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Strange But True
 By F. H. MacArthur

How often have we heard that intense grief or fear has caused a person's hair to turn white. Don't believe it. Among physicians you'll not find a single authentic case to back up this widespread and foolish belief.

Lillian Alling, a Russian born girl, walked from New York to Cape Prince of Wales, a distance of approximately 12,000 miles in the hope of crossing Bering Strait to Siberia and thence to her home. Whether she succeeded in crossing the strait safely may never be known. But she was seen by Eskimos near Cape Prince of Wales. That was in the spring or early summer of 1929. Perhaps the most amazing part of the story is that Lillian Alling left New York penniless, without friends en route, and with no food reserve. According to police reports, this daring young adventurer, passed through the Northern United States, the Western part of Canada, then Alaska and onward, till she vanished from sight. What a story of hardships Lillian could tell, providing she is alive and some newspaper reporter could get behind the Iron Curtain for an interview!

Canadian poetess, Pauline Johnson, was half Indian, half white. Her Dad was head chief of the Six Nations Indians, and her mother, Emily Howells, was a native of Bristol, England.

Believed to be the youngest grandmother in Canada, is Mrs. Mary Vandiver, 29, of Dilke, Saskatchewan.

It satisfies most housewives just to hear someone praise their cooking. But Margaret Hughes of London, England, was left \$28,000 in her employer's will as a reward for more than 20 years of good cooking.

zons and enlarges the world in which each of us lives.

Women control about 87 per cent of Canada's wealth, yet they are the ones who are always looking for a good provider.

After a man reaches 100, winding the family clock will provide him with just the right amount of exercise.

More than 90 per cent of all children are born within two weeks of the expected time. The average birth weight of children in Canada is about 7 1/2 pounds.

People are funny. They spend money they don't have to buy things they don't need, to impress folk they don't like.

Women are outliving men to such an extent that there are now three times as many widows as widowers in Canada. To put it another way, if the males were parcelled out according to the above figures there would only be 1-3 of a husband for a wife. So a wife who has a whole husband is a fortunate creature indeed.

Did you know that most northern towns in Township 20, Maine, has half of its homes standing in Canada and half in the United States? That England's National Anthem, "God Save the Queen" and the U.S.A.'s patriotic song, "America" are sung to the same tune.

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A modern Robin Hood is operating around Hookham, England. He makes his rounds at night, calling at the homes of old and sick folk. While no one has yet seen the invisible Robin Hood, they do find a fine pheasant on their doorstep, with this message attached to its leg:

"We have taken this from the gentry who have birds aplenty, to give to the aged and sick, who surely haven't any."

Over a score of birds have thus found their way to needy homes. Some folk who received 'em notified the police just in case of getting into trouble. "Eat them," said the police, so they ate them.

"He that loveth a book will never want for a faithful friend, a cheerful companion, a wise counsellor, a wholesome comforter."

BELLEVILLE, Ont. (CP) — Pickering egg collections at the Glenora hatchery set a record this year with a total of 120,000,000 eggs collected in nets in Hay Bay. Later they will be distributed in the Bay of Quinte and inland lakes.

SYDNEY, N.S. (CP) — A campaign fund, opened in Cape Breton to send the Sydney girls' pipe band to the international Lion's Clubs convention at Chicago next July. The project is seen as a big tourist booster for Cape Breton.

Trooper Roy Charles Stevenson, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) — The Military Medal. Slightly wounded, he continued to fire his machine gun though under heavy enemy fire. For two days this soldier exposed himself time and again to give maximum support to his infantry comrades. "He... doubtless saved the lives of many... his display of cool courage... an inspiration to those with him."

Sergeant Richard George Buxton, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry — the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Wounded, his platoon under company attack, he directed fire all night... encouraging the platoon and they held. At dawn, he allowed himself to be evacuated, only after looking to his men.

"... his tactical skill... his leadership... his courage was an inspiration to his men... to the battalion."

Corporal Donald George Lemoine, The Royal Canadian Regiment — the Military Medal. With three men he covered the withdrawal of a patrol under heavy fire. He saved a wounded comrade by carrying him over 300 yards to safety. He covered the withdrawal of his party by throwing hand grenades... his leadership, courage and coolness under fire inspired the men under his command.



Captain John Graham Wallace Mills, 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry — The Military Cross for action in Korea. In a lengthy battle... "Captain Mills... disregarding his own safety... called artillery fire... broke the attack killing over one hundred of the enemy... bravery and conduct far above the normal call of duty."

Corporal Delphis Cormier, The Royal 22e Regiment — the Military Medal for Korean patrol action. Ambushed he... "organized defence... beat off the enemy... personally accounted for two enemy killed... saved two of his own men... from falling into enemy hands. His actions were an inspiration... an example of bold leadership."



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