

THE RITES OF BURIAL

Recalled by a Splendid Jewel at a Lovely Woman's Throat.

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They are filled with charcoal. Here the Parsoes bring their dead. They place the corpse in one of the rings and retire, closing and bolting the iron door which gives entrance to the tower. Almost immediately hundreds of large vultures descend upon the corpse and begin to pick at it.

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"The Indians of Alaska cremate their dead much after the Hindu fashion. The body is laid out in state where it is viewed by the friends of the dead. If it is the body of a chief it is dressed in his best clothing. The funeral pile of logs is laid on a hill just back of the town of Sitka. The body is borne to this spot and laid on logs which are then fired. I did not stay to see the conclusion of the crematory exercises at Sitka. The stench was too horrible. At the Hindu cremation there was no stench at all, a fact probably due to the use of lime or some other disinfectant. Alaska Indians bury some of their dead as do the Japanese, but most of them are cremated."

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CASUALTIES AFLOAT.

Ships and Sailors Fare Hard on Dangerous Coasts.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Oct. 23.—A fleet of 11 steamer, barges, brigs and schooners were off Cape Cod at dark last night bound into Boston Bay, experienced rough weather.

Two schooners are reported sunk on Shoveloff Shoal. The fate of the vessels is unknown. A small schooner is supposed to have sunk north of Pollock Rip Shoal. A crew were seen clinging to a drifting, unpowered schooner.

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QUEBEC, Que., Oct. 23.—The circuit court room was crowded this morning at the opening of the royal commissions sessions by politicians and others who came to listen to Pacaud's evidence.

He referred to a meeting at the Hotel Brunswick in New York where negotiations were concluded. There were present Langens, Robideaux, Armstrong and others.

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