

MORSE DOES NOT LIKE NEWSPAPER REPORTERS



Snapshot of Charles W. Morse. The Gentleman on the Left is Philip J. Britt, Mr. Morse's Lawyer. Mr. Morse is Seen Immediately Behind the Two Figures in Front.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
New York, Feb. 29.—Like all men caught grafting Charles W. Morse does not like newspapermen. Publicity is shocking to Mr. Morse and he does not hesitate to say so. Morse has recently declined to say anything for publication and he refuses to even ride in the same elevator with newspaper writers.

"I don't want to ride with you," he said, recently, drawing back from the car he was about to enter as he saw them getting in.
It has been brought to light that Morse was the mysterious dealer in stock of the Delaware and Hudson railroad in the offices of Marcus Mayer & Co. when that firm recently went to the

wall, carrying some 20,000 shares of that security, bought at about \$250 a share. Morse's idea in buying that stock was to obtain sufficient influence in the management of the company to bring about the purchase by it of his Hudson river steamboat trust, commonly called the Hudson Navigation company.

ally protected from masculine enterprise. Female curiosity was repressed by the vague tradition of curses that would fall upon anyone who violated the precincts before a appointed day and hour, for on the great oaken door studded with iron nails was the inscription: "Kazin el Kebrit, Alaniat al Jehad," which being translated means "Magazine of sulphur for the Holy War."

When Mulai Hassan died Abdul Aziz was but 16, foolish and sensual. The grim old Grand Vizier Ba-Hamed made him sultan and ruled for him for some years.
The boy sultan had access to the harem, but he never seems to have troubled his head about the sulphur chamber. Ba-Hamed, had incensed the harem, and if he never heard of the room which his dead master had closed up years before he attached no importance to it.
But Abdul Aziz spent hardly any time in Marrakesh after his accession. He took up his quarters for good in 1904 in Fez, where it was much easier to get pianos, music boxes, bicycles and other expensive European toys. The palace at Marrakesh fell into the hands of Mulai Hafid, whom Abdul Aziz first tried to make prisoner and then appointed governor of the southern part of the country.

He is slated.
Now Mulai had for a long time been slated for the sultanate. He was only the second son, but his elder brother, the lame Mulai Mohammed, had incurred the anger of their father and the undying hostility of the Arab tribesmen. At the age of 20 or thereabouts he was entrusted with several expeditions against warlike tribes, which he carried out with success. At one time he almost seemed to share the rulership with his father, but the old man's favorite wife, the mother of Abdul Aziz, extracted from him a promise that her son should reign.

When Mulai Hassan died suddenly, Ba-Hamed picked the younger prince not merely because he had sworn to support him, but because he knew that his own power would be greater than if the older and capable Mulai Hafid came to the throne.
To everyone's surprise Mulai Hafid accepted the situation without a murmur. He was the first to kiss his brother's hand and swear allegiance. Until recently he had been regarded as a scholar and a dreamer.

At the present time he has on the point of publication a volume of verses in Arabic, and an Arabic grammar of which he is the author in the press. In fact, he will be the first to publish work. He didn't want to be sultan.
He has kept the south in subjection. It is true, since he was made calid of Marrakesh, but he has done it almost without taking up arms. Through his emissaries he has won the quarrels and jealousies of the tribes and their chieftains and so has secured the peace and ease for himself which he so much desires.

When the sheiks and ulemas at last compelled him to accept the title of sultan and to declare war on Abdul Aziz, he enrolled the most powerful of the southern chiefs in his cabinet and asked them what they were going to do. He put the question to Si-Taleb-Tazi, whom he made minister of finance. There seemed to be no answer in sight when the miraculous happened.

One evening as he entered his harem after a discouraging session of his counselors Mulai was intercepted by an aged woman. She had been one of the favorites of his father and she now occupied the high position of arifa or grand mistress of the harem.
Day Had Come.
She excitedly declared that the day and the hour had come. Anyway, she was old and soon going to die; she could keep a great secret of state no longer.

She led the wondering Mulai to the barred door of the sulphur chamber and told him to go boldly in, assuring him that he would find more than sulphur for the holy war, sulphur being only an oriental metaphor for the real fighting material.
Mulai opened the door and went in. There were 20 ironbound chests arranged along the walls, all covered with the dust and rust of 20 years. He opened the first; it was full of gold coins. He opened the second and it was the same.

They were all full of gold coins—Spanish doubloons of 12 different mintings, ranging in date from Charles III in 1777 down to Ferdinand VII in 1820. The contents of the chests varied from 4,000 to 5,000 doubloons, worth about \$15 apiece. The total is calculated at about 20,000,000 francs or \$4,000,000.
At the time when Mulai Hafid was reveling in this great wealth Abdul Aziz was trying to pawn his jewels in Paris and getting no higher offer than \$240,000 on them. The first use Mulai Hafid made of his money was to equip 10,000 men in high red uniforms with vivid red, greens and blues in imitation of the Mokolais or guards of his brother.

He also bought cloth to make tents and vast supplies of ammunition for the excellent Martini-Henry rifles, of which he discovered several thousand forgotten in the armory at Marrakesh. He also had put into serviceable order

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MULAI HAFID'S TREASURE FINANCED HIS REBELLION

The great conundrum of the situation in Morocco for months past has been the question where Mulai Hafid, the pretender, or sultan of the south, as he is called, got the money to finance his revolt against his brother, Abdul Aziz. Germany has been at pains to give assurance that she did not give him any and it is certain that neither France nor her allies furnished it.
The mystery appears to be solved by a story which M. Vaffier-Pollet, an old-time French naval officer, has brought out from Marrakesh, and which reads

like a tale out of the "Arabian Nights." According to this narrative Mulai Hafid found or rather had revealed to him a hidden treasure amounting to 20,000,000 francs, about \$4,000,000, just as the sheiks proclaimed him Sultan and decreed the deposition of his brother.
There was a room in the old palace in Marrakesh which had remained bolted and barred since the death in 1894 of Mulai Hassan, the father of the present rivals for the throne. It was in a remote, unfrequented corner of the rambling structure and a sort of superstitious awe had grown up regarding it. It was in the harem, so it was effect-

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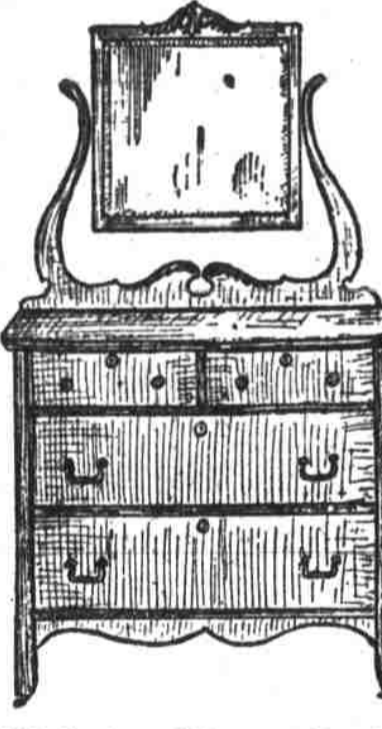
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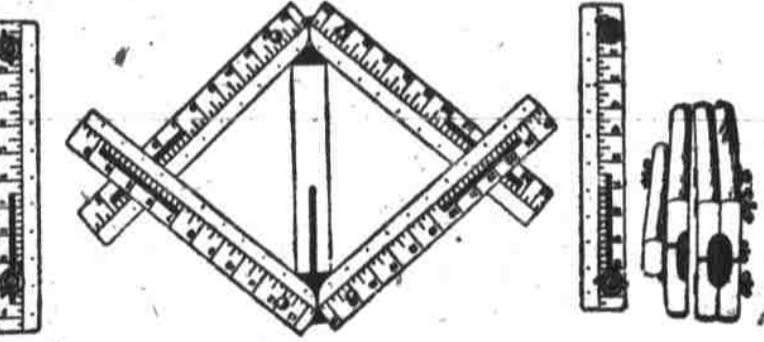
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several batteries of Creusot guns and 40 Canet guns, which his brother bought some years ago and abandoned to neglect, not to speak of a dozen Hotchkiss mitrailleuses which Caid Maclean brought from England.
Since his discovery of the money everything has prospered with Mulai Hafid. M. Vaffier-Pollet prophesies that his rule, first defeating Abdul Aziz and then Raisuli, the Rogni and Bon-Amama, all of whom are now practically exiling independent rule in their districts.

MASTERSON ON HUGHES.

Says Farmers Are Against Him—Comments on Smoke Ordinance.
From the Washington Post.
"Governor Hughes will find it a difficult matter to muster a solid delegation from New York in the Republican National convention, in my opinion," said Marshal Masters, deputy United States marshal of New York. "The governor is not popular with many classes, and he will not be able to placate his opponents in time to get them in line for him before the Chicago convention meets. The fight he is making against the race tracks is not gaining him any friends. The people of New York, at least a great body of them, want racing, and it will be a hard task to kill the sport when so many persons in a community as can be found in New York state are in favor of it.
"The agricultural classes derive a large revenue every year from the race tracks, and it will not be an easy matter to convince the farmers that the race tracks should be closed up. The American thoroughbred has gained a world-wide reputation, and the efforts of those interested in racing to make the running horse useful in improving the general type of saddle horse, as exemplified by the work the Jockey club is doing in New York state, has struck a peculiar chord. There is with this country there are too many laws and too many youthful statesmen who are bent upon reforming the country.
"Just now this reform wave has taken shape in New York in an effort to suppress smoking on the part of women in the New York restaurants. For my part I do not see any reason why a woman should not smoke in public if she wants drinking, and why smoking is not any worse than that."
Governor Hughes and Secretary Taft both have eyes on the New England delegates to the Republican national convention. Secretary Taft recently

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