

Wedding Bells Have Just Rung for Royalty



The German people subscribed between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000 for new hospitals and other charitable works in honor of the silver wedding anniversary of Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria, which was marked Feb. 27 by the wedding of Prince Eitel Fritz.

Their majesties announced several months ago that they would not receive any presents from their subjects on the occasion of their silver wedding. They urged all who contemplated a wedding gift to give the money to charitable enterprises.

The result was almost unparalleled in German history. Municipalities,

mercantile companies and private individuals poured out money for charity. As a result 100 new hospitals or extensions to new hospitals have been dedicated.

The wedding of Prince Eitel Fritz and the Duchess Sophie Charlotte of Oldenburg was almost a replica of that of the crown prince and crown princess last June. The Duchess Sophie, as part of the pageant, entered Berlin on the evening of Feb. 26, proceeding through a flower and banner bedecked way to the castle, where the emperor, surrounded by his family and numerous German princes, welcomed her.

Congressman Said to Have Violated Laws



Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn, indicted by a federal grand jury in North Carolina for violating the laws of the United States in practicing before the treasury department at Washington, is serving his second term in congress. He has been called "the handsomest man in congress."

Blackburn was a member of the North Carolina legislature four years, and was assistant United States district attorney for several years. He was a delegate at large for North Carolina to the Republican national convention in Chicago in 1904.

NEW TREATMENT OF CRIMINAL.

Woman to Work Out Reformation in Salvation Army.

A little paragraph in the public press this week points to an important and significant event in our social history. Twelve years ago a woman committed murder in a fit of jealousy. She has been in prison ever since. Now the Home Office, desirous that the woman should be given a chance of retrieving a broken life, has taken the initiative in offering to hand over the woman to the care of the Salvation Army. She will be placed in one of the Army's country homes, and will remain entirely under the supervision of that organization, which will also be responsible for her maintenance. This is a new experiment in the reformation of criminals, and one which it is intended to repeat in the case of other unfortunate persons, who are not necessarily criminal in their inclinations, but have lost their liberty through evil chance or circumstance. —London Mail.

KEEP SOCIETY WOMEN POSTED.

Girls Make Good Incomes Acting as "Book Digesters."

Half a dozen clever girls in New York are earning substantial incomes as "book digesters." Each of them has for her clientele women too busy with social engagements to find time for reading, yet who wish to keep abreast of current literature. The "digester" carefully follows noteworthy publications in fiction, art, science, history or religion. Once or twice a week she calls at the house of a "client" to review the contents of the books read. She is careful to memorize any epigram or witty saying that her client might introduce effectively in conversation. "It is remarkable how little leisure some women have," said a Vassar graduate who has adopted the new calling. "They can seldom give me a half hour all to myself. I am asked to call at the same hour as the hairdresser, the manicure or the chiropodist, and in specially gay seasons all three of these attendants may be at work upon her while I sit at a little distance and post her upon current books."

Wanted Merry Men in Camp.

Dr. William Henry Drummond, the poet of the French Canadians, has given up his medical practice and gone into copper mining in the Dominion. Part of his duty recently was to engage a number of workmen. In doing so he astonished everybody by a radical departure from old-time methods. After asking some more or less perfunctory questions regarding a candidate's ability as a miner he inquired: "Can you play the fiddle or concertina? Do you dance or sing?" It was noticed that unless the man could give affirmative reply to at least two of these questions he stood small chance of getting work. The wisdom of Dr. Drummond's course became apparent when it developed that nearly all the men he engaged were good humored fellows whose happy spirits kept the mining camp in peace.

What Kansas Owes the Hen.

Nightingales, larks, swans and such poetic fowl have been hailed and hymned until the world is very weary of them. Where is the robust American bard who will write high with joyous pen the harmless, necessary hen? Why do our children read about those fabulous geese of the Roman capital? The hens of Kansas are worthier subjects. Here is one year's work of them: \$7,226,111 worth of eggs, which, as a Kansas economist does well to remind the world, is interest at 5 per cent on \$144,522,220. To say nothing of "broilers" and other by-products. Kansas hens make more money for Kansas than do her sheep, wool, barley, flax, fruit, sorghum, oats, potatoes. The hen should be the bird of Kansas as the eagle is the bird of freedom.—Everybody's Magazine.

Fortunes Made from Lotteries.

A man was brought before Magistrate Cornell in New York the other day charged with selling lottery tickets. His honor held him for trial, at the same time saying: "It may seem surprising, but I know that some of the wealthiest families in New York, who are now mingling in high society, accumulated their fortunes through lottery." Magistrate Cornell told what he knew about lottery and how men who had secured fortunes by means of it were toward educating their children in Harvard, Vassar and other colleges. He said that he knew what he was talking about and could point these persons out.

Judge Wanted to Know.

At one of the Brooklyn clubs the other evening a prominent real estate operator was describing the beauties of a certain tract of land out on Long Island which he had just purchased. A certain judge, who is now a member of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, and who is noted for his dry humor, was standing near by listening and while questions were being asked about the property in question he quietly and innocently inquired, "Are there any sewers on the property?"—Brooklyn Eagle.

STILL POWER IN JOURNALISM.

Theodore Tilton, Seventy Years Old, Keeps Up His Work.

Only a few weeks ago Theodore Tilton celebrated his seventieth birthday anniversary at his residence on the Avenue Kleber, in Paris. As a rule, his natal anniversaries are marked by gatherings of the American literary set. Tilton recites a poem or makes an address. This year the function was postponed and the report went the rounds that the last had been held. Mr. Tilton is, however, in fairly good health. He keeps up his journalistic work, though he does not care to have it more particularly identified. From the day the Tilton-Beecher jury disagreed he has shunned the public gaze of his countrymen at home, though Americans are said to read him oftener than they read some other American correspondents residing in Europe. His contributions appear under various names. It is reported that he has prepared a full statement of the whole difficulty between himself and Henry Ward Beecher, which will be brought out by a leading New York publishing house thirty days after his death.

Japanese Exodus to Korea.

Every batch of news from Korea tells of migrating Japanese who have left their islands and landed on the big peninsula, where they expect to settle in one or another of the fertile valleys that may be turned into fine gardens. This movement of the Japanese farmers to the mainland was to be expected as soon as the predominance of Japanese influence began to be asserted. There is not a country in the world that needs more room than Japan does, with its 48,000,000 people and seven-eighths of its island empire covered with mountains that are magnificent but can never be made to contribute largely to the support of a rapidly increasing people. The Japanese government is encouraging this western movement of its frugal and industrious farmers and the large area of fertile lands still lying waste in Korea bids fair to give the opportunity that is so sorely needed by the swelling tide of Japanese life.

Protection of Wild Life.

Is there any way of accounting for the propensity manifested by a large number of people to kill something for the sake of killing it? It is not inherited from our savage ancestors. They tortured and killed their enemies, but never slew wild animals except for use, and never more than were needed. Civilized man, so-called, however, goes out into the woods and fields with murder in his heart and calls it sport. Nothing is cunning enough to keep out of his way, nothing so innocent, harmless or beautiful as to escape his thirst for slaughter, and very little that swims, flies or runs is too small for him to hunt down.—Washington Post.

Force of Environment Compelling.

Scientists are continually telling us that things adapt themselves to their environment. It is an inevitable law of nature. If you go down into the sea to a sufficient depth you may find there fishes that have eyes but no sight. Scientists declare that the fish had sight once, but being tempted to lie in darkness, the sight at last went. People are more like these fish than they are apt to imagine. They are affected by the things around them—affected, too, without knowing it.

Beardless Angels.

The question of beardless angels was long since settled by a distinguished prelate, the Rt. Rev. Richard H. Wilmer, late bishop of Alabama, who was remarkable at once for his piety and his humor. When some one asked him why it was that the pictures and figures of men angels, as well as female angels, were represented without beards, the bishop replied that it seemed to be easy enough to make angels out of women, but that man could only get into heaven by a "close shave."—Modern Women.

Eminent Preacher Recuperating.

Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage of New York, pastor of the Church of the Messiah, has retired from the active duties of the pastorate for a few weeks and is now resting at Redlands, Cal., where his son has a charge. Mr. Savage is with him. Dr. Savage, while in need of much rest and quiet, is not alarmingly ill. He may be able to take up his work again in a month or two. Rev. Robert Collyer, who retired as the active head of the Church of the Messiah some time ago, will attend the pastoral duties until Dr. Savage returns.

Baron Speck Von Sternburg.

Baron Speck Von Sternburg, German ambassador to this country, is one of the most popular members of the foreign set in Washington. He is approachable, democratic and probably knows more of American institutions than any other diplomat from abroad. He is a constant visitor at the White House and frequently accompanies the president on long walks or horseback rides. The friendship between President Roosevelt and Baron Von Sternburg began years ago when they were both young men and holding humbler positions in the service of their governments. Mr. Roosevelt was at that time a member of the civil service commission, while Von Sternburg was an under secretary in the German legation.

THEORETICAL SKETCH OF THOMAS HARDY

Eminent Author Not Adapted for the Role of "Lion."

Thomas Hardy, though a frequent visitor to London, still makes his home in Dorchester, near which he was born and where he has lived almost his entire life. He is said to be quite indifferent to the social fame that successful novel-writing brings. "He always looks a little too grave and distant to be quite at his ease in the midst of the jangle of smart conversation," writes a correspondent who has seen the author recently, "but at a small literary dinner he becomes at once sympathetic and interesting and can be grave and gay. In stature he is short, trimly built; the face is intellectual, the forehead deeply lined with thought, the dome of the head expansive and thinly covered with hair. The eyes are meditative, cautious; now and then lighting up with kindly humor, but generally very sad. Mr. Hardy always looks as though he were a watcher, sitting apart from the battle of life and noting down the defeats of the day."

Mind Controls Matter.

The physical effects of mental causes have had striking illustration within the last six months in the cases of several of our fellow townsmen. The heads of the chief insurance companies which were investigated went successively to bed as though they had been poisoned with a slow poison. Mr. Hyde is still young, and the vigor of youth brought him through all distresses without any obvious impairment of vitality, but it went hard with the older men. Mr. Alexander broke down completely under the strain, and his fellow presidents both in turn took sick. So it has been with Justice Duell, who went down before the exposures of the Town Topics' trial as though he had been struck with a club. The firing line is not considered a healthy place, but it is plenty enough healthier to be there than to be the target.—Harper's Weekly.

Life of German Crown Prince.

Since his marriage the German crown prince has turned over a new leaf and is settling down strenuously. He is full of plans for developing his princely estate at Oels and has promised to double the salaries of his employees if they produce the best wheat and rye in Silesia. He talks of cultivating beets and manufacturing sugar on his own land and has started building model cottages for his tenants. He says himself he "is never so happy as when he has more work than he can get through," and that without work he "begins to rust." He has no taste whatever for military life, but takes an immense interest in social questions. He is devoted to the crown princess, who exercises the greatest influence, not only on him but on all the court.

The Tallest Men of Europe.

The tallest men of Europe are found in Catalonia, Normandy, Yorkshire and the Ardennes district of Belgium. Prussia gets her tallest recruits from Schleswig-Holstein, the original home of the Anglo-Saxons; Austria from the Tyrolean highlands. In Italy the progress of physical degeneration has extended to the upper Apennines, but the Albanian Turks are still an athletic race, and the natives of the Caucasus are as sinewy and gaunt as in the days of the Argonauts.

BOOK NOTES.

"Double Trouble; or, Every Hero His Own Villain." By Herbert Quick. With illustrations by Orson Lowell. The Bobbs-Merrill company, publishers, Indianapolis.

An ingenious conceit is the making of this book. A man, Florian Amidon, well-to-do, and a bachelor, in June, 1896, slips a cog, starts on a journey and loses consciousness entirely, coming to himself on January 8, 1901, nearly five years later, on a railroad train going into New York. The porter knew him as Mr. Brassfield, and he had letters in his pockets addressed to Brassfield—himself. Among these is one from a girl whom he has no recollection of, and yet he is engaged to marry her. It is a puzzling complication, and he goes to a clairvoyant to find out about himself. The clairvoyant has the power to make him pass from Brassfield to Amidon, or from Amidon to Brassfield, at her will; and a complicated set of affairs naturally ensues. This conceit that a man who loses himself that way can be thrown from either personality to the other at will, is a new suggestion, so far as we are aware; and it certainly adds the central interest to this work. It is a very ingenious, well-written book, one which sets the author well up in the niche of originators of new ideas well wrought out in an exciting story, that the public will delight to read, and that may well cause a stir in the reading world.

"A Maker of History." By E. Phillips Oppenheim, author of "The Master Mummer," "Mysterious Mr. Sabin," "A Prince of Sinners," "Anns the Adventuress," etc. Illustrated by Fred Pegram. Little, Brown & Co., publishers, Boston.

One of the most absorbingly interesting and fascinating stories yet written by Mr. Oppenheim, whose books are being read and reread by thousands of lovers of the surprising in fiction. A sheet of paper blown by the wind and a mysterious disappearance lead to one of the most complicated and remarkable plots which this author has ever constructed. Important personages in the diplomatic and official life of England, France, Germany, and Russia have a place in the story; and the ingenuity of the secret police of three countries is involved in the maze of incident, plot, and counter-plot through which the reader is carried.

"Heart Throbs." "Contributed by 50,000 People." By Joe M. Chapple of the National Magazine, Boston, Mass.

This interesting volume we regard as par excellence, containing as it does the rare "Heart Throb" selections chosen by the readers of the National Magazine. The book contains some of human-heart inspiration from all the ages, prize selections upon which final awards were made on behalf of judges by Senator William B. Allison and Admiral George Dewey. An encyclopedia of the enduring and inspiring expressions on Life, Love, Home, Friendship, Duty, Patriotism, Character, etc. A book of over 400 pages, handsomely bound in cloth and gilt, illuminated cover—a rare and indispensable book for every home library. The names of the 840 people who received \$10,000 in awards appear in this book as contributors, besides others who sent in selections.

"The Sage Brush Parson." By A. B. Ward. Little, Brown & Co., publishers, Boston.

This is one of the most powerful and realistic romantic novels of the great west that has come to our notice. It is a story of absorbing interest, one that the reader will go over again and again, as it brings him close to the real life of the great and growing west. The writer most forcefully, truthfully and in an entertaining manner depicts the unconventional life in the sage brush wastes of Nevada, the state that has produced so many stories of heart interest. The characters are all distinctively marked, the hero, Clement Vaughan, an Englishman, being particularly striking. Filled with a great enthusiasm for saving souls, Vaughan works zealously among the rough miners of a little Nevada town. The denouement of the novel is vividly unfolded. The atmosphere of the sage brush wastes permeates the story. The author's sense of humor, apparent throughout the book, contributes greatly to the reader's enjoyment. The book will undoubtedly jump into popular favor, and a phenomenally large sale is predicted.

The Almaden mine in Spain produces about 50 per cent of all the quicksilver used in the world. The mine has been worked for over 300 years.

Siberia has the biggest forest area of any country on earth, yet the timber for the construction of the eastern end of the Trans-Siberia railway all came from Oregon.

Athens, Greece, has many very fine buildings, but the provisions for fighting fire are most inadequate. The fire brigade consists of men detailed from the regular army, who, in addition to clothes and keep, get only 10 cents a week.

Quilack, the oldest Indian in the northwest, died recently at his home on Satsop river, Chehalis county, Washington. He was at least 120 years old, as he was old and gray-haired when the oldest settler came to Grays Harbor, fifty years ago.

King Carlos of Portugal, an artist of considerable ability, usually sends his paintings as gifts. One recently presented to the King of Italy is so executed that in one position it represents a sunrise on the sea, but if turned around, becomes a sunset on the plain.

The curiosity of a woman, who examined some colored rock she noticed in San Bernardino county recently, resulted in the unearthing of a turquoise mine. It has just been sold for \$24,000 to C. W. Baldwin of New York.

NEWS SUMMARY

The historic church of San Pablo, at Barcelona, Spain, has been destroyed by an incendiary.

M. A. Despeyer, the Russian minister at Teheran, Persia, has been relieved of his post on the ground of ill health.

Japanese officers have assumed control of the Imperial war college, trade and commercial schools at Canton.

Thirty men were drowned by the wreck between Haugesund and Bergen, off the Norwegian coast, of the steamer Thor.

Five burglars dynamited the People's bank at Kenosha, Ill., securing \$600 in coin, but failing to open the inside safe containing \$5,000.

Six men were killed and twelve so badly injured that most of them are expected to die by an explosion in a mine at Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Krupp, widow of the German steel manufacturer, has given \$250,000 to charity in recognition of the imperial silver wedding anniversary.

Ten men forced entrance into the Russian State bank at Helsingfors, Finland, shot the guardian and secured \$37,000. The robbers have not been captured.

The Nanchang magistrate who was wounded during a dispute with Catholic missionaries recently, resulting in a riot and the killing of a number of missionaries, is dead.

Albert T. Patrick, convicted of the murder of Millionaire Rice of New York, is to be relieved, his attorneys having filed a motion for a new trial, which will be heard April 3.

Frankie Neil, the American bantam weight champion, successfully defended his title by knocking out Harry Tenny in the fourteenth round at Mechanics' pavilion, San Francisco.

Fearing that she would die soon and that he would wed again, Mrs. John E. Longbaugh killed her husband with an axe while he lay sleeping in the farm home, near Tiverton, Ohio.

Secretary of the German Admiralty Von Tirpitz at a session of the Budget committee has denied that the German port of Tsing Tau, China, was to be made a fortress of the first class.

The senate committee on foreign relations, by a party vote, agreed to favorably report the San Domingo treaty. A number of amendments were made to the treaty before it was reported.

Reports from the Artega district, State of Chichuahua, Mexico, state that fines aggregating \$127,000 have been imposed on several miners of that district for infractions of the stamp law.

A Havana dispatch to the New York Herald says that it is reported that an American, acting as postmaster for the territorial aspirants in the Isle of Pines, has been arrested and confined in jail.

M. Waddington, son of the Chilean charge d'affaires, who killed Senor Balmaceda, secretary of the consulate, has decided to submit to the authorities and stand trial before a Belgian tribunal.

The body of Mrs. William Hyman, sixty years of age, was found in the ruins of the Williamsburg (Pa.) opera house, which was destroyed by fire. It was supposed that every person had gained the streets in safety.

Secretary-Treasurer Wilson of the United Mine Workers' has issued a call for the special national convention to convene on March 15, and again 1300 delegates will gather for the purpose of considering the wage scale.

Weak, but feeling no ill effects of his captivity, Col. Robert Hamblin, who was kidnaped in the Mogolon mountains while traveling in New Mexico and held prisoner for ransom, arrived at his home in Deming, Texas, last week.

Death came to Bessie Cole, daughter of Stephen Cole of Bloomingsburg, Ohio, after a spell of sneezing, which lasted ten hours. A physician's efforts to check the sneezing were of no avail. The breaking of a blood vessel ensued.

Ralph Earl Sampson, son of the late Admiral Sampson has re-entered the naval academy. Young Sampson was recently dropped from a higher class on account of deficiency in studies, but was at once reappointed by President Roosevelt.

Pittsburg street railways and gas supplies, both natural and artificial, has practically passed from the control of the Philadelphia company to the United Railways Investment company of San Francisco, and a deal that involves nearly \$40,000,000 is about completed.

Anna Ismailovich and Ivan Kalitbohr, principals in the plot to assassinate the governor, prefect and other high officials during a funeral at the cathedral at Minsk, has been condemned by a military court to be hanged, though their attempt had miscarried.