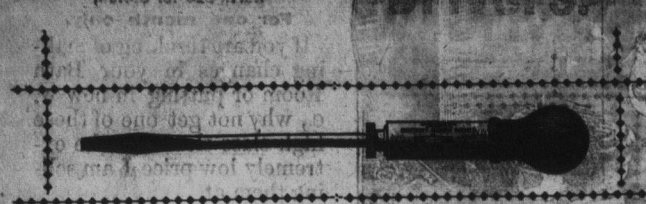


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MONEY IN CHARLEY'S AUNT.

A London lawsuit divulges some of the inner history of "Charley's Aunt," the farce which has played nearly three years there continuously. Comedian Penley got it from the author, Brandon Thomas, but lacked the money to put it on the stage. Emily Brinsley Hartmont, an actress, induced Edward Hartmont to provide \$5,000 for the venture. Penley and Hartmont were to share the profits equally, except that Miss Sheridan was to receive five per cent. of it instead of a salary for playing a part. She was subsequently dismissed, but enforced her claim in the courts, and now some incidental litigation brings out the fact that the farce cleared \$500,000 in London alone, with probably half as much more from use on tours. The net income in England and America must have been in excess of \$500,000.

NICK CARTER ON THE STAGE.

The origin for dramatized novels has brought to the stage not only the new books but the classics. The latest of the latter was arranged for recently

by F. C. Whitney. He will put that famous character of literature, Nick Carter, on the stage. Stanislaus Strang, who dramatized "Que Vadis," will make a melodrama out of the "Nick Carter Detective Stories," and Mr. Whitney will produce it elaborately next fall.

BEST WISHES, PRO TEM.

Mark Twain once lived a considerable time in Vienna. Of course, he made many friends there, and in order to remind them of past time he this week sends them a Christmas greeting, which appears in the Neue Freie Presse. "Prosperity and happiness to my friends in the empire. The same to my enemies on Christmas day, but not after that date."

THE PHILOSOPHY OF IT.

(Baltimore American.) "Would you rather be wise or beautiful?" asked Fate of the Gay Young Maiden. "I would rather be beautiful," she replied. "The same," said Fate, as she tied up a package of wisdom.

ACROSS THE SEA.

A Silly Story That the King is Afflicted With Cancer.

He and Emperor William Have Returned to London—Message to Subjects in India.

WINDSOR, Feb. 4.—The last honors have been paid to Queen Victoria. Her body now rests in the state room of the mausoleum at Frogmore. The final ceremonies were more of a funeral and pathetic character than any of the obsequies which preceded them. Shortly before 10 o'clock, in the presence of the royal mourners, the Grenadier guard of honor lifted the coffin from its temporary resting place in the Albert Memorial Chapel and placed it on a gun carriage. In the meanwhile the Queen's company of Grenadiers, drawn up in the quadrangle, presented arms and wheeled into line, their rifle muzzles pointing to the rear, at the revivand, with slow measured steps, marched towards the castle gate. At the head of the procession was a band playing Chopin's Funeral March.

Slowly the cortege passed under the massive archway onto the long walk, which was a mass of black, brilliantly edged with scarlet. Life Guardsmen kept the crowds back.

In place on the gun carriage was the same regalia which had attracted the eyes of millions since the

MARCH TO THE GRAVE BEGAN at Osborne. Close behind walked the King, Emperor William and the Duke of Connaught, wearing dark military overcoats and plumed cocked hats, and looking pale and careworn. In similar dull, silver were the Kings of Portugal and Belgium. All heads were bent. The blue and gray of the German Princes redeemed the royal group from perfect sombreness of color. Behind these walked Queen Alexandra and the royal Princesses, deeply veiled. The Queen carried an umbrella, but the others had their hands folded. As the last of these veiled women passed out from the castle, there came the brown dressed in bright tartan kilts and velvet jackets. Between them was a young girl, her fair, loose hair glittering again, the crone of her mourning. Two of these were children of the late Queen, Princess Beatrice and the other was little Prince Edward of York. His tiny legs could hardly keep pace even with the slow progress of the mourning band.

The rest of the procession was brought up by the Kings and Princes, who then entered the burial place so dear to the late Queen, ranging themselves on each side of the coffin. The Bishop of Winchester read the last part of the burial service. After further singing by the choir, the benediction was given, and amid the privacy of this family tomb, the last farewell was said. The funeral came to an end, the mourners drove to the castle and the crowds dispersed.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The King-Emperor has sent a special message to the people of India and a greeting to the ruling chiefs of the native states. He refers to the late Queen's special interest in India, to his own visit to that country, to the deep impression he received there, and to his purpose to follow the Queen Empress in working for the well being of all ranks in India.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—By command of Emperor William the court will remain in mourning for three months in memory of Queen Victoria.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—King Edward's day's journey, which was a London despatch to an evening paper here, which goes on to say that London was shocked today by the report that the Emperor's journey was a journey of conquest. The Emperor, it is said, is in almost constant attendance.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Emperor William and King Edward arrived at Windsor at 11.15 p. m. from Windsor and drove in an open carriage to Marlborough house, followed by their suites. Emperor William everywhere received the warmest welcome and exhibited every sign of pleasure.

A FATAL FIRE.

SINGHAMPTON, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Two persons perished and three were fatally injured in a fire which destroyed the Exposition hotel, in this morning. The hotel, which was a large and modern building, was owned by Harry Severance, aged about 30 years, a musician, burned beyond recognition. The hotel was a large and modern building, was owned by Harry Severance, aged about 30 years, a musician, burned beyond recognition.

The fire started about 3 o'clock, and as it is situated quite a distance from the city, the flames gained headway before the arrival of the firemen. There were about 25 persons in the building at the time, most of whom escaped. A number of persons were taken to the hospital, and a few of these were slightly hurt. The body of Severance, partially dressed, was found on a bed by the street door. Stollard's body was lying on the floor near the window in another room, and the position indicated that the man had attempted to escape, but had lost his way in the confusion.

The pecuniary loss on the building and the effects will amount to \$10,000.

CAPT. JOHN J. HEALY

Expects to See a Railway from St. Petersburg to New York.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—A special to the Record from Seattle, Washington, says: "No longer a young man I believe I yet will live to see a continuous line of railway from New York to St. Petersburg and other European capitals. Such a highway in the nature of things is only possible by way of Behring straits, and work on one of the principal connecting links will be commenced within twelve months. From this point nothing seems more certain than that it will be projected to Nome, up through that district and across Behring strait into Siberia. Such a project would of course involve an international co-operation, and those results will be forthcoming. It requires no great stretch of engineering imagination to conceive the idea of a railroad across Behring strait. It is but a few miles from the American side to Dromed island, and less than that to the Siberian shores."

OTTAWA NEWS.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—The plans are gathering for the parliamentary fray. Communications have been passing between the governor general and the home authorities in reference to recruiting in Canada for the South African contingent. At one time it was suggested that Capt. Fife should go to work without delay, but from present appearances he may await the arrival of Col. Stead, who possibly will get the contingent in the force. A question has been raised as to whether or not the militia will have to take the oath of allegiance to the new sovereign. When a man joined the force under the late Queen he was tendered the following oath: "I do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear allegiance to Her Majesty."

The department of justice does not interpret the words "Her Majesty" in a literal sense, but as synonymous with "the crown" or the throne, hence the decision is that present members of active militia are not required to take the oath.

The executive of the C. M. B. A. decided today that the next annual convention will be held at Niagara Falls, commencing August 27. Sir Herbert Trupper arrived today and took the oath of allegiance as a privy councillor.

It is generally believed here that R. L. Borden, M. P. for Halifax, will be the choice tomorrow of the conservatives as leader.

A new militia list was issued today. A cable from Sir Alfred Milner to the militia department announces the death of Trooper Fernie of Strathcona's Horse and the dangerous illness of Trooper Armitage. Fernie came from British Columbia, but his relatives live at Scarborough, England, and he was in the city. His family live at Fergus, Ont.

MASONIC TEMPLE BURNED.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 5.—The Masonic temple went up in flames last night, total loss about \$150,000, of which \$50,000 is on the building. The temple contained the lodge rooms of the Ancient Scottish Rite, two chapters, three Blue Lodges of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, as well as the headquarters of the Northwestern Ohio Masonic Relief association and the rooms of the Masonic club, the furnishings of the last estimated at \$5,000. The Masonic records, regalia, and paraphernalia were all lost. Armstrong & Co., wholesale and retail grocery, on the ground floor, Miss Mauck's millinery establishment, and one or two smaller shops, on the ground floor, were gutted. The loss is covered by insurance.

BRIEF DESPATCHES.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Lord Salisbury had an audience of King Edward and Emperor William at Windsor castle yesterday.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—A snow storm in the west of England has seriously interfered with telegraphic communication between London and the United States. From five to nine land lines are down, and the railways are working with the utmost difficulty.

BERNHARDT INSURES HER LIFE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—During her recent stay in this city Madame Sarah Bernhardt took out a life insurance policy for \$100,000, naming her son Maurice Bernhardt as the beneficiary.

The annual premium will be \$7,500. Now, Bernhardt, 67 years of age, the examining physician reported her to be in excellent physical condition and one of the best risks that had come to his notice.

ROSSLAND B. C.

ROSSLAND, B. C., Feb. 5.—It is stated that the water power on the Pineda river is about to be utilized by a New York company. The mill site and water rights on the river about seven miles up from Wanaeta were taken up by the company a few days ago, and work will probably begin at once. Some years ago a plant was put up, but it was abandoned by the Rossland Hydraulic company for placer mining, but it was abandoned and the old machinery is still there.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Sensational Rumor That Boers Threaten Lorenzo Marques.

And That a British Squadron Has Been Ordered to That Port.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, writing Sunday, says: "It appears that in the action between General Knox and General De Wet, near Senekal, the Kafrarian Rifles sustained about a hundred casualties. Three Boer invading columns are now moving toward the Orange river. It is believed that Piet Botha's force of 2,000 men, with seven guns, from Smithfield, has crossed into the colony."

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 4.—The British steamer Montreal, of the Elder Dempster Co., under charter by the British government, cleared today for Cape Town, South Africa, with 1,500 mules for military operations of the army.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—It is reported in London that the Boers commanded by Blake are threatening Lorenzo Marques and that Portugal has requested British assistance. It is further asserted that a British squadron has been ordered to Lorenzo Marques. No official confirmation of the report is obtainable.

SENATOR FRYE

Declares That Cuba Should Repudiate Its Bonded Debt.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Senator Frye, of Maine, president pro tem of the senate, ranking member of the committee on foreign relations and a member of the American peace commission which negotiated the Paris treaty, is quoted in a Washington special to the Tribune as saying of the more weighty issues involved in the Cuban situation:

"First and foremost, I place that stupendous bonded debt which Spain fastened upon the revenues of Cuba just before Spanish sovereignty was destroyed in the island by this country's armed intervention. That debt, as I recollect, was between \$50,000,000 and \$700,000,000, and not \$500,000,000 as is so generally stated by the newspapers. I recall distinctly the efforts that were made while we were negotiating the peace treaty at Paris to have us make provisions for the payment of that debt. This we had not the desire or the power to do. I do not hesitate to say that we now owe it to Cuba to get in to the constitution by some means a clause, plainly and positively repudiating that debt. If this is not Cuba will start with a burden that will crush her. Cuba never can pay the stupendous sum assessed against her revenues, though I feel certain that Spain and France, whose citizens own nearly all the bonds, which they purchased for the most part at very low figures, will demand full payment just because Cuba is declared independent sovereignty."

"By what method we can get an outright repudiation of this enormous debt in the Cuban constitution I am not now prepared to say. That will have to be determined by future events. I am certain that congress cannot approve, or in any way amend or modify the Cuban constitution. The Teller resolution in letter and in spirit prevents that. But I see nothing in the way of congress discussing the Cuban constitution at the proper time and advising the Cubans what to do with that instrument for their own good."

CHICAGO'S GREAT STRIKE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Today is the anniversary of the closing of the big strike of the Chicago building trades and the trouble is not settled. It has been one of the most remarkable struggles in the annals of labor, but it is believed by contractors, architects and manufacturers that final settlement agreements will be reached before the opening of the coming building season. By the strike 30,000 men in the building industry were kept out of employment and 20,000 in the trades manufacturing building material. Most of these were able to keep their families from suffering by doing odd jobs. It is estimated that \$50,000,000 in contracts in buildings and plans in the architects office were held back for a year by the trouble.

ARRESTED 250 SALOON KEEPERS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Two hundred and fifty saloon keepers were arrested yesterday, charged with keeping their places open on Sunday. It is said this action is but the forerunner of the arrest of every saloon keeper and inn keeper in Chicago, who sells liquor on Sunday.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—Northeasterly and northwesterly winds, increasing to gales; unsteady; local snow on snow. Wednesday strong winds and gales from northwest, colder with local snow falls.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Forecast: Bitter and northern New York: Fair tonight and Wednesday, lower temperature tonight; high northwest; windy, diminishing to force Wednesday.

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Recorder of said City.

TOOK NO CHANCES.

Mr. Fulton Street.—That was a very sweet kiss you gave me at the masked ball last evening.

Miss Bay Ridge.—Impossible! I was masked; so you could not be sure that you kissed me!

Mr. Fulton Street.—Oh, but I am—I kissed every girl there!—Brooklyn Eagle.

THEN HE LIT OUT.

"Don't you feel like an actor?" she asked, as her father's heavy tread was heard on the stairs.

"Why, dearest?" he queried, reaching for the door.

"Because you've got to go before the grand jury," Philadelphia Record.

FAMILY CAUGHT.

Mr. Smith.—Say I want you to marry me!

Miss Pook.—(weeping)—Well! I've said about twenty proposals, but you take the time!

Mr. Smith.—Good! Now let me hold that pale blue mantle while I slip this ring on the proper finger!—Philadelphia Record.

A PHILOSOPHER.

His Worship the prisoner who has been on every month for years.—Shower Noakes, aren't you ashamed to be seen here so often? "Blasphemy! This place is venerable too some place where I've seen."—Tribune.