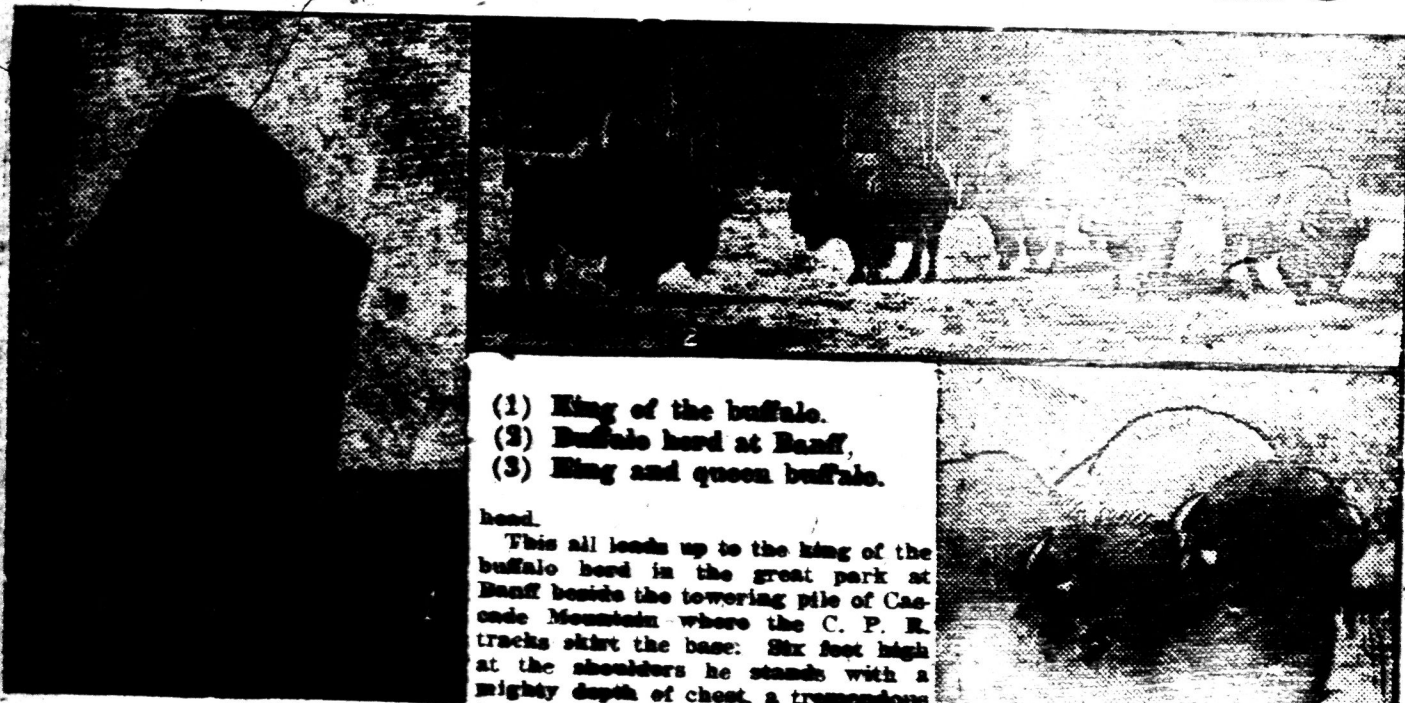


# The Brotherhood of Nature



- (1) King of the buffalo.
- (2) Buffalo herd at Banff.
- (3) King and queen buffalo.

This all leads up to the king of the buffalo herd in the great park at Banff beside the towering peaks of Cascade Mountain where the C. P. R. tracks skirt the base. Six feet high at the shoulders he stands with a mighty depth of chest, a tremendous head and a patrimonial beard of brown silk that sweeps on a level with his knees. He is a stupendous creature and has inspired his power of dominance on all the other animals in the pastures. Visitors marvel at his bulk and his very apparent size and power. He is a ton weight of life-driven brawn and bone and flesh.

IN these days of hectic reconstruction it might be well for some of the members of the world to look on the way that country animal life is governed, on its placid, untroubled, unexcited and its administration. The true contentment exists everywhere there is a leader. Sheep follow the dog-herder, walrus follow the pack leader, bands of moose, or mountain sheep, bands of goats are all led by individual manners. Ants and bees are organized their kings and queens. While the human creature would never be satisfied in his animal home never be satisfied in his animal home unless there was a head to the colony.

The bull whale rules his herd, the bull walrus administers the high justice, the middle and the low in his own little world. In every band of wild or half wild herms that ranges the prairie there is one who is head. Temper of order and strict govern-

Always excepting the cases of the busy bee; the meek sheep, or the ass. Ions make the leader is a male, always when rebellion or insurrection breaks forth it is from among the vigorous youngsters of the same sex. When the blood of youth runs hot in the veins of a walrus bull, or the mountain lion, or male young wolf or whale or ram, he aspires to conquer and to lead.

To one who has made even a superficial study of the habits of animals there is something akin to human in their methods and characteristics. There is ever an envious few, a caste leadership, there is a few who are the "horns" of the herd, with their claws and horns to destroy one who had led but who has lost. And it is always noticed that the dictator of any herd or band keeps a watchful eye on his restless young males and stands ever ready to crush insurrection and high aspiration with teeth or hoof or crushing

a slow swing of the heavy head to make the other bulls scamper. Like a war leader he paid little attention to the private quarrels of young males, and naturally they fought among themselves to prove superiority. The present dictator whipped them all. And it came to pass that he looked again on Sir Donald with a red eye and that sturdy and astute leader recognized the need of the application of that principle. He broke a horn at the skull of the younger animal, but he taught him feelings of equality or opposition from that vanquished beast.

The years rolled on, Sir Donald passed the thirty year midpoint. His teeth grew poor, winter found him lame. A touch of rheumatism slowed him up. His strength dimmed. It was the hour of the sunset. Led by the last defeated contestant, he attacked the veteran chieftain of the manse, and still respectful of his prowess were satisfied with keeping him outside the herd by uniting and

remaining united. None were willing yet to leave his anger single-headed. Sir Donald ranged in solitude, his former wife abandoned him, his children ignored his angry aims, his vassals rumbled when he came in sight. Then came a frosty night that so stiffened his rheumatic joints that he could not arise when the morning sun poured its golden light down in the broad valley. A wandering young bull found him thus helpless reposed, and fighting with the herd as he was charged. The lord's wrath trembled as the other great brutes thronged to the scene, and soon all that was visible was a half dozen buffalo bulls trampling and goring a heap on the ground while the air was filled with the howlings of victory. Strange to say, though the body was pulped by the heads of the bulls the magnitude of the deed was unmarred, and man took it away, half affronted, and man knew it broke him in the bidding at Ottawa, between horn and all.

The present king saw his opportunity. He challenged the hunkiest of his partners in the deposition murder and thoroughly whipped him. He roared thus triumphantly through the ranks the others, and soon his own brutes obeyed the swing of his head as promptly as they had that of Sir Donald's. He rules exactly as did his predecessor. He has families and a great dignity, and has now governed for some years.—L. W. K.

forced her to enter into in May 1925. Japan was immediately reported to have retorted with a threat of war, if the treaties were published, and this report was as quickly denied. But the Philadelphia Record observed:

"Japan is coercing China to deny that it is correct. The process can not be concealed, and the more secrecy is maintained the more sinister the Japanese policy will be supposed to be. The wiser thing would be Japan to open the door and disclose its full relations with China. It is not likely that Europe and America will allow Japan to establish itself as the overlord of China, and the secrecy is a suspicious circumstance that must of itself arouse distrust of Japan. If a few millions of Poles and Slavs are to be endowed with power to control their own destinies, it is only likely that Europe and America will allow Japan to subject 400,000,000 Chinese to its own will."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune and the Portland Oregonian both think the Peace Conference will interfere to block Japanese designs. The Oregonian called the Japan-China imbroglio the "fair job for the league," and said further:

"The conduct of Japan toward China and the plea of the latter country for a suspension of the Peace Conference suggest the duty of the league to insist on the duties of the five big powers. It may be to exert the pressure of Nations upon Japan to give while the process of incubation is in progress, but to attempt for several years to open covenants, and to disregard self-determination of nations by attempting to add the province of China which it took from Germany. It tries to hold Shantung in defiance of its promise when it

The Chinese delegates to the Peace Conference charged that while their ship was lying in the harbor of Yokohama then, baggage was rifled and that the copies of the secret treaties were stolen. This feature of the affair comes in for a good deal of attention. The Memphis Commercial Appeal writes:

"Speaking of card playing and dishonesty for domestic purposes, the Chinese will have to surrender his laurels to his slant-eyed Japanese neighbor."

The Chinese delegates to the Peace Conference left home with their grips filled with copies of malevolent, secret treaties.

Flower Kingdom and conspired against the laud of Confucius. On their way to Paris they passed through Japan. When they arrived at Versailles they opened their baggage to find that all of the telltale secret documents had been extracted, and subsequent proceedings interested them no more.

"The Japanese idea is that opportunity is now ripe for euchring China out of all her iron mines, railways and other valuable assets, thereby having, of course, a little use of the big bully United States, and it may be readily believed that at the sympathies of the Allied powers are with China."

**Gas Saved.**

The results of daylight saving are shown in figures collected by the gas company at Washington.

people of the district have, that 0 in gas bills. Basing estimates on these figures, it is considered that the conservation of gas throughout the United States will amount to a saving of \$2,000,000. In the matter of gas and electricity the saving was more than 10 per cent. of the money formerly spent for them.

**Fads.**

**Fortune Teller.**—You will marry a rich man who will give you a princely allowance. Two dollars, please.

**Customer.**—I'll pay you out of the allowance. Good day!

**Naturalists** state that serpents can live six months or longer without

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