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### RECONCILIATION OF DUKE AND DUCHESS

King Edward Lends His Influence to Bring the Marlboroughs Together

### NEWPORT BELIEVES REPORT IS CORRECT

William K. Vanderbilt Had Urged the Settlement of Their Domestic Differences

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Throne says: "A reconciliation has taken place between the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, and on Boxing day they agreed to forget their past differences. King Edward has extended the area of his influence as peacemaker and had been chiefly instrumental in effecting the reunion. There were faults on both sides, but sins of omission and commission have been mutually forgiven."

NEWPORT, Jan. 3.—Though none of the few acquaintances of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough who are still here have heard anything definite regarding their reconciliation, they said they had every reason to believe the rumor well founded. One person who was abroad when she said London and Paris were in very much of a flutter over the report that the Duke and Duchess had separated, stated that it was understood when the Duchess returned from abroad that her differences with the Duke had been adjusted.

It was understood at the time that William K. Vanderbilt, the Duchess' father, had been urging such a course, and it was common talk two months ago that his advice had prevailed. Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, the Duchess' mother, had also advised that a reconciliation be effected.

### BRITISH WANT AN AMENDED TREATY

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2.—A report reaches here from Washington that the British Government is making a special effort to have its extradition treaty with this country so amended to include political offenders among those extraditable.

Just before leaving Washington for England Sir Mortimer Durand laid on Secretary Root's table memoranda suggesting certain alterations in the treaty, and it is understood that Secretary Root told Sir Mortimer that, in his opinion, it would be difficult to carry out the treaty, even if the Senate would approve the suggested alterations.

Another clause objectionable to the British Government is one which provides that persons guilty of offenses growing out of insurrectionary movements or political disturbances cannot be extradited, no matter what the character of the offense. England's effort to have the treaty amended grew out of the case of James Lynch, an Irish political refugee, in Indianapolis two years ago.

### SWALLOWS LIZARD AND EXPIRES

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

OMAHA, Jan. 2.—Louise Douglas, who died at the poor farm here several weeks ago after swallowing a live chameleon, a species of lizard, was a daughter of Commander Douglas Hamilton of the British navy, and was by the death of her mother left a large estate in Brighton, England.

This information was received in a letter from Commander Douglas Hamilton by Chief of Police Donahue today. A photograph of the young woman is now on the way here from England. The letter stated Miss Douglas was a cousin of the Duke of Hamilton and ran away from home to become a snake charmer and lion tamer. Her mother died of a broken heart in 1905 and her absent daughter inherited a large fortune.

Miss Douglas was married in a haze of illusion. After that she went to England and visited her parents at Brighton, but refused to remain despite their entreaties.

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### POLICE PREFECT FALLS BEFORE ASSASSIN

Major General von der Launitz Slain in St. Petersburg by Young Terrorist

### CRIME IS COMMITTED IN COLLEGE CHAPEL

Murderer Shoots Himself and Wild Disorder Seizes Aristocratic Assemblage

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—In the midst of a brilliant assemblage, graced by royalty, in the sacred interior of a place of worship, Major General von der Launitz, Prefect of Police of St. Petersburg, was shot dead by a terrorist this afternoon. The pale-faced youth who performed the bloody deed lived but a moment afterward.

The heavy saber of a member of the murdered Prefect's escort crashed into his skull, and as he sank down the assassin fired the one remaining bullet in his revolver into his own stomach and his body wallowed beside that of the Prefect. As the first shot from the terrorist's revolver desecrated the holy atmosphere of the chapel and the body of Major General von der Launitz tumbled to the floor screams from the women rang in the place. Princess Eugenia was among the score of fainting ones. Grand Duchess Olga, sister of Emperor Nicholas, shrieked at the sight and was supported by her attending women.

When the body of the terrorist, slain by his own weapon, fell to the floor, the members of the prefect's escort, in a wild rage, swung their sabers and hacked the corpse in a savage glutony of revenge. Springing to the scene with sword drawn, the Duke of Oldenburg struck high the blades of the escort and shouted to them to desist. The scene was one of the most tragic in all the red history of Russia.

### MURDER IN THE CHAPEL

The crime occurred in the chapel of the Institute of Experimental Medicine. Von der Launitz, at the invitation of Prince Peter Androvitch, was attending the consecration of the institute chapel. During the services, and while mingling with several hundred officials, the Prefect of Police was approached from behind by the young terrorist, who drew a revolver and shot him in the base of the brain. Von der Launitz fell forward and died in two minutes. The assassin turned his revolver on himself while he was falling under the sabers of the Prefect's escort.

Prince Peter Alexandrovitch, Duke of Oldenburg, is a patron of the institute. Among the guests present were his wife, Grand Duchess Olga, young sister of Emperor Nicholas; Princess Eugenia Amilianova and a number of other persons prominent at court. The fact that General von der Launitz was to attend the consecration of the church was not generally known and the terrorists must have learned of this fact from sources within the police department.

The murderer's toll-stained hands were completely out of harmony with his faultless evening clothes, a garb which everybody attending official ceremonies in Russia must don. The fall of General von der Launitz was followed by a scene of indescribable hysteria and confusion. The Duke of Oldenburg, who was one of the few men who retained their composure, seized the assassin's hands after he had fired twice, and several succeeding shots were fired into the ceiling. He fell beneath the guard's saber, shooting himself as he went down and dying instantly.

In addition to two arrests made within the church, the doors of which were closed after the shooting, several other persons were taken into custody in a neighboring instrument factory, which is believed to have served as headquarters for the terrorists.

### HELD INVITATION CARD

The man who committed the crime was about 22 years old and apparently belonged to the intelligent working class. He has not been identified. The police affirm that he was a Jew. He was provided with a card of admission to the dedication of the church, but this card bore no name. The authorities have not been able to learn how he obtained this invitation to the ceremonies, which were extremely select, only 150 cards having been issued.

Vladimir von Der Launitz came of an old family of the German nobility in the Baltic provinces. He served with distinction during the Turkish war of 1877-8, was decorated for bravery and, in addition to holding the rank of major general, was one of the equerries of the court. He stood high in the favor of the Emperor.

ERNEST W. HASTINGS, idol of the matinee girl when he was leading man with the Alcazar stock company several years ago, was killed instantly in the collision of the Los Angeles and Overland Limited trains in Nebraska yesterday, and many others were injured. Hastings' wife escaped.

### Los Angeles Express Crashes Into Overland Limited

E. W. Hastings, Actor, Killed Instantly; Many Injured

OMAHA, Jan. 3.—The Union Pacific Overland Limited and the Los Angeles Limited trains No. 2 and No. 8, both bound for this city, collided last night at Brule Station, twenty miles west of North Platte, during a blinding snowstorm. The Los Angeles train crashed into the observation car on the rear of the Overland Limited. There were thirty passengers in the observation car and one, E. W. Hastings, an actor of New York, was killed instantly.

The injured are: Mrs. J. J. Finch, Sandusky, Ohio, cut above right eye; S. Peacock, Weiser, Idaho, both hands cut; Eugene C. O'Neil, Palo Alto, Cal., back injured; Mrs. M. Wilkins, Grand Island, bruised about head; H. Worley, Grand Island, mail clerk, injured internally. Probably serious: Fireman G. W. Groves, bruised about body; J. G. Anderson, conductor No. 8, left hand broken; P. T. Naughton, mail clerk, Omaha, arm and shoulder wrenched; C. P. Rodma, mail clerk, Omaha, head cut and right arm hurt; F. P. Goodrich, Chicago, right foot crushed and head hurt; A. J. Cook, Lewiston, Idaho, left wrist cut; J. T. Merriweather, porter, head cut; Charles Hoch, cook, Omaha, about head.

### MANY FRIENDS WILL MOURN

Actor Hastings Widely and Favorably Known on Pacific Coast

News of the death of Ernest Hastings will cause a deep sense of grief among the player folk and theater patrons in San Francisco. Ernest Hastings was leading man at the Alcazar for several seasons and during that time he attained a firm hold upon the affections of the people of the city. Few are the men, women and children in San Francisco who have not laughed with Hastings in "Charlie's Aunt" or cried with him in "The Christian."

Hastings was always a drawing card. The magic of his name filled the O'Farrell street playhouse as did that of Florence Roberts. Other actors could come and go, but the Alcazar management always knew that in Hastings it had a guarantee of success.

Aside from his professional connections Hastings had a wide circle of personal friends in San Francisco. He was welcomed at clubs and in the homes of the city. He was eager to do for his friends and seldom asked anything in return.

He was handsome of face, resembling to a marked degree the type which Gibson delighted to draw. Local writers were fond of referring to him as a matinee idol, but the description was only in part correct. It was true that he had a large number of feminine admirers, but he always discouraged silly sentimentality. Hastings not long ago married Miss Madge Chapman of San Jose, daughter of well-known Portland parents, and he cherished her with an affection that caused general comment. Mrs. Hastings was with him a few weeks ago when he played an engagement in Portland.

Although apparently robust, Hastings did not enjoy the best of health. He was troubled with aphasia and frequently in the midst of a performance forgot his lines. Local playgoers will recall an incident at the Alcazar a few years ago when in the midst of a scene Hastings paused, looked about him with a strange stare as though he had just that moment recognized that he was acting before a large audience, and stood helpless while the curtain was rung down.

At one time his lapses of memory became so acute that he was dropped from the company. This happened at the Alcazar, but after a season in the country Hastings recovered and resumed his place. A little over three years ago in New York Hastings suffered from a severe mental strain. He broke down completely and for several days it was feared that he had lost his mind. In his delirium he called constantly for Madge Chapman. Neither his New York nor San Francisco friends had ever heard him speak of Miss Chapman. When Hastings recovered from his attack she went on from San Jose and they were married. During his various engagements at the Alcazar Hastings appeared before San Francisco audiences in hundreds of roles from hilarious farce to deepest tragedy. He was most popular throughout the country in such parts



### WORRY CAUSED BY OVERDUE PONCE

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—By the non-arrival of the steamship Ponce of the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company's line from Porto Rico not only have the friends of the eleven passengers on board become worried, but there is anxiety at the offices of the company. No word of the vessel's whereabouts was received, and today she is four days overdue. The Caracas, of the Red D line, which arrived last Monday, left San Juan, Porto Rico, the same day as the Ponce, and the last-named vessel is supposed to be the speediest ship. The Caracas saw nothing of the Ponce and met with only ordinary winter weather on the voyage up.

Friends of passengers on the Ponce called up the ship news office frequently, in the hope of obtaining some tidings of the ship, but none was at hand. Officials of the company also sought news of the Ponce.

### POLICE AND PEOPLE CLASH AT CITY IN THE ARGENTINE

Demonstration Against Administration in Pergamino Results in Slaying of Six Citizens  
BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 3.—There has been a serious collision between the police and the people at Pergamino, in the province of Buenos Ayres, caused by an authorized demonstration against the municipal administration. The police fired on the crowd and six persons were killed and seventeen wounded. More disturbances are feared.

### ENTIRE EQUIPMENT OF ARMY CORPS BURNED AT PORTSMOUTH

Fire Which Breaks Out on Gun Wharf Does Damage Reaching \$1,250,000.  
PORTSMOUTH, England, Jan. 3.—The fire which broke out last night among the camp and equipment stores on the gun wharf here caused damage, according to the official estimates, to the amount of \$1,250,000. The entire equipment of any army corps was destroyed. The cause of the fire has not been determined. As the sheriff in the play "In Mizoura."

### REPAIR OF BREAK WILL BE COSTLY

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—E. H. Harriman is sick of the job he undertook at the President's request of plugging up the hole in the banks of the Colorado River on the Mexican border.

The breaks in the river have been caused by excavations on the part of the California Development Company. President Roosevelt sent a peremptory letter to Harriman, directing him to repair the latest break. Harriman protested that the Southern Pacific had nothing to do with the development company, but nevertheless he had the railroad set aside \$500,000 to curb the Colorado.

Thereupon the President said that he would have Congress relieve the company of the burden as soon as it met after the recess. Harriman now finds that the \$500,000 is only a drop in the bucket as compared with what his engineering corps has asked. An additional \$150,000 has already been called for.

President Roosevelt sent for F. H. Newell, head of the irrigation service, today and asked what it would cost to repair the break. He was told that \$500,000 would start the work.

In the meantime telegrams from panic-stricken residents of the valley are pouring into Washington, urging that Congress take charge of the matter.

### SNOWSTORMS AND BLIZZARDS PREVAILING IN RUSSIA

Traffic on Railroads Is Interrupted and Great Loss of Life Reported  
ODESSA, Jan. 3.—Snowstorms and blizzards of exceptional severity are prevailing throughout Southern and Southwestern Russia. Traffic on the railroads is interrupted and great loss of life is reported. According to some accounts, 160 persons have succumbed to the cold in the Southwestern provinces.

### CONCERNS OF GREAT SIZE INVOLVED

Greenebaum, Michels and Fleishacker In Alliance

Bank Soon To Control Power and Gas Plants

New Interests Enter the London, Paris and American

Electricity Will Be Brought From Truckee

One of the largest deals known to local financial circles since the April disaster is about to be consummated in the coalition of the interests represented by the Fleishackers, the London, Paris and American Bank and the San Francisco Coke and Gas Company. The extensive power and paper interests of the Fleishackers at Floriston on the Truckee River and the local plant of the San Francisco Coke and Gas Company will be consolidated. The companies will be financed by the London, Paris and American Bank, in which the Fleishackers and Leopold Michels, president of the gas company, will soon become heavy stockholders. Sigmund Greenebaum will continue as president of the bank.

The San Francisco Gas and Coke Company is generally regarded as the rival of the gas trust in the local field. By the alliance with the Fleishacker paper and electrical plants the company will be able to bring power from the Truckee and sell it in San Francisco, thus becoming a more formidable rival of the trust that controls large power plants throughout Northern California. The deal is of unusual interest at this time, as the report is current that Edwin Hawley, the New York multi-millionaire, is negotiating for the gas trust properties.

In the alliance between the Fleishackers, Greenebaum and Michels, Eastern and local capital will both figure. The Stern brothers of San Francisco, who inherited the greater part of the fortune of Levi Strauss, as well as the Stern brothers of New York, will be heavily interested in the merger. The Gesties will also figure in the enterprise.

The Eastern capitalists concerned have been represented in San Francisco by Leopold Wallach, an attorney of New York. Wallach made several trips to San Francisco in the interests of his clients before the deal was finally arranged. Recently after a short stay in San Francisco he returned to New York in company with Michels, and the details of the merger were completed in the East.

Immediately after the fire the San Francisco Coke and Gas Company began a systematic rehabilitation on a vast scale. It refitted its plants and purchased property in the Mission for future use. A cut was made in the price of gas in order to extend the field of the company.

Under the new condition of affairs the coke company will be in a position to meet the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the gas trust) on its own ground and give formidable battle.

### GIVES HER DOGS CHRISTMAS TREE

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

PINE GROVE, Colo., Jan. 3.—People in this section are still discussing the action of Miss Katherine M. Hull of Chicago in trimming a Christmas tree for six thoroughbred dogs. Miss Hull, who came to Pine Grove from Chicago because of ill health, is wealthy. She purchased a ranch recently on Elk Creek, where she has many fine dogs.

Miss Hull trimmed the tree with dainty presents for her dogs, such as blankets, collars, chains, etc. She also placed upon the tree slices of meat and confectionery for the animals. The dogs were trained, and when she was ready she lined them up and they sat patiently while she called them forward, one at a time, using a whip to make them mind. A score of Pine Grove people invited to see the unique event sat open-eyed and wondering. Despite the fact that the homely folk here do not believe in Christmas trees for dogs, they like Miss Hull.