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JOHN D. IS WILLING TO ACCEPT MAX

Oil King Refuses to Frown On German Noble Who Wants to Marry Granddaughter—So Papa McCormick Gives Consent—Max' Age Grows Meanwhile, Also Fortune.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Mathilde McCormick, 16 years old, today had permission of her father, Harold F. McCormick, to marry Max Oser, a horseman of Zurich, Switzerland.

Mr. McCormick announced the engagement last night in a 32-word statement. He said it was "hastened a few weeks by the fact of the recent newspaper publicity."

The romance of the young granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, was pictured by Emil L. Bragy, Chicago interior decorator, who says he is a first cousin of the Swiss equestrian, as a love of spring and winter.

"Mr. Oser is not three times Miss McCormick's age, as the newspapers have stated," said Mr. Bragy. "He is older; he is 57 years old, not 47."

Friends of the McCormicks said last night that McCormick's announcement must have followed consent of Mr. Rockefeller. None had definite information, but all stated that even so determined a girl as Miss Mathilde, it is said, would not dare go through with such an engagement unless Mr. Rockefeller sanctioned it.

Max of Noble Blood.

That Oser is possessed of noble blood and also has a reasonably large independent income was also stated by Mr. Bragy.

Bragy believed the estimate of the riding master's income at \$10,000 a year is erroneous.

"Max Oser's right name is Max von der Muehl," Bragy said. "His father was a German nobleman, Count von der Muehl. His widowed mother married Sebastian Oser after Sebastian returned to Switzerland from America in 1855."

Sebastian Oser came to this country about the time of the Civil War, virtually broke, according to Bragy. He worked as a lumberjack and deck hand and finally in New Orleans acquired an interest in a cotton concern. After a few years with a fortune estimated at \$2,000,000, he returned to Switzerland.

Friends of the McCormicks today said the consent given to the engagement by the family was in line with the training of the children. They always were given free rein in self-expression, so long as their own whims and desires did not seriously interfere with their welfare.

SET FIRE TO JAIL, ATTEMPT ESCAPE

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 20.—In an attempt to obtain their liberty from the city jail, prisoners last night set fire to the wooden structure. The blaze was discovered before much damage had been done. A pile of rubbish was placed against the outside corner of a cell and ignited, after which the door was closed to prevent the smoke from being noticed. The plot was discovered because the prisoners were too quiet while waiting for their chance to rush through the burning wall.

Senator Shafroth Dead.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 20.—John F. Shafroth, former United States senator from Colorado and twice governor of this state, died here this afternoon. He was 67 years old.

IF MEXICAN REVOLUTION WINS OUT POROFIRO DIAZ WILL BE PRESIDENT

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 20.—Colonel Esteban Cantu, governor of Lower California during the Carranza regime, is the leader of the present revolutionary movement against the Obregon government in Mexico, according to Jesus E. Flores, publisher of El Presente, a weekly Spanish language newspaper of El Paso. Mr. Flores reported having received a personal communication from Colonel Cantu at San Antonio, Texas.

According to this letter, if the revolution succeeds, General Felix Diaz, nephew of the late president, Porofiro Diaz, will be provisional

Bishop Gailor of Chicago Opposed to 18th Amendment

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Bishop Thomas F. Gailor, president of the national council of the Episcopal church in an address here last night said that he believed the 18th amendment was a mistake, and that he believed in the modification of the Volstead law.

"I am in favor of morality," he said, "and I personally observe the Volstead law, but I am opposed to putting sumptuary laws of so drastic character in the constitution. It partakes of the old philosophy that matter is inherently evil. I am not speaking in the interests of the underworld, but in the interest of intelligent, outstanding men."

SITUATION IN IRELAND IS ON THE UP GRADE

DUBLIN, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—The situation in Ireland is considerably better last week, and the fear of a clash on the southern frontier has dwindled. The rival forces, however, retain their positions along the border and hope is expressed that the next few days will see them withdrawn.

Meantime the joint liaison commissions are understood to have begun their operation. They will apparently institute a sort of patrol, keeping in touch with each other and using their influence where it may be needed in the interest of peace.

It is stated unofficially that the decision to release the Irish republican army football players from the Londonderry jail was reached when the northern government informed the British government that it had abandoned its intention to prosecute the men.

Belfast remains quiet and the cost of the recent violence is being reckoned. Aside from the numerous deaths and injuries there are monetary claims for compensation amounting to more than 500,000 pounds sterling.

DUBLIN, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—Delegates to the Ard Fheis, or national Sinn Fein convention which meets tomorrow were already gathering in large numbers today. About 3,000 representatives from all parts of the country are entitled to attend.

The ostensible purpose of the convention is to divide the future constitution of the Sinn Fein movement, but by the discussions and final vote, will be revealed the comparative strength of the supporters of Eamon De Valera and Arthur Griffith among the Sinn Fein clubs throughout Ireland.

It is widely believed that the convention will result in a complete cleavage, one side adhering to the Anglo-Irish treaty and the other to a republic. Some persons expect the convention to last only a day. If a split occurs the question of the disposition of the party funds will become acute.

Most observers expect the voting to show a small majority for the free state advocates.

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CRATER LAKE LODGE BACK TO PARK'URST

Unless Miracle Occurs Crater Lake Company Will Be Unable to Raise Payment of \$80,000 for March 1st—Portland Backers Cannot Raise Money

From the best information obtainable here unless something in the way of a miracle happens before March 1st, the Crater Lake company which last season operated the Crater Lake concessions on an agreement with Alfred L. Parkhurst, and spent \$20,000 in making improvements at the Crater Lake lodge, with the option of taking over the concessions from Parkhurst, for \$80,000, will not exercise that option and will turn the concessions back to Parkhurst.

Word has been quietly in circulation for some time past in Medford and Portland that the Portland, Medford and other stockholders of the Crater Lake company would be unable to raise the \$80,000 for the March 1st payment, and this situation was confirmed by Vernon W. Vawter, an officer of the company, who returned Sunday from Portland where he conferred with Eric Hauser and Mr. Price, other officials of the company.

This gives a peculiar outlook at present as to operation of the Crater Lake concessions for the coming season, as Stephen Mather, national director of parks, whose enmity to Mr. Parkhurst for several years is well known, has repeatedly said within the past year that his department would never allow Parkhurst to operate the concessions again.

However, although the outlook seems almost hopeless as to raising the \$80,000, Messrs. Hauser and Vawter are still at work trying.

In the event the Crater Lake company has to turn back the concessions to Parkhurst, the stockholders will no longer lose the \$20,000 they spent last season in making improvements. It is pointed out, as under the optional agreement with Parkhurst, if the option is not exercised, the improvements will revert to Parkhurst along with the concessions, and he has three years to repay the \$20,000 back to the company. The company made a splendid financial showing in its operation of the concessions last season.

OLDEST NUN IN MONTANA BURNED

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 20.—Sister John, aged 73, said to be the oldest Catholic nun in this vicinity, is believed to have lost her life in the fire which destroyed several buildings of the Ursuline convent and St. Joseph's Catholic school at St. Ignace, Mont., early today.

Sister John escaped from the burning buildings when the fire was discovered, but is believed to have returned later to save some valuables. The ruins were still too hot this forenoon to search for her body.

The fire loss was estimated at \$60,000.

Work of the institution will be maintained temporarily, it was said, in a part of St. Joseph's school and the priest's building.

OKLAHOMA OFFICIALS IN SHOOTING MATCH

ARDMORE, Okla., Feb. 20.—Former Deputy Sheriffs Bud Ballow and Bill Whiteson, Deputy Sheriffs E. J. Cowles and Robert P. Short, and former Jailor E. J. Bird were injured in a shooting affray in the county attorney's office at the court house here this afternoon when Cowles broke into the room where an altercation was in progress between Sheriff London and E. J. Martin, county tick inspector.

AIRPLANES SEIZE

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 20.—The British schooner Annabelle was seized late yesterday off Jewish creek, about 40 miles south of Miami with a cargo of 11,500 cases of whiskey aboard by airplanes of the prohibition squadron operating out of Miami and adjacent coastal towns, it was learned today from officials here.

John D.'s Grand Daughter Who Will Marry German Groom



Miss Mathilde McCormick, 16 year old grand daughter of John D. Rockefeller and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCormick, recently divorced, whose engagement to Max Oser, horseman, of Zurich, Switzerland, was recently announced.

LEAGUE NATIONS TO IMPROVE IN PUBLICITY DEPT

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(By Associated Press.) Plans for better publicity are under consideration by the League of Nations. The league's news bureau today received from Geneva a memorandum from the league's council embodying a memorandum regarding publicity prepared by Wilson Harris, London newspaperman and president of the International Association of Journalists, accredited to the League of Nations.

"It is necessary," the memorandum says, "that the league should persistently cultivate what may be termed active and passive publicity; by passive publicity being understood, the mere elimination of secrecy and by active publicity the taking of definite measures to secure the world-wide dissemination of information of importance."

"It is of the highest importance that the league council should sit habitually in public. Only the adoption of that policy can secure the regular attendance at council meetings of journalists from such centers as London, Paris and Rome."

"It has to be remembered that what interests the public is active controversy; not merely a dry exposition of divergencies of views, but the sharp, unadorned expressions of differences of opinion. Consequently sessions of the council, if reports of them are to engage popular interests must avoid the appearance of having been staged and must be public even here there is risk of the unexpected. It is the unexpected that stimulates public interest."

The memorandum urged that, in the case of private sessions, full and lucid communications should be issued, adding that those of the committee of the recent Washington conference were good examples.

THE DAILY BANK ROBBERY

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—William A. Russell, manager of the Greenwich bank, was robbed of \$22,000 in currency today by an automobile bandit who boarded the truck in which he was transporting the money to a downtown bank. The robbery occurred on 19th street near Seventh avenue.

IRVIN COBB BETTER

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—The condition of Irvin S. Cobb, humorist and author, whose lecture tour was interrupted here by an attack of influenza was reported today as considerably improved.

NEW ERA U.S. PROSPERITY IS NEAR AT HAND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Business throughout the country, progressing through well defined circles, is nearing the point of the upward swing of the economic pendulum, according to the annual report of the federal reserve board transmitted today to congress.

"There are those," the report said, "who believe that the beginning of the revival is not far distant. When it does definitely set in it will be followed in due course by a new era of prosperity."

Business, in one of its "long swings" from prosperity, the report said, has followed its usual rotation. This rotation is described as follows:

Business activity and increased production, excessive expansion and speculation, followed hitherto by panic and forced liquidation, a long period of slow liquidation, business depression and then reverse.

Gross earnings of the federal reserve banks for 1921, the report continued, amounted to \$122,865,000, compared with \$181,297,000 in 1920. Member bank borrowings, according to the report, showed a continuous decline from \$2,657,000,000 at the end of 1920 to about \$1,144,000,000 at the end of 1921 due to a reduction of over \$900,000,000 in the volume of federal notes in circulation.

On December 28 the report continued, the federal reserve banks held a gold reserve of \$2,879,000,000.

"For some months past," the report stated, "there has been a marked easing of interest. Notwithstanding some unfavorable features in the revenue laws the investment market is now absorbing bonds at prices which could not have been considered a few months ago. Liberty bonds are now approaching par. Good railroad and industrial bonds have also appreciated and there have been noticeable advances in standard stocks."

CLAIM NEGRO HOUSE MAN NAMES MOVIE STAR WHO KILLED TAYLOR

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—Remarks attributed to Henry Peavy, negro house man for William Desmond Taylor, in which Peavy named a motion picture actress as the slayer of Taylor, caused the sheriff's office to send out again for the house man today with the intention of interrogating him further in the case. Taylor, well known motion picture director, was shot and killed here nearly three weeks ago and minute questioning of all those known to have knowledge of the case led to nothing definite.

ST. PAUL HINES GETS A JOB

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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—Illness of witnesses and physical condition of the jury and attorneys caused postponement of the trial of Mrs. Hadalyne C. Obenchain here until Thursday morning, on the charge of murdering J. Belton Kennedy, broken.

French Delegation Is Displeased With Result Arms Parley

PARIS, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French delegation to the Washington armament conference reported in Paris today, its members giving the impression that they were dissatisfied with the results of their mission, apparently by feeling that their visit to Washington had caused regrettable misunderstandings concerning France in some circles in America.

MAY WITHDRAW ENDORSEMENT CHARLEY HALL

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—Another week has come and gone and Oregon's political boat is rocking in about the same way, in the same waters, and at the same rate of progress.

There is, however, this difference, if the rumors flying hither and yon are founded on fact. The reported endorsement of Senator Charles Hall of Marshfield, for governor on the republican ticket by the council of delegates of the Federated Patriotic societies at its meeting of Saturday a week ago, seems to have stirred up a lot of cross currents in that mystic organization.

So much opposition has been voiced to the endorsement, so the story goes, that a good sized revolt was brewing during the middle of the week and seemed to be gaining so much momentum that Hall's close supporters in the organization are said to have urged his immediate announcement of candidacy in the effort to head off a possible reversal at the meeting scheduled for last night. At any rate, Hall's announcement came out of Marshfield on Thursday night—the bare statement from him that he was a candidate for governor, and would submit his formal platform within 10 days.

Some Not Pleased

Certain segments of the Federated Societies do not like Hall and are not pleased with his endorsement. Word comes that they are not yet through protesting, and it is supposed that the gubernatorial situation came in for further discussion at the meeting of the council of delegates scheduled for last night.

It is rumored, pretty definitely, that this council intends to mark time and let Hall's candidacy rest in abeyance until after he has issued his platform in order that the leaders of the Federated Societies may see just what he promises before they put the stamp of final approval on his candidacy.

Use Airplanes to Halt Booze Traffic

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Use of airplanes along the Florida coast in the war on rum smugglers was understood today to be under consideration by prohibition headquarters.

Plans for the use of airplanes against rum runners were understood to be part of a gigantic program being worked out by prohibition authorities involving activities in the air, on the water and on land, to stem the tide of illicit liquor flowing into the country from West Indian and other islands.

Officials would not discuss the reported plan to form anti-alcoholic navy mobilized with former subchasers.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Suspension of Kohler Bramer and company, stock brokers, was announced from the rostrum of the Consolidated Stock Exchange today.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy, alleging that the company had liabilities of \$500,000 and only \$150,000 assets, was filed in federal court an hour later.

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REQUEST BY U.S. SENATE IS DENIED

President Harding Turns Down Hitchcock Resolution—No Record of Information, Disclosure Confidential Negotiations Not Compatible With Public Interest.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—President Harding, replying today to the Senator Hitchcock resolution asking for information relative to the negotiation of the four power Pacific treaty, stated it was impossible to furnish the requested information because most of the negotiations were conducted without the maintenance of a record.

The president said it would not be compatible with public interests to disclose the confidential negotiations of the treaty negotiators, but he declared that "there were no concealed undertakings and no secret exchanges of notes."

The president's reply to the Hitchcock resolution, which was adopted by the senate last week, follows:

"Responsive to senate resolution No. 737, asking for records, minutes, arguments, debates, conversations, etc., relating to the so-called four power treaty, I have to advise that it is impossible to comply with the senate's request. Many of the things asked for in the resolution, it is literally impossible to furnish because there are many conversations and discussions quite outside the conference, yet vital to its success. Naturally these are without record.

"I do not believe it to be compatible with public interest or consistent with the amenities of international negotiations to attempt to reveal informal and confidential conversations or discussions of which no record was kept or to submit tentative suggestions or informal proposals, without which the arrival at desirable international understandings would be rendered unlikely if not impossible.

"While I am unable to transmit the information requested, I do, however, take this opportunity to say most emphatically that there were no concealed understandings and no secret exchanges of notes and there are no commitments with the exceptions as appear in the four power treaty itself and the supplementary agreement which are now in the hands of the senate."

Without discussion the president's letter was referred to the foreign relations committee, when it was read in the senate, the motion being made by Senator Hitchcock.

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