

AUSTRALIA HAS FISH THAT CRY

Explorer Says They Moan in Treetops and Nurse Their Young.

New York.—There are thousands of square miles of fertile, well-timbered land practically unexplored in the "Never-Never" of the great northwest of Australia, according to Capt. Charles Beltrand Alexander, explorer, pearl merchant and trader of Broome, Western Australia, who arrived here recently on the Cunarder Berengaria on his way home via San Francisco.

Captain Alexander said the British government had decided recently to spend, £11,000,000, to which Australia was contributing £5,000,000, for building steamships and developing the cattle trade from Derby, 100 miles north of Broome, which was the port for the new pasture country called the Kimberleys.

Captain Alexander said the possibilities of the northwest of Australia were unlimited. On a recent exploring expedition he found an ebony forest covering more than 100,000 acres and another of cypress pine twice as large.

Home Life of the Platybus.

"There are all kinds of wild animals," he said, "including the wild buffaloes, bounding kangaroo and the wallaby and that remarkable fish only found in Australian waters, called the platybus, which leaves the sea at midnight, climbs to the top of the tallest tree and after uttering three plaintive moans dives down into the water below. Why the poor fish does this no one knows. The platybus has a duck-bill, nurses its young and is web-footed."

Within 150 miles of Broome, the captain continued, there are cannibals. "These aborigines of Australia are very unfriendly. They use spears, boomerangs and wakobris, a kind of club with pieces of flat in the end. The aborigines have no knives, or steel or iron implements of any kind and take a year to cut a canoe out of a tree trunk with flat axes of the kind used in the Stone Age."

"The chief industry of Broome is the pearl fisheries which are controlled in New York. We export about 1,400 tons of mother-of-pearl a year, which is worth \$2,000,000 and the industry employs 200 vessels with 1,600 native fishermen, mostly Malays and Japanese. The output could easily be increased to 3,000 tons a year by putting on more boats and more men."

Send Mother-of-Pearl Here.

"The fisheries extend from Cape Londonderry on the north of Australia, south to Ekmouth gulf, more than 1,000 miles. The best spot is considered to be the "hundred-mile beach," where Broome is located. It provides most of the mother-of-pearl that is exported to New York for making buttons. Occasionally we find rare pearls in the oysters. I sold one for \$15,000 a little while ago in London and another for \$8,500."

"Air pumps are used for the divers who work in a depth of 30 to 42 feet. Until 1916 the pearl was all sent to London and the New York button manufacturers bought their supplies there but now it is all handled here."

The captain said that it was unsafe for white men to venture far into the Never-Never land unless they were in a party and well armed.

The climate is sub-tropical and healthful, he said.—New York Times.

France Revives System of Industrial Training

Paris.—The dearth of skilled workmen in France is causing a revival of the apprentice system in the form of training schools in factories. One of the most advanced of these is in a Paris automobile factory, where sons of employees are given a two-year course of lectures, demonstrations and experimental work, and finished off with a year in the shop, doing a man's work.

The boys get alternative lessons in theory and practice, and are given a week or two at a time at some machine with the regular skilled operator.

Somewhat similarly, the theaters of Paris have established training courses for scene shifters in several of the best equipped houses.

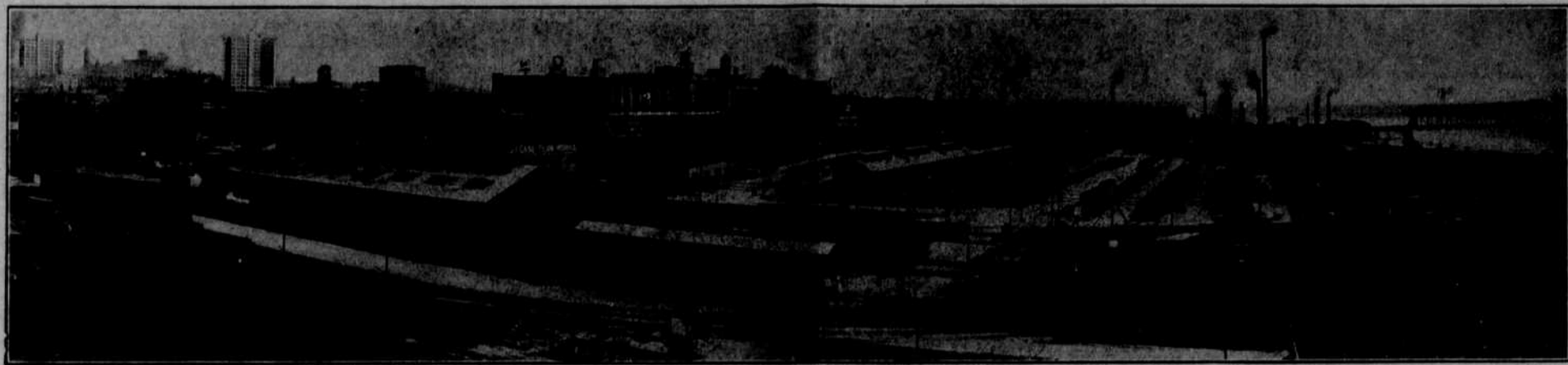
Skunk With Head in Glass Tumbler Killed

Plymouth, Mass.—Noticing a skunk with something shiny on its head, Henry Knight killed the animal. He found that its head was encased in a jelly tumbler.

The skunk, in order to get the jelly out of the glass, apparently had put its head in so far that it could not get it out again.

Bride Gets \$50,000 on Her Wedding Day

New York.—Blanche Phillips of 500 West End avenue is what some people would call a lucky girl. In addition to her husband she will get on the day she marries \$50,000 from the estate of her father, Isaac L. Phillips. Mr. Phillips, who died November 22, provided further in his will that five years after her marriage \$100,000 is to be paid her.



Panorama of Omaha's Wholesale District, Freight Depots and Shops

WOULD KILL KLAN FORMER HEAD TELLS COOLIDGE

Clarke Says Hooded Order Is "Cheap Political Machine," Dealing in Character Assassination and Violence.

DEMOCRATS ARE TO SWAT IT

Democratic National Committee Held Certain to Propose Anti-Klan Plank, As Predicted by Crusader Service.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Edward Young Clarke, Imperial Giant of the Ku Klux Klan aggregation of hooded cowards, who as Chief Kleagle and promoter took charge of that bigoted band with a few scattered chapters in the South and spread its virus of hate over the country with unparalleled rapidity, began here recently a movement for either its "reformation" or destruction.

Armed with documents which, it is said, will further condemn the Klan before the bar of public opinion, he established headquarters in the capital, issued statements deploring the tenacity of the order toward lawlessness and political dictatorship and, in order to assure a public hearing, addressed a letter to President Coolidge asking the President's co-operation in forcing the lawless element out of the Klan or, this being impossible, a complete stamping out of the menace.

Clarke's Record Unsavory

In order to judge of the motives back of Clarke's move, it is necessary to scan Clarke's past record. Some of the chapters in the life of this leader of the Klan in its campaign of "morality and anglo-saxon domination" are:

Feb. 9, 1910: expelled from his church after his pastor had formally charged him with lying, extortion, fraudulent and unjust dealings, improper handling of funds, false and malicious slander, inordinate ambition, insubordination and "hypocrisy and treachery." Clark never appealed from this action and no litigation followed.

On Oct. 31, 1919, found guilty with his business partner, Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, of disorderly conduct. The two had been picked up a few nights before in a notorious underworld resort in Atlanta, Ga., run by Mrs. Tyler. Both were in undergarments.

Feb. 28, 1923: indicted at Houston, Texas, on a charge of taking Louise Martin from Houston to New Orleans in violation of the Mann White Slave Law.

Democrats to Repudiate Klan

It is practically certain that when the Democratic National Committee meets to select the date and place for the party's national convention the incorporation of an anti-Ku Klux Klan plank in the platform upon which the Presidential candidate is to run will be vigorously urged.

In thus following the prediction of the Crusader Service, the Democratic Party will be the first of the two big parties to follow the precedent set by the Federated-Farmer Labor Party, the Workers Party and other embryonic Labor parties in repudiating the Klan.

It is generally agreed by committees representing Northern States, where the Democrats hope to make substantial gains next election, that the platform is silent on the Klan.

Slippery Going



COOLIDGE FREES NEGRO LIFERS AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

Washington, Jan. 4.—Christmas pardons and commutations for eleven men serving terms in Federal penitentiaries were announced today by President Coolidge. These pardons do not include Marcus K. Garvey, who was recently convicted in New York on the charge of using the mails to defraud, and whose fanatic followers have been sending frequent petitions to the President for a pardon for their leader, but do include Alvin E. White, held in Leavenworth Prison, and Willis Swofford, a prisoner at Atlanta.

White was serving a five-year sentence for having forged a paycheck while employed in the Navy Department.

Madam Anna Schell, 1314 North Twenty-fifth street, Webster 5569. Meetings every Tuesday night.—Adv.

blocks of Catholic and Jewish voters will desert the party. Moreover, the Negro vote in the North has become a factor in the councils of the Democratic chiefs. Chief Murphy of New York is among those who have called attention to the apparent willingness of the Negro voter in the North to vote the Democratic ticket where that party gives them the square deal always promised but never performed by the Republican Party.

And it is not only among the Northern Democratic committeemen that one finds fierce opposition to the Klan. Democratic committeemen in Texas and other Southern States are also joining the fight against the hooded order.

In view of this tendency on the part of the Democrats to condemn the Klan, it is with added interest that the Negro voter contemplates the Republican alliance with the Klan in such States as Indiana, and Republican silence in most of the other States.

STRONG CLUB IS PROMISED OMAHA BASEBALL FANS

President Burch, Who Will Be 1924 Manager Signs Crack First Baseman of Syracuse Club. Hits .340

Barney Burch, president and manager of the Omaha Western League entry announces that if his money will turn the trick, Omaha will have a regular ball team during the coming summer. His first step to make this a fact occurred during the past week when he purchased 1st baseman John A. McCarty from the Syracuse International League Club. The purchase price was reported to have been in the neighborhood of \$5000.00.

KERR IS LIKELY TO RETURN

This deal has been on the fire for some time. At the recent meeting of the leaguers in Chicago, Burch and the Syracuse magnate got their heads together, but Burch was unable to close as the easterner wanted more time to think the matter over. But the ultimate signing of McCarty is taken as a positive indication that "Big Train" Konechty will not don an Omaha uniform in 1924.

McCarty played with Columbus in the American association before joining Syracuse. While with the Association club the new Omaha first baseman played in the outfield. He hit .340 with the International league team last season and is considered a good fielder at the initial sack.

With McCarty at first and Frisco Thompson former Nebraska State leaguer, at second; Kerr at shortstop and Jimmy Wilcox at third, Burch believes he has an infield that will stick with him throughout the season, something the 1923 infield failed to do.

In the outfield the Omaha manager has Dick O'Connor, Joe Bonowitz, Don Brown, Althaus, and a recruit by the name of Pedersen. The chances are that Nick Cullop, recently sold to the Yankees, will be sent back to the herd. Should this happen, Cullop will probably be used in the outfield, as he is a good batter, being a better hitter while playing the outfield than he is when taking his turn on the hurler's mound.

Burch is dicker for a pitcher from a big league club. Just who the chucker is we are not at liberty to say, but if Barney lands his man he will be a mighty valuable addition to the hurling corps. Already Burch has Byron Speece, Harry Lee and Bill Bailey as the nucleus around which to build his pitching department. A small army of recruit hurlers will report to Burch at the Shreveport (La.) spring training camp.

PROMINENT NEW YORK CITIZEN IS CALLED BY DEATH

William Henry Smith Passes Away at Ripe Old Age After an Active and Useful Business Career

AMASSED LARGE FORTUNE

Arrived in Metropolis Youth of Sixteen with Only Few Dollars and Found Employment in Wall Street. Son Lives Here

(Special to the Monitor)

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 4.—William Henry Smith, one of New York's most useful and prominent citizens passed away at his home, 638 Lexington Ave where he had resided for the past thirty-five years Christmas Day in his eighty-eighth year. Despite his years he had been quite active up to within a few weeks of his death.

Born in Baltimore, Md., February 24, 1836, of humble parents, young Smith came to New York when sixteen years old with seven dollars in his pocket and with no education. He found employment with some of the leading families of this city, prominent in banking circles. He spent his leisure hours in study and was dependable and alert. He was employed at a responsible position with the Bank of New York for forty-five years. During this time he engaged in the catering business which was largely conducted by his wife and served meals and lunches to the banking firms in Wall street. He invested in real estate, the rise in the value of which gave him a neat fortune.

An earnest and devout Episcopalian he was for years chairman of the property committee of St. Philip's Episcopal Church and was responsible for its removal from Mulberry street to West Twenty-fifth, and subsequently to its present site in Harlem.

The funeral was held from St. Philip's Church Friday, December 28 and was attended by a large concourse of friends. The Rev. Hutchens C. Bishop, officiated, assisted by the Rev. George Frazier Miller and the Rev. Joseph Alton.

Mr. Smith is survived by his widow and eight children, one son being J. Frank Smith of Omaha, Nebraska, who had just returned to the west from visiting his father.

ALABAMA TO END CONVICT LEASING

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 4.—Alabama's disgraceful convict lease system will be abolished at "an early date," according to the Birmingham News. Negotiations under way between the State Convict Board, which turns over the convicts to capitalist exploitation, and the coal operators, who do the exploiting, are said to be predatory of "sufficient success to insure a change from the present leasing system."

NEW COLORED Y. W. C. A. FOR HARLEM

New York, Jan. 4.—The Young Women's Christian Association of New York is planning to replace with a modern dormitory the present building at Seventh Avenue and 137th St. used by the segregated Negro Y. W. C. A. of this city. The Association is trying to sell the present building for \$72,000, and plans to apply the proceeds to a modern structure.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 2.—John C. Jordan, former chief gunner of Admiral Dewey's flagship, The Olympia, and famous for gallant service at Manila Bay, during the Spanish-American War, passed away peacefully in this city after a brief illness. His death marked the closing of a unique career, which began with his enlistment in the navy in June, 1887. During the battle of Manila Bay, Mr. Jordan took charge of the guns on the Olympia, and for his excellent service during that period he was later assigned to important duties at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. He leaves relatives in Washington, D. C., where his body was brought for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Doris Thornton motored over to Nebraska City, Sunday to visit relatives and friends.

GIVEN \$10,000 FOR \$50 LOAN

Grubstake Enabled Prospector to Recover Land Sold by Guardian—Held in Asylum.

Olympia, Wash.—Combining a curious case in legal practice with the glamour and romance of the Alaskan gold fields is the decision of the state Supreme court affirming the King county case and sustaining the claim of Henry Embola to a return of \$10,000 for having added \$50 to a previous loan of \$270 made to John Tuppela. A shift of fortunes, from being the inmate of a madhouse to the ownership of a half-million-dollar mining property, is pictured for Tuppela.

Not was it the rich mine owner who contested the \$10,000 payment for the \$50 loan or speculation. He wanted to pay the money, but his trustee refused. So suit was started against Tuppela with C. H. Farrell as guardian ad litem.

Confined in Insane Asylum. The circumstances were unique. John Tuppela had joined the Alaska gold rush and after years of prospecting was adjudged insane and confined in an institution in Portland. He had, however, acquired valuable mining claims.

Released four years later he found his mining properties had been sold by his guardian. In 1918, destitute and out of work he met in Astoria Henry Embola, an old friend of 30 years' standing. Embola advanced money for his support and took him to Seattle, where he was taken in by a relative of Embola.

Tuppela unsuccessfully sought funds to fight for his claims, which were then estimated to be worth \$500,000, and finally made the proposition to Embola:

"You have already let me have \$270. If you will give me \$50 more, so I can go to Alaska and get my property back, I will pay you \$10,000 when I win my property."

Court Rules Loan Was Grubstake. Embola agreed and immediately advanced the money. Tuppela went to Alaska, finally recovered his property and, remembering his agreement, requested Mr. Cobb, his trustee, to pay the full amount, and upon his refusal to do so this action was instituted.

Supreme court denies contention of a mere loan, of unwise interest and inadequacy of consideration. It holds, rather, the money was advanced as an investment; that the transaction was in the nature of a grubstake contract, which has been upheld by this court, and the risk of losing the money in this case was as great as under a grubstake.

Judgment for the \$10,000 is accordingly affirmed. Moralists are afforded a pretty theme for dissertations on the dividends of friendship.

Public Health Service to Study Common Cold

Washington.—A detailed study of common colds is to be made by the public health service in co-operation with a number of the country's leading universities. Dr. Hugh S. Cummings, surgeon general, says colds, influenza and similar conditions are responsible for a great deal of suffering, loss of time, disability and a not inconsiderable number of deaths.

He says there are few, if any, individuals who do not suffer from some acute respiratory condition at least once a year, losing from a day to a week or more as a result, and some attacks develop into more serious conditions, at times even a latent pulmonary tuberculosis being lighted up.

Comparatively little is definitely known as to the real causes, distribution, manner of spread and epidemiology of these so-called minor respiratory ailments, Doctor Cumming says, and this detailed study being undertaken is expected to be of value in attempting to prevent these afflictions.

The work will be actively undertaken at Harvard university, Johns Hopkins Medical school, Georgetown and Howard universities, Washington; Tulane university, New Orleans; Ohio State university, University of Chicago and University of California. It is anticipated the studies will extend over two or three years.

Honest Man Pays Board Bill After 33 Years

Follansbee, Ariz.—John Davis has paid a board bill which he owed Mrs. Elizabeth Grimm of this city for 33 years. The bill was \$4.

Davis was unable to pay the bill when he left the Grimm home, but he returned. Mrs. Grimm will frame the \$4 as a memorial to "the most honest man."



Steam From Crater Heats Big Building

Hilo, Island of Hawaii.—Steam flowing everlastingly from a fissure in the side of the volcano of Kilauea is now being used to heat the office building of the Hawaiian National park commission. The vapor leaves the ground at 120 degrees and is guided through conduits a distance of 40 feet to the building. In the winter time it easily keeps the offices at a uniform temperature of 70 degrees.