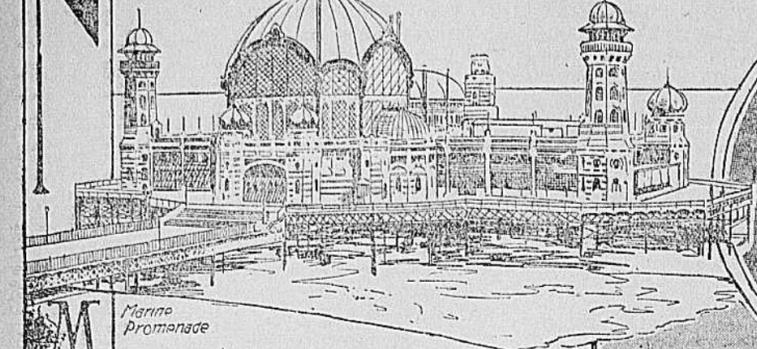


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NICE TAKES ON NEW LEASE OF LIFE



Many Americans crowd into the popular resort and gaiety reigns supreme

KING CARNIVAL WILL HAVE UNDISPUTED SWAY IN NICE

Vast Preparations for His Advent Being Made in Nice, Whose Popularity Rival Resorts Do Not Diminish

NICE, Jan. 26. A FEW years ago I thought that Nice was rapidly losing popularity as a winter resort. I find that I was wrong. What has given it this new lease of life, I wonder? Three years ago the Promenade des Anglais was a howling desert, and the villas to let facing this delightful walk were legion in number. How all has changed. The sea front is crowded in the early morning, and again between 2 and 4 in the afternoon, and it is a matter of difficulty to approach the wonderful shops of the Quai de Massena.

Of course, most of the visitors are English and American, and of the latter there are more than the ordinary crowd, for Nice has become a favorite winter holiday place with the fair daughters and stalwart sons of Uncle Sam.

What has caused this changed state of affairs? I am convinced that the municipality of Nice has pulled itself together and sought to make its beautiful town more attractive than ever.

Already preparations are being made for the arrival of King Carnival, and great stands and pavilions are in course of construction in the case de Massena, but of this more anon.

One may ask: What is there to do at Nice? This is not a difficult question to answer, for one apparently can do everything in a day. There is a very nice and lazy place. Should one want to be up and doing, opportunity presents itself every moment, and should one desire to doze, there is a word—well, one can sit about, listen to the music from 10 in the morning till midnight, and at the same time enjoy delightful spring weather, for at the present time it really is spring weather here.

Most people like to see at Nice; the bright sunshine forbids lying in bed. It is cheerful and buoyant at 8 o'clock in the morning, and "warms" too, but not in the shade, and this must always be borne in mind.

At the Flower Market. One thing I always do at Nice, and that is to pay a visit to the flower market, near the fine opera house. It is a sight not to be forgotten, for here in one long line sit hundreds of women with baskets and stalls crammed full of the most beautiful flowers, which they sell at a price that would make Covent Garden turn pale with envy. This year there has not been any great amount of frost, consequently one may buy great quantities of pink and creamy yellow roses for a few francs. There are more carnations for sale than ever remember seeing at Nice—fine, long, stalked fellows of sulphur yellow, bright crimson, rosy pink or fresh color. It is a sight to see these flowers, but be sure you will be able to buy any quantity, and amonies, too, of almost every shade. As for mimosa, Roman hyacinths and mignonne, these are almost given away. I would advise those who wish to purchase flowers to go to the market early, for at noon a bell rings, and the market is over for the day, and shortly afterward there is not a blossom to be seen.

Music lovers who wish to attract attention at Nice this season, there are capital concerts at the Casino, and also at the Jete Promenade, with fine orchestras at both; semi-classical entertainments take place at 10 o'clock, and in the afternoon there are symphony concerts. In addition to the Grand Opera House, the two Casinos have operatic performances every night. Popular comedies, such as "Le Vieux Marcheur," "Heureuse," and "La Duchesse des Palmes d'Or," are being given at the Municipal Casino, while "Fred" is attracting big houses to the Jete Promenade.

The races at Le Var have brought enormous crowds to Nice, and at the Grand Prix I am told that at least 629 people were present. Among those who were counted to make Nice gay is the Grand Duchesse Anastasia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, mother of the Crown Princess of Prussia, and Countess Torby, wife of the Duke of Devonshire, who is in New York, is one of the leaders of the American colony.

New Hotels. Since I was here last year several new hotels have been added to the already formidable list. The most attractive is the Royal, which is on the Promenade des Anglais, and next to the Hotel Westminster; it has a fine frontage, and there is a charming winter garden, too. Luigi, the former popular manager of the Riviera Palace at Monte Carlo, is just about to open another hotel at Nice; it is called the Hermitage, and, judging by what I saw of it, it should prove a fine and attractive hotel.

There is far more gambling at Nice now than there used to be, and crowds of punters are to be seen all day at the Municipal Casino; while at the Jete Promenade there is a maddening arrangement for losing your money even more quickly than at Monte Carlo. A long table is arranged, with spaces set out and num-

bered up to nine; in the centre is a sunk wooden disc, surrounded by pockets or holes for the reception of an indiarubber ball, which is sent spinning round and round by a croupier, until it finally settles into one of the holes numbered up to nine. It is a fiendish ball, and I am certain that it contains an evil spirit, for it dances about from hole to hole, and just as you think it is going to settle down, off it goes again to the other side, and there finds a resting place. To appreciate this impish ball it must be seen—one cannot describe it.

Heider's restaurant, I find, is as good and popular as ever, and all smart Nice collectors here for lunch and dinner. This is the restaurant on the Place de Massena where one can get all the delicacies in and out of season; the cooking is excellent, and delicious caviar may be obtained here. By the way, I heard with regret that young Riggo, the conductor of the band that one remembers so well a couple of years ago in London, died last year from pneumonia. When he and his red-coated musicians left London, they came to Nice, and were to be heard two or three times a day at the Heider restaurant during the season.

A Gay Scene. To see Nice at its best one should walk or drive about the town in the afternoon. Every one is out shopping or listening to the capital town band that plays in the gardens of the Place de Massena, and here the scene is a very gay one—children abound, and nearly all are flying a bright crimson air ball, to which is attached a little tricolor.

The shops in the Quai de Massena are wonderfully attractive, especially the costumiers' and milliners'. Outside one of the latter establishments I found quite a crowd watching a woman inside trying on hats. I spent an amusing five minutes with the crowd, listening to their remarks, which were most sympathetic. Monsieur, who was inside with Madame, looked rather foolish at last after hat was put on and then laid aside. I watched Madame put on a little arrangement of tulle in which nestled five or six bunches of grapes—green and purple; then, as this did not prove becoming, one made entirely of green grapes and banana violets. Then the crowd broke up and passed away. The jewellers make a brave show, too. The gold purses are much bigger than they used to be, and I saw one decorated with diamond swallows almost life-size, while another was set with emeralds the size of cob nuts. I saw at Morgan's one or two little fantasies in the way of necklaces that struck me as being new. The most striking was literally a twisted rope of five or six rows of pearls, which were tied in knots and the ends finished off with a large black, pear-shaped pearl. Another conceit for Madame when she goes to Monte Carlo is a bouquet of real violets, with an exquisite model of a large Carat violet made in diamonds in the centre. This, I believe, is supposed to act as a charm.

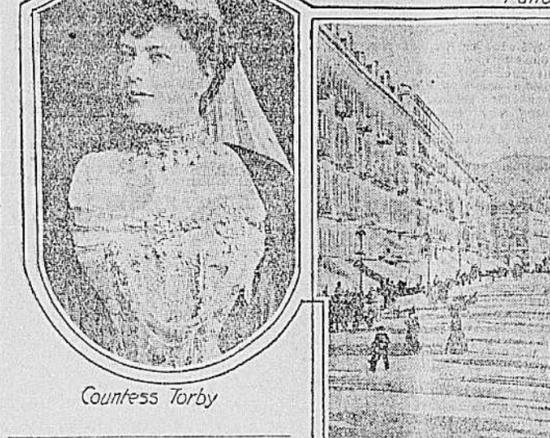
GRANDEE OF SPAIN DRIVES LOCOMOTIVE Ignoring Wealth and Rank, He Leads Ordinary Life of Fellow-Workmen.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Feb. 2. The young Duke of Zaragoza, a grandee of Spain, is to be seen twice a week driving the express from Madrid to the French frontier. Duke de Zaragoza used to do the same thing last summer, but the fact did not become known until the last few days owing to a match announced between the express and a motorcycle to be ridden by Sanor Herrera.

Duke de Zaragoza, on expressing his wish to be appointed driver of one of the trains running from Madrid to Irun, naturally much astonished the members of the committee of the North Spanish Railroad, most of whom are noblemen and personally acquainted with the duke. The application was at first thought to be a hoax, but on the Duke of Zaragoza insisting, he was put through an examination in which he proved to be a very skilful driver. He dresses as a common driver and lives the same kind of life as his working comrades, with no regard to his title or his wealth.



Grand Duchess Anastasia



Countess Torby

DYNAMITE USED IN ATTACK ON SCHOOL French Students and Soldiers in Desperate Conflict—Bottles Against Bayonets. COLONEL'S JAW BROKEN

PARIS, Feb. 9. A serious encounter between the military and opponents of the Separation law occurred at Cholet, near Angers, yesterday.

The police on arriving to take possession of the local seminary and expel the occupants found barricades erected before the college buildings. These were held by several hundred students and Church adherents. A shower of stones greeted the police commissary, wounding that official and causing his bodyguard to best a hasty retreat.

As the garrison refused to surrender, two battalions of the Seventy-seventh Regiment, with fixed bayonets, charged the position, which they carried after a desperate resistance. Bottles, stones and other miscellaneous weapons were hurled at the advancing infantry, wounding a number of them. The colonel commanding had his jaw broken, and had to retreat, leaving his second in command to direct operations. On the side of the defenders about 150 were wounded.

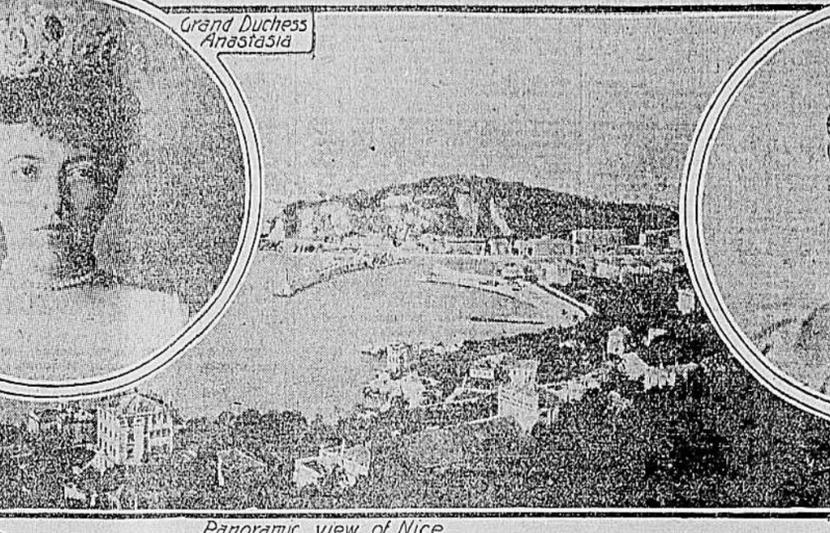
After capturing the barricade, the military advanced to the attack of the college itself. They blew open the main door with dynamite. The interior was strongly fortified, and as the soldiers made their way inside they were greeted with a rain of projectiles, which made many gaps in their ranks. Ultimately the resistance of the besieged was overcome, and the whole building passed into the possession of the authorities after a ten hours' fight.

Appendicitis Less Fashionable. LONDON, Feb. 9.—To a jury at Kingston-on-Thames last night, Dr. Taylor, the Coroner, remarked that he was glad to say that appendicitis was now going out of fashion.

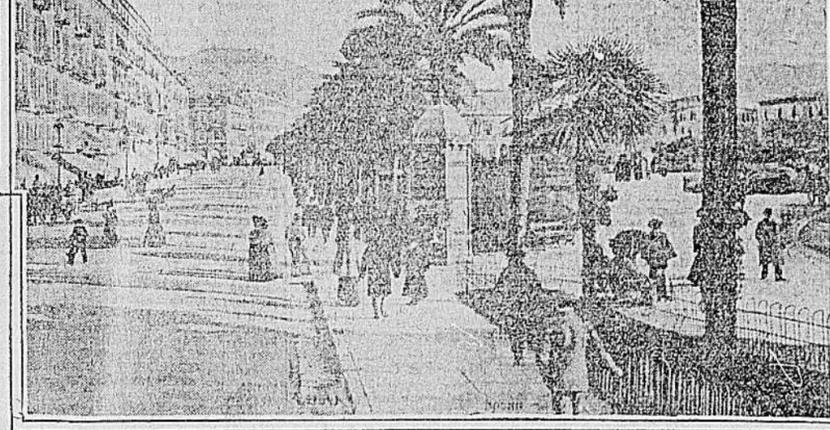
CZAR NOW READY FOR COMPROMISE Further Malpractices of the Bureau Revealed to His Astonished Gaze.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9. Further revelations of the malpractices of the bureaucrats are brought to light today. Not only have the officials stolen and appropriated State lands, but they have sold 20,000-acre tracts of these to foreign syndicates, while the managers of the Imperial railways were in league to sell the czar's property.

The discovery that the heads of the reactionary Russian league, which proclaims loyalty to the throne, had hired the assassins who killed M. Hertzenstein, and had further endeavored to organize a court and military conspiracy for the overthrow of the Emperor himself, in case he yielded to the Constitutional Democrats, has definitely persuaded the czar that a Constitution is the only remedy for Russia's troubles. He is now ready to come to a compromise with the Constitutional Democrats if the latter will alter their agrarian projects, meeting the nobility half way, and renounce their proposals for equal rights for Jews and for Polish autonomy.



Panoramic view of Nice



Massena Avenue and Public Garden, Nice

SCENES IN NICE AND TRIO OF ITS DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

LIONESS ATTACKS HER NEW OWNER She and Her Mate Evidently Resent Their Removal From Zoological Garden.

NICE, Feb. 9. Quite a dramatic incident took place this morning at the Zoological Gardens at Cimex. The wild animals had been sold yesterday at auction, and their purchasers had to remove them today. M. Valenda, tamer, manager of the Menagerie Moderne at Antibes, was the purchaser of Goliath and Judith, the lioness and her mate of the Lagrange collection.

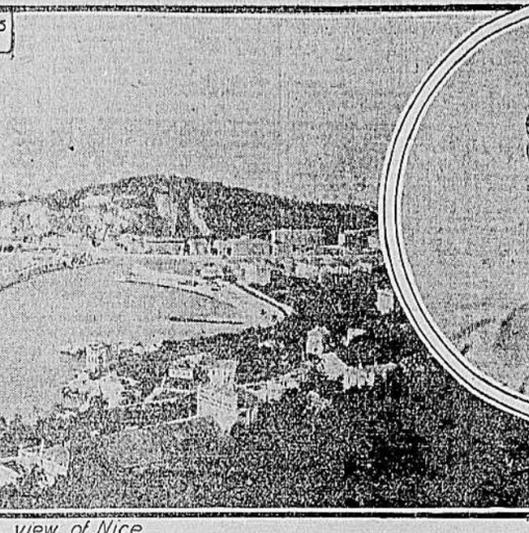
The door of a heavy wooden cage (called a "salot") was placed against the door of the lion's cage, and the animals were invited to move into their new quarters—the invitation being in the form of jobs with an iron pike.

The lioness was quiet enough, but the greatest bravery, and, finally, mastering the beast, drove her into the "salot." The animals were then secretly locked up, and the improved cage was transported to Antibes by cart. M. Valenda was not severely hurt, although his clothes were torn into strips. He was covered with blood, but was able to walk to a chemist's shop to have his wounds dressed.

WILLAGE IS SACKED BY BELGIAN SOLDIERS Three Hundred Retaliate on Residents for Stabbing of Their Comrade.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 9. A large party of about 200 Belgian soldiers, garrisoned at Bruges, marched yesterday to Sainte-Croix, a village not far from Bruges, looted four drinking establishments, and sacked several other shops. A party of police, which tried to restore peace, was outnumbered, and a terrible riot took place, in which shots were fired. Two soldiers and two of the police are seriously wounded and many others less seriously.

The cause of the riot was a quarrel which occurred on the previous day between some peasants of Sainte-Croix and some soldiers. The quarrel ended in knives being used, and one of the soldiers was so badly wounded that he had to be carried to the military hospital. It was on learning that their comrade was not likely to recover that the men set out for Sainte-Croix.



Mrs. Almeric Hugh Paget



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KAISER NOW PREFERS AUTO CARS TO HORSES Careful That His Driving Does Not Affect Street Traffic of His Capital.

BERLIN, Feb. 9. Emperor William has now almost entirely discarded the use of carriages in favor of automobiles, and it is very seldom that he is seen out driving. When driving the Kaiser generally detourne beforehand through which streets he desires to go, as he frequently has some certain purpose in view, such as the inspection of new buildings.

This to a degree accounts for the selection of side streets instead of main thoroughfares for the route taken. His "chauffeur" is also careful to avoid streets in which trams run, as the Emperor has expressed the desire that traffic should be as little hampered as possible by his coming. Nevertheless, the peculiar long-drawn horn signal which heralds his approach is frequently heard in Unter den Linden, and never fails to attract crowds of sightseers.

Meaning, all the King's horses and all the King's men" in the Imperial stables are comparatively idle and filled with envy of the newcomers, the automobiles.

English Court Orders That Lord Shrewsbury Live Up to Legal Agreement.

LONDON, Feb. 9. The domestic difficulties between the Earl and Countess of Shrewsbury, which have been productive of much litigation, were the subject of another suit in the King's Bench Division yesterday.

The countess sued for payment of £1750, the amount of a quarter's allowance, which was due on December 25 last under a deed of separation agreed to in 1896.

It was stated that the contest was abroad and that she had requested the Earl to buy her allowance into her bank in her absence. Lord Shrewsbury declined to do this, and sent a check to her solicitors requesting that it should be indorsed by Lady Shrewsbury herself. Lady Shrewsbury's solicitors refused to accept payment in this form and brought the present action.

Lord Shrewsbury's counsel explained that Lady Shrewsbury's allowance was for life only, and he wanted her indorsement on the check as evidence that she was still alive.

Justice Kennedy said that Lord Shrewsbury was clearly to blame for the present litigation, because he had not complied with his legal duty, and he gave judgment for Lady Shrewsbury, with costs.

KNIGHTS INVESTED WITH PRUSSIAN ORDER Twelve Princes and Nobles Receive Accolade of the Famous Black Eagle.

BERLIN, Feb. 9. The Berlin season can be said to have commenced in real earnest today with the investiture of twelve new Knights of the Order of the Black Eagle at the Imperial Palace. Throughout the morning Unter den Linden has been crowded with Austrian d'ors' coaches in medieval splendor, Court carriages and private equipages conveying princes of the blood, court functionaries, knights of the order, in their Velasquez costume, and the members of noble German houses. It was the most splendid ceremony of the court season.

The following thirteen knights received the accolade from the Kaiser today: Prince Oscar of Prussia, Prince of Waldeck and Pyrmont, Prince Albert of Holslein-Glucksburg, Prince Eulenburg, General von Lescyewski, Herr von Radowicz, Admiral Senden-Bibran, Dr. von Studt, Count von Zedlitz, Cardinal von Kopp, the Duke of Ratibor, Prince of Corvey and General von Stulpnagel.

Throughout the ceremony the Emperor preserved the dignified and stern countenance which almost all his portraits present, but as soon as the knights of the order had departed their long flowing velvet mantles in the Black Eagle antechamber he was gay and light-hearted in congratulating the new knights on their freshly gained honors.

GENIUS FOR RASCALITY One of Most Plausible and Accomplished Rogues in London Gets Five Years.

LONDON, Feb. 9. "It is clear that this man is one from whom it is my duty to protect the public," said Sir Forrest Fulton, the Recorder, at the Old Bailey yesterday. Then he sentenced the man—James Byrne, tall, well-dressed, and looking the gentleman—to five years' penal servitude.

Byrne was described as a company promoter, but had used much of his forty years of life and his superior education for swindling the public. He was said to be one of the most plausible and accomplished rogues in London, who made and spent small fortunes, and in the last four years alone had "washed" the public of £28,000. This latest fall, after a criminal career of eighteen years, came about by means of a bogus motor garage.

According to police information, Byrne comes from Ireland and in early life he received a college training. He first came under notice as the supposed principal of a correspondence educational college in Ireland. Then he started in Dublin, a journal called the "R. I. Constabulary Gazette." Both ventures failed, and Byrne disappeared heavily in debt.

He was next heard of at Gloucester, and subsequently coming to London he advertised himself as Professor Byrne and as J. G. O'Byrne, LL. D. One of his schemes was to turn up as "Harrison & Co.," a writing competition; another was described as the "Finance Nationale," with Mr. Enrybo as manager, this name being O'Byrne's spelled backward.

Later he turned up at Peckham, where he was supposed to be carrying on the "British Correspondence College," 111 parents of pupils who had paid fees became troublesome, and Byrne disappeared, but only to turn up as "Harrison & Co.," a writing competition; another was described as the "Finance Nationale," with Mr. Enrybo as manager, this name being O'Byrne's spelled backward.

Large Sums Being Taken From Fund for Educational Purposes. CAPE TOWN, Feb. 9.—The chairman of a public meeting at Mowbray announced last night that Dr. Jameson, the Cape Premier, regrets that on account of prevailing circumstances and the heavy drain on the funds of the Rhodes trustees for educational purposes, no further advance was possible toward the completion of the Rhodes recreation ground at Mowbray.

The trustees, however, would support the raising of a loan.

DRAINS ON RHODES ESTATE

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