

SISTERS OF COUNT WHO WILL WELCOME GLADYS VANDERBILT



Here are the sisters of Count Szechenyi, who will welcome Gladys Vanderbilt when she goes as a bride to her new home in Hungary. On the left is the Countess Hautzgt, and on the right is the Countess Marie Szechenyi.

WALLING'S EXPERIENCE IN RUSSIAN PRISON

St. Petersburg Correspondent Gives His Views of What Happened to Americans Who Were Arrested as Socialists at Capital.

(By a Staff Correspondent.) St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—When William Walling, the wealthy young American who travels in socialism, and who got arrested, with his wife and her sister, Rosa Strunsky, has recovered from the heart flutter natural to the occasion, he will doubtless be duly grateful to the police for giving them a look at the inside of Russian prisons, with the minimum of inconvenience to themselves, though it did keep Montgomery Schuyler, the American charge d'affaires, and his staff very busy for 24 hours to get them out. When I saw them at their hotel, after it was all over, they looked somewhat flurried, but, as they had "written it all down," they did not seem dissatisfied, and why should they? The police could not have arranged matters more successfully. The three were taken to different prisons, and Miss Strunsky even had a chance to see the secret service at work, in the terrible "Department of Surety" in the Pushkin building. "We have no room in the political department, and regret to inform you that you will have to spend a few days with common thieves, drunks and vagrants," said the stern warden of the forwarding prison as he clicked the outer door on Mrs. Walling. She is very particular to explain that in making a concession to the "conveniences" she had no intention of sinking either her personality or her name. She took a deep breath of pure air through the outer grating, and shut her eyes and prepared for martyrdom. Pretty Bomb-Throwers. A moment later she was ushered into a large room well filled with wooden cots, with clean mattresses and blankets, which served as lounges and beds for 40 of the prettiest young bomb-throwers—suspects or to be that she had ever seen in her life. They threw their arms around her neck and kissed her three times in the hearty Russian way, and bade "Comrade What's Your Name" welcome. She had to tell all the latest news and explain all about herself. The girls described the complete arrangements for getting letters in and out, and told her how they, the under-warden Maria, Mikhailovna, was, and how horrid Maria Antonovna was, and they talked philosophy and Socialism until daylight. The next day there was a glorious send-off for Sonia Kolstantinova, who thought she was being led away to free-

dom, until one of the girls came back from the front door and announced that there was a prison van, with barred windows, and soldiers with drawn sabres, to escort her to Moscow. She tried for highway robbery or something. Tactful Marfa. The release of Mrs. Walling about sunset somewhat brightened the sad faces of the remainder. Marfa was considerably busy with a stubborn lock and key while they loaded the departing guest with letters, which everybody was awfully glad they had not given over to Sonia. Mr. Walling passed a night and a day in the preliminary prison in solitary confinement. As he was ushered into his well-furnished roomy cell, half a hundred faces were seen at the little windows in the doors and somebody gave him a package of powder with an oriental name. He began to breathe easier, for he was expecting to have to chase lizards and rats from his casemate in the Peter and Paul fortress back into the sewer. He was about to begin a letter to the American ambassador when the man opposite him arranged his hands into a speaking trumpet and called him to the window to tell about himself. His son found that the place was run by Popoff, the man from Kronstadt, who had got 20 years hard labor for his share in the last rising. "See me doing any work," he winked at Mr. Walling as he told the story. Prisoners' Private Post. The next morning when the solitary were let out all together for their matinal constitutional, he was told to get his letters through the private post by the afternoon walk. But there was really no secret about the matter, for while he was writing somebody shouted "Eudicher," "Popoff," and he delivered Comrade Walling's letters by private messenger or by registered post. As the reunited family was dining together at the Hotel de Franco that night Mr. Walling wrote a letter to his friends in America. "I said, 'I could not let them believe it was quite all right. The whole of it would have been pretty much the same anywhere in Russia. Some of the prisons are far from being as clean as the swart arranged as the model institutions in this city, but if you traveled with the political prisoners from Arkhangel to Lower Kolymsk you would probably find them going about as they liked, and their freedom would increase in proportion to their distance from the capital."

ORIGIN OF NAME FOR REDWOODS Great Trees Once Grew All Over Northern United States. (Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Nov. 18.—Few people outside of the Pacific coast states know how the wonderful redwood trees, now limited to a few small groves in California, came by their name Sequoia. There was an Indian of the Cherokee tribe named Sequo Yah, who, all by himself, without aid from anyone, invented an alphabet and taught it to his tribe by writing it upon leaves. This alphabet came into general use among the Cherokees before the white man had any knowledge of it. In 1823 a personal visit was published in it by the missionary, Sequo Yah, was banished from his home in Alabama, with

the rest of the tribe, and settled in New Mexico, where he died in 1843. The naming of the big trees for him came about in this manner: When Eudicher, "Popoff," and his wife, the cone-bearing trees in 1846, and had established a number of new groves. Dr. Jacob Eschsch, then living in the model institutions in this city, but if you traveled with the political prisoners from Arkhangel to Lower Kolymsk you would probably find them going about as they liked, and their freedom would increase in proportion to their distance from the capital. The naming of the big trees for him came about in this manner: When Eudicher, "Popoff," and his wife, the cone-bearing trees in 1846, and had established a number of new groves. Dr. Jacob Eschsch, then living in the model institutions in this city, but if you traveled with the political prisoners from Arkhangel to Lower Kolymsk you would probably find them going about as they liked, and their freedom would increase in proportion to their distance from the capital.

whole northern hemisphere and attaining to more than 20 specific forms, constitutes a sad memento of departed greatness. Gas From Cottonwoods. From the Kansas City Journal. The cottonwood tree which grows in such abundance in Kansas is a complete gas-making plant, according to a recent discovery made by Professor W. Hinshong, one of the assistant professors of chemistry at Kansas University, who recently attempted to make a trip down the "Marias des Cygnes" river in a canoe. In the heart of the cottonwood tree is confined a gas which burns readily, with a faint blue flame, and which produces a greater degree of heat than does the ordinary natural gas because of a larger proportion of free hydrogen. This feature of the cottonwood has never before been exploited. It is not a matter of great commercial value, but it is an interesting bit of scientific information. The Loom Fixers' National Association represents an almost absolute organization of men of the craft throughout the country. In answering advertisements herein, please mention The Journal.

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(United Press Leased Wire.) Valdez, Alaska, Nov. 19.—Accounts received here are that over \$600,000 in gold consigned to banks at Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, is en route over the trail by stage. Musters are also hitting the trail to Valdez, over 400 being on the way to the coast.

CARRIES THE NIELSEN CASE BACK TO OREGON

Washington Attorney-General in Supreme Court With Celebrated Fisheries Case. Olympia, Wash., Nov. 19.—Attorney-General Atkinson has filed the brief of the state of Washington amicus curiae before the supreme court of Oregon in the case of the state of Oregon, respondent, vs. Christ Nielsen, appellant, and appellant. Nielsen is a Washington fisherman who was arrested on the lower Columbia river for violating the fishing laws of Oregon, was convicted in the circuit court and fined \$50. Nielsen was fishing on the Washington side of the river, the territory of a Washington state license, and it is contended by the attorney-general of the state that his arrest by Oregon authorities was entirely unwarranted.

FLIRTATION IN PERSIA

Seclusion of the Women—Divorces Easily Obtained. From the London Globe. With the Persians one does not discuss his womenfolk. To ask a Persian about his wife is a grave breach of etiquette. The most you can do is to ask about the mother of his son. If he has only daughters he does not mention them; they are a misfortune to be suffered in silence. While the sexes remain separated as at present there can be little real advance. The man does not see his wife until after the marriage ceremony, the woman still lives the secluded, stately life of the harem. "She grows up like a flower, nothing which European generally keep out of their children's sight is concealed from her, she is left to the dictates of her instincts, which, as she sees very little society but that of servants and slaves, are not very elevating. Her religion is drowned in the lowest superstitions, and as she is seldom taught to read and write the only means she has of learning is from tales which would hardly have any meaning for us because they are so stupid. She is kept secluded that she may remain faithful, and the inevitable result is that intrigue forms half the life of Persia. M. de Lorey relates an adventure that story, but the author tantalizes us by breaking off in the middle. If it had no conclusion—the sad state of too many love affairs—we could almost have forgiven him had he done what a Per-

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