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EX-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Treat each man according to his worth as a man. Distrust all who would have any one class placed before any other. Other republics have fallen because the unscrupulous have substituted loyalty to class for loyalty to the people as a whole.—President Roosevelt's speech at Little Rock, Ark.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1909.

NEGRO BLOOD AMONG THE EUROPEAN ARISTOCRACY.

A short time ago, THE APPEAL had occasion to mention the fact that among the Russian aristocracy there are several persons with an infusion of Negro blood derived from their ancestor, the celebrated poet, Pushkin. In a recently article the Marquis de Pontenoy reveals the fact that the same is true of the aristocracy of Austria, as shown by the following facts, quoted from his article: "In the library of the imperial palace, in Vienna, there was preserved to the year 1848, the body of a stuffed Negro, whose history was as follows:

"The Austrian general, Prince Lobkowitz purchased at Messina a seven-year-old Negro boy, whom he named Angelo Solomon.

"On the death of the prince he passed into the employment of Prince Wenzel Lichtenstein, who took sufficient interest in him to cause him to be educated, and raised him from the relatively mental position that he had until then occupied.

While at Vienna, Angelo Solomon



HON. WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.
Who Was Inaugurated President of the United States March 4th.

managed to win the hand of a young and wealthy widow, who married him, greatly to the anger of Prince Lichtenstein, who declined to have anything more to do with him. The marriage turned out quite happily, and resulted in the birth of a daughter of the name of Josephine, a wonderfully beautiful woman, who, on growing up, married Baron von Feuchtersleben, and became the mother of the well-known poet of that name.

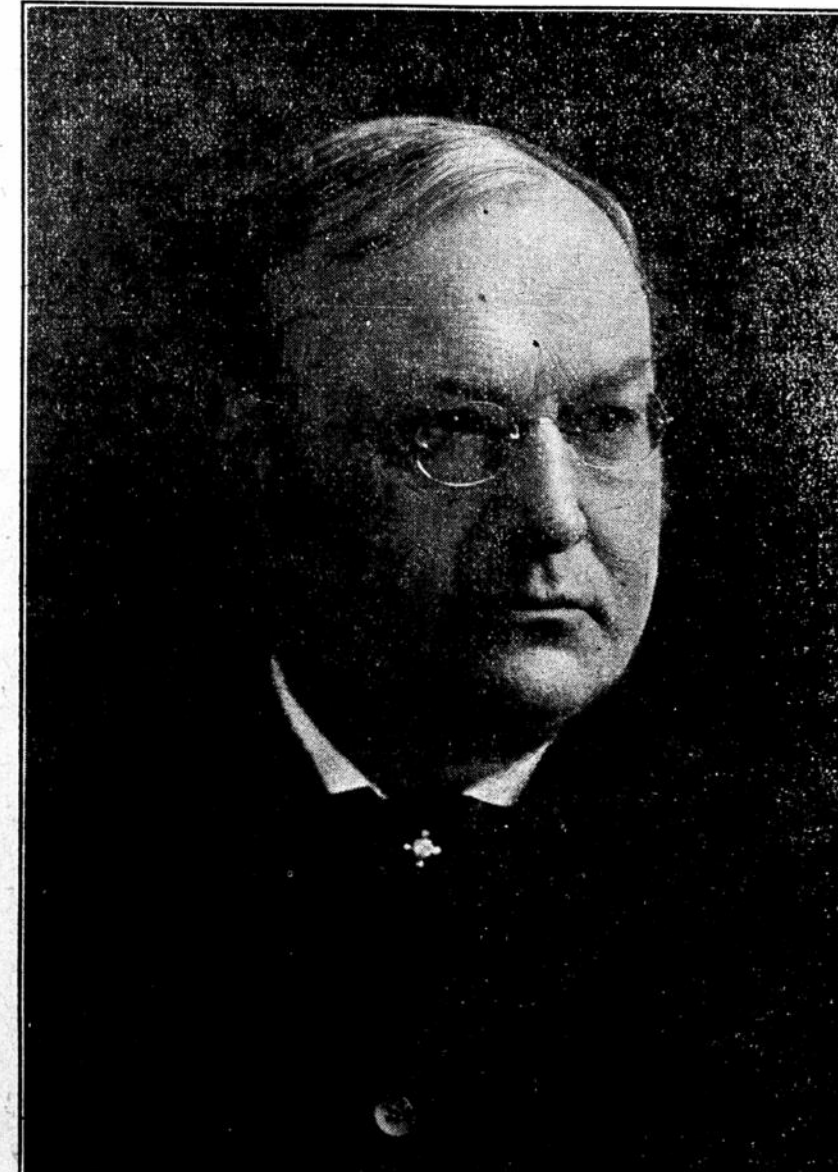
Angelo Solomon died in 1796 and his body was mummified and kept in the library of the imperial palace, by order of Emperor Francis but was burned with part of the palace when the city was stormed by Field Marshal, Prince Windisch-Graetz. The Marquis remarks that as Baron von Feuchtersleben happened to be not only a court counselor, but one of the private secretaries of the sovereign, he had the privilege of gazing upon the dusky form of his dusky father-in-law several times a week.

Readers of Victor Hugo's novels will remember his mention of "the black abbess," who was the offspring of the Queen of Spain by a black favorite, all of which indicates that the blood of Africa is diffused in some very high quarters. And, really, the question: What is a white man? is not easy to answer.

EMMETT J. SCOTT.
Booker T. Washington, having declined a place on the Librarian Commission, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, his private secretary, has been offered the position by President Taft and Mr. Scott is considering the offer.

It is a great honor and has been conferred on a worthy young man. For about ten years Mr. Scott has been the confidential secretary of the great educator and he has demonstrated remarkable ability in handling the varied interests of Mr. Washington.

As it is necessary for Dr. Washington to spend the greater portion of his time traveling and soliciting money to support Tuskegee Mr. Scott is virtually the head of the great institution during two-thirds of the year and he has managed affairs with signal ability.



HON. JAMES SCHOOLCRAFT SHERMAN.
Who Was Inaugurated Vice President of the United States March 4th.

Decrease in Marriages Means Women Are Harder to Please

BY NIKOLA-GREELEY SMITH.

There were 20 per cent fewer marriages in New York last year than in 1907. This is the official statement of the board of health. According to Commissioner Darlington's report there were 51,087 marriages in the city last year, a decrease of 13,596, or more than 20 per cent.

Now, according to the claims of the Woman's Suffrage party, the cause of votes for women gained at least as many adherents as the little god Hy-men lost.

Could there be, I asked myself, any immediate relation between the falling off in the marriage rate of 1908 and the growth of the suffragette movement?

Next I asked Dr. Darlington, author of the marriage report, feeling that he could transmute what to me was mere theory into fact.

An Embarrassing Question.
"That's a very embarrassing question," replied the health commissioner. "I'll tell you frankly some of my best friends are women suffragists. If you take the responsibility of the idea, I'll say what I think about it."

"In my opinion, there is no reason why an ideal wife shouldn't be an advocate of votes for women. But other men may be less tolerant in their conception of woman's sphere. It may be that some few timid souls have been scared away from matrimony by the suffrage movement."

"But I really think it's more likely that the women have become very fastidious, more difficult to please. Formerly a woman in selecting a husband had merely a veto power. But a suffragist would be more apt to consider a particular candidate to be her

husband and then turn to and elect him by a plurality of one.

"I'm a strong believer in marriage," continued the commissioner more seriously. "I think it gives the only genuine and lasting happiness, and that there is no task so worthy of the best efforts of men and women alike as rearing and educating a child or children. It's the individual woman that makes the happiness of the home, and whether or not she is a suffragist makes little difference. A good wife, you know, has often to be a politician. Maybe a good politician might make just as good a wife."

What Suffragettes Think.

Thus encouraged by our witty health commissioner, I sought the camp of the suffragettes to ask them what they thought of the idea that the new yellow peril—that is, the yellow button of suffrage—had done things to the marriage rate.

Many of the suffragettes were in Albany, but Mrs. Sofia Loebinger, one of the most prominent members of the more militant section, was inclined to be very much amused when I put the matter to her.

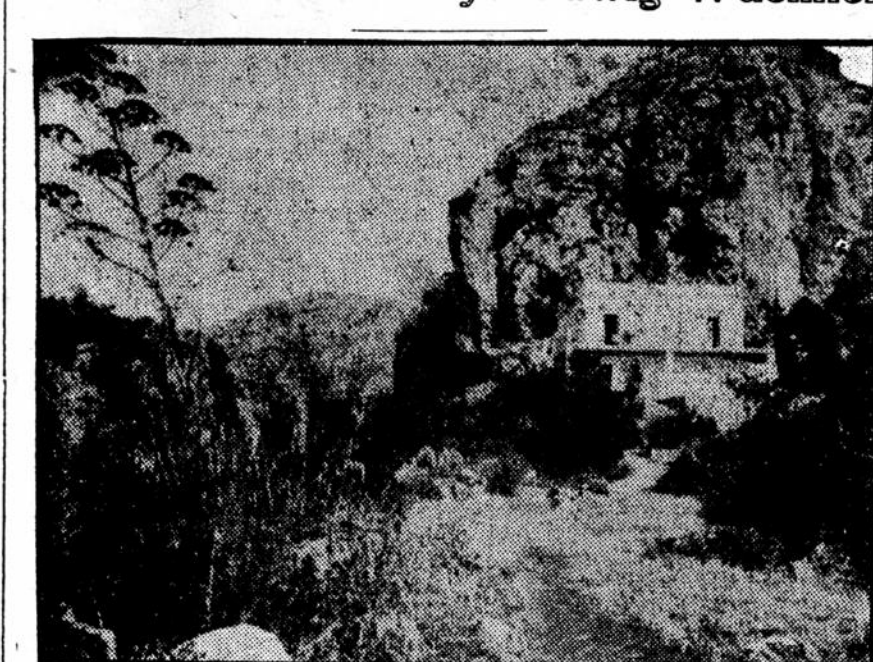
"Nearly all of the leaders in the suffrage movement are married women," she declared, "and live very happily with their husbands, too."

"One thing is certain," she continued. "If the suffrage movement has affected the marriage rate, it is because women are more particular in the choice of a husband than they used to be."

"There is very little marrying for a home these days. Every girl realizes that she can earn a decent living for herself, and she does not accept the first man that asks her for fear of being a burden to her parents or a charge on the country."

"In that way, perhaps, the marriage rate is affected—or, at least, it will be. But certainly the men have very little to say about it, for the sort of man that objects to a woman's standing up for her own rights and those of her sex wouldn't get to know a real suffragist well enough to consider marrying her."

A Fascinating Retreat Owned by Ludwig Wuellner



Helligenel, a victim of Sicily's earthquake.
Helligenel, one time summer home of Dr. Ludwig Wuellner, the famous German leader singer, who will give his second St. Paul recital Thursday night in the People's church. This home was completely destroyed by the recent earthquake. Helligenel was located in the eastern part of Sicily, and it was here that Dr. Wuellner, with his companion, Signor Pancrazio D'Allura, have spent the months of July and August for the past ten years.

Mrs. Bell in Amateur Theatricals



MRS. GORDON KNOX BELL.
FROM THE PAINTING BY SERGEANT KENDALL.

Mrs. Vanderbilt turned the ballroom of her house, at No. 4 West Fifty-eighth street, New York into a temporary theater and delightfully entertained society with her amateur theatricals. Two comedies in French were played. One was "La Chambre 820," written by Mrs. Gordon Knox Bell, who is well known in society and who acted in her own play. The other was Messrs. Billaud and Hennequin's "Le Gant," which had a run three years ago in Paris.

A well equipped stage was erected at the north end of the room. The proscenium arch was covered with hands of red tapestry velours and with a background of fawn color the same shade as the drop curtains.

A Change of Tune.
"Mamma, I'm tired of going to school."
"What's the matter, Willie?"
"The teacher."
"Now don't you say a word against your teacher, Willie. I've no doubt you annoy her dreadfully, and she seems like a very nice sort of person."
"Well, she said this mornin' that she didn't think I had much of a bringin' up at home."

"Wait! Did she say that? Well, of all the coarse impudence! You shan't go back there another day!"
Exit Willie, grinning.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Coffee and Cigarettes.
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"Don't do it today. It may be the wrong thing to do at any time."
All the old cats were kittens once.—
"How's it going, Fred?"
"Rotten! Only a few apence, and they've pinched the decoy bob I put in the plate."—The Tatler.

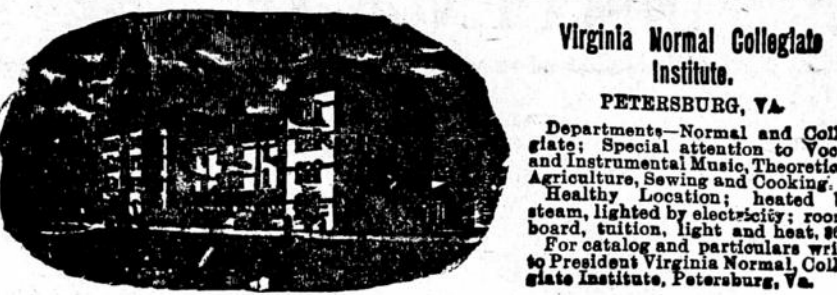
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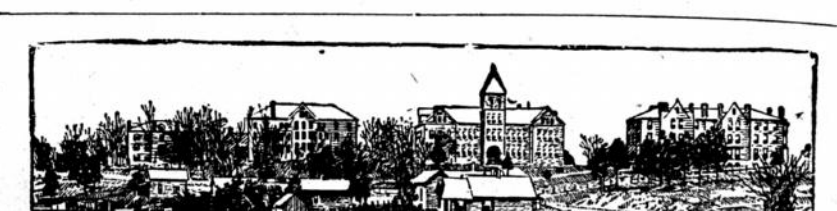
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