

ALTHING BODY 997 YEARS OLD

Parliament of Iceland Also Has Problems.

Reykjavik.—The oldest democratic parliament in the world is claimed for the althing, the parliament of Iceland, which in 1890 will celebrate its millenary.

It was in the year 930 that all the chief peasants and traders were called together to decide upon the new faith as against the pagan Wodan cult, with the result that Christianity was accepted by an overwhelming majority.

To celebrate the occasion a church will be built on the Thingyalla plain as well as a national theater in Reykjavik, the capital.

The althing has seen many changes in the 967 years of its existence, but it is considered that never at any time has it been more balanced than now.

The elections during the summer changed the situation completely, inasmuch as the Peasant party got 19 seats against 16 to the Conservatives, who were previously in power. As the althing counts 42 seats, the victorious party, however, will have to co-operate with the five Social Democrats and the sole representative of the Independence party.

The new premier, Tryggvi Thorhallsson, was originally a country parson, and is now editor of the Timin (the Times), the leading paper of Reykjavik. His government will have to face the problem of stabilizing the currency, of building water plants at the many and powerful waterfalls and of constructing railways and motor roads.

A point of special interest is the proposal to use for domestic and industrial purposes the warm water of the geysers, the many natural fountains where boiling water spouts as it does in the Yellowstone park springs.

Whales' Dives Beat Those of Submarines

London.—Whales make the stoutest submarines look exceedingly tame when it comes to diving. According to R. W. Gray, a British naturalist, they reach depths of 700 to 800 fathoms, or from 4,200 to 4,800 feet, when they are attacked. They do not make a gradual, sloping descent, either, but straight down. This behavior is known to whalers as "sounding."

In the old days, when whales were hunted with hand harpoons or with gun harpoons of a type that did not kill them quickly, the huge sea beasts frequently died at the limit of their dive, and getting them back to the surface was a long and arduous task. Sometimes in shallow water they crashed into the bottom and thus killed themselves.

Mr. Gray is of the opinion that the thickness of the whale's blubber, or protective layer of fat, may have something to do with its "sounding" ability. He notes that the Greenland whale, which has very thick blubber, can reach much greater depths than its relative, the narwhal.

Buy's Twain's Letters; Bare Money Worries

New York.—An account of the emotion and struggles of Mark Twain when his million-dollar fortune was being swept away by the publishing house he had bought, was given by the author in a collection of letters purchased from a private estate by Aaron Mendoza, dealer in old books.

The letters revealed him as harassed, but kindly, honest far beyond his legal obligations, and writing to keep his mind off his troubles.

"I mean to ship 'Pud'head Wilson' to you," Twain wrote his publisher during one of the years of depression. "I am almost sorry it is finished. It was good entertainment to work at it and kept my mind away from other things."

Excuses All Good

New Rochelle, N. Y.—Ignatius Collins was in court for running his car past a stop signal. "I have three good excuses," he told the judge. The excuses were triplets. Sentence was suspended.

First-Class Jap Wedding Costs \$35

Tokyo.—It costs the equivalent of \$35 gold to be married in first-class style in any of the larger Shinto shrines in Tokyo, according to a scale of charges just made public.

The \$35 ceremony includes the attendance of high priests, a clerical orchestra with flutes, cymbals and pipes like those used by Pan, and all possible trimmings. Second-class weddings cost \$25, and so on down to weddings classed as "pine," "bamboo" and "plum," the plum style necessitating a shrine fee of \$7.50.

In Tokyo, as elsewhere, it is not the initial cost but the upkeep that counts, and the groom of a first-class wedding may spend thousands of dollars upon the wedding reception and dinner and more thousands upon the gifts to guests.

ENGLAND RETURNS INDIAN WAR CLUB

American Museum Acquires Ancient Weapon.

New York.—The war club of an important Indian of the old Iroquois tribe is a new prize acquired from England by the Museum of American Indian, Heye Foundation, here. From marks on the weapon museum experts have been able to reconstruct a good deal of its past career, even though any records or stories attached to it have long since been lost.

The handle of the club is carved with the words "Ogdehtague le camara de Jeanson" which, translated, means "Ogdehtague, the friend of Johnson," according to Arthur Woodward of the museum staff. On the other side of the handle is engraved the strange looking word "Warraghiyage," which is the name the Iroquois gave to Sir William Johnson, the British superintendent of Indian affairs shortly before the American Revolution.

Bears Exploit Marks.

"The remainder of the cleared space on the handle is filled with a series of exploit marks," says Mr. Woodward. "There are war belts denoting the number of times the warrior had set out upon the war trail and the number of times he was wounded is shown. There is a rude carving of a full-length figure depicting on the body the tattoo marks worn by an old-time Iroquois fighting man. There are also figures representing 13 men each carrying a gun."

The ancient weapon recalls that in 1753, during the French and Indian war, an Onondaga warrior was slain by the enemy and Sir William Johnson's secretary recorded his death. This Indian bore the name of Otquenandagehte, which very nearly approximates the name on the war club, and the knife carried by this Indian bore the same words, "friend of Johnson," that are found on the club.

"It would seem that the knife and club both belonged to the same man," Mr. Woodward says, "and that the club, being a well-executed piece of work, and more important than the knife, was taken as spoils of war by the Indian or Frenchman who killed its owner. Later the club may have been captured by some British fighter, and so it found its way to England as a curiosity. It would seem that the club belonged to some important man of the Iroquois who stood in well with Sir William, then the autocrat of Indian affairs."

Sent Back as Curios.

Many of the early colonists sent back to their homes in England, Holland, France, or Spain numbers of Indian "curios," he states. Today these souvenirs are among the most valuable of all American ethnological specimens, because they represent the culture of the American Indian at the time when he first came into contact with the old world civilization.

Usurers Are Targets of Press in France

Paris.—Usurers once more are being tracked down by newspaper campaigns and public-spirited citizens in France. After-war legislation has let down the bars so that 10 per cent a month loan sharks flourish. Their prey is furnished by the government, whose vast army of more than a million employees are among the more poorly paid workers. Their need of money drives them to the usurer largely because government functionaries still retain much of the prewar dignity that makes it difficult for them to borrow from friends.

Unable to prosecute money lenders in most cases, one newspaper has sent its reporters systematically to the loan sharks and reprinted the conversation regarding rates, with pointed comments intended to warn people against excessive charges.

Nation's Health Bill Totals \$4,000,000,000

Minneapolis, Minn.—The nation's health bill is \$4,000,000,000—more money than the total cost of administering the United States government—the Co-operative Club of Minneapolis was told by Dr. John A. Hornsby, member of the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

Doctor Hornsby, while attending the convention of the American Hospital association, said this money is expended in connection with hospitals and sanatoriums, for drugs, health resorts and patent and quack medicines. Pointing out that the \$4,000,000,000 does not include athletics and recreation that had health for their object, Doctor Hornsby declared that probably the largest sum of money directed to any human activity is invested in health.

140,000,000 Blacks and 4,000,000 Whites in Africa

Sydney.—"There are 140,000,000 blacks and 4,000,000 whites in Africa, and it is only a matter of time until Africa will be ruled by the black man," declared Dr. H. E. Warcham, who has had 25 years of experience in missionary work in northern Rhodesia. "Africans are not an inferior species of people," said Doctor Warcham, "and they cannot be kept permanently in subjection. But they need the guidance of the white man. "Co-operation with mutual respect is required."



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