

RIDE HAD THRILLS

New Zealander Probably Broke Many Speed Records.

Fortunate to Live to Write of Mad Journey Across Precipice, and a Night of Terror.

A thrilling adventure in the timberlands of New Zealand is related by Mr. David Blake, who met with it as a result of a quarrel with a man named Smertz. You know the great divide on Mount Sierbia? asks Mr. Blake in the Wide World Magazine. I had the contract for cutting out and sending down the timber from the upper slopes. Across the gulch, taut as a bow-string, a steel cable stretched for eight hundred feet. The kauri logs, slung to an underhung trolley running on huge sheaves, were sent over the wire to the other side. A guide rope, hooked to the trolley, served to check the run and ease the timber to the landing stage below.

Rod McKenzie, Duncan and Smertz worked in my gang. It was the end of the day in late autumn. The last log—a monster twenty feet long by thirty in girth—hung ready for launching. I was on the point of giving the signal, when, fancying I noticed a slackness in one of the slings, I mounted the log.

This was Smertz's moment for deferred vengeance. As quick as lightning he swung his ax and sprang the hook of the guide rope from the socket. On the instant the huge log gathered headway down the taut wire. Some one screamed, "Jump, Dave, jump!" But there was no time.

All this happened in a flash. I threw myself face down upon the log and gripped the sling chains with a grip of death. Bushes, ground and tree stumps flew backward beneath me in a mad blur of speed. The racing sheaves, in their iron block casing, screamed and shrieked. Fire flashed from them. Fire ran along the wire. Showers of sparks flew out upon the wind.

Suddenly there was a jar, the grind and shriek of metal on metal. I screamed and closed my eyes. There was a jerk that wrenched my arms in their sockets, and the mad rush stopped. The strained wire above sprang, bent again and hummed like a twanged bowstring. The log, hanging beneath, leaped up and down, up and down. I was jolted from my hold and, for a horrible minute, with one hand clutched in the chains, hung over the abyss. Slowly, painfully, I dragged myself up again. My nerves were in rags, my limbs shook, and my teeth chattered. I took off my belt and, reeling it through a chain link, shifted position; then I re buckled the strong leather round my waist.

This is what had happened. The pin in the lower block had worked loose. The wire had jumped the groove in the sheave wheel, becoming jammed between it and the iron casing, and the log had braked itself by its own weight.

A stiff wind had blown during the afternoon, and with night it hardened into a gale from the southeast. It roared, swooping through the defile. Rain and wind-driven hail hissed across the darkness in fierce gusts. Flannel shirt and trousers, which represented all my clothing, were little protection against the fierce cold. I could not move to ease my position. Ice formed on the chains and on the wood; my clothing froze hard and stiff.

The night was as dark as the mouth of a pit. A single big star broke at intervals through the wrack of flying snow. I watched it idly as I lay in a sort of trance.

I awoke in a warm bed. It was Dick, my close companion, that had come out along the wire in the morning after the storm. He had brought with him a sort of chair of strong rope running on a pulley; but how he had managed on that swaying, slippery log to get me, helpless and unconscious, into the chair I do not know.

Smertz? The boss got him away from the boys, locked him inside his office and stood guard over him until the police came. Otherwise they would have killed him.

ODD BELIEFS OF JAPANESE

Popular Superstitions Have Mostly Sprung From Moral Precepts and Are Quite Harmless.

There are many popular, as distinguished from religious, superstitions in Japan. These originally sprang from mostly moral precepts and are quite harmless. They prevail more widely among people in the rural and mountain districts than among city dwellers and among the older and ignorant classes than among the young and educated groups. Some of these superstitions are:

At a marriage ceremony a dress of purple color is taboo, lest the mutual love of the bride and groom be soon lost, as purple is a color most liable to fade.

If while a person is very ill a cup of medicine be upset by accident, it is a sure sign of his recovery; he needs medicine no longer.

Fire is the spirit of the god Kojin. It is supposed to have a purifying effect and must be respected. To step on fire, to throw refuse in it, will cause the wrath of the god and hence a calamity. The bore is not unknown in Japan, and the Japanese are pestered with visitors who sit their welcome out and drive their hosts into a frenzy of eagerness to get rid of them. The Japanese recipe of getting rid of them is as follows: Go to the kitchen, turn the broom upside down, put a towel over it and fan it lustily. The tedious visitors will soon depart.

Japanese babies and children are not allowed to look into mirrors, for if they do, when they grow up and marry they will have twins.

When measles, chickenpox or whooping cough prevails in a neighborhood and parents do not wish to have their children become infected they put a notice on the front door stating that their children are absent.

IS OLD NEWSPAPER

Baltimore American's Long and Eventful History.

First issued in 1773, the Newspaper Has Continued Without a Break Until the Present Day.

Many people find a fascination in old newspapers. They like to read that such and such a paper is the oldest in the country, or the first one published in such and such a city. And when a newspaper changes owners, says a writer in the Christian Science Monitor, it is always sure of finding interested readers for the scraps of its own history which it prints along with the announcement of the change. Thus when Frank A. Munsey's New York Herald, in announcing recently Mr. Munsey's purchase of the Baltimore American, referred to the American as "older than the government of the United States itself," and as the "second oldest newspaper in America," many who saw the item found their thoughts turning back to the days when newspapers were far less common than they are today. But presumably none were misled into taking that statement to indicate that the American was the second newspaper established in the United States. Of course, there were many before it. The Baltimore American was first issued on August 20, 1773. Its founder was that William Goddard who was at the time editor of the Pennsylvania Chronicle of Philadelphia, and who, on the occasion of a visit to Baltimore, was urged to undertake a publication there. The Baltimore American was not specifically the paper which Goddard founded in Baltimore. His first issue there appeared under the title of the Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, and continued under that title until another Philadelphia went to Baltimore and, purchasing the newspapers, changed its name to the Baltimore American and Commercial Intelligence. Thus the name Baltimore American first served as the heading for the newspaper in 1795.

But William Goddard was already a newspaper man of demonstrated enterprise and ability, even before his experience with the Pennsylvania Chronicle. Apparently he had served as an editor in New York, and certainly he had had newspaper experience in Providence, R. I. where he established the Providence Gazette and Journal in 1762. Thus Goddard himself appears to have had some connection with at least three newspapers before he ever thought of the one which eventually became the Baltimore American. And journalistic history brings up a number of newspaper titles which were antecedent to his Baltimore foundation. There was the New England group of which the Boston News-Letter first appeared on April 24, 1704, and early found rivals in the Boston Gazette, initiated December 21, 1710, and the New England Courant, appearing on August 7, 1721. The first newspaper in the middle colonies, the American Mercury of Philadelphia, began publication on December 22, 1719. The Pennsylvania Gazette, with which Benjamin Franklin's name was associated, appeared on December 24, 1728. Ahead of Goddard in Maryland, William Parks, who had been made public printer there, established the Maryland Gazette at Annapolis, on September 19, 1727. But the Baltimore American gained its temporary precedence over newspapers now in existence and claims its title as the second oldest in America, for continuing issues without break from the day when Goddard first issued the Maryland Journal in 1773.

HILL RICH IN HIGH-GRADE ORE

Mined in Mexico That Is Said by Experts to Be Worth in Neighborhood of \$5,000,000,000.

Primitive peoples have an uncanny instinct for naming things accurately. Centuries after the natives had named a hill outside the city of Durango, Mexico, "The Devil's Finger Tip," scientists came along and solemnly announced that it was formed of hematite, and had apparently been labbed up through the earth's surface from molten masses far below.

This iron hill rises for 700 feet sheer above the surrounding plain, and is said to contain 600,000,000 tons of high-grade ore rated at 70 per cent in iron content. In a report made just before the World War a British expert said that the iron in the hill is worth \$5,000,000,000, or would be if so located as to assure protection in the operation of the property.

Put in another way, Mercedo mountain, for the hill is so named after the Spanish explorer who was the first white man to see it, contains iron which, if marketed today, would bring more money than the entire sum represented by all of the gold and silver taken out of Mexico between 1633 and 1803, when the exploitation of Mexican mines was at its peak.

True Trachoma Easily Transmitted.

At a recent meeting of the American Medical Association Dr. John McMullin, surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service, started a lively debate in the section on preventive medicine by reading a paper in which he asserted that much of the so-called trachoma which afflicted the eyes of American children is not trachoma and not contagious.

The original cause of this inflammation of the eyelids is unknown, but it is known with certainty that it is transmitted with ease from one eye to another. There is another type, called folliculitis, which is not contagious and can easily be cured, while the true trachoma necessitates a slight surgical operation and careful treatment; and, even with this, it is by no means certain that it is ever permanently cured.

Paderewski's Descent in Life.

Jo Davidson, the sculptor, who recently returned to the United States after many months in Europe, where many great men posed for him, relates the following passage between Clemenceau and Paderewski, which, Davidson says, occurred in his presence: "Clemenceau is a gruff old sort of fellow," Davidson relates. "He was receiving Ignace Paderewski. "Are you Paderewski, the great pianist?" he asked. "Yes," replied the artist, bowing. "And you have just been elected premier of Poland?" "Again Paderewski bowed and answered in the affirmative. "Clemenceau looked at him a moment and then shook his head sadly, saying: 'My God, what a come down!'"

Famed Memorial Trees.

On the beautiful capitol grounds in Sacramento, Cal., there is a group of trees set out because of their historical interest, says the American Forestry Magazine of Washington. There is a red maple from Anneton, Md.; a white elm from near McKinley's tomb, Canton, O.; a white ash from Vicksburg, Miss., and many others from equally distinctive points. These trees are studied with surpassing interest by visitors from many states and foreign lands. Could anything be more befitting to the memory of a fallen soldier than to plant a walnut tree grown from a nut produced at such historical points as these?

Keeping Up Appearance.

"Is the rivalry between Mrs. Gadsper and Mrs. Jilway as to which can have the finer car still going on?" "No, it was suddenly interrupted." "What happened?" "Bankruptcy proceedings. It looks as if they would have to start all over again."

Wouldn't Depend on the Girls.

"I think you could make a lot of money out of this play." "That so?" "Yes. The writer has worked out a good plot, and it wouldn't take more than a few songs and a dozen chorus girls to put it over."

This Woman Suffered

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BACHELORS KNOWN TO FAME

List is Not Overlong, but There Have Been Some Great Men Who Remained Single.

Who is the most famous bachelor in history? While, as is natural to expect, a large majority of the notables of the past have been married men, there have been a few who have attained prominence in the world of art, of science, of statesmanship and in war without the aid of a "better half."

One who had as much claim as any other to the distinction of most eminent bachelor is Michelangelo, one of the greatest figures of the past. Voltaire, scientist and statesman, is another great man who remained single.

In the realm of warfare few of the really great have remained bachelors. Perhaps the most eminent is Lord Kitchener, who was so largely responsible for England's military strength in the World War.

Eliminating these few the list presents a more complicating problem to one who would pick the greatest. There are several others of about equal prominence. Among the painters Raphael stands out as one of the greatest to die unmarried. Chopin and Beethoven achieved fame in the realm of music without the inspiration of a helpmate.

Several modern writers, poets and essayists achieved prominence by themselves. Charles Lamb, Alexander Pope, Walt Whitman, Phillips Brooks, Henry James, Whittier and Swinburne beg the list.

Petrarch was an unmarried historian, and Cecil Rhodes, also single, attained great prominence. Few men have become famous as statesmen without marrying before the end of their career. President Buchanan was a notable exception.

Turning to Water Power.

French and British commissions are giving most serious attention to water power as a substitute for coal. Britain's coal, though still plentiful, is within measurable distance of exhaustion. France never has had coal enough. Both, therefore, are making every effort to develop a form of power which can not be exhausted. Extensive works are projected to utilize the waterfalls of the Jura mountains and the French side of the Pyrenees, while a British group of investigators has reported that in one district of Scotland water power can be developed sufficient to take the place of nearly 2,000,000 tons of coal per year.

Complicated.

"I should think your three daughters would solve the servant girl problem for you."

"Solve it. They complicate it. It's almost impossible to get a girl to work with five in the family."

Sell Many Door Locks.

The crime wave is resulting in much new business for the hardware store man these days. Padlocks, heavy chains and burglar alarm devices are being sold like hot cakes, and persons who never before thought to lock their doors are now taking double measures against intruders.

"Until a few months ago," said a hardware man, "we sold door chains only occasionally. Now we can't supply the demand. New Yorkers, as a rule, are careless, but I think that the present activity of the crooks will teach them a lesson. My advice to persons living in apartments is to keep their doors well chained. Professional crooks will get into almost any place, but extra precautions on hall doors will keep the sneak thief out."—New York Sun.

Women's Hair Price Increases.

The price given by hairdressers for women's hair has increased enormously during the last 12 months. While some women in America and Britain sell their hair, the real trade in this commodity is done in Continental countries. Pensive girls in France, Belgium and Italy sell their hair at regular periods to dealers. This hair is mostly of the fair and black variety, while most golden hair is obtained from Scandinavians.

derrick fell, and men, women and children scattered in all directions. The only persons injured were four workmen who got hurt by a part of the machine, which plunged down eight floors within the structure and wedged itself among the girders.

Thrilling Slide for Life.

A slide for life was made by two workmen in New York city. A huge derrick, which was being dismantled on top of a 25-story building, crashed to the street and buried itself in the pavement, tearing a hole 30 feet wide in Seventh avenue. The two men were clinging to the top of the derrick when it started to fall. They seized a rope and slid to the roof as the machine went crashing over the building's side. The accident occurred during the noon hour when the street was crowded. Workmen in each of the 25 floors shouted warnings as the

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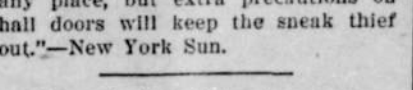
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