

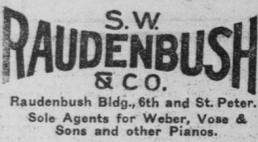
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GREAT BRITAIN ONCE REFUSED LOUISIANA

E. Spencer Pratt Digs Out New Information in London.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Under the authority of M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, E. Spencer Pratt, former United States minister to Persia, who is residing here, is making extensive researches in the archives of the foreign office relative to the transfer of the province of Louisiana by France to the United States. The investigation has brought to light all the circumstantial details of the transaction, including the confidential letters of the French minister at Washington, advising his government as to the various stages of the negotiations, and the letters and documents signed by President Jefferson and Secretary of State Madison. Many of these have heretofore been unavailable, owing to the rules of the foreign office which have prevented the copying of documents in the archives.

In speaking of his investigations, Mr. Pratt said: "One of the most curious documents found is an autograph letter of Louis XV, giving the vast Louisiana territory to his cousin, then king of Spain, as a present. The fact of this gift has hitherto been known only in a general way, but the text of the letter discloses the casual nature of the gift and also the fact that Louis XV, previously offered Louisiana to Great Britain, which refused to accept."

"The text of the letter relating to the gift is as follows: 'I have caused the Marquis de Grimaldi, subject to your majesty's pleasure, to sign a cession of New Orleans and Louisiana to Spain. I had offered it to the English in place of Florida, but they refused it. I would have ceded them other possessions to have spared Spain having to cede this latter one, but I fear that any cession in the Gulf of Mexico might lead to serious consequences. I feel that Louisiana, but poorly compensates your majesty for the losses which you have sustained, but in ceding you only this colony I consider less its value than the good accomplished in uniting the Spanish and the French nations. Union is alike necessary for our subjects and our house.'

The letter of the king of Spain accepting the present, said Mr. Pratt, refers to the further strengthening of the union of the two nations by a number of royal intermarriages. Later documents show the recession of Louisiana by Spain to France, and give minute details of the transfer of the province to the United States.

Would Save Milton's Manuscript.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—John Collins, the author and lecturer, Sidney Lee, the author and editor, and others prominent in the world of letters are urging the government to secure the manuscript of Milton's "Paradise Lost" for the nation. The manuscript, which is in the hands of the British museum, is one of the great unfortunates which have been lost. The British museum has sufficient funds at their disposal to purchase it. Should the government not respond to this appeal a public subscription is suggested. The manuscript will be sold at auction in March next unless previously disposed of at private sale.

Inspected Train Robbers Arrested.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 14.—Constables arrested two men in the Pennsylvania railroad yards at Camden today on suspicion of being connected with the gang of five robbers who late Friday night and yesterday morning raided the Camden depot. Each denies that he had any connection with the robberies.

Milwaukee Firm Loses Suit.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The suit brought by the American Fine Art company, lithographers, Milwaukee, to recover \$254,000 from William Simon, a Buffalo brewer, for alleged breach of contract, has been decided in favor of the defendant. The verdict of "no cause for the action" was returned before Judge Hazel in the United States court today. The case will now be carried to the United States supreme court.

Mrs. Roosevelt Hears Lawyers Talk.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Mrs. President Roosevelt was one of the spectators in the United States supreme court today while the Northern Securities case was being argued. She was accompanied by Mrs. Knox, wife of the attorney general.

CHARMING MRS. GREEN

RICHEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD AND THE MEANEST

What She Could Do at This Time to Lighten Many Burdens and Bring Happiness to Poverty Stricken Homes All About Her.

The newspapers are constantly publishing anecdotes and descriptions of the habits of one of the most contemptible women on earth. That is Mrs. Hetty Green. We call her contemptible because of what she says of herself and what is generally known of her ways and methods. Her advice to Hetty Green. We call her contemptible to advise other women, the delectable Mrs. Green could learn lessons of decency and right-thinking from the humblest washerwoman in the country. Although Mrs. Hetty is believed by many to be the richest woman in the world, it is doubtful whether there is a woman anywhere who has made such a miserable failure of life as Mrs. Green. Instead of the richest, she is the poorest woman in the world. Old, fatigued, suspicious, penurious, grasping, bitter, one could go on almost indefinitely describing what Mrs. Green is by her own showing. Though almost three score and ten this rich woman has no home because of the fear that she will have to pay taxes. And no friends, because of the fear they may cost her a dollar. A notorious tax-dodger, this unpleasant old woman lives under assumed names when assessing one comes; the rest of the year up in a Hoboken flat, while she does business in New York. When asked by a newspaper reporter if she was charitable, she replied that she was just. It is just to dodge taxes. Is it just to hoard? She buys church mortgages and when the congregations get into difficulties she forecloses.

It is particularly unpleasant just at Christmas to be reminded that a woman so contemptible as Mrs. Hetty Green cumbers the earth. At Christmas time, when even the air is full of good cheer and the desire to make people happy is bursting the heart of the decent rich, and the thought that one can do so little is breaking the hearts of many others. Think what the woman could do at Christmas! Think of the happiness she could bring to the sin and misery she could blot out if she had the instinct of ordinary humanity. Instead of that she works from morning to night in a bank, cutting off coupons, eating a tea-cent lunch and wearing a bonnet-soiled with the wear and tear of years. She also carries a loaded revolver, but it is entirely unnecessary, as the unfortunate thief who would attempt to hold up Mrs. Hetty would drop her under the first gas light. She is not attracted by this poor rich woman. Money with Mrs. Green is an end, not a means. When Christmas comes we can imagine the wretched woman sitting down with her doer, only friend—in her miserable little flat and eating pork and beans, because turkey is high. Will anybody think of her or love her because she has so much money? The only thing that can possibly comfort the woman is the thought of the money. She never handles it nor spends it. And within a few blocks of this pretended home are many dreary and cold rooms, where the poor are crowded together and no comfort because of poverty. When Mrs. Green comes to die, she will probably be followed to her only home by a little dog, while every one who ever knew her or heard of her will have dry eyes. And then for this creature to give advice to young men and women! She herself doesn't know the meaning of life or love or decency. Let us try to forget this poor rich woman during the holidays, and if we think of her, learn a lesson, not from what she has done, but from what she has failed to do.

House gowns of light shades of cloth are much used this season, but those of white and very delicate tints are not being so extensively employed as last year. These are exceedingly pretty, but so quickly that they have been found not to be very serviceable and in consequence the darker shades have succeeded them as first choice.

Chiffon and other thin materials will remain clean much longer than cloth and may in most cases be freshened up at much less expense by merely replenishing the bottom, founce of ruching on the skirt, while a cloth gown can only be rejuvenated by a visit to the tailor, where the expense is perfectly it is rather an expensive process.

Odd shades of pinks and reds, yellows, greens and mauve can be found in profusion this year and are considered particularly smart for cloth or velvet house gowns, which, as a rule, are but slightly trimmed. The charm of these frocks depends on their perfect cut and fit, but it may be enhanced if the color selected is both distinctive and becoming. What fatal mistakes have been made by women rash-

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ly buying some new shade that strikes them as being pretty without considering whether it will harmonize with their own coloring. A woman may look beautiful in a gown of one tint and like a fright in one of another tone, for the shade that harmonizes with her hair, eyes and skin may hide all minor defects while the other may obliterate to a great extent all her good points. Consequently every woman should study herself and thoroughly understand what colors are becoming to her. Many women are really unable to appreciate the great difference in colors and shades of the same color, so they should only have their clothes made by competent dressmakers or consult some friend about the selection of their gowns.

The gown illustrated is of plume colored cloth trimmed with bands of zibeline of the same shade. The skirt is made with six gores, there being a seam directly in front and all the seams are covered with inch-wide bands of the zibeline. These bands also trim the bottom of the skirt, and the simple bodice as is shown, and stock, front and undersleeves are of cream colored point de Venice lace.

Answers to Correspondents

Madeline—Would like to know where to obtain the poem "Archie Deane," and some St. Paul Book store where it could be purchased. Write the author of "Wilderness Ways," a book for little people?

Thank you so much for your charming letter, and your kind wishes for Christmas, which I return with interest. You evidently think that I write all of the woman's page. I do not write the stories, so it does not hurt my feelings for you to say you like other things on the page better. I'm afraid you'll think me very stupid when I tell you that I know nothing of the poem you mention or the book, so I fear I cannot help you in that. Perhaps some subscriber knows. Write to the St. Paul Book and Stationery company.

erser street, will celebrate their fifteenth wedding anniversary tomorrow evening.

Mrs. C. R. Wilkinson, of Newport, has returned from Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blakeley are at the Ashland for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Magnuson, of Lafayette avenue, have gone to Europe.

Which Will Be Head Lady Manager? ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Daniel Manning, of Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. John Miller Horton, of Buffalo, and Mrs. Mary Phelps Montgomery, a Missouri woman living in Portland, Or., are the three prominent candidates for the presidency of the board of lady managers of the world's fair, to succeed Mrs. James L. Blair, now in the city. The board will meet tomorrow.

Miss Helen Gould, who has been asked to accept the presidency, and who, it is said, would have no opposition for the place, informed members of the national committee today that she could not consider an offer of the office, as her other duties and health would not permit her taking it.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

Soap has a drying effect on the skin of the throat, and should be applied not oftener than twice a week, unless exposure to some unusual form of dirt makes a more frequent scrubbing imperative. Rosewater, which is so useful an article to keep on the toilet table, makes a good washing fluid for the throat, with a drop or two of alcohol added to it. Hot water is best let severely alone in this connection. If warm water is used, it should be followed by cold water dashed on smartly, to brace muscles and flesh. The alternate day system for the

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For a scrawney neck hot water and a rough towel should be used. TO LOOK INTO DRINK PROBLEM.

Miss Malvery Here to Study American Social Conditions.

"This is the thirteenth country I have ever in," said Miss Olive Christian Malvery, of Lahore, India, who has just arrived from England, to a New York Chinaman, to speak before the National Women's Christian Temperance union convention, Nov. 13 to 19, has seldom housed a more picturesque guest than this petite, plump young woman from the land of Rudyard Kipling. Perhaps it is to the mixture of foreign blood in her veins that she owes her gifts as a reciter, singer and writer, for her great-grandfather was French and her great-grandmother was Scotch. With soft, languorous eyes and dark hair, a clear olive complexion and fresh color, she was a striking figure in a green cloth dress, with a blue bolero embroidered in silver, over her shoulders.

"I never went to school," said Miss Malvery. "My mother and grandmother taught me, and then I had a tutor. It's a missionary's story, and perfectly ridiculous, that Indian women are densely ignorant, and that they spend their days sitting behind lattices, eating sweetmeats, and that they are uneducated, and some are awfully clever. The high class women go in closed carriages to the government schools which are for women only, and in general they are coming out more to mix with the English women.

"I am not a missionary, nor am I overfond of missionaries, although I did my people's children. The best work of the missionaries in India, it seems to me, is in their schools for orphans and deserted children. The educated classes are not converted by their teachings, but the poor go over out of necessity. The philosophical classes, such as the Brahmins and the high caste Mohammedans, are quite untouched, while the Hindus and Buddhists hear, and then go on their way placidly, just as they did before. The Christianity of India is a matter of evolution, not of conversion.

"In coming to this country I want to study economic conditions here," continued the young Indian, toying with a long chain of Oriental pearls mounted in gold that hung around her neck. "They tell me the American working classes are so much better off than those in England, because they are more temperate—and every one knows that is the curse of the English workingman. In England I address large audiences of working people, and I want to be able to tell them whether it is true or not. I want to get letters to the proprietors of good factories, so that I can go through the factories and see how your people work, and how much they earn, and how they live. I do not call myself a socialist, I am deeply interested in these subjects.

"And I want to find out, if I can, how much in the national and state life of America is due to her women. One hears so much about the American girl—how she is the cleverest and most beautiful in the world. The English girl has a good time, but the American girl has a better time, I think, and she seems to exert more influence. While personally, I think it would be good if women had more influence in public affairs. I have not seen much of New York, but today I lunched in a big department store. It was all very wonderful. They do not have such things in India, or women's hotels, either. I was twenty on my first visit to New York, and I have lived over three years in England. I am going back in March, and I hope later to spend a year at Oxford, reading literature."

ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS.

She had been working only a few weeks when her employer entered the room one morning and remarked: "Don't you think you would be better than a month off, Miss B, and keep up to date?" She had been feeling particularly fagged, and kangaroo fashion, reached the conclusion that she must look so, and her "boss" had compassionately suggested a vacation. She had heard so much about the heartlessness of New York employers, but here all her stores were piled at a single swoop. "Oh, Mr. P.," exclaimed this ingenu, "how good of you. I'd love nothing better, and I can get along nicely on half-pay, too, if it's more convenient to you, and I have never stared and opened his desk without speaking. Mentally, he was wondering if this was some new kind of a joke, or if Miss B. was suddenly losing her senses. But when she said: "When would you like me to begin?" he looked up again. "Begin?" he repeated, "begin to tear that antiquated page off your calendar? Why, I don't see such an undertaking, is it? It gets on my nerves to see last month staring me in the face all the time," and he turned to his pile of "unopened letters" solemnly unconscious of his clerk's construction of his words, but she still goes by the nickname of Miss Month Off Brown in the big office, where jokes are rare and appreciated in proportion.

A well known physician of this city enjoys a good story, even when the laugh turns on himself. A boy in the neighborhood who often ran errands for him appeared one morning, decidedly the worse for wear. "Why, John, you've been fighting!" exclaimed his quondam employer. "Yes, sir, I have," was the proud reply. "Dr. M.—a boy said you wasn't fit to black his boots, and I knew you was, so I licked him."

A youth from London, after attending an athletic contest in a small village in Scotland, looked about him for some amusement to while away the evening. In despair he at last appealed to a local policeman. "When does the theater open here?" "We have nae theater," said the policeman. "Well, the music hall, then?" "Na, na; naething of that kind here!"

The stranger gasped: "Goodness, man! Have you no evening amusement in this outlandish place?" Whereupon the policeman replied: "Ou, ay! If ye wait till aught o'clock ye'll see them shunting the goods train."

The line of caste is as closely drawn among children as among adults. When the kindergarten idea was introduced by missionaries it was almost impossible to secure the attendance of the better class of families. Even now special schools are established and maintained by the government for the children of parents who claim superiority by right of birth, to brace muscles and flesh. "Poor, poor man," exclaimed the

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Friendly Visitor, as she listened to the recital of the loss of a limb by the father of a near-do-well family, as given by the wife and mother. The narrator was a person of impressive avoirdupois, and the afflicted consort was an emaciated specimen who earned a scanty livelihood by instructing aspiring East siders to trip the light fantastic toe.

IT IS NOT COLD IN SANTIAGO

80 in the Shade While It Is 20 Below Here.

Wouldn't it be nice to get in our contest and win a trip? Evidently Miss Elizabeth Hunt thinks so, and is starting off today at the head of the list. This shows what can be done with a little extra effort. Who will win the big prize—a St. Paul contestant, or one out of town? It looks as though St. Paul ought to be waking up. However, Andy Call is pushing well to the front, now being in third place, and votes rolling in at his credit at a tremendous rate.

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- MISS NELLIE KELLY, St. Charles, Minn.
- ANDY CALL, Policeman, St. Paul.
- MISS LIZZIE GUM, Northwestern Telephone Company, St. Paul.
- MISS LULU HUMMEL, 308 Ohio Street, St. Paul.
- FRED S. BURBRIDGE, Associated Press, St. Paul.
- MISS FRANKIE LYONS, Schuneman & Evans, St. Paul.
- GEORGE FISHER, Policeman, St. Paul.
- MISS ETNA DEE, Golden Rule, St. Paul.
- WILLIAM L. CLIFT, Great Northern Offices, St. Paul.
- CHARLES FRENCH, The Boston, St. Paul.
- LOUIS MICHAUD, Michaud Bros, St. Paul.
- MISS JOSIE POWELL, St. Peter, Minn.
- MISS NELLIE DOW, Teacher Lafayette School, St. Paul.
- MISS JULIA GRIFFIN, Teacher Ericsson School, St. Paul.
- JOHN BOLLINGER, Golden Rule, St. Paul.
- MISS HARRIET W. AUSTIN, West Publishing Company, St. Paul.
- C. HERMAN, Lindeke, Warner & Schurmeier, St. Paul.
- PETER CARROLL, Policeman, St. Paul.
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- MISS MARIE THURSTON, Northern Pacific Offices, St. Paul.
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- MISS MINNIE SEWARD, Emporium, St. Paul.
- MISS CLARA NORCOT, Teacher Irving School, St. Paul.
- JAY BABCOCK, 441 East Page Street, St. Paul.
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- MISS LILLIAN MAGUIRE, Teacher Jefferson School, St. Paul.
- MISS MINNIE FINK, Fairbairn, Minn.
- MISS GERTRUDE BRODERICK, Great Northern Offices, St. Paul.
- MISS STELLA HOLMES, Mannheimers', St. Paul.
- CHARLEY MUESSELL, Westby's Drug Store, St. Paul.
- HERBERT STUBBS, Omaha Offices, St. Paul.
- GEORGE VACHON, Wahpeton, N. D.
- MISS MINNIE DELL, Bannons', St. Paul.
- MISS IDA RANSOM, St. Peter, Minn.
- ALICE DOYLE, Teacher Smith School, St. Paul.
- MISS MARGARET M'CARTHY, Golden Rule, St. Paul.
- MISS SARAH MOHAN, Teacher Longfellow School, St. Paul.
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