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DOG'S NOSE AND DISASTER

What Chance Had He?

ROBERT AND AFRICA'S STRONGEST WOMAN

A bottle of pickles and a drink known as "dog's nose" played important parts in a household drama at Jeppe.

Robert Haikes, it was said, went home about 6 p.m., carrying the bottle of pickles, and in the kitchen found his wife and two daughters. An argument took place, and Haikes was alleged to have wielded the pickles as a defensive or offensive weapon.

Yesterday he told Mr. S. Ellman, the Johannesburg magistrate, that his wife, who charged him with assault, turned the scale at 220lbs., as compared with his modest 150lbs.

"There stands the strongest woman in South Africa," he said, pointing at Mrs. Haikes; "220lbs. of sound flesh and muscle, while here (striking his own chest) is 150lbs. of skin and bone. I ask you what chance I had?"

He went on to admit that he was "a bit tight" at the time. He had had two beers and two brandies.

The magistrate: You mixed them?"
Haikes: Yes; as a concoction it was very nice. It is called "dog's nose."

The magistrate said one could hardly expect delicacy of feeling and refinement in a man who was being held down by three women, and he dismissed the charge.

HUSBAND AND WIFE

Allegation of Threat With a Bayonet

It was alleged against Izak Fick, 32, in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday that he held a bayonet to his wife's breast and threatened to kill her.

He frequently struck her in the face, said Mrs. Fick, both in the house and in the street, and threatened her with the bayonet when she objected to his suggestion that he should bring another woman into the house.

A neighbour said she looked into Fick's house in Central Road, Fordsburg, and saw Fick strike his wife in the face with his fist. Then he pulled her clothes off. Subsequently he again struck her, and as she fell he kicked her in the stomach.

The Magistrate adjourned the case until Tuesday. Fick was allowed out on bail.

Death of Mr. R. R. Elliott

The death took place yesterday morning at the General Hospital of Mr. Roy Remington Elliott, B.Sc. (Eng.), A.C.G.I., M.S.A.I.E.E., youngest son of the late Sir Charles B. Elliott, formerly general manager of the Cape Government Railways.

The late Mr. Elliott was born on May 27, 1885, at Wynberg, and received his education at the High School at

UNIFIED TIME IN UNION

Historic Facts Recalled

CAUSE OF THE DELAY IN ADOPTION

In connection with the article on standard time in South Africa which appeared in the "Sunday Times" some five weeks ago, we have received a letter from Mr. F. J. Nance, a not infrequent contributor, now living in England. Mr. Nance's letter, which contains a good deal of valuable historical matter on the subject, is as follows:—

The interesting article in your issue of April 25 in regard to the introduction of the time of the thirtieth meridian hardly does justice to the Cape Ministers who "feared to allow so great a change as three-quarters of an hour" Ministers usually have enough to answer for without being charged with what I may call sins of supererogation.

As I was then in the office of the General Manager of Railways, and had charge of the correspondence dealing with the question of the alteration of the time, I am able, as far as my memory serves, to give some information on the subject.

Dissatisfaction was expressed in Capetown that the time gun was fired at the half-hour instead of at the hour. Mr. (as he then was) David Gill was approached with the request that he should alter the timing of the gun but he refused, seeing that one of the most important functions performed by the gun was to enable mariners to adjust their chronometers.

At the beginning of 1893, with the opening of the railway to Pretoria it became necessary to unify the time of the connecting railway systems, and Mr. Gill wrote to the general manager, Mr. C. B. Elliott, pressing upon him the adoption of the thirtieth meridian as the datum for noon. Mr. Elliott, who was a man of high scientific attainments, agreed and sent a circular to all the municipal bodies of the Cape Colony and the Free State setting forth the advantages of the proposed change and asking for an expression of opinion. If my memory does not serve me false, everybody to whom a circular was sent wrote favouring the proposal, except two of the coast towns, Capetown and Port Elizabeth, I think.

Mr. Elliott was favourable to the alteration, and wrote to the Minister of Railways and Public Works recommending it. But shortly after this a joint meeting of Town Councils, the first, I think, in South Africa, took place. The matter was discussed there, and under pressure from Capetown and Port Elizabeth the meeting passed a resolution opposing the proposed alteration, the consummation of which was, therefore, postponed till after Union, as your article shows.

It will be seen, then, that the delay was due not to Ministers, but to commercial men, the same sort of people who oppose such overdue reforms as decimal coinage and measures, and a reformation of our chaotic spelling.

Note.—It is a curious and unhappy coincidence that in this issue there appears the obituary notice of a son of the well-known Mr. C. B. Elliott referred to in the foregoing letter.