

Ghosts Seen by Scientist

Austrian Professor Saw Spirit of His Mother

Professor Karl von Thaler, an Austrian scientist, is a believer in ghosts. He claims he has seen the spirit of his mother twelve times and recounts instances of others who have also seen the shades of the departed.

In conversation a short time ago Professor Thaler said: "Don't ridicule the man or woman who claims to have seen ghosts, for while there may be no ghosts one may see ghosts. I have seen them myself." The professor continued:

Ten years ago my mother died. We had loved each other dearly. Friends called us the inseparables. So long as I was she that when I went to college she broke up her home to fol-



low me to the big city, keep house for me, care for me and assist me in my studies.

Of course when I grew to man's estate my professional duties caused our separation, but when my mother was dead all came back to me—her kindly attentions, her acts of self sacrifice, her enduring love. Her funeral put me to a heavy mental and physical strain, and when, late in the night, I went to bed I was thoroughly exhausted with grief and nervousness.

I dreamed that once more I was a student at that big, strange university town and that my mother was walking with me in the nearby forest, of which we know every nook and corner. The mother of those bygone days was young and pretty and healthy, and so was the mother of my dream. She talked as usual and gave me much good advice.

But suddenly I was overcome by the recollection that my mother was dead. I looked up to her, and before I knew what I was doing I said: "I thought I

oured you this afternoon. Was that a dream or is this?"

As I pronounced the words her face fell, the smile playing around her lips vanished, her whole aspect changed. She looked twenty years older, and her face was now deadly pale.

Seeing this, I awoke with a start. If my body had been plunged into ice cold water I couldn't have been more awake than I was, and there before me the mother I had loved so dearly sat at my mother at the foot of the bed as she was wont to do in days gone by. There was no delusion, I am positive of that. I was as completely awake as one can be. Yet the specter didn't frighten me, the least. On the contrary, I was grateful for its presence and responded to its tender gaze with eyes full of tears.

"The dead," argued my mind, trained in science—"the dead don't rise, but your remembrance often recalls them to their former spheres."

My mother's ghost, still clothed in the garb she wore in life, appeared to me twice times all told.

After her first visit I waited several months in vain, awaiting at certain hours in the night to look for her. At the end of the third month she came again, repeating her visits thereafter at longer or shorter intervals.

Some little time ago there died in Vienna an old friend of mine, Mme. von Mayntner, better known under her nom de plume, Marie Perle. She was an eccentric woman, with a brilliant but erratic mind.

One day in the summer of 1900 I happened to pass through Graz, where she was then living, and not having seen her for some time, made an unceremonious call. I found her in a state bordering on collapse. She had aged ten years since our last meeting. Her young son, her favorite, was dead. She had been weeping over him.

When I said good-bye, she begged me to come again before leaving Graz. "But not between 5 and 6," she added quickly. "That's my son's visiting hour."

"Which of the boys is living in Graz?"

"None living here. It's my favorite whom I expect, my youngest." A ghost in broad daylight!

"Don't think that I am mad," pleaded Mme. von Mayntner. "I know that there is no such thing as rising from the dead, but nevertheless I see my son daily. I must see him. I do see him and talk with him. It's such a consolation to me."

Well, I understood my poor friend, but her neighbors did not. Her physician had her committed to an insane asylum, from which her eldest son rescued her with difficulty after a prolonged struggle.

Here is another experience of my own. Michèle Etienne, the great artist of the Neue Freie Presse, was dead. As one of his nearest friends I sat up with the body that night before the funeral until 1 o'clock, when members of the editorial staff relieved me.

The body was lying in state in a large hall appropriately draped and lighted. I sat at the foot gazing upon my dead friend's characteristic face, which bore the usual aspect of jovial satisfaction. Indeed it looked as if Etienne had lain down to sleep after a hard day's work and as if this sleep gave him no end of pleasure.

After being relieved I went to the Presse office to fetch away a roll of manuscript from Etienne's desk. His wife had asked me to do that service

It was 1:45 a. m. when I entered the late editor's room, holding a lighted candle in my hand, which of course lit up only certain portions of the vast apartment.

As I walked in with care, to avoid coming in contact with the furniture, I saw my friend sitting in the great fauteuil behind his writing desk that stood between two windows.

I stopped in my tracks. The surprise was too much, but after a moment or two I approached fearlessly. I had had some experience, you know.

Michael continued to regard me smilingly, complacently. If this was a ghost, he was of a most pleasant sort. Another step and yet another. When I was near enough to touch the figure, it vanished.

FILIPINO MUSICIANS.

Plans for bringing a band to St. Louis World's Fair.

In the plans of the bureau of music of the St. Louis world's fair it has been practically settled that a Filipino band connected with the First United States Infantry will be one of the principal features, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The committee on music has had considerable correspondence on the subject with residents of the islands, and the engagement of the players was decided upon tentatively early in their deliberations. When Governor Taft was in St. Louis, he laid especial stress on the excellent music rendered by them, and President Francis has received many letters since from civil and military officers on the same theme.

The organization includes representatives of the Visayan, Tagala, Ilocano and Pampangan tribes. Their music is by no means limited to the rendition of native airs, although these are a feature of their repertoire that has impressed their critics from other lands. They have a library, which includes all the classical and modern compositions. Their color and their race, together with the popular interest in everything that pertains to the Philippines, will form the basis of their power as an attraction, but their insiders in the islands predict that visitors to the exposition will find these the least important points about them. They are recommended as fit associates professionally for any group of brass band players and exponents of their art deserving of a hearing in any community.

A number of sample programmes were received at world's fair headquarters the other day. They show many selections from the grand operas, national songs of the European peoples and numerous titles to be seen on the card of a recital or concert in this country.

LATEST DISPATCHES

No Coal Famine.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—President Thomas of the Erie railroad emphatically denies the story that anthracite coal will be scarce this winter. He says that shipments are steadily increasing, and that hundreds of thousands of tons of coal are mined daily in the Lackawanna Valley alone.

A Swindler Fares Well.

DES MOINES, Nov. 7.—Lettson Ballet, who was convicted of obtaining several hundred thousand dollars through the fraudulent use of the mails, in selling stock of the White Swan Mining Co. of Baker City, a wildcat concern, was today sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$5000. He filed a notice of an appeal.

Further Financial Aid Refused.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Secretary Shaw returned this morning, and after a consultation with his first assistant announced that he would accept no more state or municipal bonds as security for government deposits. He regards the emergency of the monetary situation past, and it is no longer necessary to accept anything but government bonds.

May be Governor Yet.

SEATTLE, Nov. 6.—Sheriff's Cuddehe's majority of 843, in face of vast Republican vote in King county, has already started the political cry of "Cuddehe for governor in 1904." His popularity is something wonderful, and is being discussed more than any other phase of the late election. His failure to capture the famous Tracy evidently has not dimmed his lustre.

A Wonder or a Faker.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—With about 100 doctors of San Francisco and some 200 medical students and trained nurses closely watching his work, Dr. Adolf Lorenz of Vienna appeared in the lecture hall of the Affiliated College of the University of California and successfully performed, without the use of a knife, his celebrated operation for the cure of congenital hip disease, treating two little four-year-old boys without charge, in the same manner that he recently operated upon the daughter of Millionaire Armour of Chicago for a fee of \$100,000. He did the work entirely with his hands, by stretching and wrenching the muscles and ligaments, and pulling the ball end of the thigh bone down into the hip socket, the limb then being encased in a plaster of paris cast, where it will remain for from six to nine months. After these operations Dr. Lorenz successfully treated a case of double club feet on an infant five months old.

A Republican Majority Conceded.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Chairman Griggs of the Democratic congressional committee concedes a Republican majority of fourteen in the next house of representatives, a Democratic gain.

A Big Flour Trust.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—Confirming previous reports, it seems certain that a deal is practically accomplished for the amalgamation of all the extensive flouring interests of the Pacific Coast. It will take in the large plants of Washington, Oregon and California, and will call into existence one large corporation, with a capital of \$20,000,000, and facilities equal to supplying the present and prospectively greater demands of the Pacific Coast and of the Orient. William Thomas of this city is now in the East in connection with the deal.

FROM ORPHANAGE TO FAME.

Brilliant Career of Lieutenant Poyer.

From an inmate of the Soldiers' Orphan's home in Bloomington, Ill., says a special from that place to the Chicago Record-Herald, to the poet of best gunner in the United States navy is the young Lt. Poyer. The story is an interesting one. A chance visit of Judge (then Congressman) Thomas F. Tipton of Bloomington to the institution in 1877 resulted in his notice of the boy. He learned that Poyer was the son of a Union soldier killed during the war. His mother had died from grief over the loss of her husband.

Judge Tipton was able to secure his appointment by President Hayes to the Naval Academy at Annapolis against the opposition of the Illinois delegation in congress, who had selected another youth.

Poyer graduated fifth in his class. Since then his career has been brilliant. He performed a heroic rescue of some inmates from a burning building at Norfolk, Va. He gradually attracted attention to himself by his accurate work in firing the thirteen inch guns in the navy. "Poyer's shooting" is a phrase used in the navy. He had a conspicuous part in the recent naval maneuvers. He has been in charge of the four guns in the forward turret of the United States battleship Kearsarge.

The lieutenant and his men are the acknowledged crack gunners of the world, and the record made by them will be the mark above which every other crew will seek to shoot. During the recent target practice of the ships of Admiral Higginson's squadron they made three bullseyes with one of the thirteen inch guns at a range of a mile, a record unsurpassed in the service.

Bought the Woman For \$25.

William Crossman of Paw Paw was acquitted of assault with intent to kill Orlie Lewis of Lawton, with whom Crossman quarreled over the latter's wife, says a St. Joseph (Mich.) dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald.

Crossman shot Lewis in the side after a quarrel a few weeks ago. He was weeks the authorities chased Crossman through woods, and he was finally captured by Sheriff Shipman.

While on the stand Lewis admitted that he had paid Crossman \$25 for his wife. He stated that he considered that a legal bargain, but Crossman became dissatisfied and caused trouble, resulting in the shooting affair.

A Smoking Senator.

Senator Thomas R. Bard of California is a connoisseur of good cigars. When he travels, he might easily be mistaken for a tobacco salesman, for he carries a grip which contains nothing else. There are long and short ones, light and dark, domestic and imported, Key West, Connecticut and Philippine. Some are worth a dollar apiece, and some is cheap. He has a form of salutation inseparably linked with his "How'd you do?" It is, "Have a fresh cigar." He usually has some new brand while he travels, and he will say, "I'd just like you to try this. It's something I have just discovered, and I think it has its points." Bard is a Scotch-Irishman and a pillar in the Presbyterian church. Smoking is his only vice.

Shakespeare's Blunders.

The Shakespearean scholar of Shakespeare are too well known to require repetition. He speaks of cannon in the reign of King John a century and a half before their invention; he refers to printing in the reign of Henry II, of the clocks in the time of Caesar; he has Hector quote Aristotle and Coriolanus refer to Cato. He introduces a billiard table into the house of Cleopatra, makes Delphos an island and gives a banquet to Robinson.

An all Abiding Faith.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company has an all-abiding faith in the future of the Great Northwest. A short time ago this was manifested by the establishment, in Seattle, of an agency to take care of its interests there. The latest effort is to put on a splendidly equipped new train service between St. Paul and Chicago. The new trains will be running Sunday, November 23. They will use their own rails between Chicago and Albert Lea, Minn., and the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway track from Albert Lea to Minneapolis and St. Paul, running into the Union Depot at St. Paul, which is the same track that is used by all lines in this city.

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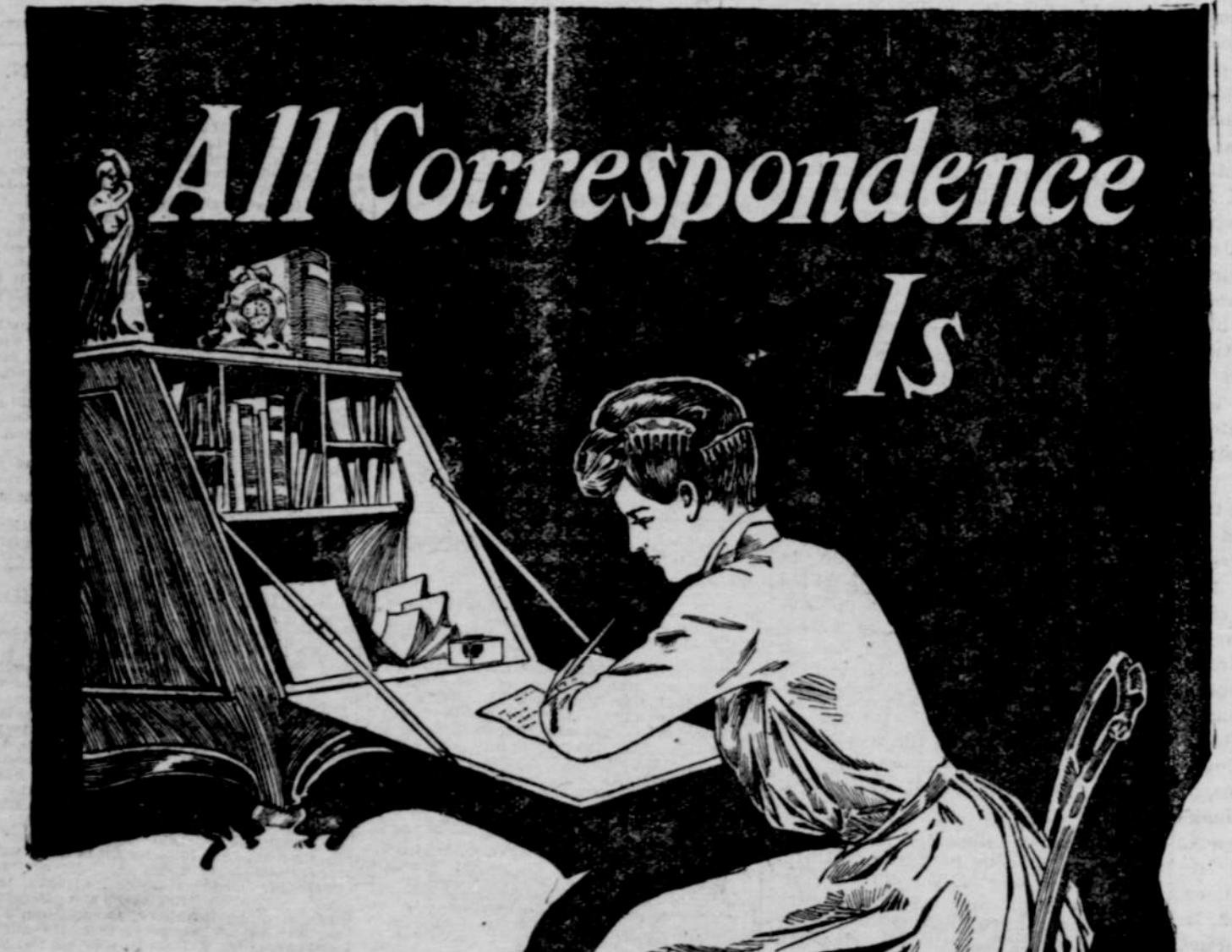
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