

ALTHING BODY 997 YEARS OLD

Parliament of Iceland Also Has Problems.

Reykjavik.—The oldest democratic parliament in the world is elected for the autumn, the parliament of Iceland, which in 1844 will celebrate its centenary.

It was in the year 980 that all the chief men 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 Thengylna plain, as well as a national theater in Reykjavik, the capital.

The situation has seen many changes in the 987 years of its existence, but it is reported that never at any time has it been more balanced than now.

The revolution 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.

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 4,900 feet, when they are attacked.

In the old days, when whales were hunted with lead harpoons or with gun harpoons of a type that did not shoot quickly, the harp was beaten frequently at the head of their dive, and getting them back to the surface was a long and arduous task.

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 Mendous, dealer in old books.

"I mean to ship 'Fad'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."

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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 dressed as "pinks," "tambors" and "plums," the plain style necessitating a shrine fee of \$10.00.

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.

The handle of the club is carved with the words "Opelitagwa is canara de Jeanson" which, translated, means "Opelitagwa, the friend of Johnson," according to Arthur Woodward, secretary of the museum.

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.

The ancient weapon recalls that in 1778, 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 Otipanahshie, which very nearly approximates the name on the war 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 the owner."

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. Afterwar legislation has let down the bars so that 10 per cent a month loan sharks flourish.

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.

Pointing out that the \$4,000,000,000 does not include athletics and recreation that had health for their object, Dr. Hornsby declared that probably the largest sum of money directed to any human activity is invested in health.

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"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."

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Justice of the Peace, Aldermen and the Constables of said County of Cambria, that they be then and there in their proper persons, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, with their records, interrogations, examinations and their other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done and to prosecute, against the prisoners that are or shall be in the Jail of Cambria County, that they be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

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