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SLOW ABOUT OBEYING A CITY ORDER

Order Requiring Railways to Protect Crossings Disregarded Except by One

WATER PIPE FROZE

Norfolk & Western Obey Order to Put Gates at Crossings, But Other Roads Ignore it—Durham Suffers From Paralysis of the Water Business—The Dance All Right and City Directory Bankrupted—Miss Whitmore Gives Party to Miss Habel, of Raleigh, and Miss Glenn, of Greensboro.

(Special to The Times) Durham, Jan. 1.—A city ordinance requiring all railways and traction companies to protect crossings with gates was passed last summer and today was the limit allowed to get ready.

The Norfolk & Western yesterday completed all of its gates on Main and Seaboard streets. Thus far the Seaboard and Southern do not seem to have taken any such action. The ordinance grew out of the city's dissatisfaction with the way the Seaboard planned out, which matter was taken before the corporation commission and lost.

It is object was the erection of an underground bridge over the Seaboard and Southern tracks. The order of the commission was 60 per cent for Durham and 25 per cent for the Southern, with 15 per cent for the Seaboard. The city backed and began suit in the lower courts, requiring in the meantime that every road put gates at all of these overland crossings.

It is not known whether the Southern and Seaboard will obey the order or not, as there may be a hang-up there. The Norfolk & Western did not foot about it.

The city has suffered the worst break of pipes and the paralysis of water pipes during the present freeze. There is hardly a home without its tribulations. One of these had a boiler to burst yesterday and demolish the china closet and gas range. Other boilers have collapsed and the city is beginning to fear to use its stoves for cooking until there is a relaxation. There are hundreds of flooded yards caked with ice.

The last year of the present decade began this morning in the midst of a 1910 figure, tripped in beautiful style by the young dancers of this city and others, who cut that notch in the cycle of years in the second of this week's real festivities.

That isn't a very tony sentence, but the dance was all right. It was not one of such magnitude that it bankrupted the city directory. It didn't take half the population to make it out. But it was what the girls call "b-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l" and they know. It was informal, in a way, but it was just as nice as it could have been had it been planned deliberately weeks ahead and all of the city was in attendance.

Miss Aylsworth, pretty enough in personality and fairly-like enough on the floor to be singled out, was the honoree. She is the guest of Miss Helen Gribble and is a Fostorian of Ohio. Men paid extravagant tribute to her dancing. She led with Mr. Will Holman, of the city, who headed the procession in every intricate deal it made towards an artistic figure.

This is probably the last of the dances during the holidays. It took nerve and energy to raise so many, two, in this anti-dancing city. Of the two last night's was the better. The same devotees took their parts. It was marked by youth, not to say adolescence. Few of what contemporaries call "the older set" were there, though the men of antique days were much in evidence. That likable citizen, the stag, wasn't numerically strong and the dance was by all accounts, nice enough.

The couples were Miss Aylsworth and Mr. Haywood McCabe, Miss Helen Gribble and Mr. Will Holman, Miss Kathleen Turrentine and Mr. O. Harris, Miss Rebecca Michie and Mr. Joe O'Brien, Miss Douglas Hill and Mr. Tom Fuller Southgate, Miss Bessie Erwin and Mr. R. O. Everett, Miss Margaret Erwin and Mr. T. B. Peirce, Miss Lida Carr Vaughan and Mr. W. D. Pinger, Miss Annie Louise Vaughan and Mr. W. T. Minor, Miss Catherine Bryan and Mr. Sneed Sasser, Miss Amy Winston and Mr. Dou-

WHO'S WHO IN RALEIGH

PLATFORM TO BE ENTIRELY FOR REFORM

Estrada Declares Himself For Radical Changes in Methods of Administration

PEACE NOT IN SIGHT

Estrada Renews His Efforts and Will March on Capital at Once—In the Event He is Successful He Promises Wholesale Reforms and Declares He Will Guarantee Personal Liberty—Says He Would Disarm the Country and Use the Money For Public Improvement—Madriz Will Resist All Efforts of Revolutionists.

(By Cable to The Times) Bluefields, Nicaragua, Jan. 1.—The peace of Central America depends on the success of General Estrada, the rebel leader. Pledging his word to the disarmament of Nicaragua in the event of his victory, today he ordered General Chamorro to march on Greytown, and prepare to lead an expedition against Managua overland. Chamorro is ordered to proceed to Rama and there take command of the insurgent forces, continuing on to Greytown. There is no prospect of peace with President Madriz being arranged.

Greytown, commanding the entrance to the San Juan river, by which Managua is reached by water, was evacuated by a large government force after the defeat to the Zelayans at Reocreo, but is still held by a force reported to number 300.

Estrada today, promising wholesale reforms, outlined his political ambitions.

"I desire to re-establish individual liberty," he said. "There will be a radical change in the methods of administration. I will free the courts from the corrupting influences exercised by Zelaya and his partisans for selfish purposes. I will guarantee individual property rights.

"Should I be invested with the executive power, my platform will be the disarming of Nicaragua. The police forces are sufficient to maintain order and the expenditures on the army would be better invested in public improvements, and railroad, mineral, and agricultural development work."

"Disarmament would sooner effect a union of the Central American republics than the maintenance of military forces, which only serve to create suspicion and discord.

The raising of the courts from their present state of corruption to their former standard will make for morality, honesty and the advancement of public education, which must be put within easy reach of all.

"The normalizing of the tariff with reasonable rates on imports and exports, and the elimination of the frequent wild changes without notice are imperative. The present situation is detrimental to commerce.

"The re-establishment of the untrammelled rights of election for the presidency at the end of each presidential administration is perhaps the most important of all."

"Services of thanks have been held in all the Bluefields churches for the work of the American surgeons and sanitary officers.

FILE A PROTEST. People of Ansonville Want Depot Placed Nearer Town. (Special to The Times) Wadesboro, Jan. 1.—Ansonville people have waked up and a protest has been filed with the state corporation commission against the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway Company on account of the proposed location of the depot for the new road. The depot as located now is over a mile from the town on Ansonville and if this decision is not re-considered will practically result in the building of a new town where the railroad depot is located. State Senator James Lockhart of Wadesboro, is representing the town and will endeavor to have the company change its location of the depot.

DETECTIVES SEARCH FOR OFFENDERS

Charge That Matrimonial Syndicate Has Secured Large Sums Through Blackmail

MANY IMPLICATED

International Marriage Bureau Has Cleared Millions of Dollars by Arranging Marriages Between Broken Down Noblemen and American Heiresses—Elaborate System Maintained and American Society Girls Are Catalogued As to Wealth and Beauty—Large Sums of Money Paid the Agencies to Hush Up Affairs—Methods Described.

(By Cable to The Times) London, Jan. 1.—Secret service men who rank high in the service of their respective governments are investigating an international marriage bureau which has its headquarters here and which is said to have cleared millions of dollars for its promoters by arranging marriages between impoverished noblemen and heiresses, mainly Americans.

It is declared that within the last generation more than \$100,000,000 in dowries has passed from the United States in England, France, Germany and Italy as the result of the manipulations of this syndicate. Branches are maintained in all of the principal European cities and a secret service of "private inquiry" department exists in the United States which supplies exhaustive information as to the financial prospects, personality and appearance of every American girl whose parents are financially able to meet the market rates for a titled husband. Women are employed almost exclusively for this confidential work, and every one of them of necessity of excellent social standing.

The rates charged for effecting these matches depend upon the amount of dowry involved. The syndicate will not concern itself with a match which would not net in the least \$5000 commission. Its "tricks-of-trade" have ranged from this sum to \$100,000 and a match of \$50,000 is now being negotiated between a widely known prince and one of the most beautiful and prominent heiresses, would being it the record sum of \$100,000. The syndicate's method of procedure is comparatively simple. An impoverished nobleman applies to it for an heiress bride—almost invariably an American. He pays a registration fee and is then shown a list of eligibles where the prospective inheritance is given and the physical attributes described as minutely as though they were thoroughbred horses offered for sale. Before seeing the list, however, he signs an agreement to pay a percentage of his future wife's dowry to the agency.

The next step is to advertise him in the section of America where his intended bride lives. This is done by cleverly prepared advance stories of his family's antiquity, his own interesting personality, his career in the Boer war or as a big game hunter, etc., and then when the time is ripe the agency provides him with an adequate wardrobe, money for current expenses, introduction papers to the foremost folk socially in the city in which he is to make his campaign and ships him across the Atlantic. From then on it is up to him and, as events have proved, unless his title is badly damaged he generally wins. The amount he has pledged to the agency he, of course, adds to the bill he charges the family for marrying his daughter. The agency rarely loses. In the rare instances where the nobleman repudiates his promise, the bride's family have made good at the agency's suggestion to head off humiliating publicity.

The interest that the secret service has in the matter now arises from rumors in English and French circles that the matrimonial syndicate recently has been adding to its "legitimate" fees immense sums in blackmail levied on the families of the millionaire brides it has furnished and in cases where the noble husbands have particularly unsavory pasts, upon them as well. There are said to have been at least two striking instances of this kind of blackmailing within the past year whereby the concern netted its victims of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Heretofore while the operations of the syndicate were well known to the police they were conducted

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ADVERTISING FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER.

The average Circulation of THE EVENING TIMES for the month of December was 5,921. The average Circulation for the year 1909 was 5,742.

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KOHLSAAT SOLE OWNER OF PAPER

Chicago, Jan. 1.—H. H. Kohlsaatt has purchased the stock of Victor Lawson and Frank B. Noyes in the Chicago Record-Herald and this morning assumed sole ownership and control.

Mr. Kohlsaatt formerly was in control of the Record-Herald. About one year ago his daughter, Miss Pauline Kohlsaatt, was married to Potter Palmer, Jr., son of Mrs. Potter Palmer.

In this connection there was a report that whatever interests Mr. Kohlsaatt had acquired had been financed by Mrs. Potter Palmer. There is no truth in the report. Mr. Kohlsaatt said.

Albert J. Beveridge, United States Senator from Indiana, married a sister of Mrs. Spencer Eddy, whose husband is in the diplomatic service. Mrs. Beveridge is also a niece of Mrs. Marshall Field, one of whose ambitions, it is stated, is to see Senator Beveridge president of the United States. It was reported that, desiring a paper to champion Senator Beveridge's interests, the Fields backed Mr. Kohlsaatt in the deal to take over the Record-Herald. Asked concerning this, Mr. Kohlsaatt replied:

"There is nothing to that whatever. I put the deal through myself and am the sole owner."

Frank B. Noyes will resume his residence in Washington, where he holds an interest in the Washington Star.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Sunday: Fair and warmer tonight and Sunday; moderate southwesterly winds.

AVIATION IN AUSTRALIA.

Australian Government Offers \$25,000 For Invention of Successful Military Flying Machine.

(By Cable to The Times) London, Jan. 1.—That aviation has taken a strong hold in Australia is shown by the offer of a government prize there for a new invention for a lighter than air machine.

The Australian government offers \$25,000, to be supplemented by a similar amount publicly subscribed, for the invention of a flying machine which can be put to practical military use.

The competition is restricted to residents in Australia, and models and designs are to be ready by the end of March, 1910.

MURDER IN ANSON.

Rode Up to Sick Woman's House and Shot Her While She Lay in Bed. (Special to The Times) Wadesboro, Dec. 31.—James Smith yesterday afternoon at the Allen home on the Wall plantation eight miles north of Wadesboro, Smith rode up to the house and inquired for the Allen woman and when he was told that she was in the rear room sick in bed he went to her and with a second shot her, the bullet passing through the head, causing instant death. Smith immediately left the house and has not been caught.

MARRIED AND WENT CRAZY.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Worcester, Mass., Jan. 1.—Herbert W. Mero, 31 years old, who was married Christmas day, was on Friday committed to the state insane hospital. He is said to have been very sensitive to ridicule and constant joking by fellow employees drove him crazy.

SENATORS COMING BACK FROM CANAL.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Jan. 1.—The delegation of senators which has been spending the holiday recess on the canal zone, inspecting the construction work and investigating conditions there, is expected to reach Washington tomorrow. More than one-half of the members of both houses have now visited the isthmus since the construction of the canal began, and have become conversant with the work there.

It is not improbable that the two recent trips one made by a committee of members of the house just before the opening of the regular session, and the one which the senators are just concluding, will have an important bearing upon the bill now pending to change the government of the canal zone. The measure proposes abolishing the isthmian canal commission which has heretofore directed the work and in its place installing a direct government to be named by the president and confirmed by the senate. There is likely to be a wide difference of opinion over the advisability of such action and one of the purposes of the senate delegation in going to Panama at this time was to investigate the desirability of making such a change.

EXPLOSION AT RAILWAY STATION

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Montreal, Que., Jan. 1.—By an explosion at the Place Viger station of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the east end of the city shortly before midnight many persons were frightfully mangled, and the death list, it is feared, will be large.

The station platform was crowded with a New Year's throng seeing friends off on the Quebec train which was about to pull out. Suddenly there was a terrific explosion which ripped up the platform from end to end and buried more than a score of people in the debris.

FORMER ICE KING READY FOR PRISON

Making Preparations to Leave For Atlanta Where He Will Begin Term

HIS WIFE GOES TOO

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Jan. 1.—With the stoicism characteristic of him when he was dealing in millions, Charles W. Morse, former ice king, steamship magnate, and dominant figure in a chain of banks, today in the Tombs made his meagre preparations for leaving for Atlanta. There he will begin his term of 15 years in the federal prison, for violating the national banking laws.

Mrs. Morse, who has been his chief lieutenant in his long fight to escape imprisonment, will go with him. "This means a life term," he said to a friend today. Morse, if he lives to be liberated, will be 70 years old when he is freed.

The arrangements for his departure in the custody of United States Marshal Henkel and two deputies have been made in secrecy to spare the prisoner from the gaze of the curious. It is probable, however, that he will leave on the 10:00 o'clock express on the Pennsylvania Railroad Sunday morning.

Martin W. Littleton, Morse's counsel, today said the time of departure had not been definitely settled.

The dropping of Morse's fight ends one of the longest battles of its kind ever waged in American courts. It was expected that Littleton would appeal for a writ of error to the circuit court of appeals, but when his petition came up he did not respond to press the matter.

When Mrs. Morse accompanies her husband to Atlanta she will return to her girlhood home. There she married Charles Dodge, her first husband, who appeared after her marriage to Morse and created the scandal that led to the imprisonment and public disgrace of Abe Hummel, one of the most notorious lawyers in the country.

GREAT TUNNEL COMPLETED.

Tunnel Which Connects Argentina and Chili Now Complete. (By Cable to The Times) London, Jan. 1.—After four years of continuous labor, giving employment to 1,500 men, the great tunnel connecting Argentina and Chili has recently been completed.

Work went on during those four years, night and day, regardless of Sundays or holidays, and the accomplishment is regarded as one of the wonders of the age in engineering work.

The tunnel is 2,280 yards long, and is about 11,000 feet above the sea.

The tunnel runs below the Pass of Combre, beginning at Las Cuevas in Argentina, and ending at Caracoles, in Chili.

The railway will at once be constructed, and it will probably be possible for a train to pass through the tunnel next March.

London contractors and engineers had charge of the work.

FRIEND'S ESTATE.

Left An Estate Valued at \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Pittsburg, Jan. 1.—James W. Friend, the late steel manufacturer, part owner of the Pressed Steel Car Company and its affiliated companies and at the time of his death partner of F. W. Hoffstot in that company, left an estate variously estimated to be worth from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

His will does not contain one bequest for charity. The entire estate subject to certain restrictions, practically goes one-third to Mrs. Martha A. Friend, his widow, and the other two-thirds to his four children, two daughters and two sons, the latter sharing equally.