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## Editorial Notes and Clippings

## THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE.

"Half a league, half a league,  
half a league onward  
Into the valley of death rode  
the six hundred."

Is there a Britisher living who can read those lines and the succeeding ones of Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade" without feeling proud of the fact that he is a countryman of the six hundred heroes who made that charge so wild that 'all the world wondered'?

Fifty-eight years ago yesterday that famous charge was made. Across the valley of Balaklava the light brigade charged to sure death in obedience to orders, although every trooper knew the absurdity of sending the handful of men against the battery a mile and a half away. Nothing daunted, they spurred their horses on to the trot, gallop and then charge. From above the allied armies watched the few men, thinking that they would go a certain distance and then return. Surely they could not endure the cross fire of the whole Russian artillery. Those who witnessed the grandest charge in history did not see the light brigade pause. No, although saddles were emptied and men dropped like stalks of grain before the scythe, the gaps were filled and the horses

spurred to further effort. Up the rise they staggered on to the gunners. Through the Russian lines, wheeled and started on their backward journey over the plain covered with their dead and dying comrades, and when the few survivors passed through the ranks of the heavy brigade, which was sent to their support, they were but a tithe of those fine fellows who a half hour before started on that desperate rush.

It was but an incident in the building of the mightiest empire the world has ever seen. The men who participated in that charge were brothers of the old seadogs and hardy fishermen, who in crazy craft sailed out to meet the great Spanish armada, the bulldogs of Nelson's fleet, the paraded men on the sinking Birkenhead and, but in the last year, the "common" seamen who calmly waited for their death in the icy waters of the Atlantic as the great Titanic slowly sank to her doom, while the bandmen played "Nearer My God to Thee." Of such is the British Empire composed and who is there that is not proud of his citizenship and country when he thinks of the heroes gone before and remembers that the youth and children—the men of tomorrow—are endowed with the same spirit?

## IMPEDIMENTS TO FISH GOING UP RIVERS TO BE TAKEN OUT

DOMINION FISHERIES INSPECTOR AND PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS FOR CLEARING FRASER, NAAS AND OTHER RIVERS.

Victoria, Oct. 25.—The low waters of the Fraser and its tributaries, and of other streams throughout the province during the past summer, has created considerable difficulties for the salmon to make their accustomed ascents toward the lakes of the Interior, and in order to remedy this state of things in two particular cases, J. H. Cunningham, chief Dominion inspector of fisheries for British Columbia, was in the city to consult with the Provincial fisheries expert, J. P. Babcock, and the Attorney General, who is also commissioner of fisheries.

The cases in which Mr. Cunningham wishes the co-operation of the Provincial authorities are the principal falls on the Bridge River, and the other the Meziaden Falls, which connect the lake of that name with the Naas River. Both these falls are much used by the salmon in reaching the spawning grounds, and whereas in ordinary high water it is easily possible for the salmon to make the ascent, the low levels this year have exposed rocks which were not known to exist before. The presence in the vicinity of each district of provincial government road gangs is taken as

a suitable time for urging this work to be undertaken, while the powder, dynamite, material are available, and competent men ready to look after the work. The cost, under the circumstances, would be cut in half, and for this purpose there exists an appropriation voted at Ottawa for the whole Dominion, upon which the Dominion fisheries inspectors here may draw. The cost of these two fish ladders will be about \$3,000 to \$4,000. It is expected the work will be undertaken shortly, as the provincial government promises its co-operation in the removal of the impediment to the ascent of fish.

Mr. Cunningham said that the season of 1912 had been better than was anticipated, and that the indications for the run next year were most promising. On September 30 there were 25,000,000 eggs at the Pemberton hatchery alone, and the prospects for the salmon season next year on the Fraser river were of the best. He did not agree with the opinion that there were fewer fish than in the past, but he thought that the traps in Puget Sound were more efficient in their destructiveness, causing less fish to reach the Sandheads.

## INSANITY RUNS IN HIS FAMILY

New York, Oct. 25.—Old acquaintances here of John Schrank, who fired a bullet into Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's body at Milwaukee, today say insanity has prevailed in the Schrank family for three generations. Dominick and Anna Flammang, Schrank's uncle and aunt, brought him to America in 1883. He was called John Flammang until his uncle gave him a saloon, when he began using his own name.

In 1911 Dominick Flammang died, leaving Schrank \$25,000. Schrank moved near Greenwood Cemetery, in Brooklyn, and spent hours each day at his uncle's grave. Last February he lost his money and secured a position. A lawsuit followed, and when Schrank lost he threatened the life of the judge.

It is impossible to hide any valuables from the enterprising Toronto burglar. George Moore found this out when he hid \$89 in his mattress and on returning from church found that it had been stolen. This is but one of the robberies that have taken place recently in Toronto.

"What's in a name, anyhow?" "It depends upon whether it's yours or your wife's."

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The apple and letter reached Blackpool, England, where the letter was published in a local newspaper. Since then Smith has received about five hundred replies from English girls, but the epistolary avalanche did not stop there. The Australian papers got hold of the story and Smith is now being taunted by all the girls from Perth to Brisbane.

## The Bowling Congress

Now that Vancouver has been settled upon as the city in which the Northwestern bowling championships for 1913 will be rolled, it is up to the coast ten pin stars to get busy and prepare for a meet that will compare favorably with the National and American tournaments that give such an impetus to the sport in the Eastern States and Canadian provinces. There is not a finer winter sport in the world than alley bowling, and a tournament is the one thing that can help the game along. A large number of American teams will enter for the Vancouver meet, while Victoria also has a chance to cut into the division of prizes. First of all however, it is up to the Vancouver bowlers to provide the tourney, and, secondly, the loyalty of Victoria and other coast cities is at stake in the matter of support that such a tournament is given.

W. A. Cornwall, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Clareholm, Ont., was killed in an automobile accident at Chicago recently.

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