

JOHN JACOB ASTOR TO BUY THE WALDORF?

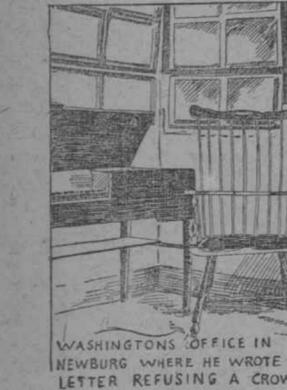
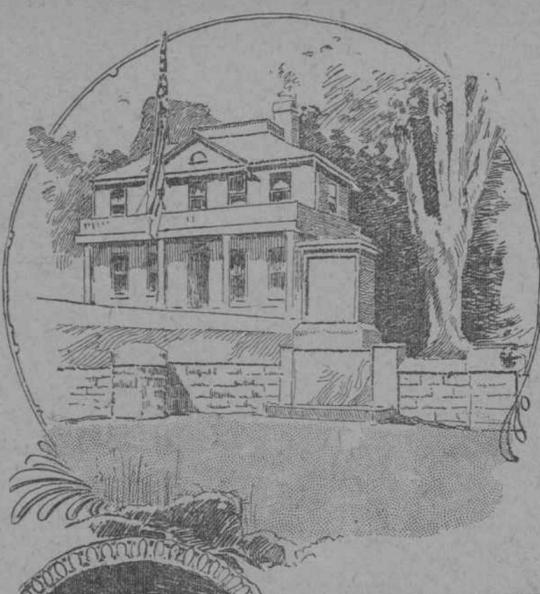
Rumor That He Has Completed a Deal to Purchase the Great Hotel. Will Run It in Connection with the Large Annex He Is Now Building.

W. W. Astor Realizing on His American Holdings for Investment in England.

MAY NOT RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY.

Friends Say That the Sale of the Property Would Be in Keeping with the Policy of Both Men.

John Jacob Astor will, in all likelihood, become the owner of the Waldorf within the next few days, purchasing the property from William Waldorf Astor. The



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deal, it is said, has progressed so far that all that is lacking is the formal signing of the papers. The management of the big hotel will remain unchanged, and George C. Boldt, who now has the Waldorf, will continue as its proprietor, and will also assume charge of the large annex which John Jacob Astor is erecting just north of the present building.

WANTS ENGLISH INVESTMENTS. The sale of the Waldorf is said by some of Mr. Astor's acquaintances in this city to be only the first step in the disposal of his real estate investments in this country, preparatory to their reinvestment in England, where they can be more easily supervised by the personal supervision of their owner.

John Jacob Astor, on the other hand, is constantly increasing his real estate holdings in New York, and it is not thought likely by those who know him that he would allow an opportunity to pass of securing the ownership of the huge hotel, which it had already been arranged should be run in connection with the one he is building.

JOHN JACOB HAS LONG COVETED IT. The success of the Waldorf as an investment had hardly been assured before John Jacob Astor, according to the statement of one of his friends, made an attempt to buy it. At that time, William Waldorf Astor had no idea of disposing of his New York property and the offer was refused. Then John Jacob Astor secured the property adjoining the Waldorf on the north, extending to Thirty-fourth street, and midway down the block to Sixth avenue. On this site he at once began arrangements for building a huge hotel, larger even than the Waldorf and fully as fine in its interior appointments. Architecturally it had been planned that the two buildings should be much alike, the only difference being that the annex was to be slightly more ornate. The kitchen, the windows of the annex were to be carved with the heads of animals and allegorical figures, while those of the Waldorf were to be carved with the heads of animals and allegorical figures.

SEVERAL OFFERS WERE MADE. The work of excavating for the foundations was begun a year ago. The blasting had not been finished, it is said, before John Jacob Astor resumed negotiations for the purchase of the Waldorf. He was met by another refusal to sell, though not couched in such determined language as before. Since then, it is said, William Waldorf Astor's preference for England as a place for permanent residence has grown until he has determined to realize on his American investments and place his money where he can more easily watch it. As a consequence John Jacob Astor's repeated offers were finally accepted.

SOME OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF JOHN JACOB ASTOR, NOR OF WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR would admit yesterday that the deal had been completed. One of W. W. Astor's friends, who represents part of his property in this country, said, however, that he believed the transfer likely. "Such a transaction," he said, "would be in keeping with the present business policy of the two men. I know that William Waldorf Astor is disposing of some of his holdings in the rumors that he is to be married in England are not improbable. I know that he is taking a renewed interest in business there."

WAS A CHEERFUL CRIMINAL. Once the Idol of Common People, He Winds Up on the Gallows. Esseg, Hungary, June 14.—Franc Csouka, who has just been executed here, was a remarkable criminal. He belonged to Rosa Sando's band, the members of which were regarded as romantic heroes by the common people.

Women Idolize Rosa and Csouka. They were the best horsemen in Hungary and were most gallant. Rosa "managed" many bands of brigands, whose individual work never conflicted. Twenty-five years ago he and Csouka were captured, charged with many murders and robberies. Csouka said he was perfectly willing to confess to the murders, but the robberies he regarded as being really too trifling to talk about. He was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment and his leader was sentenced for life. The latter died in prison.

Ten years ago Csouka returned, having in the meantime contracted most vicious habits. He committed an especially atrocious murder recently and it was for this crime that he was hanged. Csouka was seventy-four years old. He was of gigantic stature and immense strength. He walked to the gallows with a jaunty air, smoking a pipe and tapping the hanger on the shoulder, roared out, largely for the benefit of the crowd, "Do your work well. Don't make a fool of yourself." Then he was hanged.

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ON THE HISTORIC HUDSON.

Pilgrimage of the Sons of the American Revolution to Washington's Headquarters To-day.

The Sons of the American Revolution are to make a pilgrimage from this city to Washington's Headquarters, at Newburg, and to West Point.

Their itinerary is up the Hudson, from West Forty-fourth street to Yonkers, from Yonkers to Newburg, where Mayor Odell will make a speech of welcome and General Horatio C. King, speech of acknowledgment and from Newburgh to West Point. The pilgrimage is historical. The travelers will pass by the spot, at Weehawken, where Aaron Burr, July 11, 1804, killed Alexander Hamilton, in America's most cruel duel. They will see Block House Point, where Wayne captured cattle and inspired Major Andre's satirical "Cow Chase."

At Yonkers is the Philippe Manor house, where was born one of Washington's sweethearts, who married Roger Morris. West of the middle of the stream, at Yonkers, the British frigates, Rose and Phoenix, fought a battle with two American ships. At Hastings, in 1776, Cornwallis embarked 6,000 men, who crossed the river to Paramus, marched to the attack on Fort Lee, and pursued the Americans in the "retreat through the Jerseys."

At Newburg, Washington's Headquarters, with the office almost intact, where the General wrote the letter refusing a crown, will interest the Sons of the Revolution until the time for their return homeward.

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STICK AGAINST FISTS.

Members of Spain's Congress Settle with Blows the Violent Discussion of a Proposed Duel.

By Don Manuel de Aizpema. Madrid, June 14.—Galvez Hoiquin, the Madrid Town Councillor, against whom criminal proceedings were instituted for alleged administrative immoralities, having been elected a deputy, his election was violently debated in Congress to-day. Some of the opposition deputies violently attacked Hoiquin, and he challenged his chief accusers, Count Romanones and Sanchez Guerra, to mortal combat. Count Romanones accepted the challenge, but Senor Guerra declared that as Hoiquin had not answered in Congress the attacks against him, he was not entitled to "reparation."

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LIQUOR CURE AT BELLEVUE.

Experiments Will Begin To-day so That City Physicians May Watch the Results.

It was through a misconception of the facts that the announcement was made in several of yesterday's newspapers that the authorities of Bellevue Hospital had adopted a method of treatment which they were going to apply to all cases of habitual intoxication that were brought to the hospital. One of the results of this announcement was that a number of red-nosed individuals applied at the gate yesterday for admission to the "liquor cure" ward and seemed unhappy when they were turned away.

EUROPE'S BIG GRAB GAME.

France Faring Badly, England, Russia and Germany Getting Everything in Sight.

London, June 14.—Every reader will remember the sad plight of the lions when Daniel was stung among them. They dared not eat him, and were found next morning "gnawing their own claws out of sheer hunger."

This, the wiseacres tell us, is the position of France in European politics to-day. The great European politicians are said to have been making important news of late. We begin to see the meaning of French chagrin over events in Egypt, and to get an explanation of Emperor William's recent visit to Italy, and his more recent amiability toward England, while the reason why British tars are now enjoying a royal reception in Italy, we are told, is that England is to push on to Dongola. Then Italy will withdraw from Egypt, surrendering her Red Sea port to Germany, which will divide lower Egypt with England. France is to be disregarded and left partitioned.

This is how the foreign correspondents of English papers and English political editors read the signs. They foresee Italy rolled of the great drain of the Egyptian war, and once again a strong, non-membered member of the Triple Alliance with the triplets all friendly to England, and England and Germany as warring partners out for all the spoils in Africa and Asia.

Even in France events have been depicted in the same way. France looks with helpless yearning to Russia, but the bear is busy grabbing Turkey and as much of China as he can lift.

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ASTOR'S SUCCESS AROUSES BRITISH IRE.

London Newspaper Inveighs Against "Toadying to Royalty."

Advises the American Croesus to Gird Up His Loins and Go in Now for an English Title.

ILL-NATURED SNEERS LACK EFFECT.

Aristocratic Society Still Finds Cliveden a Most Delightful Place in Which to Spend a Few Days Each Week.

By Julian Ralph.

London, June 14.—Reynolds's Newspaper is the first paper in London to attack Mr. Astor on his special success in landing the Prince of Wales. It is a democratic, ultra-radical weekly, of considerable circulation, and it talks about royalty with much the same vigor and freedom as Senator Morgan wrestles with the throne of Spain on the floor of the Senate.

ILL-NATURED COMMENTS.

Its editorial is as follows: "We accidentally saw a copy of a journal called the Pall Mall Gazette, published in London by an American millionaire named Astor. This man had the Prince of Wales as a guest at Cliveden on the Sunday preceding the Derby, and when the horse owned by the Prince won that race, the Pall Mall Gazette, next day, came out with a hysterical article which gave out the impression that it had been composed in a lunatic asylum.

"That is how our American democrats toady to royalty. We would advise Astor to get himself speedily naturalized and to go in for a title, or ribbon, or some such other humbug. This new style of Anglo-American journalism will come to be known as the 'Astor Crawl.'"

Mr. Astor's Successes Continue.

Despite this ill-natured sneering, Mr. Astor's Tuesdays at Cliveden remain his "week ends" at Cliveden have been very successful in society circles. This week he has been entertaining the Duke of Saxe-Coburg down by the Thames.

Funeral of ex-Judge Maynard.

Stamford, N. Y., June 14.—The funeral of Isaac H. Maynard, ex-Judge of the Court of Appeals, was held from the First Presbyterian Church in Delhi to-day. Rev. L. E. Richards, of Stamford, officiating. Nearly the entire bar of Delaware County were present to pay their respects to their former colleague.

MAD IMPULSE DROVE HIM TO SUICIDE.

Nelson Burnside Could Not Resist a Sudden Desire to Shoot Himself.

Fired Three Shots from a Revolver, Two of Which Took Effect Near His Heart.

HE LEFT NO EXPLANATION OF HIS ACT.

Was a Car Inspector for the Central Railroad of New Jersey and Had Only Returned from Canada on Saturday Night.

The motive which induced Nelson Burnside, of No. 224 West Twenty-fourth street, to take his life yesterday is a mystery. Seated in a large armchair he unbuttoned a revolver to his heart, fired three shots. Neither of the first two bullets fired struck the heart. One passed just above, the other a fraction of an inch below the vital organ. Either of the shots was sufficient, however, to cause death, but the end did not come soon enough to satisfy the dying man. A third time he pressed the trigger. His aim was uncertain, and the bullet went wide of the mark.

The second shot was heard by Mr. Burnside's daughter, Nora, who had at that moment opened the front door. She met her mother in the hallway, and both women stood for a moment trying to locate the spot whence the firing came. When the third shot startled the household they tremblingly entered the rear bedroom on the first floor. Mr. Burnside was conscious. He looked once at his wife and then his chin fell upon his breast. The revolver was still clutched in his right hand. The edges of the two bullet holes in the shirt

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FOREIGN NOTES OF INTEREST.

Foreigners residing in Prussia will be required by June 20 to show the police satisfactory papers of identification, giving an account of their military service, their social relations, business career and the like, and stating whether or not they are possessed of independent means.

Colonel Hughes, of the United States Army, will attend the grand German military maneuvers next Autumn, and will also attend the Austrian maneuvers in Galicia at the end of August. Colonel Hughes will be the guest of Emperor Francis Joseph at the castle of Prins Saplaha.

Prince Isenberg-Birstein, who married Miss Lewis, an American heiress, is being sued in a Berlin court for 100,000 marks by the agents who negotiated the match between himself and Miss Lewis.

The schooner Contest and Petunia, called off St. John's, N. F., Saturday night. The latter was cut down to the water's edge and her crew of seven men barely escaped.

The steamer Portia, which sailed from Halifax for New York yesterday, took 150 emigrants. The present immigration exceeds anything in recent years.

JACKIES TO MEASURE OARS.

Crack Crews of the Indiana and the Cincinnati Will Row a Race To-morrow.

The crack crews of the cruiser Cincinnati and the battleship Indiana will contest at a five-mile rowing race to-morrow. The start will be made at Fort Hancock at 4 o'clock and the racing will continue until the anchoring ground of Admiral Bucee's fleet, off Tompkinsville, S. I.

The cutter to be used by the crack oarsmen of the Indiana is the largest one in the squadron, and the crew consists of fifteen men. The Cincinnati's racing cutter will hold twelve men.

The Indiana intends to challenge the New York's expert oarsmen, who now hold supremacy among the oarsmen of the world. Four of the New York's best men will soon leave the navy on the expiration of their terms of service.

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DEER AT THE ZOO ENGAGED IN THEIR ANNUAL TASK OF CULTIVATING ENLARGED ANTlers.

There are fifty-five deer at the Central Park Zoo, and almost every one of the males, whether young or old, is growing new horns. This is an annual event with them, but it is a thing which interests visitors to the Park more than anything else.

In a paddock in the southeast corner of the Arsenal is a fine elk, a little more than two years old. Last year his horns had two prongs. These were not enough for him this summer, and now he has a new set of antlers, adorned with three prongs, immature just now, but growing stronger every day.

The next paddock to the one occupied by the elk is filled with fallow deer. There are several yearlings who are growing velvet horns, with knobs at the base, which to the course of time will become prongs. One deer in the paddock in the Spring, because one horn is fully two inches longer than the other. The keepers say the short horn will catch up in growth before the end of the season. By Fall the horns, which are now like velvet on the outside, will be hard and bony. Then the deer will begin the annual rite.

A black fallow deer, one year old, is in marked contrast to the rest, as it was born in the Fall. Lately in the Spring, as a consequence its horns are now of full growth, and it will not shed them until Fall, when those of the other deer are at their strongest. This splendid English red deer now has wide-spreading antlers eighteen inches long, and which will be twice as long. In the same paddock is a three-year-old, one of whose antlers shows three prongs and the other two.

The Axis deer in the deer house are from a part of India where Spring comes at the time of our Winter, and therefore their breeding and horn-growing times are different. The biggest male has long, hard and sharp horns that will not be shed for some months. At their base some of the velvet still hangs in shreds.

Although every deer sheds its horns annually, it is seldom that, in deer grounds, the old horns are seen, and neither hunters nor naturalists have ever satisfactorily explained this. The most likely explanation is that they leave their old horns almost invariably in the thickets or bushes. At the Zoo, of course, the horns are always found, and there is a big collection of them at the Arsenal.

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Statement of Mrs. Fleming's Sister, Who Will Testify in Her Trial.

Was Very Imaginative and at First Believed That Her Illness Was Due to Poison.

JUROR NO. 6 A DISTANT RELATIVE.

Mr. McIntyre Says the Connection is So Remote That He Doubts Whether It in Reality Amounts to a Relationship.

It is expected that one of the most interesting features of the Fleming case this week will be the testimony of Miss Bliss, the sister of the accused. She will probably be asked to tell of her mother's habits and nature, and her statements are counted on to be effective in breaking down the so-called "lying declaration" of her mother. Of this Miss Bliss, after first declaring her belief in her sister's innocence yesterday, said:

"Any one who knew my poor mother as well as I did, would never attach any importance to that so-called 'lying declaration.' My mother's health had failed rapidly during the last few years of her life. She hated to acknowledge even to herself that she was growing old. She never could endure to have any reference made to her own age or to the ages of her children. She tried to forget all that.

"She had an almost passionate longing to retain her youth to the last hour. Although she was only a little over fifty years old when she died, and while her face and figure were youthful, her hair was snow white. Ill health and trouble had caused that. She was very nervous and imaginative. One day she would imagine she had a cancer, the next that she had eaten something which was going to result fatally.

"When she recovered from these nervous attacks she always felt ashamed of what she had said, and would retract it. This was exactly the case on the night of her death. She imagined at first that she had been poisoned; then, after her first hysterical accusation and its accompanying suffering had passed away, she retracted this statement and said that she had been hasty. Dr. Bullman heard this retraction, but he did not testify regarding it on the witness stand."

With regard to the comments made because of her laughing while her sister's letters were being read in court, Miss Bliss said:

"I did not really laugh; I only smiled. I realize how serious the matter is for my sister, but some of the expressions struck me as being so ludicrous, read out as they were, that I could not help but nod and smile."

Assistant District-Attorney McIntyre said yesterday that it had been brought to his attention by Mrs. Bliss, one of the jurors, that Mr. Montgomery is remotely connected by marriage with Mrs. Fleming. As is well-known, she is the legitimate daughter of Robert Swift Livingston. He had several brothers, who broke all relations with him when he married the woman who afterwards became Mrs. Bliss. One of these brothers was James Duane Livingston. His daughter married former Supreme Court Justice Charles A. Peabody. Judge Peabody's daughter, Cornelia Livingston, had a daughter, Cornelia, who married James Mortimer Montgomery, a brother of Richard M. Montgomery, the sixth Livingston juror. Some genealogical sharp concluded, therefore, that the juror was a relative of Mrs. Fleming, the connection being just a trifling one.

Mr. McIntyre said that he was not afraid of Mr. Montgomery being influenced by the connection with the late Livingston. He said Mr. McIntyre, "and besides the connection is so distant that it can hardly be termed a relationship. It is a remote one, and in my mind, that settles the matter."

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