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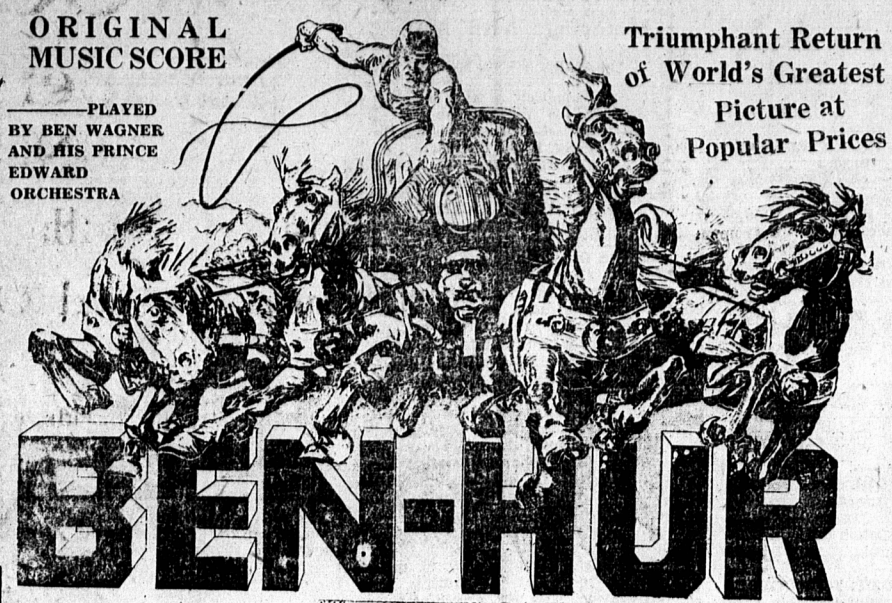

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THE STORY

"Think what it means to my bank account," he pleaded.

But Gay thought of only of what it meant to her heart.

"No, no," she said firmly. "I should be followed by bad luck the rest of my life, I tell you, if I sold my Heart's Desire. It would be sacrilege, it would be blood money."

"You are in love," he said shrewdly, and a shadow fell across his eyes. Gay laughed. She would offer no denial. The very admission was sweet to her.

He told Gay something of his plans for the exploration of that part of the island. He cautioned her not to discuss his venture too freely among her friends, "For I shall have to buy some land yet, and much material, and if people think there is money being made, prices take wings."

Gay laughingly promised discretion.

As he said good night, he took both her hands in his again, and said pleasantly, "After all, I feel a sort of happiness because you would not sell. Since we are neighbors, we must be friends. I shall never feel that you are outside my circle, but a part of it. But if you see me or my workmen pottering about, measuring off yards or acres in the woods behind you, don't put a shot into us with that Baby of yours will you?"

Gay said she would limit her target practice to the lobster bouys, and he went away at last, smiling back at her.

She did not see Rand until the next morning, when he appeared for coffee at eleven.

"Oh, why didn't you come last night?" she cried petulantly. "Ronald Ingram was here. I want you to meet him. He is so nice."

Rand studied her closely. "I knew you were charming—I've know it all along. But his devotion—"

"It wasn't devotion stupid. Guess what he wanted! Oh, Rand, he wanted to buy my dear little Lone Pine.

Rand gave a startled exclamation sharply bitten off, and lighted his pipe with slow consideration. He said nothing.

"Yes. He has bought the Little Club house and the woods, and he wanted my hilltop to round off the circle. I laughed at him. Oh, Rand he offered to give me exactly twice what I paid for it, spot cash. I laughed at him. Wouldn't the administrator die if she knew she could get today twice what she got last month?"

Rand regarded her reflectively. "That settles it," he said slowly. 'Whatever that chap is up to, it is not over yet. It is not past, it is present."

Gay stared at him. "That chap it up to," she repeated indignantly. "You don't think Ronald Ingram—"

"Don't be silly, Gay. Of course it is Ronald Ingram."

Rand had her go back over the story she had told, from the day of her arrival, and pieced it all together bit by bit, in chronological order.

"All right, now," he said, when she had finished, "look at this. Some one, watching, no doubt in a panic of terror, saw you discover that body in the cove saw you run for help.—Some one watched for your return, saw your curious work with a pencil and paper, had to know what you were up to. And found out.—Some one tried to get the sketch from you tried to beg it, tried to buy it.—Some one wants to get you away, and finally tried to buy you out.—And that is one but your gentlemanly Ingram, Gay, mark that!"

Gay was sorely shaken. The evidence was strong. That something crooked, something queer, had taken place on the good little island she granted willingly, eagerly, indeed because the mere suspicion added a piquant spice of mystery to the natural charm of her surrounding.

The reappearence of Ronald Ingram, and his desire to buy the cottage, lent a sudden sinister aspect to the whole matter. Assuming that some lawless enterprise was afoot in the bordering woods, Rand quickly realized that the residence of Auntalmiry in the Lone Pine had constituted no menace to their security. Auntalmiry went to bed promptly with the dusk. Her strolling was limited exclusively to the pier, the grocery store, the church, and the homes of her friends. She never ventured along the shore, nor put foot in the forest, hence there was nothing to fear from here presence in the Lone Pine. The presence of this active, venturesome, keen-eyed young woman in the vantage-point on the fringe of the wood, constituted a constant menace, and her discovery of the body in the cove was evidence of the seriousness of this menace, so that she was subjected to constant unrelaxing vigilant guard.

Nor had Rand any difficulty in constructing an explanation of the body that washed ashore in the cove. The rope at the ankle showed that the body had been weighted to sink, but the washing of the waves, or the cutting of rocks, had served the rope and released the weight. Gay had always felt that the body washed inshore, from sea. Rand, on the other hand, was strongly assured that it had been thrown into the deep water of the cove from the rocks at the farthest point of the penninsula, that it had come, not from sea, but from land, from the island itself; that murder had been done, not in the vastness of the wide ocean, but right there on the shore, within stone's throw from where they sat.

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THE COURTESY OF THE TUBE

LONDON, Eng. Jan.3. (By Canadian Press) In an editorial in the Times the question of courtesy on the "Tube" is discussed, with special reference to the feminine aspect. "To what extent is there an obligation to give up a seat in deference to the claims of age or sex? On the whole a high standard of courtesy prevails, as most women and elderly person of either sex would admit. There are of course exceptions.

Youth of a certain type will scramble ruthlessly for a vacant seat and will stick to it stolidly, whoever stands. Grim older men will sometimes do the same, by way of rubbing into women the logical consequences of the equality which they claim. But the woman usually gets a seat if there is a man within range to give it to her. The possession of a small child, or physical infirmity, is a safe passport to a seat even in the most congested carriage. Nice points of casuistry arise. What is the limit of distance at which a man can reasonably be expected to offer a woman his seat? What number of intervening male sitters exonerates him from responsability? If, while the woman hesitates, another man slips into the vacancy, what does A do about it, the solution of a free fight being being barred? The reciever is not always the equal in grace of the giver. Some women will take the offered seat without so much as a "thank you" or a look of recognition. Some will not even take it at all, possibly resenting the implication of physical inferiority, but leave the unfortunate man looking extremely foolish and wondering whether it would not be wiser to play for selfish safety in future.

CANADA IMPRESS ITSELF ON LORD PEEL

LONDON, Eng. Jan.3.(By Canadian Press) According to Lord Peel, Secretary of State for India, the impression made upon him by Canadians (in his recent visit to this country) was of the happiest: "The whole of the delegation had been struck by the joyousness of the people of a country where melancholy was the rarest of diseases."

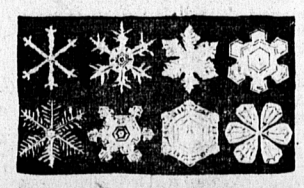
BIBLE BRIGHT BELOW EQUATOR

Bright colored Bibles are in demand in districts of South America but in no other part of the world, declared Dr.J. H. Ritson chief secretary to the British and Foreign Society which sells 30,000 bibles a day in 600 languages. This statement was made in reply to the question "why are bibles so often only poorly printed, but bound in mournful black?" propounded recently by the Bishop of Southwark, England.

UNCLE RAY'S CORNER

When Snowflakes Fall

THERE is now snow lying on the ground in many parts of Canada, the United Etates, Asia and Europe; for we are in the midst of our winter. Down in South America, on the other hand it is now summer—and the people there are finding it hot enough. It is also summer in Australia, and in most of Africa.



Snowflakes as seen with the help of a miscroscope.

Winter is the chief time that snow is seen; but it also falls in summer. There are snowstorms in the Rockies during the hottest months; for no matter how the weather is in the lowlands, it is cool or cold on mountain tops.

One August day I climbed to a height of 13,500 feet in the Colorado Rockies, and there was a snowfield. I packed the snow and made snowballs. It was amusing to play with snow in the middle of summer.

Hail and sleet are frozen rain, but snow is not. Snow is formed from vapor in the air before the vapor turns into rain drops.

Some snow comes down from a height of several miles. In other cases the flakes are formed only a few hundred feet above the ground.

Snowflakes may seem all alike (except that some are large and some are small) but that is not the case. Nature makes many forms for the flakes. Now and then, they are in the shape of triangles, but more often then are six-sided or six-pointed. In a snowfall we commonly see little bundles of flakes or crystals. The parts of the bundles have been looked at under the microscope, and their shape can be well seen. The perfect flakes with six points or sides, are made by nature when the air is calm.

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Security of India Lies With Britain Says Native Ruler

CALCUTTA, India, Jan. 5—Self-governing Dominion status for India, rather than the alternative of complete independence, was the policy urged upon the All-Indian and Moslem League at its opening session today by Maharajah Mahumudabad, the President. He declared the British connection gave India undeniable security and was a valuable asset to Indian nationalism, "which must face laborious decades before reaching sturdy manhood," he added.

Asks Broad-Mindedness

The Maharajah pointed out further that the Motilal Nehru report (report on a Constitution for India, drawn up under the guidance of the All Parties Confernce of last May) guaranteed all the perquisites of political freedom under a scheme of self-government, and as many as were conferable by independence. He urged Moslems to be broad-minded and appoint delegates to participate in the proceedings of the All Parties Conference and adopt the Nehru report.

Camp Is Split

Opinion at the Congress is that the camp of those favoring the alternative—independence—is seriously split.

Mahatma Gandhi, who, however, advocates Dominion status, now offers a compromise basis; that if the Imperial Parliament does not adopt the Nehru Constitution by 1930 the Congress should declare in favor of national independence as the goal, and meanwhile should adopt such a program and prepare the masses for sanction to enforce the congress's ideal.

RHINOS BOTHER GOLFERS

Members of the golf club at Jinpa, on Lake Victoria in South Africa, over which the Prince of Wales played during his last tour, are having a problem in the frequent visits of Hippopotami. The huge animals leave large tracks that are miniature bunkers. Until a means of keeping beasts away is found the club has ruled, balls may be removed from the hippopotamus tracks without penalty.

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A MEETING OF LIVESTOCK BREEDERS WILL BE HELD in Riverdale School on the evening of Tuesday, January 8th., to organize for cattle improvement purposes. W. R. Shaw, Live Stock Superintendent, will address the Meeting. 2059-1-5-3i

HOCKEY MEETING.—The Tryon hockey club held its first annual meeting in Pooley's garage, North Tryon, on Monday evening, Dec. 31st. Owing to so much Flu and la grippe prevailing throughout the country, the attendance was very small. However, those present were optimistic, and the meeting opened with Mr. Chas. Bacon in the chair, both Pres. Rogerson, and Vice-President Howatt, being unavoidably absent. The minutes of the last meeting and the financial report being read and approved, election of officers for 1929 followed, resulting in: President, Mr. J. A. Thomson, Vice-President, Mr. Louis Mabey; Sec-Treasurer, Mr. Chas. Bacon. It was agreed to fix a fee of $1.00 on all players and to continue that of 50c on associate members. The club was successful in weathering its first year without a deficit, but will need to purchase a lot of new equipment, and it is sincerely to be hoped that every resident of Tryon will contribute the small sum of 50c to the boys, so that they may purchase the necessary equipment for their team. Hockey, the great national sport, helps to build cleaner and better Canadians—so Tryoner's your investment will return to you fourfold. "Z."

The Public Forum

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THE BALANCE OF TRADE

Sir,—Apparently Mr. "J" has decided to give no answer to his question, "How can we pay for our imports when they exceed our exports?" other than the one given in the Guardian of the 29th ult, and that answer was so manifestly incorrect that I wonder Mr. "J" did not discover its weakness when he wrote it. The correct answer is so simple and so obvious that it is hard to understand how Mr. "J" and the other gentlemen who wrote on the subject could have missed it.

When Senator Hughes wrote his first letter in the Guardian on the subject he postulated that the cargo of wheat sold at a profit of fifty per cent. and the exporter invested both principal and profit in merchandise and brought back fifty per cent. more than he sent out. The profits paid for the excess imports and there is no mystery about it. The failure of our friends to see the answer which had been already given reminds me of the man who could not see the forest because of the great number of trees in the way. The answer to Mr. "J" in set words is "We pay for our imports when they exceed our exports by the profits we make on our exports." Of course, I know there are many trade factors which affect or modify the balance of trade and which affect or modify the principle above mentioned but they never destroy the principle. These factors are temporary and accidental—the great principle is permanent and remains, viz., that when nations are doing a profitable natural trade their imports exceed their exports. Our imports are our income, and our exports are our outgo, and even a Micawber understood that when his income exceeded his outgo he was financially solvent.

Mr. "J" in his last letter stated that some persons contended that the nations did not import or export merchandise but labor, and that when the labor expended was equal the trade was fair and when the labor expended was unequal the trade was unfair. This is an interesting phase of the subject, and I asked Mr. "J" to tell me which country had the advantage, the country that expended the most labor or the country that expended the least labor. If the gentleman will answer this question I shall be much obliged.

I am sir, etc.,
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