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CROKER'S PLANS.

Ho Hopes Some Day to Win the Derby.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Richard Croker, in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press, says among other things: "I have not decided on my future plans and don't know just when I will sail for England. I am going to try and win the Derby, that has always been one of the great ambitions of my life. I have two entries in this year's Derby and five in next year. It will be run about June 12. I shall continue to breed race horses and hope for a Derby winner. A man hopes to have his children do as well as they can in the world and watches them with anxious pride as they grow up. He wants them to amount to something. Every poor man who has a son hopes to see him president some day. There is something like this in a horseman's heart as he watches the colts he breeds develop, and I am watching with eagerness for a winner of the big race among mine."

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 12.—King Oscar and the government have decided to present a bill to the parliament permitting Iceland to have an independent ministry with headquarters at Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland. Up to the present time the Icelandic minister has resided here.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The announcement that Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of Emperor William, will come to the U. S. at an early day, already has caused much interesting speculation as to the details of his reception. The programme for his entertainment will be an elaborate one, appropriate for his high station. He will be met at New York.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—According to La Presse the battleship Massena is being fitted out to take President Loubet to St. Petersburg to return the visit to France of the Russian Emperor. La Presse says the Massena will sail the end of March or the beginning of April, that she will be escorted by three cruisers and that she will remain at St. Petersburg three days, returning before the general elections.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The White Star line steamer Celtic, which is to sail from Liverpool January 15 for New York, will have among her passengers Earl and Countess Grey.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Miss Julia McCarthy, aged 28 years, was so terribly burned yesterday, while carrying an ash pan through the back yard to empty it, when the wind blew some of the hot coals against her dress and ignited it, that she died today, after terrible suffering.

STOLEN FROM HOME.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 12.—Lottie Richard, 11 years old, known in theatrical circles as a member of the Kline family, who temporarily are living in this city, disappeared Friday afternoon. The child, who is the second member of the family to disappear within the last six months, was sent to a neighboring grocery to buy articles for the midday meal, and failed to return. The little girl's mother, Mrs. Laura Richard, says that she believes her daughter has been kidnapped by some person who knows the child's ability, and desires to make the girl's theatrical engagements a source of profit. While living on North Tenth street, about six months ago, Bertie Richard, nine years old, and a half brother of Lottie, disappeared under circumstances almost identical with those surrounding the disappearance of his half sister, and no tidings of him have ever been received.

IN PLACE OF SPANISH FRIARS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Catholics of this country will found a seminary in order to solve the Spanish friars problem in the Philippines. As fast as practicable, young priests will be sent to the Philippines to assume their duties. It is estimated that about 700 missionaries will be needed for this work, there being that number of friars in the islands. Father Elliott of the Paulists Fathers society, who for the last two years has been superior of a religious community at Washington, has been relieved of his duties at the capital and will devote all his energies to the collection of funds for the seminary. The institution will be known as the "Seminary for the home and insular missions." At least 300,000 will be needed, and \$150,000 of it has already been promised, conditional on the remaining \$150,000 being raised.

ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Jan. 12.—Joe Higginbotham, the negro janitor of the Floyd school building, has been arrested on suspicion of being the person who criminally assaulted and attempted to murder Mrs. Ralph Webber, wife of a cotton mill superintendent. Owing to the intense feeling prevailing, an attempt has been made to keep the arrest quiet. The negro has not yet been brought before Mrs. Webber for identification, as her condition is not such as to warrant subjecting her to the excitement. He awaits, however, to the description given by Mrs. Webber of her assailant. Steps have been taken to have the prisoner removed to Roanoke for safe keeping.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—A loss estimated at nearly \$275,000 was caused by fire this morning in the plant of the J. F. Weil branch of the American Maltting company, at 52nd street. The fire started in the elevator having a capacity of 500,000 bushels of grain. It was filled with barley, almost to its capacity. The building was destroyed, and the contents are almost a total loss.

NOTHING SERIOUS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Secretary Long received the following cablegram today from Commander Edward D. Barry, in answer to the department's inquiry regarding the recently reported clash at Nuchwang between soldiers of the Yickesburg and Russian soldiers: "YING KANG" (no date).—Secretary navy, Washington, Nothing serious; crew orderly. (Signed), Barry.

SMALLPOX AT MONCTON.

MONCTON, Jan. 12.—A suspected case of smallpox has been reported by the board of health, the patient being Harry Moore, secretary to the mechanical superintendent of the I. C. E. He has been ill for some days, and yesterday the physician diagnosed it as probably smallpox. The house in which he boarded has been quarantined and other necessary precautions have been taken, and it is hoped there will be no spread of the disease.

MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN ILL.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, formerly governor general of Canada, is seriously ill at Clondeboye, his residence in County Down, Ireland.

THE GOAT WAS BUSY

At the Jewish Lodge on Mill Street The Other Night.

Scott B. Morrill was this forenoon requested to use his utmost endeavors to recover from a number of members of the Jewish congregation the sum of thirty-seven dollars, said to have been taken by a fellow Israelite. The man, who lost the money, told a story to the effect that a number of Jews had formed a lodge which met in Corbett's hall on Mill street. They claimed to have secured a charter from the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. and under the authority vested in them were enabled to initiate members into their lodge.

On Thursday night three applicants for admission appeared and were compelled to undergo all sorts of rough treatment. One of them had his boots removed and while blindfolded, pails of icy water were thrown on his bare feet, causing him to contract a severe cold. On Sunday night the man who applied to Mr. Morrill for assistance, had gone to the lodge with two others, and after being blindfolded had been ill-treated in many ways. He was pulled and hauled around the room for fully twenty minutes. When the initiation was over, beer and liquor was sold, and those present drank. After leaving the hall the complainant discovered that thirty-seven dollars, which he had in his possession was missing, and this morning he demanded from the officers of the society that it should be returned to him at once. This he being done, he went to Mr. Morrill, but on returning to his place of business found that the money had been sent to him.

SUCCESS AT LAST.

That the path of true love does not always run smoothly is illustrated by the experience of a Blanchard couple as narrated in the Piscataquis Observer.

"Manley Tyler and Myra Stowe, who were married in Dover last week, passed through many hardships before the knot was tied. They started from Mr. Tyler's home on Russell mountain the Monday after the big freeze. The roads were so badly washed that they were obliged to walk. A part of the way was through the woods and across swollen streams. Their wedding outfit was in an extension case, which Mr. Tyler carried in his hand. In crossing a brook he fell in and wet his extension case and came near ruining the contents. After arriving at the hotel in Blanchard, they learned there were no trains running so they were obliged to remain there until Tuesday afternoon, when they boarded the train for Dover. After arriving at Dover and presenting their marriage certificate they learned that there was an error in it, so it had to be sent back to Blanchard, which caused another delay, but finally they were made one and took a trip to Dover South Mills to visit friends. While there Mr. Tyler was playing with a kitten, which scratched him in the eye so Mr. Tyler was confined to a dark room for a day. Last Thursday they started for Blanchard. On reaching Monson Junction the train was delayed four hours so they did not reach home until nearly dark. Mr. Tyler informed the correspondent that on reaching Blanchard his troubles were all ended and he is the happiest man in town."

WIDOW'S OFFER OF MARRIAGE.

In a mining centre some eighty miles from Coolgardie, in Western Australia, a carpenter died, and his widow had offers of marriage from the doctor who attended the deceased, the undertaker, the clergyman who read the burial service, the local apothecary who made up the medicines, and prescribed for the departed, and the custodian of the cemetery where he was interred. Likewise from a score of mine managers and miners. She did not accept one of the suitors, and departed for her home in Melbourne.

THE NEW BRITISH POSTAGE STAMP.

The mail from England by the Teutonic at New York arrived at the Halifax post office Saturday afternoon. This is the first mail from England since the introduction of adhesive stamps in the early forties that correspondence from the United Kingdom has been prepaid by stamps other than those bearing the portrait of Queen Victoria. The new penny stamp is of a shade of color—carmine—similar to the two cent stamp of the United States. The likeness of King Edward VII. is excellent. On one side of the King's portrait is a wreath of laurel and on the other oak leaves.—Record.

PUNISH BY DEATH.

All Chinese Officials Who Embezzle More Than Two Thousand Yen.

YACOMA, Wn., Jan. 12.—Mail advices from Seoul, Corea, via Yokohama, are to the effect that the checking of the government funds from taxes and internal revenue reveals the astonishing fact that not less than 10,000,000 of Yen have been embezzled by government officials during the last six years. Yoo Yoo Tok, minister of finance, advised the emperor to pass sentences of death on all officials who embezzled over 2,000 Yen. The emperor's sanction was given over three weeks ago, and wholesale executions are being carried out. Eighty officials are implicated, many of whom have already been arrested. Among those condemned to Cho Pyng Jik, an executioner. The officials under arrest say that the money taken by them was in payment for salaries or expenses incurred in collecting.

A STRONG ORGANIZATION.

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 12.—Frank Warner, grand secretary treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, has just completed his report for the last year, which makes some remarkable showing in reference to the order. According to the figures, the firemen are the strongest in proportion to the number of men employed in the United States and Canada, of any of the railroad organizations. The firemen today have a total membership of 40,720 as against fewer than 50,000 locomotive firemen in the United States and Canada. This is a doubling of the membership since 1893, when the order moved to Peoria, at which time it had fewer than 21,000 members. The gain for the last year was 3,119 and the insurance in force is \$55,623,500.

SERIOUS RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—A fast Pennsylvania passenger train from New York crashed into the rear of another express from Cincinnati on the same system last night at the Baltimore and Ohio railroad crossing, near 49th street and Wentworth avenue. Two men, both train attaches, were seriously and perhaps fatally injured. A possible large loss of life was prevented by the fact that at the rear of the forward train was the empty dining car Delmonico. The locomotive of the train plowed its way half the length of this car. The cook, Robert Hatch, was caught in the wreck and terribly burned by the fire which caught from the overturned stove in the kitchen. He will probably die. The other injured man was fireman John Tuberty, who jumped from the rear engine. He was badly cut and received internal injuries. William Wallace, engineer, jumped and escaped with slight bruises. No reason is given for Wallace's failure to stop his train in time to avoid the accident.

THE VRESCHEN INCIDENT

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—The imperial chancellor, Count Von Buelow, replied in the lower house of the diet today to interpellations relative to the Polish question in Prussia. Von Buelow prefaced his remarks by saying that the incidents at Vreschen had been greatly exaggerated. What occurred was the fault of the Polish agitation and not of the Prussian school system. Corporal punishment would hereafter be omitted during religious instruction. No one prevented the Poles from speaking Polish, but they must also learn to speak German and participate in the German work of civilization.

PONTIFICAL JUBILEE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—A movement for the fitting celebration of the pontifical silver jubilee of Pope Leo XIII., which will take place this year, is now on foot in all parts of the world. Elaborate preparations for the coming celebration are already being made. Copies of the appeal just issued in England have been received at the house of Archbishop Corrigan in this city.

H. M. S. CONDOR OVDORUE.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 12.—Much uneasiness is felt here for H. M. S. Condor, thirty-two days out from this port for Honolulu before Jan. 3, but of which nothing has been heard since she left Victoria. The Condor is a screw sloop of nine hundred and eighty tons, carrying six guns. Clifton Slater is her commander.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—James Tienan was killed and Peter Glynn seriously injured today by a falling elevator in the belt factory of Fayerweather and Ladew, this city. They were taking a load of belts to the sixth floor, when the cable parted. The elevator fell from the sixth floor to the bottom. Tienan was picked up dead, and Glynn was found to be badly hurt.

SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The breach of promise suit brought by Miss Fortia Knight, the American actress, against the Duke of Manchester, has been settled out of court, the duke paying Miss Knight 1,000 pounds and defraying the costs of the legal proceedings.

VENUS SHINES.

NICE, France, Jan. 12.—M. Giacobini, the chief astronomer of the Nice observatory, reports that at seven o'clock yesterday evening, after moon set, the brilliancy of Venus was so intense as to cast shadows on the walls. This is the first time this phenomenon has been observed.

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