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LADY MARY MONTAGUE.

The Death of This Beautiful Young Girl Brings Many Notorious Persons to Mind.

The recent death of Lady Jaqueline Mary Alva Montague, one of the twin daughters of the late Duke of Manchester and his American wife, Mrs. Yznaga, and the removal of the body from Civita Vecchia, Italy, to the yacht of Mr. William K. Vanderbilt, again brings into notice a group of persons whose doings have been the subject of unending gossip for several years. This group includes the late Duke,



LADY MARY AND LADY ALICE MONTAGUE.

who was Lord Mandeville when he married Miss Yznaga, young Yznaga, the brother of the duchess who married beautiful Miss Wright, now in Yankton, S. D., seeking a divorce, the "Willeke Vanderbilts," whose marital troubles have been much aired of late, and some others.

It is doubtful if the life of any of these persons has been more unsavory than was that of the father of the young girl who has just died. His dissipation was of the wildest sort and they were known of all men, for he was at no pains whatever to conceal them. It is only fair to state, however, that no stain of any sort attached to his wife, who even of her sympathy of her husband's mother in all the differences that arose between herself and the duke.

The twin daughters—the living one is Lady Alice Eleanor Louise Montague—were noted wherever they were known for their beauty, their cleverness and their excellent health. Not yet 18, it seemed before the death of the Lady Mary that no two girls in the world had brighter prospects. To their training their mother had given the most careful attention and her methods have been the subject of much favorable comment, while their father was very fond and proud of them and generally managed to behave himself respectably when at Tanderage castle, Ireland, which was the favorite family home while he was alive.

Of the girls themselves many stories have been told as to their excellent shooting and their expert horsemanship. It is even stated that they have often ventured to ride bareback while sojourning at the Tanderage estate. There is a son, a Duke of Manchester, now just 18, besides the surviving twin. The Duchess of Manchester is a great favorite at Sandringham, both the Prince and Princess of Wales having embraced every opportunity to render courtesies to her. Until her son becomes of age the duchess will retain control of the estate and the patronage of the six church livings belonging to the dukedom—that is to say, she has the appointment of the clergy of six parishes and so is virtually responsible for the spiritual welfare of their residents. The dukedom is by no means a rich one, as the excesses of the late duke entailed the expenditure of really vast sums of money.

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A PAGE FROM HISTORY.

Death of the Man Who Helped in the Escape of John Wilkes Booth.

A few days ago there died at his home in La Plata, Md., Thomas A. Jones, once a Confederate secret service agent, and an important factor in the escape of John Wilkes Booth. He was arrested but finally discharged. He first published his story in 1884. Of the historic event in which he figured a La Plata letter to the Baltimore Sun says: The farm which he owned was bounded by the Potomac river on the west and by Pope's Creek on the north. His house was a single-story frame building, on a bluff 80 feet high. He could stand in his backyard and look up the river until the view was cut off by Maryland point, seven or eight miles distant. Down the river he could see as far as the eye could reach. The comparative narrowness of the river at Pope's creek and other advantages made the place a frequent point of departure for those wishing to cross into Virginia, and, besides, everybody in the neighborhood was known to be in sympathy with the South.

Jones made a regular business of aiding the blockade-runners and of forwarding mails from the United States and Canada to the Confederate government. He frequently crossed the river, two miles wide, from Pope's Creek twice in a night, and sometimes oftener. During the period of the war hundreds of people used Jones' ferry. At the suggestion of Major Norris, Jones, in Maryland, and Ben Grimes, in King George's county, Virginia, entered into an agreement to co-operate in the ferry and in the conveyance of the mails, etc., from one side to the other. The house of Grimes was just opposite to that of Jones. There could be no better site for a signal station than the bluff near Pope's Creek, nor a better place for putting the mails across the river than from Jones' shore. But it required great courage as well as prudence and vigilance to successfully carry on these operations. The Potomac river was filled with restless gunboats; an armed patrol guarded the shore, and the federal government had a spy on nearly every river farm in Southern Maryland. Besides these a detachment of troops was stationed at Pope's Creek and another on Major Watson's place, not 300 yards from Jones' house.

The Virginia side a signal camp was established in a swamp back of Grimes' house. The boats for the mail service were kept on the Virginia side. A little before sunset the reflection of the high bluffs near Pope's Creek extended out into the Potomac till it nearly met the shadow cast by the Virginia woods. At that hour of the evening it was very difficult to detect so small an object as a rowboat on the river. The federal picket did not go on duty until after sunset. It was therefore arranged that the boat from Grimes' shore should cross before sunset, deposit the packages from Richmond in the fork of a dead tree on Jones' shore and take back the packet for Richmond from the North, which would be found in the same place, if for some special reason Jones was not on the beach in person when the boat came over from Virginia.

If it was not safe for the boat to cross from Virginia a black signal was hung in a certain dormer window of Major Watson's house, right over the heads of the troops stationed there. The person who attended to this signal was Miss Mary Watson. Of this lady Jones in his book says: "Miss Watson was a remarkably young lady, 24 years of age. She would have made almost any sacrifice for the Confederacy. I know that I owe in great measure the success which attended the management of the Confederate mail to her ceaseless vigilance and skill. About the close of the war she married Dr. Carvell, a blockade runner, and went to California to live."

Jones, in his book, describes the flight of Booth and Harold into Maryland by way of the Navy Yard bridge, their taking refuge in the house of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, who entertained the fugitives until night, for all of which Dr. Mudd was subsequently sent to Dry Tortugas as a prisoner. Booth and Harold left Dr. Mudd's house, in the northeast part of the county, Saturday night on horseback for the Pope Creek ferry. They went to Colonel Samuel Cox, the foster brother of Jones, who hid them and sent for Jones to aid them in crossing to Virginia.

Jones saw Booth and Harold in their hiding place—a thick piece of pine woods a mile west of Cox's house and near what is now Cox's Station. A peculiar whistle was the signal which when given brought Harold out from cover, carrying a carbine ready cocked in his hands. A bay mare with saddle and bridle was grazing near by in an open space. Harold conducted Jones to where Booth was lying, and introduced him as a "friend sent by Captain Cox." Booth's carbine, pistols and knife were lying beside him and a blanket was drawn partly over him. Booth said he had determined never to be taken alive. He knew the country was fully aroused. Jones counselled him to remain quiet and await the opportunity to escape and he would aid him.

On Tuesday Jones went to Port Tobacco to mingle with the people and soldiers there and find out what was going on. There he made the acquaintance of Captain Williams, in the act of drinking at the bar of the old Brawner hotel, when the captain said he would give a hundred thousand dollars to any one who would furnish information leading to Booth's capture. Jones said he lost everything by the Confederacy—slaves, money invested in a confederate bond, and even pay he was to have received for services—but he had pledged himself and he still had his honor.

The federal soldiers nearly all left Charles county to follow a false scout to St. Mary's County. Jones seized the opportunity to conduct Booth and his companion, on Friday morning, one week after the assassination, to the Potomac. He piloted them to the locality known as Dent's Meadows and at length to the shore, where a flat-bottomed boat twelve feet long was in waiting.

to one of the men, I pointed on the compass Booth had with him the course to steer. 'Keep to that,' I said, 'and it will bring you to the mouth of Machadoe Creek. Mrs. Queensbury lives near the mouth of the creek. If you tell her you came from me I think she will take care of you.'

"I then cautioned them to keep the light hidden and said 'good-by.' 'As I was in the act of showing the boat off Booth exclaimed: 'Wait a minute, old fellow.' He then offered me some money. I took \$15, the price of the boat I knew I would never see again. In a voice choking with emotion he said: 'God bless you, my dear friend, for all you have done for me. Good-by, old fellow.'

"I pushed the boat off, and it glided out of sight into the darkness."

THE CHINESE ARMY. Efforts Are Being Made to Modernize It With Little Progress.

My first experience with the Chinese army was one spring morning when the Tital, or generalissimo of the district, made an official call on my husband, who was at that time the consul of both the United States and France. Women are not allowed to be present at such events, but I took advantage of my prerogative and installed myself in the clerk's office, which commanded the court-yard and the road beyond. I had seen soldiers in many parts of the world, and sat at the window expecting to see the soldiers of the Tital swing around the road in four files front and in mathematical order. But nothing of the kind occurred. I heard the music approaching and then it came in sight. It consisted of a stalwart coolie with a huge pair of brass cymbals, and a second who pounded an immense brass gong. Behind this simple band came a company of soldiers—what the Chinese call "braves" and "banermen." And such soldiers! The only military thing about them was a red cloak, on whose front and back were white targets inscribed with tea-plant characters. Some of them carried red cylindrical umbrellas, others flags of various shapes, sizes, and colors; still others vermilion wooden boards on which were written the titles and honors of the Tital; a fourth set, remarkable weapons of all kinds. There were sword-blades fastened at the end of poles, halberds and spears. There were Queen Anne muskets and rusty Springfield rifles. And there was not a single modern gun, revolver, sabre, or other accoutrement in the entire lot. At other places I saw many more specimens of the imperial army, and nearly all were equipped in the same pathetically ludicrous manner.

But there were exceptions to the rule. Whenever the progressive policy of Li Hung Chang and his lieutenants had been able to overcome the corruption and conservatism of the mandarins, there were troops armed and trained in excellent modern style. But the places where this was the case were not many, and the troops were few. At Tamsin was a regiment, at Amoy a company, at Canton a brigade, at Foo-Chow a battalion, and at Swatow a corporal's guard. Only at Tien-Tsin was there a decent number, and it consisted of the army body-guard which Li Hung Chang keeps as much for defense against his many personal enemies as for any public or patriotic purpose.

It was interesting to watch the raw recruits in arms. They were drawn from the coolie class, and at first were extremely awkward and stupid. But they possessed the national virtues of patience, perseverance, and endurance. Greater than these was their wonderful capacity for imitation. They learned more slowly than do our people, but anything once learned was never forgotten. They were slowest of all in mastering firearms. Even after they had perfected themselves in the manual of arms they were lamentable marksmen. They did not have much opportunity to improve their shooting, as powder and cartridges are a favorite booty for their dishonest officers. If the central government allows a hundred rounds of ammunition a man, the officials pocket ninety-five. I talked with one soldier who served three years, and who told me that he never fired his rifle. A glance at the weapon confirmed his tale—it had no trigger. Another soldier, a sentry at the fort in Swatow, carried a Springfield musket so old and so worn from constant cleaning that the metal had become a film at points along the barrel.

They have a hard time drilling. Their language, admirable for refined conversation or for trade, is poorly suited for martial purposes. Each word is marked by an accent. If it be given with another accent it is a different word. In shouting a command there is difficulty in using any accent whatever, in which case the order may lose all meaning. A second difficulty is in learning new styles of walking. Chinese roads and streets are so narrow that the people always walk in single file. In the native style of drilling a march is conducted on a go-as-you-please basis.

It takes a long time for John to overcome the habits of a lifetime and to walk in time and abreast of others. In June, 1894, when a riot was apprehended in Canton, the viceroy ordered out a battalion to protect the foreign settlement in that city. The soldiers arrived several hours late, and then straggled in by ones and twos, like children going to school. The native officers know nothing of civilized tactics, and follow out the traditions of their race. As a necessary consequence the troops only do well when under foreign command: when they are transferred from this to native command they soon become careless and slovenly, winding up by losing nearly all discipline. When thoroughly drilled by Europeans they make capital soldiers. They march and move with automatic regularity, and make what Germans term a fine "war-machine." They are very abstemious in both eating and drinking. Their pay is about two dollars a month—when they can get it.

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