

OLD ALPINE GUIDE HONORED BY QUEEN

Margherita Visits Leopold Grand, Who Has Saved a Hundred Lives.

GENEVA, Sept. 5.—While Queen Margherita was returning from Italy in her motor from Chamouni and Aix-les-Bains she passed over the Little St. Bernard Pass and stopped at the summit to present the veteran French Alpine guide, Leopold Grand, the hero of a hundred rescues, a souvenir of his bravery.

The old guide, who is now seventy-two years of age, was writing on the summit of the pass, hat in hand, to salute the Queen. He was wearing on his breast the Order of Merit, presented to him by the late King Humbert of Italy, and the Order of the Legion of Honor, which was given him by President Loubet, both orders having been obtained for saving the lives of French and Italian troops near the pass and for exceptional bravery.

The Queen stopped her motorcar and, stepping out, shook hands with Grand, whom she congratulated upon having saved three lives during the past winter. Her majesty then presented to the aged hero a souvenir, then re-entering the car, waved her handkerchief as long as she could see the solitary figure standing on the pass.

Grand has lived in a tiny refuge hut on the Little St. Bernard for the last twenty-five years in the employment of the French government. During that time he has saved over a hundred lives.

NEWS OF BETROTHAL ANGERS COUNTESS

Beautiful Wife of Peer Was Deeply Interested in Winston Churchill.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The announcement that Winston Churchill is engaged has deeply chagrined a certain beautiful and highly intellectual countess, who, rumor said, took a more than passing interest in the career of the young politician. Churchill has always been too immersed in his work to pay a great deal of attention to the other sex, but he had a weakness for the society of the countess, who was once a "soul" and a great friend of Mrs. Asquith and her superintending set.

The countess has retired in disgust to her husband's country seat in Hertfordshire. Even her most intimate friends have not been asked to the house. Everyone is sympathizing with her serious-minded husband, who must be having a very bad time. This lady is extremely unfortunate in her friends. A very wealthy duke once cherished an absorbing passion for her, but it cooled off, and it is said that the refrigerating process took place entirely on the duke's part.

Churchill's friends are wondering now how he will be able to take a day off from his work to get married. He is taking the most active part in the spell-binding campaign through the country which the Liberals are organizing before the reopening of Parliament. Churchill has a very large number of engagements to make speeches, and, in addition, is immersed in his work at the board of trade, the details of which he is trying to master.

NEW MASCOT AT POSTOFFICE



SUPERINTENDENT HUNT AND HIS NEW WILD CAT, Brought From Tucson by Clerks W. M. Wagner and W. G. Sherwood.

WILD CAT MASCOT DISPLACES MUGGINS

Registry Division in Postoffice Has a New Pet Now to Worry About.

The registry division of the Washington City Postoffice is entertaining today a four months' old wild cat, just arrived from Tucson, Ariz. The feline was brought to the city last night by William M. Wagner and William G. Sherwood, registry division clerks, who have been doing duty in the Tucson office for several months. They have been taming the cat for some time for a mascot for the Washington office, and it is as playful as a kitten.

Superintendent Hunt, of the registry division, received a letter from Tucson several days ago announcing that the wild cat would be brought to Washington as a mascot for the registry division. A day or two later, Muggins, a well-bred Eastern cat of good family, who has been the mascot of the registry division for several years past, was noticed lying close to the letter. He disappeared soon after, and has not since been seen in the building.

Mr. Hunt said that it was believed that Muggins had noticed the contents of the letter, and, his pride having been hurt at the contemplated intrusion of the Western stranger, decided to do camp.

CAPT. DESBOROUGH TO INSPECT MINES

Expert in Explosives Seeks to Make Miners' Lives Safe.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Capt. Arthur Desborough, an expert in explosives, and a member of the explosive commission selected by the United States Government to investigate the causes and devise means for preventing the many explosions in the American mines, arrived on the steamer Umbria today. Captain Desborough will proceed to Wyoming, where one big mine has been burning since March, and then proceed to mines in Indiana, Illinois, and West Virginia.

On the steamer Umbria, coming over, one passenger, the Rev. J. P. Daly, of Sioux City, S. D., died, and was buried at sea. He was ill when he came aboard, and died three days out.

EMPEROR HATES AUTOS.

VIENNA, Sept. 5.—Not until this month did the aged Emperor of Austria ever enter an automobile. His son-in-law, Prince Leopold, of Bavaria, took the Emperor for his first automobile spin. The Emperor said he preferred his trusty horses. It is improbable that he will buy an automobile.

DRUMMERS HOUND AMERICAN TOURISTS

"Special" Representatives Make Life Miserable by Their Intrusions.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—American millionaires in London are being forced to conceal their identity in order to escape a new grievance known as the "special representative."

The "special representative" is none other than the commercial traveler, who has recently shown a decided disposition to adopt fresh methods in reaching possible customers.

"Many of my visitors are so worried by these representatives of trading firms that they will not have their correct names entered in the hotel book," said a hotel manager.

"Many of them adopt traveling names, and most of the well-known people give strict instructions that the fact of their presence in the hotel is not to be made public."

"Rich Americans staying at London hotels find they are bombarded with callers from trading firms. This was quite fair business so long as ordinary business cards were sent in, but the latest method is for the 'special representative' to send in a private card asking to see the visitor by name."

"The visitor is usually a much-traveled man, who does not expect to remember all his acquaintances, and when it happens, therefore, that the caller is frequently shown up, and the hotel visitor finds himself delivered into the hands of a representative of a motor car firm or of a curio dealer."

"The idea that the rich American visitor is the natural prey of anyone with anything to sell has become so general that it is a very difficult matter for American visitors to London to secure anything like privacy."

DIAMOND TIARA FOR MRS. "JOE" GRACE

Young American Bride Is Seeing Great Britain on Her Honeymoon.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Perhaps the happiest young married couple just at present are Mr. and Mrs. "Joe" Grace. Mr. Grace, a son of the late William H. Grace, at one time mayor of New York, married Miss Janet MacDonald at the beginning of August, and the young couple, who have been careering wildly about this country on their honeymoon, enjoyed a delightful surprise last week.

They were invited to spend the weekend with Michael P. Grace, the bridegroom's uncle, at his magnificent place, Battle Abbey, and after dinner on the night of their arrival a servant handed to Mrs. Joe Grace a parcel. The parcel contained a velvet box and in the box was a superb diamond tiara, the gift of Michael Grace to his nephew's bride.

Joe Grace himself is a socialist and hobnobbs with all sorts and conditions of men, and his devoted wife has very democratic leanings, but a diamond tiara is not a thing to be resisted and the bride was greatly elated at this surprise.

Thinks Municipal Ownership Bound to Come in America

Ex-Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston, Interviewed in London, Says System Would Work Here.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—"Municipal ownership seems to work very well in Europe, and from what I have seen I am convinced that it would not only work equally well in the United States, but that it is bound to come," said ex-Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, of Boston.

Mr. Fitzgerald has visited practically every important city of Great Britain and Ireland, and, in addition to personally investigating the administration of municipal affairs, gathered all the statistics which were available. He frankly confessed that he had been surprised at the extent of municipal ownership in Great Britain and Ireland.

"There is practically no large city in the United Kingdom that does not own and operate its street railroads, electric and gas lighting plants and other public utilities. In some places the operation has been conducted with more success than in others, but in no place that I know of where municipal ownership has been introduced has it been abandoned."

Has Been Successful. "The administration of the municipal enterprise has, on the whole, been successful and profitable. Different methods of bookkeeping prevail in different municipalities, and by charging the utilities with undue expenses and charges it is possible for a city government opposed to the municipal ownership idea to make them appear unprofitable. But where there is one instance of apparent non-success I will not say failure—there are numerous cases of great success."

"Nothing that I have seen, no investigation that I have made makes me doubt for a moment that municipal ownership could be successfully adopted in the United States. Furthermore, I believe that it will have to come. As a man shortly out of office, subject for two years as I was to the insistency and importunities of men desiring 'jobs,' it came as a shock to me how little sought after were places in the municipal service of the English cities.

"One reason for this is, of course, the pay. The street laborer in America receives as much in a day almost as the British street laborer does in a week. Policemen here are paid twenty-five shillings, approximately \$6.25 a week. In some American cities policemen get that in a day."

NOVEL BY DUCHESS SHOCKS OLD LONDON

Her Grace of Buckingham Publishes a Stirring Story of Military Life.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—A novel by a duchess has provided a mild sensation in the literary "dead season." The titled authoress is the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, whose first novel has just been published, although her grace had already published two works of travel, and a book of children's stories.

The duchess' first novel is entitled "The Duchess of the Black Watch; a Tale of Two Rivers," and is dedicated "To the memory of my kinsmen in the Highland Brigade." It is a stirring story of military life, the "Black Watch" being the name of a famous Highland regiment, the old forty-second Royal Highlanders.

Four other British duchesses can claim credit for literary achievement. The versatile and beautiful Duchess of Sutherland has proved her skill as a novelist, poet, playwright, biographer, and journalist, and the list of her published works is quite a long one.

The Duchess of Leeds has written many delightful short stories and graceful verses, besides two long novels. The Duchess of Devonshire has edited some interesting letters of one of her ancestors, while the Duchess of Somerset has recorded in "Impressions of a Tenderfoot" her experiences in the Far West.

Other titled authoresses include the Countess of Comarke, Lady Jersey, Lady Violet Greville, Lady Henry Somerset, Lady Margaret Sackville, Lady Lugard, and Lady Helen Forbes, who have all contributed to literature in varying ways and varying degrees of merit.

WARRANT WAITED WHILE TENOR SANG

Karl Burrian Is Arrested for Debt After Appearing Before King Edward.

VIENNA, Sept. 5.—While Karl Burrian, the Wagnerian tenor, was singing Siegfried before King Edward, at Marienbad, bailiffs were waiting behind the scenes to arrest him for debt.

Burrian, who had come with the Bayreuth Opera Company specially to Marienbad to perform before the king, happened to owe a trifle of \$300, and his creditor had set the bailiffs on his track. They found him at the opera house before the performance, and were for arresting him there and then, but they were persuaded to wait until the tenor had finished his very important engagement.

As soon as the curtain fell the bailiffs stepped onto the stage and arrested Siegfried. In accordance with Austrian law, they confiscated his stage armor, his jewelry, and a wallet full of bank notes—in fact, everything portable they found upon him.

It appears that Herr Burrian contracted the debt as a penalty for failing to appear at Graz under an engagement. He declares that Herr Dippe, director of the New York Metropolitan Opera House, and Herr Wien partner, of the Vienna Opera, had promised to pay this \$300 for him.

ESPERANTO USED BY ANARCHISTS

New Language Said to Be Official Among the Reds Now.

PRAGUE, Sept. 5.—Anarchists are now using Esperanto as the language of communication with comrades in foreign countries. This was discovered accidentally in Bohemia, where the authorities unearthed an anarchistic society masquerading as a miners' labor association, with ramifications extending from Spain and Portugal in the south to North America in the west.

A large quantity of books, documents, and letters of a highly incriminating character was discovered by the police. The bulk of this correspondence with anarchists abroad was carried on in Esperanto, in which all the parties seemed to have obtained a fair degree of proficiency. "Ceska Federace," as the society was called, also had its secret cipher, which the police have not yet been able to unravel.

CANNOT HONOR TOLSTOY.

MOSCOW, Sept. 5.—The governor of Tambov has issued a proclamation forbidding any public celebration of Tolstoy's jubilee. He also has forbidden the delivery of lectures of Tolstoy, threatening imprisonment as a penalty.



Historical Associations

NO hotel in Washington is as famous as the National. It has housed many of the greatest men in the country. Henry Clay lived and died in the house (his room was number 32). From that date down to the last Congress it has been the home of Congressmen and Senators of the United States. President Buchanan stopped here before his inauguration (his room was number 34). President Lincoln was feted here February 28, 1861, by men famous in the political history of the country, among whom were Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State; Gen. Winfield Scott; Edward Bates, of Missouri (Attorney General); John Sherman, of Ohio; Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania; Zachariah Chandler, of Michigan (U. S. Senator); Preston King, Senator from New York; John L. Crittenden, Senator from Kentucky; John P. Hale, Senator from New Hampshire; Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts, afterwards minister to England; David Davis, of Illinois, afterwards a Justice of the Supreme Court; Thurlow Weed, of New York, and many others. The President afterwards held a reception in the parlors of the Hotel.

Gen. Andrew Jackson and suite lodged at the National, March 4, 1829; Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison, February 9, 1841; James K. Polk, February 14, 1845; Daniel Webster; Wm. H. Seward; John Quincy Adams; Reverdy Johnson; Alexander Stephens; William Wirt; Alexander Ramsey, Secretary of War; Henderson of South Carolina; Senator Bob Tombs, of Georgia; Gen. Ben Butler, Gen. Casey, Treasurer of the United States, were all frequent guests. James Taney, Clifford, Nolan, and David Davis, of Supreme Court, the first named being Chief Justice, all made their home at the National.

The National Hotel

One of the Oldest in Years---
Youngest in Spirit

The live, progressive management of this fine old hostelry, which has entertained the nation's greatest statesmen, has succeeded in making and keeping it as thoroughly modern in spirit, equipment and service as the best of the so-called modern hotels, at the same time preserving that subtle charm of historic memories in which The National is so rich.

By the word "modern" is implied its full sense and meaning---

- The highest sanitary standard is maintained throughout.
- The Kitchen is a model of cleanliness, order and culinary skill.
- Its Dining Room is unsurpassed in service and cuisine.
- Its Guest Rooms are all that the most exacting could desire—exceptionally large, airy, and well lighted.
- Its Management is the embodiment of courtesy and unobtrusive attention.

The National Hotel is as famous today for the true quality of its hospitality as it was in the days of President Buchanan, Henry Clay, and President Lincoln.

Although the Hotel was opened in 1827, it is as sound today as the year it was built, having now modern plumbing, electric lighting from its own plant, its own refrigerating plant, modern elevators, steam heat, the largest lobby in Washington, large rooms, telephone in every room, a modern kitchen presided over by an experienced chef, and the whole house receives the constant attention of the most competent management. It is one of the largest hotels in Washington, and being but five stories high with heavy fire walls, is peculiarly safe from fire.

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