nen Consulate General, Shai

rooms, the consul general a ten-room house, the senior vice consul an eight-

judge a rent alowance and five houses

of either four or six rooms, or rent allowance, for the rest of the staff.

HURTS NATIONAL PRESTIGE.

American Association of China, and supplies an indication of how their

countrymen in Shanghal feel on the

The shabby appearance presented by the American consulates in China

each new appointment

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SECRETARY TAFT AND THE CHINESE

BY ROBERT H. MURRAY.

secial staff correspondent of The Observer and the Philadelphia North American with the Taft party.

8. 8. Minnesota, Oct. 10.—To give force to the awakening of America in , for which the visit and the speech of Secretary of War Taft in Shanghai served as an alarm, Con-gress will be seked this winter to appropriate not less than \$500,000. More is needed, but this sum is absolutely needed, if America is to keep pace with the orientals. The money will e used for the providing of proper quarters in Shanghai for the American consular offices and the United States ourt for China, presided over by udge L. R. Wilfley.
Mr. Datt touched upon the urgency

giving our government decent ac-mmodations in Shanghai, in his sch before the American Associaon of Shanghai, on Tuesday night.

"What you need is a great govern-ment building here, to be built by the expenditure of a very large sum of consulate shall be housed in a dignified manner. Our government should give this substantial evidence of its appreciation of the importance of its appreciation of the importance of its averages about 68 cents. The professus and political relations to the great Chinese empire. In the Orient more than anywhere else in the world, established in Tientsin to act as a buffer was is important, for against German and Japanese in sufficient change from \$1,000,000

of other nations surmounting dignified to adjoining property. Some of it is office, the shipping office and the room, and costly modern structures. It was covered by the Astor House, which not a far-fetched remark that a celebrated American traveler once utter- al acres; business structures and gar-

consulate, I always look for the most

Within a year or two, the Chinese could be made to believe that it was money, so that your court and your government offered to cede us a tract a good thing for us to own land in consulate shall be housed in a digni- of land in Tientsin worth, at an ex- China."

more than anywhere else in the world, the effect upon the eye is important, and it must be very difficult for Chinameters of the Linux be very difficult for the Linux be

Taft and

ludge L.R fley of the U.S. in Shanghar

In a measure, we are not worse off in Shanghai than are scores of other consulates in important points. Eng lead, Germany, France, Russia and lend, Germany, France, Russia and leven nations of infinitely less importance and wealth have a wholesale appreciation of the necessity and value of "putting up a front" with their consulate general, the consulate general, the consulate general, the consulate general, the consulate general in the necessity and value of "putting up a front" with their consulate general, the consulate general, the consulate general in the necessity and value of the necessity and value of "putting up a front" with their consulate general, the consulate general, the consulate general, the consulate general in the necessity and value of the necessity and value of "putting up a front" with their consulate general, the consulate general in the necessity and value of the necessity and value of the necessity and value of "putting up a front" with their consulate general, the consulate general things. In the necessity in the necess sular and diplomatic stations.

Travelers find our flag flying over rickety, dilapidated houses, old, out of repair and shabby. Nearby, almost invariably, will be seen the emblems of consular home, but as well invariably, will be seen the emblems of consular home, but as well office, the pill, the registrar's at all, but fancy himself in on auction which one can earn one's flying while serving one's apprenticeship.

There are nine persons in the con-pers a few months ago, when one B. sular and the judicial staffs of the P. Colvin. a prisoner, was tried for United States. No quarters, that is, breaking from the American fall. A ed:
"Whenever I strike a strange town city and the owners hold it far houses in which to live, are provided and start out to seek the American above \$1,000,000.

dens. The land is in the heart of the United States. No quarters, that its, houses in which to live, are provided for them. France, Russia, England. "It was sold a good many years Germany and even Japan provide ac- If a prisoner sees fit to stay, he does.

She was under the management of Charles Frohman when she married Mr. Lalmbeer, in May of 1902. The wedding ceremony was performed in St. George's church by Rev. Philemon F. Sturgis, one of the assistants of Rev. Dr. Rainsford. Only half a dozen of her riends were present at the wedding. KEPT HER SOCIETY FRIENDS

While she made many new friends in her profession, she lost none of the old ones. She was as welcome in the "400" as she had been before the playhouse became her source of live-lihood. She was unable, because of the exactions of her professional work, to devote much time to society, but in the summer vacation she found time to enjoy it.

houses for the rest of the staffs. Even the second-rate powers, like Denmark. Holland, Belgium and Sweden, have but resisted whatever efforts he made representative dwellings.
England gives her nineteen consular and judicial representatives twenty-four office rooms, besides two court friend she had in the hour of friend she had had in the hour of house, the senior vice consul an eight-room house, the judge and assistant pudge and assistant back on her friends.

HER OWN LIFE STORY. Here is Clara Bloodgood's, own The seventeen German and the nine story of how she came to go on the French officials are similarly cared stage, written by herself in a maga-for. zine article entitled "My Yesterdays:"

by her tenderness than my auditorium was comfortably filled worthiness. I only know that with many friends of the bride and when I arrived at the age of being groom from this city and other points by. able to keep jobs, I do not remember anything remarkable about myself were skilfully rendered by Mr. Edbeyond the fact that my keenest idea ward H. Munson, organist of St. of pleasure was to fall into a foun- James, and when all the guests had prestige so necessary in national affairs can in the course of time, be escan be lived down, and the national; tion among communities of high mor-al and intellectual standing; but, un-aided by an impressive setting, the task his to be undertaken anew on cach new appointment. I want to be taught. I vacillated between English

commodations at Shanghai is a matter States I was taught the countries of of great urgency. As a question of England, and then reverted to the sentiment, the offices of the American capitals and forgot the countries,

recited a poem to save my soul. As Ann streets,

serving one's apprenticeship.

"'I had to earn my living, a fact which very few people appreciated (and naturally one does not discuss breaking from the American fail. A those things), and I knew that peofackmibble could kick his way out of nie got \$18 to \$20 a week for dressfail in about seven strokes of his legs. ing up and walking about creditably. 'I had done that for some years for nothing, and the tdea of being nold for it rather appealed to me. That, literally, was all my 'calling' for the frage.

DECIDED FOR MR., HUGHES.

Concloy of Pippeli" Loses His Suit in York Court—An Insignificant Stain Trains Pleases.

Yorkville S. C., Dec. 10,-The

statement was made in this corres-

cases on the criminal docket of the Court of General Sessions to be disposed of was that of the State against C. C. Hughes, charged with obstructing a public highway, and that the prosecutor was "Cansler of Tirzah." The are was not reached until Friroad, which passed through lands beheing o Mr. Hughes, had long since been abandoned and that where roads pass through lands and are abandoned by the public the right-of-way reverts to the original grantor or his successors. The State took the opposite view. After the testimony was all in and the attorney assisting the State, Mr.W. W. Lewis, ardse to address the jury, the court advised him that an address was unnecessary and instructed the jury to find for the defendant. The State or prosecution expressed its dissatisfaction and intimated that the case would be appealed to the Supreme Court. Judge Wilson expressed his entire approval of such a course, if the prosecution desired to pursue it. The decision meets the approval of almost everybody familiar with the facts in the case and there is little or no sympathy for Mr. Cansler. Mr. Hughes is a lawabiding citizen and at the same time Newcastle Stable, whose horses have chieved many victories on the metopolitan race tracks.

> public. Vair engreenandent boarded train No. 13 on the Marion and Kingsville division of the Southern yesterday morning at Kingville for Yorkville. At Sumter Junction, a few miles this

and convenience to the traveling

If sugar did not dissolve in the mouth you could not taste the sweet. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic, but you do not taste the bitter because the ingredients do not dissolve in the mouth, but do dissolve readily in the acids of the stomach. Is just as good for Grown People as for Children. The First and Original Tasteless Chill Tonic. The Standard for 30 years. 50c.

The people of this section are pleased to know that the Southern has desided to operate No. 14 through to Columbia instead of having it stop at Kingsville as heretofore and to have No. 13 start from Columbia instead of from Kingsville. It is to be hoped hat the patronage will be sufficient o warrant the company to make what is being tried as an experiment permanent arrangement. It will prove a great convenience to the public and be much more pleasant, in-teresting and comfortable to the faithful crews in charge of these trains.

STOCKARD-ASHE WEDDING.

Eldest Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.
T. Ashe, of Wilmington. Weds Mr.
S. A. Stockard, Son of President of
Peace Institute—The Ceremony
Very Beautiful—Honeymoon to Spent in Florida. special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Dec. 10.—The marriage of Miss Margaret Mordecai Ashe, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Ashe, of this city, and Mr. S. A. Stockard, a son of Prof. Jerome Stockard, of Peace Institute, Raleigh, in St. James' Episcopal church here this afternoon at 5:45 o'clock, Rev. R. W. Hogue, rector, officiating was an event of tor, officiating, was an event of much pleasurable interest to a great many friends in Wilmington and elsewhere throughout the State.

"My grandmother told many stories of my cleverness as a child Suggested I am afraid more with plants and flowers and the large in the State. The wedding marches fairs can. in the course of time, he established by the force of character of the men appointed to consulates, always provided that their character is such as to give them a leading position among communities of high moral and intellectual standing; but, in-alled by an impressive setting, the ach new appointment.

The provision of the necessary asominodations at Shanghai is a matter

I great urgency. As a question of the states I was taught the countries of the co Ashe. At the alter the bride was to old timers, ever seen to start the group of the joined by the groom, who entered with his best man, Mr. William D. Briggs, of Raleigh, from the vestry room. When the assemblage at the altar was complete Rev. Mr. Hogue spoke with much effect the solemn that and wife. The party left the church annual in reverse order from that in which came-first the bride and groom; then Mr. Briggs, Miss Nash; Miss S'ockard, with Mr. George Ashe; Miss Josephine Ashe, Mr. Markley Croswell and the ushers by twos. The service was one of the prettiest ever witnessed in St. James, the scene of so many pretty and fashionable weldings. White and plak were the precominating colors, and these were carried out quite effectively in the

decorations and costumes. After receiving the felicitations of

The bride is a most attractive young woman of the younger society set in Wilmington and is much admired for her charming personality and bright disposition. The groom has been a resident here for several years and his promotion with the Atlantic Coast Line, by whom he is employed in the general offices, has been rapid and substantial. now chief clerk in the office of the car accountant and is highly esteemed personally by the people of his adopted city.

Will In'erest Many.

Every person should know that good health is impossible if the Kidneys are deranged. Foley's Kidney Cure will cure kidney and clauder disease in every form, and will build up and strengthen these organs so they will perform their functions properly. No danger of functions properly. No danger of Bright's disease or distetes if Foley's Kidney Cure is taken in time. R. H. Jordan & Co.

pondence last week that among the DAILY FASHION SERVICE



GIRL'S DRESS. Paris Pattern No. 2176 All Seams Allowed.

Gray and green plaid cheviot has been for the development of this pretty little frock. The round shallow roke which is a feature of the front is of the material cut on the bias, and the tucks at the front and back are turned to form box-plaits. The full gathered skirt is attached to the waist, the joining being hidden by the narrow belt. The pattern is in 4 slate-6 to 18 years. For a girl of 10 years the dress requires 4% yards of material 27 inches wide, or 8% yards 36 innhes wide, or 8% yards 42 inches wide: with 9% yard of lines 27 inches wide for collar and 2 yards of lines 27 inches wide for collar and 8 yards of braid to trim. Frice of pattern, 10 cents.

consumption. Pro-clean living are the dread white scourge. Every precaution should be employed to prevent the germs from settling on the lungs, and coughs and colds should not be neglected. To break up a cold quickly and cure any cough that is curable, mix a half-ounce Virgin Oil of Pine half-ounce Virgin Oil of Pi with two ounces of glycerine and a half-pint of gold whis-key. Shake well and take a teaspoonful every four hours. Five ounces of tincture Cinchona compound can be used instead of whiskey with the same effect.

This mixture will usually break up a cold over night. Care should be excessed to use only the genuine Virgin Oil of Pine, which is prepared in the laboratories of the Leach Chemical Co., Cincinnati, O. and put up for dispensing only in 1-2 ounce vials, each se-curely sealed in a round wooden case. It is better to purchase the different ingredients separately and mix them

A Midget Stallion.

New York Sun. A four-year-old colt in the stables of Uncle John Maguire, at Broadway and Fiftieth street, is as wonderful among hores as the tall Singer Building is among houses, but with a dif-ference. The colt is twenty-seven inches high and weighs only fifty pounds. It is as playful as a pet dog, and when led out for exercise the street is blocked by the crowd that gathers to see the midget stal-lion. The tiny horse was brought from Oregon and the sire and dam York.

The Rork Company's Production The Greatest of All the Big Musical Comedy Successes

COMING THRO' THE RYE Frank Laior in His Inimitable Original Creation, "Nott, The Tailor," And a Matchless Company of 80 Comedians, Singers, Dances. Scenery, Costumes and Other Effects of Rare Magnificence

A performance and a production absolutely without a parallel in the o'clock train for a wed- history of the American stage Seats on sale to-day at Hawley' Prices \$1.50, \$1.00, 75, 50.

Charlotte Hotel Under New Management

Again open to the public. The house has been thoroughly renovated and fitted throughout with electric lights, hot and cold water baths and all modern improvements, and is now, strictly up to date in every way, for the management desires to make it one of the best modern hotels in the city. Rates same as old, \$1.00 and \$1.25 per day; rooms, 50c.

CHARLOTTE HOTEL

Christmas Flowers

Roses, Carnations, Violets, Sweet Peas, Lily of the Vallev.

Nice Pot Plants, Roman Hyacinth and Narcissus, at 25 and 50 cents. Give us a trial.

Scholtz, The Florist QUALITY

Some one has said that nobody wants a tolerably good egg. It is a pity that so many men are satisfied with tolerably safe life insurance.

At such a fime as this the value of a STANDARD EQUITABLE POLI-CY will be appreciated by thoughtful people. At the present time the peo ple in every community may be divided into three classes: (1) Those whose anxieties are enhanced by the fact that they lack the protect which only life insurance can furnish; (2) those who have in whose security they questionare wondering whether the compa in which they are insured are sound beyond all peradventure, or whether if sound, they may not austain lo which will seriously cut into future dividends; and (2) those who have policies that are as good as gold-Standard Equitable policies. Which of these categories ought the prudet man to get into?

W. J. RODDEY, Mgr.,

tumbled-down house in the place," he ago," says the guide, "and for a very commodations adequate to the post-Otherwise, he leaps hard against the said.

No one in Washington tion of their consuls general, and wall and "looks it." SHE TALKED ABOUT DRUG each Saturday, and he did not re-

CLARA BLOODGOOD'S CONDUCT

First Thought of Poison-Young Woman Who Knew Actress Tells Story of Sceing Her in Store Near Be-lasco Theatre Inquiring of Head Clerk as to How to Take a Drug Which She Failed to Name. Washington Herald.

Did the woman's instinct of repugnance for any sort of self-suffering drive Mrs. Clara Bloodgood to choose a pistol shot through the brain in a Baltimore hotel in preference to death by poison in this city? Did she find at the last hour of her stay in this city that suicide by the

latter method, accompanied, as she knew, by several minutes of the most acute pain, was too much for even her determination? With two performance before her on Saturday, in which for a time her mind was enrapt, did she plan and think of another solution until it was

too late to find any way but the dreaded one of polson? All these suggested theories seem ossible, in the light of a disclosure lade yeterday to The Washington Herald by a young woman who knew Mrs. Bloodgood, and who saw her for the last time Saturday afternoon in a drug store near the Belasco The-

NEAR THE SODA FOUNTAIN. According to this woman, shortly before 2 o'clock she entered this drug store and noticed Mrs. Bloodgoo standing near the soda fountain. She had intended speaking to the actress, but her attention was diverted before reached the fountain, and she

Mrs. Bloodgood, she said, was in an extremity of nervousness. She exed tapping one foot continuously to the floor of the store, while the marble of the counter floor sody glass beat a rapid and un-

tattoo. But this was not all. This woman good direct all sorts of questions at the head clerk, who was waiting up-on her. These questions concerned the manner in which to take a cer-

the manner in which to take a certain powder.

Mrs. Bloodgood wanted to know if ficuld be taken in hot water best, or dest in cold. She wanted to know many others things about it, but not once did she mention its name, so that just what kind of a powder it was is not known. For ten minutes, however, she remained in the store asking questions, tapping nervously with her foot on the floor and beating her glass against the dounter.

The proprietor of the drug store and least night he did not remember description of Mrs. Bloodgood Saturday afternoon. He said there are a great many young women in his store are a great many young women in his store are a great many young women in his store.

The manner in which to take a certain powder in which she made this first purchase and taked for an explanation of the working mechanism of the working

member any one in particular. He declared no poison was sold that day, so far as he knew. All sales of polson, he said, would have been entered

on the book, as required by law. SHE WANTED INFORMATION.

But it is more than possible that Mrs. Bloodgood bought poison elsewhere. The questions she asked, it s believed, were only for the purpose of understanding the potency of the drug, which she, no doubt, had in her possession.

When she left Washington Sunday night, it seems probable now, she had abandoned the idea of poison, perhaps through conversations with those who told her of its painful ef-fect, and had already decided upon a shot as the best method of ending her

And so when she got to Baltimore, and when the first opportunity came to her, she went out with the deter-mination to find a way of dying that would not be so fraught with pain. She then purchased a revolver. The very fact that the first one se purchased did not suit seems to indicate that even in her preparation for death was mindfuf of the small things. LEARNED HOW TO DIE.

Perhaps the most striking fact in the suicide of Mrs. Bloodgood is the apparent courageousness which pre-ceded the act; the same spirit of will-ingness to learn which had lifted her to a high pinnacle on the American stage in a comparatively short time. Many women have committed sul-cide before, possibly many have thought about it long before the hour when they committed the act; but Mrs. Bloodgood, with the same determination that had made for her success on the stage, planned it all out beforehand and practiced with the weapon with which she was to

take away her own life.

With the idea evidently firmly fixed in her mind, she proceeded to one of the special delivery letters which they may she mailed last night was sent to me or not. It may have been. I day on which her company landed here—Monday. There she purchased possibly received it.

a revolver. On Tuesday Mrs. Bloodgood teleponed the store in which she made this first purchase and asked for an

EXHIBITS RARE NERVE. But the remarkable nerve of this great actress was manifested also in the other preparations she had made for death. In addition to the revol- stant and steady." vers she had with her in her room when found a standard medical work on the human brain, from which she learned in what direction a shot that would be instantaneounly fatal must be fired.

Her last hour must have been dethose nervous outbreaks which have been attributed as the cause of suicide. Retiring to her own apartsments after attending a matinee and supper afterward. Mrs. Bloodgood calmly wrote the letters to her husband. Then, still calm, she lay down upon the bed, folded her kimono about her, and, shoving the revolver deep into her mouth, fired three shots.

The members of her company, those who knew her on the Rialto and others who had known her in society, were dumfounded by the act. Her husband, William Laimbeer, a New York broker, when he reached this city, could give no explanation for his wife's deed. The note directed in Mrh. Bloodsood's hand found lying on the mantel-piece of her room, he declared to relate purely to business, and said that it contained nothing of interest to the public.

LETTER DOES NOT EXPLAIN. "The letter did not explain in the slightest degree my wife's suicide. It was only about a page and a half long. No, there is no reason why it should be made public. If there was I would allow copies of it to be rinted, but it is simply an ordinary business communication, such as my wife often sent to me while she was "I do not know whether one of the special delivery letters which they my she mailed last night was sent to me or not. It may have been from New York on the road.

"Yes, I received a telegram from my wife asking me to get her con-tract with the Shuberts and take it

not suit, she took the second Smith she had by no means reached the zenith of her powers

BETTER IN EACH PLAY. "Clara Bloodgood was better last.

"Not a particle. She was the most liberate, and could no thave exhibited lovable woman who ever lived. Every one in the company was devoted to her. There were among us people who could have stayed the whole season in New York, but who left that city and started on a long tour partly of one-night stands simply because they were so loyal to her and so fond of her. I refused several offers which meant more money for me because she liked me in this part

in her play. A MOST GENEROUS WOMAN. "I want to say this about her, and to add that she was the most generous woman in the world. Not a day parsed that she did not do some good, and always by stealth, so afraid was she of being found out. When my father clied last season she came to me. 'Zelda,' :fre said, 'I know I can't say anything to comfort you, but if you need money, you can have as much as you want, remember that.' We all loved her very, very

dearly." AN EVENTFUL LIFE. Clara Bloodgood was in private life. Mrs. William Laimbeer. Mr. Laimbeer is a stock broker, a member of the stock exchange, and classed as a millionaire. He is a member of many clubs, and part owner, with Andrew Miller and Fredding Richard Product and Predding Richard Richar Miller and Ferdinand Bishop, of the ropolitan race tracks.

Clara Bloodgood's life teemed with roads have proven a great comfort eventful happenings. She was thirty-five years old, and had been thrice married—first to William Havemeyer. whom she divorced; again to John

millionaire sugar refiner.

millionaire sugar refiner.

After the runaway marriage with young Havemeyer, his family cut off his allowance, and for some time the young couple were supported by Mr. Stephens, the wife's father. Finally the escapades of young Havemeyer became so notorious and expensive to Mr. Stephens that he stopped his allowance to his son-in-law. After that the married life of the young wife was most unhappy, and it soon

High sport was had by the newspa-

each new play than she was in the last. Her improvement was con-

Miss Zelda Sears, one of the most intimate of Mrs. Bloodgood's stage friends, was one of those who cannot Special to The Observer. believe that the suicide was due to Was she irritable?"

Bloodgood, who died, and, on May 30, 1992, to Mr. Laimbeer.

ELOPED AT SEVENTEEN. Seciety was treated to something of a mensation when, at seventeen, she cloped and married William Havemeyer, grandson of the former mayor of New York and son of the millionaire sugar referen.

At Sumts in the life, a lady with three small children, a boy and two intigers, the eldest apparently about 6.

Why is Sugar Sweet?