

A BRAZILIAN LANGEHEAD VIPER

Brought to New York for Purpose
Of Extracting Deadly Poi-
son from Fangs.

IS A MOST VALUABLE DRUG.

Used in Cases of Mental Disease and
Insanity—One Snake Furnishes
Enough for Fifty Years.

New York, April 25.—A Brazilian lancehead viper, the deadliest snake known, traversed New York's streets last night, had a ride in a subway train and was exhibited to a crowd of admiring scientists. It is the first snake of the species that the city has ever had the honor to entertain. Tomorrow at the Bronx zoo the snake's deadly poison will be extracted from its fangs for it was for this purpose that the reptile was imported from its native jungle on the upper reaches of the Amazon river.

The poison of the lancehead is a valuable drug, used in cases of mental disease and insanity. So minute are the particles employed as medicine that no new supply has been received in New York for 15 years. There is still plenty of that supply left in the hands of a prominent chemist in the city, but physicians believe that it has deteriorated and have demanded a new supply. The head of the drug house instructed his agent in Brazil to secure a specimen of the snake. After much trouble, for the natives are very much afraid of the lancehead, one was secured and transported down to the coast where new troubles began. The Portuguese sailors on the ships sailing north from Brazilian ports declined to ship with seamen with the snake and while the agent was attempting to secure its transportation it died. Months passed before another could be captured and again the sailors objected. After trying every ship making the northward run to New York having agreed to bring the snake up in his cabin without letting the sailors know that it was on board. In this manner the snake arrived in New York a few days ago and after passing the customs authorities, was taken to the Bronx zoo where it remained until last night, when it was brought down town by Dr. E. W. Runyon and exhibited at a meeting of the academy of pathological science. Dr. Runyon carried the snake in a glass-sided box under his arm, and when taken down and back to the zoo in subway trains.

A number of prominent scientists, including Raymond L. Dittmar, curator of the reptile house at the zoo, will assist in the operation of removing the poison from the snake. There will be enough secured from the one reptile, Dr. Runyon says, to fill the requirements of the American physicians for 50 years. The removal of the poison weakens the snake and it is not believed that it will long survive the operation.

TEXT OF NORTH SEA
TREATY MADE PUBLIC

Berlin, April 24.—The North Sea treaty signed here yesterday was made public today. It takes the form of a joint declaration, as follows:

"The governments of Germany, Denmark, France, Great Britain and the Netherlands and Sweden, influenced by the wish to strengthen the bonds of friendly friendship between their states and the treaty contributory toward universal peace, have decided to mutually respect the existing territorial rights of the states in these regions.

"If any circumstances whatever should arise which in the opinion of one of the above mentioned governments should threaten the existing territorial status quo, the signatories of this declaration will confer with each other in order to arrive at an understanding, through agreement among themselves, upon such measures as they may regard as useful in the interest of preserving the present status quo of their possessions. The present declaration will be ratified as soon as possible and the ratifications will be handed into Berlin as soon as possible, but not later than Dec. 31."

A memorandum attached to the declaration includes the possibility of appealing to the declaration in any case where a state is exercising sovereign rights over its own possessions.

Gas On The Stomach

OFTEN THE CAUSE OF GREAT
BODILY DISTRESS.

It Indicates a Feeble Stomach in
Which the Food Lies Undigested
and Shows Need of Tonic
Treatment.

When the stomach is feeble the food lies in it undigested, decays and throws off poisonous gases that distend the walls of the stomach, and cause interference with the action of the heart and lungs. These gases have other ill effects. They are absorbed by the blood and corrupt it and so cause aches in remote parts of the body and the formation of unhealthy tissue everywhere. General bodily weakness and loss of weight result. The nerves and the brain are disturbed and discomforts such as dizziness, hot flashes, sleeplessness, irritability and despondency originate from this source.

Experience shows that these troubles vanish just as soon as the stomach is made strong enough to digest the food. In other words, it needs a tonic that will cause it to do the work of changing the food into nourishment. The tonic used ought to be one that will agree with the most delicate stomach.

Mrs. Amelia Gwin, a nurse by occupation, lives at 1117 Vernon avenue, Chicago, Ill. She says recently:

"When I was living in Terre Haute, Ind., some years ago, I was in bad health for some months and did not know what ailed me, only that I did not feel like myself. My doctor said I was suffering with indigestion, but he did not cure me.

"I had severe pains in the stomach and could not digest any solid food. I had to diet all of the time and had so much gas on the stomach that it seemed at times as though my breath was leaving me. I was greatly run down in health and lost in weight.

"I decided one day to drop the doctor's medicine and take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The first few boxes helped me and I took them until cured. I gained in weight, my digestion became good and I have been in splendid health since. I am glad to recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as they are worth the money which gave Mrs. Gwin complete health can be obtained at any drug store or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., at 50 cents per box, six boxes for \$2.50. Every dyspeptic should read 'What to Eat and How to Eat.' Write for a free copy today.

LIEUT. AYRES RESIGNS

No Reason Given but Year Ago He
Was Mixed Up in Easter Over-
coat Incident.

Washington, April 24.—Today's army orders announce the resignation of Second Lieutenant H. Fairfax Ayres of the Seventh cavalry, son of Lieut.-Col. Charles G. Ayres of the Fourteenth cavalry, retired. Lieut. Ayres' resignation has been accepted by the president, to take effect May 14 next. No reason for the young man's act in resigning is given in the formal orders announcing the resignation to the officers on duty at the war department make any explanation of it except to say that some months ago an affirmative reply had been given by the department to an inquiry addressed to it on behalf of young Ayres asking whether he would be permitted to resign after he had received a commission. He was then a cadet at the military academy, and graduated therefrom less than a year ago. The positive statement is made that Ayres' resignation was voluntary. It is said that Lieut. Ayres has the physical makup of an ideal soldier and excelled in all round athletics. Because of this and other reasons considerable surprise was expressed that he should resign from the army.

Lieut. Ayres was a cadet at West Point last spring when the "Easter overcoat incident" occurred on which occasion several of the cadets loaned their heavy coats to girl visitors to protect them from the weather. This was contrary to orders and met with the disapproval of the commandant of cadets, Col. Howze. Miss Ayres, a sister of young Ayres, was among the girls visiting the academy at the time. Her mother took up the matter and a controversy sprang up, the final effect of which was the issuance of an order from the war department forbidding Mrs. Ayres admission to the West Point military reservation. Thereupon Col. Ayres, father of Lieut. Ayres, denounced the cause of his wife and in an interview was alleged to have criticized army methods employed in dealing with the trouble between Mrs. Ayres and the West Point authorities. He declined to answer whether he had made certain statements in that interview on the demand of the war department and was ordered before a retiring board and retired on account of disability incident to the service July 24, last.

MINER SHOTS A MINER.

Goldfield, Nev., April 24.—Ed Hughes, a miner from Hornsby, shot and seriously wounded George Gillan, another miner, this evening, on Main street. He fired three shots. Hughes claims the man he shot alienated the affections of his (Hughes) wife. The shooting occurred when the street was crowded.

PREPARING FOR DENVER CONVENTION

Plans for Seats Have Been Sent
To Secy. Woodson of Demo-
cratic National Committee.

IT WILL SEAT 14,000 PEOPLE.

Sub-Committee Meets May 6—Will
Discuss Temporary Chairman
Who is to Sound Keynote.

Denver, April 24.—Plans for the seats in the new auditorium which is nearing completion, have been sent by the Denver chamber of commerce and Convention league, to Secy. Woodson of the Democratic national committee, for his guidance, in making the seating arrangements for the Democratic national convention which meets in Denver, July 7. There are 1,177 chairs shown in the plans and by placing chairs in aisles or in the space left for standing room it will be possible to seat 14,000 people. This is a greater seating capacity than that of Chicago Coliseum, Madison Square Garden, New York, or the Mormon tabernacle in Salt Lake. Mr. Woodson, whose home is in Owensburg, Ky., will be assisted in the work of arranging places for the various delegations by Col. John L. Martin, sergeant-at-arms, of the Democratic national committee. An assistant to have special charge of tickets will be given to the work.

On the first floor, 2,220 in numbers, all within hearing of the platform, have been set aside for delegates. Odd numbered sections of this space will be occupied by the delegates and even number sections by the alternates.

ON THE PLATFORM.

On the platform within the hearing, are reserved 544 seats for dignitaries. Immediately adjacent to the platform space is that reserved for the press, where 303 seats have been provided. Near the press desks for wireless telegraph equipment. In all 5,145 seats have been provided for the general public, divided as follows:

Seven hundred on the first floor, 1,599 in the balcony, and 544 in the gallery. Space has been provided for all telegraph companies and for private wires, which is easily reached from all parts of the press reservation. The Western Union and Postal companies drew lots for the space of vantage, and the Postal won, being assigned to the first reservation of 1,709 square feet. Other spaces in the line of reservation are then assigned as follows:

The Associated Press, 800 square feet; two other press associations, 809 square feet each, and the Western Newspaper Union, 1,709 square feet. Cables of immense size are being laid to connect with all public and private wires, and it is said that the general telegraphic equipment will surpass anything that has been attempted by other cities where national conventions have been held.

The sub-committee of the Democratic national committee in charge of the national convention will meet in Denver May 6. The members are Thomas Taggart of Indiana, chairman; Urey Woodson of Kentucky, secretary; J. E. Osborne of Wyoming, J. C. Dahlman of Nebraska, Norman E. Macle of New York, Roger C. Sullivan of Chicago, Clark Howell of Georgia, and R. M. Johnson of Texas. This committee will make the final arrangements for the gathering in July.

THE KEYNOTE.

It is believed that matters concerning the choosing of the temporary chairman, who will make the "keynote" speech at the convention and appoint the various committees, will be taken up at this meeting. The contract will also be let for taking the official proceedings of the convention in shorthand.

The preparations by Denver citizens for the coming of the Democratic convention will be largely in the nature of a celebration of abundant prosperity of the city. Extensive decorations have been planned and large sums of money will be expended in entertainment.

WALKER MURDER CASE.

Jury Finally Secured to Try Men Ac-
cused, Mason and Vanderveide.

Durango, Colo., April 25.—After nearly five days of effort, during which 186 veniremen were examined, the jury that will decide the fate of Mason and Vanderveide, charged with the murder of Joseph Walker, United States secret service agent, at Hesperus, Nov. 3 last, was secured late yesterday afternoon. Opening statements were made by attorneys and notice given that taking of testimony would begin today. Dist. Atty. Joseph A. Pulliam, for the prosecution, referred to Mason and Vanderveide as murderers who had killed their victim in cold blood. Atty. Benjamin Russell, representing the defense, declared that Walker was killed in a self-defense. He asserted that Walker was about to shoot Mason when Vanderveide fired the fatal shot.

FLOATING CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION

Seattle, Wash., April 25.—The first floating Christian Endeavor convention ever held will meet May 25 and 26 while the Atlantic fleet is assembled in Seattle harbor. The convention will meet with a local endeavor society. Officers from all the ships of the fleet will attend.

Miss Annette P. Jones of Falmouth, Mass., who organized the first floating endeavor society and who is now superintendent of the floating endeavor department of the world's Christian Endeavor society, will address the meetings.

JUDGE WILFLEY.

House Judiciary Committee Unani-
mously Against Impachment.

Washington, April 24.—Impachment proceedings will not be instituted against Judge Wilfley of the United States court of China, against whom charges of misconduct were brought by several American lawyers resident in Shanghai. The house judiciary committee today by a unanimous vote adopted a report declaring that facts sufficiently to justify the impachment of the judge have not been presented.

HE GOT WHAT HE NEEDED.

"Nine years ago it looked as if my time had come," says Mr. C. F. Fanning of Mill Creek, Ind. Ter. "I was so run down that life hung on a very slender thread it was then my druggist recommended Electric Bitters. I bought a bottle and I got what I needed—strength. I had one root in the grave, but Electric Bitters put it back on the turf again, and I've been well ever since. Sold under guarantee at 2 C. M. J. Drug Dept drug store. 50c 112-114 South Main Street.

PREMIER ASQUITH MAKES BLUNDER

For Some Reason Did Not Send
Winston Churchill Letter
Wishing Him Success.

AND LIBERALS LOST A SEAT.

Defeat is Recognized as a Very Ser-
ious Matter and Mars Prestige
Of New Government.

Manchester, Eng., April 24.—The northwest division of Manchester, by the heaviest poll cast in 20 years, today reversed its verdict of 1888 and by a majority of 420 votes unseated as its members of parliament Winston Spencer Churchill, Liberal, who has just been made president of the board of trade in the new Asquith cabinet, and who that year so brilliantly wrested the seat from Mr. Churchill, a Unionist, his chief opponent of today. Three candidates stood for election and the result was as follows:

Mr. Joynton Hicks, Unionist, 5,417.
Winston Spencer Churchill, Liberal, 4,988.

Mr. Irving, Socialist, 276.
The defeat of Mr. Churchill is a crushing blow to the prestige of the government and the young and confident minister which is bound to have a marked influence on several pending bye-elections. There will be no difficulty in finding for Mr. Churchill a safe seat elsewhere. The Liberals may derive from their defeat of today what consolation is possible from the fact that prior to 1888 the northwest division seat was held constantly by the Conservatives.

Among the many influences and cross currents at work in this extraordinary contest it is not wholly without reason to suppose that Mr. Asquith himself was partly responsible for the defeat of his young colleague. It is customary for the leader of a party to send a letter wishing success to any member of his party seeking election to parliament. Mr. Balfour in this case, sent Mr. Joynton Hicks an unusually long and arduous letter which doubtless very materially assisted the Unionist campaign. Mr. Asquith on the other hand for some as yet unexplained reason omitted to follow this custom though he sent a letter to Walter Runciman, president of the board of education, who on Thursday contested and won the seat for Downbury by a majority of 1,148 votes. It is impossible to imagine that the omission in the case of Mr. Churchill was intentional, but in any case it gave the Unionists an opening to insinuate that the premier either disapproved of Mr. Churchill's tactics in pledging the government on the Irish home rule and other questions or that he would not be unwilling to see the over-confident young minister receive a check.

Contrary to expectations the Socialist vote was so small that it had practically no effect on the election. Probably more damage was inflicted on the Liberal cause by the activity of the suffragettes who worked with the utmost energy against Mr. Churchill. It is also supposed that Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer by breaking the custom that cabinet ministers abstain from personally canvassing elections, gave many votes of waverers to the Unionists while Mr. Redmond's advice to the Catholics to support Mr. Churchill may have come too late. The English Catholic priests having conducted a very vigorous campaign against Mr. Churchill and the government's educational bill.

Mr. Joynton Hicks in an interview after the election, attributed his majority to the education and the licensing bills. He is a London solicitor and never before held a seat in parliament. He has a wide acquaintance in Manchester through his wife who belongs here.

There were scenes of intense excitement here tonight when the result of the election was announced to an enormous crowd awaiting. Mr. Churchill was the first to congratulate his opponent. Mrs. Cornwallis-West, Mr. Churchill's mother, was standing at his side. Later in the evening Mr. Churchill in a speech said:

"It is useless to disguise the fact that we have had a very heavy blow. Its consequences will be grave and serious to all whose interests are interwoven with the principle of free trade."

LONDON PRESS COMMENT.

London, April 25.—Most of the morning newspapers in their editorials regard the defeat of a cabinet minister in the Citadel of Cobdenism as a disastrous blow to free trade. The Unionist organs hail the victory of Mr. Joynton Hicks as sounding the death knell to the present government and they include a lecture to the successful candidate for having tried to keep fiscal re-

form in the back ground in this campaign.

The Morning Post says: "The death knell of free trade reverberates through the land."

The Daily Telegraph says: "Manchester has rallied to fiscal reform. It is a victory that will resound not only through the country, but through the empire."

CURRENCY LEGISLATION

Not Sure That Enough Republican
Votes Can Be Secured in House
To Pass Vreeland Bill.

Washington, April 24.—A score of the Republican members of the house, including recognized leaders and others deputed to ascertain the sentiment of the majority on the currency question, held an informal meeting at the Capitol today and compared notes on the situation. The situation as it presents itself now is this:

Counting on no support from the Democratic members, the Vreeland

currency bill can be defeated by 24 Republicans. Those who have been making a canvass of this majority side have not yet fully ascertained that enough Republican votes to pass the Vreeland bill are assured, but the work of polling the members will go on to the present.

The leaders believe that some Democratic votes can be secured for the measure after an opportunity has been given them to fulfil their party obligations by voting for the Williams bill. This bill, of course, cannot pass, and those on the Republican side who have the Vreeland bill in charge believe with what strength they can draw from the minority added to the strength already assured and to be obtained on their own side of the house, they will be able to put the bill through.

The senate is willing to accept the Vreeland bill and put it through with perhaps a few minor amendments. It is probable that the conference of Republican members to be held in the near future will determine on the passage of the Vreeland bill in the house with an added amendment providing for the creation of a currency commission which also would be satisfactory to the senate.

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