

REFORM MAYOR TAKES OFFICE

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 4.—Rudolph Blankenburg, "the war horse of reform," was installed as mayor of Philadelphia today. The ceremony took place in the Common Council chamber and was witnessed by a throng as large as the chamber would hold. Coincidentally the other city officials elected last month asumed their duties.

With the outgoing of John E. Reynolds and the assumption of office by Mayor Blankenburg, a new regime in city governmental affairs in the Quaker City was inaugurated. The election last month was the culmination of years of persistent effort on the part of the fusion reform forces to overthrow the Republican organization that has controlled all the city offices and managed municipal affairs in a manner to invite not only adverse criticism but open charges of inefficiency and graft.

Curtalement of the city's expense by saving in salaries and abolition of certain bureaus is expected to be one of the first moves by Mayor Blankenburg. It is declared by experts that nearly \$1,000,000 a year can be saved.

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THE DOUBLE CROSS

(Continued.)

"No, Senor el Presidente," said Alva, stepping to the desk, "the Senor St. John, my brother-in-law, has sacrificed not one centavo. That will be very simple. It cannot be misunderstood. It stipulates that John St. John, in order to come into possession of his father's estate, must marry—the sign of the cross. And he has complied in full with that stipulation. Look!"

She had lifted the short sleeve of lace from my bride's right arm, revealing to the seemingly astounded President—the sign of the cross, the double cross, scarlet and thrown into relief by the dazzling whiteness of the skin.

Alva then argued like a veritable Portia, till finally the President said: "I must, as the executor of this will, regard this entire affair as would a jury. It is not doubted that Leon Alvarado meant you, Senorita Alva, when he said—the sign of the cross. However, as the cross on the arm of the bride of Senor John St. John in every particular answers to the description in this document—and, moreover, as under the laws of Mexico, John St. John, (if he brought this matter into court)—would receive his fortune as the only son and heir of Leon Alvarado (here the President arose and extended his hand for me to take)—I congratulate one of the richest men in Mexico."

"This mansion, Senor St. John," he added, "is yours. The Alvarado gold mines at Guanajuato are yours. The great Alvarado ranches are yours. And the fortune of Leon Alvarado—amounting altogether to a great many millions of dollars—is yours."

"And what of Alva?" I asked.

"Her guardian provided for Alva before he died—giving her many millions in her own name."

Felipa and Alva and the Don and the President's secretary now left the room, to return to the guests in the drawing-room, the President asking me to remain with him.

"You are doubtless puzzled by many things regarding the two daughters of Don Justino," he said. "It is my duty and pleasure now to enlighten you, so far as I am able. When Felipa was born—another daughter was born at the same time."

I sprang up, then sat down again, saying nothing.

"A nurse was in attendance on the mother—a French woman named Marie," the President continued. "I must first tell you that the nurse in question was the niece of a cardinal, and that she always wore at her throat, pendant from a chain, a little iron cross, a double cross, which her uncle himself had given her in her youth."

"When, after the birth," the President went on, "this nurse bent over the mother—she found that death had come to that mother. The suddenness

of it all, the terrible shock of it, made the nurse go so suddenly insane. The result was that while still alone in the room, waiting for the doctor to come, she seized the little iron cross, the double cross, from about her neck, heated it red hot in the coals of a brazier burning in the room—and, using it as a branding-iron, stamped the double cross on the arm of each of the two new-born babies, leaving in each case a scarlet scar—like the one we have just seen on your wife's arm."

"In her insanity then," the President continued, "she took one of the babies in her arms—and walked out of the house and away—wondering she knew not whither, till she got to Guanajuato, where some good woman took her in. Not till a year later did that nurse regain her reason. She then remembered everything except the name of the family and the place from whom and whence she had taken the child, whom she now named Alva. Ten years later the nurse lay on her death-bed. Alvarado had seen the child, now eleven years old, many times on his visits to Guanajuato, and now, as the Nurse Marie lay dying, he comforted her last hours by assuring her that he would care for the girl, Alva, forever."

"That is how Alva came to be the ward of Leon Alvarado," the President resumed. "He lavished everything upon her, training her to be a self-reliant, strong, and capable woman—a perfect mind and a perfect body—all in the hope that you, St. John his son, would some day love his ward and marry her. Meantime Alva knew something of which Alvarado was ignorant. It was that the nurse Marie, before dying, confided to Alva such facts as she could remember concerning that cross on her arm—till then that somewhere in Mexico was another such cross, and should she ever find that cross, she would find her sister. For years Alva hunted for the other cross—finding it at last as you know, when she found Felipa de Gastenda. That is all, Senor St. John. I must go now to Chapultepec."

"Then these two girls, Felipa and Alva," I said, as the President gave me his hand in good-bye, "are twins?"

"Exactly. They look so absolutely alike that none can tell which is Felipa and which is Alva."

"But how can that be?" I cried more mystified than ever. "Felipa is strikingly brunette—while Alva, why she has the most glorious golden hair in the world."

"Nevertheless," the President answered, with a smile and a twinkle in his piercing black eyes, "their own father, who, until today, supposed he had only one child, will not be able to say which is Felipa and which is Alva—nor will you, Senor John Adios."

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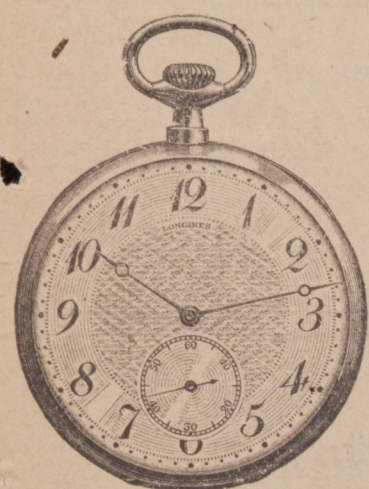
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UPPER SPRINGFIELD

Upper Springfield, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Ira Hagerman and daughter of Upper Quensbury were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. James V. Hallett on Thursday last week.

Mr. Frank Oliver had purchased a bay press and is being kept busy. Messrs Herbert Tucker and Chesley Jewett have gone to the woods to work for Mr. Price.

Messrs. B. Stillwell and Arthur Miller have returned from Green River. They report two feet of snow in that part of the province.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oliver entertained Sunday the following—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Jasie Anderson, Mrs. John E. H. Tilton, Los Angeles, Calif.

Duncan McCordquindale has a crew in the woods at Scotch Lake.

Mrs. Albert Wiggins and children are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Hallett, Lower Caverhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Graham have returned to their home to spend the winter.

Mr. John Graham has killed a large porker which tipped the scales at 560 pounds.

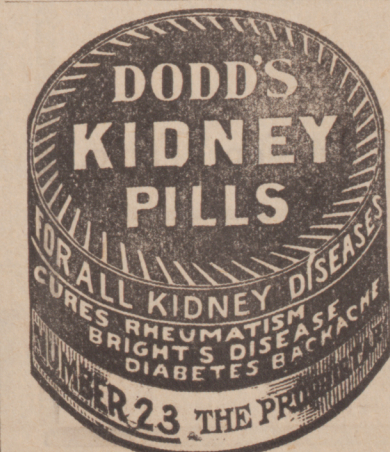
TEACHER SENTENCED TO ONE WEEK IN JAIL

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 2.—Miss Nora McCrea, a young school teacher, residing at Merrierville found guilty by Judge McDonald yesterday afternoon, of assaulting nine-year-old Eel McCombrie, a pupil in her school, was sentenced to one week in jail when found guilty she collapsed in court. Four pupils swore to witnessing the chastising which was administered with a black board pointer, some of the blows falling on the child's head. Two physicians also testified to the injuries received by the McCombrie child. She was laid up for several weeks.

CASCADIA BADGE TO MARRY

Uniontown, Pennsylvania, Dec. 4.—Miss Lucy Beech Johns of this city, who is said to be the only woman deputy sheriff in the United States, resigned her position today in anticipation of her early marriage to John C. Grier, a Pittsburgh travelling salesman. Miss Johns has been deputy sheriff of Fayette County since the beginning of the present year. At the time she took the oath of office she received a handsome gold mounted police revolver and a badge studded with jewels. Since that time she has assisted in the capture of several men, including a murderer, who had escaped from the county jail.

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MAZERALL

Mazerall, Nov. 28.—We are enjoying Indian summer at present, we wish it would continue all winter.

Mr. Peter T. King spent Sunday last with friends at King Settlement.

Mrs. Albion Goodine who has been very ill for sometime is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Goodine were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Mazerall Sunday evening.

Mr. Robt Lowe of Hammondville was visiting friends at this place last week.

Mr. Arthur Mazerall purchased a fine colt from Mr. Ed. Peeney of New Market recently.

Miss Dora Essensa of Smythfield, who has been visiting her Aunt, Mrs. J. P. Soucie of this place, has returned home.

Mr. Nap. St. Thomas is still keeping bachelor's hall, and claims that with an occasional helping hand from some of his lady friends, he would not change places with a duke.

Mr. B. Mazerall new house will soon be ready for occupation.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. J. Myshull is recovering from her recent illness.

Several of our well known hunters have had a protracted chase after a bear. So far both parties have returned unsuccessful. From all accounts bruin must be uncommonly long winded, and is doubtless having the time of his life.

Mr. J. Mazerall who met with a painful accident the other day while making repairs about his barn, is recovering.

Miss Celia Burgoyne intends paying a visit to Fredericton soon.

Miss Exca Mazerall was calling on friends at Hanwell Sunday last.

Mr. George Soucie our oldest inhabitant is enjoying his usual good health this winter.

Mrs. J. King who has been suffering from a severe attack of La Grippe is recovering; Miss Stella Mazerall is staying with her.

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