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At Bombay are the dreadful
"towers of silence," where the
bodies of men, women and chil-
dren are devoured by odious vult-
ures. Mr. Haskin will tomorrow
describe these awful sepulchres
and will account for them by
sketching the religious beliefs of
the Parsees.

By Frederic J. Haskin.
Washington, July 17.—Plague-strick-
en, pest-ridden Bombay gives no hint
of its distress to the eye of the visitor.
It keeps up the pomp and circum-
stance of court, although its popu-
lation declines, its industries do not
increase so rapidly as in former years
and its wealth is being spent in a
seemingly endless fight against ep-
idemic more powerful and subtle than
the armies of hostile kings. But its impor-
tance as a seaport continues to increase.
Its people are not discouraged and it is
still a city of beautiful buildings and
great society.

Kipling, who was born in Bombay,
"between the palms and the sea," has
sung its praises and in turn, has made
Bombay sing to the skies.

"Royal and dower-royal, I, the queen,
Fronting thy richest sea with richer
lands—
A thousand mills roar through me
where I glean
All races from all lands."

Here, indeed, one may see the prod-
ucts of a thousand mills and a million
fields going down to the sea and here
one may see in the streets the representa-
tives of "all races of all lands." Other
cities may dispute Bombay's title of
"Queen," but dower-royal it always will
be. For the island of Bombay, some-
what smaller than Manhattan, is the
first bit of land in the Indian empire
to which England received a clear title.

Now Bombay became England's
it was occupied in 1662 by the Portu-
guese, then by the British. It remained
an important outpost of the dominion.
In 1661, just after the fall of the com-
monwealth and restoration of the Stuarts
in England, it was made a part of the
crown colony of Bombay. The Portuguese
princess, who married Charles II, re-
mained crown property for seven years
and then was made over to the East
India company, by which it was ruled
until 1858 when Queen Victoria
assumed the government of all India.

Being the chief seaport of the west-
ern coast of the Indian peninsula, it
became the center of the trade between
India and England. The shrewd and
thrifty Parsees came down from their
ancient city of refuge, Surat, and went
into business, making themselves and
the city rich. By their magnificent
benefactions the Parsees built schools
and institutions by the score, the com-
pany and the crown built magnificent
government offices, parks were laid out
on the bold scale, which every Indian
city has copied, and Bombay became a
city beautiful.

The buildings and the people.
The most striking thing about Bom-
bay at first glimpse is the beauty of
its buildings, avenues and parks. It
comes by railway he alights at Victo-
ria station, which stood for 30 years
as the most beautiful and artistic rail-
way station in the world, although not
the largest. It yielded first place only
when the new union station was built
in Washington. The government build-
ings are mostly in the gothic style, the
great charitable and educational insti-
tutions in a mixture of Gothic and Hin-
doo. A hypercritical architect might
quarrel with the design of this or that
structure, but no one can deny the suc-
cess of the general effect.

After the first look around, the most
interesting feature of Bombay is the
people in the streets. The Parsees, who
are responsible for the costume of
American comic opera and musical
comedies would take time to journey
to Bombay, they would find inspiration
for scores of costuming which would
glorify upon themselves and cause
to faded theatre-going public to offer
thanks.

Parsees and Their Costumes.
Most curious of all, perhaps, are the
Parsees. There are only 40,000 of them
in Bombay out of its total population
of three quarters of a million, but they
are the leaders in business and have
club life. The men wear ordinary Eu-
ropean clothing, except for the hat. In
the place is the fashion of the Parsee
man—a brimless and visorless derby
hat with a hard roll around the lower
edge. This ancient cap, still worn by
the majority, is made in the shape of a
horse's hoof. It was a pledge given
by their ancestors when they found re-
fuge among the Hindus from the per-
secuting Moslems who had driven them
from Persia, a sign that they would abide by
the laws of the country and not take part
in politics.

The Parsee women wear a graceful
robe of soft, clinging material, the ef-
fect of which is heightened by a long
mantilla thrown over the head and
shoulders. But the acme of the ridicu-
lous is reached in the costume of the
Parsee schoolgirl. She wears a short
Russian blouse, white cotton pants-
lettes with lace trimming in skirt, and
English shoes and stockings. If ever
there was excuse for a girl praying to
get through school and into grown-up
clothes, that excuse is valid for the
Parsee maiden.

Garbs of All Lands Are Seen.
In the panorama of street life there
is every variety of dress known to man,
from the absolute nakedness of the pa-
triotic children to the triple cowled
swathings of the Arabian Bedouin.
There are Mohammedans with their
mantles knotted over the left shoulder
and Hindus with their mantles knotted
over the right shoulder in opposition.
There are fierce Afghans with peaked
caps of gold and red cloth surrounded
by a white turban. Rajputs with the
ends of their forked beards caught
behind their ears in the folds of volu-
minous turbans. Lappet Turks with
turbans with frock coats and black-
tasselled red fests, and native Moham-
medans with tiny pillbox caps.

MISS MAUDE PAUL RECAPTURES LEADERSHIP IN BIG CONTEST

Thriftiness is a striking character-
istic of the man of Bombay, if one
may judge from the system of news-
paper circulation. The price of a
leading morning paper, delivered by
mail, is two rupees—46 cents a month.
But if a subscriber will take it from
a carrier who delivers it at 7 o'clock
and will return it when the carrier
returns again at 11 o'clock, the
price is only 1 1/2 rupees. If he is
willing to wait until 4 o'clock in the
afternoon for his morning news, he
may have the paper delivered at that
hour and return it to the carrier next
morning, all for 1 rupee a month. Or,
if he likes to keep his papers, he
may wait until the next morning after
publication, and have his paper for 1
rupee a month. This system of obli-
gation to return it at all. This com-
plicated system is not undertaken by
the newspapers directly, but is man-
aged by a firm which contracts with
the newspapers for daily supplies of
fresh papers. The late delivery papers,
of course, are the collected from the
early morning subscribers. Thus
one copy of a newspaper may be cir-
culated three times a day, and the
total revenue therefrom will amount
to 3 1/2 rupees, giving a neat margin
over the cost of 1 1/2 rupees.

Sports for Everybody.
Adding to the picturesque quality of
the harbor scene is the fleet of the Bom-
bay Yacht club. That institution has a
house and grounds at a water's edge
and from its wide terraces the members
witness the maneuvers of its smart,
sleazebag fleet. The club is pri-
vileged next to a patent of English
nobility, in Anglo-Indian society. All
though the year of Bombay is a city
given over to sport. The races take the
lead in brilliance and popularity, but
every club carries a tennis racket, every
schoolboy a croquet bat, and there
are polo and hockey and football to
fill up the vacant days.

Cotton in Cotton.
The greater part of the municipal
magnificence of Bombay is due to the
American civil war. When the war in
the United States had cut off the supply
of cotton from the Lancashire mills,
England turned to India in hope of re-
lief. But the Parsee merchants and
bankers of Bombay were not so blind
that they overlooked the golden oppor-
tunity. The Parsee community pooled
its capital and ran a desperate game.
They bought from the growers at 10 and
15 and 20 cents a pound and they sold in
Manchester at \$1 a pound. It was one
of the most successful operations in
history, and it made Bombay a city of millions.

The Hat in Bombay's Peril.
The newly rich Parsees competed with
each other in erecting buildings and
monuments, and the great flood of cap-
ital released brought into being mill-
railroad systems and all sorts of public
and industrial improvements. The cot-
ton glory was short lived, of course, but
it gave the impetus to a movement
which would have been advancing even
had it not been for the disaster.
Twelve years ago the bubonic
plague came to Bombay, and since that
time had raged continually. Hereto-
fore have been made to stop its rav-
ages, with some degree of success, but
the fact remains that Bombay has sus-
tained a net loss of 100,000 population
in a decade, and the decrease is continuing.
If something is not done soon, Kipling's
prediction of the City will see her glory
depart.

Juarez Anniversary.
City of Mexico, July 17.—Arrangements
are being made for the customary
observance tomorrow of the anniversary
of the death of Benito Juarez, the Mexi-
can patriot. Elaborate programs have
been prepared by Juarez societies
everywhere in Mexico. President Diaz
and other high officials of state will at-
tend the anniversary exercises to be
held at the tomb of the patriot.

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Tonight is the last night on which
clubs or groups of three and six new
subscriptions may be mailed to the con-
test department to obtain the special
bonus offered this week for new full
year subscriptions to the Daily and Sun-
day Journal. Friday's rush was
largely accounted for by the number of
contestants who turned in clubs of full
year subscriptions, receiving an addi-
tional credit of \$600 toward their sub-
scriptions to the Daily and Sunday Journal,
and 1000 in the case of clubs of sub-
scriptions to the Daily only. A "club"
consists of three new one year subscrip-
tions or six new half year subscrip-
tions.

A number of contestants have en-
tered the race for the Buick auto-
mobile but have been too easily dis-
mayed by the large scores of some of
the others who now appear at the head
of the list, yet it is a remarkable fact
that nearly all who have been turning
in votes by the tens of thousands are
new to the contest. With the exception
of Miss Barde and Miss Gilhouse, the
ladies whose names head the list have
entered within the past two weeks and
in most instances the greater part of
their business has been obtained by two
or three days' work.

There is still ample opportunity for
some who have so far never appeared
prominently in the scores to arouse
themselves and win the auto, and the
prospect of earning a \$1000 car in abt
four weeks should appeal to every man
or woman of ambition.

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and other coast cities owe their rise in
the commercial world to the thorough
practical training obtained in the
Holmes Business college.

Miss Althea Wheeler is now receiving
congratulations from her associates in
the office of Olds, Wortman & King over
her success at a recent civil service
examination and her appointment at a
salary of \$90 a month to a position in
the government land office at Portland.
Miss Wheeler is a graduate of the
Holmes Business college, where she has
been specializing for the past three
months in the civil service department
of the night school.

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PLOT TO ASSASSINATE
A SHREWD SLEUTH

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, July 17.—Plain clothes men
are guarding the goings and comings of
Lawrence Riekey, United States secret
service agent, who recently secured the
arrest of five Italian counterfeiters
after working four years on the case.
Known as "the Riekey" he is marked for
assassination by the band of lawless

men, whose rendezvous is in the West
Side, was brought to police headquar-
ters by detectives who overheard a con-
versation between two Italian girls yester-
day. During their conversation the
girls mentioned the names of the sus-
pected ringleaders in the plot to do away
with the secret service agent, and these
men are the objects of a determined po-
lice search today. Two brothers of An-
tonio Di Paolo, owner of the saloon in
which Riekey made the capture of the
five counterfeiters, are among those
for whom the officers are searching.
Antonio Di Paolo is supposed to be
in Italy.

HAIBUT FISHERMEN
PREPARE AN APPEAL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, July 17.—A protest now in
preparation is to be sent to the state
department at Washington against the
decision of the Canadian government
to refuse to permit American halibut
fishing vessels to purchase bait at
British Columbia ports. This action
which is taken as most unfriendly, is
similar to that which caused a contro-
versy on the Atlantic coast some time
ago. American fishing vessels were
prohibited from securing their bait in
Newfoundland ports, a privilege that
they had enjoyed for years. The mat-
ter was finally settled after prolonged
negotiations between the Washington
government and Great Britain.

Following close the recent decision
of the Canadian government to bar
American fishermen from the waters
of Hecate strait, the latest decision has
caused consternation among the Ameri-
cans interested in the industry.

There are 15 steamers and schooners,
owned in Seattle and operated from
here, which depend on Nanaimo, B. C.,
for their supply of herring, which is
used as halibut bait. In addition there
is a large fleet of from 20 to 30 small
schooners which spend the winter in the
neighborhood of Petersburg. Nearly all
of them are also owned here, and they,
too, depend on British Columbia for
bait. The new rule will work a great
hardship.

American fishermen claim to have
been persecuted by the Canadian au-
thorities for many months. Repeatedly
they have been driven out to sea when
they have sought shelter from storms
in British waters.

FRESNO MAY BE
MADE DRY TOWN

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Fresno, Cal., July 17.—As a result of
the death yesterday of Samuel Finley
Cowan, a city trustee, Fresno may be-
come a "dry" town. The recent court
decision, declaring illegal the city anti-
saloon ordinance, has resulted in a
public sentiment that may force the
city trustees to consider an anti-saloon
measure of similar import. Cowan had
declared he would not support such an
ordinance, and his loss to the wet town
advocates may swing the balance to the
opposite camp.

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