

Return of Prodigal.

Prodigious Coincidence Accompanying Experience of Fred Collins.

Fred L. Collins, nephew of Hon. Benjamin F. Allen, whom Mr. Collins has not seen for a period of 20 years, dropped into the city yesterday entirely unannounced. Mr. Allen's surprise was doubly agreeable because he was just opening a letter from Collin's mother saying that she wished she might learn something of her wandering boy. Collins was the first to read the mother's epistle.

Mr. Collins is rather a good looking chap—he is well featured, and his cheeks wear a healthful tan, the result of a sojourn in Australia and in New Zealand. His intercourse with the colonists has influenced him very materially. He has unconsciously adopted a few of their mannerisms, and, it may be said, they are of the rigid English school—those that give a man characteristics that make him well worth knowing.

Mr. Collins' home is at South Bend, Ind., where his father, C. M. Collins, is prominently connected, as consulting engineer, with a large and influential cement contracting concern. In January, 1902, with his father's permission, Mr. Collins, who, like others of his sex may have been a bit precocious, started out to fight the world. Until yesterday, when he arrived in Astoria, from San Francisco, on the steamer Kilburn, and called upon Mr. Allen, nothing had been heard of him. He had attempted to communicate with his parents indirectly, but the tenor of the letter from his mother, received yesterday by Mr. Allen, would indicate that such endeavors were futile. While calling at the Astorian office, Mr. Collins recounted a few of his adventures and they read like a chapter from the Arabian Nights.

Leaving South Bend with a ticket for New York and a liberal amount of pocket money, he went to the metropolis. It required about three weeks in which to see all worth seeing in the aluring city of Gotham. From New York, he migrated to New Orleans. Shortly after his arrival he found himself stranded. Recalling his father's admonition, "not to write home for money," Mr. Collins was determined that the parent should know nothing of his tussle with Dame Fortune.

He fell in with a man who was something of a financier, and between the two they conceived a moving-picture show for the Mardi Gras season. This proved exceptionally profitable, returning \$750 each to the promoters in the short period of three weeks. Armed with this sum Mr. Collins again migrated, this time stopping at El Paso, Texas. From this interesting city he made a trip over the border to Ciudad Juarez, where he witnessed a Sunday afternoon bull-fight, which he pronounces a "disgusting exhibition." Mr. Collins then meandered through the Southwest United States, visiting New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California. After a few days in Los Angeles he went to San Francisco. He boarded a steamer at Frisco, the Sonoma, taking passage for Australia. Seven months, he devoted to Australia and New Zealand, visiting Melbourne, Sydney, Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin.

Two months ago, Mr. Collins returned to San Francisco. It suddenly occurred to him that an uncle, whom he had not seen for 20 years, resided at a place called Astoria. Looking up steamer schedules he discovered that the Kilburn was on the run, so accordingly, took passage and again braved the perils of the briny deep. Yesterday, upon reaching here, he immediately sought Mr. Allen and dropped in as casually as a man would walk into a store to purchase a cigar. He found Mr. Allen tearing the end from an envelope. The letter proved to be from Mrs. Collins, who expressed the hope that she might hear something of "Fred."

Mr. Allen lost no time in telegraphing the joyous tidings of the return of the prodigal. He also notified the senior Mr. Collins, now in Chanute, Kan., and who is expected to arrive here in a few days for the express purpose of killing the "fatted calf." From the following it will be perceived that Mr. Collins has learned to bow to the parental will:

"Will you return home with your father?" was asked.

"Well, it will depend upon what 'dad' says."

F. M. Garrison, of Cleveland, arrived down on yesterday noon's train.

ITO SENDS AIDE TO ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY

Inquires as to Health of Defeated Russian Commander.

Tokio, June 27.—Admiral Viscount Ito, chief of the naval general staff, has sent his aid to the naval hospital at Sasebo to visit Vice Admiral Rojestyevsky.

Admiral Ito, through his personal representative, inquired into the condition of the Russian commander, expressed his regret over the suffering he had undergone and his admiration at the desperateness of the Russian defense.

Rojestyevsky is progressing well and sent his thanks to Admiral Ito for the visit and inquiry.

INACTIVITY PREVALENT AMONG MEDIATORS.

President Away and Peace Negotiations at Standstill.

Washington, June 27.—With the president away from Washington, peace negotiations have entered a period of inactivity. Neither the Russian or Japanese ministers received messages today sufficiently urgent to communicate to the president.

There is no confirmation of the Paris report that negotiations for an armistice were formally opened. It is believed that the Japanese plenipotentiaries will be able to reach Washington the first week in August, if not by August.

GERONIMO WISHES TO GO TO ARIZONA.

Apache Chief Sends Petition to War Department.

Lawton, O. T., June 27.—Geronimo the Apache warrior, recently circulated a petition among members of his tribe asking the government for their transfer to Arizona. Only six Indians of age out of about 130, refused to sign. The petition was presented to the war department and is receiving consideration.

Owing to the fact that the department has under consideration a plan to increase Fort Sill to regimental proportions and that the Apaches' term of imprisonment of 20 years expires in a few months it is probable that the Indians may be removed.

SECOND-NIGHTERS THROUGH OPERA HOUSE

Mindreader and Magician Prove Good Drawing Cards.

"Thelma, the Mystic," and "Corbin, the Great," drew a very fair crowd of second-nighters at the opera house last night. In occult science, Thelma again proved an agreeable surprise to the audience and she mystified them with very little effort. Her mindreading seemed to appeal to people more than anything else, particularly when she worked a little local interest into her act. Corbin showed to advantage, bringing to play several entirely new feats in the art of legerdemain. He is a magician of no mean ability, comparing favorably with "Herman, the Great." The show is well worth while, and will run through the week.

Yale the Victor.

New Haven, Conn., June 27.—Yale won the dual baseball championship by defeating Harvard on the Yale field, 7 to 2 this afternoon in the presence of the largest crowd ever seen here and with the accompaniment of college songs. Each team made six hits and three errors.

GRAEME STEWART SUCCUMBS TO ATTACK OF APOPLEXY.

Prominent Leader in Commercial and Political Life in Chicago, Dead.

Chicago, June 27.—Graeme Stewart, a leader in Chicago's commercial, political, and social life, two years ago a candidate for mayor on the Republican ticket, and a member of the executive committee of the Republican national committee from 1900 to 1904, died at his residence here, early today, after a month's illness. Clotting of blood upon the brain, with a series of apoplectic strokes, was the cause of his death.

On the evening of May 24, Mr. Stewart was seated at a table in the banquet hall of the Auditorium hotel, one of the guests at an elaborate dinner, given by the Bankers' club. He had just completed the task of collecting the \$128,000 guaranty prompted by the merchants and commercial clubs to the United States government in order to bring the lake naval station to Lake Bluff, Ill., and was receiving congratulations of his friends, when just as Paul Morton, secretary of the navy, was praising the Panama canal policy of President Roosevelt, Mr. Stewart gasped and sank inertly into his chair.

He became unconscious at once and was taken to a room, and restoratives were administered. The physicians an-

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COMING IN BALLAST

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FIRST OF THE GRAIN FLEET

To Seek Cargo in Ballast. Steamer Kilburn Arrives in. Schooner Virginia to Load Lumber. Barkentine John Smith Is Towed to Sea.

British ship Durbridge, according to advices received from Port Natal, Africa, sailed, in ballast, from that port yesterday for Astoria. The Durbridge enjoys the distinction of being the first sailing vessel of the season's fleet to come here, in ballast, in search of a cargo. Unless there may be some vessels in Oriental waters that are to start for this port within two weeks, the Durbridge should be the first to reach here. Owners have been keeping bottoms away from the coast, owing to the uncertainty of conditions in the wheat trade. Now that the owners of the Durbridge have taken the initiative shippers will undoubtedly manifest unusual interest in developments. Including the Durbridge, the en route list contains 22 vessels, but of these, 21 are laden with cargoes of miscellaneous nature. These, of course will be in the field for outward business, but their number is, as yet, not sufficiently large to give owners any particular cause for anxiety.

In addition to the vessels now on the list for this port, will soon be added three coal-carriers to come out from Australia. These carriers have not yet been named, but there is no mistake about their coming, as cargoes have already been secured for them.

Will Load Lumber.

Four-masted schooner Virginia arrived in last night from San Francisco. She will take on a cargo of lumber at some of the up-river mills.

A four-masted schooner and a barkentine were reported outside late last evening. They will be towed in this morning.

Kilburn Arrives In.

Steamer F. S. Kilburn arrived in from San Francisco via Coos Bay and Eureka yesterday. She is scheduled to sail Friday on the return trip.

Steamer Aurelia arrived in yesterday from San Francisco and will take on a cargo of lumber.

Barkentine John Smith, lumber-laden, was towed to sea today, bound for San Pedro.

Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers Edwards and Fuller inspected the tug Tatoosh and steamer Mayflower yesterday.

Steamer Alliance will not tarry long at Coos Bay and she is expected in this morning.

Aragonia Leaves Yokohama.

Oriental liner Aragonia left Yokohama yesterday for Astoria, and should reach the mouth of the Columbia in 10 or 20 days, according to schedule. She is expected to bring a pretty good-sized cargo. The Numentia arrived at Yokohama from Astoria on the 23d.

Evangelist Here.

I. S. Steele, a prominent evangelist from Aaron, Ind., arrived in the city yesterday and will remain through the week. The public is invited to hear him at the Peniel mission, on Tenth street.

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