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MRS. ASQUITH AND LADY HAIG ACTIVE

Husbands' Elevation to High Positions Accredited to Them.

HAVE GREAT INFLUENCE.

Great Britain Prime Minister's Wife of Material Assistance to Him, and She is Probably Most Influential Woman in English Politics—Lady Haig Also Powerful.

London.—Two women, Mrs. Asquith and Lady Haig, are playing an active part in Great Britain's politics. To their work is accredited the elevation of their husbands to high positions.

The action brought by Mrs. Asquith, the wife of the prime minister, against the London Globe to restrain its editor from publishing any more letters from its readers indirectly referring to her as a friend of German prisoners of war interned in Donnington Hall had much more behind it than the extremely courageous action of an independent and fearless woman.

The prime minister's wife is probably the most influential woman in English politics in modern days. The late Duchess of Devonshire, the "Double Duchess," as she was called because she captured two ducal titles in succession, that of the seventh holder of the Manchester title and the eighth of Devonshire, could perhaps have had greater political power if she could have persuaded the indolent Duke of Devonshire to accept the office of prime minister. Mrs. Asquith, on the other hand, is commonly believed to have materially assisted her husband to this high office.

His enemies have always been legion and his friends not numerous, his character being that of the serious Scotsman who forms emotional ties with difficulty.

Mrs. Asquith, brilliant, witty, temperamental and intellectual and invariably entertaining, has supplied this deficiency and by her tact and charm she has kept unimpaired many political friendships useful to her husband.

The withdrawal of the British forces from the Gallipoli peninsula is credited to Mrs. Asquith's advice, coupled with the recommendation of Major General Sir Ian Hamilton as commander at the Dardanelles, which was made public in the house of lords by Lord Bessborough. Mrs. Asquith's brother-in-law, Lady Haig, the wife of General Sir Douglas Haig, who has taken over the command of the British troops in France as the successor of Field Marshal Viscount French, is credited with having exerted great influence toward her husband's advancement in the army. She was the Hon. Maud Vivian, one of the "Vivian twins," who were famous as maids of honor to Queen Victoria and Queen Alexandra. Before his marriage to Miss Vivian ten years ago Haig was a favorite with General French, having served under French at Aldershot and then accompanying him to South Africa during the Boer war. Whatever French has been able to do for Haig has been done, but his present high command is the result more of the influence at court of Lady Haig, and Lord Kitchener has been persuaded by royalty's desires to advance the man most favored by his old enemy, General French. Sir Douglas Haig was promoted to be a full general only a year ago, although he had held the post as chief of staff in India for some years, having won it through the influence of King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

Sir Douglas and Lady Haig have not taken any particular pains to assume any leadership in London society since their marriage and have not kept up a London residence during visits home from India, spending their time at Aldershot, where Haig earned the nickname of "Von Haig" on account of his Prussian thoroughness in military matters and his stern way of handling subordinates. He and Lady Haig have two children, daughters, named after two queens whom Lady Haig served—Alexandra Henrietta Louise, born in 1907, and Victoria Doris Rachel, born in 1908.

CURES BICHLORIDE POISONING

Cincinnati Doctor Discovers Antidote For Deadly Drug.

Cincinnati.—Physicians at the Cincinnati General hospital have discovered an antidote for bichloride of mercury, one of the most corrosive poisons known.

Recently Miss Birdie Talbot took four of the deadly tablets. She was taken to the City hospital writhing in agony. The physicians gave her copious doses of a combination of drugs discovered by Professor Martin Fisher of the medical department of the Cincinnati university. The woman has left the hospital entirely cured.

OLD LADY DRIVES CAR.

Estherville (Ia.) County Claims to Have Oldest Woman Auto Enthusiast.

Estherville, Ia.—Estherville now claims to have the oldest lady automobile enthusiast in the state, if not in the whole country.

Mrs. M. E. Jehu, aged seventy-three, proprietress of the Estherville greenhouses, recently purchased a car and after a few lessons from a demonstrator took charge of the car and expects to drive it regularly.

BOTTLE FLOATED 16 YEARS.

It Was Thrown, With a Note, Into the Pacific Ocean in 1899.

Honolulu, Wash.—After floating about in the Pacific ocean for years a bottle containing a note, probably written and thrown overboard by one of the officers of the schooner Transit, has been found on the beach by an Indian, Bob Wayne, near Moelips.

The note was dated Aug. 10, 1899, and was perfectly legible, though the writing and the paper were considerably faded. The message with the note reads as follows:

Schooner Transit, Aug. 10, 1899.—Ten days out from Honolulu, H. I., bound to San Francisco. Weather calm and baffling wind. All is well. Latitude 29 degrees 7 minutes north, longitude 158 degrees 7 minutes west. J. PETERSON.

Wayne found the bottle on the beach after the record high tide of the winter, which followed several days of a heavy offshore blow, which brought in a heavy surf.

LEG BONE PATCHES SPINE.

Altoona Boy is Now Jubilant After Unusual Operation.

Altoona, Pa.—Kenneth Geist, aged four, is perhaps the happiest child in the United States, for recently he received his discharge from the hospital here.

He was admitted to the hospital on Christmas, 1913, suffering from tuberculosis of the spine. He could neither talk nor walk, and the case was thought hopeless.

The surgeons took a piece of bone from his right leg and inserted it in the place where they removed the diseased vertebra. The operation was successful, and Kenneth can run, talk and play like other boys.

LEPROSY CHECKED BY OLD INDIAN REMEDY

Doctor Insists Victim is No Longer Menace to Workmen.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Ignorant that he was suffering from leprosy in an advanced stage—the physician who had sent him had not diagnosed the disease—a man came to Dr. Udo Wile of the medical faculty of the University of Michigan last July. He was a pitiable object. His body was covered with leprosy lesions.

Dr. Wile took the sufferer into the university general hospital and has treated him with chaul-moogra oil, a remedy for leprosy that has been used for generations in India, unsuccessfully in the great majority of cases.

Now his disease, which oftentimes condemns a man to life confinement in a colony of his fellow sufferers, is arrested. The patient is making a splendid recovery, Dr. Wile says. He is strong and walks two miles each day. No more men shame him by calling him "unclean."

He is no more dangerous to any community now than a tuberculosis patient. Dr. Wile insists. The doctor adds:

"Work is given to a tuberculosis patient who is able to work. No one questions his duty and right to support himself and his family. Work should be given to this man, once the most despised and feared of humans—a leper."

The man's name is withheld, that unknown, he may begin life anew and earn bread for his wife and their baby. His entry into the hospital was affecting, dramatic.

It so happened that a medical convention was being held here, and the different clinics were open to the visiting physicians. Dr. Wile had not seen the patient until he was wheeled into the clinic. The doctor's face went white.

Visitors leaned forward and peered upon the man's nude body. Their faces were tense, for they knew—they thought him doomed.

The examination soon over, the patient was wheeled out, and Dr. Wile said, with emotion:

"That man has a well advanced case of leprosy. I must tell him, and he will seem to him like reading his death warrant. When his disease becomes known it is doubtful if we can keep him here. Even if the leprosy were arrested the man has ten years yet before him in which he might earn a living were it not that he will be hounded from place to place; every man's hand will be against him."

"Is he cured—will he ever be absolutely cured?" Dr. Wile was asked.

"A cure is always relative," answered the doctor. "At present all the symptoms that characterize leprosy have disappeared in this case. He is strong, confident, hopeful. If you ask me whether the leprosy symptoms will reappear I can no more tell you than I can assure a man healthy today that he will be in health as good ten or fifteen years hence."

Left All to Employee.

St. Louis, Mo.—The good and faithful servant of ancient days found a modern example here when Charles Grubel, twenty-five years old, a clerk, received nearly all of the \$50,000 estate left by Otto Mowitz, a grocer for whom Grubel had worked six years.

It's a Hummer.

Pine Grove, Ark.—Katherine Lucy boasts of being the possessor of the only brindle Bosco tomcat in these parts: A few days ago tabby brought in a black snake thirty-nine inches long.

NEVADA DIVORCE IGNORED.

Bridgeport Suit May Bring Adjudication on Validity of Western Decree.

Greenwich, Conn.—In the superior court at Bridgeport before Judge Case the many side issues in the divorce petition of Rudolph Ernest Tiedemann against Gertrude Eleanor Tiedemann of this place were disclosed on a motion to strike out an alleged amended reply.

The real issue of the case will show the attitude of the Connecticut court on divorces issued in Nevada. Three years ago Mrs. Tiedemann obtained a divorce in Nevada and was allowed custody of the child and alimony. Last March the husband sued for divorce, alleging desertion, paying no attention to the Nevada decree. He never paid any of the alimony. It is alleged, and now seeks custody of the child.

The amended reply is that the Nevada divorce is not good, because neither of the parties was a resident. Decision was reserved.

SLIP BRINGS DREAM TRUE.

Printer Laughed, but Losses Hand Ex-actly as Foretold.

Kansas City.—John W. Reed of the Reed Printing company dreamed the other night of cutting off his hand in a paper cutter in his shop. He laughed when he told about the dream and said he was not superstitious and had no fear.

Next day as he passed the cutter Reed slipped and struck the lever. His left hand went under the blade and was severed at the wrist.

The workmen, remembering the dream, became confused and ten minutes passed before a physician was called.

LOST GIRL CRAWLS MILES.

Thrown by Runaway, She is Left Crippled in Desert.

Needles, Cal.—Lost in the desert, forced to crawl for miles on her hands and knees during the night and finally rescued by a railroad engineer as she lay unconscious on the tracks, were the adventures that befell Miss Louise M. Pearson, twenty-two, of Oakland, in the Mohave desert.

Miss Pearson left Ludlow on horseback to locate a mine in Old Dad mountains. Ten miles out her horse threw her. Her ankle was so severely sprained she could not walk, and the horse, carrying food supplies, raced away.

OVER 240 NEW GAME LAWS ENACTED BY U. S.

Agricultural Department Presses Campaign of Protection.

Washington.—The department of agriculture has inaugurated a vigorous campaign for the protection of game under the federal law and is aiding the various states in carrying out their statutes.

More than 240 new game laws were enacted during 1915—a larger number than in any previous year except 1911. Forty-three states held regular legislative sessions, and in all of these states except Arizona, Georgia and Nebraska some changes were made in the statutes protecting game. The largest number of new game laws passed in any one state was sixty-one, in North Carolina, but in California, Connecticut, Maine, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin the number reached ten or more. Several measures were vetoed, including a general game bill in Idaho, the first bill appropriating the hunting license fund in Pennsylvania, a bill protecting bears in California, and three sections of the game bill in Washington state.

A number of bills were introduced for the purpose of harmonizing the state laws on migratory birds with the federal regulations. In at least nine states changes were made which brought the seasons into substantial agreement—namely, California, Connecticut, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, Tennessee and West Virginia. In Illinois the seasons for all migratory birds except coot and waterfowl and in Washington for the smaller shore birds were made to conform with the regulations under the federal law.

Uniformity was also secured by provisions in the laws of Connecticut, Maine, New Mexico, North Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin, prohibiting hunting between sunset and sunrise. On the other hand, Delaware adopted a resolution opposing the migratory bird law, and Ohio and Rhode Island, which had harmonized their seasons in 1914, changed the seasons on waterfowl this year.

As a result of the decision of the supreme court of the United States on Jan. 19, 1914, sustaining the alien hunting law of Pennsylvania, legislation prohibiting aliens from hunting or owning shotguns or rifles was enacted in at least four states—Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Dakota and West Virginia—but certain exceptions based on property qualifications were made in Massachusetts and New Jersey.

Owl Causes Auto Smash.

Peru, Ind.—Marion Dillman took a party of friends auto driving, and when near Chili an owl struck him in the face. Dillman let go of the steering wheel, and the car ran down an embankment and against a fence. None of the occupants was hurt, but Dillman's face was scratched by the owl's claws.

FUELLESS ENGINE QUEST ENDS AT 93

Called by Death After Working on It Seventy Years.

TAKES SECRET TO GRAVE.

Before Dying Would Be Inventor of Minneapolis Destroyed All Charts or Mechanical Contrivances He Had Made in Search For Perpetual Motion Machine.

Minneapolis, Minn.—When John Laney, ninety-three years old, was laid to rest in Crystal Lake cemetery a seventy year quest for the secret of "perpetual motion" came to a fruitless end.

So close did he think himself to the secret at times that he trembled with his disappointments, his mind afield with ambitions Laney worked, thinking, experimenting.

Meanwhile this man, a Scotchman by birth and a stonemason by trade, whose only relaxation was reading the works of Bacon, Shakespeare, Coleridge and Wordsworth, smashed and destroyed contrivances after contrivance when it failed. Then with intensified energy he concentrated on a new idea.

"It almost worked."

These three words tell the life story of a man gifted in some ways beyond his fellow men. John Laney wanted his name to go down in history, but always when he fancied he was at the very edge of accomplishment it was only to find the something missing in a contrivance that "almost worked."

"When I was just a little girl father used to have the kitchen table cleared for him when supper was over," said Mrs. Lizzie Welton, at whose home the aged man spent his last days. "He had a groove in the table and a round stone ball that he made himself. He would roll this round and round, and often mother would have to get up late at night and beg him to stop and rest."

"Father had a good education, mostly self acquired. He loved the poets, and he wrote several songs, one for the St. George guards of St. George, New Brunswick, where we once lived. He was a sculptor also."

Outside the steps of the cosy cottage where Mrs. Welton lives are two pieces of granite. One has on it figures of Hiawatha and Minnehaha; the other has on it a bear and two cubs. Inside the house, highly treasured, is a chain five feet long, with many links and an anchor at the end, that was cut out with a jackknife from a solid piece of wood. Many small mementoes remain.

But before he died John Laney destroyed all charts or mechanical contrivances he had made in his search for perpetual motion. One day he said to his daughter:

"Perpetual motion will yet be found. There is no doubt of it. When it is found the world will be astonished not alone by the stupendous changes that it will bring in all industrial life, but by the simplicity of it. Millions will wonder why no one ever thought of it before."

"I am an old man," he would often say. "I saw the coming of the railroads, the telegraph, the automobile and the more wonderful things of later years. I predicted back in 1850 that the world would one day see the horseless wagon, and it is here. Ah, if I could only just get the one little missing link!"

MAD DOG CALLS POLICE.

Upsets Telephone in Rampage and Central Does the Rest.

Danville, Ill.—A dog afflicted with rabies indirectly called the police department and thus brought about its own destruction. Before it was killed it overturned the furniture at the home of Miss Smith, its owner, and badly scared the servant.

In its rampage it upset a desk on which the telephone rested and as the receiver fell from the hook central asked for the number. The operator heard the howling of the dog and, believing that something was wrong, called the police department.

BABE TRAVELS IN BASKET.

Young Father Makes Long Journey With Motherless Child.

Eagle, Ariz.—With a clothes basket as a cradle for his month-old motherless babe, E. H. Hiatt made the journey from Eagle to Sidney, Ia., to place the infant in the care of its grandmother. Mrs. Hiatt died just a month ago following the birth of twins, one of which died at birth.

A woman on the train volunteered to assist the young father, and the infant reached its destination safely.

Owns Wrong Land Twelve Years.

McMinnville, Ore.—Twelve years ago Joseph Henrich bought eight acres of school land from the state, located, paid taxes and improved the place. N. W. Smith, who recently purchased thirteen acres from the state, discovered that Henrich had been living on his land and had paid taxes on another tract one mile south similar in description. In the twelve years Henrich had built a home on the Smith place, cleared some of the timber and cultivated the land. The Henrich tract in the meantime had not been touched.

DIVORCES WITHOUT JUDGE?

Lawyers, Apparently, May Grant One in California.

Los Angeles.—Judges and lawyers learned with surprise that through an amended provision of the state constitution apparently any qualified attorney may grant a decree of divorce.

This became known by the recent granting of three decrees in Santa Rosa by attorneys sitting as judges pro tempore after having been selected to try the actions of the litigants themselves without the sanction of the court. The modified amendment reads:

"A case in the superior court may be tried by a judge pro tempore, who must be learned in writing by the parties litigant or their attorneys of record and sworn to try the cause, and the person so selected shall be empowered to act in such capacity in all further proceedings in any suit or proceedings tried before him until the final determination thereof."

The clause "approved by the court" has been omitted from the act.

TALK OF BABIES JARS THEM.

Spinners Form Club to Avoid Chatter About Husbands.

Sabetha, Kan.—An organization of spinners has been formed in this town to save them from hearing talk about babies.

"At the women's clubs," says Miss Georgia Hook, head of the spinners, "all we hear is talk of babies and husbands of various kinds. Oh, you cannot realize the unintentional cruelty of it all! What pleasure can we have in hearing talk of babies, babies, babies all the time? The small town never gives the proper chance for all girls to marry happily. Too many of our best young men go to the cities. As a result there are more marriageable young women than young men."

EATS PORK AT EVERY MEAL.

Hoosier Farmer Says It is Sweet Diet and Good For Longevity.

Columbus, Ind.—Do you wish to live long and be strong? Then eat pork three times a day, says Samuel Reynolds, a farmer here, who is seventy-five and can carry a sack of grain with the best.

Reynolds eats pork three times every day, and if he wishes a little snack of something between meals he eats a piece of pork. If he happens to need a bite of something before going to bed he eats a piece of pork. He never eats an apple in his life and he never tasted any sort of fruit, butter or jelly.

TABLET FOR INDIAN FRIEND OF WHITES

Seattle Professor Seeks to Honor Chief Pat Kanim.

Seattle, Wash.—Professor Edward S. Meany of the University of Washington is arousing public interest in the memory of old Chief Pat Kanim of the Snoqualmie and Snohomish Indians.

Chief Pat, a staunch friend of the early whites, is one of the forgotten heroes of pioneer days, and Professor Meany wants his grave marked with a suitable monument.

In the days when settlers had reason to fear the lurking red foes in the deep forests Chief Pat Kanim's people were powerful where Everett now stands. It is not known just when the chief died, but he was buried on a bank of the Snohomish river.

When the grave was threatened by the overflowing river relatives moved the remains to the little cemetery on the Tulalip Indian reservation, where many of the tribes he ruled in power now live in humble homes.

Bancroft's "History of Washington" tells of the chief's craftiness in driving Glasgow and Rabbeson from the first settlement on Whidby Island in 1848. He made a great drive with dogs and secured sixty deer for a feast of assembled warriors. He counseled in favor of driving the white men out of the country.

Glasgow and Rabbeson went back to Tumwater, and the next year Pat Kanim led an assault on Fort Nisqually. While Pat Kanim was parleying inside the stockade his brother was killed leading an attack by the Indians. Pat Kanim was spared, and in 1850 he made a trip to San Francisco in a sailing vessel. What he saw on that journey made him resolve to become a friend of the white man. He faithfully lived up to that resolution for the rest of his life.

WOMAN KILLS EAGLE.

Pulaski County Resident Wins Record by Not Using Gun.

Rolla, Mo.—Mrs. J. H. Arthur, who lives near Laquey, Pulaski county, probably enjoys the distinction of being the only woman in Missouri to kill an eagle without the aid of a gun.

Recently she heard a noise in the chicken yard and saw a large eagle swoop down on the flock. A watchdog rushed upon the eagle and knocked it to the ground. Mrs. Arthur grabbed a long piece of wagon tire and struck it with all her might, breaking its neck and right wing. The eagle measured six feet four inches from tip to tip.

TWO DRINKS, TWO YEARS.

Local Option Law Violator of Fort Worth, Tex., Gets Limit.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Charles Pettigrew was defendant in the first case tried in Tarrant county under the law making it a felony to sell liquor in local option territory. He was convicted and sentenced to two years. He sold two drinks to the same man.

Pettigrew was indicted in January, and his first trial was on an indictment that carried only a misdemeanor penalty. He escaped on a technicality. The next indictment under the felony law also was held defective, but the third one was sustained.

GEARY'S POPULAR SCHOOL.

It Boasts Seven Pairs of Twins. Claims Record For Oklahoma.

Geary, Okla.—The Geary school lays claim to the unique distinction of having more pairs of twins attending the school than any other school of its size in the state.

At the present time there are seven pairs of twins enrolled and another girl attending who has a twin brother, who will probably start after the new year. This will bring the total number of twin pairs enrolled up to eight. These twins are scattered all the way through the school from the primary to the senior class.

BOY A FINANCIER.

Lad Fourteen Years Old Makes Money Out of Sheep.

Ipswich, S. D.—Gerald Pershin, fourteen years of age, gives promise of being one of the financiers of the country.

On Sept. 5, 1914, the boy went to M. A. Slocum, a friend, and told him that he had a chance to buy twenty-five old ewes from Robert Jones at a bargain. Mr. Slocum went with the boy to the bank and signed a note with him, thereby enabling the boy to get the funds.

The other day the boy entered the bank, paid over \$83.60, his note with interest, and remarked that he had cleaned up \$110.80 clean profit on his sheep during the year. He had sold \$23 worth of wool and had sold his original purchase and their increase, less five sheep the coyotes had killed, for \$169.40.

PUFFED UP LIKE A BALLOON.

Rock Island (Ill.) Doctors Puncture Boy's Skin and Save His Life.

Rock Island, Ill.—The body of Fred Lawson, eleven years old, swelled to twice its normal size as the result of an accident, and for a time his life was endangered.

While coasting the boy was struck in the neck by a piece of wagon wheel rim protruding from the ground. The bronchial tube was punctured, and in exhaling his breath much of the air passed through this puncture and under the skin, causing the body to inflate.

Young Lawson was at the point of suffocation when physicians arrived. Their first act was to puncture the skin of the neck and allow the air to escape. They say the boy will live.

SAND SPRINGS, OKLA., MADE FOR WIDOWS

Oil Producer Using Wealth on Women and Children.

Sand Springs Okla.—This town was built for widows. They compose more than a fourth of the 5,000 population. The town was founded by Charles Page, multimillionaire oil producer of Tulsa.

His earliest recollections were of his mother's efforts to raise her large family unaided, and he resolved that when he grew up he would take care of all the widows.

When he made his fortune Page founded Sand Springs. He built dozens of comfortable cottages in which gas, fuel and rent were free. Factories he bought so the widows might have employment.

He built a car line to Tulsa upon which widows ride free. There are a day nursery, free medical attendance and a vocational school. If a widow wants to get married Page helps her do that. He likes grandmothers too. There are a score of them here, with nothing to do but knit and read and reminisce.

Page probably has more "children" than any other man in the world. An orphan's home in a nearby town recently went bankrupt. To provide better for the little inmates Page legally adopted the whole institution and moved it to Sand Springs.

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