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SPIRIT FRIEND WHO TALKS IN WHISPERS

Plymouth Lady Accepts Challenge of American Psychical Society - Can Talk with Dead

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Seeing the announcement, emanating from New York, that a Plymouth lady spiritualist intended claiming the prize of \$5,000 offered by the American Psychical Society to anyone who could prove having received a message from the dead, a lady, whose name is Martin, was interviewed at her home at Plymouth. While desiring that her name and address should not be given, she readily consented to the interview. "I have made no offer to prove that I have received a message from the dead," she said, "but I am capable of proving it."



Crown Princess Marie of Roumania, daughter of the late Duke of Edinburgh, has above her power by compelling the withdrawal of a prominent diplomat from Bucharest because of the scandal connected with his name. She has the reputation of being another of the handsome royal children in Europe. She is shown in the picture with one of her little daughters.

HOW WOMAN WOULD ACT IN HIGH PLACES

England's Only Woman Mayor Would Be Motherly House-keeper for Town

LONDON, Jan. 15.—England's only woman mayor, Dr. Garrett Anderson of Aldersburgh, gave New Year's Eve banquet to forty aldermen and other guests the night before last. Dressed in black with a widow's cap and wearing diamonds, the mayor, who was the only woman present, gave the toast of "The Services," and said she hoped that they would be numerous enough to meet all emergencies. Replying to the toast of "Aldersburgh's Prosperity," the mayor said that during her year of office she would try all she could to be a motherly sort of housekeeper to the town of which she had every right to be proud. "I do not," she said, "don't like sluttish roads. There was no wickedness in being elegant. Nothing could be done by talking only, but much by all the councillors agreeing to plant vacant spots with tamarisks and make the town attractive. The guests were allowed to smoke, but the mayor did not. The dinner closed at 11 o'clock after numerous toasts.

CZAR DECORATES FRENCH OFFICER

Long Search for M. Louis Leger, Man Named in Czar's Message

PARIS, Jan. 15.—About three months ago the diplomatic valise which arrived at the Quai D'Orsay from St. Petersburg contained a message from the czar stating that the emperor had decided to confer the cravate of commander of the Order of St. Andrew on M. Louis Leger, and the minister of foreign affairs was requested to inform M. Leger of the distinction with which he had been honored. But who was M. Leger? All the attaches at the Quai D'Orsay, all the directors of departments, and the "chefs des bureaux" made anxious enquiries. But no one had ever heard the name of the man whom the emperor had decided to honor. It was decided to forward the "bulletin" of M. Leger to the ministry of the interior, which possesses special facilities for conducting investigations. The "surete" department was asked to make careful inquiries, and its most subtle investigators made a tour of the various tradesmen bearing the name of Leger, the object of discovering the person named in the czar's message. It was named in the czar's message as Edward Duckworth. But all their efforts remained sterile. Finally the minister of the interior, tired of the search, bethought him that M. Louis Leger might be a municipal councillor, and he ordered the brevet to be forwarded to the president of the municipal council with a request to let him know if any of his colleagues answered to the name of M. Louis Leger. But the president of the municipal council, not knowing anyone of that name, decided to consult the Paris directory, and without much difficulty he discovered that there existed M. Louis Leger, a member of the academy of inscriptions, and well known in the world of savants, for his labor on behalf of the Slavs. It was evidently he who was meant in the imperial communication, and that is why a few days ago the "syndic" of the council municipal handed a Russian decoration to a member of the institute of France.

STRANGE CAREER OF A YOUNG SCHOLAR

Accused of Murdering Old Schoolmaster and His Daughter - Other Crimes

PARIS, Jan. 15.—A remarkable murder trial is at present taking place before Le Puy assizes. On the night of Nov. 25, last year, a schoolmaster, named Brihat, and his wife and granddaughter were murdered at Ville-Brihat. Suspicion fell on an old scholar, named Jean Courmayeur, whom the schoolmaster had reared. It is alleged that he called at the schoolhouse late at night on the pretext of seeking assistance on behalf of a neighbor and committed the murders, subsequently taking all the money he could find. The accused stoutly denies the crimes with which he is charged. He has had a strange career. He had from some account of his brutalized life taken lodgings with a young woman to whom he was betrothed. The bans of marriage were published, but he disappeared, after selling a piece of land for \$100, with his fiancée's young sister. After spending the money he reappeared in Brioude and sold another piece of land, once more returning to Paris, where he squandered the money. Again he went to Brioude. A fire occurred in a baker's shop, and an attempt was made to rob a landowner. Courmayeur is accused of these crimes. There followed the murders. There are sixty-seven witnesses in the case. To every witness who appears against him the accused exclaims, "You lie!"

LOVE-LORN DUKE SEEKS DARING ENTERPRISES

Abruzzi Will Scale Mount Everest, the Highest Peak in the World - Greatest Feat Essayed

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Much interest has been aroused by the announcement that the Duke of Abruzzi is contemplating an attempt to scale Mount Everest, the highest mountain peak in the world. So far no mountaineering expedition has ever essayed this feat. The near approach that has been made to the mountain probably having been by members of the Indian survey department. No intimation of the duke's intention, however, has been received at the Alpine club in London. There is some doubt, however, whether the duke would be allowed to proceed with such an enterprise, seeing that the government refused permission last year to the expedition suggested by Lord Curzon, which was to go out under the joint auspices of the Alpine club and the Royal Geographical society.

British Briefs

A white snipe with black eyes has been shot at Call, in Argyllshire. 2,000 workers are now idle in Dublin owing to the carter's strike. The death is announced of John At- braith, chairman of the London Society of Compositors. Captain R. M. Hughes, one of the best known Atlantic commanders, has died at Liverpool. It has been decided to form a garden suburb of Bristol at Shirehampton at a cost of \$100,000. Although in his 84th year, Abel Blake, of Slidbury, Devon, still hunts with Sir John Amory's harriers. Rev. A. G. Girdlestone, vicar of All Saints, Claxton Park, S.W., died on Sunday morning at the age of 45. Apparently deceived by the mild weather a starting has built a nest and laid four eggs at Standon, Hertfordshire. Rev. Father Adam Hamilton has just died at Buckfast abbey, Devonshire, of which he was one of the founders. The Bury St. Edmunds town council has approved a design for a public memorial to Ouida, who was born in the borough. It is proposed to affix a memorial tablet to St. Saviour's church, in the town of Bury, which was destroyed by fire in 1847 and 1877. The late Father Ignatius (Rev. Joseph Levesley, Lymington, founder and superior of Llanthony abbey, Brecon, left an estate valued at £250. The death has occurred of Lady Mary Forbes-Trariff, sister of Earl Beauchamp, and a lady of the highest chamber to the Princess of Wales. Sir Ewen Cameron, aged 67, formerly London manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking corporation, has just died at Hapostea. Digging a trench at Whitstone near Leicester, recently, a navy named William Alderman, was buried beneath a fall of earth. The "Institution antiquaire" business, the most money is made when the biggest pools come along," declared a witness at the Blombury county court. The death is announced of Alderman David Roberts, of Aberystwyth, oldest member of the town council, on which he had served for over forty years. George Herbert Scott, D.L., J.P. of Melkney house, Derby, has given £20,000 for the erection of a higher grade school, pupil teachers' centre, and baths, Belper. The Misses Fria and Daphne Fitz-George, granddaughters of the late Duke of Cambridge, were the vocalists at an organ recital in St. Michael's, Colchester, on Monday. In her 61st year, Mrs. Patience Thorne has died in Bristol. Mrs. Thorne was a native of Dublin and had travelled a great deal, having crossed the Atlantic nineteen times. While going at Edgemoor links recently, the lord chief justice hit the ball hard with his nibble. The ball jumped into the air and dropped into his right-hand jacket pocket. A Victoria Cross and two South African war medals awarded to Private George Ravenhill, 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Buffs, re-litened £43 at Sotheby's London auction room. The death is announced of James Pugh, headmaster of Eerlesheath church school, Dewsbury. He was a native of the Dewsbury district. The Duchess of Norfolk, on behalf of 43,000 Roman Catholic women of the United Kingdom, presented to the pope a petition, signed by her, for the use of poor missions throughout the world. Three stewart tramps, who were sentenced at Marlborough for refusing to perform their allotted task at the workhouse, informed the magistrates that they considered it infra-digne to break stones. One of them, a man named Mr. G. W. Wepeham, near Swaffham, caused it to explode, the shot entering his leg. The limb had to be amputated and death resulted from the wound. While an old mill was being demolished at Blackburn a portion of the building suddenly collapsed, killing four men and seriously injuring four others. Edward M. Mansau, A. Hanley and S. Duckworth.

KAISER IS HARD UP AND HAS TO PART WITH TWO OF HIS CASTLES

Imperial Cash Box Has Been Exhausted by the Acquisition of Castles

(By Malcolm Clarke) BERLIN, Jan. 15.—As if he did not already have troubles enough, the Kaiser once more finds himself so hard pressed for money that he is forced to part with at least two of his many castles, Hanrath and Haegerhor, near Dusseldorf. The West German paper which reveals this secret in a remarkably outspoken article which would have meant months of imprisonment for the editor if written before the Kaiser had been so hard pressed. The Kaiser wants to sell the castles because he needs money. "The artistic policy of the Kaiser having led to the expenditure of millions on the Imperial palace at Corfu and the Villa of Victoria at Berlin and the castles which have been constructed contrary to the opinion of all the connoisseurs, it is on this account that there is a desire to sacrifice the most beautiful remains of the thirteenth and eighteenth centuries." "One sees that the imperial cash box may be exhausted by the acquisition of castles, by constructing expensive buildings and especially by costly cruises, and that therefore fresh resources should be discovered. It would certainly be less painful to 'liquidate' the Kaiser's 'sentimental' collection of castles, which are not among the best of the Emperor's possessions, and which only increase the estrangement between the people and the Emperor."



Also of the Kaiser's castles have recently been subjects of sensational news. A castle believed to be used for the purpose of plotting the assassination of the Emperor in China to murder Prince Chun, the Kaiser's second son, is shown in the picture.

The curious method adopted by the oppressed Poles in Germany to evade the provisions of the new law relating to public meetings was illustrated in the trial of three Polish residents of Rulbert, in Westphalia, who had convened a political meeting. Paragraph 19 of the new law relating to public meetings provides that every speaker to use the German language. The Poles circumvent this enactment by holding "dumb" meetings, at which no word whatever is spoken. At the beginning of this particular meeting the chairman wrote on a large blackboard on the platform the announcement that no speeches could be delivered, owing to the prohibition of the use of the Polish language. The contents of the lecture which would otherwise have been delivered would be distributed among the audience in the form of a pamphlet. This pamphlet was read by the speaker in perfect silence. The resolutions to be submitted to the meeting were then written on the blackboard and adopted unanimously by a show of hands, without a single word being spoken. The public prosecutor took action against the conveners of the meeting for violating paragraph 19 of the new law, but the public prosecutor acquiesced. The public prosecutor lodged an appeal, but the higher court at Cologne upheld the judgment of the district court and confirmed the acquittal. "Polish 'dumb' meetings" which are already extremely popular in all those parts of Germany where the Poles feel the need of congregating to demonstrate their grievances, can now be held without hindrance.

CHINESE PORK FOR ENGLAND THIS YEAR

P. & O. Steamers Will Call at Shanghai and Carry Dead Animals in Refrigerators

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Sir Thomas Sutherland's statement that the P. & O. Steamship company would next year introduce Chinese pigs into England for the first time has aroused much interest in the meat trade. Enquiries at the P. & O. offices elicited the information that the cargo boats of the company would call at Shanghai for loading the dead pigs, which would be carried in the refrigerators. "The Chinese pig is quite as wholesome as the English pig," the Chinese man is very fond of pork, and there is the possibility of a very big trade being organized in this direction, and frozen pork should become as popular in England as frozen fish is now. "The introduction of a well known form of meat into England is a step in the right direction, and it is to be hoped that it may turn out well for the pork breeder," he said. As a matter of fact the Chinese man understands the art of fattening his better than some European breeders.

VICTIM OF APACHES

Shot One of His Assaults to Death

PARIS, Jan. 15.—A second-hand dealer named Julien, of Montmartre was accused by the Apaches in the locality of denouncing them to the police. The roughs resolved to get rid of the man, and a number of them were told to apprehend him. Julien was closely watched. He was returning towards dawn when seven Apaches sprang upon him. Julien struggled desperately, notwithstanding that he had received several knife-stabs and a revolver bullet between his eyes. He was about to succumb to superior force when, making a superhuman effort, he drew his revolver and shot one of his assailants. The other Apaches carried off their companion to the Bichat hospital where he died before Julien's arrival. The latter lies in a grave condition.

Will There Be Grand Prix Race?

PARIS, Jan. 15.—Terrorist anxiety prevails in the French motor world as to whether there will be really a grand prix race next year or not. Six of the leading French firms had long ago declared that they would enter any machines for the race, and a few days ago eleven of these builders signed a "hard-and-fast" agreement so that the race would be impossible.

MR. BIRRELL'S ATTITUDE TOWARD HOUSE OF LORDS

(By Lady Henry Somerset)

LONDON, Jan. 15.—There is no question that we live in days when great changes are imminent. Lord Rosebery's Committee of Peers issued its report last week on the reform of the house of lords, and while to many the reforms are not drastic enough, when once a blow has been dealt at the idea of hereditary legislature, the whole principle upon which the house of lords is now built must necessarily be shattered. That the peers should be elective; that they should be called "Lords of Parliament," 300 only of the hereditary peers to be elected by the 593 peers existing in the kingdom—all these and many other changes are proposed, which must have beneficial results toward the reform of a chamber which is undoubtedly out of harmony with the spirit of the day. Mr. Birrell, in speaking of the house of lords the other day, let fall one significant sentence, which explains much of the attitude of the present house of peers. "I find," he said, "that half the peerage were made in my life time, and for the most part for reasons which will not bear examination. Such a manufactured association," he added, "demands criticism."

was worth absolutely nothing, but that the man who lived on his estate in the country, who was the friend and advisor of his neighbors, was a great deal more to be reckoned with, and that if he were a sound man he was a real influence for good. He said that it was impossible to understand the French peasant or any other peasant by running down to the countryside for a few weeks, to collect fees for literary purposes, that one had to live the peaceful, monotonous, restricted existence in order to make friends, and that to get at the heart of the peasant you required something more than curiosity—you must love him if you would understand him. He emphasized the fact that a woman in France was undoubtedly the mistress of the house, and commanded great respect, that she shared the knowledge and the interests of her husband, and was in this respect a real partner. "You might be mistaken as to this," he said, "if you saw the meals of a great French farmhouse, where you would observe a row of men sitting at table, waited on by women, but make no mistake about it, the woman has always the upper hand, and it is she who selects thus to give the meals to the men, not the men who command her services."

Speaking to an interviewer of Zola, he said, "Zola was a great man, but he was the very last man in the world to understand the genuine French peasant. "Some of the brutality and vice he noted accurately enough, but he was quite incapable of drawing forth the jealousy-guarded secrets of their hearts."

QUEER MATRIMONIAL CAREER WHICH LASTED FOR TWELVE YEARS - Blackmailers Foiled

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Eloping Couple Caught in the Act - Girl Taken Home and Lover Disappears

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SCHOOL FOR AEROPLANE PILOTS

Paris, Jan. 15.—A few days ago the first flying school and ground force aerodrome was inaugurated at Issy, a few miles to the south of Paris. The first pupils had undergone a course of instruction at Le Mans under Mr. William Wright. The new school, which is fully equipped with the necessary electric and engine plant, is about 100 miles in extent, enclosing an area of some 250 acres.