

### GAVE HER DADDY AWAY.

Little One's Innocent Remark That Left the Deacon Gasping.

Every Sunday some one threw a button into the contribution box of the little church. The annoyed pastor confided to his wife that he suspected the button thrower to be stingy old Deacon G., who had so strongly opposed his "call" to the pastorate, but that he dare not accuse him of it for lack of evidence.

At a church "sociable" that week some one suggested the playing of games. Deacon G. had just partaken of oyster soup at some one else's expense and felt warmed and expansive. "Why not play 'Button, button—who's got the button?' he inquired of waiting children.

"Oh, yes!" exclaimed his youngest daughter with enthusiasm. "And you lend us the button, papa!" Then she drew back, timidly. "Unless you want to save it for next Sunday's contribution," she added, considerably.

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### Sorry He Spoke.

"My dear," said a thin little man to his wife, "this paper says that there is a woman who goes out and chops wood with her husband." "Well, what of it? I think she could easily do it if he is as thin as you are. I have often thought of using you to peel potatoes with."—Stray Stories.

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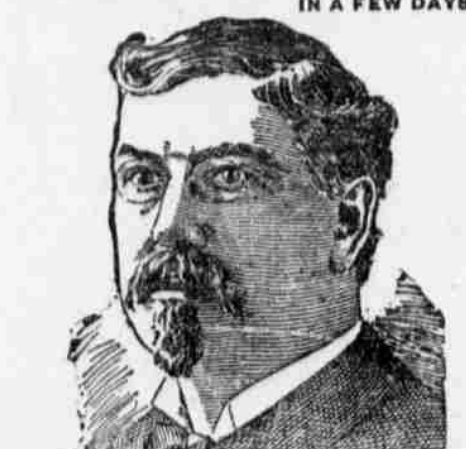
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## Gossip of Washington

What Is Going On at the National Capital.

### Clerk Weds Prince in Travel Romance



WASHINGTON.—From government clerk to princess is the change made by Miss Georgie Jeffrey, formerly a clerk in the office of the auditor of the post office department.

She is now the wife of Prince Alfred Ahrnheim-Gagarin, adjutant to his imperial majesty, the czar. The wedding took place in Canton, China. The prince and princess are now travelling in the far east, but will ultimately go to St. Petersburg, where they will make their home.

The romance which culminated in the marriage of the American girl and the Russian nobleman had its inception on an ocean steamer bound for the far east. Miss Jeffrey, who was regarded as one of the best clerks in the post office department, was transferred at her own request from that department to the Philippine service.

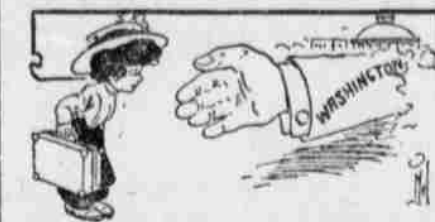
She left Washington early in October.

ber bound for Manila, but stopped in Denver to visit friends before leaving the country. While visiting in Denver she became acquainted with friends of her hostess who were also bound for the east and who had taken passage on the steamer which was to carry her to Manila. Miss Jeffrey learned that they were to make several side trips and so she obtained an extension of leave from the Philippines and decided to join the party of tourists.

Whether the prince was a member of this party or whether Miss Jeffrey met him after the ship passed through the Golden Gate has not been made known. At any rate, he was a passenger on the steamer, and the acquaintance which formed then resulted in a pretty little love affair. The prince continued with the party through their travels in China and Japan, and the love story progressed in the most satisfactory way.

While in Hong Chow the party went for an outing. The funny little native rig in which Miss Jeffrey was riding coiled with the carriage. Miss Jeffrey was thrown to the ground and injured painfully, but not seriously. It was not long after this that the marriage took place.

### Capital Is Cordial to Little Countess



THE Countess Luise Alexandra von Bernstorff, only daughter of the German ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff, has found the national capital of her mother's native land much to her liking. Ever since the arrival in Washington of the kaiser's new representative and his family, they have been entertained constantly. To all affairs given for the younger set the "little countess," as she is frequently called, has been invited.

Countess Alexandra was born and educated abroad, and is making her first visit to this country. She speaks the language with only a slight accent, for her mother, who has lived in foreign countries ever since she was 15 years old, has never dropped the English tongue, but has spoken it to her daughter and son, the latter now a student in Germany.

A year ago the daughter of the von

Bernstorffs made her debut in society at Cairo, Egypt, where her father was his country's representative up to a few months ago. She feels as if she were making a second debut since coming to Washington, for she has taken part in all the affairs given for Miss Ethel Roosevelt, as well as in many of the official functions.

Since the dismantling of the German embassy by the Baroness von Sternburg, who recently sailed for Europe with her mother to spend the rest of the winter on the Riviera, the house has been placed in the hands of decorators and furnishers, and the ambassador and his family have been obliged to live at one of the hotels. The embassy is expected to be ready for occupancy in April.

The Countess von Bernstorff and her daughter wish to know all about the city in which they live, and they are seen frequently on pleasant mornings, guidebook in hand, learning about historic houses and places. They have strayed already outside the foreign and official circles to meet people of interest, and it is confidently expected that the German embassy will be thoroughly cosmopolitan and democratic during the present incumbent's regime.

### House Committee Clerk Courts in Demand



THERE is no abler servant of the United States in the capitol building than James C. Courts, the diminutive clerk of the house committee on appropriations. Without him the great committee would be often at sea.

It would be almost an utter impossibility for Chairman Tawney or any other head of that great committee to carry in his mind the vast details of the appropriation bills which it brings into the house, carrying amounts varying from a few to more than \$100,000,000. Some member of the house wants to know about some item in every bill and frequently the whole house wants to know about a good many of them. Chairman Tawney can answer offhand as many questions as any other chairman who ever stood in his shoes, but it is Courts who, when he sits down, is almost hidden by the desk in front of him, but is the ready prompter when the chairman's memory fails. Between Tawney and Courts practically no time of the house is wasted in getting necessary information for all comers.

When congress recently voted \$800,000 for the relief of the Italian earthquake victims, an unusual scene was enacted in the house. A misunderstanding had arisen between the president and congress as to the amount of the relief and the bill prepared by the house committee on appropriations did not fit with the president's message by \$300,000. Courts was summoned by a general alarm and responded readily, pen in hand. A conference was held at the speaker's table lasting about two minutes, and those two minutes brought \$300,000 more relief to the sufferers of Italy. Courts and his pen fixed the bill and Courts later rushed the bill to the engraving committee and had it in the senate in record time.

When congratulated by members and civilians alike later, Courts merely smiled. When, however, some one ventured to suggest that it was an inspiring sight to see congress act so generously and so quickly, Courts replied: "I once knew a congressman who made a speech in Faneuil hall, Boston, and bragged about the passage of a pension bill carrying over \$100,000,000 in forty minutes. Finally he swelled up in his patriotism and exclaimed: 'Can you beat that?' somebody in the back row replied: 'Lord, I hope not.' There is such a thing as being too quick on the trigger."

### Secretary Satterlee's Zest for Duty



HERBERT LIVINGSTON SATTERLEE, son of the late Bishop Satterlee and son-in-law of J. Pierpont Morgan, recently appointed to succeed T. H. Newberry as assistant secretary of the navy, was one of the board of visitors at the Naval academy last June and entered into his duties with a zest and interest that was particularly pleasing to the academy staff. He insisted upon seeing everything there was to be seen, ate in the mess hall, went out in the launches and watched the drills. At last he decided that he must sleep in a midshipman's bed; so he was assigned to a room on one of the decks.

Now at the very time the board of visitors was at the academy the West Point-Annapolis baseball game was on and the West Point team were to be given a rousing send-off when they took their departure, which was fixed

for very early in the morning of the night that Mr. Satterlee played at being a midshipman and slept in Bancroft, or "Bankrupt," hall as the midshipmen facetiously call it, as the midshipmen called it. "All out" was cried promptly and those who did not turn out quickly enough to suit the midship officers were unceremoniously dumped out on the floor, mattress and all. The officer of one of the decks rushing hurriedly around at the last moment to see that all had obeyed his summons came to a room whose occupant had not stirred, but with his head buried in the pillow was soundly sleeping. "Here, you, get up," called out Mr. Midshipman, and meeting with no response, said, "Oh, you won't, won't you?" With that he rushed toward the bed and taking hold of the mattress was about to jerk it down on the floor, when a sleepy voice said, "What's the matter?" and a sleepy face, wearing a full beard, emerged from the bed clothes. It was Mr. Satterlee of the honorable board of visitors who had been so unceremoniously aroused, and when this fact dawned upon the brain of the enterprising midshipman he beat a hasty retreat.

### WESTERN CANADA'S SPLENDID CROP YIELD FOR 1908.

AMERICANS PROFITED LARGELY AND SEND BACK SATISFACTORY REPORTS.

The census branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada, has completed its returns of the showing of Western Canada's grain yield for 1908, and the reports make very interesting reading. In the three provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, which comprise what may be known as Central Canada, there was a total wheat yield of about 107,000,000 bushels, worth to the farmer about \$85,000,000; in addition to this the oat, barley and flax crops were worth another \$35,000,000. Letters have been received from many of the settlers from the United States. From these, that of Rev. Oscar L. King has been selected. He lives in the vicinity of Edmonton, Alberta, and what he says will be of interest to those who contemplate moving to Central Canada. Every line of the letter is interesting. Those who wish for the particulars as to how to secure homesteads and pre-emptions should write any Canadian Government agent. Mr. King says:

"Mr. M. V. McInnes, Detroit, Michigan: I am well satisfied with Alberta. This country offers excellent opportunities for anyone to make a good home for himself and family if he is willing to put up with a few hard knocks for the first two or three years. But it is worth a few hard knocks to get a 160-acre farm of rich, productive land with no mortgage on it. This province is well fitted for grains, stock raising and dairying. We have found the climate generally healthful, more healthful than Michigan, and although the thermometer sometimes drops to 40 degrees below zero in winter, yet we do not seem to feel that temperature any more than we did 5 or 10 degrees below zero in Michigan. We like the winters.

"The Government takes great interest in the education of the people and quickly aids the settlers in establishing schools where they are called for. The schools, though graded differently than those in the States, are efficient and advancing. Our great drawback has been the limited and inadequate railway facilities, but new roads are being rapidly built and many more are projected through various parts of the province. The new policy of the Alberta government to construct a great many branch lines throughout the province will greatly help all parts of the country. If those new settlers who have to go back a considerable distance from existing railroads and towns to find free homesteads will but locate along the line of a protected railroad they will in two or three years be near both town and railroad. When I first came to this country three and a half years ago the homestead I took was 75 miles from a railroad town; now there is a railroad 25 miles north, another 25 miles south, and a third is being built through my neighborhood.

"I think the prairie country or country that is partly prairie offers much better opportunities than the hilly portions."

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