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## ESKIMOS OF BLONDE TYPE ARE COMMON

Mountie From Far North Tells  
of Curious Customs of  
Arctic People.

### MORALS FEARFULLY LOOSE SAY POLICE

EDMONTON, Aug. 20.—There are at least 5,000 Eskimos living on the Arctic Coast and on the islands, some of whom belong to the blonde type, says Corporal Cornelius, who with Corporal Brockie of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have returned from the far north.

These latter have dark brown hair and blue or grey eyes. Some have European features and some Asiatic, and are big men and well formed physically.

#### Very Superstitious.

The various tribes hunt on the ice during the winter, and live principally on seals, while the oil is used for cooking and heating purposes. The Eskimos are very superstitious, says Corporal Cornelius, and suffer untold privations for this reason. While hunting on the ice they will not eat anything which has been killed on the mainland, and vice versa they are not allowed to their customs to make anything which is on the ice and in general their whole life is made miserable by superstition.

As they grow up the children are gradually advanced in diet; there are particular portions of the various animals killed for certain uses, and a young child is not allowed to consume the portions set aside for those of more mature years.

#### Old People Killed Off.

The mounted police are gradually weaning the natives from their old habits in respecting the survival of the fittest, but the territory is so large that it will be some time before the white man's laws are understood and appreciated by the people of the Arctic. The custom of killing off the old folks still prevails in certain hunting districts, it is thought, and when the old people are too old to travel, and the bands must necessarily move to a new location in search of game, a slow house is built and if the ancient ones are left to die.

#### Customs Disgusting.

Bodily the Eskimos are clean. They wash themselves with snow water, but in many respects their habits do not remove them very far from the animal kingdom and a number of their customs Mr. Cornelius describes as being disgusting beyond description.

When a baby arrives on the scene the little one is cleansed by the simple process of being licked all over by the mother, after the manner of a cat with her kittens; there is absolutely no idea apparent in respect to sanitation, and were it not for the almost incessant cold, the whole country would become a culture ground for bacteria of all descriptions.

#### Morals Loose.

Their morals are decidedly loose. Each man keeps as many wives as he can provide for, while on the other hand it is a common occurrence for one woman to be married to three men. The males greatly outnumber the females, this being due to the fact that up to quite recently it was the custom to kill all female children when born, and as a consequence the major portion of the Eskimo troubles hinge on affairs d'oeuvre.

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## AVERAGE M. P. IS OPPOSED TO AN ELECTION

Cabinet Divided on Wisdom of  
Appealing to People Just Now.

OTTAWA, Aug. 20.—On the question of a general election this fall the federal cabinet is said to be equally divided. There is some reason to believe that Premier Meighen has come back to Canada prepared to conciliate in the views of that wing of the cabinet who favor dissolution of parliament as the best solution of a perturbed political situation. That he entertains such a view is not surprising because at the final caucus of his party on the eve of his departure for England he bade them prepare for a general election. While such counsel is often given, it is understood that the premier's reference in this instance was pretty specific. The advice of the caucus, however, was against such a course.

Therein lies the great doubt today as to whether or no dissolution will occur this fall. The views of the most influential men of the cabinet predominate—and the Premier himself is said to be in accord with them—the government with little delay may throw its hat in the ring but the members of parliament have to be considered and consulted and deference extended to their views.

#### How Premier Was Chosen.

A year ago when Sir Robert Borden retired from the premiership and the question of selecting his successor arose, the then premier took the democratic course of asking each ministerial member to indicate his preference for the premiership. There is little question that a majority favored Mr. Meighen. As somewhat at least, he is of their own making, the propriety of consulting them is more apparent than usual. There is the further consideration that in many cases, the present membership of the government side will be the candidate in the next general election and if they have to put up the fight in the constituencies, they have an additional claim for being consulted as to when they should go there.

#### May Consult Followers.

It is believed, therefore, that before any definite conclusion is arrived at, on the question of a general election the prime minister will take steps to ascertain the views of his followers. If the final conclusion be to go ahead, the by-elections will be brought on. There are five vacancies already and indications that, in the natural course, three other constituencies will be opened up. If these elections in the main should be adverse to the government, dissolution would seem inevitable. If the most of them are carried, the result would be construed as a mandate to carry on. If the members of parliament supporting the government will stand for it, a general election this fall would seem highly probable, but that either they or he rank and file of the two oppositions relish the idea of dissolution is exceedingly questionable. The average M. P. on all sides wants another session and the annexation of another indemnity of four thousand is not a wholly foreign influence.

#### Law in Vera Cruz State Meets Much Opposition.

## FRENCH WRITER DISCUSSES THE YELLOW PERIL

"Asia for the Asiatics," He Says  
Is Becoming the Cry.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—Dr. A. F. Legende, a French writer on Chinese and Asiatic subjects gained from 25 years of travel and observation in the Far East, warns the world in his latest work that "Asia is at the white man's doors, 9,000,000 strong." The biggest cloud on the horizon of the future, he says, is the "yellow peril."

The white race, Dr. Legende says, "lost face," as the Oriental puts it, when Japan defeated Russia. During the great war he writes, Japan multiplied her resources and saved her strength while Europe lost 20,000,000 men and today suffers depression, intellectual, moral and economic debility. Great Britain, the author holds, erred in supporting Japan through her "marriage of reason" with the Pacific Empire, an alliance "now proving so embarrassing."

#### Tendency of Today.

"Imperialistic Germanism and Sovietism now are a union," he adds, in expounding his theory that the Japanese and German expansion each toward the other threaten to bridge the old Russian bulwark against Asiatic invasion of Europe and call for prompt action by the white man to save himself from the domination he sees impending in the steadily increasing crystallization of "Asia for the Asiatics," sentiment, particularly among the Musselmanns. Russia, he says cannot save herself; she must be helped with a new brand of statesmanship.

Detailed studies of Asiatic economic resources are given by Dr. Legende to support his assertion that the yellow race may become sellers instead of buyers unless the white race develops its commerce in every way and seeks to produce cheaply, anticipating Asiatic competition by establishing factories in Asia and by increasing production in all of Europe's colonies.

#### Siberian Butter.

Among the many illustrations of Asiatic resources, the author cites Siberian exports of butter that went from 35,000,000 lbs. in 1909 to 400,000,000 lbs. in 1913 and much of which was sold as "Danish" butter.

Formidable and imminent as the author deems Asiatic competition he nevertheless concedes to the white race superior working ability and greater leadership. "It must at last be realized however," he says, "that hereafter, it is Asia face to face with Europe."

"Pan Americanism is a reality," he concludes, "and the Peace Conference ingeniously did all it could to favor it, particularly on the Shantung question." This "error," Dr. Legende says, the United States, the only champions of China, saw, and from now on "America will raise herself against any show of political immorality or spoliation."

## PERMIT WORKMEN SHARE OF PROFITS

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 20.—A law recently passed and promulgated in the state of Vera Cruz to permit workmen to share in the profits of any industry in that state has met with much protest and threat is made that if there is any attempt to carry it into effect a general paralysis of industry will result.

The law calls for the establishment of a commission of seven, three employers and three workmen and a chairman selected jointly, in each municipality in the state which, at least once annually, shall call for the books of all industrial concerns and, after a careful audit, shall name the share of the laborers. The workmen are to receive not less than 10 percent of the total net profits. No maximum is stated.

The chairman is to be named by the president of the municipality if his selection cannot be mutually agreed upon by the employers and the workmen. It is pointed out by those who oppose the law that this will almost

## CONVICTS STORM PITTSBURGH JAIL WHEN FIRE STARTS.



CROWDS WATCHING  
THE FIRE



ONE OF THE LOOKOUT TOWERS IN FLAMES

## RUSSIAN FOOD PRICES SOAR

Black Bread and Herring Only  
For Preferred Classes.

RIGA, Latvia, Aug. 20.—Prices of foodstuffs on the Moscow market are reported steadily increasing. A pound of rye bread early in July could be had at from 3,600 to 4,000 rubles; beef at from 7,000 to 9,000 rubles; pork from 10,000 to 12,000; butter from 18,000 to 20,000 rubles and potatoes from 1,600 to 2,800 rubles a pound while eggs are sold at 1,000 to 1,200 rubles and cucumbers, one of the most popular articles of diet, at 1,000 to 1,500 rubles each.

The average wage paid in factories and to government employees, in addition to rations supplied by the state, was about 10,000 to 15,000 rubles a month. The Moscow rations for the week, as reported by the official Pravda, were, for workmen of the preferred classes, three pounds of black bread, some herring and small quantities of other essentials for a period of five days. Less favored citizens were allotted one pound of bread for five days and no herring. The wage allowed in addition to these rations would not buy a pound of butter.

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