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MR. WU.

Like his many friends, Mr. Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese Minister, will probably not be sorry that he has been ordered to remain in this country.

Mr. Wu can do more for China in Washington than he can in Peking, and any successor who may come to this Capital would necessarily be a long time gathering up the ends of diplomatic threads severed by his departure.

There seems to be a difference of opinion regarding the duration of Mr. Wu's extension of time in this country. The opinion at the legation is that he will simply await the arrival of his successor, although the Peking cablegram says that he is to remain indefinitely.

Being a rare philosopher, Mr. Wu will doubtless regard his uncertain position with equanimity and go heartily forward with his diplomatic task.

A TEUTONIC ELIZABETH.

Things have come to a queer pass when a man born and reared in this great and glorious Republic runs away from the blandishments of a fair lady and crosses seas and continents in order to avoid the blissfulness of wedded life which she would bestow upon him.

The story goes that besides this attractive patronymic, Liebling is possessed of an equally attractive personality. In the course of his peregrinations he chanced to come to the city on the banks of the Spree, where Kaiser Wilhelm is IT.

Like a true twentieth century girl she threw precedent and custom to the winds, and offered hand, heart, and bank account to the Liebling of her choice.

But he would none of it. He fled Berlin and returned to the United States in fancied security against further importunities on the part of the German Elizabeth.

Liebling protests that another lady has his affections, but he does not know what may be the outcome of the strenuous wooing of his Berlin Elizabeth.

HURRYING HOME.

By CHARLES S. O'NEILL.

Hurrying home as the daylight dies, Goes the weary, toiling throng— Somewhere a joyous welcome lies, Children's prattle and jocular song;

Hurrying home as the years roll by, Onward moves the world's great throng, Some to discover their resting night, Others the way both hard and long;

CURRENT PRESS COMMENT.

Only One World to Conquer. The American—Some day the people of the worldwide oil trust will understand-like, because the nebular hypothesis is not sufficient foundation for an inter-planetary pipe line.

Rather a Risky Partnership. Chicago Chronicle—Mr. Walsh, of Colorado, who has gone into partnership with King Leopold of Belgium in an Asiatic speculation, is a shrewd citizen, but he will accumulate much experience if he stays with his majesty for any length of time.

Careful of Their Slats. St. Paul Dispatch—Mrs. Carrie Nation wants to meet Jeffries or Fitzsimmons. From what we know of the domestic felicities of these two and from what they know of Carrie's prowess, we doubt if the meet could be arranged.

Personal Notes About Washington People.

Col. DeWitt C. Sprague has been invited by the New York Monumental Commission to read a poem at the dedication of the monument to Gen. Henry W. Slocum, at Gettysburg, September 19.

Mary MacLane's Evolution. New York Evening Telegram—After a few days' residence in Boston Miss Mary MacLane has adopted the bean and brown bread diet. The end of this week, when she has got accustomed to her blue goggles, she will be ready to think some great thoughts.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair Lee, who have been at their summer residence at Silver Spring, Md., during the early part of the summer, have gone to the Adirondacks to remain till the middle of September. They expect to be located at St. Hubert's Inn, one of the most picturesque localities in Essex county.

Vicissitudes of the Hello Trade. Boston Globe—The telephone girl in St. Louis who was sworn at by an angry doctor and the telephone girl in Poughkeepsie who by "polite attention" has just won a millionaire for a husband, illustrate the extreme possibilities of the "central" business.

Mr. Charles J. Bell has gone to Matine for a month, for an outing with a part of his family. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert H. Grosvenor and Master Grosvenor are spending the summer with Mrs. Grosvenor's parents, Prof. and Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, at their Nova Scotia estate.

Misplaced Energy. Boston Herald—A woman may have a right to beat, kick, and lambaste with her umbrella a married man who elopes with her daughter, but the Brooklyn woman who administered such punishment to a party in the Springfield postoffice on Monday, and afterward apologized for having picked out the wrong man, will have all the work to do over again when she finds the real culprit.

The Bohemian and the Philistine.

By L. L.

"In a country where democracy prevails more or less, we cannot afford to allow privileges to one person which all cannot enjoy."

A story which is circulating in the bohemian quarter of New York concerns a somewhat eminent French artist, who, like many another foreigner, has discovered that when a Roman is somewhere else he cannot always do as the Romans do.

This artist went into a hotel restaurant one evening for dinner, and was served with a meal which pleased him greatly. In order to show his appreciation, he began to draw a picture on the table-cloth. A waiter saw him and hid him to the spot to remonstrate. The artist paid no attention and continued to draw. The horrified waiter flew to his chief, and presently the head waiter came to tell the artist that he must not "mark up the linen."

But the Philistine of the dining room could not see that aspect of the case at all, and as the artist refused to stop drawing he took the course which would have been taken with any other obstreperous customer, and the foreigner presently found himself put out on the sidewalk. He gazed at the hotel in speechless wrath. Then he crossed the street, and, spitting at the hostelry between his teeth, exclaimed: "Bigs!"

The lesson which this story teaches was doubtless unperceived by either the artist or the waiter. It is this: In a country where democracy prevails more or less, we cannot afford to allow privileges to one person which all cannot enjoy.

If the hotel had allowed that fashion to be started, it would presently have had no linen except what was covered with sketches and framed, and most of the sketches would not have been good for anything. It is one of the penalties of freedom that special privilege is thereby lost.

A SONG.

By DON MARQUIS.

O, love, that cried "not yet" at dawn When jeweled dew drops from the lawn Flashed back the gleams morn flung upon Grass blade and violet.

GOSSIP AND CHAT HEARD IN WASHINGTON HOTEL LOBBIES

Maryland Delegation Republican. "Maryland will elect five and probably six Republicans to the next House of Representatives," said Representative Pearce of Maryland at the Raleigh yesterday.

Ex-Governor McCreary Returns Home. Ex-Governor James B. McCreary, of Kentucky, who has been at the New Willard, left yesterday for Atlantic City.

Politics in Missouri. Representative Charles Joy of Missouri is at the New Willard. "Politics in Missouri are very interesting just now," remarked Mr. Joy last evening.

Tar Heel State Going Democratic. Representative Poy of North Carolina, who made several notable speeches last session, forging to the front as one of the strongest debaters in the House, is at the Riggs House. He is here on private business.

Prof. Fancullin Here. "I came over from New York this morning to attend some private business matters, and when I finish I shall return home," said Prof. Fancullin, former leader of the Marine Band, at the Riggs House, yesterday.

Entitled to Rebate. San Antonio Express—If the opinion of Miss Stone is correct that her release was due wholly to prayer, it looks like all those people who contributed to the big ransom fund ought to have some kind of a redress against the brigands.

May Speak in Maine. Representative Poy, of North Carolina, who has been here on official business connected with the Postoffice Department, returned home last night. He has been invited by the Democratic Congressional committee to visit Maine and make a number of speeches during the campaign.

Mr. Poy says the Democrats will carry every one of the ten Congressional districts in North Carolina this fall and that the Democrats will elect their entire State ticket.

Mr. Poy is serving his first term, and for a new member he made a record that a veteran might be proud of.

Don't All Speak at Once. Cleveland Plain Dealer—Outlaw Tracy turns up again, smiling and debonair as usual, and all the sheriff's roundabout discreetly turn their heads the other way. When some individual, moved equally by the reward and the thrilling pleasures of the chase, stalks the bandit and pots him, there will be an end of the human pest, and a greatly relieved community, and that seems to be the only hope of disposing of him. Now, where's the man?

Like the King of France. Atlanta Constitution—Castro went out and looked at the entrenched enemy. He didn't like their looks, and promptly retreated to his bombproof.

ST. MALACHY'S PROPHECY ON PAPAL SUCCESSION

By F. V. C.

It is remarkable, to say the least, that "ignis ardens" (burning fire) should be the phrase employed in the ancient so-called prophecy of St. Malachy to designate Leo XIII's successor, and that the armorial bearing of Cardinal Gotti, just appointed by the Pope as prefect of the Propaganda, should be a blazing torch.

The famous prediction which is attributed to Malachy, Archbishop of Armagh, Ireland, during the twelfth century, purposes to foretell each pontiff by an epigrammatic Latin phrase by which he can be readily distinguished. These designations have, in the past, where their applications have been apparent, often related to the coats-of-arms of the Popes. A few examples will suffice.

Gregory IX was, in the prophecy, foretold in the words, "avis estensis"—the bird of Ostia. Gregory was Bishop of Ostia, and the eagle was in his escutcheon.

Clement IV was predicted as "draeco depressus"—the dragon struck down. Clement had on his escutcheon a dragon in the talons of an eagle. The following pontiff, Gregory X, was foreshadowed by the phrase, "anguineus vir"—a serpentine man. Gregory was a Visconti, a family which had the serpent in the coat of arms.

Nicholas III was designated as "rosa composita"—the composite rose. Nicholas had the rose in his arms. The prophet described Honorius IV as "ex rosa leonina"—from the rose of the lions. In the arms of this Pope were a rose and two lions.

The Archbishop's Prediction in Connection with the Armorial Bearing of Cardinal Gotti.

Urban VIII (elected 1623) was foreshadowed in the prophecy in the phrase, "lilium et rosa"—the lily and the rose. Urban's coat-of-arms contained three bees feeding on lilies and roses.

Examples of predictions relating clearly to the armorial bearings of the Popes might be continued at considerable length; some, again, refer to prominent events in the lives of the respective pontiffs.

The prophecies were first published in a book called "Lignum Vitae," by Dom Arnold Wion, a Benedictine monk, printed at Venice, A. D. 1595. They begin with Celestine II, in 1143, and are continued to the end of the papacy, which is designated, also, as the end of the world. The present pope, Leo XIII, is mentioned in the prophecy as "lumen in coelo," or light in the sky.

The symbolic designations of the remaining ten popes are as follows:

- "Ignis ardens"—a burning fire. "Religio depopulata"—religion depopulated. "Fides intrepida"—intrepid faith. "Pastor angelicus"—angelic pastor. "Pastor et nauta"—pastor and sailor. "Flos florum"—the flower of flowers. "De mediata luna"—of the half-obscured moon. "De labore solis"—of the labor of the sun. "Gloria olivae"—the glory of the olive. "Petrus Romanus"—Peter of Rome, who shall feed his sheep in the midst of many troubles, which, being ended, the seven hilled city shall be destroyed and the tremendous judge shall judge his people.

DOINGS IN THE WORLD OF SOCIETY

Mrs. Anna Warner Becomes Mrs. Charles H. Teller—Wedding Ceremony at Home of the Bride.

Miss Ethel Davies to Wed Mr. Archibald G. Thatcher on Day Set for Coronation of King Edward—Rumors That Duchess of Marlborough May Visit Newport.

Teller-Warner.

The marriage of Mrs. Anna Warner and Mr. Charles H. Teller was celebrated yesterday morning, at 8 o'clock, at the home of the bride, 1514 K Street, Rev. Frank M. Gibson, D. D., of Trinity Episcopal Church, officiating.

To Wed Day King Is Crowned.

The brides who planned to marry on the day of the coronation of King Edward, only to be disappointed in that respect, will envy Miss Ethel Davies her good luck in having selected, without meaning to do so, the day King Edward has now selected for his crowning, August 9.

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