

FINDS AND GIVES BACK COSTLY NECKLACE

Alarmed at Fortune Finds \$30,000 Jewels and is Rewarded With \$2,000—Wrought Up So Much That Her Name is Hidden.

MISS ISMAN TELLS OF LOSS

New York, Jan. 14.—Mrs. Irene Isman, who last October divorced Felix Isman, the well-known real estate operator and theatrical manager of Philadelphia and New York, was the happiest young woman in the city yesterday.

There was one other woman who was very happy from the same cause. She was the working girl who picked up the pearls and obtained the \$2,000 reward offered for them.

Alarmed at Her Good Fortune

So alarmed, indeed, is she at her good fortune that her identity is to be kept a secret. Mrs. Isman herself does not know it.

The girl gave good reasons for her wish. She said if it were known she had such a sum her life would be made a burden to her, and as large as her fortune was, it would not prove big enough to go around.

"I'm going to think of my mother," she said. Then the promise was made. The girl is in her teens, very poor, lives on Second avenue, and has to maintain herself and her mother by her work.

Search Falls, Almost Faints

"I dropped the receiver and searched my dress rapidly. Then a feeling of sickness came over me. I sank into the chair and nearly fainted.

"As quickly as I was able I hurried back over my steps, but found nothing. I went to Delmonico's; they searched everywhere. Nothing. I went to the police. They showed me the new building, explained the Rogues' Gallery to me, gave me some good advice about not paying money in advance to anybody who might say he could get me my pearls for a price, and assured me my pearls and I had parted for keeps. No one, they said, would risk parting with such a necklace in America, but would make straight to Europe with it, and it would pay them well to go.

Then I went to Tiffany's, and Tiffany's thought there was just a chance, if I offered a big enough reward, but they were half afraid that \$2,000 would not be enough. And so the advertisement went into Sunday's World.

"Glad News Comes to Her. When yesterday morning came and no news, I gave up all hope; my only consolation was to cry over the empty case. But this afternoon Tiffany's phoned to me to call upon them, and all safe.

"Tell me who found them, that I may thank her. A girl! Oh, let me go and kiss her! I exclaimed, in my joy. Then they told me why she wanted to remain unknown, and I appreciated her reason.

"It seems that the girl must have picked the pearls up almost immediately I dropped them. She said she found them between Forty-seventh and Forty-sixth streets as she was walking home from work, between half-past six and 7 o'clock.

"The pearls appear to have been a sore temptation to her; and the temptation, she said, became much harder when she saw the advertisement of the \$2,000 reward. At last she went to her doctor and asked his advice. The poor girl! I can well understand how she felt. Oh, I would hate to find a necklace of pearls like that!

"The stolen thread had broken and one of the pearls had rolled away. But the girl searched till she found the loose pearl. Wasn't it all a remarkable chance?"

Before the Ex-Chief Forester gets through with them some of the other crowd will take to the tall timber.

GOV. KITCHIN GIVES INTERVIEW

North Carolina Able and Willing to Pay Her Just Debts.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14.—In response to a request from the Providence Journal, Governor Kitchin last night gave that paper the following statement relative to the demand of the State of Rhode Island upon the State of North Carolina for payment of certain repudiated bonds:

"During the reconstruction era following the war between the States, many millions of bonds were issued in the name of North Carolina. Some were honest, some were fraudulent. The State, by the conduct of those who controlled it then, was lumbered with a staggering debt, much of which was fraudulent and only protected those who plundered.

"A commission of honest and able men, after the most careful investigation, reported to the legislature a basis of settlement embodied in the act of 1879. Our indebtedness was particularly divided into four classes. The first three classes were to be paid upon a compromise basis. Some few creditors refused to accept the compromise, among these were the holders of what became known as the Shafter bonds—a part of which South Dakota accepted, resulting in the suit against North Carolina, in which the United States Supreme Court, by a bare majority, held in favor of South Dakota.

"The fourth class, known as the 'Special Tax Bonds,' were not to be paid at all. Our constitution, article 1, 6, declares these bonds—specifying the acts under which they were issued—shall not be paid unless ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the State.

"The State has always been willing to pay the bonds of the first three classes in accordance with the just terms of the legislature of 1879, and most of these bonds have been paid, the creditors generally appreciating the justice of the settlement proposed.

"The bonds of the fourth class have not been paid and will not be paid without ratification by the people, and it is safe to say the people will never ratify them, as they were conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity.

"For years the holders of these bonds have been hawking them about the country trying to give foreign States a sop to sue a sister State. Acts of legislatures have been secured authorizing the acceptance by States of gifts that had for their basis, to the ignorance of many legislators, the desire on the part of the bondholders to donate a part of these fraudulent bonds for the mere purpose of having North Carolina harassed by litigation in the hope that fear thereof would drive the State into paying unjust bonds. Great States like New York and Michigan, and probably others, have had the opportunity of such gifts and with a high sense of propriety declined them. My information is that thousands of South Dakota's best citizens regret her action. Great States, like great individuals, should refuse gifts tainted with sinister purposes, even though needily circumstances confront them. How much more should wealthy, independent, high spirited people spurn such proffered opportunities to sue a sovereign State to aid the ulterior purposes of those who give to gain, who extend an offering with the left that they may reap with the right hand. I will not criticize Rhode Island, for I believe when full information is disclosed it will be seen that her people have been duped as were ours when the fraudulent bonds were negotiated. If she has acted with full information, it merely shows how differently great people may view a matter from different standpoints.

"North Carolina is willing and able to pay her just debts. She is no pauper. She is great and rich and increasing her wealth every year. She is going forward in every line of industry with rapid strides. Her people will regret litigation with her sister State, Rhode Island, to whom she never made a debt, but she will to the utmost of her ability, resist every effort on the part of any to compel her to pay the 'Special Tax Bonds.'"

RECTOR INDISPOSED. Owing to the indisposition of the rector, there will be no celebration of the Holy Communion tomorrow morning in St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Morning prayer with sermon will be said at 11 o'clock, and evening prayer at 7:30 o'clock. All invited.

NEW DRUGGIST. Mr. W. F. Rhyne, of Gastonia, N. C., arrived in the city last night to accept the position as druggist at the Washington Drug Company. Mr. Rhyne succeeds Mr. D. H. Crook, who leaves this afternoon for Hillsdale, N. C., his future home. The News takes pleasure in welcoming Mr. Rhyne to Washington.

GERMS GIVEN TO FAMILY, THE CHARGE

Two Already Dead

Typhoid Germs Given to Family to Exterminate Them—A Far- Reaching Plot—Whole Family Sick.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 14.—A far-reaching plot, supposed to have been originated by one expected to become sole beneficiary of the Swope millions is declared to have resulted in the deaths of Thomas H. Swope on October 3, and his nephew, Chrisman Swope, in December. The charge is made by the attorneys representing the Swope estate.

The body of Colonel Swope was exhumed Tuesday and taken to Independence. An autopsy was held and the stomach sent to a toxicologist of national reputation in Chicago to be analyzed in the expectation of the discovery of traces of poison.

Suspicion of murder was aroused at the sudden death of Chrisman Swope. An autopsy was held, the stomach was removed and a thorough examination made. The stomach is now in Chicago, where it is being analyzed by a commission of eminent chemists and toxicologists.

The plot is declared to have been planned with deliberation and to have had for its purpose the extermination of Swope heirs. Shortly before Chrisman Swope's death, it is charged, a man now under surveillance visited the office of the bacteriologist of Kansas City and obtained typhoid germs November 10. His first visit to the Swope home in Independence was on Thanksgiving Day. It was only a week after this that Chrisman Swope became ill with the contagion. When it was found that Chrisman Swope would probably recover it is believed strychnine was given to him to make sure of his death.

The death of Chrisman Swope, following so close after the fatal illness of Colonel Swope immediately aroused the suspicions of the family.

Mrs. Logan Swope was taken down with typhoid fever early in December. In rapid succession other members of the family became ill of the same malady. They follow in chronological order:

December 2, Margaret Swope. December 4, Miss Dixon, the governess.

A negro servant by the name of Coppie. Miss Compton, the seamstress. December 5, Stuart Fleming. December 9, Sarah Swope, 14 years old.

December 11, Stella Swope. December 22, Lucy Lee.

The investigation which resulted in these startling disclosures was largely at the instance of the nurses employed in the Swope home during the illness of Chrisman Swope.

The man suspected is now under the espionage, day and night, of five private detectives employed by the Swope.

AGED CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

Mr. R. W. Moore Died Last Night—Funeral Sunday.

Mr. Roger W. Moore died at his home, East Main street, last night at 10 o'clock, after a lingering illness. At the time of his death Mr. Moore was in his 75th year and was a native of Currituck county. He was a man of integrity and enjoyed the friendship of a large number. The funeral will take place from the residence Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. H. B. Seabright, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery. The Daily News extends sympathy to the bereaved.

GREEN GATHERING OF LAYMEN. Greensboro, Jan. 14.—The convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, in session in West Market Street Methodist Church here, is one of the largest and most enthusiastic religious gatherings that ever assembled in the State. About 1,500 delegates have been enrolled from all sections of North Carolina, representing practically all the Protestant denominations. The attendance is so much greater than was expected that the women have been asked to vacate the gallery of the church auditorium. It was stated that this was the first time in the history of the Laymen's Movement such a request had been necessary.

VASSAR GIRLS MONDAY NIGHT

Seats Now on Sale at Brown's Drug Store—Secure Them.

The Eight Vassar Girls, appearing under the auspices of the Radcliffe Entertainment Bureau, will be the stellar attraction in a novel musical concert to be given on Monday evening at the school auditorium before an audience that promises at this time to be one of the largest of the season.

With an interesting history and a record of splendid work in many big cities, the double quartette comes to Washington under the stimulating necessity of having to meet and satisfy high expectations aroused by the press agent's claims recently put forth in its behalf. That it will maintain the even standard of excellence set for it some years ago no one familiar with its past performances will doubt for an instant. As a matter of fact the eight have this year come to the very front rank of lyceum attractions and have been booked as the chief feature in a number of concert courses in the South. They are no longer in the experimental class.

Trained in the best literary and musical schools in the country the young women composing the company have arranged a magnificent program of instrumental selections which their thorough educational equipment enables them to perform in a manner that has pleased even the most exacting critics. In addition to instrumental and vocal solos the concert here will include a number of distinctly unique features, among them being a sextette of saxophones, a sextette of brass instruments, a septette of wood instruments, a quartette of clarinets corresponding to the tenor, alto, soprano and bass of the human voice, a quartette of wood instruments, and various other combinations. The whole will offer a very delightful musical fantasia, to which the charming personality of the young women will add much.

Announcement Made Yesterday. Announcement was made yesterday of Miss Harcum's marriage. Mr. Lee Brinkley, living at 551 Laurel avenue, Prentiss place, is the man of her choice and to him she was married in Gates county, N. C., a week ago—on Thursday, January 6. They have just returned and are living in Prentiss place.

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PURCHASES HOME

Mrs. Elizabeth V. Simmons has purchased the home of Mr. Charles M. Little, Jr., corner of Harvey and East Main streets. Mrs. Simmons will move into her new home about June 1.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON TRADING IN "FUTURES" Washington, Jan. 14.—A conference looking to the renewal of the fight on gambling in futures was held at the White House late today, when President Taft took the subject up with Representative Scott, of Kansas; Lovig, of Massachusetts, and Burleson, of Texas. The discussion was based on the bill introduced by Mr. Scott last year forbidding interstate telegraph, telephones and mails to transmit messages with reference to future contracts for the sale of farm products where there is no intention to deliver the products.

Attorney-General Wickersham and Herbert Knox-Smith, commissioner of corporations, were present at the conference. In the end the whole matter was referred to the attorney-general for consideration as to the form of the Scott bill, and to Commissioner Smith for recommendation in the light of his previous investigation of the methods of the cotton exchanges.

It is expected there will be a hearing on the bill some time in the near future, at which representatives of those who desire to oppose the new legislation may be heard.

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Rejected Suitor in Jail

Miss Daisy Harcum, Shot by W. A. Wallace When She Spurned Him, Comes to This State to Marry.

SHE INTENDS TO PROSECUTE

Portsmouth, Va., Jan. 14.—While her rejected lover, who shot her because she spurned his love, languished in jail, Miss Daisy van Harcum went away with another man and was married.

This is a little sequel to the near-tragedy at Duke and Chestnut streets last summer, when Miss Harcum was shot down by William A. Wallace, of 1605 Prentiss avenue, Prentiss place, because she looked with disdain upon his attentions, and refused flatly to stop in the street and talk with him.

Now he is in jail awaiting trial, and another and more favored suitor has stepped in and married the girl over whom Wallace has got himself into such an unhappy plight.

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POURS KEROSENE ON FIRE; LAD DIES IN AGONY

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 14.—A distressing accident which occurred yesterday morning about 3 o'clock resulted fatally to little Hardy Ray, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ray, who live on North Brevard street in Ogilvie's alley between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

From his ears to his knees every particle of skin was burned from his body by a fire which caught his clothes. It is supposed that he poured kerosene on the fire in order to make it burn. His father was at work in the Calvine mill and the mother had gone to the house of a neighbor, leaving him; it is said, in bed. During her absence he arose and, it is presumed, sought to stir up the fire with the kerosene. His clothes ignited and he ran screaming to meet his mother whom he found some distance from the house. A physician was called in and he was sent to the Presbyterian Hospital, though it was plain from the first that his case was hopeless. He was conscious all the time and was animated, the burns seemingly having been so severe as to deaden the pain. All possible was done for him, but he passed away in the afternoon about 6:30 o'clock. The funeral will be conducted this morning at 9 o'clock from the residence.

SAMUEL TAYLOR WINS

Mr. Samuel Taylor held the winning coupon at the Gem Theater last night. He was congratulated on all sides for winning the cut-glass bowl.

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ACCEPTS POSITION

Mr. William Taylor has accepted the position as engineer of the steamer Shiloh, plying between this city and Tarboro on the river.

STRANDED IN HER BED

Coachman Suspected Attempts to Take His Life.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Sarah O. Breymer, aged 26 years, a pretty and cultivated governess at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Compton, at Millbrook, was found in her bed early this morning strangled to death. Frank Schermerhorn, aged 26, employed as coachman on the Compton place, was brought here charged with the murder. Late this afternoon he made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide, cutting his throat with a razor.

About 3 o'clock this morning Mary Fennell, a maid in the Compton house, was awakened by a noise and saw she saw a man's form disappear out of the corridor. She ran to awaken the governess and, not receiving any reply, entered Miss Breymer's room. The governess was found lying in bed, her face black and finger prints on her throat. Life was extinct.

On a cot in the room was little Polly Compton, aged 3 years, unharmed. The maid quickly summoned the coachman, and when he arrived the sheriff and police of this city were notified.

The officers questioned the maids and servants and the coachman, Frank Schermerhorn. They found that Miss Breymer's hands had been tied, the big chest containing the silverware had been forced and several of the rooms were in disorder, making it appear as though the tragedy had been part of a burglary.

Chief of Police Charles J. McCabe went to the coachman's house late this afternoon to question him, and not receiving any answer to his summons, went up into the coachman's bedroom. The room was dark and on throwing open the blinds the chief's attention was attracted by a trickling sound under the bed. Investigation revealed Schermerhorn lying under the bed with his throat cut and blood dripping in a pool on the floor.

Schermerhorn was taken into custody. On the table in his room the chief found a note which read: "My dear wife: I am not guilty. "FRANK."

Schermerhorn, although very weak, said that he stood watching under a window of the Compton mansion while Shattro Chashi, the Japanese butler, committed the deed. This statement the police discredit and say there is no doubt that Schermerhorn strangled the governess to death either during or following a criminal assault.

PEANUT HUNT AND PARTY ON BIRTHDAY

Yesterday afternoon a birthday party was given by Master Baird Brooks at his home, East Main street, to many of his little friends. The occasion was the seventh anniversary of his birthday, and the entertainment partook of the nature of a "Peanut Hunt." The following lines summoned the many young friends of the host to the gathering: "A Peanut Hunt is to be given, To Baird Brooks, his birthday seven; Who'll win the prize? Do come and see. Friday afternoon at half past three."

"At the hour named the company had assembled, and lawn games were indulged in until half past four o'clock, when the hunt began. Much merriment was occasioned by the young ones scampering over the lawn in quest of the peanuts. When the hunt was over, and the number each had found was ascertained, it was found that the prize went to little Miss Leonora Blount for finding the largest number.

More games were played, and then the jolly company repaired to the house where dainty refreshments were served.

Those present were Jack and Elizabeth Oden, Phroence Latham, Norman Corden, Carter Hanbury, Milton and Francis Jefferson, Seth and Carmen Corden, Ward and Reginald Paul, John Hoyt Handy, Dorothy and Harriet Brown, Alice Fulford, Mary and Martha Hardy, Sarah Lillie Susan, Christine Baughan, Annie Thomas Archbell, Sarah Fowler Archbell, Leonora Blount, Vira Edwards, Mary Carl Bland, Mary B. Little, Victor Sullivan, Baird and Ernest Bruce Brooks.

When the twilight began to steal athwart the sky the merry guests took their departure, wishing the young host many happy returns of so pleasant an anniversary.

Mrs. E. L. Brooks was very ably assisted in entertaining the young people by Mrs. C. E. Hanbury.

HENRY MOORE SUCCESSFUL

Mr. Henry Moore proved to be the lucky one at the Galley theater last night, winning the cut-glass bowl. He is a most fortunate young man.

CURTISS' MGR. MAKES PROTEST AGAINST PAULHAM

May Mean Contest

The Manager Alleges That the Frenchman Cut Across Lots in Order to Slow Down Curtiss' Flight.

RECORD NOT LOWERED

Aviation Field, Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 14.—While Louis Paulham, of France, did not do anything so wonderful today as flying nearly a mile high, he took up Miscoart and Malsen, his assistants, and circled with them several times around the field in his aeroplane, and cut "cross lots in what was said by some to be an attempt to slow down Glenn H. Curtiss, who was flying the regular course at the same time, for a tea-lap speed record. The passengers all landed safely.

Curtiss' manager protested against Paulham's getting in the way of the Curtiss machine, and a contest may develop. Curtiss' total time was 24 minutes 54 1-2 seconds, not a record. Later Paulham tried to beat this, but failed by five seconds.

Carried Passengers. Earlier in the day, with his wife a passenger, Paulham made three laps of the course in 8:16 1-5. He flew over the judges' stand after circling the field, and alighted easily in the starting square.

On another flight of seven minutes he had Mrs. Dick Morris as a passenger. He cut corners, flew low over the stands and she seemed to enjoy the pranks.

Other chief features of the day's performances were: Paulham set the work at 8:16 1-5 in the official trial for 3 laps in the passenger-carrying contest, with Madame Paulham as his passenger; Glenn Curtiss failed to

Lower Three-Lap Record. Curtiss failed to lower the three-lap record, which he set yesterday: Hamilton, Paulham, Curtiss and Willard qualified in three-lap flights for all events.

Willard duplicated his feat of starting, flying around the course one time and landing in a measured space of twenty feet, winning a prize of a \$250 purse.

Charles K. Hamilton, in a Curtiss machine, tried for the ten-lap speed record, but landed in his third lap because of engine trouble.

Charles K. Hamilton today made a flight with his rudder wheel tied, to show that the Curtiss machine could be operated without the Wright patents.

Clifford B. Harmon of New York, announced that he would attempt in the second week of February from San Antonio in the balloon "New York" to break the world's distance record of 1,200 miles. Harmon also will try to lift the Labam cup, now held by H. Holland Forbes, who made 623 miles in a straight line.

Knights of Pythias Officers Installed

The following officers of Pamlico Lodge No. 73, Knights of Pythias, were duly installed at their hall, this city, last Thursday evening, by the Deputy Grand Chancellor, Mr. Arthur Mayo:

J. E. Bonner, C. C. C. R. Fleming, V. C. Minton Hodges, P. J. D. Callais, M. of W. F. H. Bryan, M. of E. A. S. Wells, K. of R. S. W. H. Ellsworth, M. at A. S. C. Pegan, M. of F. J. L. Capehart, I. G. L. Y. Shaw, O. G.

H. S. WARD TO SPEAK

The subject of Mr. H. S. Ward's address at the Young Men's Christian League Sunday afternoon will be "The Demands of the Business Life Upon Individual Character."

New Advertisements in Today's News

- J. K. Hoyt—Underwear.
Jan. E. Clark Co.—Embroidery.
McKeel-Richardson Co.—Harp.
Russ.
Ness Bros. Co.—Phonographs.
Gem Theater.
Galley Theater.
Laxative Bromo Quinine.
Dean's Kidney Pills.
Capitola.
Wick's Remedies.