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He Laughs Best Who Laughs Last

By SADIE OLCOTT

Dan Eversham entered the dining room, bought his ticket and, satisfied in hand, climbed the steps of a parlor car. His seat was next to a very pretty girl.

"I suppose," he said to her, "that those persons think that they perpetrated a very good joke."

"It was horrid of them," she replied. "This was the beginning of a conversation that lasted till long after the train started. Meanwhile those in the car who had seen the rice throwing did not doubt that they had a bride and groom."

"You're the image of a girl I knew in Salem. I wonder if you're any relation to her. Your name ain't Twit or is it?"

"No, it isn't Twit's name."

"Oh, I'm not married."

"The woman looked at her surprised. 'I know that brides the first day of married life don't like to own up to it. They think nobody spots 'em for being married. But, laws, any one would say that you two was just married!'

"Dan, who heard this dialogue, was trying to keep from laughing and was now obliged to swing his chair to face the window, presenting his back to the inquirer. The supposed bride, seeing a number of persons who sat near her enjoying her discomfort, blushed to the roots of her hair and said sternly to

THE ICEBERG PERIL

How Vessels on the Atlantic Are Warned of Danger.

WORK OF THE PATROL FLEET.

These Cutters, Under International Compact, Scour the Ice Zone Each Spring and Notify the World of Conditions in the Infested Area.

After the loss of the giant White Star liner Titanic in April, 1912, by striking an iceberg there was much discussion in Europe and America as to the possibility of adopting measures to lessen the likelihood of such disasters in future. An international conference for the saving of life at sea, which was held at London, resulted, among other things, in an undertaking by the principal marine powers of the world to maintain an ice patrol on the north Atlantic from February to June in each year.

It was agreed that this ice patrol should be carried out by the United States on behalf of the various countries represented. The cost to be borne by them pro rata: Britain to pay 25 per cent of the total; Germany, France and the United States 15 per cent each; Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Italy, Holland, Norway, Russia and Sweden from 1 to 2 per cent each.

The American authorities inaugurated this patrol service with the naval scout cruisers Birmingham and Chester, but later assigned the revenue cutters Seneca and Albatross to this duty, which ships have since continued. The first season St. John's was chosen for the work, but ultimately it was found more convenient to utilize Halifax, Nova Scotia, because the area patrolled was south of St. John's and extended farther north as the season advanced and the armadas of icebergs became more numerous.

Each cutter patrols the ice region for fifteen days. It is allowed to return to Halifax for the ice zone with a return voyage of about the same duration. The ships arrange their movements by wireless communication, so that the service is absolutely continuous. Daily bulletins of the time and place of sightings are furnished by wireless to the hydrographic offices in the capitals of the countries contributing to the upkeep of this service, and warnings are also sent by wireless telegraph to all steamers plying in the being striven sections.

Each season the patrol ships are added to the stock of knowledge regarding the ice area and the results of their investigations are published in the official records, but as is too often the case, the world gets to know very little of them. Among some of the conclusions reached is that under ordinary conditions it is possible to see an iceberg twelve to fifteen miles from the ship's breast about an extra mile from the crown's nest and still neither mile from the signal yard on the foremast.

In especially clear weather bergs may be seen from eighteen to twenty miles but on a cloudy day, with good visibility, a deduction of about two miles must be made. With the search light it is possible to see an iceberg about two miles on a dimly moonlit night and about three miles when the moon sets.

Another weighty fact for mariners is that it is possible for lookouts on very large ships to be higher than the top of a small berg so that on a dark night these observers would have an unbroken view of the horizon over the top of a "growler," or low lying berg, half a mile or a mile away, and thus easily miss seeing the obstruction until too late to avoid it.

A theory expounded by the ice patrol ships is that the proximity of ice is marked by a notable lowering of air temperature. Experiments conducted three years have proved that such is not the case and that, as a rule, there is little or no change in the temperature of the air near an iceberg. Equal fallacious is the idea that the presence of a berg is denoted by a lowering of the temperature of the water. A matter of fact, the very contrary is the case.

Other theories, as that echoes and the presence of bergs, that ice discharges itself through what is known as the "ice trunk" and that submarine "ears" on ships will reveal the bearing of ice by its peculiar motion through the waves, have been proved equally unfounded. In truth the testimony of the commanders of these patrol ships is that the only safe way to navigate regions of icebergs is to stop during thick weather and to run very slowly on dark nights.

The outstanding fact, therefore, with regard to this ice patrol service is that it is markedly effective in lessening the danger to ships traversing the ice zone by the warnings which it sends out from day to day, which enable passing vessels to give a wide berth to these obstructions. But the problem of detecting ice in the immediate vicinity of a steamer has not yet been satisfactorily solved. -P. T. McGrath in American Review of Reviews.

A Brush For the Laundry. A great deal of wear on clothes can be saved by the use of a small hand brush. Instead of rubbing the clothes on the washboard, lay the soiled spot on the board, rub well with soap and scrub with the brush. This method is easier on the hands as well as on the clothes.

That which is unsaid may be said; that which is said cannot be unsaid. Danish Proverb.

Irish Press and News Service.

Ireland and Conscription. The Danger Not Yet Passed. By Padraic Colum.

We are not yet free from the dread that Ireland will again be made the scene of revolt and reprisal. These things will assuredly flow from the application to the country of any form of Conscription.

It is true that the question of Conscription for Ireland was brought up in the British House of Commons when Parliament assembled a month ago and that then a declaration was made, that, for the present, Conscription would not be applied there. But it should be remembered that military service for Ireland could be enforced without discussion in the British Parliament at all. An act known as the Militia Ballot Act is in existence. Under its provisions a magistrate can summon the men of a district together and make them draw ballots amongst themselves for military service. When we realize this fact we think less of the proceedings and the declarations in the Imperial Parliament. Indeed these proceedings and these declarations may have been for the purpose of lulling the Irish into a sense of security. The passing of an Act authorizing Conscription would be, for the Government, the most dangerous method of approach. The country would have time to take warning and to become organized. Through the Militia Ballot Act men could, in many districts, be held up, unwarned and unorganized. It may be that the Government is only waiting for Parliament to be dissolved, and measures got out of the way that the Irish members could obstruct to apply the provisions of the Militia Ballot Act.

Germany and Austria-Hungary Grant Freedom to Poland. The various Irish National organizations which have their central offices in New York, especially since the rebellion in Ireland, are deeply interested in the announcement from Berlin today that Germany and Austria have re-established the Kingdom of Poland, which was destroyed by Russia and that Poland with a population of 15,000,000 is destined to have a free Constitution.

The German Chancellor announces that the Poles are free from Russian oppression.

The liberty torn from the Poles by Russia is now restored. The rule of the knout has been abolished. Poland has been given back to Western civilization. This means the addition of a Polish State to Europe, the restoration of the Polish language and customs and the enjoyment at last of its own national life.

When Beecher "Hollered." Ooming home from the morning service one Sunday, Dr. Beecher threw himself on a lounge and said in a tone of deep dejection, "I believe that was the worst sermon I ever preached." One of his daughters protested that she had seldom heard him when he was more energetic. "Oh, yes," was the impatient reply, "when I haven't anything to say I always holler." - Outlook

Fixed That All Right. Galleigh Here's the dress suit you loaned me, old chap, and many thanks. It didn't fit me very well, so I had the tailor make a few alterations. Green: "The deuce you did! Well, of all things! Galleigh-Oh, it's all right, old chap. I told him to send the bill to me." - Boston Transcript

An Amiable Dentist. Victim-Say, dum ye, you've pulled the wrong tooth! Dentist-From the way you hollered I thought I had hold of the right one, but we'll call it my mistake. - Chicago Tribune

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