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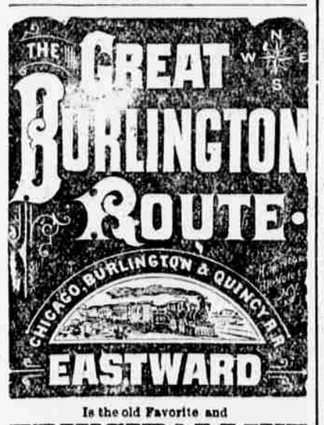

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New York Herald.

The death of Edward Stern at his apartments in the Hoffman house early on the morning of January 1 ended a life which was in many respects an exceptional one. He has been almost constantly before the public eye during the last few years of his life. He was born in one of the Baltic provinces of Russia in October, 1825, and being of good family was given a university education and learned to speak, besides his native Russian, the Polish, Italian, French, Spanish, German and English tongues. He preferred of them all the French, and habitually kept his private accounts and wrote his letters in that language. He did not long remain in his native land after his majority, but went to England, where he engaged in various speculative enterprises. He married an English lady, but was soon divorced from her. He came to this country during the civil war and became a member of the Produce Exchange, where, as an operator in hog products, he was noted for his boldness and energy.

He made money rapidly, lived in princely style and after some years went back to Paris, where he married Mdlle. Aviral, a wealthy young lady; but after a few years came another suit for divorce, which for the time furnished gossip loving Paris with a sensation. Pending the decision of the case, Mrs. Stern died. While abroad Mr. Stern watched some experiments in the making of what is known as "water gas," or the dissociation of water in the presence of some hydrocarbon gas. He saw its possibilities, and, returning to this country in 1876, organized the Municipal Gas company for the making of the new compound in this city. This proved a very profitable step, and at the time of his death he was a director and large shareholder in the concern. In 1877 he contracted a third marriage—with the present Mrs. Stern, a daughter of Jules A. Druilhet, of Madison avenue. The couple resided abroad and had four children, two of whom are yet living—a boy aged 6 and girl of four years. Trouble arose between husband and wife, and both the French tribunal and the American court were resorted to by Mr. and Mrs. Stern, a suit for absolute divorce was brought by Mrs. Stern, and the details of the case fed the scandal-loving gossips of this city for a time. An accident of the case was an encounter between the irate father-in-law and Mr. Stern in front of the Hoffman House in February last. The health of Mr. Stern had been failing of late years, and it was his habit to spend the winters abroad at one of the French watering places. He loved French society and French manners, and was an intimate friend of Gambetta and many prominent leaders in French politics. It had been his intention to start for Paris in November last, but his interest in the Equitable Gaslight Company, of which he was President, kept him here in New York until he was stricken down with the complication of jaundice with fever, which ended in his death.

Several weeks ago a complete reconciliation with his wife was brought about, and she was the most devoted nurse to his death at 4 o'clock on Monday morning last. All suits which were pending between them were discontinued, and he added a codicil to his will in her favor. He knew that he was suffering from a fatal illness, and early in December, speaking to a friend at his bedside, said, "Je mourerai au jour de l'an," and, true to his premonition, New Year's day was his last. His will, which was opened at once by his attorneys, the Coudert Brothers, was written in March last, with a codicil in December. He left no real estate and his property is mainly in interest-bearing bonds or stocks of paying corporations. He gave $10,000 to his physician, Dr. Gustav Yourraille, and $2,000 to Francois Fontaine, a valet who had been in his service for many years. To a sister resident in Berlin he directs that an income of $1,000 per year be given, and to his widow, while she remains such, an income of $4,000 per year. The remainder of his property, which it is estimated will run up to $1,000,000, he directs shall be invested for the benefit of his minor children, and at their death to be divided among their living issue. The executors and trustees named are F. R. Coudert, R. M. C. Graham and Charles Coudert. The funeral will be held this morning at St. Paul's Lutheran church, corner of Fifteenth street and Six avenue. Mr. Stern for some time held the post of Russian vice consul at this port, but resigned the position a year ago. He was a man of remarkable energy and was very luxurious in his personal habits. He was an ardent devotee of games of chance. His friends say that he has lost and won large sum over the card table, but that he played only with those who, like himself, were able to sacrifice large amounts. It is said that he habitually carried about him notes for $200,000, or so, and was accordingly ready to play a game without limit as far as any player cared to carry the bets. He was very liberal in many ways, and gave away large sums to those in his intimate friendship.

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ON THE RIO GRANDE.

Life in the Old-Style Town of Laredo—Mexican Gamblers.

Special Correspondence of the Post-Dispatch.

LAREDO, January 1.—Laredo, on the American side of the Rio Grande, like El Paso, is one of those wonderful creations of this age of steam, electricity and "booms." Like El Paso, too, it has a vis-a-vis, Nueva Laredo, on the Mexican side of the river, with this difference, however, that Nueva Laredo is, as its name would imicate, a new town, while Laredo proper is the old, historical city, built hundreds of years ago. "The two Laredos," then, let the reader fully understand, are Mexican towns in the fullest sense of the term, and it is only since the advent of railways that American progress, enterprise and industry have brought them at all prominently before the world. Any one who has never visited old Mexico can form no idea of its towns, cities, people and customs. Everything is so unlike the civilization of the nineteenth century that one is almost tempted to imagine the so-called civilization of the Aztec race a myth. The buildings—those of Mexican architecture—are of adobe, or sun-dried bricks, are never more than one story in height and are generally built in the form of a hollow square, with two entrances, one for animals and vehicles and one for the human inhabitants. My hotel—the Laredo Hotel—will serve as a fair illustration of the average dwelling of the more pretentious Mexican throughout the Republic. It is a low, one-story adobe building built in the form of a square and occupying about one-quarter of an ordinary block of ground. The rooms are situated all around the square or courtyard formed by the walls, with the door opening on the square. A shed, or awning, of lumber, runs all around the inside of the court, affording shelter from the sun as well as the rain, when either would render crossing the courtyard undesirable. The floors are all of brick, which are scrupulously scrubbed and dried each morning and actually present a clean, tidy appearance. Of course, such a thing as comfort is impossible under the above described circumstances, but the Mexican cares very little for that, particularly if it costs anything in the shape of labor to obtain it.

Just now all Mexico is alive with excitement and gala day joys, for the fiesta season is at its height. Like the Italian, Portuguese, Spaniard and other Latin races, the Mexican is never happy unless enjoying himself, and the slightest pretext serves to secure a holiday. What the Mardi Gras and carnivals of other nations are to them the fiesta season is to the Mexican, and that he fully enjoys himself I am thoroughly convinced. The fiestas or national holidays began about two weeks ago and will continue some two weeks longer. In company with a friend I sallied out last evening to visit the scenes of festivity and general jollification, and shall attempt a description of what I saw during one night's short ramble through the streets and plazas of a typical Mexican city. The night was dark and gloomy, and the streets of Laredo are guiltless of gas or any other illuminator; so we were forced to feel our way carefully along the walls and to walk slowly because of the numerous pitfalls which abound, for know, dear reader, that sidewalks wider than two feet—and scarce at that—are totally unknown in Mexico. But the Mexican is patient and humble in his aspirations; he prowls around at night so much that he sees equally as well in the dark as at mid-day; he needs no sidewalks, asphaltum or granite pavements. The sand of his native heath is good enough for him, and less trying to his unshod, or sometimes sandal-shod, feet. The newspapers of Mexico too do not have leaders on the execrable condition of the streets and the duties of the mayor, city council and street commissioners, and hence all are happy because of one mind, namely, that it was good enough for the fathers, and that improvement of any kind would be nothing less than rank heresy.

And so discussing these matters and anathematizing the sidewalks and Laredo's city fathers, we arrived upon the main plaza, where the fiesta was being held. I had expected a scene of semi-barbaric splendor, something like a chapter from the Arabian Nights, unusual, startling, glittering, grand, magnificent; but like all great expectations, the reality, as is always the case, did not begin to approach the ideal. Booths or stalls, both large and small, have been erected all around the plaza, in the form of an inevitable square, some tents and the rest of rough boards, hastily nailed up and all illuminated with candles, lamps, lanterns, Chinese lanterns, naptha burners, etc., etc. Upon entering we first behold a bar, an unusual long one, against which crowds a motley mob of Mexicans, cowboys, senoritas and even white women, all clamoring for their favorite beverage, a drinking, shouting, howling, as yet good-natured mob, the most picturesque imaginable. Next we come upon a fakir offering in stentorian tones a genuine one hundred and fifty dollar gold watch and chain for fifty cents—provided you show the right number of spots with dice, a feat as yet unaccomplished so far as the sucker is concerned, for know all men by these presents that the dice are loaded. The fellow picks up an incredible amount of halves, however, although each one is accompanied with a hearty malediction, a circumstance that does not seem to trouble the fakir in the least. Here is a wheel of fortune, a veritable "bonanza" to—the fellow behind the table. An eager, excited, good-natured crowd of men, women, boys, girls, and even children jam and push each other in the efforts to reach the table with the magic numbers. The wheel turns, the bets are made, and the croupier calls out the result in English and Spanish, the loser sees his coin disappear, the winner is made happy, and the scene is repeated. Very frequently as high as $1,000 is lost in one night by one single individual at this diabolical game of barefaced shameless swindling. I noticed one woman, a Mexican, who played persistently for half an hour, and who lost some twenty dollars, and at last retired with her buena hombre, and just twenty-five cents, with which they purchased two drinks of liquid lighting and then stole silently away.

Then we visited the games of monte, chuck-a-luck, craps, faro, roulette, and the thousand and one other games which are here played openly, and at which it seems all play. When I say all, I mean it literally, as not only does the half-civilized Mexican of the lower order gamble as long as he can raise a nickel, but the better classes as well. Both white and Castilian can be seen at any time indulging in their favorite vice.

Is it not a sad commentary on our boasted civilization, that we corrupt instead of elevate every inferior race with which we come in contact.

To sum up the boys of last night's fiesta, this morning sees thirteen descendants of Montezuma languishing behind the bars for vicious crimes, ranging from theft to wife murder. The other side of the river comes to the front with nearly the same roster, and yet to-night will be but a duplicate of the last, perhaps worse.

This a truthful picture of life on the Rio Grande to-day. But, the reader will ask, are there no redeeming features, nothing bright, good, beautiful and agreeable at Laredo? Oh, yes, much; but that will be spoken of in my next. SARDONYX.

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