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**THE BEE HIVE**

## MISS THOMAS IS ELECTED

Friends Rally To Her Support in the Eleventh Hour and Receive a Total of 115,407

### RETINUE WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW

Queen-Elect Expresses Surprise Mingled With Delight Over the Honor Conferred Upon Her, and Receives the Congratulations of Many Admirers

All hail, Frances I. queen-elect of the Astoria regatta!

The contest for queen of the regatta closed at 9 o'clock last night, and the committee had counted the votes and announced the result 20 minutes later, which showed the following result:

Miss Frances Thomas.....115,407  
Mrs. W. W. Ridehalgh.....24,682

The greatest interest shown in the contest since its inception was evidenced towards the closing hours last night and when the bell sounded that marked the close a large crowd was assembled in and outside regatta headquarters. When the count began Mrs. Ridehalgh was in the lead, and for a time it seemed as if that popular and charming candidate was assured of election, but just when the crowd felt convinced that she would reign over the best regatta that Astoria has ever held, a member of the counting committee fished from one of the ballot boxes a check for \$100, representing 100,000 votes for Miss Thomas. The spectators simply gasped for breath, and a nervous laugh rippled through the room. The result was already known. When the actual vote was announced by Secretary West, a cheer indicating the approval of those present went up, and the regatta queen contest, over which there has been so much excitement and interest for weeks past, was at an end.

All that now remains to be done is for the queen elect to appoint her royal retinue, and for the people to rally to her support. If this is done her reign cannot help but be brilliant from the moment the crown of popular favor is placed upon her queenly head until she bids her loyal subjects and courtiers a fond farewell. She will rule a court of queens assembled from many lands, and her court will be conspicuous on account of its brilliant elegance. Miss Thomas is a gilded little lady, and will bring to the throne of Astoria a becoming dignity and a wealth of bright personality.

for me to congratulate her, and she has my best wishes for a brilliant reign.

"I wish, also, to thank those who cast a large popular vote for me. I can assure you that I have never dreamed of such a handsome endorsement, and it is a pleasure to know that I had so many friends."

All was excitement at the residence of Mrs. W. O. Wilkinson, where Miss Thomas held an informal reception until quite a late hour last night. She was very much elated over her success, but accepted the honor with a reserve truly royal. Miss Thomas is a daughter of Oregon. She received her early education at St. Helen's hall, Portland, after which she went to Europe, where she spent two years, returning home last fall. She is a favorite with the younger fashionable set in the city, but numbers her friends among all classes of people with whom she has come in contact. The novelty of being interviewed caused her some trepidation, but upon being assured by the reporter that she would be quoted "just right" she said:

"Need I say that I am the happiest as well as the most excited girl in Astoria tonight? I really did not expect to be elected, and I told Mrs. Ridehalgh that I felt that she would have made a better queen than I, but as we both could not be queen, I feel that I have been greatly honored, and I am going to do everything in my power to make my reign most attractive, because I do sincerely appreciate what my friends have done for me. I hope to be able to announce my court by Monday, but I shall be a very busy queen-elect from now until the day of my coronation."

**ROYAL CROWN IS ORDERED.**

Just as soon as the committee on coronation had been formally notified of the election of Miss Thomas, the committee met at her home and discussed the coronation ceremonies. The crown that she is to wear was ordered by telegraph last night, and will be made to order by a famous jewelry firm of New York City.

**MRS. RIDEHALGH SPEAKS.**

The first person to congratulate the lucky candidate was Mrs. W. W. Ridehalgh, the popular choice of the people of Astoria for the high honor of queen. This estimable lady was notified of the result immediately after it had been announced, and she hastened to felicitate her successful rival over the outcome of the contest. Mrs. Ridehalgh told Miss Thomas that she wanted her to feel that she had her best wishes for a conspicuous reign, and assured her her highest personal consideration, and when the friends of the successful candidate began to crowd into the receiving rooms of her aunt, Mrs. W. O. Wilkinson, with whom she resides, the excited and happy queen-elect gratefully related the thoughtful act of Mrs. Ridehalgh. "It was very sweet of her," she said to a reporter of the Astorian, "and I shall always cherish the memory of her kindness as one of the pleasantest incidents of the contest."

Mrs. Ridehalgh, too, was interviewed by the Astorian, and she expressed herself in a most becoming manner. "While I am sorry that I was not elected queen after my friends had made such a gallant fight in my behalf, I nevertheless rejoice with the friends of the successful candidate," she said. "It has been my pleasure to know Miss Thomas many years, and I know her friends will not have cause to regret their choice. She will make a beautiful queen, and her entertainments will be truly regal. Indeed it is a pleasure

**TRUST CRAZE ABATING.**

New York, August 1.—Papers filed for new corporations with a capital of \$1,000,000 each or more in July represented the unusual small total of 2166, 100,000 or the low water mark of the current year. For the seven months of 1903, the total was \$1,251,001,000 compared with \$1,724,000,000 last year in the like period and \$2,712,700,000 in 1901.

### FLOODS DRIVE OUT SISTERS

RETREAT OF CATHOLICS DEPOPULATED BY HEAVY RAINS AND CLOUD BURSTS.

New York, August 1.—Three hundred Dominican sisters and priests from New York, Brooklyn and other parts of the country have been driven by floods from the retreat and sanitarium at St. Josephs, 20 miles north of Port Jervis, New York. A cloudburst wrecked two heavy dams furnishing the building of the retreat with power and electric lights.

Pipes weighing tons and machinery were swept down stream and lost. One side of the valley was swept clean but the buildings remained intact and no lives were lost.

### WELL KNOWN MINISTER DEAD

New York, August 1.—Rev. Charles McCharg, uncle of the late Mrs. Porter wife of the American ambassador to France and one of the best known Presbyterian ministers in the state, is dead at his home in Cooperstown. He was 96 years of age. His brother, William, resides at Pueblo, Colo.

### ALLEGED BREACH CONTRACT

COMPANY'S PRESIDENT FILES PAPER FOR HEAVY DAMAGES.

White Plains, N. Y., August 1.—William McAdoo, president of the New Jersey and New York Tunnel Company, who is also an attorney, has filed papers in the supreme court for \$25,000 damages against the Union Trust Company for alleged breach of contract.

The papers allege that prior to 1902 the trust company were holders and owners of options to purchase the Crane's Coal and Coke Company, the Southern Railway Company and the Ohio River and Charleston Railway. He was engaged by the Trust Company as legal adviser and to finance the deal. The deal fell through, he says, although at the time he had completed all the financial arrangements. He claims that he is entitled to \$25,000 for breach of contract.

### IS SURPRISED AT CHARGES

CONTRACTOR WILL PROVE HE IS SQUARE WITH POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT

New York, August 1.—Maurice Runkel, a contractor of this city, who is among those indicted yesterday at Washington in connection with the postal investigation, declares the finding is a great surprise to him and that he knew nothing about the matter until informed by the newspapers. He said: "I have been a contractor for the government for many years, supplying both the war and the postoffice department. I have always fulfilled my contracts to the letter. The story that I received money for goods which I did not furnish will be disproved by receipts and other means."

### EVAN'S ORDER REVOKED

Washington, August 1.—The secretary of the interior has issued an order revoking the order issued at the instance of Commissioner Evans on May 28, 1903, suspending the adjudication of the claims of minor children of de-

ceased soldiers filed since 1899 and after the children attained the age of 19 years. The ruling was originally made because of Commissioner Evans contention that this class of claims comes within the limitations of the pension act of March 3, 1878. Commissioner Wars took a contrary view of the matter, and Assistant Secretary Miller and Acting Secretary Ryan, of the Interior Department occurred in his view.

### BRET HARTE HERO DEAD

CHARACTER IN "TENNESSEE'S PARTNER" DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

San Francisco, August 1.—James H. Chaffee one of the heroes of Bret Harte's story "Tennessee's Partner," is dead in Oakland at the age of 89 years. For 54 years he and his (19) partner, Chamberlain, lived and mined and tramped each other no star ever clouding their friendship and it was the abiding affection which existed between these two men which Bret Harte painted in his incomparable manner.

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### ALL DIE AT SEVENTY

Princeton, N. J., August 1.—A report of the theological seminary alumni association, given out by Rev. J. H. Dulles shows the interesting fact that the average minister's life comes close to the three score and 10 years mark. The report states that the 41 ministers who have died during the past year one had reached 96 years eight months, two had passed their 90th year, five their 80th, 14 their 70th and six their 60th. The youngest died at 29. The average of the 41 was 68 years.

### BASE BALL SCORES

**PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE**  
At Portland—Portland, 3; San Francisco, 11.  
At Seattle—Seattle, 13; Sacramento, 2.

**PACIFIC NATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
At Seattle—Seattle, 14; Salt Lake, 1.  
At Butte—Butte, 7; San Francisco, 6.  
At Tacoma—Tacoma, 5; Helena, 9.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE.**  
At Detroit—First game—Detroit, 2; St. Louis, 5.  
At Detroit—second game—Detroit, 7; St. Louis, 4.

At Washington—First game—Washington, 7; Boston, 6.  
At Washington—Second game—Washington, 1; Boston, 5.  
At Chicago—Chicago, 5; Cleveland, 0.  
At New York—New York, 3; Philadelphia, 2.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
At Philadelphia—First game—Philadelphia, 14; Brooklyn, 4.  
At Philadelphia—Second game—Philadelphia, 7; Brooklyn, 3.  
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 13; Chicago, 4.

At Boston—First game—Boston, 1; New York, 4.  
At Boston—Second game—Boston, 2; New York, 5.

### NAVAL SHIPS CLOSE CALL

Dense Fog Hid Breakers That Enclosed New York and Consorts

### LOOKOUT SAVES THE VESSELS

"Breakers Ahead" Brought the Fleet to Stop In Time to Escape Destruction

New York, August 1.—According to a letter received here from a member of the crew of the cruiser New York, the flagship and other vessels of the Pacific squadron had a narrow escape from destruction on July 15, before reaching Dutch harbor, says a dispatch to the Herald from San Francisco. With the New York are the Marblehead and the Bennington. The vessels were steaming along, says the letter, through a dense fog. According to the chart and an observation obtained just before the fog shut down, there was plenty of deep clear water for miles in every direction and the flagship set a fairly speedy pace.

"Breakers Ahead" came suddenly from the lookout forward. The flagship stopped and the other vessels were ordered to do the same. All anchored and no move was made until the fog lifted. Ahead in every direction could then be seen breaking water and not a quarter of a mile ahead was an island, on which, but for the lookout's keen ears, the New York and her gunboat escort in 10 minutes more might have been piled.

**BROKERS ARE SURPRISED**

OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY.

New York, August 1.—Officials and members of the New York cotton exchange express surprise over the position taken by the New Orleans exchange in the matter of market quotations. Some time ago the local institution took aggressive action against bucket shops by arranging with the telegraph companies which send out the quotations from the floor that no ticker should be installed in any office or place without the sanction of the exchange authorities. The telegraph companies obligated themselves not to furnish quotations to any firm or party not first approved by the cotton exchange. Contracts have been made or renewed extensively on this basis, and no objections have been made anywhere to sign the agreement to keep the quotations from bucket shops. That the southern exchange should feel aggrieved has, therefore, created some comment.

While some of the local officials expressed the belief that the matter will quickly adjust itself when better understood, it is stated on authority that, in any event the New York exchange will make no exceptions in its line of action regarding the signing of contracts.

### CUBAN BALANCE INCREASES

New York, August 1.—After the payment of government employes on Friday, say a Tribune dispatch from Havana, the Cuban treasury contained \$3,500,000. This is an increase of 1400,000 over the balance June 30.

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