

AN AFRICAN BRIDE

Charlottetown Soldier Will Wed Girl He Met While on Service in South Africa During War.

In another column will be seen an announcement that Lieut. Arthur J. B. Mellish of Charlottetown has been granted six weeks' leave of absence. Thereby hangs a tale.

Lieut. Mellish was one of the Charlottetown boys who enlisted with the first contingent for South Africa. In order to make the more certain of going he resigned his commission and applied for enrollment as a private. His application was accepted, and he went from Quebec with the 2nd R. C. R. During the latter part of the year spent in Africa Lieut. Mellish fell a victim to enteric fever, and being compelled to undergo treatment, was sent to the hospital. From one place to another he was shifted, until finally was brought up in the big military hospital at Winberg, a suburb of Cape Town. Here he remained for some six weeks and during those weeks met his fate.

Among the visitors to the hospital was a Miss Hutton, daughter of a wealthy and retired South African land owner with whom Lieut. Mellish soon became on friendly terms. Upon leaving the hospital he visited her at her home and since coming from Africa the two have been regular correspondents. This has finally led to arrangements being made for their marriage. Miss Hutton does not care to come to Canada to wed and Lieut. Mellish cannot go to Africa so it has been decided that the event will take place in England, where Miss Hutton has a y relatives. Lieut. Mellish will go at once to England and the ceremony will be performed about the first of May.

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PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

There has been for some weeks a lull in the far eastern struggle, but nothing has yet occurred to cast a doubt upon the intelligence and resources of Japan. Korea has been occupied throughout its entire length. It is not to the discredit of Japan that the Russians have been driven out of the Hermit Kingdom without any serious resistance. And in the process the Japanese have proved themselves great soldiers. It is a 300 mile march from Seoul to Wiju. The roads, such as they are, were frozen and deep in snow when the march began; they have since been knee-deep in mud. The Korean roads are the best and narrow, uneven and hilly. No sooner do they laboriously climb a hill than they slip crookedly down into a valley. It is true that only about six miles a day was made, but over such roads at such a season of the year, and for an army it was a good average for seven weeks.

Northern Korea under such conditions afforded the best possible chance for the Russian generals to have impeded the Japanese advance, but advantage was not taken of the opportunity. If hereafter the Japanese are to be "driven into the sea," as General Kurapatkin boasts they shall be, he will find it a hard and slow task to first force them to retrace their march from the Yalu to Seoul and then to the place where they first landed in Korea. For the present it may however be doubted whether the Japanese army will immediately advance across the Yalu River to invade Manchuria. We look rather for the landing of another force somewhere in the Liao Tung Gulf, with a view to getting in the rear of Port Arthur and threatening the Russian communications. The Russian generals

are clearly apprehensive on this score and are strengthening the defences of New Ohwang as rapidly as possible.

Never before was the large crowd always attendant upon the Easter market in Charlottetown so uniformly sober as was the case this year. The credit is due to the Prohibitory Law and its vigorous enforcement.

We hear that Inspector Campbell has only lodged four complaints against violators of the Prohibitory Law within a year past, all of which were for so-called first offences. Is the Government paying him a salary for such service as this? If the statement is in any way incorrect we shall be glad to publish a correction.

The evidence in some recent liquor cases discloses an astounding condition of things with regard to medical prescriptions of liquor. The Guardian has not been unkind of the facts. For the present we need only say that if this sort of thing is continued an exposure will be made in these columns such as no medical practitioner with a reputation to lose may care to face.

The hotel question is still unsettled. The most part of the talk is made by those who would not give a dollar toward a legitimate hotel project but have lots of time to argue at the street corners that a hotel cannot be run without a bar. Truly talk is cheap! How did the Davie flourish without a bar in former years? How is it that the Queen and other reputable hostesses have made money and furnished good accommodation for guests without bars? But, as we have said, talk is cheap.

We are charged by The Patriot with being ignorant of the fishery award matter and also ignorant of the British North America Act. Possibly we can afford to pass the imputation in silence. We had the advantage of being present attending the session of Parliament at which fishery bounties were first voted and hearing the discussion thereon. But if The Patriot thinks its contentions correct, will it please to say why no fishery bounties are granted to the fishermen of Ontario or British Columbia?

Almost everywhere throughout the Dominion and in the adjoining States and Great Britain there is a constant movement forward in the direction of greater and greater restriction of the liquor traffic. In Ontario the cry is that "the bar must go." Any contrary movement in any civilized country is but an eddy in the great stream that is sweeping forward toward prohibition. It is sheer foolishness, in the face of such facts to talk of reopening a hotel bar anywhere in Prince Edward Island and the sooner all concerned realize the fact the better.

The strange notion still prevails in high circles in the Mother Country that all Canadian ports are closed by ice in winter. The other day the Chancellor of the Exchequer had intimated that some Canadian ports could be approached by vessels in the winter season, whereupon Sir C. McLaren, M. P. for Leicester inquired with all gravity, "Is the Right Honorable gentleman aware that Canadian ports are closed during the winter months?" This came to the notice of Lord Strathcona who quoted from official reports of the Hydrographic Office of the Admiralty to show that St. John and Halifax are as accessible at all seasons as Liverpool or London. It seems a pity that this information should still be necessary in the British Parliament, but so it is. Sir C. McLaren who asked the absurd question above noted enjoys the distinction of being a nephew of John Bright.



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