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MOUNTAINEERS CAUGHT IN STORM, ONE FALLS TO DEATH

Another Disappears in Bog Hole But Rescued by Comrade

ROPE BROKE Bradford Man Slipped on Wet Rock When Almost Safe

Two mountaineering parties had tragic and thrilling experiences during a thunderstorm, which was the most violent and of the longest duration in living memory in the Lake District.

A climber on Langdale Pike, taking his foothold on the slippery rocks, pitched 150 feet to his death.

Another mountaineer on Helvellyn fell into a bog-hole, and was only rescued after a lengthy struggle.

The first "drum-fire" of the thunder amid the dales and gorges drove flocks of the mountain-climbing parties into the valleys for shelter.

Three Bradford men, however, persisted in their plan to climb Gimmer Crag (2,000 ft.), a well-known buttress on the west shoulder of Langdale Pike.

The party consisted of George Eric Griffiths, chemist; John Moulson, and David Moulson, chemist.

Three were roped for the arduous ascent. Half-way up the crag, where the rocks are almost perpendicular, the storm broke. The climbers had noticed the rapidly-gathering clouds, but decided to go on.

TOOK SHELTER. As the storm grew more intense, Griffiths left his companions and sheltered under a rock while the others continued the climb.

They were wearing rubber-soled shoes, which afford a safe foothold in dry weather, but were probably more treacherous now that the rocks were awash with rain.

The climbers seem to have slipped, and Griffiths, looking out through the rain and lightning saw two bodies fall from the crags above him into the precipitous below.

John Moulson's body struck a jutting ledge 50 feet below and was held by two boulders.

The strain on the rope proved too great, however, and David Moulson fell 100 feet to the bottom of the precipice.

30 FEET FROM SUMMIT. Griffiths descended to John Moulson, whom he found only half-conscious and suffering from a sprained ankle, bruised and shocked.

David Moulson was dead, Griffiths hastened down and got together a rescue party of hotel visitors and farm laborers.

The descent by mountain trails with the dead and injured men was carried out under great difficulty. Yorkshire ambulance workers, who had driven up by charabanc, were called in.

Griffiths considers that the dead man, who had been leading, was only 30 ft. from the summit of the crag when he pitched to death.

TOOK SHORT CUT. Two Liverpool men, Charles Jervis and William Rogers, who were also caught in the storm on Helvellyn, tried to take a short cut down the mountain to Wylburn.

Jervis took a ten-foot leap from a rock. He immediately vanished under the eyes of his companion into a bog.

Both men were rescued by the local gossips, who were able to grasp his outstretched appendages.

After an hour's struggle he was dragged to firm ground, and both rescued Wylburn in an exhausted condition.

WOULD PILLORY DISHONEST TRADER Lord Russell Not Believer in Efficiency of Local Gossip

When the House of Lords considered the Bill enabling tradesmen to be punished for playing short weight, Lord Russell moved the insertion of a clause reading:

"Short details of any conviction for contravention of the provisions of the measure should be printed in 14 days outside the offender's shop."

BOY RACED TIDE TO SAVE CHILD

Told that a little girl was in the sea in danger, a boy named John Duke of Bewerby village, near Bridlington, rushed to her aid.

The child—Margaret Bloomfield, aged 8, of Richmond street, Hull—encircled by the sea and, with difficulty, clambered down the cliff.

He then found that the child's foot was wedged between two large stones. The sea was up to her shoulders, but Duke managed to free her and get her to the top of the cliff, where he handed her over to her parents.

WOMAN WINS HAIR DYE SUIT

Stationmaster's Wife Found Head and Heart Affected

DOCTOR'S ADVICE Plaintiff Did Not Test to See if Skin Was Suitable

Mrs. Emma Gosney, wife of the stationmaster of Princes Risborough, was awarded £544 damages in her case against Rapid, Ltd., Cavendish House, Old Cavendish street, W., for personal injuries alleged to have been caused by the use of their Rapid hair dye.

Her case was that after using the dye she suffered with her head, and ultimately her heart became affected. The doctor contended that Mrs. Gosney was negligent in not applying the dye in accordance with the instructions and in not making the test suggested to see whether her skin was suitable.

OTHER CASES. Dr. B. M. Footner, North Kensington, stated in cross-examination that during fifteen months he had been examining patients for the defendant company he had dealt with thirteen cases in addition to three cases privately. Before that period he had dealt with about another ten cases.

During re-examination Dr. Footner said that he had dealt with seven of the thirteen cases this year.

JUDGE'S COMMENT. Mr. Justice Horridge pointed out that in an answer to interrogatories sworn on behalf of the defendants it was said there had been only three cases of complaint.

Dr. Footner remarked that in all the cases he had examined he did not find one in which the test had been followed in advance. It would always be wise to consult a medical man before applying the dye.

Judgment was entered for the plaintiff for the amount stated, with costs.

SHOWER LEFT LEGACIES FOR STAFF

Was Director of Morning Post, Cunard and Dominion Lines

A fortune of £300,000 was left by Sir William Cory, second baronet, of Claremont, Esher, Surrey, a director of the Morning Post, Ltd., The Cunard Steamship Company, and of The Commercial Union and Dominion Lines, who died on June 9, aged sixty-seven.

Sir William, who was also a member of the executive council of the Shipping Federation and a director of several insurance companies, left £200 to his chauffeur, G. W. Pearson, if still in his service £50 each to his gardener and his electrician, and six months' wages to each domestic servant in his service of three years' standing.

After conferring various gifts to his children, he left his holdings and leasehold interests in the Claremont Estate to his son James and his heirs in tail.

Sir James Duncan, of Kinnelton, Forfar, and of Messrs. Steel Brothers and Co., Ltd., East India merchants, and six months' wages to each domestic servant in his service of three years' standing.

His personal estate in Great Britain amounted to £300,000, of which sum £200,000 was accounted for in a bequest to Messrs. Steel Brothers.

SCHOOL TEACHER SAVES TWO MEN

Holiday Crowd at Barry Cheer at Swimmer's Gallant Feat

Miss Mary Hall, a teacher at a Hull school, swam to the aid of two men— one elderly, the other young—who were seen to be in difficulties while bathing at Barry.

She brought both men to shore, amid the cheers of a crowd of holiday-makers.

John Allen McKinnis, aged twenty-seven, of Denis-road, Wandsworth Common, disappeared yesterday while bathing off New Point, Shaldon, one of the most dangerous places on the Devon coast.

MOTORIST MUST PAY £3,000 DAMAGES A Birmingham jury has awarded £3,000 damages to Arthur Garner, a Wolverhampton cabinet maker, in respect of injuries caused by a motor-car belonging to Peter Evans, a Walsall manufacturer, who did not deny liability.

It was stated that the car was driven by the defendant's servant, York's injuries included three fractures of one of his legs.

BRITISH P. O. MOVES WITHOUT ANY DELAY

Midnight Transfer of Huge Sorting Business Successful

C.O.D. FLOURISHES 10,000,000 Letters and Parcels Dealt With Each Week

One of the largest "moves" in the history of the Post Office took place at midnight recently, without a hitch and without the delay of a single letter.

The greater part of the letter-sorting work at Mount Pleasant was transferred from the familiar red-brick building in Farnington-road, to the new concrete structure which has been erected beside it.

This extension has been rendered necessary by the increase in parcel postage, due in part to the introduction and expected growth of the cash-on-delivery system.

A special pontoon bridge had been constructed across the yard between the two buildings. Over this the heavy sorting tables, 20 feet long, were manoeuvred by 150 workmen specially lent by the Office of Works.

This went on during the greater part of the week-end, and the Assistant Controller, superintending the new office contains many improvements on the old. The lights, instead of being in an asymmetrical row, are dotted about the ceiling irregularly, the object being to avoid shadows and so spare the sorters' eyesight.

OBSERVATION POSTS. Beneath the building stands a tube station which will never be used by passengers. Its platforms stand on the P.O. railway, which is to run right across London from Whitechapel to Paddington. This, however, is not expected to be in use before Christmas at the earliest.

Heavy machinery on the principle of the dredger, used for deepening river beds will lift, in a continuously-running chain of scoops, bags of letters and parcels from the tube station to the sorting office above.

Arranged around the sorting office are galleries with opaque glazed windows. Each window has a tiny line of clear glass, called a "key". These are observation galleries, by which every man employed in the building can, if necessary, be kept under surveillance.

About 18,000,000 letters and 7,000,000 parcels are dealt with every week at Mount Pleasant. Eventually, a new building will be added to the building, and it would always be wise to consult a medical man before applying the dye.

When complete, the Post Office will be the greatest in the world.

PRINCE HAS BUSY TIME IN HERTFORD

One Day's Engagements Includes Great Variety of Tasks

The Prince of Wales has a busy time of it, as the following diary of one day's engagements will show.

Motored through many miles of Hertfordshire. Made several speeches. Received the following orders of honor:—

Was shown over four schools, two hospitals and a Masonic hall. Laid a foundation stone. Shook hands with hundreds of people.

The Prince laid the foundation stone of a new maternity ward at the West Herts Hospital, which is celebrating its centenary, and handed over a cheque for £11,500 for the fund.

He was met at the Royal Cadogan school, Busby, by boy pipers and a guard of honor of girls and boys in Scottish dress.

FAIRY ROSE GROWER IS DEAD

Never Missed National Society's Exhibition in Half Century

The cult of the rose in this country has suffered by the war, which took place at Havering, Essex, of the Rev. Josiah Hardwick Pemberton, the rose grower and past president of the National Rose Society.

His interest in the rose began when, as a child, he went to church with the biggest rose he could find in his button hole.

He had cultivated prize varieties of roses for 50 years, during which he had not missed a show of the National Rose Society. In 1922 he became a professional grower, exporting blooms to all parts of the world.

So many trophies from shows—over 1,000—were won by him that he had to store them in a shed at Eaton Garden. In the "Red Rose of Provence" he grew a flower which was the nearest approach to the Lancastrian rose in history.

He was the author of "Roses, their history, development and cultivation."

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD HERO LOSES LIFE A "noble little hero," was the Birmingham coroner's description of Edward Pickett, a seven-year-old Birmingham boy, who lost his life in trying to save a five-year-old companion from drowning. A verdict of "accidental death" in both cases was returned.

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"I have given a number of parties at leading West-end hotels, including Charles's and the Ritz, but I have paid for all these parties. I am not a well-known titled people have lunched and dined with me."

"It is true that on one occasion, when a lady was to meet me, she had no money to pay the bill, and she had to leave her watch behind as security."

Lord Birkenhead, distributing the press yesterday at Birkenhead School, his old school, said:

"My advice to you is to meet success, when it comes to you, like a gentleman, and to meet disaster like a man, as you force your way in the hard struggle which the war has left with Englishmen and Englishwomen. You will never know the pleasant, easy life we knew in this country before the war, when there were hardly any taxes and we had none of the misfortunes through which the Eiby of States must be steered today. This is a hard truth, but one which should be learned by the younger among you—that you and your children after you will live a severely competitive life in a hard, competitive world."

"Therefore, while you are young, cultivate the habit of industry. I regret that I never did, so I can speak with knowledge and experience, of the value it would have been to me had I cultivated the habit when I was your age."

LABOR M.P.'S WILL LOSE SOME SALARY

It is understood that the Amalgamated Engineering Union is ceasing to support Parliamentary candidates and representatives of its own.

The decision means a loss of £150 a year each to four Labour M.P.'s—F. A. Broun, David Kirkwood, F. H. Rose and Robert Young.

This Union's membership has suffered very seriously in the depression of recent years.

CORNISH FARMER CENTENARIAN DEAD

At the age of 100, William Gray Pascoe has died at Freewater Hill, near Trugony, Cornwall.

Born on October 2, 1826, Mr. Pascoe began work on a farm when only seven in general use for ploughing. He was a well-known figure while working as a gardener near Gramscot, where he had been a testator for over 60 years.

DEVON WOMAN'S FORTUNE TO MAID

Mrs. Constance Jane Marchant, of Beer, Devon, left £5,202. After a bequest of £50 to William Miller, gardener, of Beer, she left all other property to her maid, Gertrude Annie Pevier.

SPIRIT WRITER WINS COPYRIGHT OF ARTICLES WRITTEN IN TRANCE

"Friend" Borrowed Money and Took Automatic Writings as He Skipped Out When Girl Fell Forward on Table at End of Trance

There was some strong speaking by Mr. Justice Eve when the hearing of the copyright case of the woman "spirit" writer was resumed in the Chancery Division.

Miss Geraldine Dorothy Cummins, of Brompton road, S.W., sued Frederick Blight Bond, an architect, of Inkerman-terrace, Kensington, claiming the copyright of "The Chronicles of Cleophas," said to have been produced by automatic-writing while she was in a dream state.

Miss Edith Loutrice Gibbes, of Brompton road, said she was interested in psychical research, and was with Miss Cummins when she wrote the script of the "Chronicles." She communicated with Mr. Bond as to the writings. Miss Gibbes added she had no intention of giving Mr. Bond the manuscript of the automatic writings as a gift. It was not hers to give.

BORROWED £100. Judge to defending counsel: Are you not to ask some questions about mundane affairs, because I propose to deal with them?—

How soon did he want to borrow money on mortgage from you?— I think in the winter of 1924.

How much did he want?— I think £300 or £400.

Ultimately he did borrow £100 from you?— Yes.

And having got your money he set up that "spirit" table?— That is what his secretary wrote.

Miss Gibbes added that the £100 had been repaid.

"DOWED SWEETLY." Miss Gibbes agreed that she was with a seance when Mr. Bond, at which Mrs. Dowden produced automatic writing. As a result they obtained a connected narrative of "The Gospel of Philip the Evangelist." Mr. Bond took away the script and published it.

"Mr. Moritz: He took it away with your consent?— He bowed very sweetly."

He did not ask my consent to publish it. Mr. Moritz, in opening the defendant's case, said Mr. Bond was a person of some distinction in the world.

Judge: So far I have only heard it from you and in some letters, so we will pass that by. I don't care two pence what his reputation was—I want these matters explained.

Judge: What has that to do with this case? What he wanted to hear about was his association with these two women. First he endeavored to borrow money within two months of the date that the lady had knowledge that the lady had money; and, secondly, when he found that they were not prepared to come to his terms, he had the effrontery to say, "Get her to sign it without going to a solicitor."

Mr. Bond, giving evidence, said he had been interested for many years in spiritualism and psychical research. He discovered the Edgar Chapel, the Loret Chapel, and one other chapel at Glastonbury Abbey, which had been lost for hundreds of years.

In describing the seances with Miss Cummins, Mr. Bond said at the conclusion of the writing she fell forward on the table, and he generally slipped out.

Judge: With the script. (Laughter.) In giving judgment Mr. Justice Eve said that the plaintiff and her witness present at the Edgar Chapel, the Loret Chapel, and one other chapel at Glastonbury Abbey, which had been lost for hundreds of years.

POLICE DESCEND CLIFF TO GET BODY

Hastings Officers Faced Great Danger from Falling Rocks

During one of the fiercest thunderstorms for years, two Hastings police officers tried for several hours recently to recover a man's body from the foot of the cliffs at Fairlight.

They succeeded after one of the constables had been lowered by a rope on a dangerous and slimy rock.

The two constables could see the body lying 235 feet from the top of the cliff, but the descent was fraught with the greatest danger.

They went down as far as they dared, and P. C. Lelliott was then lowered a further 40 ft. He reached the body, but the rope snapped when the body was almost at the top.

Torrential rain beating against the cliff face released great boulders, which crashed within a few feet of the police.

Other officers arrived, and at dawn the body was brought to the top of the cliff. It was identified as that of S. Morris, of Odell street, Camberwell, S. E.

WHAT ARE THE WILD WAVES GOING TO DO?

Notice has been given in the official Gazette that Gertrude Allester, who has made application for the restoration of the patent granted to him for an invention entitled, "Improvements in utilizing the energy of the waves of the sea."

The patent had expired on 17 March, 1925, owing to the non-payment of the prescribed renewal fee.

The Ministry of Labor Gazette states that the coal stoppage involved about 1,675,000 workpeople in that industry in a loss of about 25,350,000 working days during June.

Five hundred aircraft apprentices, aged between 15 and 17, are required by the Royal Air Force.

BISHOP'S BULLDOG HELPS LONDONERS TO ENTERTAINMENT

Bishop of Southwark Explains Dangle Game on His Wall

BOYS WIN Greater Need of Open Spaces is Urged in South London

How his bull-dog is pressed into service by little Londoners in search of a thrill is described by the Bishop of Southwark in the August Southwark Diocesan Gazette.

Urging the need for more open spaces, he describes the street cricket matches and other games that he has watched.

Fire engines, broken-down motor-cars, dog-fights and offenders being marched off by the police also afford excitement to the children, he points out, and then he tells how thrill is also sought in the precincts of his own home at Kensington.

The house possesses a bulldog (sometimes I think the dog possesses the house).

A juvenile gymnast discovered that if he and his friends climbed the wall of the garden, which is high, and dangled their legs on the other side, the bulldog would run towards them. If you draw your legs up quick enough, you can, and you taunt the dog, if the dog wags his tail, you get your leg as a prize. So far, to the relief of the dog's owner, the boys have always won.

The Bishop points out that South London is badly off for playgrounds, only 6.2 per cent. of its area being open spaces, compared with 10.8 in management areas in London. The percentage in Southwark itself is 1.1.

ICE CREAM NOT CAUSE OF DEATH

Recent Fatal Poplar Outbreak Due to Unknown Microbe

"All I can state so far is that it almost certainly is not a food poisoning outbreak."

This opinion on the mysterious epidemic at Poplar was expressed in a report from Dr. Scott, of the Ministry of Health, read at various meetings in quest on three local boys.

Dr. Alexander, Medical Officer of Health for Poplar, said that at 60 houses, among 200 people, 108 people had been taken ill.

In 56 cases—including those of the three boys—there was a definite history of ice-cream having been eaten. In 52 cases there was no such history.

Dr. George Charles Hancock, of the Ministry of Health, said he had visited the premises of a cream-vendor named Walsand, who had been mentioned in the case.

He took no exception to the way the ice-cream was manufactured, nor to the materials used.

Dr. Hancock added that the bacteriological examination had failed to show food poisoning.

Remembering that "ice-cream was absorbed" and that the outbreak was due to some obscure bacillus not yet located, the coroner recorded verdicts that two of the boys died from enteritis. "The other boy was found to have died from sunstroke."

IMPOSTER HOAXES DINNER GUESTS

Invites Them to West End Clubs But No One Meets Them

Feeling as a rhyacologist and the son of Sir Arbutnot Lane, a young man has hooded numerous people.

His practice is to invite prominent people to dinner at various West End clubs, and when the guests arrive no one is there to greet them, the club managers being unaware of any arrangements having been made for their reception.

Sir Arbutnot Lane declares the man is an impostor.

"He has told people he is at St. George's Hospital," said Sir Arbutnot, "but he is unknown there. I cannot imagine what his objects are. The only description I have is that he is 5 ft. 10 in. in height and well dressed."

PARISH CLERK SHOULD NOT QUIT

Claimed Appointment Was For Life and Kept Books

David Watt was appointed parish clerk and overseer of Arley, Worcester, in 1894. He was given a month's notice in April, but, contending that the appointment was for life, he had declined to return the council's books.

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