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BOER MEETING IN LONDON

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London, June 20.—Thousands of people began collecting outside of Queen's hall two hours before the advertised time of the pro-Boer meeting held there last night. When the doors were finally opened the pressure of the surging mob was so great that many people fainted. There was considerable disturbance and windows were broken in during the attempts made by persons without tickets to gain admission. Some of these were expelled. In spite of the vigilance of the promoters of the meeting, many jingoes gained an entrance to the hall, which was crisscrossed from floor to ceiling. Much shouting, mingled with cheers, greeted the delegates on their arrival, and during the evening the delivery of speeches was attended by some difficulty.

The usual speeches were made and the usual resolutions were carried amid much commotion and excitement. The resolutions included an amendment for the complete independence of the Boer republics, proposed by Baron Batavia, for the radicals, which did not meet with the approval of the Labour party. The meeting ended with the singing of the "Marseillaise."

During the meeting fully 10,000 jingoes gathered outside the Queen's hall, blocked traffic and necessitated relays of policemen to keep a semblance of order in the crowd.

Several collisions occurred between the crowd outside the hall and the police and the latter had difficulty in handling the assemblage.

LAST OF VOLUNTEERS COMING.

All Will Arrive From Manila Before June 26.

San Francisco, June 20.—It is expected that all the volunteers, numbering 7,500 men, will arrive from Manila before June 26. The Thomas, with part of the Thirty-eighth and Forty-ninth regiments and all of the Forty-seventh, is expected next Saturday. The Ohio, with the Forty-second, should get here Sunday. The Buford, according to her captain's calculations, should get here with the Forty-first on the 24th inst. The Indiana, with part of the Forty-second, the Logan, with part of the Thirty-eighth, Forty-third and Forty-fourth, and the Grant, with the Forty-eighth and part of the Forty-ninth, are all scheduled to arrive on the 25th inst., while the Kirkpatrick, with part of the Thirty-eighth and part of the Forty-fourth, will probably arrive the next day.

Will Draw Lots for Land.

Washington, June 20.—Ex-Governor W. A. Richards, assistant commissioner of the general land office, yesterday conferred with Secretary Hitchcock regarding the conditions at the Kiowa reservation in Oklahoma. Mr. Richards has just returned from that country, where he superintended the marking off of county seat and townsite areas. He says everything will be ready for the opening on Aug. 6. Mr. Richards found many people already waiting outside the lands, and says the general sentiment favors opening by means of drawing lots rather than the old way of making a rough system of parcels to be adopted.

Sends Another Note to Denmark.

London, June 20.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail cables his paper saying that the United States has sent another note to Denmark in the matter of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the effect that if Denmark is not willing to sell the islands, the United States must demand that Denmark fortify and garrison the islands of St. Thomas and St. John, which would command the Nicaragua canal. The situation is regarded seriously here, as Denmark cannot dream of undertaking the erecting of fortifications and the maintenance of garrisons, which will cost several millions.

Calles is Now Friendly.

Manila, June 20.—Colonel Guivara, together with 80 men of Calles' command, are now at Paganjan. Calles' entire force will surrender next Monday. A representative of Calles has telegraphed to Judge Taft conveying his principal's compliments and announcing that Calles will henceforth be friendly to the American administration. The Third artillery will sail for the United States today on the transport Indiana.

Uproar in Italian Chamber.

Rome, June 20.—During the budget debate in the chamber of deputies, Baron Bonno severely attacked the cabinet on the subject of the recent crises in Italy and attributed the appalling economic conditions of today

BARKER TELLS HIS VERSION.

Man Who Shot Pastor John Keller on the Stand.

New York, June 20.—The fate of Thomas G. Barker, on trial at Jersey City for the shooting of Rev. John Keller, may go to the jury today. The defense had practically finished when the court rose last evening. It is not thought Prosecutor Erwin will take long in rebuttal. Barker and his wife were upon the stand yesterday. They told their story so far as the court would allow answers to the questions of counsel for the defense, and although the record does not show it, Mr. Van Winkle got reference to the alleged assault before the jury in one way and another. The witnesses answered so promptly that objections came a shade late. In this way "the outrage" was referred to several times during the day.

Barker told his version of the shooting. He said he met Keller and that Keller spoke to him. This was in direct contradiction of Keller's testimony on the stand, and he claimed not to have met any one. Barker said he responded to Keller's greeting by calling Keller a villain, charging him with outraging Mrs. Barker. He then, he said, began firing. Mr. Keller, when on the stand, swore that not a word was spoken and that he saw no one.

FIND CONSPIRACY TO BURN.

More Arrests in Connection With the Chicago Arson Case.

Chicago, June 20.—In the arson conspiracy case, for which Benjamin Etelson, an ex-policeman; his brother, Michael, and an unknown man were arrested Tuesday, warrants for the following persons were taken out yesterday: H. Fensterstock, cigar dealer; Leon Frank, saloon keeper; E. J. Dieman, L. Lampert, cigar dealer; Isaac Tuckhorn, dealer in cash registers; J. Wolskopf, dealer in second hand store fixtures; Jacob Walzel, cigar dealer; and Simon Walzel, cigar dealer. There are three conspiracy charges against all of them, and the Etelsons and Dieman have an additional charge of arson against them. The Etelsons and Dieman are now locked up. Fensterstock and Frank were arrested and released on \$15,000 bonds each. Ben Etelson is accused of being the leader. At least 12 fires in two years are charged against the band.

SEVERE STORM AT BOONVILLE.

Wind Wrecks Buildings and One Man Is Killed.

Boonville, Mo., June 20.—The most disastrous storm of rain and wind that ever fell in this section visited Boonville at 7 o'clock last night. To be Fisher was killed in the main street by the falling walls of a large brick two-story building. The roof was blown off the Sombart mill, the Commercial bank and many residences. A large brick foundry near the river front was completely destroyed. Hundreds of trees were destroyed. Many small craft on the river front were blown apart. The heaviest loss is the Bell Telephone company, whose exchange is almost completely destroyed. The local exchange was also damaged. One death has been reported and nine injured.

The wind was from the northwest and followed the river. Three inches of rain fell in less than 20 minutes.

HELD ON CHARGE OF FORGERY.

W. W. Hubbard, Wife, Son and Daughter in-Law in Court.

St. Louis, June 20.—At the conclusion of the preliminary examination in the Hubbard forgery case Justice H. I. Brown bound the defendants over to the grand jury on bonds of \$10,000 each. W. W. Hubbard, state deputy of the Knights and Ladies of Security, and his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Hubbard, will have to answer before the next grand jury to the charge of forgery preferred against them by W. B. Kirkpatrick, national president of the order. It is claimed the names of physicians were forged to certificates of medical examination.

SHERIFF GETS YOUNG MEN.

Two Mason City Boys Attempt to Dispose of a Rig Not Their Own.

Cedar Falls, Ia., June 20.—Two young men were arrested here and taken to Parkersburg to answer to the charge of horse stealing. They hired a double rig from the Oke barns of Parkersburg and drove to this city, where they endeavored to sell the outfit for \$70, or about one-half its value. They were arrested by Sheriff Lay, who happened to be in the city on a visit with his mother. They gave the names of Howard and Shepard and Mason City as their home.

WOMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Russe Found Dead in Her Home Under Suspicious Circumstances.

Greene, Ia., June 20.—Mrs. Louise Russe, seven miles southwest of here, was found in her house dead and partly burned. One leg being entirely burned off. It is supposed she was murdered and the house set afire, as kerosene and feathers were scattered all over the floor.

To Fight the Plow Trust.

Chicago, June 20.—Farm implement manufacturers are in session at the Auditorium annex. As to the object of their meeting, there are several views, one that they are organizing an implement association in opposition to the one formed several weeks ago. The meeting is said to have been called by F. S. Kretinger of Fort Madison.

Dubucque Enameling Works Sold.

Dubucque, Ia., June 20.—The Dubucque Enameling works were sold yesterday to New York and Chicago parties for \$100,000. Operations will be resumed at once on a large scale.

SUIT IS NOT DISMISSED.

Nebraska Supreme Court Ignores Federal Injunction.

ACTION ON ROCK ISLAND CASE.

In Spite of Attorney General Pratt's Motion, State insists on Recovering Penalties for Violation of Maximum Freight Rate Law.

Lincoln, June 20.—The Nebraska supreme court, by an order issued last evening, puts itself in direct opposition to a ruling of the federal court. The case is that in which the state seeks to collect penalties from the Rock Island Railroad company for alleged violations of the Nebraska maximum freight rate law. The suit was instituted by former Attorney General Smyth and was pending when Attorney General Pratt succeeded to the office. The supreme court some months ago sanctioned the continued prosecution of the suit, but on a demurrer of the railroad company the federal court enjoined the attorney from proceeding further. Yesterday Attorney General Pratt moved to dismiss the case, and the state supreme court denied the motion. The penalties against the Rock Island other roads aggregate over \$1,000,000.

STATE RESTS ITS CASE.

Statement of Mrs. Castle Read at the Trial of Jessie Morrison.

Eldorado, Kan., June 20.—After only two days of testimony-taking, the state in the case of Jessie Morrison, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle, rested yesterday. The defense, it is said, will spring a surprise in the introduction of new evidence not adduced at the first trial. When Miss Morrison took the stand in December last to tell in her own defense of the fatal quarrel with her rival, she testified that Mrs. Castle had called her to the house and started the trouble. At that time an affidavit of A. J. Morgan, a peddler, who swore that he heard Mrs. Castle rap on the door as Miss Morrison was passing her house, and call her in, was presented. Morgan could not be found, but it is now said the defense has located him and will put him on the stand. Other new witnesses may be introduced by the defense on the plea of self defense.

The evidence yesterday consisted of the deceased statement of Mrs. Castle, in which she accuses Miss Morrison of calling upon her unbidden, beginning a quarrel and then slashing her with a razor, and the introduction of witnesses who described the scene at the Castle house on the morning of the fight.

DENVER MAN HAS A TIP.

Says Railway Magnates Will Sell Out to Uncle Sam for \$100,000,000.

Denver, June 20.—The Times says: "A gigantic scheme is under way to transfer the railroads of the United States to the government. A western financier who returned today from New York, where he investigated the rumors about financial circles, asserts that the report of pending government ownership is general. He declares that within a few years the Rockefeller, Harriman, Vanderbilt, Gould and Morgan interests would turn over to the government every line of railroad in the country. The government would pay the total value of about \$100,000,000, a string of bonds to be controlled by the same interests and to finance the deal."

Copper Company Doubles Its Capital.

Trenton, N. J., June 20.—The Amalgamated Copper company filed a certificate yesterday afternoon increasing its capital stock from \$75,000,000 to \$150,000,000. The certificate is signed by Anson F. Brown, president, and William G. Rockefeller, secretary, of the company. The purpose of the increase is to purchase the Butte and Boston and Boston and Montana companies, which is permitted by the decision of the court of errors and appeals in refusing to continue the temporary injunction.

Foster-Clark Wedding.

Butte, Mont., June 20.—In the presence only of the relatives and a few friends of the young couple, Miss Mabel Durfield Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster, was last evening married to William Andrew Clark, Jr., son of Senator W. A. Clark. Though the wedding was strictly private, the reception which followed at the Foster residence was the most largely attended affair of the kind ever seen in the northwest and also one of the most brilliant ever seen anywhere.

"Lucky" Saidwin Seriously Ill.

San Francisco, June 20.—E. H. Saidwin, widely known as "Lucky" Saidwin, winner of three American derbies, is in a private hospital, a very sick man. He was taken ill in Seattle recently when about to embark for Nome and was compelled to return to San Francisco. Instead of improving he has grown worse.

Cuban Election Frauds.

Washington, June 20.—General Wood, in a communication to the secretary of war, refers to alleged frauds and irregularities in the municipal election in Cuba, but in such a manner as to leave the impression that he does not regard them as serious.

Van Tinkel Killed by Street Car.

Dallas, Tex., June 20.—Garrett Van Tinkel, until the past week principal owner of the street car system, was struck at 11 o'clock by a car and died at midnight. He had opened and operated lines in Illinois and Iowa, having come to Dallas from Des Moines.

BLACKLISTS THE DRUNKARDS.

Mayor of Waterloo Designates Those to Whom Liquor May Not Be Sold.

Waterloo, Ia., June 20.—The handing of the liquor question here has brought to light a new phase of the state mule law, or one that seems new because not often brought into use. Mayor Martin has circulated a blacklist on which are recorded the names of the habitual drunkards of the city. He has warned the vendors in intoxicating drinks not to sell these parties any refreshments. The drinkers are incensed at the action of the mayor and have signified their intention of taking the matter to the courts. They claim the law is unconstitutional because their personal liberties have been trampled down and they have been injured by being publicly branded as drunkards.

ROOSEVELT AND MARK TWAIN.

Both Invited to Address Celebration of Missouri's Admission to the Union.

Kansas City, June 20.—Vice President Theodore Roosevelt and Mark Twain have been invited to attend and address the celebration of the 80th anniversary of Missouri's admission to the Union in this city Aug. 10. Mr. Roosevelt is the author of a history of Thomas H. Benton, and the vice president will be asked to take his theme from the life of this Missouri statesman. Mr. Clemens, it is expected, will deal particularly in anecdotes of his younger days in Missouri.

BURNING SHIP SAILS AWAY.

Vessel Loaded as Overdue Was Flying the Fire Signal When Last Seen.

London, June 20.—The ship John McDonald of New York, Captain Watts, from Baltimore, Sept. 15, for San Francisco, has been posted at Lloyds as overdue.

Nothing has been heard of the John McDonald since it was reported spoken Jan. 16 last in latitude 38 north, longitude 134 west, when it was flying a signal, "Ship on fire." It kept on its course, however, without stopping and was soon out of sight.

Baseball Scores Yesterday.

National League—New York, 5; Pittsburgh, 5. Brooklyn, 10; Cincinnati, 6. Philadelphia, 3; St. Louis, 6. Boston, 6-7; Chicago, 2-9. American League—Boston, 5; Chicago, 3. Philadelphia, 4; Cleveland, 3. Baltimore, 9; Milwaukee, 3. Washington, 7; Detroit, 2. Western League—Omaha, 3; Denver, 2. St. Paul, 11; St. Joseph, 1. Minneapolis, 5; Kansas City, 10.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Record of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, June 19.—Weakness in the foreign market and the crop prospects were matched today by a strong export demand for wheat and the heavy value which is said to be working damage to harvest in the southwest. September wheat closed a shade lower, September corn, 1c higher, September oats 1/2c up and provisions from 25/100 to 1/2c lower. Closing prices: Wheat—July, 87 1/2; Sept., 88 1/2. Corn—July, 43 1/2; Sept., 44 1/2. Oats—July, 28 1/2; Sept., 29 1/2. Pork—July, 14 1/2; Sept., 14 3/4. Lard—July, 10 1/2; Sept., 10 3/4. Beans—July, 10 1/2; Sept., 10 3/4. Cash quotations—No. 2 red wheat, 71 1/2; No. 3 red wheat, 68 1/2; No. 4 spring wheat, 65 1/2; No. 2 hard wheat, 68 1/2; No. 3 hard wheat, 65 1/2; No. 4 hard wheat, 62 1/2; No. 2 new and new yellow corn, 43 1/2; No. 3 new and new yellow corn, 42 1/2; No. 4 new and new yellow corn, 39 1/2.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, June 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 14,000, including 1,500 head of high grade, others weak; butchers' stock about steady; Texans steady to strong; good to prime steers, \$5.50@6.25; poor to medium, \$4.50@5.00; stockers and feeders, \$4.25@5.00; cows, \$3.00@4.00; heifers, \$2.50@3.50; canners, \$2.00@3.00; bulls, \$2.00@3.00; calves, steady, \$4.50@5.00; Texas feed steers, \$3.50@4.00; cows, \$2.50@3.00; heifers, \$2.00@3.00; Texas bulls, \$2.00@3.00; Texas calves, \$2.00@3.00. Hogs—Receipts today, 34,000; tomorrow, 38,000, estimated; left over, 8,000; opened 5c higher, rounded about steady; top, \$6.25; mixed and butchers, \$5.50@6.17; good to choice heavy, \$5.50@6.25; rough heavy, \$5.00@5.50; light, \$5.00@5.50; stockers and feeders, \$4.50@5.00; western sheep, \$4.00@4.50; Texas sheep, \$4.00@4.50; native lambs, spring up to \$5.70, \$4.00@5.00; western lambs, \$3.00@3.50.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, June 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000, native, steady to 10c higher; best Texans and Indians 10c@12c; stockers and feeders strong; cows and heifers weaker; calves, steady; mixed and butchers, \$5.00@5.50; fair to good, \$4.50@5.00; stockers and feeders, \$4.50@5.00; Texas and Indians, \$4.00@4.50; Texas grass steers, \$3.50@4.00; cows, \$2.50@3.00; heifers, \$2.00@2.50; canners, \$2.00@2.50; bulls, \$2.00@2.50; calves, \$2.50@3.00. Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; steady; good to choice heavy, \$5.50@6.25; rough heavy, \$5.00@5.50; light, \$5.00@5.50; stockers and feeders, \$4.50@5.00; western sheep, \$4.00@4.50; Texas sheep, \$4.00@4.50; native lambs, spring up to \$5.70, \$4.00@5.00; western lambs, \$3.00@3.50.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, June 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; best strong, others about steady; native beef steers, \$4.50@5.50; western steers, \$4.00@4.50; Texas steers, \$3.50@4.00; cows and heifers, steady, \$3.00@3.50; canners, \$2.50@3.00; stockers and feeders, lower, \$2.25@2.75; calves, \$2.00@2.50; stage, etc., \$1.00@1.50. Hogs—Receipts, 1,000; steady to 5c higher; top, \$6.00; bulk of sales, \$5.50@6.00; mixed, \$5.00@5.50; light, \$4.50@5.00; rough heavy, \$4.00@4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@4.00; Texas and Indians, \$3.00@3.50; Texas grass steers, \$2.50@3.00; cows, \$2.00@2.50; heifers, \$1.50@2.00; canners, \$1.50@2.00; bulls, \$1.50@2.00; calves, \$2.00@2.50. Sheep—Receipts, 1,500; steady; fed muttons, \$3.50@4.00; ewes, \$3.25@3.75; culls, \$2.00@2.50; common and stock sheep, \$2.00@2.50; lambs, \$4.00@4.50; spring lambs, \$4.50@5.00.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

St. Joseph, June 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000; steady to 10c higher; natives, \$4.50@5.00; cows and heifers, \$2.25@3.10; veals, \$2.25@3.00; bulls and stags, \$2.50@3.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@3.00; mixed, \$2.00@2.50; calves and yearlings, \$2.00@2.50; hogs—Receipts, 1,700; opened mostly 5c higher, closed with half the advance lost; light and light mixed, \$5.00@5.75; medium and heavy, \$4.50@5.00; pigs, \$4.00@4.50; ewes, \$3.00@3.50; common and stock sheep, \$2.00@2.50; lambs, \$4.00@4.50; spring lambs, \$4.50@5.00.

St. Louis Live Stock.

St. Louis, June 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 600; steady; heavy, \$4.75@5.00; cows and calves, \$2.50@3.00; calves and yearlings, \$2.50@3.00. Hogs—Receipts, 2,700; 5c@10c higher, selling at \$5.50@6.00; bulk, \$5.50.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED.

"Prophet" Smith and McLand Hanged in Louisiana.

TREE IS USED AS A GALLOWS.

Two of the Prisoners Accused of Complicity in the Murder of John Gray Foster Taken From Jail at Belton by Mob and Strung Up.

Breveport, La., June 20.—Frank Smith, better known as "Prophet" Smith, and F. D. McLand, held at Belton for complicity in the murder of John Gray Foster, were taken out of jail by a mob last night and strung up to a tree. They were left dangling side by side. The lynching occurred on the Arkansas road, about one mile and a half from the jail. Both negroes made a statement before death, denying that they had anything to do with the killing. Smith, who was the head of the "Church of God" movement in that section and was blamed as being responsible for the sentiment against the whites which led to the death of Foster, died praying. McLand was silent as he was strung up. As Smith was being led from the jail prior to the execution he was heard to say: "Lord, you promised to be with me now."

There were about 200 armed men in the mob and they overpowered the sheriff and jailer, taking the keys away from them. The lynchers claimed that the execution of these negroes was necessary to the preservation of the lives of the white men in this locality.

MOLINEUX HEARING ENDS.

Fate of New York Man Convicted of Murder in Judges' Hands.

Buffalo, June 20.—The fate of Roland B. Molineux, convicted of murder as the poisoner of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams at New York City December, 1898, is in the keeping of the seven judges of the court of appeals, who for three days past have been listening to the arguments for and against a new trial. The appeal was finally submitted yesterday afternoon and the decision will not be announced until some months hence, when the court sits at Albany for the fall term. The strange crime, with its complicated plot and manifold mystery, retains a strong hold upon popular interest. The crowd that sought admission to the court room was larger and more determined than ever and the bailiffs had to resort to force to restrain them. The principal speaker was former United States Senator David B. Hill, advocate of the cause of the people, who had three hours and fifteen minutes of his allotted time left when court opened at 10 o'clock. He spoke until 1:15 and John G. Milburn, attorney for Molineux, was heard for 20 minutes in conclusion.

KILLS SHERIFF AND CITIZEN.

Returned Philippine Soldier Is Being Pursued by Wyoming Posse.

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 20.—Report has just reached here from Kemmerer, Wyo., of a double killing near Big Piney, in Uinta county. George Becker, a returned Philippine soldier, about a year ago, was charged with having slashed a check and left the neighborhood. Recently he returned and was located near Big Piney, 60 miles north of Kemmerer. Sunday Deputy Sheriff G. B. Holden of Uinta county and Fred Reardon, a prominent merchant of Big Piney, attempted to arrest Becker, who shot and killed Holden and mortally wounded Reardon. He then fled to the mountains and is being pursued by a posse of citizens under command of Sheriff James. Feeling is intense and if captured Becker will be lynched.

Shoots Wife and Male Companion.

Cincinnati, June 20.—William C. Mott, a carriage lamp maker, found John Clancy, porter of the Great Western hotel, in a room at the hotel with Mrs. Mott yesterday and opened fire on them. Both were wounded. Mrs. Mott in the head and Clancy in the neck. They were taken to the hospital, where Clancy's wound was pronounced probably fatal, while Mrs. Mott's wound is not considered dangerous.

Double Tragedy in Wine Room.

Fort Worth, Tex., June 20.—Henry Moore, a foreman in the shops of the Fort Worth and Denver road, shot and killed his wife and H. H. Russell in a wine room here last night. Moore traced his wife to a saloon and there found her with Russell. He beat them frantically with the butt of his revolver after which he began shooting. His wife was dead when found, and Russell died in a short time. He was arrested.

Wichita Widow a Beneficiary.

Wichita, Kan., June 20.—Mrs. Dr. Black, a poor widow of this city, was notified yesterday that she is a beneficiary of the will of the late Judge Leavenworth of San Francisco to the amount of nearly a million dollars. Mrs. Black's late husband was Judge Leavenworth's nephew.

Negro Preacher Lynched.

La Grange, N. C., June 20.—D. B. Jones, the negro preacher who, it is alleged, attempted to commit an assault on Mrs. Noah Davis near La Grange yesterday, was taken from the guard house here last night and lynched.

Stole Thousand Head of Cattle.

Helena, Mont., June 20.—The United States grand jury yesterday found true bills against 26 persons, including R. E. Lee, the cattleman, who is accused of stealing 1,000 head of cattle from Crow Indians.

Land Crabs.

One of the commonest and the largest of the Christmas island land crabs is the well known robber crab, which is found in most of the tropical islands of the Indian and Pacific oceans. It sometimes reaches a length of two feet and may measure seven inches across the back. Its color is of a very gaudy description, the ground color being a bright red, upon which there are stripes of yellow, but in some cases a purplish blue is the prevailing tint.

The eyes are fixed on stalks which can be moved independently of one another, and there are two pairs of feelers, one long, the other short. The latter pair are continually jerked up and down. There is a pair of powerful claws, then several walking legs. In general appearance these animals are much more like rather stout lobsters than crabs, and one's first encounter with one of these creatures in the middle of a forest far from the sea is productive of much astonishment on both sides.

Another species of land crab common in Christmas island is a little bright red animal which in general shape is much like the common shore crab. This variety makes burrows in the ground, and in some places the soil is honeycombed with hundreds of holes. The crabs spend most of their time collecting dead leaves, which they carry in their claws, holding them up over their heads, and drag down into their burrows, into which they scuttle at the least alarm.—Pearson's Magazine.

Crabs in Disguise.

Human beings are not the only creatures that have discovered the appetizing, though indigestible, qualities of crabs, and some of these animals have been compelled to resort to various defensive measures. Disguise is one of these and is practiced with great effect by spider crabs.

These deliberately bite up seaweeds and plant them on their backs, very soon establishing a growth which harmonizes perfectly with the surroundings and deceives many an enemy. Should the weeds grow too vigorously, the crab industriously prunes them with his claws and every now and then scrapes the whole lot off and starts a fresh garden on his roof, so to speak.

The sponge crab behaves in a similar manner, nipping off little bits of living sponge and sticking them on his back, where they grow vigorously. The same end is served as in the other case. It is very amusing to keep crabs of one or other of these kinds in an aquarium and deprive them of the usual means of concealment.

They get very nervous and agitated and try to cover themselves with bits of paper or anything else that may be provided. One such captive is said to have had a little greatcoat made for him, which he put on in a hurry as soon as it was handed to him.

The Earl and the Highwayman.

One night when the Earl of Stanhope was walking alone in the Kentish lanes a man jumped out of the hedge, leveled a pistol and demanded his purse.

"My good man, I have no money with me," said Lord Stanhope, who was remarkably slow witted. The robber laid hands on his watch.

"No," Lord Stanhope went on, "that watch you must not have. It was given to me by one I love. It is worth £100. If you will trust me, I will go back to Chevening and bring a £100 note and place it in the hollow of that tree. I cannot lose my watch."

The man did trust him. The earl did bring the note. Years after Lord Stanhope was at a city dinner, and next to him sat a London alderman of great wealth, a man widely respected. He and the earl talked of many things and found each other mutually entertaining. Next day Lord Stanhope received a letter, out of which dropped a £100 note. "It was your lordship's kind loan of this sum," said the note, "that started me in life and enabled me to have the honor of sitting next to your lordship at dinner." A strange story; but the Stanhopes are a strange race, and things happen to them that never did or could occur to other people.

To Be Cheerful.

The sovereign, voluntary path to cheerfulness, if our spontaneous cheerfulness be lost, is to sit up cheerfully, to look around cheerfully and to act and speak as if cheerfulness were already there. If such conduct doesn't make you soon feel cheerful, nothing else will on that occasion. So, to feel brave, act as if we were brave, use all our will to that end, and a courage fit will very likely replace the fit of fear. Again, in order to feel kindly toward a person to whom we have been inimical, the only way is more or less deliberately to smile, to make sympathetic inquiries and to force ourselves to say genial things. One hearty laugh together will bring enemies into closer communion of heart than hours spent on both sides in inward wrestling with the mental demon of uncharitable feeling.