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Fair to-day and probably to-morrow; not much change in temperature.

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PRINCESSES IN SHIPWRECK

KING'S NIECE SAVED BY FRENCH SAILOR FROM DROWNING.

P. and O. Liner Delhi Goes Ashore in a Storm Near Cape Spartel With Sister of George V. and Her Husband and Daughters on Board—Heroic Rescue.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 13.—The Princess Louise Victoria Alexandra Dagmar, Duchess of Fife and sister of King George V., and her two daughters, the Princesses Alexandra and Maud, are lodged in the British Consulate at Tangier to-night, dressed in clothes furnished them by the lighthouse keeper at Cape Spartel, Morocco, after having been brought ashore with the other women and children from the Peninsular and Oriental Line steamship Delhi after it had stranded in a heavy gale.

One of the daughters of the Duchess of Fife nearly lost her life when one of the boats from the French cruiser Friant, which rescued the women and children from the stranded liner, overturned in the surf and threw its occupants into the sea. A French sailor threw one arm around the young Princess after the boat went over and swam with her to the shore.

Though so far the life of none of the Delhi's passengers has been lost one of the launches of the Friant engaged in the relief work capsized in the heavy sea and sank, drowning six of its crew. All the stranded liner's passengers who have been brought ashore say that they owe their lives to the reckless bravery of the French sailors, who propelled their launches up to the side of the Delhi at the imminent risk of being crushed by the waves and took off the women and children, one by one, as they swung down from the steamer's side at the ends of ropes.

The Duchess of Fife and her children will sail for Gibraltar to-morrow morning on the British cruiser Implacable, which put out for Tangier at full speed to-day upon receipt of word that the Duchess and her daughters had been taken off the Delhi and landed at Cape Spartel. The Duke of Fife remains on the wrecked steamer with the other men passengers and the members of the crew.

The Delhi, one of the newest boats of the P. & O. line, was bound for Bombay with about 100 saloon passengers, some of whom were to debark with the Duke and Duchess of Fife at Alexandria. Just within the Strait of Gibraltar and two miles to the south of Cape Spartel, on the Moroccan coast, the Delhi ran aground at an early hour this morning. A severe storm was raging and the waves veered the vessel around broadside to the coast, driving her further upon the shallows every hour. The captain of the Delhi sent out a wireless call for help which was relayed from the lighthouse at Cape Spartel over the land wire to Tangier. The message was also picked up at the British naval post at Gibraltar.

The French cruiser Friant departed immediately from Tangier for the scene of the wreck while the old battleship London and the cruisers Weymouth and Duke of Edinburgh put out from Gibraltar to hasten to the Delhi. The Friant, having the shorter distance to make, was first to reach the place where the Delhi was lying, about two miles off shore. The cruiser had to do a great deal of manoeuvring to draw near enough in the dangerous waters to permit of her launches making a short run through the heavy seas to the side of the Delhi.

Just about the time that the French cruiser's launches began to succeed in the removal of the women and children from the stranded liner the British warships appeared in the offing accompanied by two salvage tugs. The Friant, however, signalled that it had the work of rescue well in hand and that there was no necessity for the British boats to join in the ticklish task.

The work of taking off the women and children was attended by dramatic incidents. A launch would dance over the crest of each succeeding wave until it had drawn gradually nearer the lee side of the stranded liner. Then, while it swung perilously near the side of the Delhi, women with their children in their arms would be dropped in rope swings from the high rail above to the shifting thwarts of the launch. Every minute the sea threatened to bang the frail boats from the French cruiser against the side of the liner, drowning rescued and rescuers alike.

The Duchess of Fife and the two Princesses went over the Delhi's side in swings, as did all the other women and children. After they had been landed, drenched, upon the beach, and at the imminent peril of drowning in the case of one of the Princesses, who was in the launch that overturned, they walked to the lighthouse. There after a stimulant had been given them and they were clad in the rough garments of the lightkeeper's wife they mounted mules and were piloted into Tangier. There the Duchess sent a message by wireless via Gibraltar to Queen Alexandra saying "All safe aboard the Delhi."

Though the Delhi lies in a dangerous position and the salvage tugs cannot do effective work because of the high seas it is not thought that there is any danger of the ship's foundering or going to pieces. Unless such danger presents itself no effort will be made to rescue the male passengers and crew who remain on board. The latest word from Cape Spartel is that the storm is subsiding.

TANGIER, Dec. 12.—The escape of the members of the royal party from the stranded steamship Delhi was very hurried. Some of them were only able to grab some outer wraps to place over their night clothes. The princesses had to be dropped into a boat and caught. This boat was still some distance from shore when she began to fill.

The Duke of Fife and others bailed her as fast and as hard as possible, but nevertheless she filled and sank. All the passengers in her wore life belts and floated, but they were terribly buffeted about by the heavy seas. The Princess Alexandra disappeared for a moment and had a narrow escape from drowning. A sailor grabbed her, however, and held her up until they were dragged ashore.

All struggled toward the shore by aiding, but they were frequently taken off their feet by the waves. Some lost their shoes and came ashore in their bare feet.

After they had reached the shore the Fifes walked four miles of the roughest track in torrents of rain to the lighthouse. The Princess and her two daughters were extremely fatigued by the journey. After a short rest they secured some clothes from the lighthouse keeper and then they rode on mule backs to Tangier. The rain kept coming down in torrents all the time. All the baggage of the royal party is on board the Delhi and they are practically without clothes. Notwithstanding this they are very cheerful.

The Delhi carried $1,500,000 in bullion, which was consigned to Bombay. Her other cargo is probably worth $500,000.

The Delhi is in an extremely dangerous position owing to the shifting sands and the heavy swell which is running. Two other vessels were lost last night near the spot where the Delhi struck. Their names are not known. The Delhi is ashore at about the same spot where the French cruiser Château Renault was wrecked.

Much praise is given to the young sailor who caught the young Princess Alexandra and carried her through the breakers.

LONDON, Dec. 13. There is considerable uncertainty as to the position of passengers on the Delhi. The owners received a despatch from Gibraltar stating that all the passengers had been landed and that salvage operations were proceeding. Another telegram from Gibraltar says that seventy of the passengers and 231 of the crew are still aboard the vessel. It is evident that the work of rescue has been of the most difficult nature. Several attempts of boats that went to the assistance of the Delhi were baffled by the tremendous seas. It is doubtful if the ship can be saved, but if the gale abates the specie, mails and cargo may be landed.

CADIZ, Dec. 13. The Princess Royal has sent a wireless message to her mother, Queen Alexandra, saying that all aboard the Delhi are safe.

The Delhi of the Peninsular and Oriental Line is a modern steamship, not long in commission. She is of 4,781 tons register and is under the command of Capt. Andrews. On Nov. 21 she sailed from London, Bombay bound, via Mediterranean ports. Most of the 100 cabin passengers were going only as far as Alexandria, bent on spending the winter holidays in Egypt. The Delhi was to have touched at Marseilles to-day, where another hundred saloon passengers were to have boarded her.

RELUCTANT BRIDE WEDDED.

Lady Constance Foljambe and the Rev. Mr. Hawkins Married at Last

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Lady Constance Foljambe, who disappointed the Rev. A. H. K. Hawkins last July by not marrying him and going away to the country instead, is now Lady Constance Hawkins. The couple were married on Monday.

The marriage was to have taken place on July 3 last at the fashionable Church of St. Peter, Eaton Square, London, and a big crowd of society people had gathered to witness the nuptials of the half sister of the Earl of Liverpool, Controller of the King's Household, and the clergyman.

After a wait at the church of about an hour the minister sent a note to the Earl of Liverpool. He replied that his sister had gone shopping earlier in the day and hadn't returned home. Lady Constance had done equally startling things before, having at one time climbed the steeple of the Whitwell Church. The bridegroom is 40 years old and the bride 25. His income is about $915. Last summer the size of the minister's income was believed to have had something to do with the disappearance of Lady Constance.

HOFFMAN HOUSE TO BE RAZED.

12 Story Business Building to Replace the Empty Hotel.

The Hoffman House is coming down to make way for a twelve story business building. The property at the southwest corner of Broadway and Twenty-fifth street, facing Madison Square, was leased yesterday by Einstein, Wolff & Co., a lace firm, from Louisa M. Gerry, for a long term of years.

The hotel, except for a small part which has been joined to the Albemarle and which will remain, has been vacant for more than a year. The new building will be ready for use by the end of next year.

The hotel lessees went into bankruptcy in October of last year. In April the hotel closed its doors.

The new building will be built from plans by John B. Snook's Sons and will have nine elevators. It will extend 55 feet on Broadway and 217 feet on Twenty-fifth street. Einstein, Wolff & Co. and the International Handkerchief Manufacturing Company will occupy most of the building. The lease was arranged by the Cruikshank Company.

LAUGHED HERSELF TO DEATH.

Two Women Were Telling Funny Stories—One Taken and the Other Left

Mrs. Annie Sperber, who lived with her husband at 120 Pearl street, literally laughed herself to death last night. Mrs. Sperber went to call on her friend Mrs. Catherine Phillips last night at Mrs. Phillips's flat on the fifth floor of 346 East Twentieth street. The two women talked for a time of their Christmas plans and then they began to exchange funny stories.

Mrs. Phillips says that Mrs. Sperber laughed uproariously at one of Mrs. Phillips's jokes. Mrs. Phillips followed this joke with another that Mrs. Sperber had never heard before, whereupon Mrs. Sperber began to shout with laughter. Suddenly she sank back unconscious.

Mrs. Phillips ran downstairs for help. In East Twentieth street she found Policeman Conlon and the policeman sent a hurry call for an ambulance. When Dr. Wearne of Bellevue arrived at the Phillips flat he found Mrs. Phillips and the policeman bending over Mrs. Sperber. The woman's mouth was open and her face still showed a smile. She was dead.

President Mitchel Doing Well.

Dr. Martin J. Dwyer, attending President John Purroy Mitchel of the Board of Aldermen, who is ill with typhoid at St. Luke's Hospital, said last night that his patient had gone through sixteen days of the disease without developing any unfavorable symptoms. Mr. Mitchel, he said, was taking nourishment regularly and doing as well as could be expected. His temperature is between 102½ and 104. His wife and mother go to the hospital every day, but he has no other visitors.

ANGOSTURA BITTERS lends delicious flavor to grape-fruit and jellies.—*Adv.*

PARSON HELD AS DYNAMITER

FORT RILEY EXPLOSIONS LAID TO EX-ARMY CHAPLAIN.

Private Confesses That He Blew Up Bridge, Water Main and Stable at the Rev. Chas. M. Brewer's Instigation—Wife of Army Convict Implicated.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan., Dec. 13.—The Rev. Charles M. Brewer, formerly a chaplain in the army, now the pastor of a Baptist church at Olustee, Okla., was accused last night in a confession by Private Michael Quirk of instigating a series of mysterious explosions which have kept the military authorities at Fort Riley in a state of apprehension nearly six months.

Quirk made his confession to Col. Eli D. Hoyle, Sixth Field Artillery, commandant at Fort Riley. He said that he blew up the bridge across the Kaw River on June 24, blew up the cavalry stable on June 30, when twenty-seven cavalry horses were killed or burned to death, and also blew up the water main which supplies the army post with water.

Quirk declares in his confession that he committed these crimes at the instigation of Brewer, who sought revenge because he had been court-martialled and dismissed from the service for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Quirk also implicated Mrs. Anna Jordan, wife of a convict in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth.

Mrs. Jordan was arrested in Kansas City last night and Brewer, according to information received by the United States Commissioner here, was arrested at Olustee, Okla. A United States deputy marshal from Wichita, according to the Commissioner, has gone to Olustee to bring Brewer here for arraignment. Mrs. Jordan was brought here to-day.

Mrs. Jordan was arrested some time ago for aiding her husband to escape from the guard house at Fort Riley, where he was held on a charge of stealing. She smuggled revolvers to her husband, with which he held up the guard and escaped. He was recaptured the next day and now is in the military prison.

Friends of the Rev. Mr. Brewer here declare that there is no truth in Quirk's accusations so far as Brewer is concerned. They say he was not here when Quirk alleges he met the ex-chaplain and Mrs. Jordan in a motor car on the road between Junction City and Fort Riley.

According to Quirk's story, Brewer told him they were on the way to blow up the bridge and asked him to go along. Quirk said he placed the explosive which blew up the bridge. It was at Brewer's suggestion also, he said, that he blew up the stable and the water main.

Quirk has been in the guard house at Fort Riley for nearly a month on suspicion that he was in some way connected with the series of fires and explosions which have kept nearly half the garrison on guard at nights for five months. Yesterday he sent for Col. Hoyle and made the confession.

Officers in Olustee were asked to arrest the Rev. Mr. Brewer and the police in Kansas City were asked to arrest Mrs. Jordan. Others, it was reported here to-day, are implicated and more arrests probably will be made.

In addition to the three explosions three attempts have been made to burn barrack buildings at night. The big haysheds and the storehouse on the manœuvre grounds have been burned with a loss of $200,000. Investigation by the military authorities convinced them that all of these fires were of incendiary origin. Since the arrest of Quirk there have been no fires.

The Government has offered a reward of $1,000 for the arrest of the person or persons who caused the fires and explosions, and detectives have been working around the post for several months. As a result of the evidence they collected Quirk was placed under arrest.

Charles M. Brewer was chaplain of the Sixth Field Artillery, stationed at Fort Riley, until he was dismissed from the army on June 21 last, following conviction by court-martial of charges of having been intoxicated at an enlisted men's dance in the Artillery Exchange at Fort Riley and with behaving in an ungentlemanly manner in the presence of enlisted men and their wives on March 31 last.

OLUSTEE, Okla., Dec. 13.—The Rev. Charles M. Brewer, pastor of the Baptist church, who was arrested here this afternoon on the charge of being implicated in dynamiting outrages at Fort Riley, Kansas, and Sheriff Asa Collins have left town, but their destination is unknown. Mrs. Brewer confirmed the report that her husband was gone, but refused to discuss the matter further.

CLERGYMAN DEAD IN TAVERN.

Apparently the Rev. Mr. Gwilym Had Taken Too Much Veronal.

The Rev. David V. Gwilym, who used to be minister at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 316 East Eighty-eighth street, was found dead last night in Hollaender's Hotel, 149 West 125th street. A half emptied bottle of veronal was found near his bedside. He had been in the habit of taking veronal for sleeplessness.

The Rev. Mr. Gwilym, who lived at 560 West 179th street, went to the hotel at about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. He asked Victor Preisler, the proprietor, for a quiet room, saying that he was very tired and wanted to sleep all day. He gave Preisler a dollar and went upstairs.

Preisler heard nothing of him and about 7 o'clock last night sent a man to call him. The clergyman was dead in bed.

A doctor from Harlem Hospital said that half the bottle of veronal would be a fatal dose. Mrs. Gwilym was sent for and came with the Rev. James V. Chalmers, now minister at Holy Trinity. Mrs. Gwilym said that her husband left home the night before.

The Rev. Mr. Gwilym was born in Brymmer, Wales, about sixty-one years ago. He was educated and ordained in England. In his young manhood he moved to Nova Scotia. About ten years ago he came to New York as minister at Holy Trinity, which is in St. James's parish. Later the Rev. Mr. Chalmers was made vicar at Holy Trinity and Mr. Gwilym became his assistant. Still later he went to Bay Side, L. I., and had charge of a church. Recently he has been doing missionary and evangelistic work, some of the time in Indiana.

GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER.
"Its Purity has made it famous."—*Adv.*

ASK KING TO USE INFLUENCE.

Dismissed Middies Appeal to Haakon to Obtain Reinstatement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Whether a king or a Congressman has the most influence with the United States Navy Department is believed to have been what Gaston L. Holmes, formerly a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, wanted to find out when he appealed to King Haakon of Norway in his efforts to be reinstated in Uncle Sam's naval service.

It happened in Norway last July. The cruising squadron of the Naval Academy was at Bergen and the midshipmen were seeing the sights of the country. When noses were counted at the sailing hour Midshipmen Holmes and Charles L. Clifford were missing. After waiting a day the squadron sailed for Gibraltar without them, and Lieut. Van Auken was left behind to find the missing youths.

Four days later the "lost" were found, placed under arrest and taken to Gibraltar. The story they told of their adventures caused considerable comment, and after an investigation on their return to Annapolis the young men found themselves dismissed. They have since been seeking legislation authorizing their reinstatement and bills to this end have been introduced by members from Mississippi.

To-day it developed that they also had appealed to the King of Norway, asking him to intercede in their behalf. The letter was turned over to the American Minister to Norway and returned through official channels to Washington. Publication of the letter was denied, but those who have seen it say that Holmes evidently thought the Norwegian ruler might try to help him just to show what a king can do. The young men, it was declared at the time of the investigation, could not satisfactorily explain their absence without leave.

NEW HOME FOR JAMES SPEYER.

$200,000 Building Going Up at Fifth Avenue and Eighty-seventh Street.

Plans were filed yesterday for a four story and basement dwelling for James Speyer on the southeast corner of Fifth avenue and Eighty-seventh street. The design is in the modern French style. There will be a facade of limestone ornamented with balconies at the first story and Corinthian columns, four on the street side and six on the avenue side.

The house will be surrounded by a high iron fence. There will be an entrance on the avenue side and a driveway entrance on the street side. On the ground floor will be a dining room 29 by 39 feet, a reception room and a small dressing room. The first floor will contain a music room, smoking room, a small salon, a large salon and a conservatory. Mr. and Mrs. Speyer's rooms, guests' rooms and a sitting room will take up the second floor. There will be seventeen small rooms on the third floor.

Horace Trumbauer, the architect, estimates the cost at $200,000. Across Eighty-seventh street from the Speyer site is the home of Henry Phipps.

TELLER HELD UP IN BANK.

Thief With a Pistol Gets Away With $1,500 in Gold.

EVERETT, Wis., Dec. 13.—The Riverside branch of the Bank of Commerce of this city at Hewitt and Pine streets was held up and robbed just before the closing hour this afternoon while the streets outside were thronged with people.

The robber entered the bank and fell in line, taking his turn at the teller's window. He covered the teller, F. Kreger, with a revolver and presented a sack and commanded the teller to rake the counter cash into it. His demand was promptly obeyed.

The robber hastily left the bank. An alarm was quickly given but the robber mingled in the crowd and disappeared. The teller says the same man presented himself at the wicket a few minutes before the holdup and got change for a coin. The teller was alone in the bank at the time. The bank officials say that $1,500 in gold was taken.

The main banking house of the same institution was held up and robbed two years ago. The cashier, J. L. Lyon, was wounded in attempting to catch the thief.

INQUIRY INTO MAYOR'S FUND.

Upper Body of Buffalo Council Orders Investigation of Money's Use.

BUFFALO, Dec. 13.—The upper body of the Common Council of this city has ordered an investigation to begin Thursday morning into the use by Mayor Fuhrmann of a $10,000 fund placed in his hands for investigation into the cost of electric power in this city. It is alleged the Mayor deposited $5,000 of this fund in his private bank account and, though it is not charged he misappropriated any of the money, still it is said he has not submitted any detailed report of his expenditures and the balance on hand, as he had been directed to do by the resolution of the Common Council. The Mayor is ill in bed, his doctor says.

SPIES HEAVILY PUNISHED.

English Shipping Man and German Engineer Get Long Terms at Leipsic.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LEIPSIC, Dec. 13.—The Southampton ship broker Max Schulz, who was arrested on a charge of espionage, has been sentenced to seven years penal servitude. Hipsich, who was concerned with him, got a sentence of twelve years; Wolff two years, and a merchant named Von Maack and Mrs. Eckerman, who was Schulz's housekeeper, three years each.

Schulz and his four associates were arrested at Hamburg on March 18 on a charge of espionage. The Englishman was accused of having used his profession as a cover for corrupting shipyard workmen to betray naval secrets. He was kept under close observation for a considerable time by Government detectives while passing between Hamburg and Bremen, where at the time ten warships of different types were under construction.

It is said that the incriminating material found in his possession at the time of his arrest was not of a grave character, but it is believed that he handed over a number of documents to the people by whom he was employed. The proceedings of the trial were secret. The arrest caused great consternation in Germany.

Audemair Opera Glasses—powerful, distinct definition—imported by Spencer, 7 Maiden Lane.—*Adv.*

PERSIA DISMISSES SHUSTER?

ANNOUNCEMENT IN ST. PETERSBURG IS UNCONFIRMED.

Rumor Causes Great Surprise—Peace Folks at Berne Were Urging Arbitration—Deposed Treasurer May Claim 3 Years Salary—Other U. S. Victims.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13.—A despatch from Teheran to the *Novoe Vremya* says:

"Thanks to the mediation of the English Minister the Cabinet has terminated the contract of W. Morgan Shuster, the American Treasurer-General of Persia."

LONDON, Dec. 14. The story printed in the St. Petersburg *Novoe Vremya* that Persia has terminated Mr. Shuster's contract as Tressurer-General is not confirmed from any source.

BERN, Dec. 13.—The International Peace Bureau has sent a circular to all the countries signatory to the Hague arbitration convention inviting a collective movement on their part for stopping Russia's military action against Persia.

The circular urges that the trouble between Russia and Persia is a matter that is essentially suitable for arbitration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. Unofficial news of the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster as Treasurer-General of Persia was received here to-night with considerable surprise. William M. Shuster of this city, his father, has not heard from him in several days, but had been led to believe that he was secure in his position for some time. Mrs. Shuster, who has been considerably alarmed for her son's safety, expressed the fervent wish that the news would be promptly confirmed and that her son might return to the United States at once. Clement L. Bouve, law partner of W. Morgan Shuster, said when informed of his dismissal that he would be slow to believe it until confirmation of the report had been received through the State Department. He will ask Secretary Knox to cable the United States Minister at Teheran early to-morrow.

W. Morgan Shuster has with him in Teheran his wife and two young children, both girls. There are also a number of young Americans whom he associated with him in his work for the Persian Government. It is taken for granted that these men will be dismissed with their chief. There is no railroad out of Teheran, and owing to the fact that the surrounding country is infested with robbers it is expected that Persia will be requested to supply a safe escort for the Shusters and their party out of the country.

Shuster is under a three years contract with Persia, which has run only a few months. Demand will be made upon the Persian Government that Shuster and all others with him who have contracts with Persia be paid in full. When Mr. Shuster's official head was first threatened by Russian demands Secretary Knox made it plain that the State Department had no official relations with Shuster and had merely recommended him as a man capable of undertaking the task of reorganizing the Persian finances. When the trouble began, however, Persia was given to understand that Shuster would receive full protection in his rights as an American citizen and that his life, liberty and property were to be cared for accordingly.

WON'T BACK FIGHT ON BARNES.

Taft May Decline to Attend Dinner of Young Republican Club of Brooklyn.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Col. Michael Dady of Brooklyn called at the White House to-day to protest against President Taft's acceptance of an invitation to make a speech on December 19 before the Young Republican Club of Brooklyn. As this club has taken official action against Wm. Barnes, Jr., chairman of the State Republican Committee, and is opposed to Merritt, Barnes's candidate for Speaker of the Assembly, it is pointed out that the presence of Mr. Taft at the club's dinner may be construed as giving his support to the fight against Barnes.

Mr. Taft will not be drawn into the movement to depose State Chairman Barnes and will not allow the members of the Young Republican Club to circulate stories that he is backing their fight against Barnes. If necessary, it is said, the President will go to the extent of declining to attend the club's dinner. At present, however, he does not intend to take such action. Col. Dady was unable to see the President, but discussed the situation with Assistant Secretary Foster.

DE SAULLES-ERRAZURIZ BANNS.

Old Yale Football Star to Wed Chilean Heiress in Paris.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The banns of marriage were published to-day for John De Saulles of Santiago, Chile, the old Yale football star, and Blanca Errazuriz, also of Santiago, a niece of the Chilean Minister to Rome. The wedding will take place at the English Roman Catholic Church on the Avenue de Hoche as soon as the necessary documents arrive from Rome. A dispensation is necessary because the young woman is a Catholic, while Mr. De Saulles is a Protestant. Judge Coyne of New York will be the best man.

Mr. De Saulles is a son of Arthur De Saulles. His mother, who was Miss Kate Heckscher, is a sister of the late J. G. Heckscher of New York. Miss Errazuriz, according to reports, is one of the most beautiful and wealthiest heiresses in Chile. Mr. De Saulles has been in Chile for some time and has been engaged in projecting with Judge Coyne a broad gauge transcontinental railroad through Chile and Argentina.

According to the story told here, he met his bride to be while he was at the head of a surveying party going over the Andes last February.

Ida A. Flagler Getting Richer.

Andrew Freedman as committee of the property of Ida A. Flagler, former wife of Henry M. Flagler, filed his report yesterday showing that 2,670 shares of Standard Oil stock owned by the estate increased in value $85,440 in the year. The estate now amounts to $2,532 478, of which the income for the year was $135,322.

COMPARTMENT CARS TO FLORIDA.
Via Seaboard Air Line's Florida-Cuba Special; electric lighted, steel equipment. Shortest, quickest route. Inquire 1184 Broadway.—*Adv.*

32,000 GAS MEN MAY STRIKE.

Workmen Said to Have Been Discharged for Union Affiliation.

According to Henry Kane, president of the Gas Workers Union, a strike of gas workmen is imminent unless the company agrees to arbitrate differences. A letter was sent on November 29 to George B. Cortelyou, president of the Consolidated Gas Company, complaining that men had lost their jobs because they held union cards. Other grievances were mentioned. Mr. Cortelyou was asked to reply in ten days, but the union leaders have not heard a word from him.

Henry Kane and a committee of his union conferred yesterday with Calvin Wyatt, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor. President Kane said afterward that the committee was authorized to call a strike of 32,000 gas workers throughout the city and declared that the men wanted to go out.

A representative of the Consolidated Gas Company said that there was no dissatisfaction among the men, that no one had been discharged for belonging to the union and that no ultimatum had been received. The letter to Mr. Cortelyou, he said, contained nothing tangible in the way of grievances.

KILLED FLYING TO LUNCH.

Lieut. Lantheaume of the French Army Fell Before His Sister's Eyes.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Lieut. Lantheaume was killed to-day while en route by aeroplane to take lunch with his brother-in-law. He left Etampes this morning to go to Melun and when within two and a half miles of his destination fell from a height of 500 yards and was instantly killed.

His sister and her husband, who were awaiting him, witnessed the fall.

THE WISE BROTHER OF NORA.

Sure He'd Keep Her Ticket for Her, and He Did, Didn't He?

Nora A. Keene with her brother went to the Cunard pier at the foot of West Fourteenth street yesterday to take passage by the steamship Carmania to Ireland. She bought her ticket for the second cabin on the pier and her solicitous brother, who has notions about the superiority of the male of the species, persuaded her to let him carry the ticket until the liner sailed, remarking that she might lose it. He kissed Nora good-by at the gangplank and went out to the street bulkhead to wave farewells to her and a lot of other Irish folk returning to the old country for Christmas. As the gangplank was about to be taken down the colleen ran up to an official of the line and told him that her brother had gone off with her ticket in his pocket. Mr. Sumner, the general agent of the line, sent Assistant Passenger Agent Ficke after the brother. Ficke had a description of him and found him and took away the ticket. The gangplank had been taken down and the liner was moving out when Ficke got back. A heaving line was thrown from the Carmania and the ticket was tied to it. In a moment the ticket was in the hands of the colleen.

TO INCREASE TAX ON AUTOS.

Gov. Foss Favors Doubling Fees in Massachusetts and Giving Boston a Share.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 13.—Legislation which will double the fees now obtained from automobiles and which will give Boston a part of the revenue will be recommended by Gov. Foss to the incoming Legislature, according to Mayor Fitzgerald, who conferred with the Governor and Highway Commissioner Sohier at the State House to-day. The amount derived annually from automobile taxes is about $475,000.

73 YEARS OF ILLEGAL FEES.

No Warrant for Collecting $1 on Filing a Brief on Appeal to Appellate Term.

The Appellate Term of the Supreme Court decided yesterday that thousands of dollars which have been collected by the clerks of the Appellate Term, and in recent years turned over to the County Clerk, have been collected without any warrant of law. The fees had been collected by the Appellate Term clerks and their predecessors for seventy-six years before M. Spencer Bevins, a lawyer, refused to pay on behalf of his client, and the court has now sustained him.

The fee in question is $1, which had been paid upon filing of the briefs in the case on appeal. It is estimated that the loss to the county through the Appellate Term ruling will be $50,000 a year at least. Justice Seabury, who wrote the opinion, said that the fees of the clerks are regulated by statute, and that since there is no statutory provision for the fee there is no warrant for it. The right to collect it cannot rest upon the fact that it has been customary.

It is believed that many suits will now be brought against the city to recover the fees paid within the years not barred by the statute of limitations.

MORSE STILL BEDFAST.

Seems More Cheerful and Massage Has Helped His Paralysis.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 13. There has been practically no change in the condition of Charles W. Morse, who is a prisoner patient at the post hospital at Fort McPherson. He seems somewhat stronger and is more cheerful, but there has been no marked improvement. Morse is still unable to sit up.

The paralysis in his right side and limbs has yielded somewhat to massage, but he is still unable to use his right arm.

Morse was much cheered by the visits of his wife and children and his mental state is much better than when he was in the Federal penitentiary. The physicians hope that his improved mental condition will better his physical condition. Morse seems to be convinced that he will never be sent back to the penitentiary.

Please Don't Indict on Suspicion.

District Attorney Whitman requested the Grand Jury yesterday to inquire into every case thoroughly before handing up an indictment. The percentage of indictments which were dismissed, he said, was large, and it would facilitate the work of his office and also help keep the Tombs from becoming congested if the Grand Jury would be more chary with their indictments.

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HOUSE ACTS AGAINST RUSSIA

PASSES SULZER RESOLUTION WITH ONE DISSENTING VOTE.

It Gives Notice to Russia That She Must Honor Passports of American Jews or the Treaty of 1832 Will Be Abrogated—Malby of This State Voted No.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—By a vote of 300 to 1 the House of Representatives to-night passed the Sulzer resolution, which proposes to abrogate the commercial treaty of 1832 with Russia because of Russia's action in refusing to honor passports issued by the United States Government to American Jews. The single negative vote was cast by Representative George W. Malby of New York, a Republican.

Representative Malby explained his vote on the ground that the phraseology of the resolution is undignified and unwarrantly insulting to Russia. He said the purpose sought to be accomplished met with his approval.

Government officials believe that the vote by the House on the Sulzer resolution will bring Russia to a keener realization of the resentment felt in the United States over the treatment accorded by that country to American Jews. The hope is expressed that to-day's action may improve the chances of adjusting the passport trouble through diplomatic channels as contemplated by President Taft.

That the Senate will concur in the Sulzer resolution should Russia continue to refuse to extend uniform treatment to all Americans who desire to travel in that country is indicated pretty definitely in a statement made to-day by Senator Cullom of Illinois, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Mr. Cullom announced that he was in hearty sympathy with the House resolution and that unless Russia took affirmative action relieving the situation he believed the measure would be passed by the Senate.

Senator Cullom further announced that it would not be practicable for his committee to report the Sulzer resolution before the holidays. This is taken to mean that Mr. Cullom and his associates have determined to defer action until the President has an opportunity to send a supplemental communication to Congress on the subject. In his message last week the President said that negotiations had been opened with Russia looking to diplomatic adjustment of the controversy. He said he would again communicate with Congress on the question immediately after the holidays.

It is taken for granted that if the President reports that St. Petersburg still refuses to make concessions the Senate will at once concur in the Sulzer resolution. The authorities will use every effort to have the difficulty adjusted through diplomacy, but the outlook is not very bright at present. They fear that the abrogation of the treaty by express direction of Congress will result in strained relations between the two Governments. The treaty is one expressing mutual good will and contains provisions of a commercial character that are of advantage to both countries.

The Sulzer resolution was reported to the House by the unanimous vote of all the members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, of which Representative Sulzer of New York is chairman. It was made the order of business to-day and only one member, Representative McCall of Massachusetts, spoke in opposition to it. Representative McCall expressed the opinion that the trouble should be adjusted by arbitration, declaring that as a matter of policy it was unwise to abrogate a treaty of amity in the way proposed.

There was a good deal of opposition to the form of the measure. Representative Mann of Illinois and others complained that the language employed was curt and impolitic. He objected specifically to the provision which set forth in terms that Russia has discriminated against American Jews. He urged that the language be softened so as not to give offence. Every motion that was made proposing a change in the resolution was defeated by a practically unanimous vote, the House agreeing with Mr. Sulzer that the measure should be put through in precisely the form in which it came from the committee. The resolution as passed provides:

> That the people of the United States assert as a fundamental principle that the rights of its citizens shall not be impaired at home or abroad because of race or religion, that the Government of the United States concludes its treaties for the equal protection of all classes of its citizens without regard to race or religion; that the Government of the United States will not be a party to any treaty which discriminates or which by one of the parties thereto is so construed as to discriminate between American citizens on the ground of race or religion; that the Government of Russia has violated the treaty of 1832, refusing to honor American passports, duly issued to American citizens, on account of race and religion; that in the judgment of Congress the said treaty for the reasons aforesaid ought to be terminated at the earliest time; that for the aforesaid reasons the said treaty is hereby declared to be terminated and of no further force and effect from the expiration of one year after the date of notification to the Government of Russia of the terms of this resolution and that to this end the President is hereby charged with the duty of communicating such notice to the Government of Russia.

Nearly forty members of the House spoke in support of the Sulzer resolution. Representative McCall's suggestion that the trouble should be submitted to arbitration aroused a good deal of interest, as did the rejoinder of Representative Longworth of Ohio that the time for arbitration had been passed and the time for heroic action had arrived.

The debate was opened by Representative Sulzer. Representatives Goldfogle and Levy presided in the House the greater part of the day. In urging the passage of the resolution Mr. Sulzer said in part:

> This joint resolution speaks for itself; no patriotic citizen need apologize for it. It sounds a note of true Americanism. It demands the abrogation of the Russian treaty concluded in St. Petersburg in 1832, in accordance with its provisions, because for nearly half a century Russia has persistently refused to live up to it and recog-