

SHAM ABYSSINIANS HOAX ADMIRAL MAY

Jokers Made Up as Princes and Party Receive Royal Honors on Flagship Dreadnought

WERE MET BY OFFICIAL BARGE

Guard of Honor Turned Out and Band Plays Anthem—One of the Masqueraders a Woman—British Public Greatly Amused.

London.—The British public, and more especially naval circles, are very much amused over an amazing hoax perpetrated on Admiral Sir William May, Commander in Chief of the Home Fleet, and the officers of the flagship Dreadnought at Portland by a young woman and five young men.

After the woman and three of the men had stained their faces, necks, and hands, disguised their features with Oriental looking beads, and attired themselves in silks, broad-brimmed robes with costly jeweled turbans to match, the party left Puddington in a special saloon carriage on the Great Western Railroad for Portland. They represented themselves to be Prince Sanganya, Prince Mandick, Prince Makalen, and Prince Mikael Golen, respectively, of Abyssinia; George Kaufmann, their German interpreter, and Herbert Cholmondeley, Foreign Office attaché. To carry out the idea properly the "Abyssinians" wore patent leather shoes with turned-up toes, which are worn only by Eastern potentates, and white kid gloves with heavy gold finger rings worn outside.

Prince Makalen, as chief of the pseudo royal party, wore the red Order of the Imperial Star of Ethiopia, attached to his breast by a red, gold, and blue ribbon, and between them they wore \$3,000 worth of Oriental jewelry. Their knowledge of the Abyssinian language was practically nil, and each member of the party reeled off any gibberish that came into his or her head. To express approbation of the arrangements made for their comfort by the railroad people the Princes muttered in their beards "Bangy, Bangy," at which the informed inspectors howled to the ground.

The make-up of the interpreter was a work of art. He was supposed to be tanned by the Abyssinian sun. He had faded fair hair, wore huge goggles, and responded "Yes, vat is eet?" to any inquiries put by persons who wished to address his party.

That afternoon Admiral May received a dispatch signed "Herdese, Permanent Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs," stating that Prince Makalen of Abyssinia and suite would visit the Dreadnought that day. When the party reached the jetty they were met by a Flag Lieutenant with the Admiral's barge, which conveyed them to the battleship Dreadnought, where the Princes were greeted with a guard of honor at the gangway, with the band playing the national anthem of Zanzibar, as they did not have the Abyssinian anthem on board.

Cholmondeley went up the gangway first, and introduced the sham Princess to Admiral May on the quarterdeck, and afterward to his flag officers. Prince Makalen inspected the guard of honor, and then the party was conducted around the ship to inspect the guns, which were explained by the bogus interpreter. Chatting in the wardroom with the officers, Cholmondeley gave a history of the Princes which would have done credit to Baron Munchausen in its sublime mendacity. The Princes refused to take tea because they were afraid to moisten their lips, and a flag officer accompanied them again as far as the jetty. While going slowly down the gangway, to the music of the marine band, one of the Princes tripped on his pointed Oriental shoes and nearly fell into the sea, but the officer caught him in time, and Prince Makalen said that he would send him the Imperial Order of Ethiopia for his presence of mind.

Cholmondeley and Kaufmann, as they called themselves, were the leading spirits in the famous Sultan of Zanzibar hoax at Cambridge five years ago, and the young woman in the case in the latter's sister.

Admiral May has taken the Dreadnought to sea for a cruise until the affair blows over. In the meantime, the Admiralty is being inundated with letters from all parts of England suggesting that the name of the battleship be changed to "Black Prince." The identities of the jokers are known to their friends, but have not been made public.

COVEY OF QUAIL AS PETS.

Farmer Marlatt Feeds Birds from His Hand, Same as Chickens. Wyke, N. J.—Daniel Marlatt, a farmer, of Wyke, N. J., who is known beyond the borders of Sussex County as a relentless enemy of hunters, is now reaping his reward in the form of a happy family of quail, which he has cared for at his place all season and which are now so tame that they will eat out of his hand.

Marlatt takes great delight in going out twice a day and calling the birds as he would a flock of chickens.

Black Eyed Susan Maryland's Flower. Annapolis, Md.—By the votes of over 200,000 public school children and the approval of the State Board of Education the black eyed Susan has been selected as Maryland's State flower.

MAY FORFEIT LAND GRANT.

Government's Move on the Oregon and California Railroad.

Washington, March 15.—Attorney General Wickersham is determined to compel the Oregon and California railroad, one of the Harriman lines, to forfeit to the government 3,137,000 acres of public lands for violation of the terms of the grant.

The railroad acquired the lands by grant under two acts of congress with the condition that it was to sell to actual settlers only at a stipulated price and in lots not exceeding 160 acres to a single purchaser. The attorney general finds that the conditions of the grant have been violated. Suits have been instituted against the Oregon and California and its grantees to forfeit the lands to the government for violation of the conditions.

It appears from a report made to the senate by the attorney general in response to Senator Tillman's resolution that 820,000 acres have been sold to 5,206 purchasers in violation of the terms of the grant and that of this quantity 383,000 acres were sold in lots exceeding 1,000 acres each to purchasers.

The attorney general says that everything possible will be done to bring about a forfeiture.

TOM TAGGART WINS.

State of Indiana Will Carry Gambling Case to Supreme Court.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 15.—The jury in the French Lick Hotel company case returned a verdict for the company.

The verdict, though not a surprise to the state, is deeply regretted, for it is believed that it will be taken as a license for gambling in Orange county and that gambling, even if not carried on openly at the two resorts, will be conducted in secret.

The state knew that the jury was not in sympathy with its cause and that the evidence must be overwhelming before a verdict adverse to Taggart would be rendered. The whole atmosphere in which the trial took place was charged with sympathy with the hotel company and bias against the state.

The state will appeal the case to the supreme court.

JOHN D. IN POLITICS.

Mr. Rockefeller Interested in Today's Election at Tarrytown.

Tarrytown, N. Y., March 15.—The village elections are taking place today, and in North Tarrytown, where the citizens' ticket has opposition for the first time in three years, the Rockefeller interests are backing it strongly, and it is predicted that the vote from the Rockefeller estates will carry the ticket through to victory.

The citizens' ticket is headed by John Wirth for president. Five years ago, when Mr. Wirth ran for president of the village, he was opposed by the Rockefeller forces, but he won out. He made such a good record as president that the Rockefeller vote was swung his way, and it is now solidly behind him. The Rockefellers, especially John D., employ a large number of men and most of them in North Tarrytown. They have all received sample ballots and know how to vote for the Wirth ticket.

TO REFORM THE LORDS.

Rosebery Initiates Momentous Debates by Moving Resolutions.

London, March 15.—The house of lords was crowded when Lord Rosebery arose to initiate the momentous debate on the reform of the house of lords. The former prime minister moved the following resolutions:

That a strong and efficient second chamber is not merely an integral part of the British constitution, but is necessary to the well being of the state and the balance of parliament.

That a second chamber can best be obtained by reforming and reconstituting the house of lords.

That a necessary preliminary to such reform and reconstitution is the acceptance of the principle that possession of a peerage shall no longer in itself give the right to sit and vote in the house of lords.

The scene was a brilliant one as Lord Rosebery arose to speak to his resolutions. The Prince of Wales sat on the cross benches, peeresses filled the galleries, and privy counselors thronged the steps of the throne.

Lord Rosebery received faint cheers as he moved that the house go into committee to consider his resolutions as to the best means of reforming the lords so as to constitute a strong and efficient second chamber. The debate on these resolutions is expected to last until Thursday.

For the Life Hereafter.

In brief, to be honest, to be fearless, to be just, joyous, kind. This will make our part in life's great and as yet not fully understood play, one of greater glory, and we need then stand in fear of nothing—life nor death; for death is his. Or, rather, it is the quick transition of life in another form—the putting off of the old coat and the putting on the new; a passing not from light to darkness, but from light to light as we have lived here, a taking up of life in another form where we leave it off here; a change not to be dreaded, but to be welcomed with a glad smile when it comes in its own good way and time.—From Ralph Waldo Trine's book, "On the Open Road."

Scientific Wonders.

A photographic plate, coupled with a telescope, discovers millions of stars whose light the retina of the eye could not appreciate; the microphone makes the inaudible tread of a fly sound like the tramp of cavalry men.

PHILADELPHIA SCRAPPLE.

The Mystery of Its Manufacture Is Here Revealed.

In these troublous times of revelations various it is a happy thought on the part of the Woman's Home Companion to coincide to the world one secret which palpitates with precious possibilities. Certainly no less may be said of a recipe for Philadelphia scrapple. Here it is.

Put three or four pounds of fresh pork (quilt fat) into very tender, then take out the meat, and season the water in which it was boiled, and thicken it with yellow corn meal, as thick as for hasty pudding, and let it cook a long time to cook the meat thoroughly.

Chop the meat tolerably fine, season well, and add it to the mush. When it is cooked put it into square bread tins to cook; when cold, cut in slices, and fry in a spider until brown. It should not require any fat for frying.

The Desert Tortoise.

One of the most interesting reptiles of California's great desert is the desert tortoise. I have found as many as twenty of these hard-shelled fellows, that we usually associate in our minds with the thought of water, in the very heart of the desert, where the water was exceedingly scarce. Yet, when you pick them up, they generally void two or three large spoonfuls of fluid. Dissection shows that they each have two large water sacks on the back, and these afford them their water supply. They are great travelers and can walk faster than we should imagine they are also good climbers. I have watched one for hours climbing up and down the rocky slope of a desert mountain. He would wedge himself up a rock about as high as he was long. He raised himself on his tail end, he would use his head as a tool, then climb with his right leg until it had secured a good hold; then, with great strength, he would lift himself up and wiggle his body into a secure position.—Seaboard Life.

Protection for Apes.

A scheme is being arranged for the protection of the manlike apes in the German colonies or equatorial Africa. It is proposed in the place that the shooting of these creatures shall be strictly forbidden and steps taken for their protection. In connection with this it is proposed to establish in the Cameroons a special reserve for the fauna of the equatorial forest generally. This reserve would include a zoological station, with gardens attached, in which attention would be specially directed to the protection and rearing of the anthropoid apes and other denizens of the forest zone. The scheme would likewise include the study of the fresh water fauna of the tropics generally as well as the investigation and cure of tropical diseases. The establishment of a marine zoological station in East Africa and a (perhaps movable) fresh water station on the great lakes likewise forms a part of the project.

The Revenge of the Beavers.

At the reservoir at Saddleback Pond recently at Rangely, Me., beavers work in dam construction was found to interfere with the water supply from Saddleback stream. These busy engineers had constructed a tight dam which had retained considerable of the supply of the mountain reservoir, and workmen each day tore out their work only to find it rebuilt on their next visit. Good sized tree sections had been hauled in and placed in the dam by the beavers. After several destructions of the beaver's dams there was again found to be a stoppage in the supply of water through the main pipes. The dam had not been rebuilt, but on close investigation it was found that these cunning engineers in revenge apparently had built a dense screen across the streamer, which had prevented the flow of water through the main pipe.

New England and Napoleon.

The hostility of New Englanders to the first Napoleon was sincere and deep. A remarkable instance of this feeling is to be found in the manner in which the townsmen of Boston received the news of his first abdication. The incident has been brought to notice through an interesting exhibit in the historical collections of the public library of that city. It is a ticket admitting the bearer to a "solemn festival at the Stone chapel, in commemoration of the goodness of God in delivering the Christian world from military despotism. Boston, June 1814."

Raise Child's Chair.

Children who are too large for the regular tea chairs often find that the regular dining-room chairs are much too low. When this is the case a simple way to make the chair a trifle higher is to screw into the bottom of each leg one of the ordinary door bumpers.

Why He Remained at Home.

"So you don't care for society?" "I shouldn't say that," answered Mr. Cunreux. "I haven't any objection to society. But I don't like chicken salad and ice cream."

It May.

Napoleon said that the most beautiful woman was the mother of many children. This may account for the fact that few ladies are able to think of Napoleon as a hero.

A HOLE IN HIS COFFIN.

Through It Col. Butler's Triumphant Dignity Should Protrude.

Thomas Butler, a Colonel in the army of the United States early in the nineteenth century, died in New Orleans in 1805 in the midst of his celebrated controversy with Gen. Wilkinson regarding the wearing of his queue.

Col. Butler insisted on wearing his hair in the old fashioned style in disobedience to Wilkinson's orders. According to James Butler in his recently published biography of Judah P. Benjamin, while the dispute was still raging Butler died and left directions that a hole should be bored in the head of his coffin and that he should be borne to his grave with his triumphant plumed perruque in defiance. The family tradition is that these directions were carried out.

Only the Truth.

A virtues carried to excess may become vices. To such action only may we pray. "Be temperate in all things," even in virtue! Amelia Opie, the English authoress, was not content with any half measure, as is shown in a letter from her, quoted in "Quaker Pictures," by Wilfred Walker. Mrs. Opie's course of conduct is to be respected as proceeding from her conscientious nature, but fiction-readers may congratulate themselves that her opinions are not universal.

Before she became a Quaker she wrote fiction. After her conversion she was asked to contribute a story to a magazine. Her answer to the editor ran as follows:

"Thou knowest, or ought to know, that since I became a Friend I am not free to what is called to make a story. I will write a fact for thy perusal, or any little matter of history or truth, or a poem if thou wilt, but I must not lie and say such and such a thing took place when it did not.

"Dost thou understand?"

The Ozark Mountains.

The Ozark mountains form a plateau region, from 1,200 to 1,800 feet above the sea level, extending with gradual undulations from the southern part of Illinois into Missouri, then sloping down, enters Arkansas and Indian Territory, and extends into Texas. The highest point is Pilot Knob, in Iron county, Mo. The hills are in separate peaks or knobs, and not continuous ridges. The former habit of which show mountain making processes as existing are not visible here.

The Ozark mountains, or Ozark Plateau, belong to the oldest mountain regions of the world, and denudation is slowly but surely revealing the once lofty mountains. The plateau belongs to the Tertiary period, but Pilot Knob, and vicinity belong to the Paleozoic age. North of the Ozark slope and south of the Mississippi river is an old flood plain. On the southern slope are large forests.

Remedy for Choking.

"Raising the left arm as high as you can will relieve choking much more readily than the act of turning one's back," said a physician, "and it is well that every one should know it, for often a person gets choked while eating where there is no one near to thump him. Very frequently at meals and when they are at play, children get choked while eating, and the customary manner of relieving them is to slap their sharply on the back. The effect of this is to set the obstruction free. The same thing can be brought about by raising the left hand of the child as high as possible and the relief comes much more quickly. In happenings of this kind there should be no alarm, for if the child sees that older persons or parents are not excited the effect is had. The best thing is to tell the child to raise his left arm, and immediately the difficulty passes away."

A Dead Bird.

Samuel Butler, the witty but eccentric author of "Erewhon"—which means "Nowhere"—and of many other remarkable and suggestive books, is now more read than during his lifetime. He died in 1902. In one of his note-books he tells this incident, which must have amused the great Charles Darwin:

Frank Darwin told me his father was once standing near the hippopotamus cage when a little boy and girl, aged four and five, came up. The hippopotamus shot his eyes for a minute.

"That bird's dead," said the little girl. "Come along."

Early Railroad Station.

The oldest structure in the world originally built for a railroad station is the now dilapidated L. & N. depot in Lexington, Ky. It was begun in 1833. From the northwest corner of this building the first passenger railway car went to Frankfort. It has been used for almost three-quarters of a century and stands as a landmark to remind the present generation of the old order of things in Lexington and central Kentucky.

Will Find Cure for Leprosy.

It is estimated that there are some 2,000,000 lepers in the world, but the cure of leprosy is now regarded as being within measurable distance.

Tradesmen That Serve Royalty.

More than 1,200 English tradesmen are this year entitled to use the royal arms over their shop-fronts.

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THE KING OF THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.

International Bible Lesson for Mar. 20, '10.—(Matt. 9:1-13).

The open sore of the world is sin. Sin is the chronic disease of every nation, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball. It is the one universal and all-conquering curse which has baffled all the physicians and defied all the remedies. From the first man until now there has not been an accountable human being who could lay his hand upon his heart and say, "This heart has never sinned."

The Age-Long Problem.

The problem of the ages has been, How to get rid of sin. Heathenism made it as well as civilization. Nations in darkness and in death have knelt on the banks of rivers, and on the shores of seas, and in the towering jungles, and on the mountain tops, stretching out pleading hands to the stars and to the waters and to the shadows, waiting for the unseen cry. What shall we do to be saved? But the rivers have rolled on indifferently, and the waves have split their spray into their faces, and the stars have sent not one ray of light into the darkness of the soul, nor healed the wound of the world.

The old Romans had a horrible punishment sometimes inflicted upon a murderer. They bound the body of the victim to the assassin's back and compelled him to carry that loathsome object until life or reason fled. It was in reference to this custom that Paul represents the man who is conscious of his inability to escape from his sins as crying out, O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from this body of death?

A New Creation.

It is into such a world as this that the King comes to institute a kingdom into which there shall enter nothing that defileth. Where then will he find his subjects if he expects to build that kingdom out of human hearts, since all have sinned and come short of the glory of God? There is only one alternative. He must prove Himself the king of the spiritual world.

There would be no advantage in forming a new kingdom on earth if it was to be no improvement over those already in existence. Change of rulers would be of no value if the subjects were not also changed. To merely teach men without affecting their hearts is to add to their ability to sin. Enlightenment without righteousness is a curse. What is needed is a purification of the stream of life at the fountain head, so that the current will flow pure and sweet.

He must be able to accomplish practically a new creation. We have seen that He is King of the physical world.—He can reconstruct the body. We have seen that He is King of the material world.—He can control the laws of nature. Is He also the King of the spiritual world—has the Son of Man power on earth to forgive sin? The answer is not far to seek. The time has now come to show that He can deal effectually with the dark disease of sin, and when a man "stuck of the palsy" is brought to Him, he looks into the patient's heart, touches the springs of his conscience, discovers that the sufferer is troubled about his sin more than about his disease, and recognizing the broken and contrite spirit, announces His absolution in the words, Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven. Then having healed the wound of the soul, the Saviour goes on to give the lesser blessing of physical healing and the palsied man goes home to his house, every whit whole.

The Divine Method.

From that time forth Jesus never failed to claim and exercise the power to forgive sins. Whenever and wherever He found a penitent He pronounced the divine absolution, "Thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace." Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." "That ye may know, that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins." This is the method the King adopted to secure candidates for the spiritual kingdom. He took all sorts of sinners, men and women, great and small—Nicodemus and Mary Magdalene—the publican, the Pharisee, the harlot, the profane fisherman, the cultured, intellectual giant, Paul. And He made out of such material, weak sinners, great-hearted Christians, corner stones in the spiritual temple a commonwealth of kings and queens. He not only forgave their iniquities but He gave them power to walk henceforth unspotted from the world. They lived their lives thereafter among men, advocating the very highest standards, and were known and real of all men. The world has been obliged to confess of them as of their Master, we find no fault in them.

Evidence Conclusive.

And what the King did in His earthly sojourn He is doing yet. Thousands of men and women have been redeemed from all iniquity by His royal ruler of the spiritual world. He has undertaken to purify unto Himself a peculiar people, and He proposes to transform humanity by His own spirit so that in the ages to come He may present unto Himself a redeemed race absolute "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing." He has given the unanswerable proof that He is the King of the spiritual world in that He is able to subdue all things unto Himself. The evidence is conclusive.—the King has come.

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