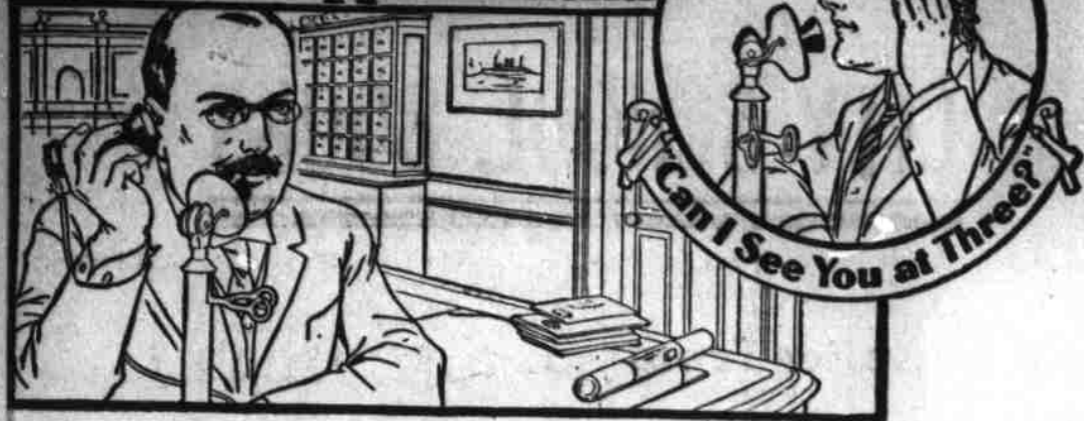


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BRITISH LIBEL LAW NEEDS MODIFICATION

Effort Will Be Made to Relieve Newspapers of Kingdom of Some of Their Evils.

(Associated Press Cable)

London, Sept. 2.—Turkey has at last definitely awarded the contract for a battleship of the so-called "dreadnought" type to W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne and to Vickers Limited, the latter to furnish the armament. The government reserves the right of ordering another vessel at the same price.

The new battleship, it is said, will be the largest warship in the world. The price to be paid is considerably higher than that at which the Bethlehem Steel company of America in conjunction with another English firm offered to build the ships. However, as the Grand Vizier candidly told a diplomat who was supporting the tender of the American company, Turkey by placing the contract with the successful tenderers will obtain compensation in other directions which will more than make up for the increased cost of the ship.

It has not yet been disclosed of what these compensations will consist, but it is generally understood that the British minister at Constantinople was able to inform the Porte that the acceptance of the Armstrong tender might induce the British government to look with a kinder eye on the Turkish proposals for the settlement of certain questions outstanding between the two countries. Among these were questions arising out of the steamboat monopoly held by a British company to operate steamers on Turkish rivers; non-interference with Turkey's plans in Albania; and the long-standing dispute over the building of the Bagdad railway. On the latter subject active negotiations are now proceeding in the Turkish capital with good prospects of success and the ultimate completion of the line.

Besides the support of the government the British shipbuilders have good press agents, and frequent paragraphs appear in the London papers

in which it is intimated that among other contracts that for the building of the Chilean warships is to be given to England. As a matter of fact these contracts have not been let and it may be months before they are. American, British and continental firms all have agents in the Chilean capital and even before the fall of the late government very little progress had been made towards the signing of the contracts.

An effort is at last to be made to relieve the newspapers of England from some of the evils they suffer under the present law of libel. Besides having to pay many claims of a blackmailing character, invariably when a newspaper defends an action for libel the jury gives the claimant heavy damages, very often against the advice of the judge. To avoid this Sir George Toulmin has introduced a bill in the house of commons, which provides that if a judge is satisfied that the alleged libel is trivial, and that the words complained of have been published in good faith, he may stay all proceedings, unless the plaintiff gives security for the defendant's costs.

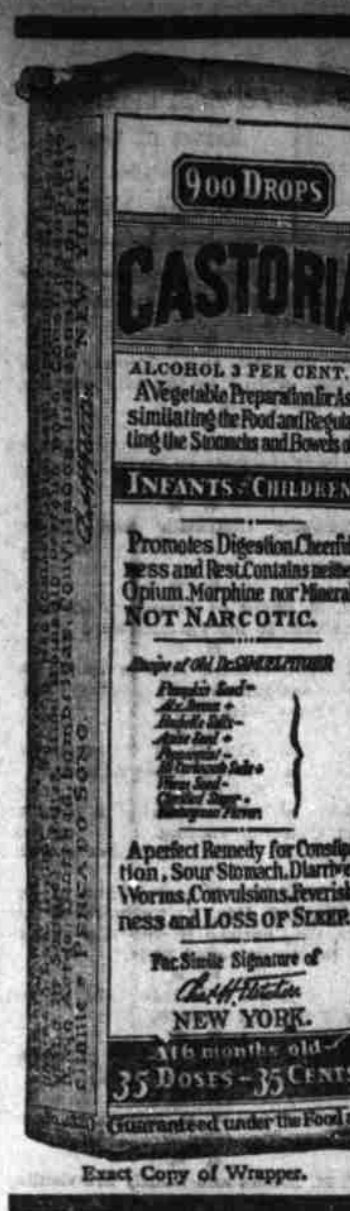
Other provisions of the bill are that fair and accurate reports of public meetings, proceedings in court and the finding of the courts, although the finding be subsequently varied, and any fair and bona fide comment thereon, shall be privileged. At present a paper cannot comment on any verdict until it has reached the final court, by which time in many cases, all public interest in the matter has been lost.

The house of commons has lost one of its oldest and most popular figures, in the sudden death of Collins, the head-waiter of the smoking-room. He had charge of what is known as the Upper smoking-room, one of the exclusive rooms into which the members cannot introduce a stranger. Collins, an Irish cockney, was one of those quiet, unobtrusive servants of the old school, who took the wants of all his clients and took them their accustomed drink as soon as they entered the room. He, too, was full of information and Chancellor Lloyd George once said that when he wished to know what the house of commons was going to do he went to the best informed man—Collins.

One of the interesting features of the procession of the Gorsedd Bardic to the Mystic Circle at the Elleddfod, the national assembly of Welsh bards at Carmarthen, Wales, was the presentation of a daughter of the poet Henry W. Longfellow to the venerable archdruid.

In company with a party of 100 Welsh-Americans expect to make an annual pilgrimage to the gathering. Before the presentation a representative of the Breton Gorsedd mounted the Logan-stone and made an address in excellent Welsh. The same day also saw the investiture and initiation of the successful candidates for bardic degrees.

The town of Wolverhampton is all excitement over the refusal by its austere officials of a presentation portrait of Captain Webb, the famous channel swimmer. Captain Webb was a native of Wolverhampton; in the painting he is shown wearing the customary swimming trunks only, and this brevity of attire affected the sensibilities of local officials. George



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Phoenix, the artist, in presenting the picture, recommended that it be hung in the Municipal Baths, which in winter are used also for public meetings. In a letter acknowledging the artist's offer the town clerk says that the chairman of the baths committee considered the portrait an excellent one in every respect but could not recommend the committee to accept it. The artist is inviting the public to his studio to pass upon the propriety of his work, and local feeling runs high.

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In a preliminary hearing before the United States commissioner at North Wilkesboro Thursday, it is stated that Gen. Zonia and Hattie Nance were found to have been impli-

cated in the shooting of Deputy Collector Henry, while he was making a raid in Wilkes county some weeks ago, and were sent to jail in default of heavy bonds. There have been several officers in the vicinity since the shooting, working up the evidence and it is said that Bob Lane, a friend of the defendants, attempted to shoot Deputy Collector McCoy. Mr. McCoy arrested him and he was also bound to court.

As usually treated, a sprained ankle will disable a man for three or four weeks, but by applying Chamberlain's Liniment freely as soon as the injury is received, and observing the directions with each bottle, a cure can be effected in from two to four days. For sale by all dealers.

Miss May Alexander arrived yesterday from San Francisco. Miss Alexander went west several weeks ago, with a tourist party, and expected to return earlier, but was detained by illness.

Alleged Embezzler Arrested.

New Orleans, Sept. 2.—E. L. Hall, the auditor of the Gulf & Ship Island railroad, wanted on the charge of embezzling \$5000 from the railroad, was arrested at the terminal station here yesterday by local detectives while preparing to leave on an afternoon train with his wife, son and daughter for Philadelphia. Hall had already purchased his tickets. According to the officers a search of Hall's effects revealed an exchange draft for \$38.81 issued by the First National bank of Culpport on the Seaboard National bank of New York, and also a demand note for \$50 in favor of Mrs. Hall, and \$100 in cur-

rency. Hall refused to discuss the charge, but said he would return to Mississippi without requisition.

Loss of Time Means Loss of Pay.

Kidney trouble and the illa it breeds means lost time and lost pay to many a working man. M. Baient, 1314 Little Fenna St., Streator, Ill., was so bad from kidney and bladder trouble that he could not work, but he says: "I took Foley Kidney Pills for only a short time and got entirely well and was soon able to go back to work, and am feeling well and healthier than before." Foley Kidney Pills are tonic in action, quick in results—a good friend to the working man or woman who suffers from kidney illa. or sale by all druggists.

Wilmington Mayor Arrested.

Wilmington, Aug. 2.—A sensational campaign here for better sanitary conditions culminated late yesterday afternoon in the arrest of Mayor J. D. Smith and Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, superintendent of health, charged with failure to abate a common nuisance in what is alleged to be an inadequate sewer line through the principal part of the municipality. Both were taken before a justice of the peace and promptly gave bond for their appearance at a preliminary hearing to be held next Tuesday. The city officials assert that the prosecution is inspired by malice for the purpose of discouraging their efforts toward a cleaner and a healthier city.

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