

CONNAUGHTS SPEND THE DAY SIGHTSEEING

Metropolitan Tower, Columbia and Cathedral of St. John Among Places Viewed.

CROWDS OUT TO SEE THEM

Duke Stands for the Camera Men and Laughs The Princess Poses and Enjoys It.

Loyalty remains amiable even when probed by the camera. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia on their sightseeing tour yesterday were blockaded, ambushed and incessantly trailed by photographers who urged for advantage and commanded the uncle of King George and Emperor William to "hold that pose. Don't move!" One who hurried from the mob touched the Princess's dress while he pantingly directed her to wait until he fixed a fresh plate.

The Duke's attendants were little less than horror-stricken. The faces of Col. R. C. Leather and Capt. Rivers-Bulkeley were a study in amazement. But the Duke roared with laughter and the Princess, her eyes bright with fun, turned this way and that as orders peeped from the camera brigade. In situations that have sent plain citizens into a heady glee, the Connaughts appeared to find merely a new kind of amusement. It is not so certain that Whitelaw Reid, their host, was equally diverted, but the uncomparable good humor of his guests was Mr. Reid's reason to interfere.

Early and late the royal party was collecting impressions of New York. They first obtained from the Metropolitan tower a notion of how the city and the surrounding country looks to a bird. They spent some time in J. P. Morgan's library inspecting Mr. Morgan's collections of art objects. After luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reid, 151 Madison avenue, at which Col. Roosevelt was a guest, they visited Grant's Tomb, Columbia University and the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Last night they were the guests of honor at a large dinner at the Reid home.

Of his sightseeing trip the Duke most enjoyed his sweeping view from the Metropolitan tower. The Princess was enchanted with her glimpse of Mr. Morgan's art treasures. The Duchess was most impressed with the great cathedral at Madison Square.

At the first of his party to leave the Reid home yesterday, the Duke, who believes that a brisk walk two or three times a day is the best thing in the world to keep an old man in shape, appeared in Madison square shortly after breakfast, telling his ladies and turning a smiling face upon the world. Photographers, crowded on the steps of Cardinal Farley's residence across the way, unnumbered with shouts of excitement. Life seemed sour to them because the light was feeble and the Duke stepped lively. As he turned into Forty-ninth street on his way to Fifth avenue they swirled around him, making strange gestures. Taking all this in, the Duke laughed gayly, threw up his hands and said:

"Captivate, gentlemen! If your powder is dry you may try it."
"Had face full face three-quarter they took him. He bowed all around, lifted his hat and hastened toward the avenue. Occasionally the Duke turned by a shop window as some exhibit attracted his eye. He sized up the traffic policeman, inspected with some minuteness several of the William Edwards's men who were making great play with a bochevone machine or two, and studied, it appeared, the more attractive buildings along his route.

Notably identified him. Thousands of people who would have trooped Fifth avenue had the word been trumpet that the Governor-General of Canada and the uncle of two of the world's great rulers were touching elbow with him saw in this party merely a trim figure of an elderly gentleman who looked as if he knew life was about and who carried indubitably the marks of a soldier.

Presently he returned to the Reid home and accompanied with the Princess Patricia and Col. H. C. Leather, his secretary, Miss Pelliers, the lady in waiting, they motored to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Building, in Madison square, where the president of the company, John R. Hegeman, was waiting to receive them. Mr. Hegeman escorted them to a lower elevator and went with them to the top balcony, where for half an hour the royal party looked through telescopes upon the five boroughs and the immense sweep of town and country below.

The Duke's enjoyment was apparent. He had never enjoyed so magnificent a view, he said, and he was astonished at the beauty of the prospect.

Looking the building caused fine cracks to form in the brow of Lieut. William Dunston, the Headquarters man assigned to look after the dual party, and Inspector Parkinson, the Ottawa street service man. The news that the Duke and Duchess and the charming Princess were to be seen close at hand filled the immense and staid crowd.

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TAFT WINS FIRST DELEGATES.

Fourth Oklahoma District Withstands a Roosevelt Stampede.

COMBATE, Okla., Jan. 23. Although every effort was made to stampede the Fourth Congress district Republican convention in session here to-day for Theodore Roosevelt for President, William Howard Taft was infused by 118 votes to Roosevelt's 32.

This is the first Republican Congress convention to be held anywhere in the United States this year.

The convention was in session from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 8 to-night. The Taft endorsement came not thirty minutes before adjournment.

Immediately after that vote was announced, James A. Harris of Waggoner, State chairman, was introduced by the same vote for review. (Clark Miller of Hugo and G. A. Ramsey of Ardmore were elected delegates to the national convention.)

The Taft endorsement marked a distinct victory for State Chairman Harris and a correspondingly significant defeat for Dynamite Ed Perry of Coalgate, chairman of the Fourth district convention and long known as the dictator of the Republican destinies of the district.

Until a few days ago Perry was known as a Taft supporter. The cause of his sudden conversion to Roosevelt remains unexplained unless it is because State Chairman Harris, his bitter political enemy, was an ardent Taft worker. Perry went to the extreme of writing Harris a personal letter ordering him to remain away from the convention.

The turning point in the convention, came when the report of the minority committee on resolutions was read, strongly endorsing Roosevelt. Perry immediately leaped to the platform, seized the gavel from the temporary chairman and shouted: "Now strike a blow at Roosevelt if you dare!"

Immediately thereafter there was great excitement that continued for fifteen minutes while the Roosevelt contingent attempted to take possession of the stage and stampede the convention.

The Taft forces held firm, however, and after the Perry crowd had shouted themselves hoarse a d had worn themselves out trying to stampede a convention that wouldn't stampede they quietly took control and carried out the program they had mapped out.

One of the spectacular features of the convention was the sending up of a huge balloon this afternoon by the Perry forces, bearing Roosevelt's name and flaunting an enormous Roosevelt banner.

In the midst of a speech before the assembly, Perry entered the convention hall as a ride a pony, clad in a Rough Rider suit and rode down the aisle. When he reached the stage he was lifted bodily upon the platform. Turning to the packed hall he shouted "I want Teddy!" It was several minutes before order was restored.

EX-GOV. BLACK TO RETIRE.

Tells Friends He Will Go "Back to the Farm" Next Year.

ALBANY, Jan. 23. Frank S. Black was one of the attorneys who argued before the Court of Appeals to-day the unconstitutionality of the law passed by the last Legislature, legislating out of office the three Republican judges of the State Court of Claims, which was followed by the appointment of three Democratic members of a newly created State Board of Claims.

Mr. Black had been talking casually with some of his friends while he was waiting for his case to be reached in the court of appeals, and one of those casual statements was twisted to the effect that he had accumulated a million dollars practicing law in New York city since he retired from the Governorship on December 31, 1908, and that it was back to the farm for him in April next, when he was to retire from the practice of his profession.

Mr. Black said to-night it was his present idea to retire from the practice of the law in New York city when the lease of his office in New York should expire on May 1, 1912. By that time he expected to have had by him enough money to take care of himself and his family. Mr. Black a few years ago, while visiting relatives in New Hampshire bought a farm at Freedom, N. H.

Friends of Theodore Roosevelt have been endeavoring to bring Col. Roosevelt and Mr. Black together for some weeks recently, but so far without avail. They have made advances to Mr. Black with the idea of having him forget the causes which led to the differences between the two, with the idea that Mr. Black should join in the Roosevelt possession at this time.

SHIRT OUT BRESLIN WINDOW.

Yukon Miner Oblivious to What Hotel Thought an Indecorous Display.

Halfstan Hendrickson, who is what is known as a soundhole miner on Yukon, blew into the Breslin night before last from the Colaba country with a big suit case and was assigned to a room on the Broadway side. There Hendrickson begged the attendant to turn off the steam, as it made the room too hot for a man who had been accustomed to sleeping in a blanket out on the ground when the temperature was ever so many degrees below naught. Then he went out to see the sights.

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FRENCH WARSHIPS TO GIVE ITALY A HINT

Two Squadrons Put to Sea as Dispute Over Seized Ships Grows Bitter.

THE RED CRESCENT DOCTORS

Turkish Hospital Corps Identified in Men Captured from the Manouba Off Tunis.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

PARIS, Jan. 23. The great armored cruisers Edgar Quinet, Ernest Renan and Leon Gambetta, with five submarines left Toulon, ostensibly for maneuvers outside the Hyeres Islands, in the Mediterranean, to-day. The cruisers are triple screw vessels of from 14,000 to 12,500 tons displacement.

It was announced at the time that the 10,000 ton armored cruiser Gloire, Conde and Marsaillaise, accompanied by a torpedo flotilla, were ordered to cruise off Cherbourg, while the super-dreadnought Danton and the 18,000 ton battleships Justice and Verite, with two torpedo boat destroyers, have gone to Malta, ostensibly to greet King George of England on his arrival there.

The news that orders had been sent to Toulon to prepare for a naval demonstration as a warning to Italy within twenty-four hours, which was called to THE SUN on Sunday night, received the usual official denial on Monday. It was confirmed to-day when these important naval maneuvers were announced.

A trustworthy informant telegraphed from Cagliari to THE SUN'S Paris correspondent that he has seen the members of the Turkish Red Crescent taken from the Manouba and still held there as prisoners. He says that he has recognized among the Turks prominent Constantinople doctors and several well known at the Pera hospital.

Among the doctors are Dr. Emin Bey, the leader of the incarcerated Red Crescent members, Dr. Rifki Bey, Dr. Ahmed Ali and Dr. Mustaf Ahrabam. Among the hospital workers are Hassan Mehmed, Vehi Jousouf and Mehmed Ibrahim. All these are well known to the American missions at Constantinople.

ROME, Jan. 23. An amicable settlement over the trouble between France and Italy over the seizure of the French steamer Carthage, a steamer which is reported here as having been in a semi-official announcement in the Tribune, the Government organ, that the two countries are seeking a solution of the difficulty in a conciliatory spirit. Italy, the paper says, attaches extreme importance to maintaining her good relations with France.

TUNIS, Jan. 23. The aeroplane belonging to Aviator Duval, which was being taken to Tripoli and which caused the seizure of the French steamer Carthage, has apparently unaltered the mind of one member of the Italian colony here. Duval took his machine out to-day for a shaking down and was sitting on it prepared to make an ascent when an Italian armed with a villainous looking knife ran up and attempted to slash the wings of the machine. The machine was seized by the police and bastinadoed.

LONDON, Jan. 24. A despatch from Perm, at the entrance to the Red Sea, states that an Italian warship stopped the Austrian Lloyd's steamer Brengo on January 22. No details are given. Lloyd's accepting 10 percent insurance against war between France and Italy in four months.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. The Italian Government has notified this Government through the American Embassy at Rome of the blockading of the strip of Italian territory on the Red Sea from Ras Isat, north of Hodeida, to Ras Goulaif, south of that port. The time to be allowed for the vessels to depart at the blockaded section will be fixed by the Commander in Chief of the Italian fleet.

AUTO THROUGH THE ICE.

Driver Narrowly Escapes Being Catastrophed Far Under.

FARLEY TOWN, Jan. 23. By a peculiar freak of a cake of ice the life of Emmer, Taxer, with three others, was saved to-day in an automobile race on the Hudson near the Terry town light-house. He was hitting up a clip of thirty miles an hour when the front wheels of the car struck an air hole. They crashed through and so great was the force that a big cake of ice was pushed down with the car. The ice struck the bottom of the river and the front of the car was suspended on it. The rear of the chassis just hung on the top of the solid ice. Taxer went in head first with his car and had it not been for the cake of ice stopping the progress of the machine he would have been carried far under the ice.

As soon as the others realized what happened they stopped their cars and ran to Taxer's rescue. When he came to the surface a rope was thrown to him and he was pulled out. Several strong ropes were attached to the car and boards were run under the wheels. Six automobiles were lined up and they were able to pull it out of the water.

FEDERAL AUTOMOBILE LAW.

Measure Providing a License Good All Over for \$10.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. A Federal automobile law was proposed in a bill introduced in the House to-day by Representative Volstead of Minnesota. It provides that for the payment of \$10 a year the good roads bureau shall issue a Federal automobile license to any person applying in good faith.

A provision in the bill makes the Federal license good all over the United States, subjects the automobile owners to those fees only and similarly restrictive charges which prevail in the State in which the owner lives.

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VOTE DOWN VACCINATION.

"Scratching the Kids' Arms" No Use, Says Alderman Dowling.

The Aldermen took up nearly two hours of their time yesterday discussing vaccination. The Finance Committee recommended that \$10,000 in special revenue bonds be issued to pay for the employment of special medical officers to visit the public schools and tenement houses and vaccinate children. Alderman Dowling, the Tammany leader, opposed the resolution. He objected to city doctors "invading the homes of the poor and scratching the arms of the children in the tenements," and anyway, he added, he thought vaccination was a "fad." Alderman Curran, the chairman of the Finance Committee, said that the money had been asked for by Dr. Leberle of the Board of Health, and he warned Dowling that smallpox epidemics came around about every ten years and that one was due this year and that if the city was not prepared to deal with it Dowling and his Tammany colleagues would have to take the responsibility for the deaths which would result from the non-appropriation of the money.

"All right, I'll take that responsibility," replied Dowling, "because I don't see any epidemic in sight, and if it is to come spending \$10,000 on scratching kids' arms won't keep it off anyway."

The Tammany men voted with Dowling, with the result that not sufficient votes could be raised to make the appropriation.

STUDYING COST OF LIVING.

Federal Agents Gathering Statistics in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 23. Six women agents of the Department of Commerce and Labor are here investigating the cost of living. J. P. Sullivan and J. O. Britton, other agents of the Department are also making an investigation here.

It is said that the investigators aim to gather statistics to compare with figures collected five years ago. In addition to studying food prices the agents are gathering data as to wages and rent increases. Sullivan and Britton are confining their activities to the building, metal and printing trades.

RILEYS JOIN THE UNION.

Persecuted Cotton Weavers, Whose Case Caused British Lockout, Give Up.

MANCHESTER, Jan. 23. Joe Riley and his wife, over whose refusal to join the local union of the cotton weavers at Ayr the origin of the recent trouble in the cotton trade started, have found it impossible to secure employment and have given up. In despair they have applied for membership in the union. The Rileys were forced yesterday to leave the mill where they had been working since the settlement of the trouble, as they had been threatened with bodily injury. Today they yielded to force of circumstances and decided to take out membership cards.

The stories of the victims in these cases practically were identical. In said Chief John Wilkie, who has charge of the matter for the Government. "They were on a visit to Canada last summer and while in Montreal had their attention called to the establishment of Charles Desjardins & Co., dealers in furs. They had made purchases there, either for themselves or as gifts for their friends at prices which seemed attractive and in each case they assert that the price included the value of the garment plus the duty. The agreement in each instance was that the garment should be delivered to the purchaser duty paid.

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RELIEF FOR ICEBOUND CREW.

Life Savers Had Been Marooned Since Christmas Day.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 23. After being isolated for almost a month and subsisting on half rations, members of the Federal crew stationed at Little Beach, managed to make harbor here this morning to secure provisions. Their trip of not twenty miles required more than twenty-four hours because of the ice they were compelled to break through for the greater part of their journey.

The crew was led in on Christmas Day. When the ice started to break up in floes a few days ago attempts were made to get away, but they were failures. On Sunday night the food was about exhausted and prompt measures were necessary.

Leaving the station with four men, Capt. Bennett started at daylight yesterday morning. It required until nightfall to get to the outside channel. Axes and boat hooks were used to cut a lane through the foot of salt ice. Several times members of the crew broke through into the water. After reaching the outside inlet the crew took the ocean route to this city, arriving at 10 o'clock this morning. During the last part of their journey they worked in shifts, two at a time.

Early this afternoon the surfmen started on the return trip to carry food to the men who had been left behind.

REV. DR. PETERS A GROCER.

He'll Sell at Full Weight and Low Price to the Poor Twice a Week.

The Rev. Dr. Madison C. Peters, emulating Lew Shady, of Indianapolis, is going to run a grocery store here and sell full weight at low prices, according to his plans announced yesterday. The store will be in a room at 440 East 123rd street and will be opened on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The plan was suggested at a meeting of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, of which Dr. Peters is pastor. At this meeting many of the congregation told of their troubles with indigestion and this suggested a store on the Shank line. The store will be open from 10 o'clock in the morning until noon, and no longer. At first it will only be opened on Wednesdays and Saturdays, but if the scheme works Dr. Peters says there'll be other stores on the same lines. The minister is going to meet the initial cost of having in stock from his own pocket.

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MONTREAL FIRM IN FUR SMUGGLING CHARGES

The Treasury Department Asserts Desjardins & Co. Have Victimized Americans.

PREPAID DUTIES STOLEN

Goods Smuggled Over the Border and Then Shipped—Many Seizures Have Resulted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. Special customs agents of the Treasury Department have uncovered a system of frauds by which hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of furs have been smuggled into this country. Americans who purchased the furs in Canada also have been victimized. The special agents made arrests on the Canadian border not long ago and obtained confessions from persons engaged in the smuggling.

Many American visitors to Montreal last summer purchased furs, prepaying the duty, with the understanding that the furs would be sent by express to their residences in this country. Instead of paying the duty the Canadian dealers, it is alleged, smuggled them into the United States, thereby not only defrauding the Government but making an additional profit at the expense of the Americans who paid the duty in advance. A list of packages with the names of the consignees and other details has been obtained by the Treasury Department.

For the last month this investigation has covered the entire country east of the Mississippi River and the smuggled furs have been seized for the withheld duty. A large number of those who thought they had a fine set of furs for the winter have fallen into the Government's clutches and been left furless. As the men responsible for the frauds reside in Canada they cannot be reached under the American laws. It is understood that the Americans who have suffered losses are organizing an association to bring a civil suit in the Canadian courts against the people responsible for the alleged frauds.

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SUIT OVER MRS. HAIG'S HOUSE.

Broker Seeks Commissions From the Douglas Robinson Company.

A suit brought by George A. White against the Douglas Robinson Company, Charles S. Brown Company, real estate brokers, for commissions on the sale of Mrs. Ogilvy Haig's house at 374 Fifth avenue, was tried yesterday before Supreme Court Justice DeWitt. White testified that he got a purchaser for the property who agreed to pay \$85,000, and that after Mrs. Haig had accepted the terms the offer was rejected and the property was sold to the City Investing Company for \$50,000. White said that the latter company then tried him to get his purchaser to take the property at the original price. "The defendant," White said, "purchaser wouldn't complete the deal, and I wouldn't. Mrs. Haig being in a hurry to go to Europe, the case was not finished."

PAUPER'S GIFT TO POORHOUSE.

Bequeathes \$10 for Every Month She Spent in Kings Co. Institution.

One of the former inmates of the Kings County Almshouse in Brooklyn has left a legacy to the institution that sheltered her in her days of destitution. The money, \$10 for every month that the testatrix spent in the poorhouse, is to be paid to the Department of Public Charities out of an insurance policy of \$1,000 in the Catholic Women's Benevolent Association.

The testatrix, Mary Campion, died at the almshouse on December 26, 1911. Her will has been filed for probate in the Surrogate's office. A sister who lives in Boston gets what is left of the \$1,000 after deducting the legacy to the poorhouse and several small debts.

ANNA HELD DIVORCE RUMOR.

Husband Ziegfeld Says He Has Not Heard of It.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 23. Anna Held, in an interview published in a Seattle afternoon paper to-day, announces that she is preparing to file suit for divorce against her husband, Florenz Ziegfeld. The divorce will be sought in New York State.

Florenz Ziegfeld, Jr., said last night that so far as he knew there was no truth in the report that his wife was to sue for divorce. He said he had got a telegram from her yesterday from Seattle thanking him for a birthday gift and asking when he would join her on her Western tour.

FIRST MOVE FOR COAL STRIKE.

Iowa Delegates to Convention Vote to Quit Unless Advance is Granted.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 23. The first steps toward a general strike of coal miners after April 1, when all contracts with the miners expire, were taken here this morning when the Iowa delegation met and unanimously decided to strike on April 1 unless a contract with the union granting an increase of wages is signed.

President White and other officials were at the meeting and pleaded with the miners not to take any radical step, but their advice was ignored. The large operators in the competitive districts—Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and western Pennsylvania—are here for a conference over the wage schedule, and all are emphatic that conditions do not justify an increase. They say that the warm winter last year left them with much coal on hand, that they mined coal during the summer to give their employees work and that there is now a large surplus, which promises to be greater when spring opens.

FIVE CENTS TO CONEY, MAYBE.

Said That the B. R. T. May Decide to Cheapen Ride All Hours of the Day.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, it was said yesterday at the offices of the Public Service Commission, may to-day announce that it will agree to concessions that will practically mean the carrying of passengers to Coney Island for five cents at all hours of the day. Last summer the company put into effect five-cent fares to Coney at certain hours of the morning and evening.

Col. T. S. Williams, president of the B. R. T., said last night that he might have something of interest to communicate to-day.

MARSE HENRY FOR THE BIG JOB.

Kentucky Legislators Boost "Greatest Journalist's" Presidential Boom.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 23. The boom for Henry Watterson for President was launched in the General Assembly to-day. Resolutions were adopted asking Watterson to address the Assembly in the near future.

John A. Polin of Washington county declared that there was no one whom the Kentucky Democracy would rather support than the "Sage of Jeffersontown."

"Whereas Henry Watterson, editor of the Courier-Journal, is the greatest journalist in America to-day and has done a great deal to advance the cause of Democracy in the State of Kentucky and in the nation and whose editorials have been read with interest by the American people from coast to coast; be it

"Resolved, That Henry Watterson be invited to address this General Assembly at some future date to be fixed by him and that a committee of two be appointed to notify the distinguished journalist of this invitation."

Friends of Watterson say that they have received assurances from many States which would support him for the nomination.