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PERSONAL.

JIMMY.—O dry those tears!

B.—Meaningless epithets. Apply personally.

MATTIE.—Don't worry. Boy is all right. Will see you soon as possible.

SANS SOUCI.—Happy time. Love dear. Do come down as soon as manage.

DEAREST "E."—So sorry cannot; will any Sunday. Write soon, love.—PORTSMOUTH.

TIVOLI, Saturday evening, second row stalls. Will lady in Saxe blue apply Box-office, Tivoli, for handkerchief and letter?

CRUEL DEAREST.—Repeated insertion yesterday. "Help" so miserable. "Too late" after this week. "All your fault."—R. J. B.

WILL THOMAS HANCOCK, joiner, who kept the "Horse and Groom" Public House, Womanby-street, Cardiff, about the year 1887, or any one knowing his present address, please communicate with the undersigned, Messrs. Harold Lloyd and Cross, solicitors, of 21, Charles-street, Cardiff?

RAMBLING RHYMES.—Hush, my dear, lie still and slumber! Holy angels guard thy bed; never fear the rain's deep thunder, with Spasbott's gamp above thy head; 6s. 6d. brings a sample, silver mount and all, to your door, right from the factory.—Spasbott, 11, Fore Street-avenue, London, E.C.

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LOST AND FOUND.

LOST, between 11.30 and noon, October 12th, near Piccadilly-circus, Regent-street end, SMALL BLACK AND TAN BITCH DACHSHUND, answering to name of "Lotos." Collar engraved, "Lady Gertrude Caillard, Crossways, Sunninghill." Finder returning same to Captain Caillard, Police Department, G.N.R., King's Cross, will be rewarded.

BIRTHS.

ALLEN.—On the 7th Oct., at Christ Church Vicarage, Eastbourne, the wife of the Rev. Alfred Allen, of a son.

BRANDON.—On the 10th inst., at "Seaford," Edith-road, Kensington, the wife of Jocelyn Brandon, L.C.C., of a son.

GLADWELL.—On the 11th Oct., at Oakhurst, 65, Harrington-road, Leytonstone, the wife of J. T. A. Gladwell (née M. Doon)—a son.

HOWARD.—On the 9th inst., at Keynsham, Buckhurst-hill, the wife of Francis Eliot Howard, of a son.

LAWFORD.—On the 8th Oct., at Bunton, Michel dever, the wife of Vincent Adrian Lawford, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Euryalus, of a son.

LINDSAY.—On the 6th Oct., at 2, Cavendish-square, London, W., the wife of Major the Honble. Robert Lindsay, Royal Scots Greys, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

AMBLER—MAHRINGER.—On the 6th Oct., at St. Peter's Church, Eaton-square, Charles Taaffe Ambler, of Purulia, Bengal, to Madlle. Rose Maria Mahringer, daughter of the late Herr Johann Mahringer, of Vienna, and Madame Osterkorn, of Ollersbach, Linz, Austria.

MARSHALL—EMMETT.—On the 10th inst., at All Saints', St. John's-wood, by the Revd. J. Richardson Eyre, M.A., Vicar, Charles Frederic Marshall, M.D., F.R.C.S., youngest son of the late William Prime Marshall of Birmingham, to Blanche Fanny, eldest daughter of William Henry Emmett, Esq., of The Perch House, Brooke, Norwich.

SWAYNE—PEACH.—On the 8th Oct., at St. Peter's, Cranley-gardens, by the Rev. W. S. Swayne, assisted by the Rev. H. Bury, Bishop-Designate of British Honduras, Colonel Eric J. E. Swayne, C.B., Governor of British Honduras, to Ida L. Peach, widow of the late Major Edmund Peach, Indian Army, elder daughter of Colonel Sir Thomas Holdich, K.C.I.E., K.C.M.G., C.B., 41, Courtfield-road, S.W.

DEATHS.

BERRY.—On the 9th inst., suddenly, at 3, South Bank-terrace, Surbiton, Other Windsor Berry, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., late of Wimbledon, in his 65th year.

FREELAND.—On the 9th Oct., at his residence, Delamere, Sandland, Kent, Douglas Law Freeland, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P., Lond., second son of the late Dr. John Freeland, of Parham, Antigua, West Indies, aged 40 years.

GILL.—On the 8th inst., at Canterbury, Rosa Frances Gill, only daughter of the late Albert Gill, of Folkestone, aged 52.

HASLAM.—On the 10th inst., at Ewhurst, near Guildford, William Haslam, aged 65.

LEVEY.—On the 10th Oct., at 7, Montague-road, Richmond, Surrey, Mary Elizabeth, aged 58, the beloved wife of George Collins Levey, C.M.G.

MEAD.—On the 9th Oct., at 161, Gloucester-terrace, Henry Robert Mead, Colonel Royal (late Madras) Engineers (retired), aged 72.

MICHOLLS.—On the 11th Oct., at 39, Prince's-gate, S.W., after a short illness, Edward E. Micholls, J.P., aged 63.

CLOTHING.

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A full Six Months' Coupon for £2 10s. 0d. will be payable 5th April, 1909.

Under authority of the Imperial Chinese Government one-half of this Loan will be issued by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in London and one-half by the Banque de l'Indo-Chine in Paris, and others associated with them.

Coupons and Bonds payable in London in Sterling, at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 31, Lombard-street, London, E.C., and in Paris at the Exchange of the day, at the Offices of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, and other Banks designated by them.

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THE HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Joint Contractor for the Loan with the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, is authorised by the IMPERIAL CHINESE GOVERNMENT to receive subscriptions in London for £2,500,000 of the above Loan, payable as follows:—

£ 5 per cent. on Application.
£20 per cent. on Allotment.
£25 per cent. on 28th October, 1908.
£30 per cent. on 25th November, 1908.
£18 per cent. on 26th January, 1909.

£98.

Payment in full can be made on allotment, under discount at 2 per cent. per annum.

The Imperial Chinese Government will employ eighty per cent. of the proceeds of this Loan in Europe to complete the redemption of certain outstanding Railway Loans. The balance will be used by the Board of Posts and Communications, Peking, for productive works of public utility.

The Loan is for 30 YEARS redeemable by Drawings at par in 20 equal yearly instalments of £250,000 each, commencing 1919, but the Imperial Chinese Government reserves to itself the right, on giving six months' notice, to redeem the whole Loan or any part thereof after 5th October, 1923, at £102 10s., and after 5th October, 1931, at par. Bonds will cease to bear interest from the date for which their redemption is fixed. Drawings will take place in London in the month of August at the office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Bonds will be paid on the 5th October following.

The Loan is secured, both as to Principal and Interest, by the special hypothecation of sundry Provincial Taxes, amounting in the aggregate to 4,250,000 Kuping Taels, equal at exchange of, say, 2s. 6d. per Kuping Tael to £531,250 Sterling, per annum, of which the Province of—

Chekiang	contributes	1,000,000	Kuping Taels.
Kiangsu	"	1,000,000	" "
Hupeh	"	1,000,000	" "
Chihli	"	1,250,000	" "
	Total	4,250,000	Kuping Taels.

In the event of default of payment of any instalment of principal or interest of this Loan at due date, the Imperial Chinese Government will instruct the Provincial Authorities in control of the said Revenues to hand them over to the Contracting Banks.

From the date of payment of the first coupon, the Imperial Chinese Government undertakes, during the currency of the Loan, to maintain on fixed deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, in Shanghai, an amount sufficient to provide for the coupon next due, and also, as soon as redemption commences, an amount sufficient to provide for one year's redemption of principal.

The Loan will have priority, both as regards principal and interest, over all future Loans, Charges or Mortgages charged on the security of the said Revenues, and so long as this Loan or any part thereof shall remain unredeemed, the Imperial Chinese Government undertakes that no Loan, Charge or Mortgage shall be raised or created which shall in any manner lessen or impair the security over the said Revenues, in so far as they are required for the service of this Loan, and that any future Loan, Charge or Mortgage charged upon the said Revenues shall be made subject to this Loan, and that it shall be so expressed in every agreement for any such future Loan, Charge, or Mortgage.

The Loan is exempt from all present and future Chinese Taxes.

The contract for the Loan is contained in an Agreement dated 8th October, 1908, made between the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Banque de l'Indo-Chine on the one part, and by the Yu-ch'uan-pu (Board of Posts and Communications) of the Imperial Chinese Government, on the other part, and confirmed and sanctioned by Imperial Edict of the 8th October, 1908.

Application must be made on the enclosed form accompanied by the Deposit of 5 per cent.

Scrip Certificates to Bearer will be delivered as soon as possible in exchange for Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts.

Bonds sealed by the Chinese Minister in London or Paris will be delivered by the issuing Banks in exchange for the Scrip Certificates as soon as possible after payment of the last instalment.

Default in payment of any instalment at due date will render previous payments liable to forfeiture.

Applications will be received in London by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 31, Lombard Street, E.C., and in Paris by the—

Banque de l'Indo-Chine.
Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.
Comptoir Nationale d'Escompte de Paris.
Société Générale pour favoriser le développement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.
Société Générale de Crédit Industriel et Commercial.

If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full, and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards payment of the amount due on allotment.

Forms of application may be obtained from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 31, Lombard Street, London, E.C., and from Messrs. Panmure Gordon and Co., Hatton Court, London, E.C.

31, Lombard Street, London,
12th October 1908.

COPY of LETTER from HIS EXCELLENCY THE CHINESE MINISTER IN LONDON:—

Chinese Legation,
49, Portland Place, W.
October 12th, 1908.

Sir,—I have to acquaint you that I have received a communication from the Board of Posts and Communications in Peking:—

1. Informing me that, on the 8th of October, 1908, Imperial sanction was received to an Agreement, signed the same day with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Banque de l'Indo-Chine for the issue of a Loan of £5,000,000 sterling for completing the redemption of certain outstanding railway loans in Europe, and for productive works of public utility, and
2. Instructing me to give effect to the provisions of the Agreement, as far as the co-operation of this Legation is required.

I have now accordingly to inform you that I have read and approve of the prospectus you propose to issue, it being in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

I return, herewith, the copy of the Prospectus, which I have examined, duly signed for identification.

I am,
Your obedient servant,
LI CHING-FONG.

To the Managers,
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
31, Lombard Street, E.C.

THIS FORM OF APPLICATION MAY BE USED.

TO BE RETAINED BY THE BANKERS.

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I/We request that you will allot to me/us £.......... of the above Issue of Bonds in accordance with the Prospectus dated the 12th October, 1908, upon which I/we have paid the deposit of £.........., being at the rate of Five per cent., and I/we engage to accept the same, or any less amount which may be allotted to me/us and to make the remaining payments on the Bonds in terms of the Prospectus.

Ordinary Signature ....

Name (IN FULL) ....
(Add whether Mr., Mrs., or Miss and Title if any.)

Address ....

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BRIGHTON.—Board-residence, near sea; liberal table; best quality; 21s.—5, Brunswick-rd.

BRIGHTON.—Rock Mansion Boarding Est.; perfect home; good cuisine.—Proprietress (Tel. 1,614).

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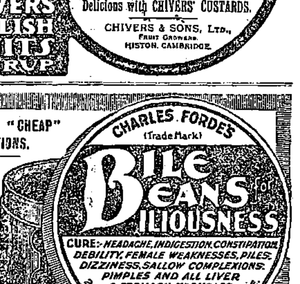

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

COVENTRY CITY LOSE TO Q.P. RANGERS BY 4–2.

Considerable interest was taken in the Southern League match between Queen's Park Rangers and Coventry City at Park Royal yesterday, about 5,000 spectators witnessing the game, which was won by the home team by 4 goals to 2.

They were hardly that much the better on the play nor can it be said that the exchanges ever rose to a high level. Both teams made many mistakes, and fouls were far too frequent for the game to be called a pleasant one.

It was fast and vigorous, but the Rangers appeared to hold their rivals too cheap, and it was undoubtedly this fault that enabled the City to lead by a goal at the interval.

Coventry are a side that cannot be treated lightly, as their victory over Bristol Rovers last Saturday proves.

Archer, however, was not at his best yesterday. He was probably nervous, for he fumbled the ball rather badly now and again, but in the course of the game he did many smart things, and cannot be blamed for any of the goals scored against him.

Barnacle, on the right, was quite the best back on the field, and he had a useful colleague in Drennan. Their half-back line was useful, and nothing more, Marvin, in the centre, being seen to most advantage.

They have two fine forwards in Buckle and Tickle, who play on the extreme of their respective wings. The first named is the Irish international, and Tickle the old Birmingham player. Yesterday they were seen at their best, and each scored.

RANGERS' RAGGED WORK.

Rarely have the Rangers played a more uncertain game. It was ragged, and their work lacked method. Their defence was erratic, though Shaw was seen to much advantage in goal.

Macdonald and Fidler spoiled their play at back by tardy recoveries, and it was this weakness that enabled the Coventry forwards to get in several shots that might have resulted in disaster with a less capable man than Shaw behind them.

Downing, though he scored the last two goals, was rather erratic, and Barnes and Gittins on the left wing were the best of the forwards.

The sun was shining brilliantly when the home team set the ball in motion, Coventry having to face it. At first the Rangers attacked strongly, but once the visitors found their form they proved a very tough lot to deal with.

However, it was not until thirty-five minutes had passed that any score resulted from their efforts. Then Tickle crossed nicely to BUCKLE, and the latter scored the only goal of the half with a fine shot.

The Rangers set about their task in no uncertain fashion after change of ends, and shortly following the restart GITTINS equalised. It was his first goal of the season.

BARNES placed the home team in front from a corner kick, but TICKLE put on another for Coventry, and with the scores again equal the excitement ran high.

It was in the last five minutes that the issue was decided. DOWNING headed a clever goal and also kicked another from a penalty just before the whistle went.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

MILLWALL THRASH BRISTOL ROVERS BY 6–0.

Millwall gained their third successive victory in the Western League competition yesterday at North Greenwich, when the "Lions" soundly thrashed the Bristol Rovers by six clear goals.

Millwall ought to have scored on even more than six occasions, for the Rovers to a man seemed to be out of form. Not that they were given many chances to reply to the Millwall scoring, for the Millwall backs played finely. However, the Bristol forwards shot badly when chances did come their way; while on the home side the forwards seized every possible chance that presented itself, and the big win was quite deserved.

The play was ragged in the early portion of the game, the combination being very poor.

Millwall improved as the game proceeded, and the Bristol defence underwent a severe test. After Cartlidge had saved some good shots he was beaten, ten minutes from the start, by a grand effort on the part of DEAN, who, receiving a well-placed centre by Hunter, sent the ball past the Rovers' goalkeeper with a lightning-like shot, the ball just touching Floyd.

From this point to the close the home team held the upper hand, and ten minutes before the interval Floyd was penalised for punching the ball out of goal, with Cartlidge beaten with a shot from Jeffrey. However, Cartlidge saved in grand style from the penalty kick, which was taken by Dean.

The play improved on both sides after this, but with TELLUM scoring again, Millwall led at the interval by 2 goals to 0.

On resuming the play again ruled in favour of the "Lions," whose wingers played well to the inside men, and after MORRIS had added a third goal, the forwards were seen to even better advantage. They bore down in irresistible style, and MORRIS added a fourth point.

The Rovers then attacked hotly, and Roberts caused Carmichael some trouble with a fine shot, which almost beat the Millwall "keeper."

Subsequently, Millwall were the only team in the picture, and, after some good defence by Cartlidge, HUNTER converted a centre by Dean, the ball screwing in between a post and the Rovers' goalkeeper, who made a fine effort to save, but he only succeeded in checking the pace of the ball.

Close on time TWIGG concluded the scoring with a beautiful shot, which enabled his side to gain a handsome victory by 6 goals to 0.

BRENTFORD 0, WEST HAM U. 1.

Only moderate football resulted from the meeting of Brentford and West Ham at Griffin Park yesterday when West Ham won by 1 goal to 0.

Judging by the moderate attendance, Western League matches do not appeal to followers of football in West London, unless it was that the boat-race yesterday affected the attendance.

Neither side had full strength, and so far as the play went it certainly did not warrant a superabundance of interest. Indeed it was little removed from mediocrity.

In the opening half both goalkeepers had plenty to do, the defence on both sides being rather shaky and giving the forwards plenty of rope. Still the shooting was woefully weak and only an occasional dangerous shot was driven in.

McIver brought off one brilliant save from Miller which stood out as quite the best piece of play in the first forty-five.

Almost immediately after change of ends West Ham bore down in a body and SHEA crowned a dashing movement by heading a grand goal.

There was little of interest in the play after this, neither side apparently taking the game seriously.

LUTON 2, READING 2.

A fitting ending to the Western League match between Luton and Reading was a draw of 2 goals each.

There were about 1,000 spectators on the Luton ground when the game began, and the majority of these were jubilant when MOODY opened the scoring for the "Strawplaiters."

Reading played up in their customary determined style, and WILLIS equalised. This success was followed by a goal from BUNCH, and at half-time the visitors were leading by 2 goals to 1.

Immediately after ends were changed HAYCOCK brought Luton level, but though the home side had slightly the better of the exchanges during the remaining play they could not score again, and the points were halved.

THE WAGE LIMIT QUESTION.

The conference between the Football Association and the Football League upon the subject of the wage limit, originally fixed for September 18, at Manchester, will take place at the offices of the Football Association in London, on Wednesday, October 21, at ten o'clock in the morning.

OUR SERIAL STORY.

THE VULTURE'S PREY

BY H. DE VERE STACPOOLE.

SYNOPSIS.

A CRYPTOGRAM, which is the key to untold wealth, has been stolen from Violet Prynne. Her lover, Arthur Primrose, and his friend, Detective Savage, of Scotland Yard, are assisting her in the recovery of the document. In the struggle for the cryptogram several persons have met with violent deaths. A Park-lane millionaire, Moschelles, for whom Scotland Yard is searching, now holds the cryptogram and he is on his way to South Africa. Moschelles sails for Africa, with Savage in pursuit. Violet obtains employment as a typist with an old professor. The detective with an assistant makes for the spot on the veldt where he believes the treasure is located. There they meet Van Voorst, nephew of an old man whom Moschelles, then known as Anton Kiriak, had murdered fourteen years ago. They open negotiations for the purchase of van Voorst's farm.

CHAPTER LX.

"SEE here," said Duncan, when they had reached the bedroom, taking something from his pocket as he spoke and bringing it to the window.

He handed Savage a fragment of what seemed hard blue rock; half bedded in it was a crystal about the size of a large pea.

"Smell of that, sonny," said the Colonial, "and that!" he almost shouted, outstretching his great hand, in the palm of which lay a dull, ugly-looking pebble the size of a small bean.

"Diamonds!" said Savage.

"Diamonds!" replied the other. "I've struck it; that's blue clay, that piece of stuff, and that piece of glass sticking in it is worth a twenty-pound note, and maybe more. This chip in my hand is worth a hundred if it's worth a halfpenny. A hundred and twenty pounds for bending your back! Diamonds! Bushels of them! I want to go out and shout!"

"Hush!" said Savage, "you don't know but that he's listening. Where did you find them?"

"Two miles away. There's a group of kopjes like blessed sentries standing on guard over there to the north-east; the blue clay is in the midst of them, and there's half an acre of it!"

"By Jove!" said Savage.

A fierce pride filled his heart. He had been right in his deductions all through. He had spotted diamonds as the secret contained in the cryptogram, and not only diamonds, but a diamond mine.

Now that the diamond mine was proved to exist, the objective of Moschelles was made certain.

He had two duties to perform. One was the capture, alive or dead, of Moschelles; the other was the protection of the secret of the cryptogram for Violet Prynne. Duncan, he felt sure, was a straight man; all the same, he turned to him now.

"We must remember," said he, "that this stuff isn't ours. We have been led to its discovery by a document which was stolen from a young girl. By all the laws of honour, the thing is hers. Our situation is peculiar. If we were rogues we could buy this farm and stick to the mine. The law could not touch us; but, well—we aren't rogues, and that's the long and short of it."

Duncan drew his sleeve across his brow, upon which big beads of sweat had started.

"By Heaven!" said he, "it's easy to talk morality and honour when you're walking on plain earth and not on a diamond mine."

"Yes," said Savage, "that's the test."

"Don't talk to me," said Duncan. "I want to smash something."

He sat down on the side of his bed.

"There's always some blessed thing turns up to spoil a fellow's chances. Here I've struck a Bonanza, and a blessed girl somewhere or another puts her hand on it. Who's found the thing? You didn't, she didn't. I found it."

"Yes, but only for the cryptogram you would never have started to hunt for it."

"Oh, let up!" cried Duncan. "Don't I know it? Don't shove that beastly cryptograph down my throat any more or I'll start in and break something. Here's millions of money in my fist, and I can't close my hand on it."

"No," said Savage, "because you're an honest man."

"Hang honest men," roared Duncan, jumping up from the bed and dashing out of the room.

Five minutes after Savage saw his companion mounted and riding over the veldt like a madman.

He knew from the direction he was taking that Duncan was not going to Peter Stein's, and as there was no other house in the vicinity he guessed the Colonial was, to use his own expression, only "blowing the steam off."

"Your friend seems excited," said van Voorst.

"Oh, we've had a few words. He'll be all right after a breath of fresh air," replied Savage.

That night, as Duncan lay in bed with a pipe between his teeth, he said: "It's when you come to put yourself up against money you find the rub."

"That's so," said Savage.

"Mind you," said Duncan. "That girl hasn't the law on her side, there's no patenting a secret, and if I were to rush this mine to-morrow she couldn't touch me. Is that so or not?"

"That's so."

"It's just that that stops me," said Duncan. "Mind you, if she had any claws to fight with it would be different. I'm not one of these conscientious beggars. I believe in every man for himself, but when it comes to robbing a blind kitten of its milk, I'm not there."

"So——" said Savage.

"So we'll just work *this* thing fair and square and content ourselves with the pickings. I'll raise the money to buy the place, but it 'pears to me I can't get off to Johannesburg till this fool of a Moschelles turns up. I wish he'd hurry."

"I expect he is," said Savage. "I expect he's hurrying for all he's worth, and I expect he wouldn't hurry so fast if he knew what was waiting for him."

"You may bet your life on that," said Duncan.

Next morning early they saddled up and went for a ride.

They did not strike immediately for the kopjes in the north-east, but rode in a north-westerly direction.

"No use in giving the show away," said Duncan, "for though van Voorst does not suspect a scrap of what we're after, he's on the look out for Kiriak, and we'll be pretty well watched. That Kaffir, Jack, spends every night perched on the look out, and all day van Voorst has his eyes skinned. There'll be trouble when old man Kiriak arrives."

"There will," said Savage.

"Not that I care," said Duncan. "I don't object if van Voorst does the shooting—not a scrap."

"I did not tell him that girl was alive," said Savage. "The girl, you know, he was in love with, and who helped Kiriak in the murder. She's in prison—you remember, I told you about it; she went under the name of Harker."

"Yes, I remember. Tell him to-night; it can't make him more savage with Kiriak, or Moschelles, or whatever he calls himself; and he's just the chap to buck off to England to see her, and leave us a free field here."

"I will," said Savage.

They made a long detour of about seven miles before drawing near to the mysterious kopjes that stood like genii guarding treasure.

The country was very wild here and broken. Silence and sunlight and desolation all cast their spell upon the spot.

Near one of the kopjes Duncan reined in.

"It's here," said he.

He indicated half an acre or so of ground that lay baking in the sun amid the kopjes.

You have read of the garden of Aladdin—that mysterious garden where the fruit trees were hung with jewels. Well, this half-acre of sun-burnt ground to the eyes of Duncan roofed a garden as rich as that, where the jewels were hanging in the mystery of the blue clay.

"That half-acre of ground," said the Colonial, "is as rich as the city of Paris. It's *most* blue clay. That blue clay goes down like a pipe for Heaven knows how deep, and it's rotten with diamonds. Makes one sweat to look at it. I'm just going to crawl round and search the surface. An old volcano or something has been here. Guess those kopjes are the remains of it. Will you get down and do a diamond crawl?"

The two men began to go over the ground, each taking a different direction. Never in his life had Savage experienced such a sensation.

Hunting for mushrooms in an English field has a certain excitement and charm, but hunting for diamonds is a sport for the gods.

In his search he picked up half a dozen pebbles that looked to him as though they might be diamonds. As the two men met at the other side of the field of search he showed them to his companion. Duncan flung them one by one away, retaining only the last.

"That's a stone," said he. "Mighty small, too. You don't know how to look. See here."

He held out three dull-looking pebbles on the palm of his hand.

"Those are stones, and the smallest of them is worth a twenty-pound note."

"There are very few about," said Savage.

"Few about!" cried the other. "Why, this place has been visited before us. Do you mean to tell me the Johnny who wrote that cryptogram thing didn't hunt all round. We're taking his leavings, that's all."

"True," said Savage. "I never thought of that."

"I wonder how that chap came to find the place and write down his find the way he did on that outlandish paper you told me of," said Duncan.

"Who knows?" said Savage. "And the strangest thing is we've found the place through the cryptogram without even reading it."

"Looks lonely," said Duncan, staring round at the vast spaces of sunlit veldt. "But it won't look lonely in a few months time when the picks are digging into the clay and the place is singing like a beehive. I'm going to be manager under Providence, or if the place is sold to De Beers I'll stipulate for a jolly good share in the profits, and for you, too."

"Oh, we'll get our share," said Savage.

"You bet we will," replied the other. "I'm going to give the thing over to the girl right enough, but I'm going to make my terms. I'm going to have a good time for once in my arid life. My eye, what tons of champagne and wagon-loads of pretty girls in summer frocks are lying under this bit of sun-baked wilderness all ready to pop out at the touch of a pick! Well, let's leave dreaming and get back, for old man van Voorst will begin to suspect."

At the farm they found van Voorst waiting for them on the stoep.

(*To be Continued To-morrow.*)

LONDON CHALLENGE CUP.

LEYTON OVERWHELM WEAK TEAM OF WEST NORWOOD AND WIN BY 7—0.

It was decidedly unfortunate that West Norwood could not get their full strength together for their replayed London Cup tie yesterday at Leyton. They only mustered nine a quarter of an hour after the announced time for the start, and they actually began with that number, but they were reinforced by a tenth player three minutes after the game began. However, they not only had to play one short for nearly the whole of the time, but were without their regular backs and goalkeeper, so that it was not surprising that they were defeated by 7 goals to 0.

Had Leyton gone "all out," the margin would in all probability have reached double figures, but, after getting two goals in twelve minutes through the agency of DRUMMOND and AYLWARD respectively, they slackened off some of their play.

Once Kingsby got in a grand centre which hit a post, and Ryder looked certain to score, but he dashed into the net without the ball. Then Moles hit the framework, and Mair had a chance, but he was too slow, and at the interval Leyton led by only 2 goals to 0.

For the greater part of the second half the home team did better, but though they got five more goals, they could not be congratulated on their shooting. CLARK obtained two points with long shots from half-back, and the others were credited to DRUMMOND, RYDER, and KINGSBY, the latter gently dribbling the ball into the net after Dunmore had left his charge.

It must not be assumed that Leyton had all the play. The four West Norwood forwards, of whom Duff was the pick, often gave Whitbourne trouble, and the half-backs showed to excellent advantage, Myring and Littlewort deserving all the praise they received at the close.

NORTHAMPTON DEFEAT FOSSE.

For the benefit of Murrell, the Northampton trainer, a match was played at Northampton yesterday between the home club and Leicester Fosse, the latter being defeated by 2 goals to 0.

There were about 2,000 people present. LEWIS and LESSONS scored for Northampton, who gained a rather lucky victory, Leicester Fosse missing several good openings.

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