

Rich Celestial Buys Romantic Deslys Diamond Gem Weighing 102.69 Carats Was Worn by Beauties of Ancient Chinese Court.

Shanghai, China, Dec. 24.—Worn by the beautiful Gaby Deslys, French actress famous for her wonderful jewels and the hearts she had broken, and having a romantic, mysterious history, the largest diamond in China, which has been on display in a local jewelry store, has been purchased by a wealthy Chinese of Peking whose name is not known.

The marvelous stone, weighing 102.69 carats and measuring more than an inch in width and having a depth in proportion, arrived from Paris recently.

The fame of the stone was abroad in China soon after it arrived, but the scintillating jewel, in its blue velvet box, was brought forth for only a favored few to see.

The jewel is centuries old and is said to have been worn in the jeweled turbans of famous court beauties, shown as the eye in the forehead of a goddess in a temple in Egypt and to have played a part in the wars of the ancient world.

Whatever its mysterious past the next chapter of the jewel will be written in ancient Peking. Whether it will be worn by the wife of a wealthy official at social functions attended by the cosmopolitan foreign residents or on the slim little hand of a beautiful concubine hidden from the public eye is unknown.

The purchaser of the diamond made one visit to the store, inspected the jewel and purchased it at once. The diamond was sold for \$50,000 and, according to the managers of the firm of jewelers, would have sold for \$175,000 if the color had been perfect and the shape, which was slightly square, round.

The Chinese are the great diamond buyers in Shanghai. The Chinese women are mad about wonderful jewels and wear large diamonds in rings, bracelets, hair ornaments and in dancing earrings. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are invested by the Chinese in diamonds every year, and the more expensive more nearly perfect in coloring and larger the stone the more certain the jewel is of immediate purchase.

Discovery Supplants Air Tanks for Altitude Fliers

Paris, Dec. 24.—Flight to rarified altitudes and even to the moon is now possible for human beings without being equipped with special breathing tanks, through a discovery by Dr. Bayeux, which has been communicated to the Pasteur institute. An injection of oxygen replaces the artificial respiratory tanks hitherto in use.

Dr. Bayeux has proved the feasibility of his discovery by its use in the Alps, where he ascended 18,000 feet without the slightest difficulty.

TWENTY-FOUR LESSONS IN PIANO PLAYING---SEVENTH LESSON: A MAJOR

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Lesson No. 7

In this, the seventh lesson of the series of home illustrated lessons for the piano or organ, the chord is given for the key of A, which is the relative key of F sharp minor. It should be learned from the chart and then songs or

solos on other musical instruments may be accompanied on the piano or organ without any further musical education.

The method of using this chart is extremely simple and presupposes no previous knowledge on the part of the pupil. When the 24 lessons are complete, if you follow them all, you will be able to play the chords of every key with music and will have acquired a sound basis on which to build up a musical education.

INSTRUCTION—Place the chart upon the

keyboard of piano or organ so that the small white letter D with a dash above it, at the bottom of the chart, is directly over the key D of the keyboard. The white and black spaces will then correspond to the white and black keys of the instrument. Each of the three horizontal series of letters represents a chord. Beginning with the upper row, play the white letter with the left hand and play the three black letters with the right hand, making the first chord. Then, in the same way play the notes indicated

in the second horizontal series, then those in the third and back to the first, forming a complete set of chords in A Major.

The first things necessary to become a good player are patience and practice. During the time before the next lesson, the chord shown should be played over and over again until you memorize it and can play it without the chart. Memorize the letters also. You will find that before long you will be able to play simple accompaniments in this key to any melodies you

or your friends may sing. If you wish to go further in studying, learn the fingering of the scales shown on the staff in each chart, upper notes played with right hand, lower with left hand. Every triad in black letter is marked 1, 2, 3. Always read it so, no matter in what vertical order the notes may be written. Note that the small letter D with a dash above it must not be played. NEXT LESSON—F Sharp Minor, the relative of the key of A Major.



Key of A, Three Sharps, every F C & G made Sharp.

A grid diagram for piano chords in the key of A major. The grid has three rows and seven columns. The first row contains the letters A, E, A, C#. The second row contains D, F#, A, D. The third row contains E, G#, B. The letters are placed in white squares, and the corresponding black keys are shaded black.

Strongest Drama in Business and Industry

Biggest Human Stories Found in Struggle Between Capital and Labor, Says Former Governor of Tennessee, Now on Railroad Labor Board.

By EARL L. SHAUB.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—What is the greatest drama in the world?

In the opinion of Ben W. Hooper, vice chairman of the Railroad Labor board, the big human interest stories of modern life are being enacted in business and industry. "It is in this field," he told me, "that we witness the titanic conflict of immeasurable social forces and see the heroic struggles of real men and women."

This former governor of Tennessee then related how he has been gripped by the activity and intensity of the labor situation since he became a member of the federal board less than a year ago.

"I shall never forget the gripping interest of the board's proceedings the first time I participated in its sessions," he said. "Coming from a mountain section of the south, I had not been in intimate contact with the problem of capital and labor. As governor of Tennessee I had dealt with it in a legislative way, but was never before afforded a 'close-up' of the naked situation."

"No scene is more dramatic than a labor hearing. On one side of the room sit presidents, managers, council and statisticians of great rail-

roads. On the other are the officials and experts of the unions. A stranger could not distinguish between the two groups, both being able, alert and efficient bodies of men.

Problem Affects All

"At such a meeting we have focused the paramount labor problem of the nation, a problem that touches every man, woman and child in the country. "It represents the government's experiment, designed to ascertain whether the circumstances between the carriers and employes should be adjusted by the orderly process of a judicial tribunal, or whether the people should continue to suffer the loss, inconvenience and misery incident to labor disturbances."

"As little as men think of it, the ultimate success or failure of our free institutions is wrapped up in this question. On the one hand lies the hope of continued progress and prosperity that have always come out of the individual efforts of men in a land of open opportunity. On the other hand lies the possibility of industrial demoralization and the gradual descent into the bedlam of bolshevism."

"What is more dramatic than that?" Mr. Hooper, who is considered

President Harding's spokesman on the board, then corrected a popular misconception regarding the working of the board, which is divided into three groups, one representing the railroads, one representing the unions and one the public.

"It is commonly believed," he said, "that the railroad group always votes favorably to the roads and the labor group in the interest of the employes. This is not correct. It happens almost every day that one or more members of the railroad group votes favorably to the employes and that representatives of the labor group vote in favor of the contention of the carriers."

All Part of Public

"This is as it should be, for these men recognize that they are not on the board as advocates of the respective disputants, but that they also, in a high sense, represent the general public.

"After all, the railroad owners and the employes are merely segments of the public."

He also commented on the lack of uniformity of plans and ideas among the carriers.

"This particularly interested me in our work on the shop craft rules," he went on. "On practically all rules of general nature there were wide divergencies of opinion and proposal among the roads. One carrier would agree to a rule in a certain form and another would stoutly oppose it in that form."

"This, I think, was creditable to the men representing the roads. It showed they were not committed to a hard and fast program of irreducible demands."

"It was really a matter of psychology. The representatives of one road, as it happened, were somewhat liberal in their views, and those of another road a little more exacting."

Sleek, Black Leopard Vampire Steals Love of Spotted Denizen of Chicago Zoo

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The furry inhabitants of the Lincoln park zoo here are enjoying a most choice morsel of gossip. The home of one of the best cat families is disrupted, and all brought about by the wiles and charms of a vampire of the jungles.

For months Pete, big spotted leopard, had lived with his mate, Nellie, and happiness reigned supreme in their little home. Pete never tired of washing the face of his beloved mate, and Nellie was no less affectionate.

Then along came Theda, the vampire. Theda, a glossy-skinned black leopard, was given an "apartment" next to that occupied by Nellie and Pete.

Theda promenaded before Pete, purring, slinking and neglecting not one of her feminine wiles. And Pete fell hard. No longer did he take

pleasure in washing the face of his spotted mate. The neglected Nellie languished in her corner of the little home, but Pete had no thought for her grief.

Soon the caretaker noticed the developing romance and after some time had passed, and Pete's love for Theda continued to grow, it was decided to give Theda a home in the Pete-Nellie domicile. Nellie liked this arrangement not a little, and Nellie resigned herself to her fate and gave Pete up.

The caretakers are now looking for a new home for Nellie, while Pete and Theda are caring one another as only leopard lovers can.

Panic Looms in Chinese Finances

Shanghai, China, Dec. 24.—Leading Chinese bankers and business men of this city feel that the failure of the Chinese government to sign the new loan agreement with the American consortium group covering the two wine and tobacco loans amounts to a repudiation of three Chinese bond issues now largely held in America and a complete sacrifice of credit there.

Pekin's financial muddle is the chief topic of conversation among the foreigners and the Chinese. The only explanation is that the Peking government is desperate and, hoping to prolong its existence, is willing to sacrifice foreign credit in the expectation of securing other loans, either native or Japanese, to cover the American loans and still leave a surplus.

The effect on Chinese bankers is very bad, since they fear that this revelation of the government's disregard of its obligations will prompt a local panic.

Women's Deans Has Rigid Propriety Code

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—When are the morals and ideals of co-eds above reproach?

When they do not kiss promiscuously, do not dress immodestly, do not dance improperly, do not smoke, do not go to "petting parties," do not drink, nor consciously lie or cheat, do nothing they would be ashamed to tell their families and do not break the rules of any institution. She believes a girl undermines her womanliness if she does any of the above mentioned things. "In so doing is the girl not forfeiting the esteem of friends whose ideals are high that she may gain in the field where lower ideals prevail?" Dean Conrad asked.

"The question, then, resolves itself into the individual's problem, and, if the girl considers, admiration won by doing these things worth admiration lost by so doing, it becomes the girl's own problem."

Burgess-Nash Co. wish you and yours A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Includes an illustration of a woman in a dress and a man in a suit.

Filmland Folk Frolic in Fun for Their Xmas



Santa Claus, and is saying "Merry Christmas" to her little crippled friends with gifts. Betty Compton generally plays Santa Claus herself to poor kiddies on this day. She uses her purring limousine to distribute goodies in the slum districts about movieland. According to the lower picture, Dorothy Phillips still believes in Santa Claus as she is seen praying to him for some pretty presents.

Reports from the land of paint and cinema art state that 4-year-old Richard Headrick has had both of his stockings hung up before the chimney since Thanksgiving. Lionel Belmore will spend today at the home of his director, R. A. Walsh, further information from Santa Claus reads.

Thomas Ince, noted director whose latest production, "Hail the Woman," promises to be the screen sensation of the season, will lead his players in Christmas carols at evening service, 'tis said.

Herbert Rawlinson's goin' to depart somewhat from the regular Christmas spirit and take a snappy swim in his pool, he said. His will be an athletic Christmas. It remained for T. Roy Barnes, that gloom chaser, to concoct a kid's game of having some of the movie folk hang up their socks. Only Lila Lee and Walter Hiers followed suit, a wire from filmland states.

Agnes Ayres fainted three times, Dame Rumor reports, while reading her list of Christmas obligations. It was longer than a democratic ballot, according to a picture of the star going through the list.

Doris May spent three days looking for Christmas presents for her husband, Wallace McDonald. She bought him a checkered tie that he may wear—if he's inebriated—to a race between Chaplin and a cop, a press report states.

Without snow or a biting atmosphere that generally presages the advent of Santa Claus, movie folk in California are having a Christmas all their own today. Instead of cladding themselves in

Essex Announces Lower Prices

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