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SEEKING THE TEMPLE OF KING SOLOMON

London, Dec. 8.—King Solomon's Temple, the Arc of the Covenant, Aaron's rod and the seven-branched candlestick which stood in the Holy of Hollies—these are just a few of the treasures for which a party of young Englishmen are now excavating in Palestine in the neighborhood of Jerusalem. The majority of experts are of the opinion that these treasures are not to be found where they are now being looked for, but the members of the expedition have other information upon which they place reliance.

This is a cryptogram which is said to have been found in the Talmud by a Finnish engineer, and which is thought to give a clue to the place where the treasures of King Solomon's Temple are hidden. Exactly what this cryptogram is has naturally been kept secret by the Finnish engineer, but he has convinced his supporters in the enterprise of its reliability, and already a good deal of work has been done toward a practical demonstration of its accuracy or inaccuracy.

Perhaps even more interesting than this search for King Solomon's treasures is the composition of the party engaged in it. At the head of the syndicate is Clarence Wilson, a brother-in-law of Lady Sarah Wilson, and a very wealthy man. Then there is Robert Vivian Duff, commonly known as Robin, a lieutenant of Grenadier Guards and husband of Lady Juliet Duff, perhaps the tallest as she is certainly one of the most beautiful woman in London society. With these is associated the Hon. Cyril Ward, a brother of the Earl of Dudley and of the Hon. John Ward, who married Miss Jean Reid, daughter of the American embassador here. Cyril Ward, like Wilson and Duff, is a man of means, having married the Baroness de Brienen, a great Dutch heiress. Other members of the syndicate are Captain Montague B. Parker of the Grenadier Guards, a brother of the Earl of Morley, and two other guardsmen, the Hon. Mr. Walsh and Mr. Foley.

Three months ago, the necessary permits having been obtained from the Turkish government, the party sailed for Palestine in a yacht specially purchased for the purpose by Mr. Wilson, and work was started shortly afterwards in the Pool of Siloam. Sixty men were engaged as laborers, and the excavations went merrily on. They are still going on, but, perhaps, less merrily, for up to the present nothing has been discovered to reward their labors. One by one the heads of the expedition are returning to England, and Clarence Wilson got back home this week, some of the others having preceded him. Captain Parker, Mr. Foley and Mr. Walsh still remain in Palestine, and it is supposed that the party have not yet given up hope of discovering the treasures they set out to seek.

NEW ITALIAN PREMIER OUTLINES HIS POLICY.

Associated Press Special Cable.

Rome, Dec. 19.—Baron Sidney Sonnino, the new premier, formally introduced his cabinet to parliament yesterday and briefly outlined its policy.

The government, he said, hoped to encourage education by the establishment of additional popular schools. Two new departments will be created, those for labor and railways.

Touching upon foreign affairs, he said that Italy desired the maintenance of peace and would remain loyal in the triple alliance.

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Sporting News of the Day

BRITONS FIGHT GAMELY BUT LOSE TO REFORMA

The Reforma club's football team thoroughly maintained its reputation for the present season by beating the British team yesterday afternoon in grand style by three goals to one, making five consecutive wins for the wearers of the blue and white this season.

The match was undoubtedly the best played thus for, and had the British team been able to keep up the pace which they set in the first half, the result would doubtless have been different.

The game started with a fair amount of promptness just before 4 o'clock Captain Ratcliffe of the British team having won the toss from R. J. Blackmore, the skipper of the Reforma side. There was a strong wind blowing across the field with a cant to the southward, and for this reason Ratcliffe decided to play to the northern goal.

Reforma's team was unchanged from the list previously published, while all the British men except Neville turned up, and Churchill took his place on the defence line, Scott the substitute going in the half back line.

For the first ten minutes the game was very even, with a shade in favor of the British, the ball travelling from one goal line to the other with almost even regularity. Then Fox got the ball in front of him and placed it neatly at Blackmore's feet and Reforma's captain put it into the net with a fast low kick and out of the reach of the goalkeeper, for the angle was quite sharp.

The Britishers were given a corner kick. It was not well cleared and Macnabb had a shot from the front of the goal, but the ball did not travel very fast and was saved and cleared. Again a corner kick was given the British, but nothing came of it, and the ball was rushed into British quarters, where a corner kick was given Reforma.

A British rush soon had the ball close to Reforma's goaol and Robinson had an opening for a shot, but the ball went wide. Reforma rushed the ball to the other end of the field and twice, in quick succession, the side had a good chance to score from corner kicks, but the wind deflected the course of the ball.

The play was very fast for twenty-five minutes, both teams working splendidly. Then a corner kick was given Reforma but nothing came of the shot. Reforma was making the pace and a shot for goal by the side went over the bar.

Three minutes later Macnabb got a straight shot for the British side, but it was stopped. The ball did not get far into the field, when a penalty kick was given against Reforma. Macnabb made the shot and it was a beauty, passing the goal keeper fast and low on his right hand side. But two Reforma men rushed from their places before the ball was kicked, and the referee decided that the kick should be made over again, his decision being according to the letter of the law in such cases, but there is a doubt as to whether the ruling is in the spirit of the rule as to "penalty" kicks. Fortunately for the British team, Macnabb did not lose his head by the adverse decision, but again placed the ball in the net just past the goal keeper on the left side, by a fast low kick.

With one goal for each side, the game became very fast. Blackmore had a fine shot for goal, which was stopped and cleared, and two minutes later Woodrow received the ball and made a good shot, which Colin Robertson saved and cleared in fine style.

The first half ended with the sides upon even terms, with one goal each, in the best played first half of the season, and as fine a display of football as has ever been seen on the ground.

Shortly after ends were changed, Robinson of the British team was thrown heavily and the game was delayed a few moments until he recovered.

Reforma started with a set of brilliant rushes, and Turner was conspicuous for repelling many of these attacks. Sharp got the ball on the right wing and made a good shot for goal, which Colin Robertson saved and cleared. A free kick was given against Reforma on a foul, but nothing came of the shot Reforma's attack had no intermission, and with eight minutes' play gone Woodrow got the ball in front of him and placed it the net which made Reforma two goals to one.

Two minutes later the same player had a fine opening for a shot which was saved and cleared. The ball was kept at all angles around the British goal, and a corner kick was given Reforma. Blackmore made the shot. It was a beauty. There was a fast scrimmage in front of the goal for a few seconds and Reforma forced the ball into the net, which made the score three goals to one.

During the next five minutes Reforma kept up a perpetual bombardment of the British goal, Turner, Fitch, and Churchill being the most conspicuous in staving off attacks.

Twice within five minutes Reforma had good chances to score, but each time the ball went wide. The British team also found an opening, but the ball went over the bar. Foul was given against Reforma, but nothing came of the free kick.

Butlin had a clear opening to score for Reforma, but the ball went high over the bar. A foul was given against the British team, but nothing came of the free kick.

Reforma made a grand rush, but Churchill cleared the ball at the right second.

Again the ball came back, and Sharp got it in front of him, making a fine shot for goal, which Colin Robertson saved by deflecting the course of the ball a couple of inches.

Then shot after shot came from Reforma's ranks, with great rapidity, and with only five minutes left to play, the side was given a corner kick, but the only thing that came of the shot was the determined bombardment of the British goal by the Reforma men from each wing, which was maintained until the whistle blew to close the match, and Reforma had won, with three goals to one, having completely outplayed the British team in the second half on every line of the game.

For the winners, the whole forward line, Blackmore, Woodrow, Sharp, Butlin, and Payne, did signal service, the halfbacks, Borrett, Whitamore, and H. Sturt, played the game thoroughly. The backs, Stevens and Fox, both timed the ball well, and Branch, in goal, did all that could be asked of him.

On the losing side, Colin Robertson, in goal, did wonders, John Robertson and Churchill, the backs, played a good game in the first half, but were evidently worn out when the ends were changed. The halfbacks, Fitch, Scott, and M. S. Turner, played good football, Turner outlasting all the other members of his side. Ratcliffe, Buglas, Macnabb, Da Costa, and Robison worked heroically to score, but found Reforma's defense too strong.

R. N. Penny, of the Popo team, was referee, and the only instance in which there was any dissent from his decisions was in the penalty kick, where he followed the letter of the law.

There was a good attendance of spectators, and during the first half, while the British team held its own, they were the favorites with the majority of the gathering, which cheered the mon with the greatest vigor.

CAPTAIN AND CREW REWARDED AS HEROES.

Associated Press Special Cable.

Antwerp, Dec. 18.—Henry W. Diedrich, the American consul general, on behalf of President Taft, has presented rewards to Captain Barman and the life-boat crew of the Vaderland, for saving Captain Bigelow, his wife and child, and the crew of the schooner Eugene Borde, off Nova Scotia, November 30.

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The Game in Detail.

The game opened at 3:30 sharp. Mills was the first man up for the Olivers and he celebrated by fanning. All three of his strikes were called on him at that. St. Clair, thinking this an easy way of getting out of running bases, did the same stunt. Godden felt lazy, so he grounded to the pitcher.

Ibarra began the game for the Juniors by fouling out to the Oliver's new catcher, Hooper, who made one of the best catches ever seen on the Country club grounds. Cervantes drew a base on balls. Carnejo flied to short doubling Cervantes on second. Parker then struck out for the Olivers, Wright did the same stunt and Hoffman flied to second.

In the last half of the second Casas began with a bingle to right. Reyes singled to left, Ruiz sacrificed. M. Gonzalez hit to the pitcher, Casas scored and R. Gonzalez flied to center.

Hooper started the third for the Olivers by grounding to first. Alschler flied to third who made a great catch, and Christy struck out.

Benito came up for the Juniors and grounded to Hoffman, Ibarra hit to Hoffman and went out at first. Cervantes then hit to left. Casas flied to center.

Mills opened the fourth round for the Olivers by striking out again. St. Claire drew a pass and immediately stole second and third. Godden drove a beauty to center for two bags, scoring St. Claire. Parker struck out and Wright retired the side by a fly to center.

Reyes came back for the Junior bunch with a hit to third and he was safe on an error, he at once stole second and went to third on a pass ball. Ruiz then flied to second. M. Gonzalez hit over the middle bag for two sacks, which scored Reyes. R. Gonzalez made a scratch to third and at once stole second. Benito grounded to first and scored M. Gonzalez. Ibarra retired the side with a grounder to third.

In the first of the fifth Hoffman drove a long fly to center. Hooper struck out and Alschler followed suit.

Cervantes flied to third for the Juniors in their half. Conejo was hit and Casas singled to right, stole second and went to third on a wild throw. Reyes then hit a fair ball which afterward hit him and he was out. Ruiz flied to first.

Christy began the sixth for the Olivers by grounding to the pitcher. Mills bunted and was safe. He then stole second on a muff at that section. St. Claire went out, third to first, and Godden hit the dirt.

M. Gonzalez then struck out for the Juniors. R. Gonzalez went out over the ground route to the pitcher and Benito grounded to second.

Parker came up for the Olivers and there was blood in his eye, and as a result he smashed the ball on the nose and sent it to the club house for two bags. Wright then flied to center, while Hoffman did the same to the right garden. Hooper made the third out by a foul fly to first.

Ibarra began the last of the seventh for the Juniors with a clean home run to left. Cervantes then singled to left and scored on a wild threw to second. Cornejo then hit to third and was safe on an error. Casas grounded to first and Cornejo scored on a wild throw to third. Reyes then drove a home run into the left garden. Ruiz struck out. M. Gonzalez then drove another homer into the left garden and the fielder was dreaming of a birthday. Gonzalez was called out, however, for failing to touch second base.

Alschler opened the eighth round with a roller to third and he was safe on a high throw to the first sack. He at once stole second and third. Christy then fouled to the catcher and Mills struck out. St. Claire hit through short, scoring Alschler. Godden flied to left.

The Juniors' half of this round was short and sweet. R. Gonzalez flied to short. Benito hit over second and Ibarra put an end to the agony by hitting into a double and putting the side out.

Then came the last chance for the Olivers. Parker began by a good drive to right which should have been good for a single, but after a succession of errors he crossed the rubber with a run for the typewriter men. Wright then drove a beauty to right for three bags, and it looked as if some fun were to begin right then. Hoffman flied to the catcher and Hooper grounded out to short. Alschler then hit an easy one to the pitcher and the agony was over.

The line-up of the teams was as follows:

Juniors.	Position.	Olivers.
Ibarra	2b	Godden
M. Gonzalez	rf	Parker
Cornejo	ss	Wright
Benito	p	Hoffman
Casas	c	Hooper
R. Gonzalez	cf	Mills
Ruiz	lf	Alschler
Cervantes	1b	Christy
Reyes	3b	St. Claire

The score was:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Juniors	0	1	0	2	2	0	4	0	x—9
Olivers	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1—4

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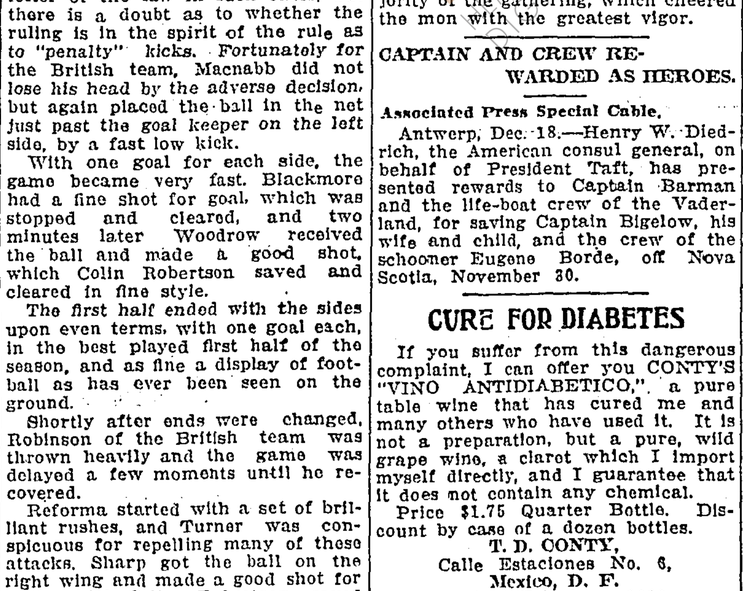

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