

MR. SHAW'S NEW RULING.

INTERPRETATION OF THE PRESENT CUSTOMS LAW.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Secretary Shaw has issued the following circular regarding the free entry of personal effects under the act of 1897.

To Collectors and other Officers of the Customs: It having been brought to the attention of the department that certain persons have sought to place a strained construction upon the department circular No. 48, under date of May 7, 1902, the following explanation thereof and supplemental instructions are hereby issued:

The language of the circular referred to is as follows: Exemption from duty will be allowed on wearing apparel, articles of personal adornment, toilet articles, and such other personal effects of a value not exceeding \$100.

The department still holds that exempt articles must, in a sense, be similar—that is, they must be of the same general class of articles as those ordinarily purchased abroad.

The Secretary also issued the following instructions to the Collector of Customs at New York in the matter of reimported foreign goods.

Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th, containing a copy of the department's letter of August 7, 1902, relative to the reimportation of an automobile, and suggesting that certain individuals are seeking to have the rule applied to merchandise.

This was not the intention. The object of the ruling is to relieve tourists from the second payment of duty on wearing apparel, articles of personal adornment, and such other personal and household effects appropriate to their journey.

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AUTO FALLS INTO SUBWAY.

THE MOTORMAN DROPS THIRTY FEET AND IS SAID TO BE FATALLY INJURED.

One of the big, clumsy automobiles of the New-York Electric Vehicle Company fell into the rapid transit subway in Broadway, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, last night, falling thirty feet, and flinging Edward Morris, of Ninety-second-st., and Amster, driver, into the trench.

The automobile was wrecked. In the presence of nearly three thousand people Morris was lifted out of the subway on a hoisting platform and then taken in an ambulance to Roosevelt Hospital.

Some witnesses said that a Broadway car, No. 211, crashed into the automobile and jammed it into the subway.

A lot of workmen were in the tunnel at Forty-second-st., working with limelights, and they ran up the subway on hearing the crash.

The man could not be taken out of the subway from where he was, and four workmen carried him down to the Forty-second-st. end.

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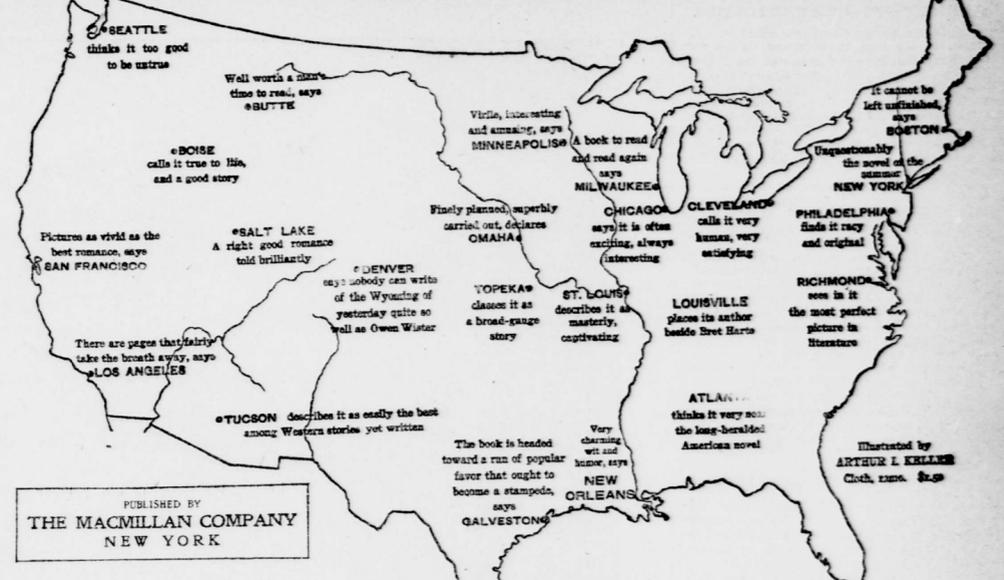
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THE VIRGINIA Mr. WISTERS NEW NOVEL



THE MOST POPULAR NOVEL IN THE U.S. 100,000 IN THREE MONTHS

QUEER DEATH IN SANATORIUM.

WOMAN SAID TO HAVE FALLEN DOWN SHAFT—CORONER THINKS IT IMPOSSIBLE.

Miss Victorine Raedle, of No. 215 West Thirty-fourth-st., died in the private sanatorium of Miss Anna L. Alston, No. 26 West Sixty-first-st., yesterday afternoon.

Coroner Goldenkranz was assigned to the case and went to the house last night. Miss Alston, it was said, could not be seen, as it was alleged that she was suffering from shock.

OBITUARY.

Lowell, Mass., Aug. 28.—Levi Sprague, formerly president of the Erie Telephone and Telegraph Company, died at his home here this morning from heart disease.

COLONEL OGDEN SAYS THE QUESTION BLANKS SOLD WERE GOT OUT IN HIS DEPARTMENT.

Colonel Willis R. Ogden, president of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, has stated that if Dr. Van De Water were to be appointed as a member of the board of health, it would be a disgrace to the city.

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JUMPS TO DEATH AT FIRE.

A WOMAN THROWS HER LIFE AWAY JUST AS POLICEMAN COMES TO HER RESCUE.

One woman was killed and several other persons were badly burned at a fire, which started from some unknown cause on the first floor of a flat house at No. 315 West One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st., yesterday morning.

Just before 4 a. m. a dog, owned by Ignatz Wiss, who lived on the fourth floor, began to bark, awakening the family. George Wiss, going to the hallway, smelled smoke. He raised an alarm, and the family, after reaching the fire-escape, got to the roof and then crossed to the adjoining tenement house.

DR. VAN DE WATER SEES MR. SAGE.

BOTH REFUSE TO TALK ABOUT THE DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.

An effort made last night to see the Rev. Dr. George R. Van De Water, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, at his home, No. 7 West One-hundred-and-twenty-second-st., was unsuccessful.

VIEW OF OIL FOR FUEL.

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THE FUNERAL OF F. J. MATHEWS KILLED AT ELBERON ON TUESDAY, HE WILL BE BURIED IN GREENWOOD TO-DAY.

The body of Frank J. Mathews, killed in the automobile accident at Elberon on Tuesday, was conveyed yesterday to his home in Duncan-ave., Jersey City.

MACHINE CAUSES A RUNAWAY. TWO OCCUPANTS OF A CARRIAGE ARE INJURED BECAUSE THE PONY TOOK FRIGHT.

Freeport, Long Island, Aug. 28.—On the Merrick Road this noon, a pony driven by Mrs. George Smeadon, becoming frightened at an automobile belonging to Courtney P. Dixon, ran away, throwing the occupants of the carriage to the ground, injuring Mrs. Smeadon and shaking up the third, Mr. Dixon, when he saw the pony was frightened, stopped the automobile, which is a large carry-all machine, when within three hundred yards of the carriage.

PREMIER VISITS WALL STREET. SIR EDMUND BARTON TELLS OF AUSTRALIAN AFFAIRS AND DEPLORES THE COAL STRIKE.

Sir Edmund Barton, the Prime Minister of Australia, who is visiting this country on his return from the coronation and the Colonial Conference in London, spent some time yesterday in Wall-st., where he was met by Sir Pierpont Morgan, Henry Clegg, Rosedick Cameron and other friends, at their offices, and visited also the Stock Exchange and the wheat pit. Last night Sir Edmund was the guest of honor at a small, informal dinner at the Waldorf, where he is staying.

ADA GRAY DEAD. THE ACTRESS, WHOSE DEATH HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY REPORTED, PASSES AWAY AT HOME FOR INCURABLES.

Singing "I'm Tired, So Very Tired," William Hufnackel, of Yonkers, Wednesday stroled into Lyndhurst, Miss Helen Miller Gould's country estate at Tarrytown, and, selecting a soft spot on the lawn, lay down and was soon fast asleep. He was awakened by shortly after he heard sounds like snoring coming from the other side of the large stone wall which surrounds the grounds. He walked in and disturbed Hufnackel's slumber. This morning, before Judge Tompkins, Hufnackel testified that the cost of sleeping on Miss Gould's grounds was dearer than stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria.

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