

GUMMERE'S TASK NOT A SIMPLE ONE

Regarded as Nobody in Morocco.

HIS RANK IS INADEQUATE

Has Pleasant Things to Say About the Empire, But He Should Be a Minister.

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 26.—Samuel R. Gummere, consul general at Tangier, Morocco, is at his home in Trenton, on leave.

Mr. Gummere conducted the negotiations for the release of Ion H. Perdicaris, the American citizen held for ransom by Moorish brigands last spring. He is reported to talk of the stirring times in which he was one of the central figures, during the eight weeks of parleying, persuading and threatening before the Sultan could be brought to realize that this Government meant to protect its people at any cost, and that he would be held responsible for any harm that might come to Perdicaris.

A Great Strain.

"It was a great strain," Mr. Gummere says, "and it came to be something of a bore before it was over. I'd rather not bother anybody with it. There surely was enough about the incident in the papers."

"But I am glad of this opportunity to explain the great disadvantage that my position placed me in. There are twelve representatives of foreign powers at Tangier, and all of them except myself have the rank of minister. They are brought to their posts on board men-of-war, and greeted with the exchanges of salutes to which their positions entitle them, while the representative of the United States comes from Gibraltar on the ferryboat, and if he happens to be met by a few personal friends, it is his particular good fortune.

"The fact that my rank is merely that of consul general, while I have full powers and am in every way received on terms of equality in the diplomatic circle of the foreign powers, has an injurious effect upon the estimate in which this country is held by the Sultan and his court.

Rank is Everything.

"To a semi-barbaric potentate, rank is everything, as you will understand when I tell you that, although the ministers are given audiences by the Sultan, no representative of this Government has ever been received by him. This is, of course, unpleasant for the representative, and it is, moreover, a tremendous handicap to American progress in Morocco. Over there they hold us very cheap. Our success in the Spanish war did give us some prestige, particularly as the Moors hate the Spanish with a bitterness of which only such a fanatical race is capable, but when we paid Spain \$20,000,000 for the Philippines, and sent our prisoners home, instead of demanding \$20,000,000 from her and cutting the throats of the captives, we sunk back again to our original position on the Moorish mind, below Portugal and Belgium and the lesser powers.

"Through this lack of recognition, or whatever it may be, we are not able to make the terms with Morocco that other nations get, and it would be well worth our while to pay some attention to this.

Wealthy Country.

"It is an immensely wealthy country, as fertile in parts as any in the world, and rich in almost every kind of mineral deposit, but it is absolutely undeveloped. And it is the policy of the government to keep it so. Trade is almost prohibited between different parts of the country. In years when Tangier has suffered frightfully from famine, it was not permitted to bring grain by sea from the districts 150 miles down the coast. The wheat was rotting there in the fields, and women and children in Tangier were dying, but the firman could not be disobeyed.

"So it is with everything, but in time all this will be changed, and the 'open door' will come. It is bound to. Now, however, what little trade there is with the coast towns is all carried on by Europeans. We have none of it; Great Britain has two-thirds; France and Germany divide the rest; the United States is not a competitor.

"Not that our goods do not go there, for quantities of American petroleum and flour are imported annually, but the trade is not direct. European middlemen make the profits that might just as well come here. It is a little curious though that about the only commodity exported from Morocco comes almost altogether to Philadelphia—that is goat skins.

No Trade Relations.

"It does seem too bad that we are not making an effort to establish better relations, diplomatically and commercially, with a country that is bound before long to be the scene of wonderful development.

"As for the conditions there now, the whole land is in an uproar. The city of Tangier is practically the only place that foreigners can live in at all, and even there it is not safe to venture five miles from town without a heavy guard. Bands of outlaws raid and plunder everywhere. Every tribe is out against every other tribe, and all are in revolt against the government, which has been so corrupt and cruel that it is hardly to be wondered at that the country is in a state of anarchy.

"That man Raisuli, who is nothing but a common robber and cattle lifter, in spite of the sympathy that my friend Perdicaris wasted on him, is typical of the race. I can hardly see that it made him a hero because the Bashah, who was his accomplice in crime, finally sold him out. He had a tough time of it, no doubt, with fourteen years of imprisonment, and he probably was the victim of some very refined forms of torture, but he was and is as bad as the rest.

A Delightful Country.

"Aside from this disorder, which will be improved after a while, Morocco is a delightful country, with an almost perfect climate, and of marvelous natural beauty. I went there first fourteen years since as the guest of Mr. Perdicaris, whom I had known in my boyhood in Trenton, and returned a number of times before I accepted my present post six years ago. The air there seems to be extraordinarily healing in cases of throat and lung troubles, and I have known remarkable cures. Then, too, it

Constitution of Russia Proposed by Zemstvos

Government Vested in Czar and Domma of Two Houses Elected for Three Years—Police and Soldiers Disfranchised.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—A copy of the draft of a constitution, proposed and adopted by the representatives of the Russian zemstvos at their recent meeting in St. Petersburg, was received by the Russian political exiles in London today.

The constitution proposed declares that at the head of the empire there shall be a Czar and an imperial domma. The person of the Czar shall remain inviolable. He will be commander of the army and navy.

The domma shall consist of two houses, elected for three years. The first house of delegates shall be elected by the zemstvos and the town councils. The second house of representatives shall be elected by general suffrage. The domma may remove the sovereign

on account of infirmity. It shall determine the civil list.

At the head of the executive department shall be a kanzler, whose duty it shall be to select the country's ministers.

The sovereign, by the document, is empowered to declare war or peace; make treaties, and, if his act does not contradict existing laws, dissolve the domma and order a new election.

The right to a seat in the house of representatives shall belong to every male citizen above the age of twenty-one, except those belonging to the military or police departments. These latter are disfranchised.

Neither political nor press offenses shall deprive a citizen of his franchise. The judicial and administrative departments shall be separated.

Towns and villages shall have self government by town councils.

The zemstvos shall be elected by popular vote.

ELECTRIC ORE FINDER ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Device Invented by American Being Tested and Used Successfully in Great Britain.

An electrical ore finder is attracting considerable attention in Great Britain, according to Consul Boyle, of Liverpool, in a recent report to the Department of Labor and Commerce.

"In view of the increasing difficulty of getting a good supply of native ore," says Mr. Boyle, "great interest is being taken in a new electrical ore finder, which it is claimed has been successful in discovering lodes, reefs, or strata of ore in England."

"It is said that by this 'finder,' the expert listener can judge with surprising accuracy how deep the lode is, and in which direction it runs. The 'London Daily Telegraph,' of September 16, 1904, gives the following description of the invention:

Invented by American.

"The apparatus by which this result is rendered possible is the invention of Leo Daft, an American, and Mr. Williams, an Englishman. It is extremely ingenious, and in the hands of experts admits of the most delicate manipulation.

"The essential principle of its working is that it emits not a continuous current, but a series of little, short, sharp impulses. These will go forward in all directions, and when they meet with quartz rock or metallic lodes the waves are so modified that the listener can form a judgment where the ore bodies causing the variation of sound are situated. A steel company made a trial of the electrical ore finder.

"The apparatus indicated the position of the deposits, and this was done so accurately that when the company put down a bore hematite was found at about the depth adjudged, and the discovery is likely to prove of great importance. In a similar way, with variously attuned apparatus, gold has been located in Alaska and Siberia, lead in Wales, copper in Cornwall and at Coniston, and the other metals we have named in various parts."

MISSING TWENTY YEARS, BANK ABSCONDER DIES

Frank Leeds, Who Robbed Stamford Institution, Had Lived Several Years in California.

STAMFORD, Conn., Nov. 26.—Information has been received here of the death of Frank Randolph Leeds on November 15, in Bakersfield, Cal. He was cashier of the Stamford National Bank and twenty years ago absconded. About \$20,000 was missing.

Leeds went to Canada, and there all trace of him was lost. Some years ago a letter stated that a Frank R. Leeds, of Stamford, had committed suicide by jumping from an ocean liner. For five years he had lived in Bakersfield, working as an expert accountant.

The information of Leeds' death came to town through the order of Elks. He belonged to a well-known California, Leeds was forty-eight years old when he died. He belonged to a well-known Stamford family, and was a relative of ex-Mayor Leeds.

THAT WAS DIFFERENT.

Critic—Parson me for saying so, but in this autumn landscape your colors do not seem to harmonize.

Artist—They don't? Why, those colors are copied with absolute fidelity from nature.

Critic—Well—er—you know nature can't be copied that sort that are not allowed to the rest of us.—Chicago Tribune.

is very easy of access, as the boats run over from Gibraltar in a couple of hours or so.

"I don't know that I would advise young men to go to Morocco just at present, but there will be great opportunities. Under the treaty conditions foreigners are entitled to certain kinds of protection, and this includes commercial agents of foreign firms. Besides this, foreigners, while they may not own a foot of land except in Tangier itself, may go into partnership with Moors and carry on various forms of agriculture. In such cases the native partners also come in for protection. In fact, they are the only Moors who are at all safe from the depredations of the local authorities.

"But as I said before, the development of the country cannot begin just yet. It is, however, only a matter of a little time, and those who are there earliest will have the best opportunities. I am making every effort to bring the importance of the situation home to our Government, and have hopes of success."

Mr. Gummere, who is here for the first time for more than three years, will return to Morocco in January.

TO GATHER BUREAUS UNDER ONE ROOF

Secretary Metcalf Will Also Recommend Stringent Immigration Law in Annual Report.

Secretary Metcalf, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, will complete his first annual report early next week, so it can go into the hands of the President upon his return from St. Louis.

In the report the Secretary recommends that a home be provided for the department, so that the scattered bureaus may be collected under one roof.

He also recommends that the immigration laws be made much more stringent than they are now, including, upon the request of Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent, an extension of the present card system of identification, so that every alien arriving will be known in years to come.

Thousands of these cards are already in use. The authorities have found the system to be excellent.

Commissioner Sargent, in discussing the recommendation, said that should aliens who desire to become citizens get their first papers at the time they go into the card record bureaus, the change from the present methods would do away with the wholesale fraud now existing in naturalization.

DELIGHTFUL PROGRAM AT RHODE ISLAND HOUSE

A most delightful program was given Friday evening at the Rhode Island House, 117 Rhode Island Avenue, by Miss Semaj DeF. Boice, dramatic reader, presenting her junior class for the first time to a Washington audience.

The young ladies acquitted themselves well. Miss Boice gave two well-chosen selections with artistic finish. Norman Daly's piano playing charmed the audience.

The Misses Koman and Beall gave a song with violin obligato. Mr. Purvis delightfully rendered the old song, "Friars Gray."

The juvenils rendered the following program:

Recitation, "The Bells of Notre Dame," Miss Blanche McCreery; recitation and song, "The Minuet," Miss Helma Chesman; dialogue, Misses Mabel and Edna Ellis; recitation (in costume) "Grigsby Station," Miss Mabel Ellis; recitation, "The Legend of the Organ Builder," Miss Edna Ellis; recitation, "The Spinning-wheel Song," Miss Elsie Gleason.

Each young lady responded to an encore and thanked her parents and friends who were present.

At the earnest solicitation of patrons Miss Boice read "The Legend of the Tree" and "An Order for a Picture."

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Actual value.....**\$1.07**

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