

LETTERS ARE GOOD TOWARDS CURZON

Symptoms of Family Quarrel Over Estate of Dead Countess.

ABSENCE OF HOSPITALITY

Ex-Viceroy of India Reported to Have Dispute About Marriage Settlement - Travel on Different Steamers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A series of incidents connected with the recent visit to America of Lord Curzon, former Viceroy of India, culminating in his departure for England on Christmas day, and from that taken by Mrs. Levi Z. Letter and her daughters, the Countess of Suffolk and Mrs. Colin Campbell, wife of an English army officer, has given Chicago social leaders in close touch with the Letter family opportunity to gossip that there has been an estrangement between them and the distinguished son of Great Britain.

Dispute About Wife's Estate?

It is hinted, too, that this difference is the outgrowth of the financial relations growing out of the settlement of Lady Curzon's estate and the disbursement of the \$1,750,000 marriage settlement. The morning after Lord Curzon's arrival in Chicago, Joseph Letter, his brother-in-law, left the city for a "routine visit" to his coal mines at Ziegler, Ill., notwithstanding it was only the second visit his distinguished relative ever had made to Chicago, and might be the last. Joseph Letter did not invite Lord Curzon to be a guest at his apartments, 224 Lincoln Park boulevard, but arranged for a suite at the Auditorium Annex instead. Mr. Letter spent but five minutes with his brother-in-law, according to his own admission, during the latter's stay in Chicago.

Not Guest of Letters.

When Lord Curzon was in Washington he did not visit the Letter home, but instead was a guest at the residence of the Persian Ambassador, although Mrs. Letter and her daughters were in the city and the beautiful home in Dupont Circle was open at the time.

OFF TO SEE THE BIG DITCH

Party of Congressmen Sails for Isthmus to Study Problems.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Ten Congressmen and one senator sailed on the steamship Alliance today for Colon, for the purpose of making a five-day inspection of the Isthmus of Panama and learning for themselves the existing conditions relative to the digging of the canal. The party consisted of Senator Flint and Congressmen McKinley and Newland, of California; Congressmen Fulkerson, of Missouri; Dickson, Rivers, McKinstry and Smith, of Illinois; Howell, of Utah; Kinhal, of Nebraska; and Steensoren, of Minnesota. A McKinley, son of Mr. McKinley, went with the party as secretary. Speaking of the objects of the expedition, Mr. McKinley said:

I was responsible for getting together the party, it having occurred to me that members of the senate and House might like to see for themselves the condition of things under which the gigantic work of digging the canal is being done. Myself and two colleagues and myself from California are more or less authorities on the Asiatic labor question, which at the present time has been the subject of much discussion as to whether coolie labor shall dig the canal is of particular interest to the Pacific coast and I personally shall pay special attention to the condition of labor in Panama, as there is an intense feeling against Asiatic labor on the coast. I want to see for myself whether the objection to the employment of coolie labor in Panama is founded or not.

Mr. Flint said that he was going in order to find out for himself what is actually being done on the canal. He followed, he said, he was neither in favor of nor against the employment of Chinese at Panama, but when he came back he would have some definite views on the subject.

NAVY EYES TURBINE ENGINE

Will Not Finally Adopt Until Demonstrated the Best.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The most important engineering problem of the present day affecting marine propulsion, in the opinion of Rear-Admiral C. W. Haa, chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, whose report was made public today, is that of the steam turbine. Involving such radical changes, Admiral Haa says, the bureau has preferred to wait before adopting it extensively until it had been demonstrated as unquestionably the best system of propulsion for naval purposes. It is expected that, when the three scout cruisers now building, two with turbine and one with reciprocating engines, are completed and their trials have been held, comparative data of the utmost value will be obtained. An officer of the bureau is now abroad making a thorough investigation of marine turbine installations already in operation and in contemplation and in addition the work of erecting at Annapolis, Md., experimental turbine engines, condensers, pumps, etc. is proceeding.

NOT READY FOR CITIZENSHIP

Congress Will Disappoint Porto Rico With Roosevelt's Consent.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: In spite of the President's recommendation no citizenship for the people of Porto Rico will be granted by this Congress and probably not by the next one either. The leaders both in the House and Senate have come to the conclusion that the time is not yet ripe for such action. They have presented the matter to the President, and he is now aware that his recommendation in this regard will not be acted upon. There are said to be grave matters of public policy involved which might be seriously complicated if citizenship should be granted at this particular time to the people of Porto Rico. A general understanding therefore has been arrived at. There is an understanding in Congress that the President will acquiesce in this decision because it has been put up to him frequently by some of the strongest men at the Capitol.

quently by some of the strongest men at the Capitol. Briefly stated, the objection to citizenship for Porto Rico is based upon the existing condition of the population of that island. A large percentage of the people are of mixed strain of Spanish and negro blood. The proportion of illiteracy is naturally large. Much progress has been made in the school system, but it is still approximately true that 75 per cent of the persons of school age are not receiving instruction.

Will Rusticate at Christmas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Unless present plans are disarranged, President Roosevelt will spend a portion of the Christmas holidays at Pine Knot, Va., the country home purchased by Mrs. Roosevelt. The President will not leave Washington until after Christmas day, and probably will remain at Pine Knot until the Monday following, returning to Washington in time for Tuesday's New Year's reception at the White House.

Spain Interprets American Treaty.

MADRID, Dec. 21.—The official gazette publishes an interpretation of the Spanish-American treaty of commerce executed August 1. There will be reciprocity between the two countries. American goods coming into Spain will be taxed at the minimum rates, and American imports will also be granted every reduction accorded any other nation with the exception of Portugal.

Declines Silver at 70.065.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Treasury Department today declined to purchase any silver at the quoted price of 70.065 cents per fine ounce. Two thousand ounces were offered at that figure.

INSURANCE MEN CALLED IN

GRAND JURY INQUIRES INTO NEW YORK LIFE.

Perkins and Others Testify Regarding Prussian Bond and Other Irregular Transactions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The grand jury today continued its inquiry into the affairs of the New York Life Insurance Company and during two prolonged sessions examined the following witnesses: George W. Perkins, ex-vice-president of the New York Life; Woodbury C. Langdon and James Morrison, both now members of the finance committee; F. H. Shipman, assistant treasurer; M. M. Matson, chief clerk in the finance department; Alex. Webb, Jr., ex-vice-president of the New York Security & Trust Company, and J. Carroll Root, secretary of the company.

Mr. Perkins, it is said, was questioned in regard to the so-called "Prussian bond scandal," in which the New York Life made an irregular transfer of Prussian stocks and industrials to the New York Security & Trust Company in order to get them off the annual report to the State Insurance Department. Mr. Langdon was a witness before the Armstrong committee and at that time testified in regard to his connection with the New York Security & Trust Company.

INSURANCE PRESIDENTS MEET

Will Form Association to Work for Good of Insured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The first steps were taken today toward the formation of an "Association of Life Insurance Presidents." Broadly stated, the purposes of the organization will be to further the interests of policyholders and to bring about more uniform methods in the management of life insurance business. Today's meeting was held at the suggestion of President Paul Morton of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and brought together representatives of 20 companies, while three other companies, including the Pacific Mutual Life of San Francisco, sent communications approving of the proposed association. Mr. Morton presided, and Thomas A. Buckner, second vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, acted as temporary secretary. A committee appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws subsequently reported a tentative plan of organization. The plan met with general approval, but final action was deferred until December 28, when it is proposed to effect a permanent organization. Presidents and vice-presidents representing their companies will be eligible to membership.

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Three Quit Mutual Field.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Announcement was made yesterday that three insurance companies, the Washington Life, the Providence Savings Life and the United States Life, which have been operating in part on a mutual plan, will write only nonparticipating insurance after January 1. The new insurance law forbids an insurance company after the first of January from writing both participating and nonparticipating insurance. It must make a choice therebetween between the two plans.

COLORADO TOWN SHAKEN

Quake Due to Gas Explosion or Coal Mine Settling.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 21.—A violent trembling of the earth was felt on both sides of the Grand River in the neighborhood of Newcastle, 20 miles west of here, about 9 o'clock this morning. The shock lasted three minutes and caused houses in the town to rock. The actual cause of the disturbance is uncertain, though many attribute it to an explosion of accumulated gas in the Wheeler coal mine, which runs north and south beyond Newcastle. One theory of today's disturbance is that the earth settled, the displacement having been caused by fire, which slowly burned away the coal vein.

HUMIDORS

In hardwood, aluminum lined, keep cigars in perfect condition; we have a large variety. Sig Stichel Co., agents Garcia, Mi Hogar and Lord Baltimore cigars.

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Cipman, Wolfe & Co. Good Merchandise Only—Quality Considered Our Prices Are Always the Lowest

These Saturday Bargains are So Good We Picture Every One

\$5 Safety Razor \$3.68. 24 Perfect Blades. Shaving made a luxury! What better Christmas present for a man? With this razor there is no stopping, no danger of cutting the face; no time lost. Twenty-four blades, enough to last a year. When a blade dulls, throw it away. Quickest and smoothest shave you ever had, costing about 1 cent for five shaves; \$5.00 everywhere; our sale price, \$3.68 each.

Real Seal Shopping Bags. Values to \$5 at \$2.98. 700 genuine seal Shopping Bags, leather-lined, double riveted frame, fitted with coin purse, in brown and black. A really luxurious shopping bag, ideal for Xmas giving. Sold regularly up to \$5.00. A great Saturday bargain \$2.98 at.

Handsome Dressed Doll. Special 35c. Dainty Dressed Doll, 14 1/2 inches high, pretty bisque head, moving eyes, long curls, costume of white, smartly trimmed with red. 35c

Ladies' Rings at Half Price. Ladies' Rings in cluster, solitaire, marquise and other settings, guaranteed solid gold. \$3.00 Solid Gold Rings... \$1.50 3.50 Solid Gold Rings... 1.75 4.50 Solid Gold Rings... 2.25 5.00 Solid Gold Rings... 2.50 6.00 Solid Gold Rings... 3.00 7.00 Solid Gold Rings... 3.50 8.00 Solid Gold Rings... 4.00 8.50 Solid Gold Rings... 4.25 9.00 Solid Gold Rings... 4.50 10.00 Solid Gold Rings... 5.00 11.00 Solid Gold Rings... 5.00

Three-Piece Toilet Sets. Special \$4.25. Hand-some 3-piece Toilet Set; brush, comb and mirror; richly mounted with art silver in rose patterns; very appropriate for Christmas remembrances; exceptional value at \$4.25 only. Other Toilet Sets From \$2.25 to \$50.00

Pure Silk Hosiery Is a Dainty Gift. 800 pairs of finest pure silk Hosiery, without exception the finest silk Hosiery ever offered by any Portland store at this price. Made of pure silk thread, with spliced soles and heels. This is a sale of the utmost importance, both from the price standpoint and the fact that silk hosiery makes ideal gifts. Sale \$1.25

HOLIDAY STATIONERY SALE. Hundreds of boxes of fine Papers, in novel and beautiful holly boxes will be sold at lowest prices ever quoted. 25c box Juvenile Paper... 15c 35c box Juvenile Paper... 20c 35c box Letter Paper... 25c 35c box Heavy Paper... 45c \$1.25 and \$1.50 for boxes. \$1.00 \$1.75 and \$2.00 for boxes. \$1.25 \$2.50 fancy boxed Paper... \$1.50 Other beautiful novelty Cabinet Boxes priced at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 to \$5.00.

Women's Long Kimonos at \$3.50. Women's long Kimonos, made of heavy flannel-ette; large butterfly patterns; solid color grounds; heavy satin borders like illustration. \$3.50

Manicure Sets \$2.75. Manicure Sets, mounted with art silver; six pieces, in luxurious silk-lined box. A Christmas gift that displays admirable taste, that will flatter the recipient, and that you can buy at the very special price of \$2.75

Damask Table Set. Beautiful Satin Damask Cloth, 2x2 1/2 yards, and dozen 3 1/2-size Dinner Napkins, worth \$8.50; very special value at \$6.75

These Opera Bags at \$1.50. Beautiful flowered silk Opera Bags in delicate evening shades; very nicely lined; have fine gilt chain handles. If you are in quest of an inexpensive but handsome gift choose one of these at \$1.50

Patent Ormolu Clock \$2.25 Value at \$1.48. Patent Ormolu 24-karat gold-plated Clock, with guaranteed American movement, in pretty rose and flower designs; guaranteed free of charge. Regularly \$1.48 \$2.25; special at \$1.48

Best \$1.18 Fiction, 50c. Man of the Hour, Lightning Conductor, Dri and I, St. Elmo, Eben Holden, Man From Gilegarry, The Virginian, To Have and to Hold, Cape Cod Folks, Rose of Old St. Louis, Quest of the Golden Grail, The Conqueror, Tales of Sherlock Holmes, Infelice, The Sea Wolf, Castle Grandeur, Owl-shaped, leather bound... \$1 Over the Nuts and Wives, New toasts and humorous quotations, shaped like champagne bottle packed in ice. Our price \$1.00

\$5 Solid Silver Watch For \$3.45. A woman's dainty little open-face Watch, with a pretty dial, gilt or plain hands, stem wind. The case is solid silver and we guarantee the movement. A dainty Watch for some dainty miss. A limited number at, sale \$3.45 price \$5.00 Engraved Free

Gem Junior Safety Razors \$1.00. These Gem Junior Safety Razors have 7 extra blades; packed in a neat leather case; can't cut yourself shaving with one of these razors; make very useful and enduring holiday offerings; exceptionally good bargain, for \$1.00 sale at \$1.00

BLOW BY DEAD HAND

Brown's Will Strikes Mrs. Bradley and Children.

NOT TO RECEIVE A DOLLAR

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DOMINATED BY THE TRUSTS

School Directors' View of Government's Attitude Toward Japanese.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The Board of Education of San Francisco has agreed to stand by the contents of the emphatic letter which its secretary, E. C. Lettingwell, sent yesterday in reply to a severe criticism from a leading American missionary in Japan. Director David Oliver, Jr., said:

Catarrh

Whether it is of the nose, throat, stomach, bowels, or more delicate organs, catarrh is always debilitating and should never fall of attention. It is a discharge from the mucous membrane when kept in a state of inflammation by an impure, commonly scrofulous, condition of the blood.

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Cures all forms of catarrh, radically and permanently—it removes the cause and overcomes all the effects. Get Hood's.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS

SICK HEADACHE Positively cured by these Little Pills.

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Save Lives During Fire.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Eight persons were carried down ladders by police and firemen during a fire in a three-story wooden block in the Brighton district early today. The police rushed up through the smoke-filled stairways before the firemen arrived, but before they could carry the unconscious inmates out of the structures their exit was cut off and they had to

Ten Years for Assault.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—John F. Caulfield was today sentenced to 10 years in San Quentin, by Superior Judge Lawrence in punishment for the part he took, in company with four companions, in the fateful assault on Miss Mary Adams in a Mission street lodging-house.

Gabriel d'Annunzio on Blacklist.

ROME, Dec. 21.—The Congregation of the Index is discussing a proposal to put the works of Gabriel d'Annunzio the Italian author and dramatist, on the Index as immoral.

SILVERFIELD'S FURS BUY FURS OF THE MAKER FOURTH AND MORRISON STREETS There is nothing more suitable for Xmas Gifts than... Remember the makers "Silverfield's" in buying... We have every imaginable style in... We can save you more money than any other house in... Procure One of Our Fur Bonds, Which Enables the Holder to Make Her Own Selection. Prices From \$1 to \$1000