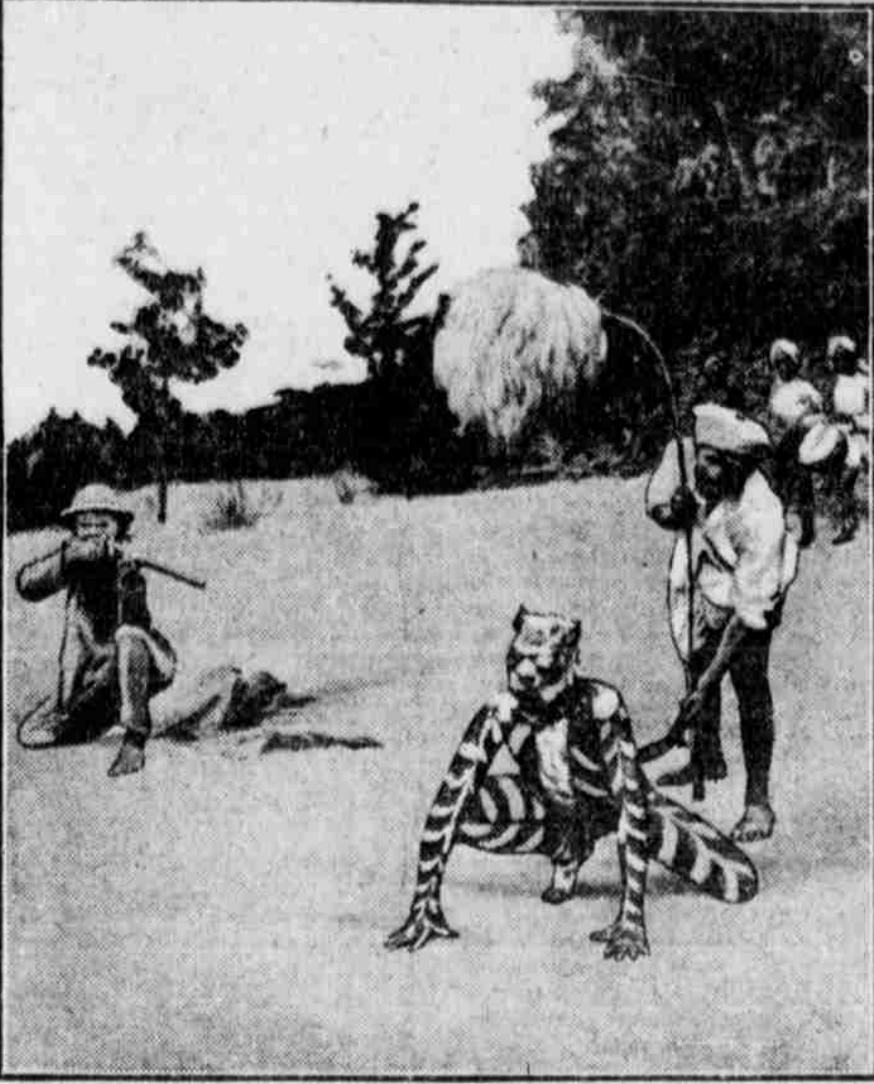


WEIRD PERFORMANCE OF ORIENTALS



The feast of the Muharram in some parts of British India is not always the innocent pastime it is supposed to be.

DEATH RATE HIGHER

MORTALITY STATISTICS OF CENSUS BUREAU FOR 16 STATES.

Pneumonia a Chief Cause—Tuberculosis Fatalities Do Not Increase with Population—Figures Given for 1907.

Washington.—The bureau of the census has just published its eighth annual report on mortality statistics.

The statistics given in the report do not cover the entire country, but only that portion of the United States known as the "registration area."

The aggregate population of the registration area for the calendar year 1907 is estimated at 41,558,907, or 48.8 per cent.

The statistics for 1908 will cover two new registration states, Washington and Wisconsin, and as a result of this addition the registration area will, according to the estimates, include for the first time a majority (51.6 per cent.) of the total population.

The total number of deaths reported for the registration area in 1907 was 687,034, corresponding to a death rate of 16.5 per 1,000 of estimated population.

Among the foreign countries for which rates for 1908 are available Australasia (10.6), Denmark (13.5), Norway (13.7), Sweden (14.4), the Netherlands (14.8) and the United Kingdom (15.6) had lower rates than the United States in that year.

The large cities with highest rates were Denver, Col. (48.6); New Orleans (32.2); Newark, N. J. (29.1.6); Washington (28.0); Cincinnati (26.8.8); Baltimore (26.3.2), and Jersey City, N. J. (26.1.5).

The high rates in larger cities in 1907 were for New Orleans, 24; Denver, Col., 23.5; Fall River, Mass., 22.5, and Washington, 20.3.

The total number of deaths reported from all forms of tuberculosis for the year 1907 was 76,650, an increase of 1,138 over the number reported for 1906.

There were decreases in the rates of six out of the 16 causes listed, the six being diarrhoea and enteritis, diphtheria and croup, typhoid fever, old age, tuberculosis of lungs and con-

RACE TRACK FOR AIRSHIPS.

Course on Long Island to Be Open to All Inventors by May 1.

New York.—New York is to have a race course for flying machines. It is to be on grounds controlled by the Long Island Motor Parkway.

Negotiations between the Aero Club of America and the Parkway association have been going on for some time, and at the meeting of the club's board of directors recently announcement was made that the lease had been signed.

Several buildings will be erected to be used as machine shops and shelter for the machines, and the grounds will be marked off so that accurate records of all flights may be made.

WILL SWEAR NOT AT ALL.

Huntington, W. Va.—Because of his scruples against taking an oath, Col. E. H. Sudduth, for years prominent in the coal fields of southern West Virginia, has refused to become the president of the First National bank at Welch, to which place he was recently elected.

Sudduth, who has been one of the chief promoters of many of the leading business ventures in the southern section of the state, has religious scruples of a most pronounced character.

"I would neither make oath nor affirm," he said, "and was considered unqualified for the office. No other reason, thank God, only that I would not disobey the commandments of the Saviour."

"Matthew says: 'But I say unto you, swear not at all, neither by heaven, for it is God's throne, nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Neither shall thou swear by the head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black, but let your communication be yea, yea, nay, nay, for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.'"

SECRETARY KNOX EARLY RISER.

Much of His Work Done Before He Goes to His Office at Nine A. M.

Washington.—Philander C. Knox, the secretary of state, is one cabinet officer who it is understood does not appreciate the title of "Mr. Secretary."

An interesting incident in connection with the selection of George W. Wickersham for attorney general is being commented on by employees of the congressional library who were appealed to for biographical matter concerning him.

genital debility. The increases in the rates for influenza, pneumonia and heart disease were decided.

Of all the deaths in the registration area in 1907, 11.2 per cent. were caused by the various forms of tuberculosis; 9.8 per cent. by pneumonia (all forms); 5.6 per cent. by heart disease; 7.6 per cent. by violence, and 7.1 per cent. by diarrhoea and enteritis.

SKUNK FARM FOR ARKANSAS.

Illinois Man Astonishes Authorities by Proposing New Industry.

Little Rock, Ark.—Arkansas is one of the most versatile states in the union for industries in the propagation of different species of animals, but the climax is to be reached by a young Illinoisan of enterprise who wishes to purchase a sufficient amount of swamp land in the state to start a con and skunk ranch.

Not being well posted upon swamp land, he being from the hills of Arkansas, Commissioner Coffman referred the writer to the county clerk of Green county, who, he stated, would be pleased to give information upon such subjects.

Arkansas has ostrich, buffalo, snake, deer, elk, goat and many other kinds of ranches, but Commissioner Coffman says a skunk farm is a new one on him.

To Save Gen. Grant's Cottage.

Albany, N. Y.—The legislature will be asked to make an appropriation of \$6,450 for the purchase and preservation of the cottage in which Gen. Grant spent the last days of his life, and the woodlands about it on Mount MacGregor, near Saratoga.

Hotel for Working Girls

Four Dollars a Week Will Pay for Board and Room in New York.

New York.—The new hotel for working girls, to be run under the auspices of the Federation of Women's Clubs, has been opened.

The hotel is intended for working girls who make small wages. No girl receiving more than seven dollars a week can be a guest. There are four big rooms on the top floor, each containing six beds.

The hotel is in charge of a matron, Miss Frances Van Duzer, who will live in the hotel. The financial part of the enterprise is taken care of by a stock company within the federation.

shaw are the committee in charge of the hotel.

All the girls living in the hotel must be in bed and have their lights out by ten o'clock.

HAS DUCK 3,000,000 YEARS OLD.

Egyptian Mummies and Mammoth Are Now Compared with Bird.

New York.—A complete skeleton of a prehistoric duck, estimated by Dr. H. C. Bumpus of the American Museum of Natural History to be 3,000,000 years old, has just been acquired by the museum.

"Mummies of Egypt 3,000 or 4,000 years old," said Dr. Bumpus, "are considered to be of respectable antiquity, and still more venerable are the mammoths found buried in the frozen tundras of Siberia and Alaska, but even the mammoths tens of thousands of years old are only creatures of yesterday compared with the antiquity of this mummy."

The British government runs a cocoa factory, supplying the needs of its 70,000 sailors.

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