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MYSTERY IN ROMANCE

American Colony in Paris Is Stirred by Adventure of Wealthy Girl.

Paris, Dec. 8.—The American colony is mystified by a romance of which an American girl is the heroine. It is whispered that the young woman is the member of a certain wealthy family. Her mother disapproved of her love for a titled Frenchman and forbade their marriage.

A few days ago, a young woman, pretty and well dressed, but very melancholy, sought employment as a waitress in the Restaurant Wiber, near the Opera Comique. She spoke French excellently, but with an unmistakable foreign accent, and said very frankly she was an American. She said, too, that she was homeless, without friends or money, and that she would be industrious and perform her duties satisfactorily.

The girl was engaged, and she showed great aptitude and earnestness. The table she served became popular because of her good looks and politeness. The other waitresses noticed that when she was not busy she sought to be alone, and often shed tears. They pitied her, saying to each other: "She's in love, but he does not love her."

After she had been at work a week an automobile drove up to the restaurant, and from the car an elderly woman entered the place and looked around. As soon as she saw the waitress she cried out in English:

"At last I've found you! How could you do this!"
The girl began to weep, then faintly, and told him the waitress would leave his employment immediately. The girl revived, and still weeping, drove away in the automobile. The girl's friends say her mother broke off a match with a Frenchman because she suspected he loved her money rather than herself. It was to disprove this that the young woman tried to make her own living.

The blue lake of Maerjelen, situated on the banks of the Grand Glacier under the Egghorn peak, has burst through the glacier and emptied its waters into the Massa stream.

The German Government has granted the exclusive monopoly for the sale of diamonds from the German mines in Africa to a powerful Antwerp diamond syndicate.

Speaking at a presentation to a retiring officer of the London fire brigade, Mr. Gamble, the second officer, said a pension was such a comforting thing that it made men live much longer, while women who had a small pension and had nothing to worry about, lived almost as long as they like.

Ten persons have died from the stings of poisonous flies at Marseilles in the last ten days. This makes a total of fourteen deaths since the appearance of the flies in the neighborhood of a sheepskin washing factory.

A COSTLY BLAZE IN KINTORE TOWN

Town Hall and Store Beneath Were Completely Destroyed.

Some time after 3 o'clock yesterday morning, a fire was discovered in the town hall, Kintore, and in William Crellin's store underneath the hall. The fire was well under way before it was discovered, and though everything possible was done to stay the flames both places were completely destroyed.

The cause of the fire is quite unknown, as no one had been in either the hall or the store for some hours previous to the first discovery of the fire. The hall had been remodelled only a year ago, and the loss on it will be considerable. It was not known whether there was any insurance or not. There is some insurance on the store, but Mr. Crellin's loss will be at least \$2,000 over and above the insurance.

A dance which was to have been held in the hall tonight had of necessity to be postponed.

EAST LONDON

EAST END LADY DEAD

Mrs. Van Tassel, of King Street, Died This Morning.

Mrs. Eleanor Van Tassel, relict of the late Samuel Van Tassel, died this morning at the home of her son, Mr. W. R. Van Tassel, 608 King street, after an illness extending over some time. Mrs. Van Tassel was 76 years old and was born in London, Township. For many years she resided in Brantford, but had made her home in London for the past three years. She is survived by two sons, Mr. W. R. Van Tassel, with whom she lived, and Samuel of Brantford. Mr. L. Miller, of Brantford, is a brother. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and Rev. Mr. Jewett, of Lambeth, will conduct the services.

LATE ED. MARTYN.

The funeral of Mr. Ed. Martyn, who died at his late residence, 487 English street, Tuesday morning after an illness of about three months was held this afternoon under Masonic auspices.

The services were conducted by Rev. George N. Hazen, of Centennial Methodist Church and Union Lodge at 12 o'clock. Interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Messages of condolence were received by the family from the Builders' Exchange and the Brick Manufacturers' Supply Company. Many beautiful floral offerings were also received. The pallbearers were Messrs. George Hammett, John Banks, Ed. Martyn, Frank Hayman, Ed. Hayman and L. H. Martyn.

THOMAS FIGG DEAD

Well-Known Resident of This City Has Passed Away.

Mr. Thomas Figg, of 554 Hill street, died in Victoria Hospital last night, after an illness extending over two years. Mr. Figg was 62 years of age, and for a long time had been in the employ of the Globe Casket Company. Besides his wife he is survived by four daughters and one son—Misses Lizzie, Myrtle, Nellie and Hazel, and Albert, all of this city. Mr. Edward and Mrs. John Porter, of Inkerman street, Miss Bessie Figg, of Queen's avenue, and Miss Kate Figg, of Cincinnati, are sisters. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at Woodland Cemetery.

CHECKING THE FIGURES

A Hydro-Engineer Examining Specifications of Transformer Station.

Mr. Brundage, one of the engineers of the hydro-electric commission, is in the city checking over the figures and specifications for the transformer station.

He has been engaged at this work for some months, going over the equipment of all the plants with the exception of the Dovercourt Road Church. It will take him three or four days to complete the work. Later his report will be submitted to the utilities commission. So far everything is most satisfactory.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

New York, Dec. 9.—Arrived: Majestic, from Southampton.
Cape Race, Nfld., Dec. 9.—Steamer St. Louis, from Southampton and Cherbourg, for New York, was 1,073 miles east of Sandy Hook at 6:20 a.m. today. Dock about 4 p.m. Saturday.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

Bank Clearings Increase.

Local bank clearings for the week ending today, totaled \$1,449,855, against \$1,352,561 for the corresponding week of last year. Increase, \$97,294.

Case Enlarged.

Thomas Hearnies, of Melbourne, charged with assaulting his son, Charles Hearnies, appeared before Judge Chittick this morning, who enlarged the case for a week.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Mary Paladino and family wish to thank the many friends who were so kind to them during their recent bereavement.

New "Peelers."

During the past few days Messrs. George Roberts, Robert Holden, Chas. A. Stone and W. Fitzgerald, all of this city, have been sworn in as constables, and have been added to the strength of the police force.

English Mail.

The public are informed that two extra mails are to be closed at the London postoffice for dispatching British and foreign mail matter, on Thursday, Dec. 16 and 23, respectively, at 10 a.m.

Delayed By Train.

Owing to the Chicago express being two hours late today Mr. Earl Barnes, who was to have been the guest of honor at the Froebel Society luncheon held at noon, was unable to be present, and did not arrive in the city until after 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Liberal Club.

There was a very large crowd at the Liberal Club (bought) euchre party last evening, over a hundred players being present. The handsome prize offered by ex-Ad. Thomas Gillean was won by Mr. Fred Dorrain. There will be another well-lighted evening next Wednesday.

Teasdale—Proctor.

The wedding took place in Toronto on Saturday last of Miss Florence Brooks

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Another Gift-Chance in Linens Friday Morning

Tray Cloths, this time, and a great opportunity it is, too. Not the ordinary everyday Damask Tray Cloth, but a real Irish hand-embroidered one. Not a picked-over lot either. Just fresh from Ireland, where the snowy-white, pure linen they're made of was woven and hemstitched. Then they were distributed among Irish embroiderers and embroidered on each end by hand, in a graceful and artistic floral design. Very different from what might be expected at the price. We will ask to make one day clear the lot.

8 dozen (not enough for 96 customers, as half-dozen will be wanted by some of them, they're so suitable for gifts). Size 18x27. All one design. Friday, at each 47c

14 Ladies' Fur Coats \$19.00 and \$25.00

In many of these the quality is much higher than the price, some sizes having sold out, which have been filled in with qualities from higher numbers, to complete the range.

7 only Ladies' Astrachan Coats, sizes 38 to 46, with plain or quilted linings; high storm collar; bright finish fur; 27 to 33 inches long. Your choice of these. Each \$19.00

Astrachan Coats \$25.00

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SECOND FLOOR.

Everybody Cannot Sit in the Front Seat at the Opera

But everybody can have a pair of Iris Opera Glasses, which will bring the stage two and a half times nearer, and enjoy the performance probably better than in a more conspicuous seat.

Iris Opera Glasses

Smoke and Mother-of-Pearl, in leather case, each \$5, \$6 and \$7
Black Morocco-Covered, in Leather Case, each \$3, \$3.50 and \$4
Smoke and Mother-of-Pearl, with adjustable handle in fancy bag, each \$7.50 and \$10
Fancy Opera Bags, with gilt and oxidized tops, fancy or studded at, each, 75c, \$1.50, \$1.75

Fancy Sequin Hair Ornaments

In silver, gilt, pink, rose and jet, at, 75c, \$1, \$1.50
Also Sequin Ornaments, with aigrettes, in jet, silver and gilt, at, each \$1.50

MAIN FLOOR—CENTRE AISLE.

Gift Suggestions from Art Department

Stamped Opera Bags, in white moire 25c
Stamped Glove Cases, in white moire 25c
Stamped Handkerchief Cases, in white moire 25c
Stamped and Tinted Glove, Handkerchief and Tie Cases, each 25c
Stamped and Tinted Shaving Paper Cases, with mounts, each 18c and 25c
Stamped and Tinted Whisk Holders, with mounts 25c
Stamped and Tinted Pin Cases, with mounts 20c

Stamped and Tinted Brush and Comb Bags 25c
Stamped and Tinted Tie Racks, with rod, board and back, each 50c
Stamped and Tinted Towel Racks, with rod, board and back 75c
Stamped and Tinted Collar Bags, with inside box 50c
Also Stamped Linen Dobbies, Centres, Pin Cushions, Covers, Tray Cloths, Tea Cosies, Laundry Bags, at various prices.

Men's Stamped Shirt Cases in linen shade 50c

MAIN FLOOR—EAST AISLE.

Handkerchiefs, Main Floor, Rear West Side.

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See display of Limoges Hand-Painted China. Opposite west side elevators.

Proctor and Mr. John Teasdale. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. Ross, of the Dovercourt Road Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Teasdale leave shortly for Europe, where they will spend the winter.

University's Case.

Mayor Stevely, Dr. John D. Wilson, Mr. T. H. Purdon, K. C., and others appeared before the county council this afternoon, and presented the case of the Western University to them and asked them to pass a resolution petitioning the Provincial Government to make a grant in behalf of the university.

The Real Winners.

The fifth inter-class contest for championship of girls in Latin in first year between Lower V. and VIII. resulted in victory for No. VIII. Special mention is made of Emily Dick, Gladys Wright and Hazel Taylor. In a recent issue of The Advertiser an item which was handed in stated that Lower VII. had defeated Lower VIII. in a contest, whereas pupils in Lower VIII. were the winners.

Addition to Tannery.
The tenders for the addition to the tannery of C. S. Hyman & Co. were

awarded yesterday by Mr. H. C. McAlpine, the architect. The brick and mason work was given to Beer & Sing, while the carpenter work was awarded to Mr. John Purdon. The building will be 120 feet long and 50 feet wide and will cost \$20,000. Construction will be rushed as rapidly as possible.

Suing the C. P. R.

Another jury case has been entered for hearing at the coming county court, which opens next Tuesday. Thomas Mawhinney, a farmer of Ekfrid Township, is taking action against the Canadian Pacific Railway for a coal that was killed on the company's track. He is asking for \$200 damages. He is also claiming \$150 against John McAlpine, also of Ekfrid, claiming that it was through his negligence that the coal was permitted to stray on to the track. Messrs. Meredith & Fisher, the plaintiff; Mr. J. C. Elliott, for McAlpine, and Mr. Angus McMurchy, for the company.

Professor Jevons, of Cardiff University College, Wales, addressed a meeting of the members of the Cardiff Exchange on the theory of a connection between sunspots and trade cycles.

AGAINST THE LAW

Paris, Dec. 8.—The agitation among the police here, the meetings they have recently been holding to formulate their grievances, and rumors that they are forming a union, lent special interest to a general meeting of the Police Friendly Provident Society today. Prime Minister Briand attended and took the opportunity to refer indirectly to the recently-formed confederation, which hopes to group all state employees into one body as the general labor confederation groups all workers. M. Briand told the crowded meeting that they had the same rights as other citizens, but they were also state officials. Other civil servants were grouping to obtain what they desired, but there was a difference between free citizens and functionaries. When the latter committed errors they violated the authority of their function as well as their personal interests.

A report had reached him, he said, that the police might forget their duty and participate in street agitation. He did not believe this. He assured his hearers that personally he thought not enough was done for them.

The mayor of Portsmouth, Virginia, has decided to give a medal to the mother of every child born in his municipality. The medal will bear on one side the name of the child, the date of its birth, and the names of its parents.

Western Australia has an area of more than 975,000 square miles, and extends from north to south over 20 degrees of latitude, occupying almost one-third of the whole Australian continent. Of this area 75,000 square miles are suitable for agriculture and fruit-growing, 260,000 square miles for sheep farming and cattle-raising and 500,000 square miles for minerals.

The Spanish Minister of the Interior states that during the Barcelona riots 68 religious buildings were burned, 138 persons were killed and 500,000 square miles for minerals.

A burglar has been caught at Zurich because he forgot his umbrella. He went back for it to a house he had rifled, with the spoils in his arms, and was arrested.

Japanese workmen are obliged to wear on their caps and backs an inscription stating their business and their employer's name.