

Latest Foreign News About Books.

London, December 22. In spite of the depressing effect of the coming general elections on the book trade, the impending political agitation does not appear to be interfering greatly with the plans of the publishers...

Paris, December 22. An important book in the art field has just been issued by Hachette, with the title "Gérôme, Peintre et Sculpteur." It has been written by Charles Moreau Vauthier...

Books People Are Reading.

NEW-YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.—The most popular books of the week, according to the demands at the circulating department, are as follows: Adult Fiction—Thurston's "The Gambler"; Wharton's "The House of Mirth"; Tarkington's "The Conquest of Canaan"...

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TO SAVE RIPARIAN LAND HALT MAY BE CALLED.

Valuable Rights Go for Song—Board May Go. Trenton, Dec. 24.—The State authorities have reached the conclusion that something must be done to save what is left of the riparian lands to the State. These lands are now controlled by the State Board of Riparian Commissioners...

Most of the riparian grants of our State have been made by the State Board of Riparian Commissioners. Riparian rights yet in our possession are worth approximately \$5,000,000. These rights, especially those in the Hudson River, will grow in value with the growth of the country...

NO MATERIAL CHANGE IN LAWS.

In spite of this expression of sentiment by Governor Wood, the laws were not changed materially last winter, and the grants made in fee simple by the Board of Riparian Commissioners are the same as in the past. In the year 1903 the Riparian Commissioners did the biggest business in State lands in ten years...

President's Efforts Bear Fruit in Increase of Oriental Trade.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Altruistic as were the purposes of the President in seeking to promote and finally effecting peace between Russia and Japan, the result of his efforts has been appreciated full well that his good offices could not but result in material benefit to this country as well as to the nations involved in the hostilities he sought to end...

The trade of the United States with China for the ten months ending with October shows the remarkable increase of \$40,000,000, a growth of 250 per cent in a year. In round numbers the trade for this period in 1904 amounted to \$20,000,000; in 1905 to \$60,000,000, while in 1903 the total for the first ten months was only \$12,000,000.

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ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

THE SOLDIER'S BURDEN.—Leading army officers believe they see the passing of the old-fashioned practical military people on the field have announced in an article in the equipment a great impediment on the march, especially when the soldiers are conducted through a country of thick growth. It is an awkward burden when streams are to be crossed. It is coming to be realized that with all the theories of imposing upon the soldier his burden of the field, it is desirable after the fashion of the modern soldier which he must carry when away from the garrison or a base of supplies...

NAVAL NEEDS ASHORE.—The Secretary of the Navy will make a plea before Congress this year in behalf of more liberal appropriations for the shore equipment. Of course, there must be strict economy in the naval allotments, and there are indications already in the preliminary arrangements for the naval bill that the approved estimates will be greatly reduced by the Navy Department...

QUESTION OF TITLES FOR NAVAL OFFICERS.—The question of titles for naval officers of prominence has again come before the Navy Department. Some fault is found with the chief of staff, Admiral W. L. Capps, is chief of staff, it being held that a staff officer may not use a line title although he holds under the law the positive rank of rear admiral and draws pay at that grade. There are many inconsistencies in the application and employment of naval titles and they find their most serious use where they are used by the chiefs of the navy bureaus. Staff officers who are bureau chiefs may not use the so-called line title of rear admiral although they are in chief command of a line officer. Two of the three line officers who are bureau chiefs must be addressed by the title of rear admiral. The question is periodically raised up to the Secretary of the Navy, who is the author of the latest communication regarding the chief constructor.

TWO SALOON MEETINGS.

Evangelists Continue Work Among Outcasts of the Bowery. Mr. and Mrs. William Asher, the evangelists from the West, who are conducting a series of revivals in this city, visited the Bowery Mission last night. They first visited the Bowery Mission, near Canal-st., where a motley crowd filled every seat and occupied every foot of standing space. It was a typical Bowery gathering. The other meeting was at the rooms of the New-York Mission Band, in Doyers-st., where another large crowd was gathered. There were several women in the audience in the latter place.

The missions were cheerful and comfortable places on Christmas Eve, for these unfortunate ones, and many were attracted by the light and warmth. A placard near the door of the Bowery Mission read: "When did you visit mother?" To some this meant nothing; others gave a glance in the direction of the sign and fell into deep thought, the tenor of which could be imagined. The Rev. John G. Hallmond presided and was assisted in the service by a chorus of workers and a male choir. After a series of hymns, Mr. Asher "came into the light" in the meetings. Mr. Asher did not address this meeting, but Mr. Asher spoke and was listened to with great attention and was seeking permission from Bowery saloonkeepers to hold one of these "Plugsy" Donovan's saloons, which is next to the Bowery Mission, and also at "Mike's" saloon, near the Bowery Mission. Mr. Asher talked to the audience in the street parlance that he had used at these meetings, and made a deep impression on his hearers. Mrs. Asher sang the "Mother's Prayer," which caused several of the women to sob aloud.

DIES WHILE MAKING A CALL.

Illness Attributed to Walking After Eating Hearty Dinner. Byron Jaderl, an East Indian, twenty-three years old, who has been visiting New-York for a few weeks every year in pursuance of his business as an importer and whose New-York address was No. 225 West 38th-st., died suddenly while paying a call to Miss Emma Osgood, at the boarding house, No. 50 Irving Place, last night. According to the police, Mr. Jaderl was late in starting to make the call, and, missing a car, started to walk the distance. When he arrived at the house he was unable to breathe freely and shortly afterward became unconscious. Mrs. C. Shaw, who conducts the boarding house, sent for Dr. C. A. Van Rensselaer, at No. 45 Irving Place, when the patient was first discovered. Dr. Van Rensselaer pronounced the patient dead and telephoned to Bellevue Hospital. Dr. Jaderl took to the hospital, and the man died within a few minutes. It is thought that the attack of apoplexy was brought on by the exertion of walking after a hearty dinner, which he had done just before starting for Miss Osgood's house.

Surrogates' Notices.

KULL, MARIA E. D.—IN PURSUANCE OF AN order of Hon. Abner C. Thomas, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Maria E. D. Kull, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at his place of transacting business, at the office of Francis X. Butler, No. 210 Broadway, New York, on or before the 15th day of March next. Dated, New York, the 15th day of August, 1905. FRANCIS X. BUTLER, Attorney for Executor, 210 Broadway, New York City.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF HON. Abner C. Thomas, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Sophia C. Moser, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at his place of transacting business, at the office of Charles S. Mackenzie, No. 21 William-st., New York, on or before the 15th day of April next. Dated, New York, the 15th day of October, 1905. CHARLES S. MACKENZIE, Attorney for Executor, No. 21 William-st., New York.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF HON. Abner C. Thomas, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Susan Ransom Hill, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at his place of transacting business, at the office of Frank H. Platt, Executor, No. 21 Nassau-st., New York, on or before the 15th day of May next. Dated, New York, the 15th day of October, 1905. FRANK H. PLATT, Executor, No. 21 Nassau-st., New York.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF HON. Abner C. Thomas, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Thomas J. Jordan, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at his place of transacting business, at the office of Merrill & Rogers, No. 21 Nassau-st., New York, on or before the 15th day of April next. Dated, New York, the 15th day of September, 1905. MERRILL & ROGERS, Attorneys for Executor, 21 Nassau-st., New York City.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF HON. Abner C. Thomas, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Edward Lyman Short, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at his place of transacting business, at the office of John Larkin & Rathbone, No. 54 Wall-st., New York, on or before the 15th day of April, 1906. Dated, New York, the 25th day of September, 1905. ANNA LIVINGSTON SHORT, Executrix, No. 54 Wall-st., New York City.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF HON. Abner C. Thomas, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against John Larkin & Rathbone, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at his place of transacting business, at the office of John Larkin & Rathbone, No. 54 Wall-st., New York, on or before the 15th day of April, 1906. Dated, New York, the 25th day of September, 1905. ANNA LIVINGSTON SHORT, Executrix, No. 54 Wall-st., New York City.

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What N. Y. Booksellers Say They Are Selling Most.

The six best selling books in New-York this week, as reported to The New-York Tribune Weekly Review, were taken in the following order: 1. "The House of Mirth" by Edith Wharton. (Charles Scribner's Sons) \$1.50

LITERARY NOTES.

H. W. Boynton's monograph on Bret Harte in the Contemporary Men of Letters Series, recently brought out in London, has aroused considerable discussion as to Harte's Jewish ancestry. Clement K. Shorter, editor of "The Sphere," asserted, in contradiction of Mr. Boynton's less positive view, that any one who knows anything about Bret Harte knows that he "was of distinctly Jewish origin; that his grandfather was a Jew of the most pronounced type, and was highly indignant with his son for having married a Christian woman." In response to this, Mr. Boynton writes: "I can only say that after reading everything about Bret Harte that I could find, before becoming his sketch, I remained unconvinced. It would be interesting to know the source of the information on which Mr. Shorter bases his statement. We are all Jews, apparently, or ought to be. Newman, Lowell, and how many other nineteenth century writers have been ferreted out by the Jew finder. Lowell himself was an adept at the search, and his own proud treasure trove.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

FRIEDRICH SCHILLER. A Sketch of His Life and an Appreciation of His Poetry. By Paul Carr. Illustrated by Louis B. (Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Company.)

BIOGRAPHY.

THE STORM SIGNAL. By Gustave Frederick Merino. (Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Company.)

FICTION.

THE DISOCIATION OF A PERSONALITY. A Biographical Study. By William D. Howells. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

COINSEALS AND IDEALS FROM THE WRITINGS OF WILLIAM OSLER. 12mo, pp. xv, 277. (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)

NATURE STUDY.

THE BASSES, FRESH WATER AND MARINE. By William C. Harris and Jarlison Pean. Edited and Illustrated by Louis B. (Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Company.)

REPRINTS.

THE CONQUEST OF ARID AMERICA. By William E. Smythe. Illustrated. New and Revised Edition. 12mo, pp. xv, 280. (Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Company.)

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MILTON'S ODE ON THE MORNING OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY. With an introduction by Glen Livsey. 16mo, pp. 32. (Sewanee, Tenn.: The University Press.)

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GIVE COINS ON BOWERY.

Five Benevolent Strangers Present Loungers With Half Dollars. Two women and three men, all stylishly attired, made their appearance in Chinatown in an electric automobile shortly before midnight last night and alighted in front of a restaurant on Mott-st. One of the men drew a box filled with silver half dollars stored carefully under one arm. The quiet, started toward Chatham Square, handing out a half dollar to every needy looking person they met, the automobile meanwhile trailing along the curb behind them. The glad tidings spread rapidly through the Bowery section, and by the time Chatham Square was reached the electric car was surrounded by a throng of alms-seekers who were nacked with people eager to get one of the coins. The men and women passed them out as rapidly as they could, refusing no one, until they arrived in front of No. 100 Bowery, where the jam became so great that they were compelled to get into their automobile. Before they did so, however, they distributed the coins that still remained in the box. As the automobile disappeared up the Bowery the women waved a cheery "Merry Christmas" to the crowd. The benevolent trio refused to disclose their identity. One of the women was a tall and attractive brunette wearing a picture hat. The other was a stout, middle-aged woman with a friendly expression. The third was a man, who would not give his name, but who was evidently a well-to-do man. Let them get drunk if they want to," retorted the taller of the two women. "Christmas comes but once a year, and if they are so foolish as to prefer buying drink to food, it's their own concern." It is estimated that no less than \$300 was given away during the forty odd minutes the quintet was at work.

WOMAN IN CRITICAL CONDITION IN BROOKLYN FROM STARVATION.

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A WEDDING.

Brookline, Mass., Dec. 24.—Miss Sarah H. Towle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Towle, of Wakefield, and Irving E. Moller, of an old New-York family, were married here last night by the Rev. Edward G. Towle, of the Baptist Church. The couple first met in Paris at studios, where both were studying, the bride being a Boston Art Museum print scholar.

DINNER FOR GENERAL WOODFORD.

It is the intention of the Society of the Genesee to make the dinner given in honor of General Stewart L. Woodford in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday evening, January 27, a notable one. It will mark the eighth dinner in the history of the society, and is expected to be the most brilliant yet. Among those who have promised to be present are: Hon. Charles F. Johnson, Governor Parker, Judge Bishop Greer, James M. Beck, Controller Grant, ex-Governor Black, Talbot Williams, and Hon. J. B. Wood, president of the College of the City of New-York.

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