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The Carlsbad Current

AND NEW MEXICO SUN

SIXTEENTH YEAR

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, FRIDAY APRIL 10, 1908.

NUMBER 21

DEMOCRATIC MEETING

The Democrats of This Precinct Meet and Nominate Ticket.

TICKET HAS NO OPPOSITION

Republicans Make no Effort to Put Up a Ticket.

The democrats of Carlsbad met Monday night in mass convention at the court house and were called to order at 8 o'clock by Chairman LaVerty of the town democratic central committee, who read the call for the meeting. On motion of C. R. Brice Mr. LaVerty was chosen chairman and J. B. Harvey secretary of the meeting. On motion of R. Ohnemus it was decided to nominate the members of the Board of Education for Carlsbad school district first so as to give those present from outside the incorporated limits an opportunity to vote and retire. C. R. Brice was nominated for the three year term, J. H. James for the two year and Allen C. Heard for the one year term. The only ballot taken was when W. U. Dannelley was brought out against J. H. James and on motion the meeting voted by ballot on those two, James receiving sixty-three votes and Dannelley thirty-four votes. James was unanimously made the nominee. After this the following were nominated for town officials:

For mayor: James M. Dye.
For members of the town board of trustees for four years: J. D. Rackley and Wm. J. Barber.
For trustee two years: T. C. Horne.
For recorder: J. B. Harvey.
For marshal: Carl Gordon.
All the above were nominated by acclamation.

Just previous to the meeting in the court house a meeting was held under the auspices of the Carlsbad Volunteer Fire Department at the City Hall, the fireman having invited their friends and all others who cared to participate in a caucus to deliberate upon and select a ticket which all who had a voice in selecting would support at the regular convention, and it was there the matter was settled that made the work of the mass meeting at the court house so easy. While the firemen did not pretend to control, they determined to have a board not antagonistic while they held the largest solid body of voters in the town. There was no attempt to dictate, but instead an earnest effort to get together with the citizens generally on a suitable ticket for town officials.

After the nomination of the regular ticket J. E. LaVerty was chosen chairman and J. B. Harvey secretary to serve two years and the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

Democratic Precinct Meeting.

The regular mass meeting of democrats which was adjourned from Saturday evening March 28th on account of the large

portion of the people being either at court where the Holly Ray case was in progress or at the club rooms attending a boosters meeting, met at the regular adjourned date 7:30 April 4th at City Hall. The following are the proceedings of the meeting: Carlsbad New Mexico Apr. 4 08 Mass meeting of democrat, met at City Hall precinct No 1, Carlsbad, New Mexico, at 7:30 p. m. Meeting called to order by Capt. E. P. Bujac, who read letter from D. G. Grantham, precinct chairman who was in Ft. Worth. On motion J. B. Harvey and J. W. Armstrong were named for chairman. Armstrong withdrew and Harvey was elected by acclamation.

On motion Wm. H. Mullane was elected secretary. On motion of Capt Bujac D. G. Grantham

thousand dollar debt for running expenses, which after the organization of the democracy was, by economical administration of a democratic board of county commissioners entirely wiped out. We condemn the careless, extravagant, and wasteful policy of New Mexico that has increased our territorial tax rate from seventy cents on one hundred under Governor Thornton to \$1.74 under Otero.

We condemn the unnecessary expense made by the republican party in New Mexico by creating the office's of territorial auditor, coal oil inspector game warden etc. Also \$9,300 per annum for a commissioner of public lands, \$4,800 for an unnecessary insurance commissioner \$5,500 wasted on a so-called bureau of immigration

lowing. Mr. Chairman:

I move you, sir, that this meeting extends to our distinguished president Theodore Roosevelt, a vote of thanks in the selection of the honorable George Curry as our governor.

E. P. BUJAC.

After considerable discussion the motion to insert the above was carried only a half dozen voting on the matter and no division of the house being called for the question of inserting the clause in the resolutions carried. On motion the meeting adjourned

Wm. H. MULLANE

Secretary.

Don't Put off

for tomorrow, what you can do today. If you put off buying a bottle of Ballard's Snow Lament, when that pain comes you won't have any, buy a bottle today. A positive cure for Rheumatism, Burns, Cuts, Sprains, Contracted muscles, etc. T. S. Graham, Prairie Grove, Arkansas, writes: "I wish to thank you for the good results I received from Snow Lament. It positively cured me of Rheumatism after others had failed. Sold by the Eddy Drug Company."

The Bride's Welcome.

Theodore Shonts is an intelligent, good-hearted American girl, whose father is not a millionaire, but an engineer employed at a very high salary. Recently he married the Duc de Chaulnes of France. France is a republic and De Chaulnes title is merely one of courtesy. It sounded pleasant enough, however, to lead Miss Shonts to marry him. They have just arrived in Paris on their honeymoon.

Waiting to meet the bridegroom were a number of money lenders hoping for prompt payment out of the bride's dowry. A English tailor with a bill a yard long for the duke's wedding clothes. A collector from Bucheron, the jeweler. He wanted payment for the engagement ring the duke had purchased. The florist who had supplied the duke with offerings for Miss Shonts during the courtship. An undertaker who wanted to be paid for burying a lady in whom the duke had been previously interested.

There were also shoemakers, shirmakers and all sorts of people, all with bills in their hands and eager to be paid. They were informed that there was no dowry and they went sadly away.

Sometimes you read in the papers of a foreign nobleman, who takes his American bride to his family estates, where all the peasants line the roadside to welcome the happy couple. Probably the greasome welcome extended to the Duc and Duchess de Chaulnes is nearer to the average picture.

In the eyes of a romantic girl the American young man may have certain shortcomings. She should read about the welcome extended to Theodore Shonts and realize that an American marriage might have compensations.

For Sale.

A Petaluma, California, incubator and brooder, practically new.

L. F. DIEFENDORF,
Otis, N. M.

Our new sanitary soda fountain will be open for business Saturday April 11.

THE STAR PHARMACY
THE QUALITY STORE

The Wrong End.

Governor George Curry has written letters to the boards of county commissioners suggesting that a higher assessment be made property and that by so doing the rate of taxation can be lowered. He suggests that this raise can be made sufficiently high to allow of the territorial tax which is now fourteen mills and which during the rainy days of gam rule had reached fifteen and a half mills, to nine mills. The governor suggests that this will look much better to people in the east, and of course it will, but what we want is something that will feel better to our people at home. It is not the appearance, but the fact of high taxation, but what we really need is to cut unnecessary territorial expenses, and all the governor will have to do is to run his eye over the last appropriation bill to see where this can be done without injury to the public service and with much benefit to the taxpayers. We are heartily in favor of lowering the tax rate, but we want to begin at the other end. We want to reduce the territorial expenses instead of raising the valuation of the taxable property. This will give us the kind of reduced taxation that will be appreciated both at home and abroad. Farmington Times Hustler.

Why

have a rapid liver when Herbine, the only liver regulator, will help you. There is no reason why you should suffer from Dyspepsia, Constipation, Chills and Fever or any liver complaints, when Herbine will cure you. F. C. Watt, Westville, Florida, writes: "I was sick for a month with chills and fever, and after taking two bottles of Herbine am well and hearty." Sold by the Eddy Drug Company.

Notice to Non-Resident Defendant.

In the District Court, Eddy County, New Mexico.
Joseph Bush, No. 95, vs. Wm. H. Bush.
To Wm. H. Bush, Defendant in the above case.
You are hereby notified that there has been filed against you by the above named plaintiff in the District Court for the County of Eddy, in the Territory of New Mexico, a certain cause of action, to-wit: a bill of exchange, and that you are hereby notified that the same is now pending in said court, and that you are hereby notified that you are required to appear in said court and defend against the same, and that you are hereby notified that if you fail to do so, the court may render judgment against you in favor of the plaintiff, and that you are hereby notified that you are required to appear in said court and defend against the same, and that you are hereby notified that if you fail to do so, the court may render judgment against you in favor of the plaintiff.

For Sale

At Hopedale ranch. Cane seed \$2.25 per hundred. White Wyandotte, good winter layers. Eggs \$1.00 per setting. Jersey Bull calves thoroughbred at farmers prices. W. B. Wilson,
Carlsbad.

Toilet Goods Stand High



In importance among people of refinement. In inviting you to examine those offered here we are assured of your approval if you honor us with a call. We are known as dispensers of only the purest

Drugs and Medicines

When we guarantee that our toilet goods and preparations match our drugs in character it means there are no better to be had anywhere at any price.

Eddy Drug Company

Largest Drug Store in Southwest

was elected precinct chairman for the coming two years by acclamation.

Chairman announced that it was in order to elect four delegates to represent Precinct No. 1 in the county convention.

J. W. Armstrong placed the following before the meeting: J. M. Dye, Geo. M. Cooke, Capt. E. P. Bujac and T. C. Horne. Nomination seconded by Allen C. Heard. No other nominations the above were elected by acclamation.

Moved by Armstrong and seconded by Allen C. Heard that Wm. H. Mullane be endorsed as a delegate to the democratic national convention at Denver, and that the delegates to the county convention be instructed to use all honorable methods to secure his election as a delegate to the national convention. Carried.

Resolutions as follows submitted and on motion the same were adopted:

We the democrats of Precinct No 1 of Eddy county New Mexico reaffirm and pledge our loyalty to the principles of the party of Jefferson Jackson and Bryan. We rejoice in and point with pride to the history of democracy as pursued in the administration of local affairs in Precinct No 1 and Eddy county for the past fourteen years, it being a matter of fact that for the first two years after the organization of this county, that our county was in the hands of republicans who caused a fifteen

and thousands of dollars of the tax payers cash to support a superannuated old fossil, to conduct an antiquated almanac known as the Santa Fe New Mexican.

We earnestly request the democrats of this county to turn out at the fall election and assist in redeeming this territory from the hands of such sharks as Andrews, Bursum, Safford, Billy Martin, Max Frost and their like who have done more to create extra offices and pile up expense than any other element in the republican party.

The hope of this territory is in the brave sons of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and other states who have arrived within our borders during the past few years, and to these the time and tried democracy of Precinct No 1 bids a cordial whole souled and warm southern welcome, at the same time inviting them to join with us by turning out just for once at the election next fall to finally and forever redeem New Mexico from republican mismanagement and extravagance, for while our county rate of taxation has not increased the burden of territorial taxes has increased by nearly three times since the republican party got into the saddle.

We believe in conducting our district court as economical as possible.

We believe in salaries for county officials as low as is consistent with good service.

Capt. Bujac proposed the fol-

JACOB J. SMITH.

One and three fourths miles west
of south end of Canyon street.

ROUND THE CAPITAL

Information and Gossip Picked Up Here and There in Washington.

Elkins Wedding Rumor Stirs Capital



WASHINGTON. The all-engrossing topic of conversation in all sets of Washington society is the rumored engagement of Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Stephen R. Elkins, to the royal duke of Abruzzi, who was the social lion for a few days last spring when he came to command of the Italian warship for the opening of the Jamestown exposition. This engagement has been rumored more or less for the last six months, but has been strenuously denied by all the members of Miss Elkins' family. The duke is the first cousin of the king of Italy, and should he marry without the approval of his royal relative, he would have to renounce his title, one of the most honored in all Italy, and all his rights as a member of the royal family. His father, the late duke of Aosta, was for some time king of Spain. He can, however, retain his royal prestige, and even the title by a special act of the Italian parliament, provided the king gives his consent to the match.

If this marriage takes place it will be by all odds the most brilliant in

international match yet made by a Washington girl. The duke is the most distinguished foreigner to come to the United States since 1890, and he has won fame by being the explorer to reach the farthest point north. He is deeply interested in all things pertaining to the north pole. He headed his expedition, which made this brilliant record, and has been honored on this account in every country he has visited since then.

Miss Elkins is a typical American girl. She differs from the average society girl in the members of her "set," inasmuch as she positively refused to be presented formally to society at a tea, dance or other function, according to the American custom of launching young women on a social career. She has, however, by degrees, after a complete preparation, as far as schooling and accomplishments are concerned, she has been introduced to the Washington society, and has made friends abroad with her parents or with her mother, each of whom show her the same amount of the most sterling and well-schooled society as the women in Washington. She is a daughter of a duke, but is not a duke's daughter in all respects. She is a family name in all respects, and she is a family name in all respects. She is a family name in all respects.

Taft Is Depicted in Moving Pictures



NO MATTER what the future may hold in store for Secretary of War Taft, he has achieved fame. A few days ago his portly person was enshrined in hundreds and hundreds of films, which will go to make up a picture show presentation of a review of the cavalry and artillery at Fort Myer. Neither the secretary nor Gen. Bell, who accompanied him, posed. They just ambled up and down between lines of artillery, powder and lenses. It was an ideal day, and the pictures were very successful. Every-

thing the secretary's hand switched the camera. The exchange of salutes, the splashing of the water, the long lines of ordnance presented a panorama alone worth the price of admission.

The Taft party was photographed from the moment it left the city to make for the post, across the Potomac. In the party were Mrs. Taft and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taft.

Photographs have been taken after them, and yet they cannot enshrine in convention resolutions but there is nothing to it but fame when it reaches the moving picture stage. These films will be shown, sandwiched in among illustrated songs in all parts of the country. One thing is well known, and that is the secretary, despite the fact that he is big in body, is an accomplished horseman.

Careless Secretary Causes Much Trouble



THE best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry, and so it was with the guest list of a high official who recently planned a dinner in honor of President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Every invited one accepted and covers were laid for a score and ten guests but only 28 arrived. What could be the matter? Minutes seemed like hours while the hostess was torn between two thoughts, would it be worse to keep honor guests waiting while the table was reset, or let them see vacant places around the festal board. The former way was decided upon and all the while the change was being made both host and hostess regretted that political reasons would

prevent their wreaking mighty vengeance upon the delinquents. To make a bad matter worse they saw in next morning's paper that their would-be guests had been members of a theatrical party the night before. What happened next none but the principals know, but others noted that within a week Mr. Blank and Senator So-and-so were not on speaking terms and a few days later, the former came out with an interview stating his preference for some one else as Republican candidate for the presidency. That was the last straw. Explanations were asked for and received to the effect that Mr. B's secretary after accepting the dinner invitation, crossed off the wrong date and he and his wife had gone at the last minute, to the play with friends on the evening they should have dined with Senator S. In moment of intentional wrongdoing, he in turn had been cut by the latter's coldness and turned political tables just for fun.

Stephenson Now the Second Oldest Senator



BY the death of Senator William Pinckney Whyte of Maryland, Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin becomes the second oldest member of the senate. When Mr. Stephenson was elected to the senate a year ago there were four senators whose age was greater than his. Senators Pettus and Morgan of Alabama died last fall, and Senator Whyte, who was born August 29, 1824, became the oldest senator. Senators Allison, Stephenson and Cullom were born in 1829. Mr. Allison in March, Mr. Stephenson in June, and Mr. Cullom in November. Mr. Allison is now the oldest senator in point of years as well as in senatorial service. The late Senator Whyte was a stickler for the proper spelling of his name.

only a few weeks ago he explained to one of his colleagues how it came about that he spelled his name with a 'y.' He said that his father, who was a prominent merchant in Baltimore, was defrauded of his little fortune by some of his relatives of the name of White. "I took up the quarrel that followed," said the senator, "and became somewhat bitter toward the White family. One day when I was signing my name I struck out the 'i' and inserted a 'y.' The change pleased my fancy and I've continued it ever since."

Notwithstanding his advanced age the Maryland senator was more attentive to his duties than many of his younger colleagues. Frequently he was the only member of the senate who was present when the gavel fell and the senate was called to order, and this, notwithstanding that his home was in Baltimore and he made the journey to and from Washington every day. He made a virtue of punctuality, and was rarely behind time, either at his office or elsewhere.

ADRIFT FOR WEEKS IN AN OPEN BOAT

TERRIBLE HARDSHIPS ENDURED BY SAILORS SHIPWRECKED IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

TWO OF SURVIVORS SUCCUMB

Craft Containing Six Unfortunate Men Picked Up by British Vessel After They Had Undergone Intense Suffering.

New York. A tale of the sea, rivalling in horror and hardship any tragedy of the deep ever told, was brought here the other day by William Kuhlmann, a seaman, who was a passenger on the steamer Voltaire, a South American ship.

Kuhlmann is one of six survivors of the crew of the American ship, the



The Signal of Distress Was Answered.

Starbuck, which was wrecked last August some 200 miles off the Pacific coast of South America. He and his companions were rescued by a British ship after drifting about on the ocean for eight weeks in an open boat.

Two of the six men who had lived so long in the little craft died already before they came to shore, and Kuhlmann spent many weeks in a hospital at Valparaiso recovering from the effects of his terrible experiences.

No word ever had been received from another boat which put off from the Starbuck when she was wrecked, and it is believed that the six companions died of starvation, thirst and exposure after weeks of rain, wind and heat that help might come to them.

It was when the Starbuck sailed for the Pacific and was well on her way across the thousand miles of sea which separated her from her destination that the Starbuck ran into the storm and ended by capsizing and breasting intense suffering to all and death to many of her crew. The storm broke in the latter part of May, and on the last day of that month the masts were twisted out by the sea and she was left in a wallow, water-logged and helpless, in the tumbling sea.

For 16 days the ship stuck to the doomed craft, but at last, when it seemed every chance would be lost, she was left in a wallow, water-logged and helpless, in the tumbling sea.

A full thousand miles separated them from the nearest shore, that of South America. As the last man left the doomed hull of the Starbuck the

force was applied to her, that she might not continue to float aimlessly about, a menace to other ships. For a time after the start the occupants of the two boats kept each other in sight, but eventually became separated, and then it was each for himself. Day and night, week after week, the occupants of Kuhlmann's boat waited a constant watch for the aid or wreath of smoke which might mean life to them.

At last, after eight weeks of the most terrible mental and physical suffering, the Cambusknoth boat in sight. The signal of distress, which had been set at the first warning, was answered and a few minutes later the half-finished, shipwrecked sails were seen on board the big vessel.

There they were cared for as tenderly and carefully as the facilities at hand would permit, but so serious was the condition of all the men that it was necessary to transfer them to the hospital as soon as the ship reached Valparaiso. Two of the survivors were found to be beyond human help, however, and sank within a few days.

WORKMAN IMPRISONED IN HEATING BOILER

HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE TURNS HEAD OF COAL BLACK HAIR TO GLISTENING WHITE.

Detroit. Imprisoned in a big boiler, night and day, which was so hot that it was impossible to breathe, a workman who had been working in the boiler for some time, was found dead when the boiler was opened. The man's head was black as coal, and his hair was white as snow.

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Changed Their Babies. To a party given to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Woodin at Chapinville, Conn., in honor of the twentieth anniversary of their marriage a few nights ago came all their country friends, farmers, their wives, children, babies and dogs.

While the babies were at their length the mischievous younger folks mixed the babies by changing the sleeping cradles.

Mothers as a result took home babies not their own and the task of locating their own and changing clothes was no easy work for Chapinville farmhouses are few and far between.

has been that now from the Rockies across the Pamunkey country.

James and his car didn't stop until they reached Roanoke, where the trade begins.

Goes to Jail at 98. David Hill, a negro, 98 years old, was sent to jail for being a vagrant.

Wail, Judge. The guilty of murder, the man who had murdered a woman, was sent to jail for being a vagrant.

David was fined \$10 and costs and having no money, was sent to jail.

You cannot paint the life and the nose. But the effects that Lily and Rose can get with the rouge stick are wonderful to behold.—Chicago Record Herald.

NEW GAS EXPLOSIVE

BASED ON NITRITE IS LATEST RIVAL OF DYNAMITE.

Produced by Liquid Action Upon Well-Known Substances—St. Louis. Man is Inventor—Would Sell to Government.

St. Louis. An invention that is expected to revolutionize firearms and explosives came to light when Robert T. Wilbur, professor of engineering in the Christian Brothers college, was called into consultation with Richard H. Murphy, a former mine operator, and F. E. Lusk, which and both leaders. The mission was to devise means for the production of an explosive substance with which Murphy has been experimenting for five years. Six months ago he hit upon the secret, although he had worked on the same theory since he gave up mining.

Murphy claims that the explosive has five times the destructive power of dynamite, and is as easy to use as that. It is called Nitro-Gas. He claims it is superior to the recently invented nitro-glycerine powder, as he claims that dynamite is too brittle, and that it is too easy to use. The new explosive has been tested in a test and it is said to be a success.

The explosive is made by a method of squaring, and the inventor claims that it is as easy to use as dynamite. He claims that it is as easy to use as dynamite. He claims that it is as easy to use as dynamite. He claims that it is as easy to use as dynamite.

One of the advantages claimed for the invention is that the use can be made more cheaply and it is more effective than the explosives now used in war. It will produce dynamite and powder, and it will produce dynamite and powder.

Prof. Wilbur, when speaking of the invention, said that he thought it was the greatest discovery in all time. He declared, as the nitro-gas can be made much more cheaply and more quickly than dynamite, and it is more effective than dynamite, and it is more effective than dynamite.

What we want to do, said Mr. Murphy, is to have the government look into the invention, and then send men to St. Louis and give us a chance to prove the power of the explosive. If the authorities are willing, we will give a demonstration near the barracks.

Murphy's credit on Lusk's system. A few days ago an agent of the Du Pont Powder company called on Murphy and Wilbur, in their state, and wanted to learn of the invention. Murphy said that they did not consider his invention important, as they did not consider it important.

TALKS WITH TONGUE CUT OUT.

Fooled Doctors in Regaining Powers of Speech and Living.

New York. Four years after his tongue was cut out to check the spread of cancer, Thomas Maguire, known to theatrical folk throughout the country as the one-time manager of the Fourteenth Street and Bijou theaters in this city, can talk and sing and eat solid food much like other people. His case attracted the attention of medical authorities here and elsewhere several years ago, following the operation upon him on March 12, 1904.

Maguire says he was given one year to live in the hospital when the operation was performed. He had smoked 20 cigars a day for 20 years before that. The doctors told him he could never talk again, since his tongue was cut out at the roots. Subsequently he told of his efforts to talk after the operation and how they were crowned with ultimate success.

It was about a month after the operation that Maguire first tried to talk. He said he was thinking how hard it would be never to talk again, and as he thought he suddenly cried out loud. "I can't stand for that."

Then Maguire says he knew he could talk, and he soon surprised his doctor by doing so.

Maguire was regarded as a physiological wonder and his case aroused much interest.

After thinking it over China has decided not to be Japan's little faithful pig.

That stock which formed for Detroit women should not be running on the Teddy bear case.

In the House of Representatives there has been discovered by France a few several shades darker than mine.

In the halls of the moral experts now running in Washington great care should be taken to use smokeless words.

Any foreign nation that takes a notion to go to war with us might find that the critics of our navy are great jokers.

It is reported (disputed and refuted) that King Edward wears a night cap. How can England remain so calm amid all this uncertainty?

A lot of New York men who formerly were fond of throwing their million-dollar wads on the market have your points and but a yacht.

Two St. Louis policemen created each other for creating a civil ordinance. That time at least the ordinance violators did not connect with the police.

Inventor Hiram Smeeth has the pool of moral indignation in a simple one. Much simpler in fact than the problem of why a double quantity of water is needed.

I have been successful in a brief reflection upon a philosopher who accepted the other day. In those such a thing as a successful thing? Well, the philosophers are full of them.

The khedive of Egypt having recently witnessed an auto race in which three cars were killed and four presumably destroyed, has been reported to have said: "I am not a fan of automobiles."

A big diamond from which the other day began its travels on the public's eye, for a moment. The old saying has therefore been changed to "Stick to the old and you'll win."

Japan has decided to help China to build that railroad, and so that whenever the railroad needs a few ships he will know where to go and knock down a few neighbors and take them for his own use.

Doubtless the king of rats had the kindest intentions in building a fifteen foot rat race, but he should think that the king's word and his rat home would be in the way when he was working at his trade.

A party in American city passed into the history of the world. A party in American city passed into the history of the world. A party in American city passed into the history of the world.

The well-known phrase "John Bull" applied collectively to the English nation, first appeared in a satire called "The History of John Bull," which is generally attributed to Swift, but which was written by Dr. Arbuthnot.

According to the information given for at Columbia university, the strongest and hardest students are those who smoke. Think what an awful thing it would have been had the cigarette been forbidden in the library.

When Bishop Cotton of Buffalo sent a circular letter to the churches of the diocese asking for the collection of money to build a new cathedral, the churches of the diocese asked for the collection of money to build a new cathedral.

A correspondent of a Philadelphia paper complains that automobiles injure the roads. But the owner of an automobile will probably declare that horses are even, for only when the bill comes in is it possible to estimate what injury many bumps roads inflict upon the sensitive automobile.

It would seem as if the Britons ought to be able to get along with no more than one drinking saloon to each 400 of the population in the great centers. The proportion of one to each 1,000 of the population in the great centers. The proportion of one to each 1,000 of the population in the great centers.

It is reported that the palace of the Count Stachenski lacks all modern conveniences, including electricity, gas, running water in the house and heating facilities, and that the only bath tub is a large wooden affair six feet high, to which water must be carried from the pump in the back yard, and that the estate is considerably dilapidated. And yet it was claimed that the count's marriage with Gladys Vanderbilt was entirely a love match.

NOT GUILTY OF LESE MAJESTY.

Bishop Moore Dismisses Charges Against Chancellor Day.

New York.—The charges of libel against Chancellor Day of Syracuse university by Rev. George A. Cooke of Brantford, Vermont, were ruled out of court by Bishop David H. Moore at the opening of the fourth session of the New York Methodist Episcopal conference Wednesday.

Bishop Moore in dismissing the charges said he regarded the complaint against Chancellor Day as a direct attack upon free speech and free press. The decision was greeted with cheers and long continued applause.

The charges against Chancellor Day contained five counts and were to the effect that he had defamed President Roosevelt in some of his public utterances. Dr. Day made no effort to answer the charges.

In his address announcing the decision to throw out the charges of Mr. Cooke Bishop Moore said that the same charges might just as well be brought against some member of the United States Senate as against Dr. Day. At the conclusion of his address when he said:

"Shall the character of James R. Day, be passed? The hand of everyone of the several hundred delegates in the hall shot up and another round of applause filled the auditorium."

Charges of defamation of character, libelous and maliciously against Prof. R. P. Burke of Boston university and of scandal and misrepresentation against Rev. Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, were made by Rev. George A. Cooke of the Troy conference at the opening session of the New York East conference of Methodist Episcopal churches in Brantford today. The charges were dismissed by unanimous action. Charges against the same men had been previously rejected by the New York conference last year and sustained. Mr. Cooke today asked permission to explain his attitude in the rejection of the charges, but the right to take the floor was denied on the ground that he had no standing in the conference.

Rev. Cooke's charges against Rev. Dr. Burke and Dr. Buckley were dismissed at the morning session has formulated new charges against Dr. Buckley to the effect that Dr. Buckley published an unfair and false account of his trial before the committee on Mr. Cooke's previous charges.

Colorado Railroad Progress.

Denver.—Electrification of railroads seems to be the order of the day and many Colorado roads are now preparing to apply the "juicy" reports of their times. General power companies are throwing their efforts all over the state, securing electricity at a comparatively cheap commodity, and as it is more available in some ways than steam power, it will be used very extensively in the near future.

The Colorado Southern railroad has almost completed its electric line to Fort Collins, high-speed, Sprague and other power, with the new cars are being built on the service and beginning May 1st, or thereabouts, hourly cars will run between Denver and Boulder. The cars are to be delivered in Denver by April 25th and it is thought possible to put them in service by May 1st.

The electric line built by the Colorado Southern follows right along the main line of the steam road and will be a great convenience for passengers. The cars will carry Denver over the beautiful, scenic, and most scenic Annapolis street. This will afford suburban service to each place as Denver and other country towns near Denver.

The electric railroad is now planning to electrify power in high-line heavy trains, street cars, and other power. Electric power companies are taking the grades with convenience, and as if the present plan works out, as anticipated, the electric line will be a great convenience for passengers. The cars will carry Denver over the beautiful, scenic, and most scenic Annapolis street. This will afford suburban service to each place as Denver and other country towns near Denver.

With the Moffat road under way, new passenger coaches and street cars are being built on the other side of the river. A trucking machine is being used to move the material. It is possible to move about two miles per day. About 1,000 men will be employed to move the line into Steamboat Springs as soon as the weather settles.

Golden's Famous Cow.

Denver.—C. E. Barker, of Golden, member of the State Board of Health, owns the owner of a fine herd of Jersey cows. The prize butter-making cow of the world, and will claim the highest honors from the American Jersey Cattle Club. In the contest that has been going on for the last ten months, Barker's cow, for that is the name of the animal, has produced 72 pounds of butter. The prize record is held by Olive Dunn, an Illinois cow, and is given as 294 pounds in twelve months. By this time Financial Committee holds the record by a wide margin for the mark of 197 pounds was taken March 29th, and has since passed since this time. The animal weighs 1,000 pounds, and by the end of the twelve months will have produced its weight in butter within that time. People from all over the country have been going to Golden to inspect Mr. Barker's prize cow, which he has placed a price of \$2,500. The cow has sold for \$2,500 each and are in great demand. Financial Committee also holds the record for producing the greatest amount of butter, containing eighty-five per cent, butter fat, in periods of seven days, four ten days and six months.

Route of New Railroad.

An El Paso dispatch of the 27th ult. says: To get cheap coal to El Paso and to lay it down for \$1 a ton is the purpose of the Colorado, Columbus and Mexican railroad the officials of which road closed a contract Tuesday for 30,000,000 feet of lumber with the Carter Lumbering Company. This is to be used in the construction of this line and is to be delivered within ninety days, it not sooner for the primary constructive operations at the southern terminus of the line at Columbus, New Mexico, on the El Paso and Southwestern line, seventy-three and one-half miles west of El Paso.

The exact route of this new road has not been definitely decided yet, a locating party in charge of Engineer William Salmon, formerly of the International and Great Northern railroad, at present being at work mapping out the most economical line through the territory to be covered. The starting point of the road will be at Columbus, where it will connect with the El Paso and Southwestern and will give a direct route into El Paso for the immense coal deposits on the northern end of the route. From Columbus the line will run to Deming, through the Burro mountain copper camps, pass near Silver City, cross the Santa Fe at Gallup and end at Farmington, San Juan county, New Mexico, connecting there with the Denver and Rio Grande to Denver and the north.

Lost Bullion Case Appealed.

Divided into eight books, covering 2,300 typewritten pages, alleging 269 errors and prepared at a cost of \$10,000, a bill of exceptions in the Lost Bullion Spanish Mines case has been filed in the Federal Court at Denver by Attorney Franklin and Tedlow, thus carrying it to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. It is the largest document of the kind ever filed in the Federal Court there and covers each minute detail upon which an appeal could be based.

The promoters of the Lost Bullion Company were fined various amounts and given short jail sentences. Not satisfied by the result of the trial, a special committee was sent by the stockholders, the majority of whom live in Hall County, Maryland, and special agents taken. The report was unfavorable, it was decided not to drop the matter under any circumstances and plans were made to prosecute the company.

The Lost Bullion company says its mines, which are located in Grant county, New Mexico, are valuable to the extent stated in literature mailed to prospective buyers of stock and that while the government placed men on the stand who testified that the mine was worthless, they were not mining experts capable of passing on the merits of the mine.

Harmon Indicted for Murder.

Two indictments were returned by the territorial grand jury in session at Raton against Albert J. Harmon of Springfield, one charging murder in the first degree in the killing of Thomas Salazar and one for assault with intent to kill Gabriel Gonzalez both men having been shot by Harmon in a street fight at Springfield last January.

During the affray Harmon himself was shot in the jaw by Salazar, while the latter lay dying in the street. From this wound Harmon has never recovered and ever since the tragedy has been confined in a hospital under guard. In case of the great expense occasioned by this case, granted the application for bail and the defendant was released on bonds of \$10,000 furnished by friends.

His trial will not be held until the next term of court as the attending physicians stated that it would be practically impossible for him to stand trial at this time. He will be defended by Jones & Rogers of Las Vegas and M. W. Miles of Springfield. The killing of Salazar was one of the murder a few months previous of Harmon's brother.

Irrigation Congress Buttons.

The official souvenir buttons of the Sixteenth National Irrigation Congress have reached Albuquerque, 20,000 of them. The buttons are about the size of a half dollar piece and of as many colors as Joseph's coat. The firm, in which is written, "Sixteenth National Irrigation Congress, Albuquerque, N. M. Sept. 20th to Oct. 3, 1918," is blue. The reverse design, "Science Building, the Desert Inn," is in red, yellow and green. Though scarcely larger than a quarter of a dollar the scene shows a snow-capped mountain, a valley with a river winding through it, fruits and vegetables and a cactus in many colors.

The buttons will be distributed among the merchants of the territory and sold to them at ten cents each. It is urged that every public spirited citizen owes the board of control of the congress the wearing of one, and many may be given to tourists and traveling men.

Sullivan Gets Two Years.

At Albuquerque March 31st "Con" Sullivan alias P. D. Houston, the notorious Denver confidence man, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by District Judge Abbott. Houston pleaded guilty to larceny of the name of McKee, was sentenced to eight months in the penitentiary. The alleged Houston was positively identified as "Con" Sullivan, although he has not admitted his identity. The two men worked the express agent bunco game on a number of persons here before they were arrested. Sullivan is now sixty-four, and may not survive his imprisonment, as he is much broken in health.

NEW MEXICO NEWS SUMMARY

New Mexico Lawyers.

New Mexico's growth in population is shown in every branch of human activity. Volume 13, of the reports of the decisions of the New Mexico Supreme Court, for instance, gives the names of 277 lawyers who have been admitted to practice before the Territorial Supreme Court. Volume 1, printed in 1881, gives the names of sixty-one such attorneys, but these included not only those practicing at that time but also those who had practiced at any time between 1846 and 1881. The number of attorneys in New Mexico today is fully five times as many as there were in 1881, a little over a quarter of a century ago. Volume 12, printed less than two years ago, gives the names of 222 attorneys. In other words, New Mexico has added in less than two years more attorneys than practiced altogether in the territory in the census year of 1880. Volume 19, printed less than six years ago, enumerated 174 attorneys, or about a half, less than are practicing in New Mexico today.

The geographical distribution of these attorneys may also be of interest. Albuquerque leads with 43 members of the bar. Santa Fe is second with 27 members, and Roswell and Las Vegas tie for third place, each having 23 lawyers. Las Cruces is fourth with 16. Hato fifth with 15, and Silver City sixth with 14. Then come Tucuman and Clayton with 11 each; Alamogordo 10; Carlsbad 7; Socorro 6; Farmington, Texico and Deming, with five each; Hillsboro, Lincoln, Portales, Estancia and Arroyo with 4 each; Acton, White Oaks, Willard with 3 each; Santa Rosa, Gallup and Tierra Amarilla with 2 each; and Kingston, Jarilla Junction, Clovis, Capitan, Wagon Mound, Tularosa, Fort Sumner, Taos, Springer, Lordsburg, Tres Piedras, Cimarron, Bernabie, Lordsburg, Carrizozo, Moriarty, Holm, San Jose, Sandval and Medina with one each. There are two county seats without any lawyers: Mora and Los Lunas, and in the former, especially owing to the growth of eastern Mora county and the favorable progress that western and central Mora county will make in the near future, ought to present good opportunities for the right kind of an attorney, to open a law office.

One attorney for about every fifteen hundred inhabitants is the proportion in New Mexico at present, although in the cities of Albuquerque and Santa Fe the proportion (judging on one law for every 300 inhabitants) while in Valencia county is rising to one for every 100 inhabitants, for every 10,000 people. One out of every seven lawyers in the territory lives at Albuquerque, one in every ten at Santa Fe, and every fourth lawyer lives either in the Duke City or at the capital, while Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Vegas, the three central cities, have one-third of all the lawyers in the commonwealth. Add to these, Raton, Las Cruces and Silver City, and the residence of more than one-half of the attorneys is accounted for. Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Teachers' Life Certificates.

At the session of the Territorial Board of Education at the Capitol March 28th, the following new teachers' certificates were issued:

D. L. Newark of Artesia, life certificate; Miss Gertrude C. Drake, of Chino, life certificate; five-year certificate; Miss Matilda Woodman, of Taos, five-year certificate; D. C. Taylor, of Albuquerque, life certificate; Helen Hagan, of Alamogordo, life certificate.

Mrs. Pearl Parks McCall of Mesilla, was granted a five-year certificate and the case referred to the superintendent of public instruction, whether she is entitled to a life certificate.

Miss Mamie N. Sullivan of Dawson endorsement extended to June 1, 1919; Miss Cornelia Burke of Dawson, endorsement extended to August, 1919; George F. Mitchell, of Santa Rita, endorsement extended to September 16, 1919.

Santa Fe Train Derailed.

A Las Vegas dispatch of March 28th says: Seven cars of the Santa Fe Chicago limited from the City of Mexico, via El Paso, east-bound, were derailed at Chon, a small station near Raton, late this afternoon, in what rail road men believe to have been a derailed attempt to wreck the train. The passengers were tourists who had just completed an excursion to Mexico. No one was injured. Running as Santa Fe No. 19, the train left Las Vegas at 1:45 p. m. today, and was making ready to regain her schedule time when the wreck occurred, and seven crowded cars went into the ditch.

Rural free delivery route No. 2 is ordered established, June 1st at Texico, Roosevelt county, serving 300 people and 160 families.

When the Rock Island completes the construction of the connecting line by way of Amarillo and Tucuman, a distance of 119 miles, the company will have the shortest line between the seaboard and southern California by 494 miles.

Attorney General James M. Hervey interposed demurrers on behalf of the territory in the injunction proceedings instituted by the Rio Mimbres Irrigation Company seeking to restrain Land Commissioner R. P. Evison from cancelling contracts to 50,000 acres of territorial lands on the Rio Mimbres in Luna county, and which the company had taken up for the purpose of reclamation, but on which it failed to spend the stipulated amount for preliminary work.

The Governor's Conference.

The President has invited the governors of the western states and territories to meet in Washington on the 15th day of May for the purpose of attending a conference and consulting upon conditions and formulating plans and recommendations for the advancement of the status and territories named. Each governor has also been requested by the President to appoint three representative citizens of the state or territory to accompany him to the national capital and take part in the conference. Governor Curry has made the following appointments of such citizens:

R. E. Twitcheell of Las Vegas, secretary of the board of control of the Sixteenth National Irrigation Congress; William C. McDonald of Carrizozo, a leading and successful cattle raiser of Lincoln county; George Arnot of Albuquerque, engaged in mercantile pursuits and a sheep raiser.

These citizens have been informed of the appointments and have accepted the invitations.

Flowing Artesian Well.

An Albuquerque dispatch of April 3d says: A second artesian well has been struck on the property of the Frisco Railway Company at Suwanee, a station on the Santa Fe coast line, 30 miles west of here. The second well, which was shot by Dr. J. S. Elbridge yesterday, flows a foot above the ground out of a ten-inch pipe, and through a two-inch pipe shoots water seventy-five feet in the air. It is now believed a wide artesian belt exists from here west, and other wells are to be drilled at once by the Frisco company and others. Much excitement has been caused here by the strike. A railroad of Albuquerque business men went out this morning and spent the day at the well. The first well, struck some six days ago, is flowing steadily.

Six Machines Not Illegal.

Justice E. A. Mann of Alamogordo, presiding over the Sixth judicial district, in an opinion just handed down in the habeas corpus proceedings of Charles F. Jones of Santa Rosa, who was arrested on two charges of violating the anti-gambling law, first by operating and running gambling games, and second by running a lottery, the court holds that the anti-gambling statute enacted by the Thirty-seventh Legislature, assembly and which became operative January 1st last, does not apply to slot machines.

The defendant therefore is discharged from custody on the ground that the complaints against him do not charge an offense under the statutes of the territory.

Raton Officials Indicted.

The Denver Republican prints the following special from Raton under date of April 1st:

The grand jury of Colfax county, which has been in session since March 28th, today returned indictments before Judge Mills against Mayor T. F. McCall and the members of the city council, composed of Dr. J. J. Shuler, Thomas McCall, A. J. Bouffette, Henry Jones, Patrick Boyle, J. M. Sanborn and Samuel Haines, charging them with having extorted, approximately \$200 a month since the beginning of the administration from keepers and inmates of the city jailhouse.

The indictment was returned so early this afternoon and will be made public tomorrow, at which time warrants will probably be issued.

The grand jury also indicted Guy Howe, son of City Marshal Howe, who is alleged, neglected to turn over this money after having been appointed for the work by the mayor and city council.

Alderman Samuel Haines is a member of the grand jury which returned the indictment.

The news of the grand jury's act became known this evening and created a sensation. Never in the history of a New Mexico grand jury have the members taken such action.

Mammoth Live Stock Show.

The greatest live stock show ever held west of Kansas City is the proposal which has received the approval of the New Mexico Cattle Sanitary Board, the show to be held in Albuquerque during the sessions of the Sixteenth National Irrigation Congress and Industrial Exposition.

At a meeting of the Cattle Sanitary Board held in Las Vegas the board gave its official approval to the proposed live stock exposition and agreed to work as a body and as individual exhibitors for the success of the enterprise.

It is proposed to hold two great sales days at which fine cattle and sheep will be sold at auction and which, with the stuff promised for sale will make these days probably the greatest sales of blooded live stock ever held west of Kansas City.

The cooperation of the New Mexico Sheep Sanitary Board and of the New Mexico Wool Growers' Association is also to be sought in promoting the stock show. The advantages to the sheep men of such an exposition are equal to those to be gained by the cattle growers and every effort will be made to arouse interest among the wool producers.

On Monday, March 30th, another case of scarlet fever having developed, it was decided to close the Santa Fe schools for another week. More or less scarlet fever has been reported in other towns of New Mexico.

THE Princess Virginia

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CHAPTER TWO

TWILIGHT fell late in the Rhætan village of Allehelgen. So high on the mountain side were perched the simple inn and the group of brown chalets clustering round the big church, with its bulbous-oriental spire, that they caught the last red rays of sunset and held them flashing on burnished copper roof plates and jeweled small, bright window panes long after the green valley below was enshrouded with shadow.

One September evening two dusty traveling carriages toiled up the steep, winding road that led to the highest hamlet of the Rhætan Alps, and a girl walking beside the foremost driver (indeed, as he was, to save the faded horses, looked up to see Allehelgen glittering like a necklace of gems on the brown throat of the mountain. Each window was a great, separate ruby set in gold; the copper battlements crowned the church steeple was a burning caruncle, while above the flashing band of gorgeous color the mountain reared its head, facing westward, its steadfast features carved in stone, the brow snow capped and rose where the sun touched it, blue where the shadows lay.

The driver assured the young English lady, whom he much admired for her pluck as well as beauty, that she had far better return to the carriage; that indeed she need not have left it. Her extra weight would be but as that of a feather to the horses, which were used to carrying far heavier loads than that of today up the steep mountain road to Allehelgen in the "high" season of July and August, when many tourists from all countries came to rest for a night and see the wonderful view. He even grew voluble in his remarks, but the girl still smilingly insisted that she liked walking, and the brown faced fellow with the soft green hat and curly cock feather admired her the more for her firmness and endurance.

She was plainly dressed in gray, which did not show the dust, and though her skirt and short jacket were well made and her neat little hat jaunty and becoming—almost dangerously becoming—she was not half as graceful in appearance as some of the ladies who drove up with him in July and August. Still the man said to himself, there was an air about her—no, he could not describe it, even to himself—but it meant distinction. And then, as she was English, it was as pleasing as it was remarkable that she could speak Rhætan so prettily. She had learned it, she said, when he respectfully ventured a question, because since she was a child she had taken an interest in Rhætan history and literature. And this seemed strange to him—that so dainty a lady should have learned such a language for pleasure, because the people of most countries found it excessively difficult—as difficult as Hungarian and just enough like German to make it even more difficult perhaps. But this English girl said she had picked it up easily, and the young man's heart warmed to her when she praised Rhætan music and Rhætan poetry.

This was the last touch. This won him wholly, and without stopping further to analyze or account for his admiration the driver of the first carriage found himself bestowing confidences upon his gracious companion as they slowly tramped up the winding road, the reins looped over his arm.

He told her of his life—how he had not always lived down there in the valley and driven tourists for a living

Before he fell in love and married a valley girl and had a young family to rear his house had been aloft in Allehelgen. He was born on the mountain side. His mother still lived in the village. It was she who kept the inn—such, but a good woman and a cook to the king's taste, or, rather, the emperor's taste, if it was her own son who said it!

He was glad that the English ladies would be staying with her for a few days at this season. She would make them comfortable, more comfortable than would be possible at a crowded time, and then, besides, after the season was over and the strangers had been frightened away by the first flurry of snow, the poor mother grew lonely and tired of idleness. Oh, yes, she stayed the winter through. It was home to her. There were not many neighbors then. It was true, yet she would not be happy to go away. Mountain folk never really learned to love the valleys.

What! The ladies had not written to the inn in advance? Ah, well, that would not matter at this season. There would be rooms and to spare. The ladies could take their choice, and the mother would have a pleasant surprise. Glad he was that he chanced to be the one to bring it.

Those who knew Frau Yorvan knew that her larder was never empty of good things and that her linen was aired and scented with the dried lavender blossoms gathered down below. Indeed, she had used to be even in readiness for distinguished guests, because sometimes—But the eloquent tongue of Alois Yorvan was suddenly silent, like the clapper of a church bell which the fingers have ceased to pull, and his sunburnt face grew sheepish.

"Because sometimes?" echoed the girl in her pretty Rhætan. "What happens sometimes that your mother must ever be expecting?"

"Oh," the man stammered, a little foolishly, "I was but going to say that she has sometimes to entertain people of the high nobility of different nations. Allehelgen, though, small, is rather celebrated, you know."

"Has your emperor been here?" asked the young lady.

"It may be," answered Alois haltingly, "it may be. Our emperor has been to our place."

His companion smiled and put in more questions.

Slowly they climbed on the two emplacements, continuing the English girl's mother, a middle aged companion, a French maid and a reasonable supply of luggage, toiling up behind, the harness jingling with a faint sound, as a fairy bells.

Then at last they came to the inn, a quaint house, half of stone, half of rich brown shingles, a huge picture crowded with salutes of special importance to Allehelgen printed in once crumpled, now faded, colors on a swinging sign. A characteristic coddling cry rose. Alois sent forth before the highest turn of the road was reached brought an apple cheeked and white capped old woman to the door. Then it was the youngest of the travelers who ascended with a pleasant greeting in Rhætan, for the best suit of rooms which Frau Yorvan could give.

But, to the girl's astonishment, the landlady showed none of the delight her son had predicted. Surprised she certainly was, even startled and certainly embarrassed. For an instant she seemed to hesitate before replying; then her emotion was partly explained by her words. Unfortunately her best rooms were engaged—four of the bedrooms with the choicest view and the one private sitting room the inn possessed. But if the ladies would put up with the second best she would gladly accommodate them. Was it but for the night? Oh, for several nights! (Again the apple face looked dubious.) Well, if the ladies would graciously enter and choose from what she had to offer she would be honored.

They did enter and presently wrote their names as Lady Mowbray, Miss Mowbray, Miss Manchester and maid. An hour later when the newcomers—mother, daughter and dame de compagnie—sat down to a hot supper in a bedchamber hastily but skillfully transformed into a private dining room the youngest of the three remarked to Frau Yorvan upon the peaceful stillness of her home.

"One would think there wasn't a soul about the place except ourselves," said she, "yet you've told us you have other guests."

"The gentlemen who are stopping here are away all day long in the mountains," explained Frau Yorvan.

"It is now the time for chamois hunting, and it is for that and also the climbing of a strange group of rocks called the Bunch of Needles, only to be done by great experts, that they come to me."

"They are out late this evening. Aren't you beginning to be a little anxious about them if they go to such dangerous places?"

"Oh, tonight, gracious fraulein, they will not return at all," said the landlady, warning impulsively to the subject. "They often stop at a kind of hut they have near the top of the mountain to begin some climb they may wish to undertake very early. They are much closer to it there, you see, and it saves their wasting several hours on the way. They are constantly in the habit of stopping at the hut in fine weather. But they are very considerate. They always let me know their plans beforehand."

"If they're away so much I think it a little selfish in them to keep your one private sitting room when you might need it for others," remarked the girl.

"Oh, but gracious fraulein, you must not say that!" cried the old woman, looking as much shocked as if her young guest had broken one of the commandments.

The girl laughed. "Why not?" she inquired. "Are the gentlemen of such importance that they mustn't be criticized by strangers?"

Frau Yorvan was embarrassed. "They are excellent patrons of mine, gracious fraulein; that is all I mean," said she. "I cannot bear that unjust things should be thought of such good gentlemen."

"I was only joking," the girl reassured her. "We are perfectly satisfied with this room, which you have made most comfortable. All I care for is that the famous walks in the neighborhood shall not be private. I may at least walk as much as I like and even climb a little, I and my friend, Miss Manchester, who is a daring mountaineer—with this she threw a glance at the middle aged lady in black, who usually started and grew wild eyed in response—"for I suppose that your guests have not engaged the whole of the inn for their own."

The landlady's hospitable smile returned. "No, gracious fraulein, you are free to wander as you will, but do not, I beg you, go too far or a sharp wind will do you harm. You are not to be done without guides and take care you do not stray into places where by making some movement or sound before you were seen to the hunters you might be mistaken for a chamois."

"Even our progress is hardly likely to lead us into such peril as that!" laughed the girl, who seemed much more friendly and unassuming conversation than the two others of the party. "But please walk as early as you can to-morrow morning. My friend Miss Manchester and I would like to have breakfasted and be ready for a start by eight o'clock at latest."

Again the placid features of the lady in black quivered, and then she said nothing. Frau Yorvan joined her. "Would you not wish to see the chamois before you go?" she asked. "I could engage you an intelligent young man who—"

"Thank you, no," broke in the girl decidedly. "A guidebook is preferable to a guide for what we mean to do. We shan't attempt any places which the book says are unsafe for amateurs. But what an excellent engraving that is over the fireplace, with the chamois horns above it! Isn't that a portrait of your emperor when he was a boy?"

The landlady's eyes darted to the picture. "Ach, I had meant to carry it away," she muttered.

The girl's quick ears caught the words. "Why should you carry it away? Don't you love the emperor that you would put his face out of sight?"

"Not love Unser Leo?" cried the old woman, horrified. "Why, we worship him, gracious fraulein. We would die for him any day, all of us mountain people—and, yes, all Rhætan. I believe, I could not let you go back to your own land with the idea that we do not love the noblest emperor country ever had. As for what I said about the portrait, I didn't know that I spoke aloud, I am so used to mumbling to myself since I began to grow deaf and old. But of course I wished it put away only because it is such a poor thing. It does Unser Leo no sort of justice. You—you would not recognize him from that picture if you were to see him now."

With this excuse Frau Yorvan hurried out to fetch another dish, which she said must be ready, to cook her hot face and to scold herself for her stupidity all the way downstairs.

She was gone some time, and the girl, who had no doubt unwittingly occasioned the old woman's uneasiness, took advantage of her absence to laugh—exactly, happy laughter.

"Poor, transparent old dear! So pleased and proud of her great secret, which she thinks she's keeping so well!" she exclaimed. "I'm sure she doesn't dream that she's as easy to read as a book with big, big print. She's in a sad fright now lest we inconvenient foreigners should chance

upon her grand gentlemen tomorrow, recognize one of them from the portrait and spoil his precious incognito."

"Then, you think that he is really here—in this out of the way corner?" half-whispered the grand duchess.

"I am sure he is," answered Princess Virginia.

For a moment there was silence. Then said the grand duchess, with an air of resignation, "Well, I suppose we should be glad, since we have come to Rhætan for the purpose of—dear me! I can scarcely bring myself to say it."

"You may say it, since our dear old lamb of a Letitia knows all about it and is in with us," returned Virginia. "But—but I truly didn't expect to find him here. One knows he comes sometimes—it's been in the papers—but this time they had it that he'd gone to make a week's visit to poor old General von Horscholt at the baths of Melina, and I thought before we went to Kronburg with all our pretty letters of introduction, as he was away from the palace there, it would be futile to use up the time with a visit to Allehelgen. I don't want you and Letitia to think that I was just making catpaws of you both and forcing you without knowing to help me unearth him in his lair. Still, as he is here—"

"Perhaps he isn't," suggested the grand duchess. "I don't see that you have much ground for fancying so."

"Oh, general!" echoed Virginia scornfully. "It's instinct that I go upon, not ground—that woman's face when she saw foreign tourists at her door out of season when she had a right to think she was safe from invasion; her clamoring about the best rooms being taken; her wish to get rid of us; her distress that she couldn't possibly do so without making matters worse; the way she talks of her 'four gentlemen'; her horror at my bare nakedness; her confusion about the portraits; her wish to impress it upon me that Unser Leo is quite charming. Instinct ought to be ashamed if it couldn't play detective as far as that. But—of course we may not see him. If she can help it, we won't. He won't like being run to earth by tourists when he is musing himself, and perhaps the trusty landlady will send the intelligent young guide whom I refused to wait a minute, so that if he chooses he can keep out of the way."

"I almost hope she may wait," said the grand duchess. "I don't think Providence wills a meeting here. You have brought no pretty dresses. I should like him to see you just when you look your best, show to good advantage his dependence upon his feelings in this matter."

"You wish nothing to see the king of the Alps," murmured Virginia.

And then Frau Yorvan came into the room with a smile.

CHAPTER THREE

THIS is perfectly agreeable," announced the unfortunate lady who passed for this day and two under the name of Miss Manchester.

"Perfectly glorious!" murmured her companion.

The other lady pressed back her bosom and ran down with so a stammer, "I shall have to stop here," she panted, "all the rest of my life—I have my meals and my night things sent up. I'm very sorry, but I'm certain I shall never be able to go back."

"Don't be absurd, my poor dear. We're absolutely safe," said Virginia. "I may be a selfish wretch, but I wouldn't for the world have brought you into danger. You needn't go down yet. Let's explore a little farther. It's easier than turning back. Surely you can go on. Baedeker says you can. I ten minutes you'll be at the top of the col."

"You may as well tell me that I'll be in my grave. It amounts to the same thing," wailed Miss Manchester, who was, in the sphere of happier duties, Miss Letitia Portman, and had been the princess's governess. "I can't look down. I can't look up, because I keep thinking of the unspeakable things he did. After I got my breath and have become resigned to my fate I may be comparatively comfortable here for some years; but, as to stirring either way, there's no use dreaming of it."

"Well, you'll make an ideal hermitess," said Virginia. "You've exactly the right features for that profession— austere, yet benevolent. But you're awfully afraid now?"

"Not so much, sitting down," admitted Miss Portman, slowly regaining her natural color.

"Do you think, then, dear, that you'd relapse and lose your head or anything if I just strolled on alone to the top of the col for the view which the guidebook says is so fine and then come back to organize a relief expedition, say in about half an hour or so?"

"Now," said Miss Portman, "I suppose I can bear it. I may as well accustom myself to loneliness, as I am obliged to spend my remaining years on this spot. But I am not at all sure the duchess would approve."

"You mean Lady Mowbray. She wouldn't mind. She knows I've a good head and—physically—a good heart. Besides, I shall have only myself to



"An excursion."

look after, and one really doesn't need a chaperon in going to make an excursion on a mountain view."

"Dearest princess, I'm not so sure of that in regard to this mountain view."

"Miss Mowbray, please, you're very subtle. But I really haven't come out to look for the mountain view you refer to. You needn't think it. I don't know where his lair is, but it's probably miles from here, and if I knew I wouldn't hunt him there. That would be un peu trop fort, and, anyway, I'm inclined to believe that mother is right about those dresses. I shall have such nice ones at Kronburg. So you see you can conscientiously give me your blessing and let me go."

"My dear, as if I could have suspected you would search for him! You are in Rhætan not to pursue, but to give an emperor who wishes to have a certain princess for his consort a chance to fall in love with herself."

"If he will if it can be so. But what do Helen Mowbray and Letitia Manchester know about the love affairs of emperors and princesses? An avoird, dear friend, I'm going. By and by, if you have courage to lift your eyes, you'll see me waving a handkerchief from the rock corner up there."

Virginia took the alpenstock which she had laid down and began picking her way daintily, yet pluckily, toward the col which she had named as her goal. There was another route to it, leading on to the highest peak of the Schnehorn, only to be dared by experienced climbers, but the way by which the girl and her companion had set out from Allehelgen nearly four hours ago was hardly dangerous, being a narrow, steep path, but it was not without its dangers, and Virginia knew that Miss Portman was safe and not hurt as much frightened as she pretended.

Then and there at 8, just as the September sun had begun to draw the night chill on it, the keen breathing air and now it was close upon 10. The air was very bracing.

In Nordbeck, the frontier town of Rhætan, as you come in from Germany, she had bought rucksacks for herself and Miss Portman, to be used upon just such mountain expeditions as this, and taking the brown canvas bags were being tested for the first time. Each rucksack stored an ample quantity of food, a bottle of water, a flask of brandy, and a small tin of condensed milk. The rucksacks were a folded map to be used in case of rain.

Virginia's rucksack grew heavy as she mounted, though at first its weight did not seem troubling. When she had reached her halting-place at the turning and passed out of Miss Portman's sight it occurred to her that it would be easier to lighten the rucksack and satisfy her appetite at the same time.

The one difficulty was that in her present position she could not safely unstrap the bag from her shoulders, open it, take out the parcel of luncheon and strap it on again. The way was too narrow and the rocks too slippery to attempt such liberties. At a short distance, however, and only a little out of the path to the col she could see a small green plateau, the very place for a rest. But could she reach it? The girl stood still and looked wistfully across.

The place could be gained only by a scramble over a ledge of formidable rocks and climbing in good earnest here and there, yet if the thing could be done at all it would be done in ten minutes, and to come back would be comparatively easy. Virginia was tempted.

"The dear Letitia will be eating her own lunch by this time and won't miss me if my half hour is a long one," she thought. "And, anyway, I said half an hour or so. That means almost anything when it comes to an argument."

Another moment and the girl had started. She was brave at first, but when she had gone halfway—a way which was longer and far more difficult than she had fancied—she was conscious of a certain sinking of the heart. She even felt some quivers of sympathy with the sentiments and intentions Miss Portman had expressed and heartily wished herself back in that good lady's side, but it was against her principles to be conquered, especially when being conquered meant turning coward or something like it, and she scrambled on obstinately, her cheeks burning, her heart thumping and her lips pressed together.



A girl walking beside the foremost driver.

