

REPORT COL. ASTOR SAFE IN HARBOR AT SAN JUAN WEEK AGO

His Yacht Thus Escaped Storm Which Swept Over West Indian Waters

MRS. ASTOR NOTIFIED BY WIRELESS DISPATCH

Put to Sea on Day Divorce Was Granted to Avoid Meddlesome Persons

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Nov. 21.—John Jacob Astor's steam yacht Nourmahal was safe in the harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico, on November 15 according to the report brought here by the Red D. liner Caracas today.

NEW YORK NOTIFIED. NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—News from Willemstad, Curacao, today that Colonel John Jacob Astor's yacht Nourmahal was safe at San Juan, Porto Rico on November 15, coming on the heels of last night's alarming report that a derelict sighted north of Cuba might be the Astor yacht, was a welcome rainbow after the storm of anxiety which his friends and relatives have experienced here since the West Indian regions was cut off from communication by the hurricane two weeks ago.

William A. Dobbins, private secretary to Colonel Astor, was greatly relieved with the brief Willemstad dispatch, but nevertheless anxious for details.

Mrs. Astor Notified. The news was passed along immediately to Douglas Robinson and Nicholas Biddle, trustees of the Astor estate and Mr. Biddle promptly filed messages with the wireless and cable companies to Mrs. Astor, who sailed for Europe on Wednesday last on the Lusitania upon her return from a cruise of divorce.

The lapse of two weeks without a word from Col. Astor had wrought up newspaper agencies, maritime news exchanges, wireless telegraph companies, cable companies, ship captains and even the United States government which had despatched three

(Continued on page four.)

HOUSE OF LORDS. MAKES RESOLUTE STAND ON BUDGET

Insists on Its Prerogative Against Encroachment of House of Commons

MOMENTOUS STRUGGLE AT HAND IN BRITON

Appeal to The Country May Wipe Out The Liberal Majority Entirely

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The United Kingdom is more absorbed in politics now than for some years and the coming week will see the culmination of the fierce warfare that has been carried on over the budget.

Then most of the big guns in the upper house will speak on the question. Lord Rosebery's effort for the conservatives, and that of the Earl of Halsbury for the liberals, are awaited with the utmost interest.

Probably the largest number of lords will be mustered for the vote since the rejection of the home rule. About 450, many of whom politically are strangers in parliament are likely to be assembled, and not more than one quarter of these will support the budget.

Most of the politicians predict that when the question goes before the people at the general election in January it will be impossible to wipe out the great liberal majority and that the liberal government will be returned but with a comparatively small majority. The betting at Lloyd's is 3 to 1 in favor of the liberals.

The liberal leaders declare that the issue is whether the hereditary chamber shall rule the country. The conservatives argue that the house of commons have no mandate from the people to introduce new forms of taxation and that the house of lords is fulfilling its function as a balance on the commons by forcing a resort to referendum. Conservative gains will be acclaimed as victories for protection.

(Continued on page four.)

APPOINTMENTS WILL BE MADE AT TODAY'S SESSION

Ministers Await With Anxiety Announcement of Changes in Pastorates

DEACONS AND ELDERS ORDAINED YESTERDAY

Memorial Services Held In Afternoon In Presence of Large Audience

HICKORY, N. C., Nov. 21.—This was memorial and ordination day at the Methodist Episcopal conference now in session here, and at the morning services all the deacons who were passed earlier in the week received their ordination and the ordination of the elders took place at the evening session.

In the afternoon the memorial services for those who have died during the year were held at the First Methodist church.

The following deacons were ordained: G. C. Brinkman, Phenicia Brittain, James O. Erwin, Thomas J. Foster, James P. Hornbuckle, James P. Mower, Chas. H. Swift, Ernest H. Yates and Thomas S. Cobb.

The elders ordained were: William E. Abernethy, Robert L. Doggett, James H. Green, Chas. S. Kirkpatrick, William A. Lambeth, Walter O. Roddick, D. P. Waters and J. A. Sharpe.

The ordination was with the full and impressive ceremonies of the church.

(Continued on page two.)



FACING HORRIBLE DEATH, MINERS WROTE LETTERS TO LOVED ONES

Only Dead Brought from Mine Yesterday and Hope of Finding Others Still Alive is Vanishing. Pitiful Stories Told by the Few Survivors

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 21.—Hopes aroused yesterday by the rescue alive of twenty entombed men from the St. Paul mine, just one week after the starting of the fatal fire, was crushed today, for not one more of the 210 men caught by the fire was found.

The day was spent in removing bodies and in burying the corpses heretofore recovered. Tonight the records showed that of the 210 men left in the mine last Saturday night, 198 are still missing, while ninety-two bodies have been found and twenty men rescued alive.

The fire that broke out almost last night was smothered today and explorers were able to work in the mine but black damp in one of the galleries deluged the men as did cave-ins and other debris.

removal while a score of coffins were piled nearby for others that might be brought to the surface.

Services for the dead men were held outside the churches, into which Coroner Malm deemed it advisable that the bodies be taken.

It was declared today that the assertion made yesterday that the men had been discovered was not well founded. Each hour that passes now is looked on as making the chance of escape pitifully less.

In the mine levels the work of the explorers went on unceasingly. Relays of eager miners succeeded those whose strength failed. Those who staggered from the pit mouth were surrounded instantly and a babel of questions was hurled at them.

"We can see the bodies. There are piles of them. They're dead, boys, all dead," was the reply of the first and those who followed have no more cheering answers.

"No chance," began the miners, then pausing as he saw the trembling hands of the old man who had pressed to his side. "Why sure," he added hastily. "Didn't the others come out?"

(Continued on page two.)

NIBLO'S WIFE WAS FREE WHEN SHE MARRIED HIM - AFFECTS MISS GAZZAM

Destroys Her Principal Defense in Suit Against Her for Alienation

CASE MAY BE SETTLED

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—The decision that upheld the legality of the divorce of Mrs. Alice M. Dorsey from Jackson H. Dorsey, thereby making lawful her marriage to Marshall Clark, has brought about a consultation between her attorneys and those representing Miss Antoinette Elizabeth Gazzam, whom she is suing for \$150,000 for alienating Clark's affections.

The court granted twenty days to the defense for the filing of an amended bill attacking the marital record of Mrs. Clark, but the indications now are that the case will be settled out of court and that she will receive a large sum in damages for the loss of her husband.

The decision of the District court of Chicago that Mrs. Marshall Clark had been divorced legally from her first husband, and that she was free to marry again, was widely different angles by the lawyers in the case yesterday. Samuel B. Thomas, one of Mrs. Clark's counsel, asserted the wife's victory had torn away one of the principal supports in the defense relied upon by Antoinette Elizabeth Gazzam, Cornwell heiress, to disprove that she had alienated Clark's affections.

In her answer to the \$150,000 suit of Mrs. Clark Miss Gazzam alleged that Mrs. Clark had never been the legal wife of Clark. Following the filing of the damage suit Clark sued for divorce and attacked his wife's divorce from Jackson Dorsey, which was granted in August, 1902. When Miss Gazzam filed her answer in the damage suit she set up as a defense, almost verbatim, the charges Clark had made against his wife.

PROMINENT SOCIALLY BUT ACCUSED OF CRIME ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE

Alleged that Married Woman Wedded Another and Killed Him for Insurance

LIVED DOUBLE LIFE

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 21.—The body of William J. Eder will be exhumed tomorrow by order of Deputy Coroner Faith and a chemical analysis for traces of strychnine and arsenic made. Faith made the announcement after a conference today with Miss Kate Eder, sister of the dead man, who caused the arrest of Dr. and Mrs. Loren B. Doxey at Columbus, Neb., Thursday.

Miss Eder identified Mrs. Doxey as the woman who went through a marriage ceremony with her brother three months before he transferred his insurance to her and died.

"Mrs. Doxey admitted to me that she had given my brother strychnine," said Miss Eder, "but she claimed it was a treatment prescribed by a physician."

Dr. Arthur Friedberg, who attended Eder, said today that strychnine was administered in small quantities as a heart stimulant, but never in amounts sufficient to cause death. He also declared that Eder's supposed wife, who nursed him during his last illness, protested against an autopsy.

Miss Eder told Faith that Mrs. Doxey was married to her present husband five years before she met Eder, and that while living in St. Louis with Eder she made an alleged trip to Des Moines, but really returned temporarily to Dr. Doxey.

(Continued on page four.)

MRS. STETSON IS LOYAL TO MRS. EDDY IN SPITE OF HER EXCOMMUNICATION

Her Statement Fails to Make Plain Whether She is Loyal to Directors

HAS TO LEAVE HOME

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson has left her home at No. 7 West Ninety-sixth street in the city. It was said that she preferred not to talk at present about her expulsion from the Christian Science church, and as she could not remain at home and deny herself to callers from the First church, she had accepted the hospitality of another roof where privacy might be assured.

There were many callers who left messages of sympathy when informed that she had gone away.

Reports that Mrs. Stetson would not be tamely submissive to the action of the Boston directors were attendant at the church all day. Her statement given out after her excommunication provoked the comment that while it professed loyalty to Mrs. Eddy it omitted allusion to the directors who decreed her punishment.

Those on the other side conceded she is dangerous in her present position of all to gain and nothing to lose by making trouble, but they thought she could not rally following enough to do much damage.

In her statement she said: "I have not received any notice direct from the board of directors of the mother church, but I have seen the newspaper notice given out by the Christian Science Publication committee for New York state that my name has been dropped from the rolls of the mother church."

(Continued on page four.)

MILLIONAIRE LIKELY TO BE HELD FOR CONTEMPT

Refuses to Respond as Witness and Treats Court's Money With Indignity

DIED OF PELLAGRA.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Nov. 21.—Postponed from yesterday, it is probably that Judge Emory Spear of the Federal District court will tomorrow consider the refusal of R. T. Wilson, Jr., New York millionaire and club man, to accept subpoena to appear in that court as a witness in a civil suit.

Wilson's health, Judge Spear stated when a writ of attachment for Mr. Wilson was procured for his signature. The officers who served the subpoena state that Mr. Wilson threw the money offered him as mileage and witness fees on the ground and stamped on it. This will be considered by the court.

ROCK HILLS S. P. Nov. 21.—Mrs. B. W. Clarke, wife of a foreman for a builder and contractor here, died this morning of pellagra. The woman had been ill for a long time and seemed to be responding to the treatment but grew worse yesterday and died suddenly.

YORKM SHENT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Benjamin F. Youkon, president of the Rock Island system, refused to continue or deny a rumor that he will resign from the Rock Island to head a merger of Edwin Hawley's "hazard roads" other officers of the company disbelieved the rumor.

BURGLAR STUCK FAST IN CHIMNEY

WASHINGTON, N. C., Nov. 20.—Sitting down the chimney in an effort to burglarize the home of J. H. Davis at an early hour this morning, David Fulford stuck fast. The burglar's efforts to liberate himself awakened the neighbors and they worked for an hour efforts to release the man were in vain and finally the services of a brick mason were requisitioned and after the mantel and fireplace were removed Fulford was taken out more dead than alive. He was locked up pending trial.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Monday; Tuesday partly cloudy; probably rain and colder in west; light to moderate south winds.

BIG MERGER PLANNED OF HAWLEY'S BARGAIN ROADS

Reported that he Will Form Half Billion Holding Company to Take Over Lines

VIENNA, Nov. 21.—An extraordinary attempt at wholesale poisoning among military officers here has caused a sensation. A large number of officers, just promoted to be captains in the general staff, have received through the mails sample boxes of pills. These were accompanied by a circular which recommends them for nervous debility. One of the officers, Captain Mader, took some of the pills and died almost immediately. An autopsy revealed the presence of cyanide of potassium, and that death had been caused by that poison.

A further investigation shows that all the pills contained cyanide of potassium in large quantities, and also that many of the first lieutenants attached to the staff but not promoted, had not received pills. The circulars were signed "Charles Francis," and bore a false address.

All attempts so far to unravel the mystery have failed, and it is suggested that the poison may have been sent out by some disappointed officer, and that the poisoning is an anarchist outrage.

N. C. NEGROES GUILTY OF MURDER

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C., Nov. 21.—News has reached here from Madison, a station on the Bennettsville and Cheraw railroad, that C. B. Conner, a lumberman was murdered there yesterday, morning by three negroes Tom Harrington, Will Harrington and Ed Davis, all of North Carolina. The negroes escaped. Conner, it seems, suspected Davis of stealing a pistol. When he went to investigate he was set upon by the three negroes, who knocked him down and then fired two shots into his head.

HAVANA, Nov. 21.—The Havana baseball team today defeated the Detroit American team by a score of 4 to 3.

BONI BORROWING AGAIN ON CHANGE OF MARRIAGE

Seeking Papal Annulment of Marriage So He Can Wed Rich Woman

PARIS, Nov. 21.—The news from Rome that Count Boni de Castellane is there seeking from the Vatican an annulment of his marriage with Anna Gould, now Princess De Sagan, and so clear himself of all marital and divorce entanglements, is received with a smile in Paris.

For Paris knows that during the past summer Count Boni paid marked attention to Mrs. Scott Grant, the divorced wife of Douglas Grant, brother of the Countess of Essex. During the same period Miss Marjorie Gould, the pretty daughter of George J. Gould, was chaperoned by Mrs. Grant, and it excited considerable comment that Miss Gould, the niece of his former wife, was one of Count Boni's guests from time to time. This was especially noticed at a dinner which he gave at the Hotel de Ville in honor of Mrs. Scott Grant.

It is believed here that Mrs. Grant who refused to marry Prince Karageorgievitch, brother of King Peter of Serbia, is the lady whom Count Boni desires to marry. Henri Cahard, of the firm of Couder Brothers, has gone to the United States supposedly to look after the financial side of the marriage, while Count Boni has the ecclesiastical end in hand. At any rate, the affair is far enough advanced for Count Boni to be able to borrow money on the strength of his forthcoming marriage. The money lenders who backed him to win Miss Anna Gould are behind the present venture.

So far as Count Boni's securing a decree of annulment goes he has but slight chance of succeeding, as a papal dispensation was obtained for "differing religions" at the time of his marriage to Anna Gould.

DETROIT TIGERS BEATEN.

HAVANA, Nov. 21.—The Havana baseball team today defeated the Detroit American team by a score of 4 to 3.

CASTRO STIRRING POT OF TROUBLE IN VENEZUELA AGAIN

Gomez Trying to Bolster up His Cause Making Enemies In Own Ranks

LIBERAL PARTY MAY BRING FORTH NEW MAN TO OPPOSE ARBITRARY PRESIDENT

CARACAS, Venezuela, Tuesday, Nov. 21.—Former President Castro, an exile in Santander, Spain, is accused daily by the highest officials of the Venezuelan government of attempting to foment a revolution against the Gomez regime.

The continued agitation caused by the wholesale arrest of Castro partisans, by the recent sensational split in the liberal party when an attempt was made to reorganize it, and by the near approach of the next session of congress a party that has a constitutional president for four years, has stirred political feeling until again today a spirit of unrest and uncertainty exists.

Either a serious condition of affairs does exist in Venezuela due to steps being taken by the overthrown dictator to wreck vengeance on President Gomez, or there is an object which impels the government to make it appear that Castro is busy conspiring with his followers. This object, the opponents of Gomez say, is perhaps to justify the wholesale arrest which have been made.

His friends believe that Castro will never rest until he has made another effort to ruin those who were responsible for his ignominious downfall. Times are hard for his friends in Venezuela today. The following are among many notable ones languishing in the same prisons which they once filled with their enemies:

R. Tello Mendosa, Castro's most able companion and financier who made millions for himself; Jimenez Bollo, Castro's brother-in-law; Tello Castro, Castro's brother; H. Castellanos, chief of the Castro party in the late congress, and General Celestino Peraza, leader of the opposition in congress.

Peraza was jailed because he was about to start a newspaper to oppose the re-election of President Gomez.

(Continued on page two.)

POISON PILLS SENT TO LUCKY ARMY OFFICERS

Contained Cyanide of Potassium and Meant Instant Death if Taken

VIENNA, Nov. 21.—An extraordinary attempt at wholesale poisoning among military officers here has caused a sensation. A large number of officers, just promoted to be captains in the general staff, have received through the mails sample boxes of pills. These were accompanied by a circular which recommends them for nervous debility. One of the officers, Captain Mader, took some of the pills and died almost immediately. An autopsy revealed the presence of cyanide of potassium, and that death had been caused by that poison.

A further investigation shows that all the pills contained cyanide of potassium in large quantities, and also that many of the first lieutenants attached to the staff but not promoted, had not received pills. The circulars were signed "Charles Francis," and bore a false address.

All attempts so far to unravel the mystery have failed, and it is suggested that the poison may have been sent out by some disappointed officer, and that the poisoning is an anarchist outrage.

N. C. NEGROES GUILTY OF MURDER

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C., Nov. 21.—News has reached here from Madison, a station on the Bennettsville and Cheraw railroad, that C. B. Conner, a lumberman was murdered there yesterday, morning by three negroes Tom Harrington, Will Harrington and Ed Davis, all of North Carolina. The negroes escaped. Conner, it seems, suspected Davis of stealing a pistol. When he went to investigate he was set upon by the three negroes, who knocked him down and then fired two shots into his head.