

# People Who Figure In the Dispatches.

The Strange Mystery of Thomas C. Druce and the Fifth Duke of Portland—Sketch of the Sixth Duke.



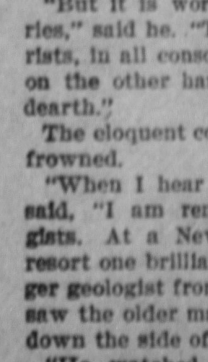
THE Druce mystery, which for some time has absorbed the attention of the British public, brings to special notice the present Duke of Portland, who is in danger of losing his rank and titles. Should George Hol-lamby Druce, who claims that his grandfather, Thom-as Charles Druce, a bazaar keeper, was the fifth Duke of Portland, be successful in establishing his claim the man who holds the title now will lose not only Welbeck abbey and nearly 200,000 acres of British soil, but a very lengthy list of distinctions. The sixth duke, to give him all his names and titles, should be addressed as William John Arthur Charles James Cavendish-Bentnck, K. G., P. C., G. C. V. O., D. L., J. P., earl of Portland, viscount of Woodstock, baron of Cirencester, marquis of Titchfield, baron Bolsover, master of the horse, lord lieutenant of Cathness and lord lieutenant of Nottingham. Poph Bah would certainly have envied his lordship the possession of such a string of dignities. The first Duke of Portland accompanied William of Orange to England and was a lieutenant general at the battle of the Boyne in 1690. The fifth duke, who is said to have lived a double life and been married twice instead of being a bachelor, as supposed, died in 1879. Druce, the bazaar keeper, was believed to have died in 1864, but it is claimed there was a mock burial at the time instead of a real one.

There has been some debate about whether Ernest Thompson Seton is a bona fide naturalist or only a nature fakir, but the controversy does not alter the fact that he has had many interesting adventures, and some of the most exciting of these he experienced the past summer and fall during a seven months' trip in the Canadian northwest. During this trip he went far into the arctic regions, and in the entire period he slept indoors only two nights. He had an exciting experience one day in October.



"We started out up the Athabaska river about 6 o'clock," said Mr. Seton, "Mr. Preble and myself in the canoe, with my three journals and all our provisions and outfit. Our two boys, half breed Indians, were running along the shore, pulling the canoe up the rapid with ropes, when suddenly the water caught us on the wrong way, and the next thing I knew I was under the canoe in the ice cold water. My journals, which contained all my maps and over 500 drawings and all the information I had collected on the trip, were tied up in a canvas bag with corks around it, and as soon as I could get my head out of the water I yelled to the boys to save it. They ran down the rocky shore for fourteen miles and finally rescued it by plunging into the water time and time again and at length tying two logs together with the sashes they wore around their waists and poling out to the bag. The canoe upset about 8 o'clock, and one of the boys did not get back until 4 o'clock in the afternoon and the other not until 6. I was afraid until the first got back that I had lost the whole fruit of the expedition and that maybe the boys had lost their lives trying to save the bag."

Booker T. Washington, president of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, has taken much interest in the efforts of the people of his race to make a creditable showing in the negro department of the Jamestown exposition and is gratified that this feature of the exposition proved so successful in spite of the odds against it. He was a leading figure at the conference on the future of the negro which marked the close of the display. A few weeks ago at the congress of religious liberals in Boston Booker T. Wash- ington was speaking about theories for the solution of race questions.



"But it is work we want, not theories," said he. "There are enough theorists, in all conscience, but of workers, on the other hand, there is always a dearth."

# Ernest Thompson Seton's Icy Dip.

Booker T. Washington on Theories—Alonzo B. Hepburn, Bank President.

little and white whiskered, had a hard time of it to guide that rock, almost as big as himself. But he persevered. He got the rock down where he wanted it just as the dinner bell rang. "The younger man said to him wonderingly at dinner: "What were you doing with that rock this afternoon, professor?" "Why," the professor answered, "the fact is the darned thing was 600 feet too high to suit my theory."

Alonzo Barton Hepburn, president of the Chase National bank, New York, who was prominent in the conferences of the financiers during the recent exciting times in Wall street, is chairman of the commission appointed by Governor Hughes of New York to inquire into the banking laws of the state and make recommendations as to their amendment. He was born in Colton, N. Y., in 1846, graduated from Middlebury college in 1871 and has taught mathematics, been a school principal, served in the New York legislature, been superintendent of the New York state banking department and comptroller of the currency of the United States. He first became head of a bank in 1893. At the last convention of the American Bankers' association President Hepburn was speaking of a certain line of argument.



"That argument," said he, "falls to cheer. On the contrary, it fills us with gloom and foreboding. It is like the cry, intended to be reassuring, that came to the farmer across the turnip field. "A farmer on a frosty autumn afternoon went out into his turnip field and began to gather turnips. The early sun sank in the west, and as the bluish dusk came on the farmer perceived at the other end of the field two men, who, laying down a bag, began to dig with frantic haste. "The farmer watched the pair in some perplexity. What could they be doing? And he was just putting his hand to his cheek to shout and ask them their business when one of them rose up and yelled loudly and reassuringly: "Don't let us disturb you! We are only prizing a few ourselves!"

Mark Twain's Definition. Mark Twain during a conversation with a young lady had occasion to mention the word drydock. "What is a drydock, Mr. Clemens?" "A thirsty physician."

Wasted Tears. The official in charge of the grounds at Mount Vernon came upon a woman kneeling before a building not far from the monument. She was bathed in tears. Thinking that the lady was in trouble, the director gently inquired whether he might be of service to her. "No, thank you," sobbed the woman. "I am not in trouble, but my patriotic feeling overcame me when I first gazed upon the tomb of the Father of His Country."

"Pardon me, madam, but you have made a slight mistake. This is not the tomb of Washington, but his ice house."

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# AN EMPEROR IN COSTUME.

How Kaiser Wilhelm Looks In the Dress of Frederick the Great. Emperor William of Germany, who has been paying a visit to his uncle, King Edward of England, and seeking the benefit of his health in the British Isles, is a great admirer of the character of Frederick the Great. He posed for a photograph not long ago in a



EMPEROR WILLIAM IN FREDERICK THE GREAT COSTUME. Frederick the Great costume, shown in the accompanying picture. The visit of the emperor to England has occasioned many important functions and is believed to have strengthened the bonds uniting the German and British peoples as well as the families of their monarchs.

A Missed Opportunity. He—Why did you get so angry when I kissed you only once under the mistletoe? She—It seemed to me you were a man who would never take full advantage of your opportunity! Judge.

Infantile Punishment. Freddy—Hey, does your mother ever whip you? Jimmie—Worse'n that, she washes my face.—Woman's Home Companion.

Sarah Bernhardt, in company with other actors, was seated before the fire in the greenroom of her theater in Paris on the opening night of a new play, and the company felt nervous. Marshal Canrobert, a French general

Wanted a Just Distribution. A lieutenant of H. M. S. Revenge just before the battle of Trafalgar discovered one of the gunners on his knees before his gun. "What are you doing?" shouted the amazed lieutenant. "You're not afraid, are you?" "Afraid!" cried the gunner scornfully, rising from his knees. "No, I'm not afraid. I was praying." "What are you praying for if you're not afraid?" "I was praying, sir, that the enemy's shot may be distributed in the same proportion as the prize money—almost all of it among the officers!"

THE SOCIAL SHOW. But the thirsty of soul soon learn to know the moistureless froth of the social show; The vulgar sham of the pompous feast Where the heaviest purse is the highest priest; The organized charity, scrippied and leed, In the name of a cautious, statistical Christ; The smile restrained, the respectable cant, When a friend in need is a friend in want; Where the only aim is to keep afloat, And a brother may drown, with a cry in his throat. —John Boyle O'Reilly.

As It Was Announced. At a church entertainment the master of ceremonies announced: "Miss Bates will sing 'Oh, that I had wings like a dove, for then would I fly away and be at rest,' accompanied by the minister."

Not Much Choice to Him. Six-year-old Dick was preparing, much against his own sweet will, to go calling with his mother. It was the first time that Dick had been allowed to get ready alone, and, together with boyish disgust at being obliged to go visiting, he felt the importance of the situation.

After having put on his hat and coat he suddenly remembered something and called downstairs, "Mother, shall I wash my hands or wear gloves?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Blessing in Disguise. Five Landis brothers were born on a farm in Indiana. Two of them are now members of congress, one is the now famous federal judge in Chicago, one is supervisor of posts in Porto Rico and one is a physician in Cincinnati.

"We had to work from daylight to dark on that farm," says Congressman Charles Landis. "Father had a team, and it took up all our time to get enough off that farm to support that team. We were working night and day to get provender for those horses. "Fortunately one of the horses died, and a couple of us got away. Then the other horse died, and that let the rest of us out, and since then we have hopped along as best we could."

Self Interest. The real estate firm of Solomon & O'Sullivan had lots for sale in a new suburban addition. O'Sullivan, young

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