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FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

INSURANCE MUDDLE.

The Celebrated Maybrick Case a Precedent in Law.

NEW YORK, April 25.—M. B. Curtis, the actor, who earned fame by his character acting in "Sam'l of Posen," insured his life two years ago for \$10,000. The policy was made out by Mr. R. Deutsch, then one of the agents of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. Last September Mr. Curtis was arrested in San Francisco, charged with killing Police Officer Alexander Grant. He was indicted for murder in the first degree, tried, the jury disagreed and he is now awaiting a second trial. His case brings up the interesting question whether or not the insurance company will pay if Curtis should be convicted and executed. When the fact that Curtis had a large policy in the Equitable was explained to the officers of that company yesterday by a reporter, they were somewhat surprised by the problem which might confront them. Nothing like it has ever come before them. Here is a man standing in the very shadow of the gallows, on whose life there is a \$10,000 risk, which the Equitable company have promised to pay in case of his death, but they had not calculated on his dying at the hands of the law. W. E. Johnson, mortuary register through whose hands all death claims must pass, said he never knew of a similar case.

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"A most interesting thing in this connection," said a representative of another company, "is the Maybrick case. Mrs. Maybrick was convicted of killing her husband and sentenced to life imprisonment. When the company which had a policy on her life wanted to know what should be done with her money, the court decided that she was dead in the eyes of the law, and, although she was the beneficiary, the judge appointed a guardian over her children, and turned the money over to him. Now then, if that opinion will hold good in this country, and Curtis should get off with a sentence of imprisonment for life, he will from that day, be a living corpse, and the company holding a policy on his life must pay the \$10,000 to his heirs at once."

THE GIRL WAS SAVED.

But Her Brave Rescuer Was Drowned

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. April 25.—

This morning Rose Foster, Ethel Gray, Oscar Treftehen and Fred Burke, all of this city, started up, Piscataqua river in a sailboat. When near Portsmouth and Kittery bridge a strong current sent the boat against a bridge and all four occupants were thrown out. Young Treftehen caught hold of the bridge and pulled himself out of the water. Burke tried to support both girls, but finding he could not, he relinquished his hold on Miss Gray, who turned on her back and floated. Cries from Treftehen caused boats to be put out from two schooners lying at the pier. One of the boats reached the Gray girl, who had floated a half mile in the river, and picked her up unharmed. The other boat proceeded after Burke and his companion, but just before it reached them Burke sank and was drowned. The girl was sinking for the third time when seized by her rescuers. The Foster girl was taken ashore at Kittery, and, after being unconscious nearly two hours, recovered her senses, but has been in a very precarious condition all day.

GAUDY WITH TAILS.

ROCHESTER N. Y., April 23.—Professor Lewis Swift of the Warner observatory was shown today a dispatch dated San Francisco quoting Professor Barnard as saying that his observations of the new comet reveal a remarkable state of affairs. Spreading out from the head is a complicated system of tails. Dr. Swift saw the comet yesterday with some distinctness. The two tails were in view, and between them was a fine nucleus. The comet is slowly growing fainter. The bronze medal of the California Astronomical Society will be presented to Dr. Swift for his discovery in a short time. The society is delaying presentation until it can ascertain definitely whether some watcher of the skies in the southern hemisphere may not have a claim to the glory of the comet's first discovery.—Examiner.

The rapid increase in the arrival of immigrants from Japan is regarded with no little alarm by those engaged in industrial pursuit and it promises to be but a matter of a short time before there will be the same hue and cry raised against this class as was waged against the Chinese. The coming of so many Japanese women is also looked upon with grave suspicion and it seems evident that most of them are being brought here for immoral purposes. It is being strongly hinted that Chinese are engaged in this human traffic and, unable to secure recruits from their own country are finding ready means to fill the demands for bawdy house inmates by having these Japanese women shipped here for such purpose. The men also coming are of an undesirable class and while affecting American ways are little, if any, better than their Southern neighbors, the Chinese. California is being flooded with

Japanese and here in Oregon the new comers are appearing in no inconsiderable number. It promises to be but a short time before a demand for Japanese exclusion will be just as imperative as has been the prohibitory measures taken to prevent the coming of China.

SHE TOOK COLD POISON.

Mrs. George Olmi a member of the New York Opera company attempted to commit suicide at her room in the Gilman house, last Wednesday night by taking a large dose of cocaine and atropia. Mrs. Olmi is professionally known as Beatrice Forrest, and is an attractive and pleasing singer. What led her to commit the foolish act is not definitely known and owing to the efforts of all concerned to prevent publicity of the matter the real cause will hardly ever be known. It is supposed that the woman took the deadly poison early Wednesday evening and when her condition was discovered later, a physician was summoned in hot haste. Dr. Rand was speedily at her bedside and shortly after Dr. Biswanger was also called in for consultation. For several hours the two physicians had hard work to save the woman's life, and it was not until 3 o'clock the following morning that she was considered freed from the power of the deadly poison she had taken, but still in a dangerous condition. During all of Thursday she was out of her head but is now in fair way to recovery. Her husband appears totally at a loss to explain the action of his wife as their married life had been a happy one, but others think the cause of the woman's attempt to end her life was due to marital difficulties.—Welcome.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 25.—Mrs. Porter Stocks has filed a petition for a divorce from her husband, a nephew of the noted revivalist, Sam P. Jones. They have been married some years. She is the daughter of Z. A. Rice, and had a dowry of \$20,000. She was spending the winter in Florida, when she was prostrated by learning that her husband had killed Alfred Cassin. Her mother-in-law went to see her; so did her own brother and sister. It was only through her money that competent legal counsel could be retained to defend Stocks. Her reply is not an offer of money, but a suit for absolute divorce, cruel treatment being the cause assigned. Stocks is in jail.

Under a Life Sentence.

Sheriff J. C. Moss, of Grant's Pass, Josephine county, arrived in the city this morning and will return home by this evening's train. He brought a prisoner named Cyrus Shaver down from Grant's Pass, and placed him in the penitentiary. "Shaver is a life prisoner," said Moss to a reporter. "Last February he became involved in a quarrel with Jacob Mall, during which

the latter was fatally stabbed. I do not know the particulars of the unfortunate affair. Shaver was tried before Judge L. R. Webster and the jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. Last Friday Judge Webster sentenced the prisoner to the penitentiary for life. Mall had a family, but Shaver did not. The prisoner is a quiet sort of a man, and had heretofore borne a good character. From his appearance you would not suppose he would commit a crime of such magnitude." Sheriff Moss reports matters rather quiet in Josephine county.—Telegram.

Boston, April 25.—The Second Nationalist Club has adopted the following: "Resolved, That until such time as the demonetizing of both gold and silver shall be accomplished through the nationalization of the money function, the Second Nationalist Club of Boston declares itself in favor of the free coinage of silver as a just re-establishment of our former equitable financial system; and that we declare it to be a false representation of the public press that there is no sentiment in Massachusetts in favor of free coinage of silver."

Would accept the nomination, (If in reach);

Comprehend the obligation (So I preach).

Am a Moses Democratic (Look at me!).

Am of Free Trade emblematic. (Don't you see?)

—Indianapolis Journal.

CHICAGO, April 26.—An Indianapolis dispatch states that T. E. Johnson has been sent to interview Judge Gresham to see if he will accept the people's party nomination for the presidency. The dispatch quoted a statement from a party organ, the Non Conformist, stating that Judge Gresham had written letters to individual members of the party, bearing favorable constructions to his willingness to become the third-party standard-bearer. When shown the dispatch, Judge Gresham stated he had not seen nor heard of Mr. Johnson; neither had he written any such letters as those attributed to him.

GREENSBURG, Ind., April 26.—The present term of the circuit here, which has just begun, is not able to get through for the large number of divorce cases on the docket. There are twenty-one cases docketed, in twelve of which the wife is the complainant. This is the largest number on a single docket in the state.

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