

SHARON CURSE APPEARS AGAIN

Lieut. Fermor-Hesketh Dropped From English Army.

LATEST OF FATE'S VICTIMS.

Wealth of Nevada Mine Owner and Senator Cause of Death or Disaster to Nearly All Connected With Its Acquisition, Spending or Spoilation and Now Descends to Grandson.

The name of Lieutenant Frederick Fermor-Hesketh of the Ninth lancers, who dropped out of sight last fall, has been stricken from the rolls of the British army because of absence without leave.

The lieutenant is the second son of Sir Thomas George Fermor and Lady Fermor-Hesketh and a grandson of the late William Sharon, United States senator from Nevada. Lady Fermor-Hesketh's maiden name was Florence Emily Sharon. She was married in 1880.

A worldwide search for the lieutenant, instituted soon after his disappearance, failed to reveal any clue as to his whereabouts. He is twenty-eight years old and was educated in the Royal Military college at Sandhurst and at Trinity college, Cambridge.

He left his mother's residence at Easton Neston, Tewkesbury, the afternoon of Oct. 20, saying he would return soon for dinner. The last seen of him was on the following morning when he landed from a steamer at Kingstown, Ireland. It has been suggested he sailed for the United States. The family can offer no explanation.

Curse Follows Sharon Gold.

The disappearance of Lieutenant Hesketh and his expulsion from the army make another chapter in the misfortunes and tragedies that have followed those who have come under the curse of the Sharon gold.

William Sharon was one of the Gold-hill pioneers. He stepped out of cowhide boots into tented leathers, from a mountain shack to a city mansion. From the Crown Point and Belcher mines in Nevada he became a senator. The wealth he left behind made a pyramid of millions and likewise a pyramid of trouble.

William C. Ralston, who often had shared the output of his battered coffee-pot with Sharon in his roughshod days, started the list. When the financial pinch caught Sharon's bank and frightened San Francisco didn't know whether his money was good, bad or indifferent Ralston accused Sharon and then took his own life.

Getting back to Sharon, the forty-nine, some time after the death of Mrs. Sharon Senator Sharon was sued by a woman known as Sarah Althea Hill. She entered into the contest for Sharon's money with energy and zeal. Her counsel was David S. Terry.

Chain Embraces Terry.

Terry was a leader of the southern California Democrats. He was elected chief justice of the California supreme court and had served just long enough to become familiar with the judicial routine when he and Senator David C. Broderick, entertaining conflicting opinions, adopted the hair trigger method of settlement at the prescribed fifteen paces. Broderick waited for the second. Terry split it and fired. Broderick fell dead.

Terry pleaded the cause of his robust client before Justice Stephen J. Field. Sharon died, but Sarah Althea Hill's suit lived on. Terry one day surprised his friends by marrying his client.

Justice Field ordered the cancellation of the marriage contract on the ground of forgery. Justice Field stepped off a train. Terry and his wife coincidentally stepped from a train at the same time. Terry stepped behind Field and slapped his face with the back of his hand. A marshal shot Terry dead.

Charles Livingston, who was a protégé of Sharon's, became manager of the Palace hotel in San Francisco. Livingston had boarded at one time with a certain Sarah Mitchell when the fight to get at the Sharon millions was at its height. Miss Mitchell came to the front with a package of mysterious letters. She demanded \$50,000 for them, but she didn't get it. There was talk of a conspiracy. Livingston's name was mentioned unpleasantly in that connection. One morning he was found dead in his room in the Palace hotel with a pistol shot in his heart.

Fate Still Pursuing.

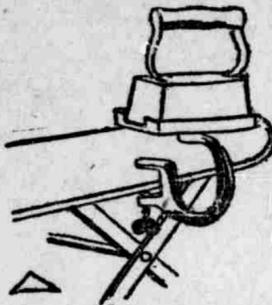
Sharon's two daughters grew to womanhood surrounded by luxury. One daughter fell in love with Senator Newlands of Nevada and became his wife. The other, Florence Emily Sharon, was married to Sir Thomas George Fermor-Hesketh.

Lady Hesketh had two sons, both soldiers. The lieutenant of lancers who disappeared was the younger. Her life has been in danger three times since her marriage. She was thrown from her mount while riding with the Grafton hounds at Sulgrave and barely escaped being crushed under the animal's hoofs. In 1906 she was bitten by a dog, and it required a dozen stitches to unite the wound. She also underwent a surgical operation for the removal of a fragment of spine.

The Palace hotel and hundreds of other pieces of Sharon property were burned in the fire which followed the earthquake on the Pacific coast.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Adjustable Stand For Holding Flatirons.



The one great trouble with iron stands heretofore was that unless they were placed at one end of the ironing board they got in the way. A Wisconsin man has invented one that can be placed in the center of the board, yet leave the surface free. This stand, which is made of iron, has rise jaws at the bottom and can be screwed fast to any part of the board. A semi-circular arm, curving outward, supports the base on which the iron rests, the outward curve being the feature that does away with any interference with the laundress. The base of the stand is shaped like the bottom of the iron and has raised edges so that the iron will set firmly and will not upset. This base is also covered with a heavy asbestos pad. Such a stand is ever safer than the old fashioned kind, as it cannot fall off the board, as the other has been known to do more than once.

Creole Chicken.

Cook four teaspoonfuls of butter with one-half shallot, finely chopped, five minutes, stirring constantly. Onion may be used if shallot is not at hand. Add five tablespoonfuls of flour and stir until well browned, then pour gradually, while stirring constantly, three-fourths of a cupful each of chicken stock and strained tomatoes. Bring to the boiling point, season with one teaspoonful of lemon juice, one-half teaspoonful of salt and one-eighth of a teaspoonful of paprika. Add one and one-half cupfuls of cooked chicken or fowl cut in small cubes and let stand ten or fifteen minutes in the top of the double boiler that the meat may absorb some of the sauce.

Rice Cooking Hint.

Wash a cupful of rice in three or four waters, drain well and put in a kettle containing two quarts of slightly salted boiling water. Be sure that the water is boiling furiously and continues to do so until the rice is cooked, which will be in twenty minutes. Stir lightly once in awhile and when it is done drain it through a colander and dash a cupful of cold water over it. Shake the colander once or twice and set over a dry pan on the back of the stove. Cover the rice with a napkin and it will whiten and every grain will be separate.

Spaghetti.

Fry half a pound of steak or a teaspoonful when chopped fine, make gravy as for table. Mix together in a large stew kettle. Add one can of tomatoes, one can of French mushrooms, one cupful of onions, chopped, one tablespoonful of salt, one-third of black pepper. Stew for three hours. Ten minutes before taking up add one-half pound of cheese. Cook the spaghetti in a separate vessel twenty minutes. When ready to serve drain the spaghetti thoroughly and mix with other ingredients.

Apple Charlotte.

Butter, then four lightly, a pudding dish. Line it with thin slices of bread buttered on both sides, put a thick layer of apples cut in thin slices, sugar and a little cinnamon and a few pieces of butter, another layer of bread and butter, apples, sugar, cinnamon and butter last. Bake slowly for two hours, keeping the dish covered until a half hour before setting, then add a stringless of sherry and let the apples on top brown.

Brown Sugar Sirup.

To two pounds of brown sugar add one cupful of water, melt, boil carefully seven or eight minutes or longer if wished very thick, skim or strain through flannel, flavor with extract of vanilla, two teaspoonfuls added when cold. Use any other extracts or add white ginger, rinds of lemon, orange, quince parings or fruit sirups.

Molasses Cookies.

One cupful of molasses, one cupful of lard or lard and butter mixed, one cupful of strong coffee, two teaspoonfuls of ginger, one of cloves, a pinch of salt, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in the coffee, flour to make stiff enough to handle without sticking.

Cleaning Woolens.

Japanese cream to remove grease spots from woolens is made from four ounces of white castile soap shaved into one quart of warm water. When dissolved add four quarts of boiling water, and when nearly cold add four ounces of ammonia and two ounces ether.

Boiling an Egg Soft.

Put a fresh egg in a teacup, pour boiling water over it, cover with a saucer and let stand five minutes. This plan prevents the coagulation of the white and is very delicate.

TAAL IS NOTED FOR ERUPTIONS

Luzon Volcano Terror to Filipinos For Centuries Past.

PEAK SHORN BY EARTHQUAKE.

Once About 15,000 Feet In Height It Sank and Became a Lake and During a Later Outbreak Reappeared From Water in Present Form—Noted For Its Three Varicolored Craters.

The volcano of Taal, the recent eruption of which killed many hundred Filipinos and destroyed several towns and villages, lies about thirty miles south of Manila, on the island of Luzon. When it is specially active the smoke of the volcano can be seen from the Luneta drive at Manila.

The natives say the volcano was once much greater than it is now. The geological formation of the country bears out this theory. The volcano itself is an island from five to eight miles east and west and ten to fifteen miles north and south, rising out of the center of a lake, which is about twelve miles east and west by fifteen miles north and south. The lake lies in a ring of mountains as if it were the floor of a crater. These mountains start up gradually from the sea level and curve up in a graceful sweep until they are from 2,000 to 3,000 feet high and then drop off almost sheer to the lake, which is almost at the sea level.

Once a High Mountain.

Evidently before the eye of man ever gazed upon it Taal was a towering giant rising 10,000 or 15,000 feet above the sea and sending out its fire and smoke and ashes. The native tradition is that the lake was originally a crater of fire with walls many times higher than those that now surround it. One day there came a terrible eruption. The walls of the crater sank, and the sea rushed in and filled the crater, forming the present lake. For many years there was no other eruption. In place of the crater of fire there was a beautiful lake that emitted loud rumblings, so that the natives gave it the name of Rom-bom, or Boom-boom, which is still the native name for both the lake and the volcano.

This was the condition in which the Spanish found it. Where the little stream ran out the Spanish built the town of Taal and Lemery. Taal was a port of call for all Spanish galleons coming from Mexico. A great church was built at Taal for the Virgin of Caysarsay, pronounced it kay-say, which was the special patron of the sailors and was always saluted by the vessels going to or from the islands on their long voyages across the Pacific.

Volcano Emerges From Lake.

But the giant of the volcano was merely sleeping and gathering strength for a mighty struggle. One morning when the priests were at mass they heard reverberations like thunder, but fancied it was the salute of a passing ship until it was followed by a series of the most terrific earthquakes. Then came the great eruption, one of the most terrible in the history of the volcano.

The Spanish records tell that for three days the lamps had to be lighted all day in Manila. When the eruption was over the present volcano had thrust its head a thousand feet above the surface of the lake and a number of lesser craters showed their heads above the water line. This time the volcano had changed to water volcano, and it was thus that the Americans found it when they took the islands. The natives had built cities, around the lake, and the luxuriant vegetation had wiped out all traces of the terrible eruption save here and there a bit of old stone wall where some large building had stood *void* of the giant's struggle. The town of Talisy, recently destroyed, was built at the very edge of the lake, as if in defiance of the terrible power of the volcano.

Crater Is Varicolored.

The Spaniards obtained sulphur from the volcano and left a very fine trail up its side. The trip up the volcano is readily made. As one climbs the odor of sulphur becomes stronger and the smoking cliffs are seen. The view from the edge of the crater is most brilliant. To the south are the smoking cliffs, which constantly send out great clouds of white sulphur fumes. They are gray and white with sulphur and are constantly rumbling and hissing like the escape of steam from many engines.

Directly below one are the craters, or rather, the three divisions of the main crater. The walls are a brilliant iridescent red—very much like cinchona covered with greens and yellows, sparkling and shining. The northern division of the crater is the most active. It is called the white crater and constantly gives off steam and sulphur smoke.

Just south of the white crater is the blue crater. This crater is not so active. It is a light blue in color and constantly giving off sulphur smoke. Beyond both craters is the yellow crater. This is a sea of yellow mud constantly boiling and bubbling. After an earthquake the yellow crater sends waves of mud over its banks. On the east side of the crater the wall rises sheer 500 to 800 feet and is as brilliantly colored as the walls of the small interior craters.

HOMESICK, HE TRAVELS 78 MILES TO HIS WORK.

Illinois Legislator at Capital Before Others Are Awake.

Buckwheat cakes and country sausage at home in Edwardsville at 5 a. m., legislative duties in Springfield from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and back to steaming hot muffins and fried chicken at home at 8 p. m.—such is the itinerary of State Representative William Dickman of Illinois in his daily round trip between home and state-house, with which he staves off nostalgia.

An hour or two before dawn Dickman arises, and after getting the day's work on his farm started he sits down to a toothsome meal of home grown ham and eggs, cakes, sausage and milk, all of a freshness that is a stranger to the lunch counters and dining halls of Springfield.

He takes a trolley car at his farm gate just as the sun comes up and speeds off on his run of seventy-eight miles, reaching Springfield before the call boys at the hotels start to rouse his colleagues from their slumbers.

An hour before Speaker Adkins mounts the deck of the ship of state Dickman is in his seat. He spends the day in legislative activities and at nightfall is off again on his return trip of seventy-eight miles—no homesickness for him so long as home is within three hours' reach.

"I believe in enjoying all the comforts of home so long as my public business does not suffer," says Dickman. "I'm strong for the fresh eggs, the fresh milk and the rest of it. I admit one can get good food in Springfield, but it's worth a seventy-eight mile ride to sit down with one's family, isn't it?"

NAME TEN BEST HYMNS.

Methodists Like "Nearer, My God, to Thee" Best.

A New York Methodist Episcopal church which has taken a poll of its congregation in an effort to determine the ten best hymns announces that the following received the requisite number of ballots:

"Nearer, My God to Thee," "Abide With Me," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Love to Tell the Story," "Lead, Kindly Light," "Rescue the Perishing," "Rock of Ages," "Onward, Christian Soldier," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Four others were tied for the tenth place: "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," "Just as I Am," "Faith of Our Fathers Living Still" and "In the Cross of Christ I Glorify."

"I Suffered Intense Pains in My Left Side."

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