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CHILD'S STORY OF THE HUMAN RACE

By Uncle Ray

Chapter 156—The Brother Who Didn't Pay.

You and I know the earth is "tilled" at its axis. We have learned that it is this "tilt" which causes winter and summer, spring and autumn.

Oiden peoples knew nothing about that, but they often wondered what was the cause. You might expect that they would invent fairy stories, and that is just what they did.

Today I shall tell the Japanese story of spring and fall:

"There was once a beautiful maiden. The fame of her loveliness spread far and wide. Suitors came from all parts of the empire to ask her hand.

"Eighty young men came, but each one she turned away. Then came two brothers, rulers of springtime and autumn. They were hopeful they might win favor, but she refused them both.

"As they were going away, one of them said: "I'll bet I can go back some day and get her to marry me."

"I'll bet you won't," returned the other. "I'll win her before you do!"

"They closed the bet. The one who lost was to give the other a cask of wine.

"The ruler of spring went to his mother and asked her aid. She loved him dearly, and was willing to do all she could to help him. So she made a robe of greatest splendor and placed it over him. The robe was mainly green, but there were flowers and cherry-blossoms spread throughout.

"Proud of his new robe, the young

man went before the maiden. She was enchanted by the beauty of his appearance and by the fragrance which came from the flowers.

"I shall be glad, indeed, to marry you," she said.

"The ruler of autumn heard of all this and was angry because his mother had helped his brother. He refused to pay the bet.

"Thereupon, the mother told him he was without good faith, and that the time of the year over which he ruled must be a time of fading and withering."



The maiden would take neither the ruler of spring nor the ruler of autumn.

Next—The City of Carthage.

FUNERAL PYRES IN TOKIO STILL BURN

Bodies Yet Being Taken From Ruins—Winter Prospect Feared.

Tokio, Oct. 5.—A month after Japan's greatest earthquake finds funeral pyres still burning in Honjo and Fukagawa wards, and in other districts of Tokio where bodies are being taken from the ruins. Besides these pyres are many shrines where relatives of the dead flock to worship and to pray for the spirits of the departed.

Despite the need of haste in disposing of bodies to prevent epidemics, and in clearing away debris so the city can be rebuilt in a measure before the rigors of winter set in, the bereaved area is finding time to perform the simpler rites of mourning.

Shanties of every description have sprung up over the devastated area, especially in the low-lying districts, giving protection from rain, but not from floods, and it is feared that winter will bring in its wake a heavy toll in death from pulmonary diseases.

Tiny shops with scant stocks have sprung up everywhere, one of the busiest thoroughfares of the city now is in Asakusa, leading to the famous Buddhist temple, Sensoji, dedicated to Kwananon, goddess of mercy. Before the fire this street was the centre of Tokio's Coney Island.

British Expert Amazed At Traffic Conditions

Buffalo, N.Y., Oct. 5.—Sir Thomas Oliver, former chief of the medical staff of the industrial bureau of the British home office, a special delegate to the national safety congress in session here yesterday, expressed amazement at American traffic conditions.

"I was amazed when I arrived in this country, to observe the speed at which motor vehicles are permitted to operate in your cities," Sir Thomas said. "The seeming lack of regulation of traffic is astounding to one who is accustomed to observe the strict regulation of traffic in England."

Sir Thomas referred to the deaths of 100,000 persons by accident in the streets of American cities since 1906 as "terrible."

"In England, where traffic is more congested, we have no such total as that," he asserted. "I believe your cities should limit automobile speed to 15 miles an hour, and enforce such a limit."

SIR CHARLES FITZPATRICK

May Be Chairman of Revised Statutes Commission.

Quebec, Oct. 5.—A report coming from an Ottawa source has it that Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, whose term of office as lieutenant-governor of the province is to end this month, will be appointed chairman of the revised statutes commission to be created by the federal government at the next session. Sir Charles, who is qualified for that position, having been minister of justice and chief justice of the supreme court would according to the same information, be given a salary of \$10,000 to head the commission, which would report within a period of five years.

The federal statutes have not been revised for many years and the bar and the magistracy are urging such move.

Life preservers, bedding and other wreckage drifted ashore on the north side of Prince Edward Island marked SE, City of South Haven. It is thought a boat was wrecked.

The dairy commissioner warns Canadian butter producers that New Zealand is likely to take lead in this line in near future.

SUCCESS OF LOAN INTERESTS LONDON

Reply to Threats by G.T.R. Stockholders—Offers of British Finance.

London, Oct. 5.—The complete success of the Canadian government loan, part of which London at one time expected to be asked to provide, has been noted with great interest in financial circles here. It is a partial answer to the threats made by disappointed Grand Trunk stockholders that they would embarrass Canadian financing for years to come. A still more complete answer, however, is the fact that certain Canadian delegates to the imperial conferences have actually been approached indirectly with offers of British finance for Canadian projects, including even the Canadian government railways.

The Grand Trunk junior stockholders are awaiting an opportunity to wait on Premier Mackenzie King and Hon. G.P. Graham to put their case before them. It is believed that if they can get nothing else they will ask that their equity in the Grand Trunk be preserved so that if the road becomes a paying proposition they may benefit.

Leaped From Upper Window To Save Drowning Boy

Belleville, Oct. 5.—Two medals awarded by the Royal Canadian Humane Association have been received by Charles Hanna, who will arrange for public presentations. One concerns a number of boys who were swimming near the mouth of the Moira river in July, 1922. Bernard McGuire got in beyond his depth and was in imminent danger of drowning, when Russell Babcock plunged in and saved him. Russell's heroism has been recognized, and he will be presented with the medal.

The other medal goes to Wilfred Rutnan, for the rescue of a boy named Frank Copland, in June, 1922. Boys were playing in the water of the sluiceway in the Moira. The Copland boy was being swept to his death when Rutnan, who works in the foundry, observed the danger from an upper window. Without hesitation, he leaped from the window and saved the boy.

Man's Stomach Taken Out, Repaired and Put Back

Buffalo, N.Y., Oct. 5.—Chatting from time to time with the man on the operating table, Dr. Hans Finsterer of the University of Vienna, before a clinic of Buffalo surgeons, removed the patient's stomach, performed a minor operation on the organ, and replaced it. The operation required nearly two hours, the patient being fully conscious throughout.

Dr. Finsterer explained that special treatment of the solar plexus, deadening the nerve centres, had made unnecessary the use of anaesthetic. Physicians examining the patient said he had suffered none of the after effects of shock usual in major operations.

Shoots Himself in Head To Make Funeral Double

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 5.—Funeral services were being conducted over the remains of the Rev. Henry Reichard in the chapel of W. A. Brown yesterday afternoon.

A stranger, later identified as John S. Pleasants, former superintendent of large cotton mills at Laurel, Miss., and president of the Laurel Rotary Club, entered:

"Oh, is there a funeral here?" he asked. "Yes," said Brown. Then you better make it two," said Pleasants, and, firing a shot into his head, he fell dying on the flowers near the casket.

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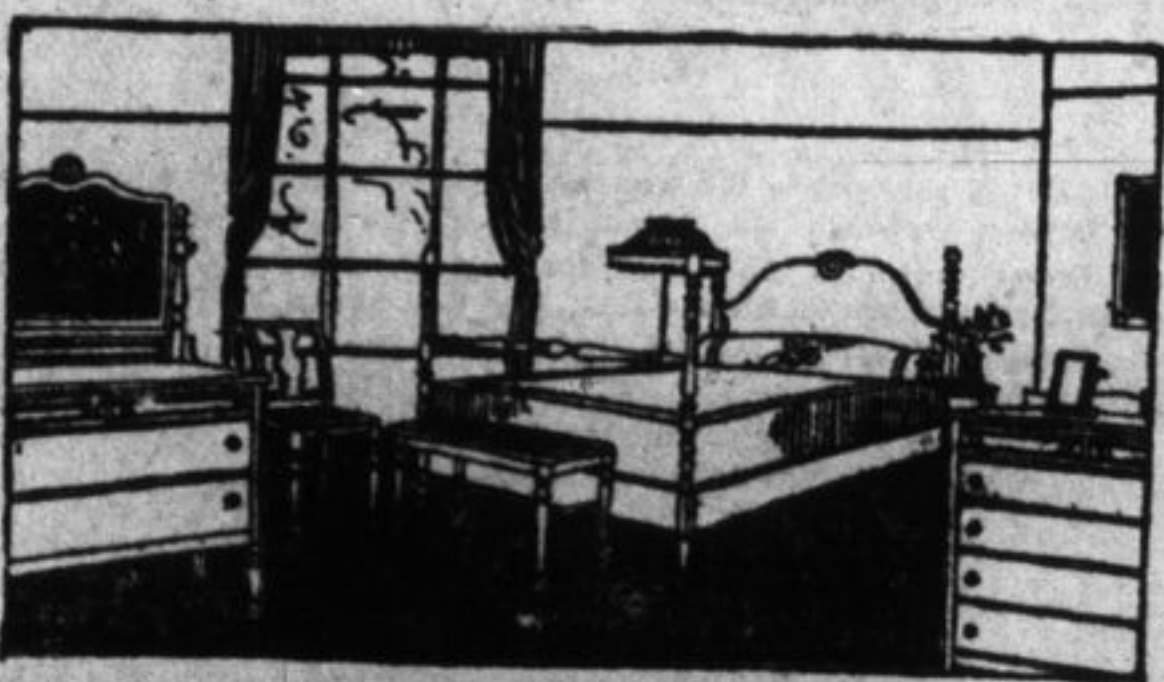
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