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A WOMAN SPOILED ROOSEVELT'S GAME

Had a Deal on With San Domingo.

Former Employe of the President Had Risen to the Rank of Diplomat And Financier From a Soda Fountain Waiter -- Secretary Hay's Health Causes Much Worry.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) New York, March 20--The country is still laughing over the San Domingo affair. Although the senate adjourned without taking action on the treaty, as your correspondent predicted would be the case, the island is virtually under the control of the United States and the formalities will be observed sooner or later.

Next time President Roosevelt has any little colonial or international scheme to hurry along he will look about him carefully to see that there is no young and pretty woman being slighted in any way.

There is no doubt that it was Mrs. Althea B. Reader who was the amazon captain of finance and lady diplomat of today, who put the coup de grace to the San Domingo treaty.

The senate might have saved his wounded dignity, but avenging a fair lady's wrongs was another matter. No wonder the heavy loads of Senator Morgan shook with indignation.

Spotted Mrs. Reader's Deal. "I guess he will remember not to neglect the small things after this," said Mrs. Reader today with a dark allusion to the president. Mrs. Reader's position is perfectly clear. She says in effect: "If they had only let me make my little bit out of the deal, everything would have been all right. But they had to butt in and try to gobble it all. And this is where they got left."

There is no doubt that Mrs. Reader's negotiations with President Roosevelt were made known to Washington before the proper time, and that Roosevelt thought he could do it in his own way.

From Soda Fountain to Diplomat Mrs. Reader is a pretty little woman of 30. Not so long ago she presided over a soda water stand in a small town of Alabama. She came to New York and became a stenographer. Since then she has done all sorts of things from getting railroad concessions from the Sultan of Johore to engineering international treaties.

Investigations That Mean Little. The Metropolitan is to have a gas investigation beginning this week, which will cause a lot of bother and has no result. There were scandals enough in connection with the big pipe laid by the lighting corporations, but there is no legislative probe long enough to reach them.

Worried Over Hay's Condition. The news of Secretary Hay's failing condition published in the Telegraph last Thursday, came like a thunderbolt upon the country when it was revealed by the secretary's collapse at the pier on Saturday. His condition has been most seriously concurred.

A Washington special to the Post today says: "Mr. Hay is suffering from something like Neurasthenia recently. He has shown some tendencies toward hypochondria, due to the wear and tear on his nerves. The secretary is an exceedingly high strung man and has passed a most unhappy winter. The controversy with the senate over the arbitration treaty and recent changes of misreporting in connection with the San Domingo treaty have cut him to the quick. He is a man who says little, but suffers keenly and in silence as an officer of the government."

He has gone abroad to recuperate. Should his quest for renewed vitality prove successful, he will undoubtedly return to his place at the head of the cabinet.

PROMINENT GRAND FALLS MAN DEAD

Leonard W. Wilson Passed Away Saturday--John Day Died While Visiting His Daughter at St. Stephen.

Grand Falls, N. B., March 20--(Special.)--Leonard W. Wilson, one of Grand Falls' most prominent and highly respected citizens, died on Saturday evening after a brief illness. Although indisposed for upwards of a year he continued to attend to his business affairs until last Tuesday, when he was taken suddenly ill.

Deceased was 64 years of age and had been in business here for upwards of 30 years. He was engaged extensively in the manufacture of wagons, sleighs and pumps, in partnership with his son, Fred B. Wilson, and did an immense jobbing, horse shoeing and general blacksmith business.

2,000 CONVERSIONS IN FOUR WEEKS Great Revival in Illinois Town--Thous Disband and Bar Tenders Join the Procession.

Sterling, Ill., March 20--As a result of a great religious revival, which has just closed in Dixon, five dancing clubs have disbanded and several thousand people have taken an oath not to frequent bars, bars, and not to have anything to do with dancing parties or card tables.

SIXTEEN FISHING VESSELS DRIVEN ASHORE BY ICE

Provincetown, Mass., March 20--The Cape Cod ice field, which has been lingering along the coast since for two weeks, was suddenly pushed into the harbor this forenoon by the northeast gale, and sixteen fishing vessels in its grasp, drove them ashore in a tangled bunch at the northwest side of the harbor.

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COMPROMISE IS REACHED ON THE SEPARATE SCHOOLS

Government Makes Public Its Proposed Amendments

It is Claimed That the Present System in the Territories Will Be Perpetuated, and That Sifton and Western Members Are Satisfied With This Arrangement--P. E. Island Service Gets Another Airing and Government Will Try to Remedy It.

Ottawa, March 20--(Special.)--The amendment to the educational clauses of the bills representing the two Northwest provinces which is regarded as a compromise and adjustment of the difficulties, was announced tonight and is as follows: Section 93 of the British North America Act, 1867, shall apply to the said province with the substitution for sub-section 1 of the following words: "The right of the minority in any such law shall principally affect any right or privilege with respect to separate schools which any class of persons lawfully existing at the time of the passing of this act under the terms of chapters 29 and 30 of the ordinances of the Northwest Territories passed in the year 1870."

Present System Will Continue. It was found on careful inquiry that separate schools exist in the Northwest Territories in such a modified form that there is really very little to distinguish them from national schools.

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child whose parents disapprove of the arrangement may withdraw from the school. In addition to the religious instructions above mentioned, which is strictly confined to the half hour from 3.30 to 4 o'clock, the trustees may permit the Lord's Prayer to be recited.

Budget Will Be Delayed. In reply to Mr. Foster, Mr. Fielding said that in view of the other business before the house which was more immediately interesting, the budget would be postponed for some days.

ST. MARTIN'S MALL CONTRACT. In reply to Dr. Daniel, Sir Wm. Mulock said that the contract for the carriage of mails between St. John and St. Martin's Island was awarded to Henry Nugent in 1901 for four years.

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ANOTHER RUSSIAN GOVERNOR SHOT DOWN

Terrorist Fired Three Bullets into Him and His Condition is Critical

Linevitch's Army Still Retreating Northward, Harassed by Oyama's Troops -- Strict Censorship in Force on Both Sides.

Vibou, European Russia, March 20--Governor Misserodoff was shot and seriously wounded today by a lad whose identity has not been ascertained. The lad, who is about 15 years old, obtained an entrance to the governor's office and fired three times at him, one bullet inflicting a serious wound and the others slightly wounding the governor's leg.

RUSSIAN RETREAT SLOW. On March 20--(Morning)--The Russian rear guard is retreating slowly and engaging in occasional skirmishes. It has now reached a position 27 miles north of the Pass.

GREAT RELIGIOUS REVIVAL IN CAPE BRETON TOWNS

Evangelist Joe Mackay, a Former I. C. R. Conductor, Making Many Converts.

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FIFTY-THREE DEAD AND 53 MISSING

COMPLAIN NEW BRUNSWICK MATE ACTED BRUTALLY

Men of the Hopewell Cape Bark Enterprise Bring Charges Against C. D. Robinson of Stamford.

Greenwich, Ct., March 19--The crew of the British barkentine Enterprise, 800 tons, are at Stamford demanding the arrest and punishment of First Mate C. D. Robinson, one of their number, who made formal complaint against Robinson. Eugene Howcroft, of Herre de Grace (N.B.), and another of the crew say they intend to make complaint.

When the men went to the punishment of Robinson, the voyage from Buenos Ayres occupied twenty-seven days. On Saturday the Enterprise was tossed about for ten days. She lost her mainmast and gaff water came aboard and the men suffered from cold being drenched daily.

When she arrived at Stamford the crew was the dirtiest looking lot of men that have entered that port. They had not shaved during the voyage. They say they were allowed only a bucket of water a day for drinking purposes, were denied water with which to wash their clothes, and only once or twice were they able to wash their faces.

It will probably never be known just how many persons perished in the big footwork plant.

A partial list of dead and injured follows:

Identified Dead. The work of identifying those killed by the explosion at the factory of P. E. Island, Co. today progressed slowly, owing to the generally unrecognizable remains of the victims.

Record for Past Year Shows 5,399 Went to a Pauper's Grave, and 11,660 Deaths Required Investigation.

NOVA SCOTIA FACES ANOTHER BIG STRIKE

Miners on the Mainland Decline to Accept 12 Per Cent. Reduction in Wages, and Are Likely to Go Out.

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Terrific Explosion at Brockton, Mass.

Boiler of Shoe Factory Blows Up and Employes Suffered Horrible Deaths -- Most of Victims Mangled Beyond Recognition--Terrible Story of an Eye Witness.

Brockton, Mass., March 20--The city of Brockton is in mourning tonight for at least three score of her citizens whose lives were blotted out early today by the explosion of a boiler in a large shoe manufacturing establishment in the Campello district, conducted by the R. B. Grover Company. The explosion was immediately followed by a flash of flames which obliterated the factory, a long four-story structure, as if it were a house of cards, and incinerated the men and women unable to extricate themselves from a mass of tangled wreckage formed by the terrific upheaval in the boiler room.

The fire extended from the factory to seven other buildings in the vicinity and also reduced these to ashes.

The total financial loss is estimated at a quarter of a million dollars, \$200,000 of which falls to R. B. Grover Company. The losses are all offset nearly in full by insurance.

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Death List Now 53, and 53 Missing

Brockton, March 21--2.30 a. m.--At this hour the remains of 53 persons have been recovered from the ruins of R. B. Grover & Co.'s factory. Seven bodies have been identified, but only three or four positively. Fifty-three persons are known to be missing.

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