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She was a beautiful girl, called the "Rose of Hopping Forest." She married Augustine Washington, a widower and a gentleman of high standing and noble character, of large property and considerable personal attractions. She was brought to the large old fashioned colonial house on the banks of the Potomac, where we can fancy the bride covertly exploring her new home and scanning the footprints of his former wife. In this voyage of discovery she was arrested by a small but rare treasure of books. The flyleaf of one revealed the name of the owner, the first wife, "Jane Washington." Finding the inkhorn she wrote firmly beneath, "And Mary Washington," probably the first time she had written her name. We all know how she read this book—it was Sir Matthew Hale's "Contemplations"—to her stepsons and her own sons; how it was revered by George Washington.

and how it is treasured today at our national Mecca, Mount Vernon. Here, also, as the revolutionary war went on, and her neighbors thronged her with plaudits and praises of her noble son—their idol and hero—she restrained their extravagant words, saying simply: George seems to have deserved well of his country, but we must not praise too much; George has not forgotten his duty. When she heard of the surrender at Yorktown she raised her hands and fervently thanked heaven that all was over. She had not seen her son for seven years. Now he was coming home. No word of "glory" or "honors" fell from his lips or hers. Yet this king among men had his reward. His mother had lived to welcome him back. It was like her and like him, when she knew the world was regarding him as head of the nation; head of a victorious host, to say, "He has been a good son. I believe he has done his duty as a man."—The Christian Advocate.

LONDON LETTER.

More or Less Sapiant Remarks for American Readers.

A Kingly Bugbear Conjured Up—Relations With Germany—Boss Croker Not Well.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—"Our Grandmother is dead. Comfort my mother."—Wilhelm.

This is the telegram Emperor William sent the empress a few minutes after Queen Victoria's death. It explains better than could columns of German and English editorials the feelings which exist among the reigning families of those countries. This close tie may shortly bring about another death-bed meeting of King Edward and his imperial nephew. English court rumor gives Empress Frederick but a short lease of life, and King Edward will no more allow his new duties to interfere with his desire to be at her bedside than did Emperor William consider the Berlin cabinet when he went in haste to Osborne. Thus, once more, the two rulers who are riveting the attention of the world, may be brought together under circumstances in which human emotions have the strongest play. This meeting, apart from its sad domestic cause, is bound to have an important moral effect both in Great Britain and in Germany, and the rest of the world. The feeling of the day on the subject of Emperor William's pro-English tendencies, known throughout the world, thanks to the antagonistic comments of portions of its press, finds its counterpart in England, though it is not so fully developed or freely expressed.

Now that the Emperor has gone, many people are asking: "Is the king going to follow Emperor William's example, and be an emperor in the true sense of the word?" The recent kingly functions, with all the outward signs of power, have made Great Britain realize for the first time in many years that it is still a country under a monarchy. Indeed, several papers are urging the president to pressure on the minister to eradicate the abuses in the army and push the war in South Africa. Many persons are seriously pondering on whether King Edward is going to rule or reign. There is all confusion of fact and common sense, but the sudden restoration of monarchical splendor and power and the keen sympathy between the German Emperor and King Edward make many loyal subjects anxious about the future. The last sign of this is the suggestion of an increase of the king's income. Henry Labouchere and many others have no hesitation in openly opposing it. Reference is frequently made to the small incomes of the presidents of the United States and France. There is little doubt that parliament will grant larger supplies, but this action will not serve to reconcile the country to its new condition.

"The English people," bluntly says this week's "Today," "would not tolerate a king who sought to rule as well as reign." To those who have only read the King's utterances and have not seen the recent functions, the cause for any such remark is hidden. The functions attending the new reign have been so spectacular that the quaint rights of the people handed down from Commonwealth times escape notice. Before the members of the house of lords, Thursday, the clerk of the house mumbled a bill for the better prevention of certain clandestine outlaws. This bill was invariably read for hundreds of years before the king's speech was heard, in order to assert the right of both houses to transmit business without reference to any authority, but its own organization. The court is watched with keen interest. No one desires the King to force old favorites, yet there is a clearly expressed wish that some of these be not rewarded with official positions. The appointment of Sir Francis Knollys who was secretary to the King while the latter was Prince of Wales to be secretary of His Majesty, meets with universal approval, and is taken as a good omen. Sir Francis is the son of the King's former tutor. They were playfellows together.

Sandringham is likely to be to the King and Queen what Osborne was to Queen Victoria. Barracks will shortly be erected at the social residence, where householders, however, will not be neglected, for the King intends to make it his headquarters when gratifying his keen taste for yachting.

A humorous result of the British-German "entente" is evident in the monstrosities of the inhabitants of the west end of London. That upward and outward twist so associated with Emperor William's monstrosities, has been extensively adopted, especially by those having pretensions to military appearance.

The present session of parliament promises to be confined chiefly to army and Irish affairs, though the King's income and improvements in the condition of the poor may take up some time.

The war in South Africa has been talked threadbare. The determination of the government not to alter in the slightest degree its attitude towards the Boers is clearly recognized on all sides, and though this will not stop the futile debate, the country is not likely to follow it with any interest.

Colonel Charles Howard Vincent (conservative) is going to move that the Boers be recognized on a commercial basis, and that Canada's example be followed by granting the

empire's products fiscal preference. Both parties generally agree that something of this sort is necessary, but nothing is likely to result. The leaders maintaining that the time and conditions are not yet ripe for such an important step. Intimate friends of Richard Croker openly declare he will never re-enter active political life in America. Those who have seen Mr. Croker recently noticed his general physical weakness, which is said to be a form of nervous melancholia, entirely opposed to his usual activity. A number of American racing friends, who know Mr. Croker intimately, say that while he will probably return to the United States during the coming summer, he has utterly tired of political work and would gladly pass over the control of Tammany Hall to younger hands.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Victoria Sends a Contingent of 1250 Men to South Africa.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—Hermann, the president, died here today.

MELBOURNE, Feb. 15.—The fifth Victorian contingent, 1250 men all told, sailed for South Africa today.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The World today president of the Carnegie Steel Co. was formally selected yesterday as the head of the big steel combination.

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 15.—Part of the crew of the Prince line steamer Spartan Prince, from New York for Naples, Genoa and Leghorn, which is ashore near Alcazar Point, were landed today. The weather was too boisterous for any attempt to save the vessel.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 15.—A passenger train bound from Sydney to Hurstville was derailed near Sydneyham and rolled over an embankment. Seven persons were killed and six injured.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Five men were suffocated yesterday by white damp at the Beath colliery in Fifeshire, Scotland.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 15.—A car on the Hamilton division of the Consolidated Traction Co. jumped the track tonight at the corner of 5th and Hamilton avenue and toppled over against the curb, completely wrecking the car and injuring twenty or more passengers. Four of them seriously, but not fatally.

TRADE CONDITIONS.

The General Outlook in the United States is Favorable.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will show a gain of 54.3 per cent. over 1899. Bank clearings for New York show a gain of 54.3 per cent. over 1899 for the week, while outside New York the increase was 10.5 per cent. "Structural material and railway supplies are in greatest request, numerous heavy orders being accepted this week at full prices. There is no inclination to shade quotations of finished forms.

"No sign of weakness is apparent in any department of the boot and shoe industry. Some manufacturers have booked orders that will insure running on full time well into May, and it is an exceptional case where jobbers can secure March delivery even from the smaller shops. Forwardings from Boston were \$7,437 cases, against \$5,555 in the previous week.

"News regarding the textile manufacture is less encouraging, despite the fact that sales of wool at the three chief eastern markets rose to \$364,900 pounds, far exceeding all recent records and showing a gain of \$60,000 pounds over the same week last year.

"Cotton fabrics continue quiet and domestic mills are not fully occupied. Liverpool cables have given no support, while Manchester is securing raw cotton from India in unusually large quantities.

"Failures for the week number 257 in the United States, against 218 last year, and in Canada 40, against 42 last year.

A MISSOURI TRAGEDY.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Lulu Prince Kennedy, her father, Charles W. Prince, and her two brothers, William and Albert Prince, will be tried for the murder on last January 1 of Philip E. Kennedy, contracting agent of the Merchants' Despatch company. Mrs. Kennedy, who shot and killed her husband, was indicted yesterday by the grand jury for murder in the first degree. Later warrants were issued against her father and brothers, charging them with being accessories in the crime. Kennedy's murder was the culmination of a sensational wedding, which he had brought suit to have set aside, asserting that it had been forced.

RUSSIAN TARIFF.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16.—M. Dewitte, minister of finance, has issued a decree repealing the application of the increased tariff to certain imports from the United States. The decree is based upon the first paragraph of article 623 of the customs statute. The measure will become effective a fortnight after its promulgation.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Paul Kruger is Very Despondent and Keenly Disappointed.

Kitcheners Reports That DeWet is Being Hotly Pursued—Some Boer Prisoners.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Pall Mall Magazine will publish, Feb. 18, an interview with Mr. Kruger, in part as follows:

"Will no one arbitrate? Will no one give us a chance of defending ourselves? We may have done wrongly. We have our faults and our weakness. We declared war, but our hands were forced, and we can prove it. Get some one to judge between England and ourselves.

"But the Lord will help us in the end. We shall win. I do not know how or when but we shall win at last." Mr. Kruger says the Transvaal offered more reforms in one week than an older country would make in forty years, giving in on all points almost to the uttermost extent, but that the ultimatum was seized upon as a stumbling block.

Referring to his reception in Europe, which has bitterly disappointed him, Mr. Kruger says:

"I care nothing for flowers; nothing, nothing. The people who send them, mean well, and I am grateful; but I care nothing for them. What I want is a fair hearing. If they will only give us a fair hearing and justice, I ask for justice. We are a little folk, but we have made great steps."

When asked why he came to Europe, he said to the interviewer:

"I could not go out with the commandos, as Mr. Steyn can. I am too old, but I may be of some use here."

Regarding Mrs. Kruger, he said:

"I am sorry for her, too. I have a deep sorrow for her, but I have far more for my country. My wife has her children. Six are still with her. They were left with her in her home. Two of my sons have died on the battlefield. Two were captured. I believe two more are dead also, as I have not heard from them for two months, and I know they were in the thick of the fight."

"Thirty-one sons and grandsons I have in the field yet, but I could not go on commando. I have not heard from my wife for sixteen days, but has six children with her and she is not to be pitied."

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Gen. Kitcheners, telegraphing from De Aar, Cape Colony, under today's date, says:

"Dewet's force crossed the railway at Rozenfontein, sliding north of here, before daylight, Feb. 15, closely followed by Plumer, Cradock and armored trains. They engaged the enemy while crossing. The Boers, however, cut the lines north and south of the place of crossing.

"We captured over twenty wagons, many of which were loaded with ammunition, and also a Maxim, twenty prisoners and over one hundred horses. The troops are still in close pursuit."

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16.—Five Boer prisoners who escaped from the Island of Ceylon have arrived at a Crimean port on board the Russian steamer to which they swam while in the harbor of Colombo. Among them is a nephew of President Steyn and a brother-in-law of General Botha, the Boer commander-in-chief.

MARTIAL LAW IN MADRID.

MADRID, Feb. 15, (Midnight).—General Weyler says that for the present rigorous martial law will be maintained, but that, if the same tranquility continues as has characterized the last two days, he will soon issue a milder proclamation. El Heraldo publishes a proclamation by General Weyler saying that he will do his best to avoid bloodshed, but that as martial law has been proclaimed his duty is to maintain order, independent of all political questions. Madrid remains perfectly calm, although the talk of a change of ministry after the carnival is very strong. El Dia has been suppressed.

Two persons were killed and several others were wounded yesterday in Granada. El Heraldo publishes a dispatch from Valencia, saying that troops occupy strategic points in the town, and that the composers of the republican newspaper, El Pueblo, have been arrested.

BURIED A MAN ALIVE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—According to Mail advices from the Philippines, Captain Novicio, the insurgent officer who commanded the band which captured Lieut. Gilmour and party of the Yorktown and held them captives for many months, has been sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for life, on the charge of having permitted one of Gilmour's party to be buried alive. The victim was a sailor named McDonald, who was a burden to the Philippines because of his wounds.

A DISHONEST MAGISTRATE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Tribune says: This committee appointed by the bar of Peekskill to take into consideration the advisability of making application to the appellate division to have Justice E. L. Lorch, of Cortlandt, moved from office for alleged malfeasance, last night unanimously reported that the charges were true. The charges were that he illegally retained fees, improperly and corruptly conducted his court, improperly kept his docket and extorted money upon pretended fines from unfortunate and ignorant people.

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You are therefore required to cite the heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all of the creditors and other persons interested in his said estate to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the City and County of Saint John, at the Probate Court Room in the Pugsley Building, in the City of Saint John, on MONDAY, the eighteenth day of FEBRUARY NEXT, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and there to show the passing and allowing of the said accounts as prayed for, and as by Law directed.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Court this 15th day of January A. D. 1901.

(Sgd.) J. TRUHAN, Judge of Probate.

(Sgd.) JOHN McILLAN, Registrar of Probate.

SHIPPING HED HUNG UP.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—That the opposition to the shipping bill in the senate will not permit a vote to be taken on the measure at the present session was made clear during the closing hour of today's session. For several days it has been evident that it would be difficult to gain unanimous consent to take a vote upon the measure, but not until today was the frank assertion made that a vote could not be had.