

SELECTED EUROPEAN NEWS OF WORLD WIDE INTEREST

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 12—(Special)—Burglars made a haul of \$12,500 worth of jewelry by an ingeniously planned raid on the premises of a pawnbroker at Jeppe. The premises had been used as a bank and included a strong-room. The proprietor went away for the week-end on Saturday, requesting the police to keep a special watch on the shop. On his return he found the wall of the strong-room had been broken sufficiently to admit the passage of a man, and that the entire contents had been ransacked, the floor being littered with empty jewel-cases and discarded jewelry of small value.

The front door, which in addition to having an ordinary heavy lock, also had a Yale lock, showed no trace of having been tampered with. The back door was secured by two heavy iron bars, which were not displaced, and the windows had also iron bars, none of which was interfered with. There are hotel bedrooms over the premises, and the occupants of these state that they did not hear a sound.

The burglars must have been some hours at work and, fearing the existence of steel lining to the strong-room, brought detonators and dynamite, which they left behind. They also brought gloves, so as to avoid leaving finger marks.

BERLIN, Oct. 14—(Special)—Berlin is ringing with the praises of Europe's latest opera, "Kubreigen," by the Viennese composer, Dr. Wilhelm Kienzl, with which Herr Victor Pailé inaugurated the new regime at the Kurfürsten-Oper this week. Dealing with romantic episodes of the French Revolution, in which a guillotine motif is strongly accentuated, "Kubreigen," may be summed up, dramatically, as a second cousin of Martin Harvey's "The only Way," and musically, as bearing a family resemblance to Dr. Richard Strauss's "Rosenkavalier." The score is tonally thorough, with constant references to the popular taste, as in Dr. Kienzl's previous success, "Evangelinmann." The leading prima donna role was brilliantly sustained by Mlle. Eva von der Osten, the soprano of the Royal Saxon Opera at Dresden, who created the title role of the "Rosenkavalier."

Herr Pailé's next novelty at the Kurfürsten-Oper will be "King Harlequin," by the Australian composer, George Clutnam.

CHRISTIANIA, Oct. 12—(Special)—Some thirty firms of sardine tinsers at Stavanger, representing a yearly production exceeding half a million chests of tins of sardines, have established a common sales agency in that town. The new development is supposed to be connected with the Watson case, which was brought before the English Courts, the decision in which is thought to have made it difficult for Norwegian firms to hold their own individually.

LONDON, Oct. 5—(Special)—A great march of about one hundred Suffragists, led by women on horseback, is being organized to start this month. The object of the march is to carry the flag of "Woman Suffrage" from London to Edinburgh, protesting against any further extension of the Parliamentary franchise to men without women being included.

BERLIN, Oct. 5—(Special)—The unusual spectacle of a judge standing in the dock instead of being seated on the bench was witnessed in the Dresden criminal courts this morning. Dr. Walter Snell, the prisoner, bears the high-sounding title of Landgerichtsrat, but so poorly paid is the judicial profession in Germany that his salary in that capacity amounted to only \$1,200 a year. As he had no other source of income, and cultivated the acquaintance of actresses, it is not surprising that he got into debt, but it was precisely because he had no apparent prospect of repaying the loans which he had contracted, amounting altogether to about \$15,000, that he now stands charged with fraudulent borrowing. Witnesses were among the persons from whom he obtained advances.

MOSCOW, Oct. 5—(Special)—Details of an extraordinary scene, which took place while the Czar was inspecting troops near Moscow, are now leaking out. It appears that while the Czar was passing down the lines of an infantry regiment, a private suddenly stepped out of the line, threw down his rifle, and rushed up to his Imperial Majesty.

At first it was feared that an attempt was being made on the Czar's life, and officers standing by threw themselves upon the soldier. It was ascertained, however, that the man merely wished to present a petition, stating that he had been forced to serve in the army instead of his brother, who had not drawn the free ticket. He was placed under arrest.

The Czar was greatly annoyed at the occurrence, and ordered the punishment of all officers connected with the regiment. The chief commander of the military district has received a severe note, the commander of the army corps a caution, the commander of the division a reprimand, and the commander of the infantry regiment a severe reprimand.

The commander of the battalion to which the company belongs has been asked to retire, and the captain of the company and the officer of the man's detachment have been dismissed from the service. The man himself has been sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment, but it is stated that his grievance will be inquired into.

ROME, Oct. 5—(Special)—Cardinal Merry del Val, the Vatican Secretary of State, has been in the habit of spending his annual holiday in the Chateau Gandolfo, near Rome. But, in consequence of hostile demonstrations organized by the anticlericals of the neighborhood, the Cardinal in this year enjoying his holiday in a villa which has been lent by a wealthy Catholic of Rome near that city.

There the Cardinal indulges in all kinds of sports, a habit that he acquired as a result of his English education.

Among his many pursuits, the favorite is boating. For this season he will spend several days at the house of a great friend of his, a "cure" who resides on the banks of a small lake near Piediluco.

Cardinal O'Donnell, Bishop of Boston, Mass., has recently sent him a very beautiful boat of American manufacture.

PARIS, Oct. 11 (Special)—Statistics can be very cynical things. At all events, the marriage, or rather remarriage, statistics in the marries of Paris make sad reading for the sentimentalists. Of 2,270 disconsolate widowers 148 re-marry within a year. The defections increase with terrible rapidity in the second year, which sees 628 relapses from the ranks of mourners. At the end of the third year only thirty-seven widowers remain. With the widows it is even worse. None marry within the first year of their husband's decease, but it is to be feared that this fact is due not to fidelity, but to the strict legal veto which obtains in France. Once the law's delay is at an end they go off with vertiginous rapidity. Of 1907 weeping widows, in eighteen months only four had not exchanged their weeds for a wedding garment.

PARIS, Oct. 14—(Special)—A plague of rats has of late been devastating the departments upon the eastern frontier of France from Doubs to the Côte d'Or. The farmers have been forced to appeal to the Government for aid to combat the pest, which threatens to destroy all the harvests. The Government has responded with a special grant of \$10,000, and the vermin are to be exterminated within the next few days by inoculation. The curious element in the whole situation is that the pestilence is due to the inadequate drafting of a law of 1898, by which the local police are ordered to secure the destruction of "insects and other organisms harmful to agriculture." The rat not being an insect, and it being found impossible to interpret the statute as referring to insects alone, no initial steps were taken to destroy the vermin. The stable-dog will, however, be shut by a revised drafting of the law.

PARIS, Oct. 11 (Special)—The fashionable Normandy seaside resort of Granville has been stirred by a discourse pronounced at the casino on the intellectual emancipation of women by Father Gaffre, the prominent Parisian divine, celebrated for his sensational sermons.

Addressing the feminine part of his audience, he said: "You have profaned the work of God. With the diabolical assistance of the dressmaker, you have dared to change the formation which has been given you. You make yourselves look ridiculous, by dressing like sultanas. Any eccentricity seems natural to you and pleases you."

"Your hats are a defiance to all sense of reason, and your hobbles skirts seem to have been cut by the Evil One to work your destruction. It makes me sad to think that such women have husbands. Pity the poor husbands!"

"I see no reason against the intellectual emancipation of women, but before thinking of such things they should emancipate themselves from the trammels of fashion."

DUBLIN, Oct. 11 (Special)—A Tory correspondent at Belfast sent the following to his paper, but of course, some of his statements must be taken "cum grano salis." The correspondent attempts to give the reasons of the Protestants of Ireland for opposing Home Rule. He says:—

Some days ago the Council of the Ulster Liberal Unionist Association issued a manifesto setting out the grounds on which Home Rule was opposed by them. In this document there was a statement that tens of thousands of so-called Nationalists were prevented from expressing their real opinions at the polls by the dread of secret societies.

This allegation is not rashly made. It is the considered view of a body of gentlemen, against whom a charge of "bigotry" could not be levelled. The majority of the members of the association are gentlemen holding high positions in the commercial and industrial world. They are less swayed by the religious question than any other class in any part of Ireland, although the fear of religious prosecution is shared by every member. While the societies are not mentioned by name, ninety-nine persons out of a hundred understand that the Ancient Order of Hibernians was first in the thoughts of the Council, because the order is everywhere recognized as having the greatest influence, and as practising the strongest methods, of any of the organizations now working for the independence of Ireland.

PARIS, Oct. 12 (Special)—Liquors are generally considered as dangerous, if delightful indulgences; but a Frenchman who lived in Marrakesh won his freedom, and perhaps his life to tell himself of "creme de menthe." He had been tormented by syphilis, prescribed a few drops of the liquid on a lump of sugar to be taken internally. The dose was to be repeated if not immediately efficacious. After several doses the chief pronounced himself cured. Next morning there was an epidemic of colic among the ladies of the tribe. They beseeched the amateur doctor's tent, clamoring for his infallible medicine. The magic bottle empty, the prisoner was allowed to depart after he had made a handsome monetary contribution to pay for the sheep which were to be sacrificed in his honor.

PARIS, Oct. 12—(Special)—An Indian, whose name is generally given as Lal Amin, fled last year from India, where he had been implicated in revolutionary plots, and established himself in Paris, where he soon became known for his singular facility in judging the value of pearls. Lately he succeeded in obtaining over \$20,000 worth from two Indian merchants trading here, and sold over \$15,000 worth to dealers at Enghien and other gambling resorts. It seems that he then attended race meetings, where he lost most of the money, finally throwing the last few dollars away at "Petits Chevaux." He returned yesterday to Enghien, and applied to a dealer from whom he had formerly purchased over \$5,000 worth of pearls, declaring that he was in desperate straits, and that unless he was advanced a small sum he would kill himself on the spot. The dealer asked him to wait while he fetched the money, but sent it haste for the police, three of whom quickly arrived.

Hoping to be able to arrest Lal Amin before he suspected who they were, the police hid in a passage while the dealer called to the visitor to come to another room. The only answer was a pistol shot, and rushing in he discovered the Indian in a dying condition. Two companions who had entered an action to recover pearls identified the body. They said that less than a week ago Lal Amin won more than \$20,000 at baccarat at Trouville, but lost it again the same day.

LONDON, Oct. 12—(Special)—It is the firm belief of James Stewart, the Scottish surveyor, who has returned home after spending over three years in darkest Africa, that many of the natives can almost speak the monkey language. Mr. Stewart travelled through Liberia and parts of the Upper Congo with a party of surveyors, and during the whole of their arduous march they killed their dinner every day. Sometimes they travelled at the rate of twenty miles daily, sometimes the forests were so dense and the obstacles so numerous that they made no more than a few miles.

"It was when we were going down the rivers that we made the acquaintances of the monkeys. We could hear them in the forests, chattering to each other and calling plaintively, almost like human beings.

It was the weirdest thing to see them swinging along one of the boughs of the trees, hand in hand or grasping each other's tails. They would swing together in this fashion forming a bridge right across the stream, and then our carriers would get quite excited. They were very fond of monkey flesh.

I am convinced that most of these men knew the monkey language. More than once I have seen a carrier and a companion go off into the bush carrying a gun and walking until they were within sight of some of the animals. Then one would sit down on his haunches and put his fingers to his lips and nose and make cries which were certainly good imitations of the cries we had heard from the forest. In a little while one or two monkeys would come hopping along towards the spot, also calling, and when near enough the carrier who had the gun would fire and another monkey would be added to the latter.

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