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French and Colombian Governments Have Not Yet Been Heard From

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Mrs. Morrow Dead

The remains of Mrs. Morrow, who died on Wednesday at the Mission hospital, were taken to Bryson City yesterday.

Electric cars stop at Mrs. L. A. JOHNSON'S

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LAKE STEAMER WRECKED IN GALE

Passengers and Crew Were All Taken Off in Safety

Ludington, Mich., Jan. 17.—The Pere Marquette steamer No. 3 was beached here today, while a 73 mile an hour gale was blowing.

Nine passengers and the crew of 35 were taken on the wrecked craft by the life-saving crew with their breeches-buoy apparatus.

The accident occurred before daylight. The passengers and crew were rescued by a succession of launches from the pier to the No. 3 and the breeches-buoy apparatus was ready for use.

Over this line, nine passengers and the crew of 35 were taken on the wrecked craft by the life-saving crew with their breeches-buoy apparatus.

The boat is loaded with 25,000 bushels of barley and 200 tons of merchandise.

The Pere Marquette officials have hopes of saving the No. 3 and her cargo, but the great danger is that the boat will go to pieces.

Milwaukee, Jan. 17.—General Agent George C. Conn of the Pere Marquette Railroad company in this city was in telegraphic communication with Ludington today and reports that all passengers were taken off the Pere Marquette steamer No. 3 this morning in safety.

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BODY FROM THE WRECKED WALLA WALLA FOUND

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GERMANS OF HIGH RANK IN THE PARTY

A Possibility That Emperor William Himself May Visit United States

A GIFT FOR MISS ROOSEVELT

Prince Will Invite New York Yachtmen to Participate in Kiel Regatta

Berlin, Jan. 17.—The secretary of the imperial admiralty, Admiral Von Tirpitz, and the chief of Emperor William's personal military staff, General Von Plessen, are to accompany Prince Henry of Prussia on the latter's visit to the United States.

Other members of the Prince's suite, besides Vice Admiral Baron von Scheer and Admiral Baron von Schadow, are Captain von Egel, the emperor's personal aide, and Captain von Mueller, Commander von Gramme, who is also aide to the emperor.

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General idea of dates is that we will arrive February 22 at New York. Prince Henry will go on board the Hohenzollern till the launching of the emperor's new yacht, which we think will probably be February 24. We will go to Washington to see the President and perhaps stay there several days. Then Mr. Cohn reports that the wind has gone down considerably and that tugs are now engaged in an attempt to refloat the vessel.

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"The Leopard's Spots" A Southern Romance

The Citizen Will Tomorrow Begin Publication of the Novel Just Completed by Thomas Dixon, Jr.

The Citizen tomorrow begins the publication of what has been styled "the most dramatic story ever written about the South"—"The Leopard's Spots," a romance of the white man's burden (1865-1890) by Thomas Dixon, Jr.

This is an unusually strong and virile tale of the South, showing in the most vivid and dramatic way the terrible struggle for existence and the blind groping for light which has been her lot since the war of '65, and no reader of the paper can afford to miss a single installment of it.

The Southern side of reconstruction and of the race problem is dramatically set forth in the story.

It begins with the return of a wounded Confederate soldier from the Appomattox and it ends with the present complete domination of a southern white by a white authority.

The intermediate history is defined in the story—the poverty of the South, the scenes of some of the organization of the Union League, the confiscation of property, the rule of the carpetbaggers and the negroes.

For the first time a lifelike picture of a carpetbag legislature—a chapter that a man will remember forever—the Ku-Klux, the true nature of which is explained and the overthrow of the Ku-Klux.

Through all this runs a story full of the greatest dramatic power; but every chapter of it is a typical event.

As a relief to the current of events in the South, the scenes of some of the chapters are laid in Washington and Boston, and it is shown that in the North the negro is treated not according to the principles of equality, but with a cruel mockery of equality when the final test comes.

The Confederate soldier and the good women of the Southern town where the story opens are life-like that they must have been drawn from the real people.

It is a southern story of the North, for it presents a picture that, though a part of the history, is now a part of the life of few people, and it presents the southern attitude to the negro.

Mr. Dixon spent much time in reading the files of the Southern newspapers that extended over a dozen years to get incidents and dramatic situations that were actually historic.

There is running through the book a love story, tender and beautiful. The tragedy is overwhelming.

By a series of pictures drawn from facts of absolute historical accuracy, the author shows the boy Charles Gaston in the midst of the desolation immediately following the war which had so sapped the life-blood of the South, and the impressions which his young brain received, never to be forgotten.

The vile and corrupt government which the "carpetbaggers" from the north, and cowardly deserters of the South, set up, the auction sales of thousands of homes in every county for taxes illegally imposed, the increase of insolvency, lawlessness and crime on the part of the negro; and then the driving out of the negro and the enormous difficulties in one week, are graphically told.

Years pass, and Charles Gaston grows to a rising young lawyer, courteous but poor. He is different from other young men, in that he has kept his heart always closed to love, keeping to his boyhood's ideals and waiting for the one whom he felt sure would some time come. He finds her, and she returns his love. A most beautiful love story is woven about this young and gifted couple, and the old adage proves true that "the course of true love never did run smooth."

Gaston is forced to wait, and devotes himself to bettering his countrymen by freeing them from a corrupt government which is controlled by one who is his rival both in politics and in love. The awful power of a silent, determined mob of men in dealing with the negro question in the South and the scarcely less terrible indifference of the north which persistently shuns the negro and the negro problems, are most vividly shown.

And finally, after Gaston has passed through the snarls set by his enemy, his triumph brought about by one supreme speech at the time when it was the story of the day, and which won both honor and happiness.

One cannot but feel that the negro confronts us as a great problem. One feels a new sympathy with the South, and with all oppressed humanity. One sees what it is to love, and love truly, both one and all; and one feels as never before a desire to uplift suffering humanity, and to overthrow every form of corruption and crime.

The first chapter of this brilliant story will appear in The Citizen tomorrow afternoon.

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ST. LOUIS FAIR TO BE IN 1904

Better Foreign Exhibits Can Be Secured by a Postponement

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INFERNAL MACHINE IN THE MAIL EXPLODES

Stamper in the Knoxville Postoffice Injured by the Discharge

WAS STAMPING PACKAGES

Addressed to Hardware Company Which Denies any Knowledge of it

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 17.—J. W. Martin, a postoffice clerk, was injured this morning by the explosion of a package of powder, nitro-glycerine or an infernal machine. He was stamping letters and packages, when a package addressed to a hardware house exploded when struck with the stamp.

An examination revealed on it the name of a New York smokeless powder concern. The interior of the parcel showed a tin box containing the explosive which had been carefully packed.

The local hardware concern disclaims having ordered such a package, or of having been notified of its sale. It has not been receiving samples of explosives by mail, which fact suggests the infernal machine story.

The authorities began an investigation and say the shipping of such packages by mail is a violation of the postal laws.

DR. KRAUSE ON TRIAL AT THE OLD BAILEY

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