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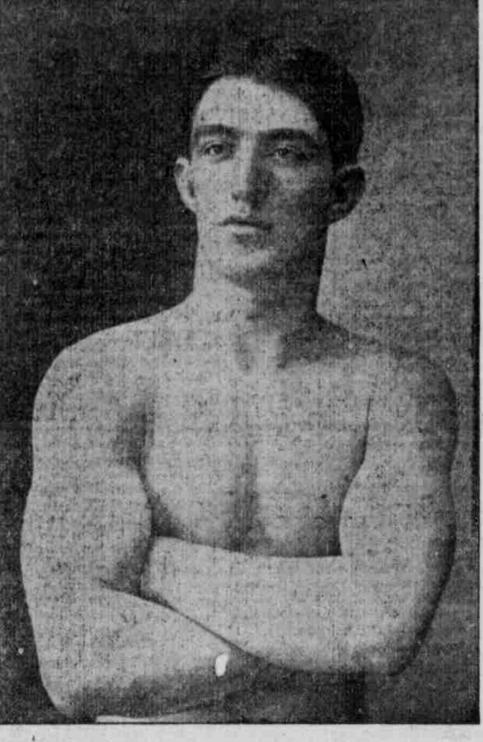


WASHBURN-CROSBY'S
GOLD MEDAL FLOUR
THE VERY HIGHEST QUALITY

A New Way of Settling Accounts.
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John and Martin Stokes, brothers, were in business together for many years. They made money, but when John died Martin found great difficulty in settling up the business. John's oldest son Peter, fearing that his uncle would absorb the dead partner's interest, bethored and delayed his uncle in such fashion that a financial panic coming on, what was left of the firm's assets was so entangled that it could only be liquidated after a patient management. Martin Stokes, breaking down in health, turned the whole matter over to his nephew and left for parts unknown.
Ten years later he reappeared, a sickly looking old man, but with some appearance of having prospered. Peter Stokes had meanwhile saved some \$20,000 from the wreck, half of which, of course, belonged to his uncle. But Peter furnished accounts to show that the firm had been insolvent. His uncle looked them over, studied them and handed them back to his nephew with the remark:
"I'm sorry, Peter, that you got nothing out of it. But, after all, I may not have been away so long for nothing. I have no children to enjoy what I have accumulated and have determined to leave it to you and your sisters. I will place it in a safety deposit company's vault and tell you where I keep the key. After my death you can unlock the box containing the securities, and they will be yours without any will and testament on my part. All I ask from you is a bare pittance so long as I live, which will be at most but a few years."

payment of the rent, but it was paid by them. He said nothing about supplies, but they opened accounts for him at provision stores, though they secretly instructed the tradesmen to keep them posted as to the amount the old man was being credited with. At the end of the first year Peter Stokes figured up the amount expended at about \$900. But the owners of the estate, which could not be used till after the donor's death, fearing that if they appeared niggardly the donor might take back his gift, expended for him an additional \$400, making a total of \$1,300. This they considered keeping within bounds.
The old man remained for a time very delicate. Indeed, the doctor's bills amounted to several hundred dollars. His loving nephew and niece begged him to come and live with them, that they might the better administer to his comfort. But he said he didn't wish to be a burden on any one, assuring them that they would not be the loser by a cent for what money they expended upon him. After the first five years his health became very good and remained so for three years, when he died rather suddenly. Before the old man breathed his last Peter Stokes figured up that the amount expended upon him had amounted to exactly \$9,850. But there were funeral expenses to be paid amounting to about \$150. However, since his uncle was dead, there would be no need to be extravagant in this respect, and he resolved to cut the amount down to \$75.
The first thing Peter did when his uncle was pronounced dead was to take his key ring from his pocket and, detaching the safety deposit key, start for the trust company. His sisters exacted a promise that he would not open the envelope till the day after the funeral, the same as in case of wills. Bringing the packet home, he locked it in his desk and waited.
The morning after the funeral the family gathered in the library, locked the door, took out the envelope and tore it open. Within were folded pieces of blank parchment, on one of which was written:
Martin Stokes in account with Peter Stokes: To expenditures for said Martin Stokes, \$9,000; to amount due from settlement of the business of John & Martin Stokes, \$10,000. Account balanced and closed.
Peter read this posthumous message and, exclaiming "Sold!" tore up the parchment, threw it on the floor and stamped on it. His sisters, exclaiming "The old ingrate, the old fraud!" wept a few bitter tears of chagrin. But that was the end of the matter, for they could not recover any of the money they had spent on their uncle, whose adroitness had given him his own, which he needed in his old age.
HELOISE AMES.

TURN UP SAFE.
Soldiers Reported Killed Return to Baler.
Manila, March 10.—Lieut. Harry L. King of the 1st Cavalry and his detachment, who last week were reported to have been massacred by head hunters in the mountains of northern Luzon and for whom constabulary have been searching, arrived safely yesterday at Baler, capital of the sub-province of Principe, after a prolonged but uneventful trip through the mountains.



FRANK PERELLI, THE ITALIAN STRONG BOY, AT THE OPERA HOUSE FRIDAY NIGHT

LOEB AT HIS POST.
Begins His Work as Collector of Customs of Port of New York.
New York, March 10.—William Loeb, Jr., who was named for collector of customs of the port of New York by President Taft on the day after the president's inauguration, took office yesterday, succeeding Colonel Edward S. Fowler.
Colonel Fowler, the deputy collector, and the heads of the different divisions of the department were awaiting Mr. Loeb's arrival. Mr. Loeb shook hands with the man he was succeeding in office. Colonel Fowler then addressed the men about him. He thanked them for their services and said that no more loyal or faithful men ever served the government.
There was some hand-clapping as Mr. Loeb was introduced. He said:
"I cannot succeed without the loyal co-operation of all of you. I shall judge each one of his merits. I shall keep open house here, and shall be glad to see you at all times."
Following this Mr. Loeb went into a conference with Colonel Fowler, the deputies and the heads of the divisions over the work of the department.

COURTHOUSE FALL FEARED.
Big Crowd at Carmack Trial Cleared from Corridors to Save Building.
Nashville, March 10.—So great was the throng which tried to crowd into the court room yesterday to hear the arguments in the Cooper-Sharp trial for the murder of former Senator E. W. Carmack that the architect of the building appealed to the judge and declared there was danger of a serious accident.
Judge Hart hurriedly sent deputies into the corridors and soon cleared them entirely. Judge Hart again admonished the audience to refrain from any kind of demonstrations and Gen. Meeks began the opening argument for the defense. Gen. Meeks has been ill and he seemed scarcely able to stand. He said:
"The state has appealed to you to enforce the law. And the state's idea of enforcing the law seems to be to convict someone, innocent or guilty. I want to say to you, gentlemen, that in all my life, and in a broad practice, I never saw a witness so shamefully treated as was Col. Cooper by Capt. Fitzhugh."
"The prosecutor seemed careless as to whether he acquitted or convicted Col. Cooper of the murder of Senator Carmack, but he did seem determined to besmirch the character of the witness. He accused him of not paying his debts. What has that to do with the killing of Carmack? They tried to make you believe that he embezzled funds as clerk and master of chancery. What has that to do with the killing of Carmack?"

MISS WHITE ENGAGED.
Ambassador's Daughter to Marry Count Scherr-Thoss.
Paris, March 10.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Muriel, daughter of United States Ambassador White to Count Hermann Scherr-Thoss of the Royal Prussian Cuirassiers, eldest son of Count Scherr-Thoss of Dobran, Prussian Silesia, hereditary peer of Prussia and a large landed proprietor. The engagement was made during Miss Muriel's recent visit to Berlin, where she was in constant company of Mrs. Reynolds Hit, an old school friend. The wedding is to take place in two months in Paris.

DOUMA VOTES WAR FUNDS
Bill Carried by Overwhelming Majority
CHOICE OF COMMANDERS
However, Censured—Their Competence Is Questioned by Guchkoff—Stolyin Working to Do Away with Courts Martial.
St. Petersburg, March 10.—The Douma Monday night in extra session, voted extraordinary credits of \$3,742,500 for the navy and \$19,929,500 for the army, to be devoted to completing the stocks of munitions which have not been fully restored since the war. The wish of the foreign minister, M. Iswolsky, was observed, and no allusion was made during the course of the debate to the Balkan situation. All the members of the Douma, with the exception of the Socialists and Laborites, voted for the appropriations.
M. Guchkoff, leader of the Octobrist party, in a speech which was frequently applauded, declared that the Douma was now, as always, cheerfully prepared to make any financial sacrifices which were necessary for the defense of the country. He criticized the irresponsibility and procrastination shown in the army and navy organization, and, in conclusion, boldly demanded of the government whether it considered the present commanders competent to lead the forces if war broke out. "Our enemies," he said, "realize better than the government, the military unpreparedness of Russia, and their appetites are likely to be aroused at any moment."
It is strongly intimated that Premier Stolyin is not displeased at the condemnation of martial law and police abuses, which has been expressed practically by all the parties in the Douma. Pending the debate on the budget of the ministry of the interior, the premier hopes, with the Douma's assistance, to make rapid progress in withdrawing the various forms of martial law now in force in various parts of the empire. The Douma proposes to adopt the budget with a resolution that in the opinion of the Douma there is no justification for the continuance of martial law to the present extent and that it should thereafter be restricted to cases of exceptional necessity.

DELAY FRENCH TARIFF REVISION.
Fears It Will Unfavorably Affect France's Foreign Relations.
Paris, March 10.—A group of deputies, under the conviction that the parliamentary tariff commissions proposed revisions of the schedules would unfavorably affect France's foreign relations, have given notice of a motion to postpone the debate on this subject. They will request the government, instead of adopting the proposed scheme, to introduce a bill safeguarding France's economic and political rights abroad.

OLD-AGE PENSION VERY COSTLY.
Estimated Expenditure for the Coming Year \$43,500,000.
London, March 10.—The estimated expenditure of \$43,500,000 for old-age pensions in the coming year is responsible for an equal increase in the civil service figures. In 1908-09 these were \$268,500,000, while in 1909-10 the sum of \$312,000,000 will be required.

NOVEL CAMPAIGN TRIP.
New York Suffragists Speak from Wagon and Sell Buttons.
New York, March 10.—In a wagon bearing the words "Votes for Women," sat seven suffragettes chaperoned by two mere males. Ten policemen received the invading wagon under the shadow of Franklin's statue in Printing House square early yesterday morning, and as a curious crowd gathered the advocates of votes for women began a series of impassioned pleas.
The men in the party, E. S. Davidson and Baron Herbert Von Forell, a retired German cavalry officer, did no speaking.
Miss D. Borman-Wells of England was the speaker of the night, and she started right after Dr. Parkhurst. The crowd seemed interested, and when Miss Borman-Wells announced that she would answer questions she was supplied with plenty of them.
Before Miss Borman-Wells, Miss Murphy, Mrs. Loebinger, Miss Walters and Dr. Glasgow had spoken, and after the fusillade of questions had died away, a sale of yellow buttons bearing the slogan "Votes for Women," was held from the rear of the truck. The price of a button was a nickel. The gross receipts were 20 cents.

BERLIN.
Master Carl and Elwin Poor returned Monday from a visit with friends in Wolcott.
Miss Dora Duprey of Northfield spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Duprey.
The Lead and Hand society will give a supper in the Corner church Wednesday evening. Supper fifteen cents. All are invited.
Mrs. Jane Alsworth died Sunday afternoon at Miss Jennie Loomis's in the edge of Northfield. Mrs. Alsworth was an old resident of Berlin. She was over eighty years old. Funeral from the house at eleven o'clock Tuesday, and burial in the cemetery at Berlin Corner.

FRENCH TAX REVOLUTION?
The Chamber Passes The Income Tax Bill.
Paris, March 10.—The Chamber of Deputies today passed the income tax bill by 407 votes to 166.

AT MANILA.
J. Ham Lewis is Studying Oriental Conditions.
Manila, March 10.—Former Congressman James Hamilton Lewis of Virginia has arrived from the United States. He says he is engaged in studying conditions in the Orient.

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SUES ESTATE OF HER OLD FLAME
Mrs. Alice Shaw, Famous Whistler, Now Wants \$40,000 for Loyalty After a Broken Engagement.
Cincinnati, O., March 10.—Mrs. Alice Shaw, the famous whistler, has directed her attorney, Charles W. Baker, to file a suit against the estate of David Howell, claiming \$10,000. Howell died in Hamilton, Ohio, in January, 1907, leaving an estate valued at \$150,000.
Mrs. Shaw alleges that years ago she became engaged to marry Howell. Later he asked that the engagement be broken, for a reason which is not disclosed. In return for her promise not to marry any other man, however, he promised to leave her by will a sum sufficient to maintain her in comfort for the remainder of her life.
When his will was opened, it was found that the only provision made for her was for the payment of \$25 a month during her life, which might be commuted for \$5,000 cash. Howell's administrator tried to compromise with Mrs. Shaw, but was unable to do so, as the remainder of the estate is to go to the Y. M. C. A. of Hamilton, Ohio, upon the death of Howell's sister, who is given a life interest.
The Y. M. C. A. officials refused to agree to any compromise, and papers have, therefore, been prepared by Mr. Baker. The suit will be filed to-day in the federal court here. Mrs. Shaw is at present living up in New York.

JOSEPH N. PASTENE CAUGHT.
Two Years' Search for the Lawyer Ends with His Arrest in Buenos Ayres.
Boston, March 10.—Joseph N. Pastene, the lawyer, who is wanted here for alleged larceny of over \$11,500, has been arrested and is detained at Buenos Ayres. Information to this effect has been received from the embassy at Buenos Ayres. When Pastene left Boston, he went to Montreal, where he wrote to several of his alleged victims that it was necessary for him to be absent for some time. This, the police claim, was merely a ruse to keep those whom he had swindled off the track as long as possible. The next that was heard about the man was from the Bahamas islands. There, however, he eluded the police. Word then came that Pastene was in Spain. Finally, Chief Wats secured information that he was in mercantile life at Buenos Ayres. Circulars and exemplified copies of the papers in the case were sent out, and the arrest followed.
Pastene is charged with having procured sums of money from Italians by giving them mortgages which proved to be worthless. In this view, the police charge, he obtained \$4,550 from Gebuano Razzo; \$1,228 from Angelo de Rosa; \$1,000 from Luigi Gardello; \$4,000 from Louis Labrona, and \$800 from Andrew Musico. The larcenies are alleged to have been committed during 1906 and 1907. Pastene left Boston in October, 1907.

JOSIE MANSFIELD HELPLESS.
Woman For Sake of Whom Flak is Killed May Enter Convent.
Sioux Falls, S. D., March 10.—Josie Mansfield, the once famous New York beauty of the seventies, for the sake of whom Edward Stokes killed Col. "Jim" Flak, is a resident of South Dakota and has been for the last seven years. She is a resident of Watertown and is known as Mrs. Mary Lawlor.
She is now about 70 years of age and is practically helpless as the result of a stroke of paralysis. She is penniless and is dependent upon charity for support. A fund is being raised to send her to an old woman's home, but she has practically decided to enter a convent to pass her remaining days.
Her brother, M. D. Flint of Watertown, died suddenly about two years ago of heart disease. He had neglected to deed her a little cottage he had erected for her, and this has now been sold to the highest bidder with his other property.
Ten years ago Josie Mansfield was seized with paralysis. She was then living in Boston in rather penurious circumstances. Friends sent her to her sister in Philadelphia to end her days.
It was on Jan. 5, 1872, that Edward S. Stokes shot and killed Col. Jim Flak, the then "King of Wall street," at the Broadway Central hotel, New York. Stokes served four years in jail for his crime. Josie Mansfield first married Frank Lawlor, the actor, and in 1891, in London, married Robert L. Reade, brother of Lady Falkland. She divorced him later.

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