

The Valhalla's Sea Serpent

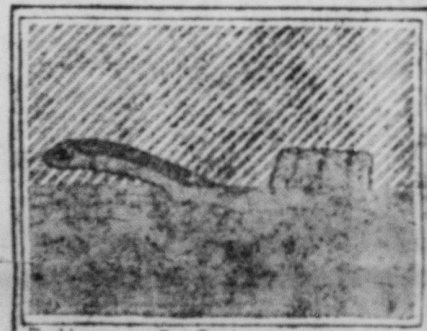


HEAD OF DAEDALUS SEA SERPENT.

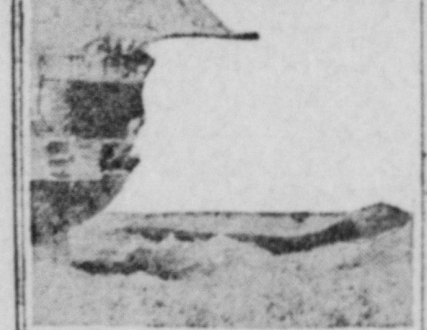
TO summer sojourners on the sad sea's shore come the grateful tidings that their old friend the sea serpent, whom they mourned as dead and gone, is disporting himself in southern waters with all his old time playfulness. At the last meeting of the Royal British Zoological society two eminent naturalists, E. B. Meade and M. J. Nicoll, told how, when and where they saw him. "Twice off the blue Brazilian coast that the good steam yacht Valhalla spoke his serene snakeship. The Valhalla belongs to the Earl of Crawford, who sails the seven seas in search of strange and startling sights, and he took the two scientists along to make observations and affidavits for him.

At four bells of the morning watch on the 7th of December last Mr. Meade and Mr. Nicoll were on the Valhalla's deck, scanning the horizon, when they spied in the offing a sail-like object some four feet long by two feet wide, waving from side to side. No sooner had they trained their glasses on this queer object than a huge eel-like neck appeared, as thick as a man's thigh and six feet long, and at the upper end of this neck was a turtle-like head, with large eyes, "rubbering" high above the level of the ocean, which was now quite calm. The apparition was dark colored above and silvery beneath. After a few minutes neck and head were slowly lowered and when level with the water were lashed violently from side to side, churning the sea into suds. Then the serpent vanished into the vasty deep.

Adverse winds kept the Valhalla within the area of the serpent's appearance through the day. That night one of the officers saw a strange commotion in the water. At first he thought it was a big rock, with waves breaking over it, but on careful examination he found that it was a beast of some kind, traveling faster than the ship, which was then making only about eight and a half knots. He "hailed the deck" and the lookout man, and



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thus got witnesses to the phenomenon. The sea was calm and the moonlight bright, but the animal so obscured itself by the foam it thrashed up that its character could not be accurately determined. In its movements it resembled a submarine traveling just below the surface.

If the word of two such reputable men as Mr. Meade and Mr. Nicoll is not sufficient to convince the skeptics that the sea serpent is not a myth, corroboration of their story may be found in the naval records of Great Britain. In 1848 Captain McQuhae of H. M. S. Daedalus saw off the African coast a marine ophidian which, from his recorded description, must have looked enough like the Meade-Nicoll serpent to be its father. Sixty feet long, Captain McQuhae said it was, with head and neck four feet out of the water. It had no fins, but something like seaweed washed about its back. It passed under the stern of the Daedalus, so close that a man's features could have been distinguished at the same distance. Captain McQuhae's report created a great sensation in England and was derisively discredited by the late Professor Sir Richard Owen. But professors are not infallible, and avenging time seems to have established the truthfulness of the doctory captain of the Daedalus. McQuhae had a drawing made of his serpent immediately after it was seen. The diameter of the snake was about fifteen inches at the head. Its color was dark brown, yellowish white at the throat.

Other fortunate mortals to whom the shy sea serpent has shown himself are the officers and crew of the British ship Imogene and the complement of H. M. S. Plumper. The Imogene sighted it between Alcoa bay and London in 1856. Dec. 31, 1848, a naval officer on the Plumper saw it near Oporto and drew its picture. It is also said to have been seen on many occasions between Cape Cod and Penobscot bay, as well as on the New Jersey coast.

Recently it was reported from Cochon China that a Frenchman had seen a sea serpent with a curled mustache and imperial, but this report has not been well authenticated.

TO BREAK INTO JAIL.

That is Gourdain's Ambition—May Build His Own Prison.

Louis A. Gourdain, Chicago millionaire, is a man of one idea. His one idea is to break into jail as speedily as possible. He was in jail once, but a perfidious lawyer with a writ of supersedeas, against Gourdain's advice and consent, got him out again. Gourdain was getting too rich too quick, the United States courts thought. He was convicted of using the mails to defraud and sentenced to Joliet penitentiary for four years and six months. Hardly had he grown accustomed to



LOUIS A. GOURDAIN.

his new home when the lawyer with his little writ snatched him from his cell. Gourdain returned to Joliet and knocked in vain on the prison gate. Then he went east to find a supreme court judge who would order him locked up. If he doesn't find one he will go back to Joliet and build a nice little jail of his own.

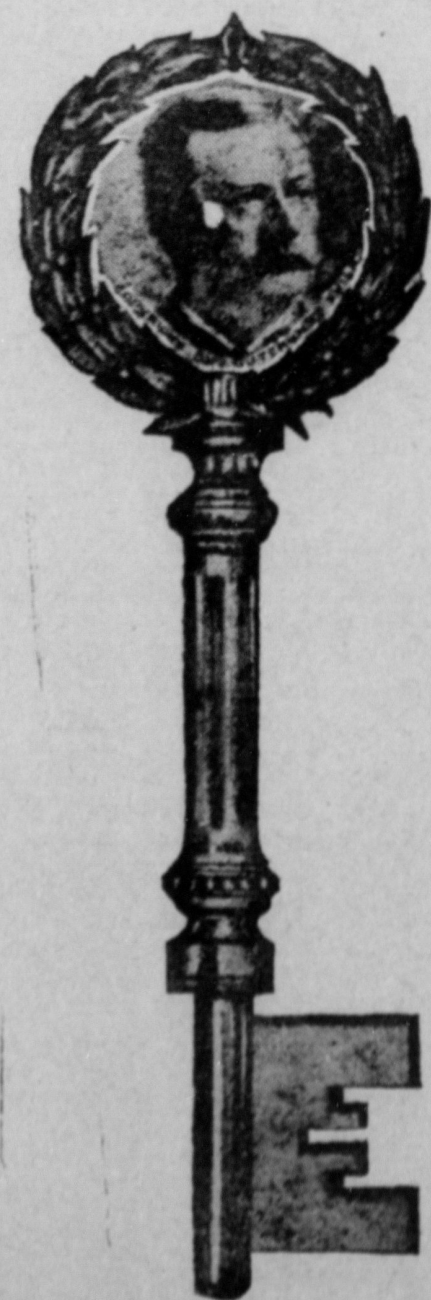
"My release from Joliet was against my wish," said Gourdain in New York, "and if I am not taken back I shall spend the next four years in a jail of my own, an exact replica of the penitentiary in miniature. I have already bought the land, next door to the Joliet pen. I shall have a cell built exactly like the one I occupied in prison. I will enter the cell every night, get up every morning when the penitentiary gong rings and eat prison fare in prison garb. I will be convict No. 9800. When my term is up I shall take all the Gourdains on my steam yacht, and we will sail away and never be heard of again."

TO DECAPITATE HIMSELF.

Ex-Governor Stone, His File and Pennsylvania's Bronze Doors.

Ex-Governor William A. Stone of Pennsylvania threatens to file his own head off. He is not, however, contemplating a new form of harakiri. The imperiled head is a bronze replica of the one he wears upon his shoulders and adorns a door of the new state capitol at Harrisburg.

There are two of these doors, and they have become a political issue. Upon them are twenty bronze heads of typical Americans. Among the types are the late Senator M. S. Quay, Boies Penrose, Governor Pennypacker, Israel



EX-GOVERNOR WILLIAM A. STONE AND GOLD KEY TO STATEHOUSE.

W. Durham, ex-boss of Philadelphia, and Senator William A. Clark. These men are not too popular with certain elements in the state, and ex-Governor Stone objects to appearing in their company; hence the file.

The architect of the capitol, Joseph M. Huston, has had his own head put on hinges so that it hangs down over the keyhole. When the new capitol is dedicated his head will be raised and a gold key weighing a pound will be inserted in the hole thus disclosed.

A Capitalist Discharged from Jail.

G. W. Shelby, the capitalist who came to Mill Hall a few weeks ago to buy a site for a manufacturing plant and ended up by stealing a pair of pants, has not been standing jail life very well. He has been ill nearly all the time since he was committed and his sentence has been suspended and he has been discharged provided he stays out of the county.

The time is not far distant when Reading will do away with all its wood-coal cars. It is proposed to substitute 100,000 pound capacity steel cars, and several thousand of these are now being built. It has been found that the present style of wooden cars will not stand the strain when they form a part of a train in part made up of modern equipped cars.

Send for the doctor if you can't understand your trouble, but the chances are its due directly to constipation, a clogged liver or a disordered stomach, and VIN-TE-NAL LIVER PILLS would cure you in less time than the doctor can do it. All druggists.

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- \$1.00 for 3rd " " "

For Good Bread use "King Midas" Flour.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the First and Final account of L. T. Munson, guardian of J. P. Gephart, late of Bellefonte, deceased will be presented to the Court for Confirmation on August 23, 1906. And unless exceptions be filed thereon on or before the 2nd day of the term, the same will be confirmed. A. B. KIMPORT, Prothonotary.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. State Highway Department, Harrisburg, Pa.

Sealed proposals will be received by the State Highway Department of Pennsylvania, under the Act approved May 1st, 1905, for the construction of 3,327 feet of road, extending from the Borough line of Phillipsburg, at Front street and Ninth street, to the Clearfield County Line at Troy Bridge; also for the construction of 3,083 feet of road extending from the railroad crossing at Sandy Ridge, to a point on the Oseola Road, near the property of George Proutz in Rush township, in the county of Centre. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the County Commissioners, Bellefonte, Pa., and at the office of the State Highway Department, Harrisburg, Pa. Bidding blanks will be furnished by the State Highway Department upon request. Bids must be endorsed "Proposals for Reconstruction of Road in Rush Township, Centre County," and received at the office of the State Highway Department not later than August 25th, 1906. JOSEPH W. HUNTER, State Highway Commissioner.

PAINS IN THE BACK

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