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Countess Esterhazy Would Sell Her Title for Cash

Member of Noble Hungarian Family Needs \$100,000—Is Living in Poverty in Small Hotel in Paris.

PARIS, July 8.—Should young Rockefeller or any other young American millionaire want to become the bearer of the title and name of one of the oldest and bluest-blooded families of Europe, there is a chance for him now in this city to acquire it for the modest sum of \$100,000.

Countess Esterhazy, of the noble Hungarian family of that name, is willing to bestow the title upon any young man willing to pay her price.

She is at present living in the utmost poverty in a small hotel in a side street in this city. Here she told a newspaper reporter the sad story of her life a few days ago, and with tears in her eyes explained how much it had cost her to decide to make this sacrifice.

"My grandfather," she said, "was a marshal of the court of Poland and a cousin to King Stanislaus. Originally my family belonged to Hungary and my father held exalted rank. In cam-

paigns in which he took part he had no fewer than six horses killed under him.

"My mother, although a French woman, was descended from an Irish family, named O'Toole, her father being one of the 500 who accompanied Marie Stuart from France to Scotland. I was born titled and rich, but today, because of my marriage to a spendthrift of a Frenchman, I am penniless.

"After three years of married misery I got a divorce. I have nothing but my good name and my title. If there should be in America a family desirous of a title for their son, I am willing to sell mine.

"I invite investigation, for my title is an ancient and honorable one. I will part with it on \$100,000 being deposited in my name. During my lifetime I shall be at liberty to dispose of the interest and at my death the young man who bears the title will inherit the principal."

PARIS ADMIRES YOUNG ALFONSO

No End of Stories Told of His Ready Tongue.

GOSSIP OF THE BEAU MONDE

Countess Melanie Pourtales an Entertainer Who Turns Salons Into Fairyland.

PARIS, July 8.—Since the visit of King Alfonso to Paris there is no end to the stories told of the young monarch's ready tongue. Here is one which gives a good idea of his tact. As the young sovereign received a deputation of manufacturers and shopkeepers he noticed that, though French, they were all decorated with the order of Charles IV of Spain.

"I see that you all wear the same decoration that I do, but with this difference, gentlemen—that you have earned yours, whereas I got mine through no special merit of my own, as it was given to me among other royal presents when I was born."

Here is another good story about him. When he arrived at the ministry of foreign affairs, after the bomb outrage, he said: "It isn't true, you know, that I thought it was a gas explosion; I only said that as not to alarm the dear good Mr. Loubet."

The King's youthful air, his cheerful expression, and his merry ways, combined with a gift for making pretty speeches, won the hearts of the French public. It is safe to say that if he keeps on in his present way he will soon be the most popular monarch in Europe.

Her Salons Like Fairyland.

Countess Melanie Pourtales holds undisputed sway over fashionable Paris, and though other Queens may come and go she is always the leader who comes to organizing social entertainments. This year she has closed the season with a grand ball.

Never was her beautiful home in the Rue Tronchet more superbly decorated to receive her guests than it was upon this occasion. It seemed as crossing a threshold into an enchanted palace of the Arabian Nights.

From the entrance door to the last of the salons long garlands of roses and hortensias, in which the flowers were of glass, lit up by an electric current, hung in graceful curves across the ceiling and encased the doors and windows. The effect was such as the most famous of fairy princesses in the children's books might have envied.

Countess Melanie Pourtales has all her life long been celebrated in Paris as beautifying everything she touched, and though she is no longer in her first youth she holds her own admirably in the midst of younger and ambitious society leaders.

Countess De Noailles' Latest Novel.

Each year Countess Mathieu de Noailles produces a novel or a volume of poetry. Last year she acquired fame through the publication of a volume which she entitled "Le Visage Emerveille" in which she showed us a young man haunted by sentimental notions and engaged in all conceivable love intrigues.

This book has caused considerable scandal in the world to which the countess belongs, and, for that matter, in pretty much all intelligent circles in the French capital. But her last year's book was a mere nothing as a shocker compared with her latest production, "Domination." Here the author shows us all the passions of which a man's heart is capable.

It is not necessary to point out that some of them are far from proper, and it must be admitted that, to say the least, Countess Mathieu de Noailles' novel is frankly immoral. Decidedly, the longer I live, the more convinced I become that women were created to be mothers not writers.

Four Russian Beau Brummels.

In the last century the height of fashion was personified by a single individual. Count d'Orsay was the king of fashion during the reign of Louis

Philippe. The Duc de Grammont-Cadours was the leader of swiftdom.

For twenty consecutive years the Prince de Sagon was the foremost beau of the third Republic. But nowadays things have changed, and no one man can call himself the leader of fashion. The social sceptre has been divided, and several men wield a piece. Just now there are four gentlemen who aspire to raise the traditions of elegance to their former heights. But they cannot succeed—for the reason that they are too many.

However, we ought to appreciate their efforts, and it is only fair to state that among those who of late years have been most successful in this particular line are the bearers of aristocratic names. They are Prince Charles-Louis de Beauveau, Monsieur Leon de Laborde, Monsieur Andre de Fouquieres, and Monsieur Andre de Fouquieres.

The Versatile Peddler.

Here is the latest story which is going the rounds of the Paris clubs.

A yacht was sailing on the ocean when all of a sudden it came across a whale. The passengers became alarmed. "Suppose it should attack us," said they, "we'd better throw over the Chinese cook to appease its appetite." They did, and the whale swallowed the Chinaman in one gulp and still pursued the vessel. "Let's throw over the rotten oranges in the hold," said one. This was done, and the oranges disappeared as the Chinaman had done. Then some one suggested feeding the whale with an iron bench which stood on the deck. When this was thrown overboard the whale gobbled it up without winking.

Passengers and crew were at a loss to know what they should next give the ravenous monster, when some one was struck with a particularly happy idea. "Suppose," said he, "that we throw over the old peddler that we picked up at the last port."

As soon as the whale had gulped down this last morsel he turned over on his side and went to sleep. Seeing this, the crew harpooned the creature and hauled it aboard. They ripped it open and were astonished to see the old peddler sitting on the iron bench and selling the rotten oranges to the Chinese cook.

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LONDON HAS INVASION OF PARISIAN STARS

Le Bargy, Bernhardt, Rejane, and Rignier All Meet at a Charity Function.

LONDON, July 8.—Never before has London been invaded by such a galaxy of Parisian theatrical stars, and the privileged few who have met the stars socially—for they are feted indiscriminately—derive the greatest possible amusement from watching the attitude of these same stars toward one another.

Mme. Le Bargy, who is so very much younger than any of the others, is patronized and talked of as very promising indeed by her older sister artists, but when they all meet they literally fall over each other's necks in an orgy of mutual admiration.

The other day Le Bargy, Sarah Bernhardt, Rejane, and Rignier were all present at a charity function, and caused intense amusement by their studied friendship for each other. Rejane is not drawing such good houses as usual, but she makes up for it by getting many engagements at private houses, for which she asks huge fees.

Le Bargy is, of course, not on her own time, as she is paid a salary by Mr. Alexander, but even the divine Sarah's bookings are not as big as they generally are.

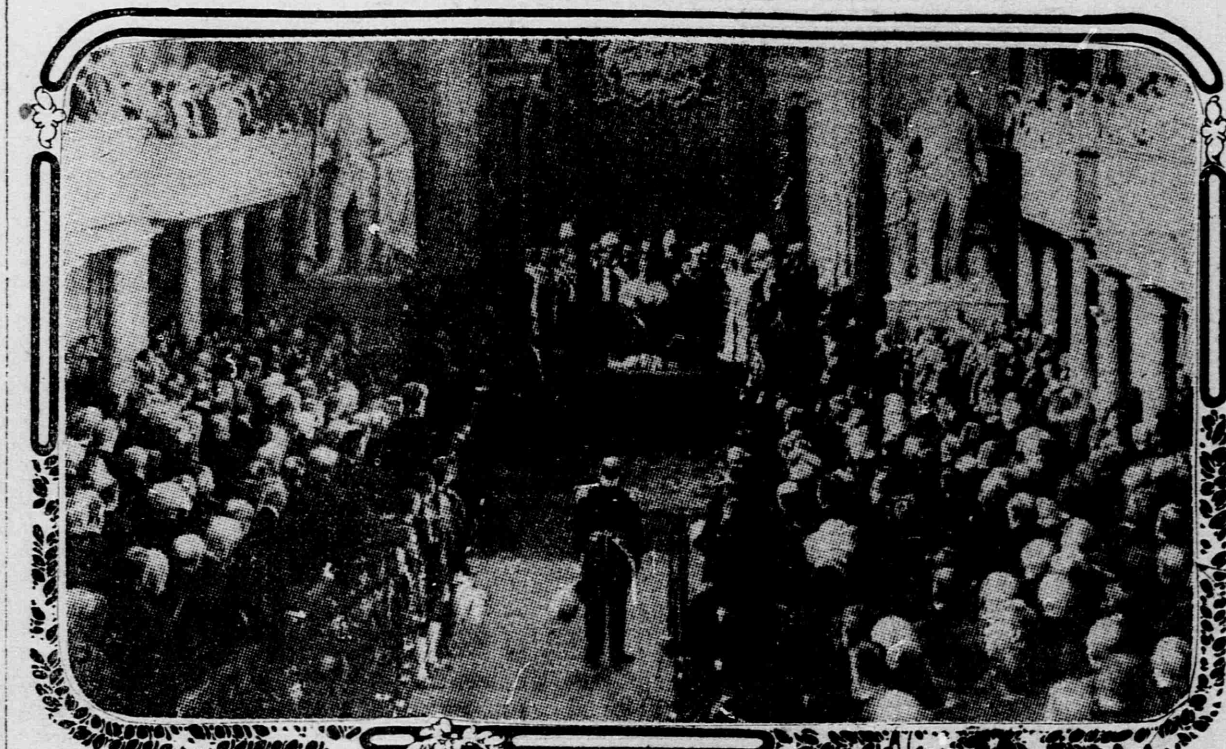
APARTMENT HOUSES ON BOOM IN WASHINGTON

Apparently the age of apartment houses in Washington is at its height, and, unless the estimates of the real estate operators are at fault, the ensuing year's increase in the population of the Capital City will be made up almost exclusively of these cliff dwellers.

In his report for June, submitted to the Commissioners today, Snowden Ashford, Inspector of Buildings, states that during the month permits were issued for the construction of nineteen apartment houses as against 121 permits for new dwellings. The former are to cost approximately \$665,800, or nearly double the amount to be expended on the greater number of dwellings.

The total cost of building projections in the District which saw their inception in the month of June is placed at \$1,361,950.

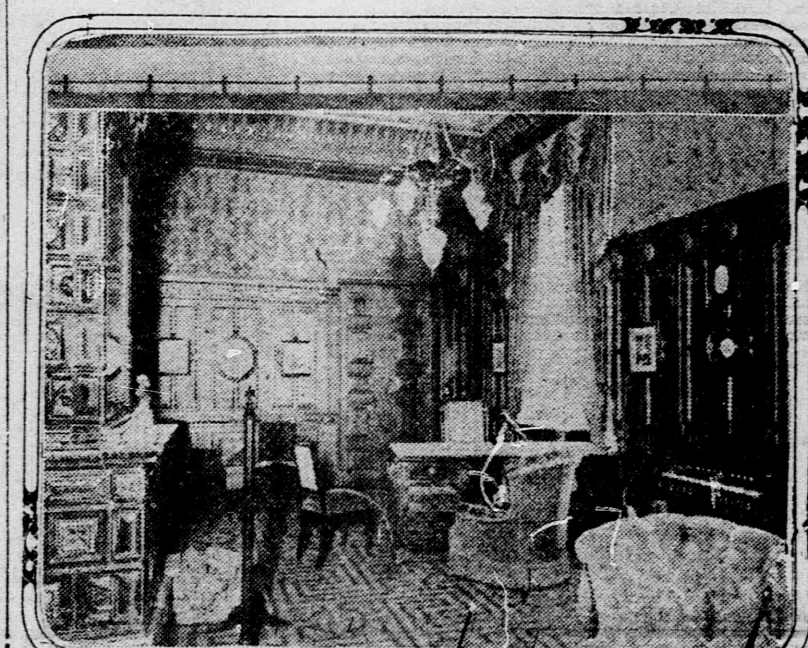
KING OSCAR OF SWEDEN



OPENING SWEDISH PARLIAMENT.

Ruler Reporting to It the Fact That Norway Had Resolved to Secede From Union.

STUDY INTENDED FOR PERSONAL USE OF KING OSCAR OF SWEDEN



IN THE ROYAL PALACE, CHRISTIANIA. Norwegians Complain That He Never Used It Once During His Long Reign. The Room Commands a Beautiful View of Christiania and the Fjord, Being Situated on a Hill at End of Carl Johan Street.

BIG GERMAN FORTUNE FOR CZAR'S SUBJECTS

260 Million Marks to Be Repaid for Confiscated Estate Once the Property of a Russian Nobleman.

BERLIN, July 8.—Just now, when Russia needs every rouble she can lay her hands on, it is said that an inheritance of 260,000,000 marks, which is now in the hands of the German government, is to be paid to a number of Russian aristocrats.

Toward the end of his reign Frederick the Great gave to the Russian count, Ernest von Minich, the large estate Amtshuegel, for valuable services rendered the King in Russia. When Von Minich was banished from Russia all his property was confiscated by the government with the exception of his Prussian estate, which was beyond the reach of the Czar.

Later he was pardoned and his property was restored to him, and in his joy he seems to have forgotten that he possessed a valuable German estate. His heirs, however, had better memories, and during the last century repeatedly tried to get the estate back from the German government, but in vain.

The now living heirs, the Counts Paul and Nicholas von Minich, are now said to have received assurances from the Prussian government that the amount of 260,000,000 marks will be paid them in settlement of their claims, and of this immense sum one-third will go to the Russian government.

It would, however, be interesting to know where the Prussian government expects to raise the 260,000,000. In the treasury they are certainly not.

LONDON, July 8.—There will be no lack of concerts given by American hosts and hostesses during the next few weeks. Mrs. Mackay gave a very magnificent affair at Carlton House Terrace on July 6, with all the operatic stars in town, and this will be eclipsed only by Mr. Astor's two parties.

Lady Bateman (Mrs. Knapp, of New York) intends to return all the hospitality which has been shown her, and incidentally to make up for parties which she has accepted and forgotten to attend, by giving a splendid concert at the house she has taken in Bruton street.

She has already engaged the great Caruso to sing and also Frauella Seid-Kruz, who has made all the other prima donnas at the Covent Garden Opera House perfectly furious by her wonderful success.

Every time this young German singer has appeared she has received an ovation. Her notes are like those of Melba, but she is far "warmer" in her acting, and is young and good looking.

She is said to be half American by birth, and the Countess de Grey, who is a regular attendant at every performance of the opera, and a great connoisseur, declares she will in time eclipse all the singers of the day. Mme. Patti applauded her enthusiastically from her box the other night.

CALVE WILL SING FOLK LORE SONGS

Promises a Surprise to Americans on Her Coming Return to the United States.

PARIS, July 8.—So far from having lost her voice, Mme. Calve, the famous singer, is working as she never worked before, preparing for her intended American tour, for which she signed a contract some weeks ago.

"I am going to show the people of America a Calve whom they do not know. I leave here for New York in October, and shall remain on the other side the Atlantic until May."

"The first part of my concerts will be purely and severely classical, but the second part shall consist of the folk songs of all nations—of England, of Norway, of Iceland, of Italy and of Russia, of Germany, Austria and Spain, and I shall sing each song in the original language to preserve all its charms."

"People in America have no idea of the exquisite music of these songs which are so expressive in their delightful simplicity. I anticipate a great success."

DAWN BRINGS RELIEF TO STRANDED PARTY

NEW YORK, July 8.—Dawn today ended a night of terror for more than 500 passengers, most of them women and children, on the old excursion steamer J. S. Warden, which, on her last trip from Coney Island for Newark, went hard aground in the fog a mile off St. George, S. I.

They were taken off early today in small boats, the Warden remaining grounded. Without berths and with few other conveniences, the women and children were in a state verging on a panic.

Captain Sidney O'Daune, Kaiser's Teacher, Dead

Expires in Insane Asylum—Incarcerated After Trying to Swindle German Government. Sold French Plans He Did Not Have.

BERLIN, July 8.—One of the most original figures in German contemporary history, the Kaiser's old teacher, Capt. Sidney O'Daune, has just died in the asylum of which he was an inmate.

Of Irish descent, he was a captain in the Prussian army when he was chosen by the German crown princess, later Empress Friedrich, for the position of military teacher of her oldest son, the present Kaiser.

In 1886 Sidney O'Daune suddenly appeared in Paris after a quarrel with Prince Bismarck, who drove him out of Berlin. His winning ways gained him many friends, and he was well received in official society.

Suspected as a Spy.

But his movements, however, soon attracted the attention of the French war department, and suspected of being a spy, he was expelled from France and went to Switzerland.

He had barely arrived at Zurich when he offered secret documents concerning the defenses of France to Colonel Vull-

laume, German military attaché at Paris. Though he demanded a price of 25,000 francs, his offer was accepted, and it was decided that he was to turn over the important papers to a German officer at the railway station at Cologne.

Accused of Swindling.

By a clever trick, O'Daune succeeded in getting a receipt for the papers, which he had not delivered, and the money was paid over to him. He failed, however, to produce the papers and was accused of swindling by the German government and extradited.

He was tried in secret, and to this day no one knows what took place at the trial, but soon after the Kaiser's teacher was sent to a private insane asylum at Daildorf.

He succeeded later in escaping, but was recaptured, and since then he has escaped and been captured again a considerable number of times. He has been a source of constant worry and annoyance to the Kaiser, who is said to have been greatly relieved at the news of his death.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS AFTER PENSION FUND

Object to Money Being Voted to Assisting Poor Army Officers.

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BERLIN, July 8.—So violent have been the attacks of the socialist press on the 10,000,000 mark fund, the interest from which is to be turned over to the Kaiser to be used in assisting poor army officers, that the president of the committee that collected the fund, Prince Gindro Henckel von Donnersmark, has been himself forced to publish a defense of it in the Kreuz Zeitung.

To the argument of the socialists that there is no more reason to assist poor officers and impoverished noblemen than to assist those of any other class, the prince replies that as long as the salary of junior army officers is being kept down by the opposition of the socialists it is absolutely necessary that the government do something to keep those who have no private fortune out of the hands of usurers and money lenders.

The Kaiser cannot give away this money promiscuously. It can be given only to lieutenants and in amounts not exceeding 100 marks a year. The accusation made in the Zukunft, that government officials in all branches of civil service have been taxed to raise this fund and threatened with discharge in case of refusal, he declares absolutely untrue. The fund has been raised by voluntary contributions only, as it was planned originally by the late Count Waldersee.

PAUL JONES' BODY ON AMERICAN SHIP

Brooklyn Speeding Home With Hero's Remains—Immense Crowd Saw Casket Put Aboard.

CHERBOURG, July 8.—The coffin containing the remains of John Paul Jones, the first great American admiral, was transferred this afternoon from the mortuary chapel on the wharf of the American Steamship line, where it rested overnight, to the Brooklyn, Rear Admiral Sigsbee's flagship.

A torpedo boat approached the dock at 12:30 and the coffin was put on board, a cortege composed of American sailors and French soldiers and sailors forming a procession from the wharf to the point where the torpedo boat landed.

Rear Admiral Sigsbee and Francis B. Loomis, junior special ambassador to receive the remains, led the procession accompanied by Baron Besen. The coffin was covered with a flag and behind the casket marched sailors bearing many beautiful floral offerings which had been sent by prominent French officials and American citizens living in France.

A crowd of fully 10,000 people witnessed the ceremony, attendant upon placing the casket aboard the torpedo boat. The bands played "Hail, Columbia," and the Marsellais, while the procession was moving, and during the time when the coffin was being put aboard the war vessel.

The coffin was placed on a catafalque which had been erected at the stern of the torpedo boat, which moved off toward the Brooklyn while all the warships in the harbor united in a salute.

At 2:30 the casket was hoisted aboard the Brooklyn and conveyed to the catafalque which had been erected to receive it, and preparations were at once made by the American squadron to sail for home.

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