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A PART OF THE PLAY.

Missing That Brought Some Russian Actors to a Prison Cell.

The course of true art does not always run smooth in Russia, as, for example, in the theater of Yelizavetgrad. In the fourth act of a certain play there is a theater within a theater, as in Shakespeare's "Hamlet," only that some of the dramatic personae have to mix with the public in the galleries and to kiss the chief actress, who duly faints. As soon as the gentlemen had taken their places among the gods and begun to hiss and whistle the policeman on duty came down upon them like a wolf on the fold, and before they could utter a word of explanation he and his colleagues "nabbed" two, removed them by force and took them to the next police station, where they were charged with disorderly conduct at a public place. They protested that they had only done their duty, but the police laughed their explanations to scorn. The public left the theater en masse to see what was happening to the actors, but the latter had already been consigned to the cells. The crowd in the street before the station house grew rapidly in numbers, and its noisy protests threatened to culminate in serious disorders. Fortunately, the manager of the theater appeared before the superintendent and by the light of a lamp declined, with manuscript in hand, the whole fourth act, in order to show that hissing was an essential part of the performance. Only then did the representatives of the law release the innocent actors.

Nativity of the Potato.

There is as much mystery as history connected with the common tuber called the potato. Its nativity, original place in the kingdom of nature and several other things regarding it are still open questions. As to its nativity, the weight of argument seems to favor the tropical or subtropical regions of America. There is a tradition that the vines once grew to monstrous size and that the "bulls" were of the "bigness of melons," and at that time the roots were not tubers, the edible parts growing among the branches. It seems that they were first introduced into Europe in the year 1493.

Haskell's "Roots and Wild Plants" says, "Wankins first fetched a queer, bulbous root out of America which some called a 'tocado,' while others, who had heard the Peruvians mention it, spoke of it as a 'potato.' Perian's Cyclopaedia of Agriculture says that Sir John Wankins found it growing wild near Santa Fe de Bogota at an altitude of 8,000 to 12,000 feet. He also says that it was 'fetched out of America' at about the time settled upon by Haskell—viz. in the year 1493.

WANT MORE DEPOT ACCOMODATION

Indianapolis, July 6.—The immense excursion crowds that were here yesterday again demonstrated that the Union station—as big and handsome as it is, is hardly adequate. The thousands of people that pressed into the train sheds almost crushing people to death, made it plainly evident that more room is needed. A few years ago the station was regarded as one of the finest in the country, and it is well up today with any of them, but Indianapolis and Indiana are growing. People have the money to travel, so when there are a few big excursions it is almost dangerous to be in the crowds that hurry to get the outgoing trains. There has been much talk among the railroad officials lately about enlarging the station, and it would not be surprising if some action should be taken soon. A surprising feature of travel is that while the interurbans are doing a tremendous business, the steam roads seem to be having about all they can do. This merely emphasizes an old saying that give the people more ways to travel and more of them will travel. It is true that the interurbans have cut into the passenger business of the steam roads in many places, but both are having about as much as they can do.

There are sure signs of the opening of the campaign for the Republican nomination for governor. When men begin to go from one end of the state to the other making speeches on the slightest pretext it does not take a shrewd politician to see that something is doing. The candidates are making speeches now wherever there is an opening. They can always be found ready to meet an engagement no matter how difficult it is to find. For instance, J. Frank Hanly of Lafayette went almost from one end of the state to the other Saturday to deliver a 4th of July speech at Corydon. Then just a few days ago Newton W. Gilbert traveled all the way from Fort Wayne to Vincennes—nearly 300 miles—to deliver a short K. of P. memorial address. W. H. Taylor of this city has

A Royal Romance.
Carmen Sylva, the royal authoress, met her husband, the king of Roumania, in quite a romantic way. As a girl of seventeen she was running down the staircase of the palace at Berlin when her foot slipped on the marble, and she would have fallen to the floor below, but at the moment Prince Charles of Hohenzollern stepped from an anteroom and caught her in his arms. She did not accept him, although he made her the offer at once. In joke—for it was then most unlikely—she said she preferred to remain queen of herself, but if she became queen of any country at all she would prefer Roumania. Eight years afterward the beautiful Carmen was married to Prince Charles, who had been proclaimed king of Roumania, and thus she realized her ambition.

When Water Was Avoided.
Until comparatively recent times there was a medical prejudice against drinking water. Sir William Vaughan in his "Natural and Artificial Directions For Health" declared that water "ought seldom to be drunk." Another doctor admitted that it might be healthful for children, but not for men—"except some odd, abstemious one among a thousand per chance, degenerate and of a doggish nature, for dogs of nature do abhor wine." Indeed, the recommendation of water as a beverage was supposed to be the sign of the quack. Even Wesley in his "Primitive Physic" wrote of it with caution: "Drink only water if it agrees with your stomach; if not, good, clear small beer."

One sure way to tell whether a man is a crank or not is to draw him into a discussion. If he doesn't agree with you, of course he's a crank.

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Ion Banner Hunt of Winchester and George H. Shideler of Marion, are also in the speech-making business.

When Will H. Whittaker takes charge of the Indiana reformatory at Jeffersonville, it is understood that he will inaugurate a policy of rigid economy. The report that the expenditures have been greater than they should have been do not create much surprise, as there have always been rumors to that effect. Former Superintendent Tobe Hert was investigated by a legislative committee in 1901, but a report exonerating him was returned. No fault is found with Superintendent Byers for his administration, as it is believed by the board that he simply allowed things to go on as he found them. Whittaker is trained for the business, and one of the first things he will do will be to cut off about half of the bookkeepers and clerks. The reformatory is in splendid condition, as both Hert and Byers were good officials, but the fault is found that more money than was necessary was expended in keeping things going.

Governor Durbin has returned from his excursion to Yellowstone park. He came in ahead of time, as he was not expected until today. He went to the park about two weeks ago in order to recuperate for the annual meeting of the state board of tax commissioners beginning next Monday. He is as brown as a berry and looks fit for the long, hard work of the session. The governor is telling his associates at the statehouse some great fish and game stories, and they are inclined to believe him, as it is generally known among politicians that the governor is a true sportsman as well as a shrewd politician and business man. It is related that last winter a number of old-time field sportsmen induced the governor to accompany them one day, expecting to walk him to death, but he turned the tables and made every one of them show the white feather before the day was done.

LAST COMMUNION

Pope Leo Receives Final Rites of the Church and Prepares to Die.

Condition of the Aged Pontiff Is Now Such That the Hope of His Physician Has Been Abandoned.

Hovering on the Brink of Death, Leo's Life Is Only Prolonged by Means of Stimulants.

Rome, July 6.—"God's will be done. Who would have believed it, when only ten days ago I was presiding over a public consistory!" feebly murmured Pope Leo as he felt himself late last evening sinking into a sleep which lasted about three hours, until excruciating pain brought the dying pontiff back to consciousness. He groaned and complained of pains on both sides of the thorax. Tenderly Dr. Laponi, assisted by Pope Leo's valet and the physician's second assistant, lifted the frail form and, changing the position, succeeded in giving the patient some relief.

Though hovering on the brink of death the life of the pontiff is still prolonged by means of strong stimulants and concentrated nourishment, and while he is still barely alive his wonderful vitality may again resist and conquer the attack of this illness. Late last evening after the excitement of the ceremony of the last sacrament



DR. LAPONI.

was over, the pope seemed less restless, partly soothed by the religious service and partly by a dose of chloral, which was given to him in considerable quantity.

The pontiff is lying on a small bed drawn up to a window overlooking the plaza of St. Peter. The only picture in the room is an antique madonna, and the sole ornament a great ivory crucifix.

The interior of the vatican today testifies to the conviction that the passing of Pope Leo is very near. The courtyard of St. Damaso is filled with the carriages of the cardinals. Cardinal Satolli drove to Rome from Frascati last evening, the beautiful carriage horses covered with dust and perspiration. In the cortile are drawn up the carriages of the cardinals and of many notables. Servants and messengers hurry across the court with bundles of huge wax tapers and with the robes of the ecclesiastical dignitaries who are waiting within the palace. The antechambers of the palace were all through the night thronged with princes of the church, high noblemen and members of the diplomatic corps. Telegrams of inquiry have been received from several of the monarchs of Europe.

THE LAST COMMUNION

Touching Ceremony at the Bedside of the Dying Pontiff.

Rome, July 6.—Sunday afternoon the strength of the pontiff began to fail him so rapidly and his condition became so critical that it appeared that only a few hours of his life remained to him. It was, therefore, deemed wise to advise him of his grave condition, and this was done with tender precaution. Pope Leo was thus prepared for his last communion, which was administered last night with the participation of all the cardinals now in Rome and the whole of the pontifical court.

The solemn yet gorgeous ceremony of administering the last sacrament took place at the bedside of Pope Leo. The central figure was the dying pontiff, whose long life's journey is nearly over, calmly preparing to enter the dark valley. His pale and emaciated face, almost as white as the pillows on which it rested, showed little sign of life except the keen glittering eyes, always his most striking feature.

Around the bed were grouped the noble guards in their glittering uniform, the knights of the cloak and sword in their picturesque medieval costume of black with white ruffs, twenty-five cardinals, all the members of the sacred college who are present

in Rome, stately and venerable figures in their sweeping crimson robes; the whole forming a scene of rich, yet subdued coloring, a fit subject for the pencil of Rembrandt. The whole of what is called the pontifical family, headed by Cardinal Rampolla and including all the private chamberlains were there. Nearest to the bed stood the imposing, tall figure of the cardinal grand penitentiary, Serafino Vannutelli, with the pope's confessor to hear the last confession of the departing pontiff. Then the priest apostolic approached bearing the viaticum to give the last communion and another the extreme unction, assisted by the grand penitentiary. Pope Leo feebly recited the confession of faith as formulated by the Council of Trent, and finally



THE POPE'S BODYGUARD.

the words of absolution and the formula of indulgence in articulo mortis were solemnly pronounced by the grand penitentiary. The heads of the great religious orders who were present granted the pope the special indulgences which they have the privilege of conferring. Then came the touching prayers for a passing soul and part of the gospel, the Lord's passion. As the last words died away all fell on their knees. The pontiff, raising his almost transparent fingers with a feeble effort, pronounced in scarcely audible words his benediction on the sacred college and on all present and then sank back on the pillows. There was scarcely a tearful eye in the whole assemblage; the sobs of the pope's relatives were plainly heard. Deep silence fell, only broken now and again by a murmured prayer or a pious ejaculation.

Cardinal Oreglia Di Santo Stefano first sent his secretary Sunday to inquire and look for the apartment which his eminence in his capacity as camerlingo, will occupy after the demise of the pope, when he will take the reins of the pontifical power during the interregnum. Later the cardinal himself went to the vatican and had a long conversation with Cardinal Rampolla. It seems that Cardinal Oreglia will choose as his apartment the rooms next to the hall in which the pope usually receives congratulations of the cardinals and which is called the joggle of Raphael, from the name of the painter.

All kinds of speculation are already in circulation as to the probable successor to the throne of St. Peter. Opinion is much divided owing to the many interests which will be affected according to the choice made by the sacred college. The first question the cardinals will have to solve will be whether the conclave shall be held in Rome or outside of Italy. It is believed that the supporters of the idea of abandoning Rome will be even fewer than in the conclave held after the



PIUS IX.

death of Pius IX., when thirty-two out of thirty-seven cardinals voted in favor of Rome. The second question will be whether the next pope must be an Italian or a foreigner. It is generally believed that he will be an Italian, because in view of the struggle between the church and the state since the fall of the temporal power and the constitution of united Italy, all the clergy as well as the clerical party and even foreigners think that an Italian pope can protect better than a stranger the advance of the religious and political interests of the church.

The candidates chiefly spoken of are Cardinal Rampolla and Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli. They are both representative of the conservative policy but are bitter antagonists of each other.

An Excited Community.

Madisonville, Ky., July 6.—There is great excitement here over the murder of Jeff Burton at the barbecue at Earlington, Ky., Saturday afternoon by Marshal J. B. Lindie. The officers hurriedly took Lindie from jail here and slipped him out in a buggy to Hanson, Ky., where he was put on a train and carried to jail at Henderson.

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