

IS A PHILOSOPHER

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LETTER FROM THE CONSUL.

INTERESTING REVIEW OF THE SITUATION AS IT APPEARS TO HIM.

Many Spaniards Apply at the Valencia Consulate for Passports and Information, Desiring to Emigrate to Our New Possessions.

The Spaniards take the loss of their colonies very philosophically, writes Theodore Mertens, formerly of this city, but now United States consul at Valencia, Spain, to Joseph J. Weil, of 602 Delaware street. They confess their ignorance in colonizing and consider it a matter of economy that no more troops were sent to those places which through their bad management only resulted in a gain to a few grasping people but no profit to the country.

Valencia, where Mr. Mertens is stationed, is a city very little smaller than Kansas City, situated on the Mediterranean coast of Spain, and it has a world-wide reputation for the beautiful life that is made from a very few things. The Spaniards found in the vicinity, its silks are imported into France and via with the Lyons production in popularity with the French. Valencia differs from Mexico in the Spanish port trade of the Mediterranean and is a city of exceptional beauty. It was at this place that dangerous demonstrations were made by students against the Americans when the Spaniards were in the city.

Speaking of the lost colonies of Spain, Mr. Mertens says: "The Spaniards are completely blind to the commercial advantages of owning colonies and of the immense wealth of those colonies."

"There are many Spaniards who have faith in the American ability to turn colonial wisdom into advantage and not week passes that I do not have a visit from Spaniards who wish to emigrate to Cuba, Porto Rico, or the Philippines under the customs regulations. Many are their reasons or families are in the States."

One Soldier Was Over. "Of all classes of society they come; but the most interesting story to me was from a soldier who had just returned from Cuba and wished to go back. He told me that at Puerto Principe he had found an American soldier who was in the States. With the national city which all Spaniards feel towards, intoxicated people, instead of being directed at the sight of man reducing himself to a beast, he tried to assist him. He saw him in the States, and he took him on his own back straight to the American headquarters, where, as he says, the American general, who was in the States, shook hands with the Spaniard and he supposed thanked him profusely, though he did not understand a word of the Spaniard's language. He said: 'Next the officers treated him to a fine supper, which proved most enjoyable. And last, but not least, they gave him some money to go back to the States.'"

"This was enough to make our man make up his mind to leave his country and live hereafter among the Americans. He has you have everything in a nutshell—American generosity, the recognition of his services, and Spanish gratitude for personal favors received with which they are satisfied like children who are given candy to the circus if they behave."

"I have no doubt but that you will soon be benefited by the return of many of the States, while we in Europe live on a volcano and are threatened with a visit from the United States, which will be enough to enter into a good commercial treaty with the United States for their future. Instead of opposing our powerful race and government."

STRICT QUARANTINE.

Smaller Cases at Armoured Are Isolated and Care Taken to Prevent Spread of the Disease. A strict quarantine is being kept over the home of R. C. Butt, at 311 South Coy street, Armourdale, where the case of smallpox was discovered Friday afternoon. Butt, his wife and little baby, all sick with the disease, are well and have been placed both in front and in the rear of the house and the house now does not open to family by name of Horton, who is also quarantined. Mr. Butt has been ill for several days and is now recovering. Friday morning the symptoms checked and a number of other cases were pronounced the same by Dr. Clark, county physician. Dr. Clark has charge of the cases and is attending to them. The case was in a very light form.

"Nunciaturum Radium, a quantity of fuel and provisions sent to both houses that were under quarantine and an old negro woman, who is immune, is in charge of the patients.

Salvation Army Revival Meetings. In spite of the unfavorable weather the revival meetings held at the Salvation Army club by the Rev. J. W. Smith, were quite successful. A number of converts have been made, the most successful meeting being held on Wednesday night. Four meetings will be held at the hall to-day and in the street. The fourth of the meetings will be on Feb. 27, at 11 a. m. and 2 and 8 p. m.

Fire Delays Cable Lines. A fire yesterday at Twenty-seventh and Madison caused a short delay in the running of trains on the Summit street cable line. The fire broke out in a building on the corner of Twenty-seventh and Madison and spread to the cable line. The fire was extinguished by the fire department and the cable line was repaired. The delay was about an hour.

No woman can be too careful of her condition during the period before her little ones are born. Neglect or improper treatment then endangers her life and that of the child. It lies with her whether she shall suffer unnecessarily, or whether the ordeal shall be made comparatively easy. She had better do nothing than do something wrong.

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Brother of Mrs. James L. Flood Succumbed to an Affection of the Liver Yesterday.

John F. Fritz, brother of Mrs. James L. Flood, who was formerly Miss Maude Fritz, died at his home, 224 Springfield avenue, yesterday morning after an illness of a month. He was married to Miss Mollie C. Grubel, of Kansas City, Kan., about a month ago and, while on their wedding trip, was taken ill in St. Louis. The illness was of the liver and he had been confined to his bed ever since. An affection of the liver was the cause of his illness. He was a young man and his family knew he was seriously ill, his death yesterday morning was a great shock.

Mrs. Fritz was 33 years of age and had for several years been connected with the D. R. Rice Commission Company. He was a promising young business man and had made many friends during his brief business career. The house where he died was formerly the home of Mrs. M. Grubel, whose widow was Mr. Fritz's sister. The body was removed to his father's home, where funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock. Dr. Haley will officiate. The interment will be in the family vault at Elmwood cemetery.

MRS. SUSAN TOMLIN DEAD.

Had Lived in Kansas City for Fourteen Years—Came Here From Warrensburg.

Mrs. Susan Tomlin, 83 years of age, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. D. Alford, 1112 Oak street, late Friday night, of old age. She had lived in Kansas City for about fourteen years, coming from her home in Warrensburg, where she and her husband were among the oldest residents. She was a widow and had one son, who lives in Oakland, Kan., and one daughter, who lives in St. Louis. The body will be sent to Warrensburg for burial, where funeral services will be held.

MRS. JOSEPH CODY DIES.

Her Husband Was the Son of Thomas Cody, Who Dropped Dead at the County Court House.

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IN A DARK PRISON CELL.

MRS. GRACE TRACY AND BABE SPEND THE LONG NIGHT.

Accused of Placing a Name to a Contract for \$25—Acknowledges the Deed and Says She Was Starving.

Mrs. Grace Tracy, of 804 Washington street, was taken into custody by Officers Sheehan and DeWitt yesterday afternoon and locked up in a cell with her 5-month-old baby in the police matron's departments. Mrs. Tracy is accused of putting the name of Miss Jennie Linville, a stenographer in the employ of Peet Bros, soap manufacturers, to a note or contract for \$25.

A few days ago Mrs. Tracy went to D. H. Tolman, a broker with an office in the New York Life building, and made application for a loan of \$25 in the name of Miss Linville. Yesterday she went to Tolman's office after the money, and was given a check for \$25, and \$10 in cash. Mrs. Tracy's husband has been employed for some time by the Pittsburg & Gulf road, where he is a telegraph operator. She says she left last Monday, and that she had to do something to procure food for herself and child.

The police claim that Mrs. Tracy induced her husband to go to Tolman and try and borrow money. Other developments may come to light as the case progresses. It is made when the police conclude an investigation of the case. Mrs. Tracy formerly lived at McPherson, Kan., where she had wealthy relatives. The police are trying to locate her relatives.

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SOME INTERESTING BIRDS.

The High Bank That Was Given to the Crow at the Smithsonian Institution.

A day at the Smithsonian Institution will furnish a great deal of interesting information regarding the feathered tribe. For instance, the common carrion-eating crow is ranked among the first in intelligence, it being said by naturalists that the crow can be taught to talk more distinctly than the parrot, and has a more humanlike quality of voice. It is deemed however, by the Smithsonian people that the spitting of a crow's tongue will in any way add to its powers of speech, this idea having its origin among the negroes of the South, who have always looked upon the crow as an evil bird.

The "butcher bird" which is common to northern latitudes in America, Europe and Asia, is the least interesting and dearest of all birds. It preys upon mice and other small animals, birds and insects, always catching its prey by means of its sharp talons and its powerful beak. It is so named because of its habit of tearing its prey to pieces and eating it. It is a very common bird in the city and is often seen in the streets.

With the butcher bird may be classed the "sheep-eating parrot," a New Zealand bird, which is a very interesting bird. It is a very common bird in the city and is often seen in the streets. It is a very common bird in the city and is often seen in the streets.

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Contracts for the Inside Finish of the New Building Will Be Let March 23.

All the plans for the inside finish of the new government building were received yesterday by Architect Gunn, and the contract will be let for the work March 23. The work includes the finishing of the floors, building the stairways, finishing the walls and ceilings, putting in the partitions, railings and doors and doing the plumbing. The bids for the work have already been opened and the contract for electric lighting will be let soon. Marble will be used largely in the floors and stairways, and woodwork will be largely of oak, and in connection with this will be much ornamental metal work and plate glass. Ornamental tile will be largely used in the rotunda and about the entrances. A feature of this work will be a large design like that on the silver dollar directly under the center of the dome.

Perhaps the handsomest part of the building will be in the four floors of the rotunda and the large room under the dome. Each rotunda floor has a large opening in its center, the largest being thirty-five feet in diameter. The style of architecture in the first rotunda floor is Doric and on the second floor is Ionic, while on the fourth it is Corinthian.

Interior Arrangements. The entire first floor will be occupied by the postoffice. The postmaster, cashier and assistants will have offices in the north wing; the stamp, money order and registry departments, etc., will occupy the southwest wing, and the superintendent of mails will have his office in the east wing. The second floor will be largely occupied by the office proper and a platform built on the east side of the building. The third floor will be largely occupied by the office proper and a platform built on the east side of the building. The fourth floor will be largely occupied by the office proper and a platform built on the east side of the building.

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"I landed in Salt Lake City one Saturday night, dead broke. I'd been prospecting along with Jerry Nolan down on the Boulder