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HEIRESS TAKES THE VEIL AND BECOMES NUN

Miss Lucy Drexel Dahlgren, daughter of Mrs. Eric B. Dahlgren and granddaughter of the late Joseph Drexel, multi-millionaire, has taken her first vows as a postulant in the Convent of the Blessed Sacrament at Cornwells.

A year ago Miss Dahlgren, who was widely known socially, caused the greatest surprise among her friends by announcing her intention to quit the world and enter the nunnery, where her cousin, Mother Katherine Drexel, is the superior.

The ceremony now announced was the novice's first serious step toward the cloistered life. There were 11 other postulants with Miss Dahlgren.

Her mother inherited a fortune. Miss Dahlgren's mother was Lucy Drexel, who inherited \$20,000,000 upon the death of her father. Miss Drexel married Eric B. Dahlgren, who was the son of Rear Admiral Dahlgren, a civil war celebrity, who made a fortune through the invention of the Dahlgren gun.

That the married life of Miss Dahlgren's parents was not happy was revealed three years ago when the mother sued for divorce and insisted that the testimony in the trial be given in open court. An unidentified correspondent was named, and the case attracted the widest attention because of the prominence of the persons involved.

Special Blessing by Pope. Miss Dahlgren's mother is a sister of Mrs. Harry Lehr, and the family on all sides, with the exception of Mother Katherine Drexel, had been active socially, although Mrs. Dahlgren devoted a great part of her time to Catholic charities.

A feature of the ceremonies at Cornwells was the receipt of a special blessing from the Pope. The announcement of the blessing was conveyed on parchment in the Pope's own handwriting, and was in response to a petition forwarded to Rome a month ago by Mother Katherine Drexel. Many high dignitaries of the church attended the ceremonies in the convent chapel. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. F. Stadelman, director of the Holy Ghost Apostolic college, Cornwells. (Spokesman-Review.)

ALASKA TRADE PLEASURES SEATTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Alaska Commerce With Seattle To Alaska, \$1,728,769 \$1,481,676 17% From Alaska 3,504,508 1,804,993 54%

Total \$5,233,277 \$3,286,669 60% Interest in Territory Increases Illustrating the increased interest in Alaska many articles now appearing in the newspapers and magazines throughout the country relate to the northland. The clipping bureau furnished the Alaska Bureau for the period of two months has supplied 275 newspaper articles relating to Alaska.

These articles cover forty different subjects, those on the value and production of Alaska leading with a total of forty. Government railroads was eighth in number of articles. On the remarkable progress of Juneau there were only two articles, showing that the public generally does not yet appreciate the great development taking place at Juneau and what it will mean to the mining world. Now that the interest in Alaska is aroused to such a degree, it is purposed by the Bureau to further this publicity in every possible way. Special articles and means of accomplishing this result are now being formulated.

Committee is Gratiified The appreciation shown in the work of the Alaska Bureau is most gratifying to the members of the committee. During the last five months 258 newspaper articles and editorials pertaining to the work of the Bureau, an average of 43 a month, have appeared in newspapers. One hundred and fifty of these articles are in papers published outside of Seattle, an average of one a day. The executive committee is now at work on a program to cover at least two years' activities. The plan is of such a constructive nature that gratifying results are expected to ensue in aid of Alaskan development. (Seattle Chamber of Commerce Record.)

SIXTY-SIX CHILDREN IN SEWARD SCHOOLS

Sixty-six children are now attending the local schools but the full number is not yet in attendance. The total number of pupils last year was fifty-eight. Quite a considerable number of additional children will attend later on. (Seward Gateway.)

FOREST NOTES OF INTEREST

(From the Forest Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture)

PORTLAND, Oct. 7.—The railroads of this country purchase approximately 125,000,000 cross ties annually. Last year approximately 43,850,000 of these ties were treated or creosoted. This quantity of treated material would construct a double track about 8,700 miles in length.

If all of the 7,730,000 Douglas fir cross ties, treated in 1914, were laid by one railroad, a double track passenger service and a single track freight line could be run between Seattle and San Francisco.

It has been determined that in the Rocky Mountains and Pacific Coast region ninety per cent. of the damage to Douglas fir, commonly known as gum check or pitch seam, is caused by the work of the Douglas fir pitch moth.

Last year 2,525,000 linear feet of poles (telephone and telegraph) averaging 30 feet to the pole, were given creosote treatment. Should these treated poles be placed at 100-foot intervals, 1,600 miles of wire could be stretched.

According to a recent report of the Department of Agriculture the cost of state highways, based on general conditions, varies in different sections of the country from \$1500 to \$35,000 per mile.

WARM SPRINGS IS FINE RESORT AND HUNTING IS GOOD

According to William Scribner, who has just returned from a month's outing at that place, Warm Springs Bay is one of the finest springs in the country, and is without doubt a veritable sportsman's paradise. Wild game are in abundance on Baranof Island, the duck shooting is good, and not far from the Springs are excellent fishing banks.

The springs is now in charge of George Mead, formerly of Juneau. Mr. Mead is building five new cabins on the beach, and will pipe the springs water from the hill, to a new plunge which is being built nearby. There are about thirty people at Warm Springs at the present time. The gas-bath "Tillikum" makes trips once a week from here.

WINS BEAUTIFUL HIGH POWER RIFLE

Ed. Kendall, of the U. S. surveyor office, is not only champion dumb-bell lifter of Juneau, but has now defeated Tom Shearer, the expert rifle shot. Mr. Kendall and Mr. Shearer were tied for first place in the contest at Campen's shooting gallery, and in the shoot-off Mr. Kendall's score was 29 out of a possible 30, while Mr. Shearer's score was 28.

U. OF W. MAGAZINE TO HAVE NUMEROUS ALASKA CORRESPONDENTS

The first issue of a monthly magazine to be put out by the faculty of the department of Journalism of the University of Washington for newspaper men of the state of Washington will go to press about October 15, according to Prof. Frank G. Kane, the head of the department.

"The publication will be frankly educational," said Prof. Kane yesterday. "It is to make inspirational the promoting of good movements in journalism. We will get the editors interested through the monthly magazine, and will aid them in effecting an organization which will work toward specific ends. It will be a sort of monthly newspaper institute."

The newspaper will be edited by the members of the Journalism faculty and published in the University printing department, according to the plan as outlined by Prof. Kane. Material will be furnished by newspaper men throughout the state. Correspondents will be appointed in every county to negotiate with newspaper men for securing contributions, and they will be responsible for the collection of news from that district. Every metropolitan staff will have its representative. It is also planned to have several Alaska correspondents, as that territory is considered to fall within the immediate field. (Seattle Times.)

MAJOR A. E. RANSOM GOES TO IDAHO

SEATTLE, Oct. 9.—With the best year's business, since beginning operations, just passed, the Northern Life Insurance Company, of Seattle, is inaugurating a policy of expansion, in keeping with which Maj. A. E. Ransom has been promoted to the position of general agent at Boise, with jurisdiction over the Southern Idaho territory. The Northern Life company has retained a number of successful producers and is thus able to place men in charge of new states that have been thoroughly grounded in the company and its policies.

Maj. Ransom has been with the company for eight years as division superintendent, the last four in charge of Alaska, where he places a large volume of business. Few insurance men in the Northwest are better known than Maj. Ransom, who, with Mrs. Ransom and their son, Arthur Emmet, Jr., will leave for their new home today. (Post-Intelligencer.)

GOVERNMENT SEAL CATCH IS VALUED AT OVER \$400,000

SEATTLE—The government's catch of fur seal and fox skins on the Pribilof Islands during the last year is worth more than \$400,000, according to W. T. Bower, who brought it south. Mr. Bower is chief agent of the Division of Alaska of the Bureau of Fisheries of the Department of Commerce. He makes his headquarters at Washington, D. C., and is on his way to the capital after a five weeks' trip to the north. He is at the Frye Hotel.

There are now about 400,000 fur seals on the islands, Mr. Bower says, and poaching for many years the cause of much international litigation, is a thing of the past. The 3,000 fur and 400 fox skins brought to San Francisco by Mr. Bower will be shipped to St. Louis and there sold at auction. Mr. Bower went north on the U. S. Collier Saturn, which was loaned to the fisheries bureau for the transportation of supplies. He returned to San Francisco on the same vessel, and came to Seattle by train. Yesterday he conducted a hearing in the local office on the proposition to close to commercial fishermen three Alaskan streams, Bond Lake lagoon and Quadra and Horta Creeks. Federal hatcheries are located on the latter two creeks.

Mr. Bower heartily endorsed the movement at the University of Washington for the establishment of a training school for fisheries experts. "Dr. H. M. Smith, United States commissioner of fisheries, is very much interested in the courses which Prof. Trevor Kinkaid is now offering," Mr. Bower said, "and would probably favor a more comprehensive course here. It will probably need some federal support to get the thing running properly." (Seattle Post-Intelligencer)

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WAR SIDELIGHTS

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Prize money for officers and men of the British navy which has accumulated during the war is said to be \$20,000,000. None of this has been distributed and the complaint is made that the purchases by the government of confiscated cargoes will deprive the navy of considerable prize money.

The German press is protesting the use of "war bread," asserting it is so adulterated that it injures health and calls on the government either to end the "abomination" or else "confess that its stories of vast stores of wheat are childish inventions."

The British Minister of Munitions, Lloyd-George, declares that 254 additional establishments have been placed under government control for the manufacture of war munitions. This makes 979 establishments now under government control.

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