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SCANDAL'S BLIGHT THE HOTEL RAFAEL

Baron von Schroeder Destroyed It as a Reputable Resort.

General Warfield Demands and Secures a Release of His Obligation as Manager and Lessee.

General R. H. Warfield will, on November 1, surrender his lease of the Hotel Rafael to Baron von Schroeder, the owner of the property.

General Warfield found it impossible to conduct a respectable hotel and to permit Baron von Schroeder to enter the doors.

He could not ask patronage of respectable men and women at the same time with the escapades of the Baron.

It was impossible to ask decent men and women who honor their homes to reside under the same roof with gambling and outrageous revelry made noisy the hours of the night and shocked the senses of respectable people.

The Baron insisted upon having his wife and the other guests of General Warfield indulge their privilege of moving out.

Scandal threw its shadow over the establishment, and in that shadow General Warfield counted his losses.

The Baron became altogether too expensive a luxury and General Warfield determined if possible to dispense with him.

He therefore asked that he be permitted to retire from the obligation of his lease before its final termination.

Baron von Schroeder granted the request, and it is presumed he will conduct the hotel on the principles that made it odious to the people who once favored it with their patronage.

The Baron has even more recklessly owned the hotel. Little by little the story of scandalous scenes was spread.

Rumor exaggerated them and men who honor their reputation and women who respect their modesty preferred to go elsewhere for their summer vacation.

The house became worse than profits.

It began to lose heavily and Warfield decided if possible to retire.

It was idle to expect that von Schroeder would alter his mode of life and until he did it was not to be expected that he would voluntarily give up his patronage to the hotel.

Warfield therefore induced von Schroeder to release him from the obligation of his lease.

The Baron did not act with the greatest unwillingness. He has finally done so and to-day necessary documents of release will be signed.

Baron von Schroeder has a lecture by Rev. Joseph Sasia, S. J., under the auspices of Columbia College.

The program opens with a piano solo by A. E. Magill, Jr. D. J. a few introductory remarks, and John Desmond sang two tenor solos in his lecture.

Father Sasia stated that the subject as announced was but another of his graces, which no doubt his auditors had not entered upon.

He prefaced his remarks by alluding to the wonderful physical laws of nature which regulate the phenomena of the vegetable, animal and human kingdoms.

In themselves were submissive to the laws which God has created.

"It is the temporary suspension of these laws," said the reverend lecturer, "by the order to exhibit his performs miracles in order to manifest his glory to the world.

God performs and has performed actions above and beyond the ordinary course of things, as has been attested by the indisputable evidence of reliable witnesses.

But it is a fact, and a fact which has created these physical laws which have created the wondrous power of suspending them at will.

Father Sasia then proceeded to prove three points which sum up the whole proposition as follows: First, miracles are possible; second, miracles have been and are being performed; third, miracles cannot be accounted for by any material agent or attributed to any creature of his own power.

In the Divorce Court. Decrees of divorce have been granted Pauline A. Schroeder from Herman Schroeder on the ground of desertion.

Mary E. Howland from Lamar C. Howland on the ground of willful neglect.

Louise J. Stillman from William Stephen on the ground of failure to provide for the support of her family.

Clifton Schuur from Henry Schuur on the ground of neglect.

Suits for divorce have been filed by Joseph Isaacs against Annie Isaacs for desertion and cruelty.

Against Morris S. Cohen for cruelty.

Paulson's House Robbed. OAKLAND, Oct. 24.—The residence of O. W. Paulson, 1317 Eighth street, was entered by burglars this evening during the family's absence.

The burglars had entered upon the premises scattered about on the floors, lockers were broken open and apparently the burglars had enjoyed complete freedom of the house during their nefarious visit.

Alameda News Marshal. ALAMEDA, Oct. 24.—City Marshal Conrad instructed the policemen to begin the enforcement of the bicycle ordinance tonight.

The board of library trustees held an informal meeting last night for the purpose of discussing Mr. Carnegie's offer of \$10,000 toward a library building.

It was unanimously decided to postpone taking any definite action until the board heard further from Mr. Carnegie regarding the matter.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PEOPLE IN CONVOCATION

Great Gathering at First Church.

INTERESTING PAPERS READ

CORDIAL GREETINGS EXTENDED FROM KINDRED BODIES.

Rev. B. F. Sargent Tells About Theological Seminary—Rev. J. H. Warren on Organization of State Association.

The four-day session of the forty-third annual meeting of the General Association of California was commenced in the First Congregational Church yesterday afternoon.

The convocation opened with devotions conducted by Rev. G. A. Jasper of Humboldt and after roll call organization was effected by the election of Rev. W. W. Scudder of Alameda as moderator.

Rev. R. H. Sink of Stockton, assistant moderator; Rev. G. A. Jasper, scribe; and Rev. H. W. Benham of Cloverdale, assistant scribe. There were 200 delegates present.

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1. NEW WORDS AND HOW TO USE THEM.

(Continued.) As a rule it is unwise to use a foreign word if an English word will express the intended meaning.

There are, however, a few foreign words which have come into common use and for which there are no English equivalents.

Our tendency in language as well as in business is toward "short cuts." When a foreign word will express what in English would require an elaborate sentence the foreign word is to be preferred—that is, of course, if the listener understands its meaning.

Note the following: "Esprit de corps." Pronounced "es-pre-de-core." "Esprit means spirit. This French phrase commonly used by English-speaking people in the sense of common devotion, sympathy or support among the members of an association or a military company or of any body of men united for any purpose.

Thus we may say, "The esprit de corps of the London police is worthy of imitation." "Coo-day-tah." Pronounced "coo-day-tah." With the last syllable accented. A bold or brilliant stroke of statesmanship, an unexpected stroke of policy. A daring move by which one political party outwits or defeats another.

"Finesse." Pronounced "fin-ess." With the second syllable accented. This word in French means "finesness," and is commonly used by English-speaking people to denote artfulness, craft or adroitness; that quality of mind which leads to subtle actions. Note this illustration: "Her use of finesse in the most delicate affairs gave the impression of being constantly duped or imposed upon."

"Fide mecum." Pronounced "fi-de-me-cum." A book or article which a person carries with him as a constant companion. It may be a Baeadeker or perhaps a flask of water.

"Siesta." Pronounced "see-est-a." A nap or period of rest in the middle of the day. The hour of siesta is strictly observed in the warm countries of Southern Europe.

"Bete noir." Pronounced "bate-noir." The literal meaning is "black beast." The expression is commonly used to denote a pet dislike, something which makes us especially uncomfortable.

"These are sufficient to illustrate the point. Let us now look at a few English words which we may find to our advantage to add to our vocabulary. There is a close resemblance in sound between absolutely free. Custom simply requires that we use them correctly:

"Cynical." Pronounced "sin-ick-ly." This word originally meant doglike. A cynic is a sneering faultfinder. He shows a disposition to disbelieve or doubt the sincerity of others. We say a man is cynical or that he makes a cynical remark, or has a cynical laugh, when we refer to some evil or extraneous thing in connection with questions the motives or thoughts of others.

"Optimist." Pronounced as spelled. An optimist is one who believes in the ultimate supremacy of good over evil. He always hopes for and expects the best. He has a large and broad outlook. His hopeful disposition keeps him in the best of cheer.

"Pessimist." Pronounced "pess-i-mist," with the accent upon the first syllable. This word means the opposite of "optimist." A pessimist is one who exaggerates the evils of life, or who is disposed to look only on the dark side of things. He takes a melancholy or depressing view of life. A pessimist in religion believes that this world is bad and its tendency is to grow worse rather than better.

"Cant." Pronounced as spelled. Affectation in language. It is evident to the educated or cultured or experienced man that a particular writer or speaker does not really mean what he says, does not act it out in his own life; that he is simply making a respectable show of words or of thought for appearance sake; that this is clear, the speech or writing is properly called political or religious cant. The word signifies a whining pretension of goodness; an insincere

use of religious