Old World Gossip

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

COUNTESS DI CASTELMENARDO, daughter of the late General Thomas B. Van Buren, and a grandniece of President Martin Van Buren, deserves a fuller mention than she has received in her brief obituaries on Tuesday last, if for no other reason than that of all the American women unhappily married to foreigners, of more or less authentic title, she was the only one bold enough to take advantage of the laws of Continental Europe, to have her husband arrested, convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment when she discovered that he had betrayed her.

On the Continent of Europe, marital faithlessness figures on the statute books as a criminal offense. Not only can the deceived husband secure the arrest of his unfaithful wife, and of her affinity, but he can likewise obtain their being sent to jail for a term of six months or more. In France, or rather, I should say, in Paris ladies who have thus erred have the additional humiliation of having to serve their time in that awful prison of St. Lazare, more particularly devoted to the incarceration of fallen women, and the very name of which is sufficient to cause a shudder, by reason of the stigma of infamy which it suggests.

But it is not only the betrayed husband who has this means of retribution and of revenge at his disposal. It is likewise within the reach of the wife whom her husband forsakes for some other fair one. If she can secure evidence against them, she can have them both consigned to prison for several months.

Curiously enough, wives in Europe rarely take advantage of this law, to get even with their errant husband, or with the object of his infatuation, and the former Edith Van Buren who was a very masterful woman, and in her younger days extremely handsome, is the only American married to a foreigner who has ever gone to the length of having him condemned to imprisonment for betrayal, before divorcing him. Were there more women like the grandniece of Martin Van Buren, President of the United States, and were foreign husbands to feel that if they were guilty of marital misconduct, often spending the money of their rich American wives upon other fair ones, they would be sent to jail, by way of penalty, less would be heard of the infelicity of the so-called international marriages.

In Germany there is a very active popular movement in progress, with a view to the abolition of prison sentences and fines to the state for marital misbehavior, which, it is argued, is at the worst a breach of contract. As such, it is claimed, it should be dealt with by the civil courts, which will be free to assess the damages payable by the defendant to the petitioner in the case.

In England, on the other hand, there is a popular agitation in progress in favor of the treatment of infractions of the seventh commandment as a crime punishable by jail and fine to the state. At present they escape the criminal law, on the plea that they are ecclesiastical offenses, in this sense, that it was formerly dealt with and punished by the ecclesiastical courts of the land. The ecclesiastical tribunals, however, have long since forfeited their right to impose jail sentences; consequently matrimonial misconduct is now dealt with as a mere breach of civil contract, the divorce court in London determining whether or not there is ground for dissolution of the marriage, and also the amount of damages payable by the corespondent, through the court, to the petitioner.

This legal immunity from punishment does not, however, extend to Scotland. For, although capital punishment has not been imposed there for more than 100 years past upon those found guilty of violation of the seventh commandment, yet the law of 1563, enacted by Parliament at Edinburgh, and bearing the sign manual of Mary Queen of Scots, providing the death penalty for matrimonial misconduct, remains unrepealed to this day, on the code of the northern kingdom of George V.

Memories of its existence are, however, recalled from time to time by the fact, little known south of the Tweed, that, as far as property rights are concerned, divorce is equivalent to the death of the one of the couple who is in default. For the successful petitioner, on the decree of the dissolution of the union being pronounced, at once succeeds to all legal rights that would have come to him, or to her, on the demise of the guilty party. Let me add that in Scotland the decree nisi of English divorce law is unknown. There is a single and final judgment, which becomes effective on the spot.

Of all Edward VII.'s friends and associates, there was none who stood so close to him throughout the last forty-six years of his life, or who was to such a degree in his intimacy, as the late Lord Suffield, who has just passed away in London, at an advanced age. Possessed of a peerage by inheritance, and of ancestral wealth, he had nothing to gain by the favor of his royal friend. He was absolutely independent, and his devotion to the late King was prompted wholly and entirely by the most disinterested affection.

If I refer to him, it is to lay stress upon what he says in his memoirs about the relations of the late King with Emperor William. Curiously enough, it has been overlooked in all the reviews that I have seen of the book. Yet it is most interesting and deserving of attention. Writing of the Emperor, he says:

"He has always worked with a view to a thorough understanding and friendship with England. But, in spite of his really energetic efforts, and notwithstanding his very sincere love for our country, there has always been friction between the two courts. It is impossible to say how it originates, unless it be through those jealousies that are inherent to court life. One thing is certain, namely, that there has been no fault of the Emperor in the matter."

This and other remarks of a kindred character in Lord Suffield's writings fully bear out what I have always asserted in these letters, that is to say, that the irritation between the courts of Berlin and of St. James, which ended by developing into irritation between the two nations, was originally brought by mischief-making courtiers, in Germany as well as in England, who, were forever transmitting, with evil construction, from one capital to the other, impulsive and wholly innocent remarks made by one or the other of the two monarchs; remarks that men are apt to make about near and dear relatives, even in the most united of families, but which have no importance whatsoever unless purposely envenomed by gossips. Many of the stories, too, that reached Berlin from England, and Buckingham Palace from Berlin, were pure inventions.

No one was able to speak with a greater degree of authority of the English court than Lord Suffield, who was closely connected therewith for half a century, and that he should have attributed the friction between the two courts to the petty jealousies of mischief-making courtiers, in England as well as in Germany, and should have paid so warm a tribute to the sincerity of Emperor William's affection for England, and for his English relatives, is deserving of far more attention and publicity than it has hitherto received.

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Sunday Services in City Churches

Many of the city churches will observe Mothers' Day and "Go to Church Sunday" to-day with special services. Appropriate exercises will be held, and there will be elaborate decorations.

Rev. Thomas Clagett Skinner, D. D., will preach this morning in Second Baptist Church on "Mary, the Mother of Jesus," and to-night on "The Glory of Young Manhood."

Rev. W. McS. Buchanan, a returned missionary from Japan, will conduct the services this morning in the Church of the Covenant. Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, D. D., will preach at the night service.

In Leigh Street Baptist Church, Rev. John J. Wicker will preach this morning on "The Uncrowned Queens," and to-night on "The Last Chance." Baptism.

Dr. Randolph T. Shields, of Nanking, China, will deliver an address this morning in Grace Street Presbyterian Church. Dr. Lingle will preach to-night.

Rev. G. H. McFaden will preach this morning in Union Station Methodist Church, and Rev. Lloyd C. Moore will conduct the evening services.

In Second Presbyterian Church Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., will conduct the morning services. Rev. R. C. Anderson, of Montreat, N. C., will preach to-night.

Rev. David Francis, D. D., will occupy the pulpit at both services in East End Christian Church. He will preach to-night on "What Is a Hypocrite?"

Rev. George W. Kemper will preach this morning in Hanover Avenue Christian Church on a "A Blessed Assurance," and to-night on "An Old Story in a New Setting."

Following Sunday school at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, regular services will be conducted in Colonial Place Christian Church.

In Third Christian Church Rev. Gerald Culberson will preach this morning on "Fear Forever Banished." Rev. W. J. Clark, of Cincinnati, O., will occupy the pulpit to-night.

Regular services will be conducted morning and evening at the First Presbyterian Church by Rev. P. T. McFaden, D. D.

At the evening service in St. Paul's Episcopal Church the Richmond Light Infantry Blues will attend in a body in observance of their 125th anniversary. The morning subject will be "The Burden of the Strong" and the evening theme "The Moral Equivalent of War."

Services will be conducted this morning in Westminster Presbyterian Church by Rev. James Young Fair, D. D., and to-night by Dr. Randolph Tucker Shields, dean of the medical department, University of Nanking, China.

Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., will preach at both services in First Baptist Church.

At the morning service in Calvary Baptist Church Dr. T. B. Ray will preach the annual sermon before the Woman's Missionary Society. Rev. Carter Ashton Jenkins, D. D., will preach on "Our Mothers" to-night.

Rev. John W. Shackford will conduct morning and evening services in Broad Street Methodist Church.

Rev. James W. Morris, D. D., will preach this morning at 11 o'clock and this afternoon at 5 o'clock in Monumental Episcopal Church.

Rev. Oscar Guthe will conduct English services this morning in St. John's German Evangelical Church. Mothers' Day services will be observed to-night.

In Centenary Methodist Church this morning the services will be conducted by Rev. A. B. Sharpe. Dr. Walter J. Young, of Richmond College, will occupy the pulpit to-night.

Regular services will be conducted this morning in First Church of Christ, Scientist. The subject will be "Adam and Eve."

Rev. Alexander T. Bowser will preach this morning in First Unitarian Church on "Moral Insanity and Self-Possession."

Rev. Lloyd T. Wilson, D. D., will preach this morning in Grace Street Baptist Church on "A Mother's Influence," and to-night on "The Joy of the Lord."

Rev. W. C. James will conduct both services in Grove Avenue Baptist Church.

Special services will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association in honor of Mothers' Day. A musical program will be rendered.

In observance of Mothers' Day a special meeting for men will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Young Men's Christian Association. General Secretary S. K. McKee will speak on "The Hands That Rule the World," and H. C. Johnson will sing "My Mother's Way."

Dr. D. A. Kuyk will speak to boys this afternoon at 2:25 o'clock in the Young Men's Christian Association on "The Eye." Interesting stereopticon pictures will be shown.

Rev. R. L. Smith will conduct services for the International Bible Students this morning at 11 o'clock in Smithdeal Hall. He will preach on "Bible Chronology."

Colored Y. M. C. A.

Rev. S. S. Morris, pastor of Third Street Methodist Church, will speak at the Colored Young Men's Christian Association meeting this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Richmond Beneficial Insurance Company's auditorium. His subject will be "War Declared; Volunteers Wanted."

POSTMASTERS CHOSEN FOR VIRGINIA TOWNS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, May 9.—The following Virginia postmasters were appointed to-day as a result of the recent examinations:

Fitzhugh, Brunswick County, Joseph W. Palmer; Smoky Ordinary, Brunswick County, Augustus M. Raney; Carsonville, Grayson County, James C. Rhudy; Diggs, Mathews County, Wilford B. Morgan; Painter, Accomac County, Arthur H. Lecate; Hallbegger, Accomac County, Florence E. Taylor; Finneywood, Mecklenburg County, Henry N. Pettus; Rumford, King William County, Laura E. Smith.

Postmasters Continued.

The following have been ordered permanently continued, having passed the examinations:

Adsit, Brunswick County, Willie W. Doyle; Alvis, Brunswick County, J. W. Mosley; Boils Valley, Rockbridge County, Mattie D. Burke; Callaville, Brunswick County, Frank M. Gage; Etta, Caroline County, William S. Hearn; Griffith, Bath County, Alice D. Fox; Hayes Store, Gloucester County, James B. Bridges; Lent, Caroline County, Robert W. Cornwal; Nipper, Brunswick County, Cora B. Harris; Powellton, Brunswick County, Robert H. Williams; Springbank, Brunswick County, Mollie E. Mosley; Stony Cross, Mecklenburg County, James W. Edmonson; Triplet, Brunswick County, Sallie W. Pearson; Wycho, Brunswick County, Albert E. Taylor; Brays, Essex County, Sidney J. Baughan; Daisy, King and Queen County, John C. De Shazo; Dash, New Kent County, Bessie L. Slater; Halleford, Mathews County, Judson C. Sadler; Hardings, Northumberland County, Thomas M. Wright; Merchant, Brunswick County, Amelia O. Temple; Naiola, Amherst County, John B. Williams; Salt Creek, Amherst County, Andrew M. Watts; Snowden, Amherst County, Archis J. Williams; Tibitha, Northumberland County, Octavious R. Williams.

Temporarily Designated.

The following Virginia postmasters have been temporarily designated without classification:

Stormont, Middlesex County, James M. Bristow; Hopkins, Accomac County, Charles J. Barnes.

Rural Carriers Appointed.

The following Virginia rural carriers have been appointed:

Chase City, Mecklenburg County, Route 4, William R. Tisdale; Lahore, Orange County, Route 1, Eugene Woolfolk; Indian Valley, Floyd County, Route 7, Norman A. Phillips; Long Island, Campbell County, Nathaniel H. Wooding; Newport, Giles County, Bittie W. Porterfield.

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