-gwa-na-da," at two o'clock, there was a celebration of the city, commencing, attended by the family and a few intimate friends. This service was conducted by the Dean of Ontario and Canon Starr.

As the hour set for the public service drew on, St. George's cathedral began filling with a vast congregation of every creed and every age, and in some way it was felt that Mr. Pense had touched them all. To the strains of funeral marches they entered in twos or threes or in representative bodies—the school board, he had served on it; the city council, he had been mayor; the police, he had stood for law and order, as man and as journalist; the guards from the penitentiary; they said he had ever been their friend and so had asked leave to be present at the burial office, and lastly, the men of his chosen profession, employees of Standard and Whig, side by side, moving together to seats nearest the mourners. And here and there throughout the church could be seen the faces of men, political opponents for the most part, but friends good and true and brethren in the work of the church.

Additional Flowers.
These additional floral tributes were sent to be placed on the casket: Mr. and Mrs. Betts, sheaf; Mrs. and Miss Carman and Bruce Carman, sheaf of carnations; Courtland M. Strange, sheaf of roses; Miss Maud Dutton, sheaf of carnations; St. James' church, wreath; Mrs. and Miss O'Hara, sheaf of carnations; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davis, sheaf of carnations; F. S. Lazier, Frankford, wreath; Lieut. Col. and Mrs. H. E. Burstall, cross; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McKay, Toronto, roses.

St. James' Church Resolution.
"At the monthly meeting of the advisory board of St. James' church, held last evening, the following resolution was passed:

"We, the advisory board of St. James' church wish to record our great regret and deep sorrow at the sudden death of E. J. B. Pense. Mr. Pense was for many years a prominent member of our church. He did much towards placing it in the position in which it now is, and has left lasting memorials of his interest in its welfare. We all know well his great zeal and untiring labors for the advancement of the Anglican church in this city and diocese, and his earnest efforts in the great missionary cause. He can be ill-spared from the councils and activities of the church militant. While we deplore his loss, we humbly bow our heads and say, 'It is the Lord; let Him do what seemeth Him best.'"

"To Mrs. Pense and the other members of the family we would convey our sincere sympathy, and pray that they may be blessed with all the consolations of the Comforter." The wardens also referred to the fact that they had arranged for the advisory board to attend the funeral in the afternoon, representing the congregation officially, and that a wreath of flowers had been sent in the name of the church.

COMING TO THE GRAND.
Several More Fine Attractions Have Been Booked.
The theatrical season at the Grand Opera House has by no means closed. There has been somewhat of a lull, but Manager D. P. Branigan has several more good attractions booked, and it will be some little time before the favorites will be able to say farewell to this popular playhouse for another season.

One of the best attractions of the entire season will be on Wednesday, May 18th, when Lillian Russell, the most talked of actress of to-day, will appear in "The First Night," which has met with a tremendous hit all over the route; on May 19th, "The Girl From Rector's"; Saturday, May 21st, "Buster Brown," always a great favorite; May 24th, matinee and night, "Montana," and May 25th, L. W. Martin's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the best Uncle Tom show in the business.

"Lillian Russell."
With Lillian Russell this season in "The First Night," which she will present at the Grand, on Wednesday, May 18th, will be seen another former county opera favorite who has deserted the musical stage for the legitimate. This is Dignity Bell, who is booked to present the leading comedy role in Miss Russell's supporting company. It will be his first appearance here in a number of years.

The county council will meet at the court house on Tuesday, to decide upon draping the court house and to give out contracts for the same. Many sheep and cattle were bitten by a mad dog near Denfield and had to be destroyed.

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