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### LET WOMEN PROPOSE.

Fees Were Small in Dr. Kloss's Congregation So He Made This Suggestion.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 3.—Dr. Charles L. Kloss, pastor of the First Congregational church, at Webster grove, has caused a sensation by suggesting in an interview that women should propose marriage. There are nearly three hundred members of the congregation, and last year there were only about a dozen marriages among the members. Dr. Kloss is supposed to blame the women. He says they are too timid, and that there is no reason why they should not do the proposing themselves.

"The idea seems to have always been that women are dependent upon the men," Dr. Kloss says. "There is no reason why this opinion should not be removed. Let them become men's equals and then they will propose to the men to come along and ask them to become their wives. Right now women do not usually let men propose to them until they are ready, and there is no reason why they should not have and exercise the same right of proposing as men."

### RAILROAD COMBINATION.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—At its meeting here next Wednesday the Inter-state Commerce Commission will move against the Northern Securities Company and investigate the combine of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington railways. The commission will probe the entire matter of "community of interest" between great railway systems, but the specific investigation will be aimed at the Northwestern railways. Hundreds of witnesses, among them many of the leading railway promoters and owners in the country, have been summoned to appear in Chicago next Wednesday to testify before the commission. All the western railroad magnates have been summoned to appear and after the investigation in Chicago, which may last a week, has been concluded the commission will resume its hearing in New York, and call before it the great promoters and financiers of Wall street. It is understood there is to be a general and determined fight all along the line. The commission has announced its intention of examining every phase of railroad combination, including the purchase of the Southern Pacific by the Union Pacific, the Union Pacific's control over the Burlington, and every specific instance of what they regard as violation of the inter-state commerce law.

### WERE MURDERED.

LITCHFIELD, Minn., Jan. 3.—The authorities here are now firmly convinced that Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gorton, who were found burned to death in their home Wednesday night, were murdered. There were but three persons in the house, which is situated on a farm a few miles north of here, when the fire occurred. A boy of 18 years old, employed as a farm hand, has made his escape from the burning building in his night clothes. He says that Mrs. Gorton succeeded in getting out of the building, but returned for her husband. When neighbors reached the place both bodies were found, burned out of all semblance of human shape. Gorton was very wealthy and the authorities claim to have evidence that convinces them that a double murder was committed for the purpose of robbery.

### THE BASEBALL WAR.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—There will be action in court next Monday in the case of Andrew Freedman and others against A. G. Spalding and others, known on the records as the suit of the Boston Baseball Exposition company et al against the Brooklyn Baseball club et al. On that day a motion to compel the defendants to furnish security for costs of action on the ground that they are all foreign corporations coming into the jurisdiction of the court and beginning suit, will be argued in the supreme court. There is a possibility that one of the skeletons of the national league might be unraveled when this motion comes up for argument.

### CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—John Rominski, a candy maker, has confessed that he had been identified with a conspiracy to defraud fire insurance companies. The burning of three buildings in Chicago within six months, damage amounting to thousands of dollars, his own disfigurement for life by an explosion of gasoline while starting a fire, and the collection of \$1,400 insurance, took place while this conspiracy was being carried out. In his confession Rominski implicates four others as accomplices.

### WILL NOT BE REVIVED.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 3.—The News today says: The fire and police board will blast the hopes of those who have been hoping for the re-opening of the fighting game in this city. It has been rumored among the devotees of the ring that the board would permit fights to be pulled off after the first of the year, and a fight for the championship between Jeffries and Sharkey had been discussed. Frank Adams, president of the fire and police board, in an interview, said: "The attitude of the board has not been changed. The fighting game will not be revived."

### ANOTHER LIBRARY GIFT.

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—Andrew Carnegie has made St. Catharines an offer of twenty thousand dollars for a free public library building. The usual conditions are attached to offer.

### DIDN'T LOSE GEMS.

Missing Mrs. Spears Has Returned to Her Home in So. Norwalk, Conn.—Experiences a Mystery.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Jan. 1.—Staggering with weakness, wandering in her mind, with torn clothes and the marks of terrible exposure plain upon her, Mrs. Lottie Spears, who has been missing for 15 days, returned to the home of a relative on Sunday night. She cannot tell where she has been or what she has done since she boarded a train at the Grand Central depot, New York, more than two weeks ago, to return to Ridgefield, her home.

When she went aboard this train she had a satchel in which she carried several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds. When she failed to reach home and the police of several states found it impossible to trace her, her people feared that she had been done away with for the jewels she carried, but when she came blind and upon the home of a relative on Sunday night she still clutched her precious satchel. She must have walked many miles during the time her mind lapsed, as the bottom of her dress is frayed away, and her shoes are almost worn out. How she kept alive during the savage cold of the night is incomprehensible. She is marked with fatigue and suffering, but she must have been under shelter at least during part of the time. It would seem that an effort to rob her had been made, or else her mania took this form, as she sometimes raves over the satchel of her diamonds and will not, even now, let go of her satchel. At other times she holds her hands above her head as though she were out in a storm and cries out at the bitterness of the cold.

Mrs. Spears, as has been told, is a small woman of light complexion. She is 35 years of age, but looks hardly 40. She went to New York to attend the funeral of her daughter's child. She had been melancholy of late, and it is thought that the grief of the death and funeral so preyed upon her that when she was placed on the train to return home she had no idea of who or where she was.

### DESERVED BY THE PRINCE.

Following closely upon the troubles in the palace of the king of Serbia, which for a time seemed destined to mean a divorce from Queen Draga, comes the latest report concerning the martial woes of the crown prince and crown princess of Roumania. A separation of this royal young couple would be of intense interest to all of Europe, and especially to Great Britain.

The crown princess is the daughter of the late duke of Edinburgh, and is, of course, a princess of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. She was educated with the greatest care, for the duchess of Edinburgh believed in a real high education for her daughters. It is well known that the Roumanian prince forget his sweetheart of humbler birth. His aunt, the famous "Carmen Sylva," took a deep interest in the love affair of the young prince. There was a pretty lady-in-waiting, Mlle. Helene Vacaresco, whom the prince loved most devotedly. The king objected to such a match and forbade the proposed marriage. The lady-in-waiting left the court, and only returned after the crown prince and the daughter of the duke of Edinburgh had been married. It seems, according to report from Roumania, that the prince has fallen in love once more with his old sweetheart, and hence the domestic woes in the royal palace.

### PRIDE FOR CANADA.

Captain A. L. Jeffrey, of H. M. Emigration office, has added this culogium to the numerous outbursts of praise of Canada in the visitors' book of that section:—"The Canadian exhibit is unique. It has conveyed a most profound and indelibly impressed mission to a vast number of our subjects as to the exuberant richness and enormous resources of the great loyal colony of the greatest Empire. From oblivion Canadian produce has been lifted into the blazing rays of public eyes. The departments of the exhibit have been wisely and skilfully managed. In a war as well as peace Canada has most nobly earned a place for her 'maple leaf,' to signify our national crown of laurel."

W. D. Scott, Canadian commissioner general, who has worked so enthusiastically in securing the unobscured success of his section, was presented last night with a travelling trunk, dressing case and diamond pin from the exhibitors in the Canadian section.—Glasgow paper.

### TOBACCO PERSECUTIONS.

Writing in "Cigarette Papers," in The People, Joseph Hatton says it is strange that America, which owes much to the cultivation of tobacco, should have been the most severe persecutor of the smoker. The magistrates in the early days of New England regarded the use of tobacco as more sinful and degrading than drinking ardent spirits to excess. It was only permitted to be planted in small quantities "for mere necessity" as a medicine and to be taken privately by old men. The Yankee's New England ancestors were not permitted to use it or buy it in a tavern. No man was allowed to take tobacco publicly nor even in his own house before strangers. Two men might not smoke together. On a Sabbath day it was forbidden to smoke within two miles of a meeting house. In some townships a medical certificate had to be procured before a man might smoke at all.

### PROHIBITION IN ONTARIO.

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—After hearing the views of the prohibition deputation at considerable length this morning Premier Ross told the deputation that the government was very much obliged for their statement of case and would take it into their careful consideration and announce their decision at the opening of the session.

### A PECULIAR CASE.

After Twenty-Four Years Silence James Morrow Applies for His Money.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—After being thought dead for over a quarter of a century, James Morrow, nephew of "Billy" MaMahon, who owned the haymarket during the days of the Tweed regime, has claimed a share of his uncle's estate, worth, it is said, \$400,000. Last summer Samuel H. Morrow, his son by the woman whom he left in this city nearly thirty years ago, was given a share of the estate by justice Gillroy, of the supreme court, who decided that James Morrow was legally dead. Now father and son are opposed to each other in a legal fight. Neither has ever seen the other, the father leaving the city before the birth of the child. Morrow is said to have commenced the suit in the interest of his five children by a second wife, whom he married after being thought dead by his first wife. The latter got a divorce from him on the ground of abandonment, believing at the time he was dead, she too, married again. Some time after Morrow went west his first wife received a letter in his handwriting and signed with his name, saying that he was in a hospital at Orange, Texas, that he had been shot in a saloon and would probably never leave the hospital alive. He begged her forgiveness for his long silence. Soon after William Findlay, of Newark, received a letter from a man saying James Morrow had died in the Texas hospital. A couple of months ago James Morrow heard of his uncle's death and the fact that he had been declared legally dead. Friends had told him in the late seventies of the divorce obtained by his wife, and in 1880 he married a girl in Brazil, Ind. A referee will be appointed to take testimony in the case. Morrow has returned to Illinois. He did not visit his former wife or the son he has never seen.

### UNCONFIRMED RUMOR.

States That an Attempt Has Been Made to Assassinate Milner.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A rumor was current in this city today to the effect that an attempt had been made to assassinate Lord Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa. The rumor, however, was wholly unconfirmed and entirely discredited in responsible quarters.

### MANIPULATION OF GRAIN RATES.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 2.—The interstate commerce commission will conduct another investigation of alleged manipulation of grain rates by R. B. Subpoena has been issued on grain men and a number of freight agents, representing Kansas City railways, to appear before the commission in this city on Jan. 9 and explain their rates on grain to the Atlantic seaboard. The grain situation in Kansas City has been in a chaotic state for several years and a similar investigation was attempted here last spring, but nothing was developed. Now the commission, it is said, expects aid from the grain men and some sensations may be expected if they shall turn states evidence.

### SAID TO BE LIBERATED.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Sofia correspondent of the Daily Telegraph has cabled an unconfirmed rumor to the effect that Miss Stone and Mme. Tilkka were liberated in Turkey Jan. 1, and that the Americans who conducted the negotiations resulting in the reported release, arrived in the presence of the captives, to maintain absolute silence concerning the captors. If this promise is broken, concludes the correspondent, vengeance will be wreaked upon the American mission.

### LOST IN THE WOODS.

BANGOR, Me., Jan. 3.—Prof. Geo. F. Gilmore, formerly of Bangor Theological seminary, and now a member of the faculty of the Unitarian College, of Meadville, Pa., passed through Bangor today on his way home from a hunting trip at Russell Pond. During the heavy snow storm of December 4 he became lost in the woods and wandered for two days before being found. He suffered severely from exposure, but is now all right.

### FOR NAVAL MEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Captain B. H. McCalla, now in command of the Kearsarge, the flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, has in view the erection of a fine club house at Vallejo for the enlisted men of the navy. He has already secured a site for the proposed building, paying for it with the prize money awarded to him for his services in the Spanish war. Additional funds are to be secured by popular subscription.

### BRIEFS BY WIRE.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 3.—It is reported that the government is contemplating adopting the Gothenburg system.

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—There is a famine of soft coal and coke here at the present time.

### THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Forecast—Eastern states and northern New York—Fair tonight, with a cold wave; Saturday fair and cold; brisk to high northwest winds.

KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 2.—James H. Metcalfe, ex-M. P., is the conservative candidate selected to oppose Hon. Wm. Hardy in the by-election for the federal house. Mr. Metcalfe's candidature was endorsed at a convention tonight.

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