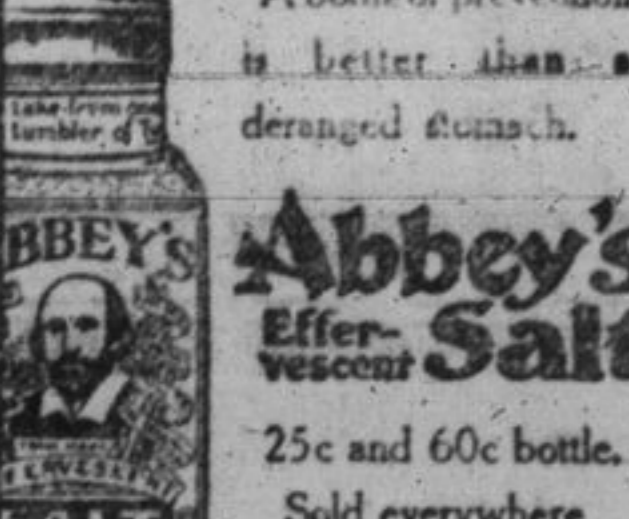


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KNOUT AND NAME

About All That Now Remain of the Original Cossacks.

CODE OF THE FIRST TRIBES.

One Class Lived in the Villages, the Other in a Sort of Monastery, and All Were Free Warriors, Self Appointed Guardians of the People.

Wherever Russia has a fight on hand there pops up promptly to do her bidding the Cossack. This right arm of the czar has not the best of reputations. Illustrated papers picture him a savage scarecrow mounted on a wiry looking animal, and his chief occupation is apparently the killing and knouting of harmless people. Yet he comes of good stock.

Once upon a time there drifted into southwest Russia a tribe of runaways who called themselves "Kossaki," which is Tartar for free men, free warriors or guardians. Seemingly they lived up to the name. They protected from the Tartars the peoples in the countries which they originally had freed from and saved thousands of Russian women and children from slavery in Turkey. Growing in numbers and importance, these self appointed guardian angels became everywhere feared and respected. Their military services especially were in request. Any nation could command their help if its cause appealed to the Kossaki code of honor.

The tribe had gradually resolved itself into two classes—the village Kossaki, who lived to their own settlements all over southern Russia, and the inhabitants of the "Setch beyond the rapids." The former had the advantage over other country folk, as neighboring governments were too afraid to tax them. Between wars, to which the call came from the Setch, the village Kossaki tilted the land. Of an altogether different character was the organization of this Setch, a community of about 12,000 men with permanent headquarters in a movable settlement the exact location was changed eight times in two centuries, usually on an unapproachable island, on the lower course of the Dnieper. The Turks once tried to rush the place, but got caught in the maze of islands like rats in a trap.

The Setch in one respect resembled a monastery. No woman was allowed inside it. A man might not even bring his mother or his sister. If he did he was banished. Here, eager to lead the free and simple life among their equals, came all sorts and conditions of men. Indeed, owing to the law enjoining celibacy, the colony depended for its numbers on newcomers, although the village Kossaki contributed recruits. Any one could join, as rank and riches were despised, and all he had to do was to submit to laws as follows: Chastity, the orthodox creed, allegiance to Russia and the south Russian dialect. No reference or inconvenient questions of his past were asked of the intending Kossak. He simply went to the elected chief and, after a brief greeting, was shown to his place in one of the "trenches" or butts. "Here is thy home, three pieces long and two pieces wide, and when thou shalt die we will make it smaller."

They had good times, though, in the Setch. There were no maneuvers, no organized training, no compulsory drill. Men lay or slept in the leveled spaces between butts, enjoying, gypsy fashion, the freedom of the open air. Drink was plentiful and also tobacco. Great songs were sung, and there was much playing of stringed instruments. Throughout the place a spirit of good comradeship prevailed. A popular pastime was dancing, no easy task in cumbersome high boots. Costumes were of a picturesque variety. The Kossak wore a mustache and on the crown of his head a lonesome wisp of hair, both being worn long to enable him to wind the three ends round his ears. Each man went armed to the teeth, and the majority carried "nagaikans" (whips which are still used).

In wartime things were different. To drink was a crime. Food, always plain, consisted of rations of uncooked horseflesh. Military organization was by election of leaders, one to every 100 men, with a colonel in command of a regiment. These officers had absolute power, but authority for only one campaign. Such war spells were of frequent occurrence, so much so that the fighting business led to the extinction of the tribe. Peter the Great laid waste the Setch. Mazepa made himself unpleasant. The Setch was again bombarded and ruined when its inhabitants became, some of them, plowmen, while others were shipped to the orient. True, there was a brief reappearance of the Setch, but under different auspices and nothing like its old times. Finally the Kossaki lands were confiscated, and the tribe and its institutions gave place to serfdom and the creation of a new nobility. The Cossack of today inherits little of the old traditions but the name and the whip.—Harper's Weekly.

This Life.

Life is made up not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness and small obligations given habitually are what win the heart and secure comfort.—Sir B. Davy.

Nobody can help being born stupid, but anybody can help becoming stuper, than he was born.—Lady Helen Forbes.

A Lively World.

Ottawa Journal.

Wouldn't it be better to pay a little more to have a regular hangman who knows his business than to encourage amateur competition for the gruesome job?

CURIOSITIES OF PAIN.

A Cramp in the Toe May Indicate a Disordered Stomach.

Pain sometimes behaves in a curious fashion. There was a soldier in London after the Boer war who complained of excruciating neuralgic pains in his right foot.

This very much amused his friends, for he had lost his right leg, and both leg and foot were long buried near Ladysmith.

The explanation was that the pain happened to be in the trunks of those nerves which had sent branches to the foot. Sometimes a patient comes to a doctor complaining of pain in the knee, and he is greatly surprised when the doctor tells him that the seat of the affection is not the knee, but the hip. We are all familiar with the pain under the shoulder blade which comes from an afflicted liver.

The stomach, too, can produce pain in many parts of the body. A disordered stomach will give us pain as far away as the head, and when one gets a cramp in his toe it is often due to acidity of the stomach. Swallow a pinch of soda and the cramp will disappear.

An aching tooth will produce neuralgic pains in the face, and very often a violent pain at the back of the head is due to the faraway kidneys, which themselves may suffer no pain at the time.

FEAST OF THE VULTURES.

Maglo of a Tiger's Carcass in the Open Air in India.

The vulture is seen at its best when a dead tiger, brought into camp to be skinned, is exposed in the open. Overhead is a cloudless sky and not a bird to be seen in that great void by the human eye.

The tiger's body is thrown from the pad to the ground, and before the skin has been removed there above one and always nearing the earth are the vultures circling, poisoning like things of air, now a dozen of them, in a few minutes a score or two and then a hundred strong. Then, when the flayed carcass of the tiger is left by those who skinned it, the vultures descend.

Down they come like feathered thunder out of the sky, and from east and west and north and south, the very embodiment of power while they whirl aloft and in their quick descent to earth, and now, as they waddle around that carrion beast, misshapen ghouls, whose only apparent strength is that of the ravaging jaws which tear and gorge the tiger's flesh until within the hour naught of that splendid brute remains but a clean picked skeleton.—Sir Edward Braden's "Thirty Years of Sikar."

Followed Suit.

This curious incident comes from Subh, Switzerland: An inspector of schools, without any previous warning, visited the village school and found the elderly teacher asleep at his desk and the children departed, having apparently taken French leave. To give the teacher a great surprise and a bad quarter of an hour the inspector decided to wait until he awoke and seated himself on a bench in front of the culprit. The hours passed, and the inspector himself went to sleep. The teacher, on awakening and seeing who was sleeping before him, quietly left the school for home. Without entering the schoolroom the concierge locked up the school and the slumbering inspector. Several hours later the concierge heard a great noise and, arming himself, opened the door and was greatly surprised to find the angry inspector before him.

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Gold has been hammered out to thin sheets whose thinness is beyond imagination, so thin a pile one inch high would doubtless contain 300,000 if all were as thin as the thinnest one. But a platinum wire has been drawn to a diameter so minute that 3,000,000 side by side would occupy one inch. The method was to surround platinum with silver and draw the mass into finer and finer wire. Then the silver coating was dissolved off with nitric acid, leaving the excessively thin, insoluble thread of platinum. Particles of gold have been seen in the new ultra violet light, dark ground reflecting microscopes so small that a row containing 250,000 would be one inch long. And there are animals as small.—New York American.

And He Lasted Sixty Years.

Roger Crab, the hermit and astrologer, almost solved the problem of how to live without eating. About 1641 he began to restrict himself to a vegetarian diet, avoiding even butter and cheese. From roots he got to a vegetarian diet of broth, thickened with bran, and pudding made of bran and turnip leaves chopped together, and he finally resorted to dock leaves and grass. He drank nothing but water and lived for nearly forty years of 3 fortnights a week. He died in London in 1680 in his sixtieth year.

The Soft Answer.

A couple of neighbors were leaning over the back fence. "My husband says he always does better work when thinking of me."

"I notice he made a very good job of beating the carpets."

And then the tomat had a fit.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

What Her Mother Is.

Helen—My mother's a Presbyterian. What's yours, Mary? Mary—Mine? Oh, let me see. Mine is a Methodist. What's yours, Bella? Bella—My mother never told me, but I heard her tell her friend that she was a dyspeptic.—London Tit-Bits.

Pains and Trouble.

New York World.

No president ever took more pains than Mr. Taft in selecting his cabinet, and no president ever had more trouble for his pains.



CONTRAST OF POLICE CHIEFS.

Here is a unique photograph from the convention of police chiefs now meeting in Toronto. From left to right—Chief Thomas McQuade, a little police chief from a big city. He stands five feet four or so in his socks; Chief Carney, of Louisville, Kentucky, and the biggest man is Chief Commissioner O'Leary, of Elizabeth, N.J.—height, six feet three, weight about three hundred pounds, a big chief from a small city.

PLANS FOR DAMMING

THE ST. LAWRENCE AT LONG SAULT RAPIDS

Have Been Completed—Objections to the Damming—Engineers' Plans Provide for Improving of Navigation.

Brookville, Ont., July 12.—New and improved plans for the damming of the St. Lawrence at the Long Sault near Cornwall, which have been in preparation for the past two years or more with a view to meeting certain objections raised by the Canadian and United States governments, have practically been completed. These plans have been most carefully prepared by a corps of engineers and every effort has been made to overcome every obstacle placed in the construction of this huge work. The principal objections advanced against the Long Sault dam have been: That navigation of the St. Lawrence would be affected; that riparian rights would be disregarded and lands flooded; that ice conditions might become hazardous and even dangerous; that the Cornwall canal would lose its integrity; that the scenic beauty of the river would be ruined, and that Canada would not receive a fair share of the division of the water power. The engineers, in drawing up the new plans, have paid particular attention to these points and they are of the opinion that every argument, previously used against the Long Sault has been successfully met. Finally it is proposed, and the engineers suggest this point, so satisfied are they that their plans cannot be objected to, that the engineering departments of both the Canadian and United States governments approve the plans before any further steps are taken and that if desired they shall inspect the construction of the works that are to be built in the respective countries.

The new plans call for a dam for convenience called the "upper dam" between the western end of Barnhart Island and the eastern end of Long Sault Island. Another dam, called the "lower dam" is proposed between the easterly end of Barnhart Island and the Canadian shore, and will run on both sides of the international boundary. It is proposed to construct both dams of solid concrete masonry and of the gravity type. At the north easterly end of the lower dam a large power house would be built between the dam and the Canadian shore. This power house will be entirely in Canadian territory and will be large enough to utilize all the water that will be made available at this point by the construction of the dam. The Development Company propose to construct a power house and lock across the South Sault channel between the foot of Long Sault Island and the main shore. At the eastern end of Barnhart Island there will be one and possibly two power houses and to excavate a head race leading from the forebay immediately above the lower dam to these power houses. The nature of the river channel is such, it is said, that no loss of life or damage to property would follow capture of the dams. Examinations and borings with diamond and churn drills have shown that all important masonry structures will rest on a solid bed of limestone.

The promoters point out that the Long Sault is navigated by a single line of passenger boats which make a daily trip down stream during the summer tourist season only. At a public hearing in Montreal objection was raised to the dams on the ground that the obliteration of these rapids would greatly decrease the number of tourist passengers. It is held that the dams will afford the opportunity for tourists to pass through the highest lift masonry lock in the world and that have ever been built with water several feet deep passing over the crest and falling about forty feet. Such attractions will, it is contended,

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