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John F. Stevens

Now the Chief Engineer of Panama Canal
Closed a Saloon—President Amador.
Mrs. Herbert D. Squiers—Wedding of Rosemary Sartoris.



WHEN President Roosevelt was starting on his trip to Panama he said to the correspondents who came to see him off: "Goodby. I am going down to see how the ditch is getting dug." The man who is digging "the ditch," Chief Engineer John F. Stevens, is an important personage at Panama during presidential visits or at any other time. He can wield a big stick as effectively as even the president himself, as he has shown upon numerous occasions. He does not stand for red tape when there is something that needs to be done on the spot. This was illustrated about eighteen years ago, when Stevens had charge as an engineer of a railroad construction gang in the west. The work progressed satisfactorily until a fellow possessed of more enterprise than principle appeared upon the scene to profit by trading upon the wiles of the laborers. He erected a rude shack and stocked it with vile whisky. The men, having no other place in which to amuse themselves or spend their money, patronized the saloon so freely that the gang soon became demoralized.

The saloon was not located on railroad land, so Stevens had no legal authority to rid himself of it, and expostulation with the proprietor, who was coming money faster than a government mint, was of no avail. Finally Engineer Stevens made a personal visit to the saloon and engaged in conversation with the proprietor. "When are you going to leave here?" demanded the railroad official. "When I get good and ready," was the surly response of the saloonist. "I am going now," laconically retorted Stevens, and so saying he drew from his pocket a mammoth dynamite cartridge, scratched a match on his corduroy trousers, ignited the fuse, threw the missile of destruction behind the bar and ran. The saloon keeper decided that he was quite ready to go also and didn't argue the proposition. In thirty seconds the shack was blown from the face of the earth, and business was not resumed at the old stand.

Dr. Manuel Amador, president of the republic of Panama, the host of President Roosevelt during his stay in the borders of that country, is the leader of the medical profession in Panama, as well as head of the republic. He is seventy-two years of age and was born in Cartagena, Colombia. He will be known as the only president of Panama not a native of the republic, as the constitution provides that his successors must have been born on Panama soil. Though he first saw the light outside Panama, he has lived in the country of which he is now president since 1890. He was often urged to accept office, but never held one before, although in 1893 he was elected to the presidency of what was then the state of Panama. He never took office, as a revolution came along and prevented him from doing so. He is a Liberal and, although a member of the Roman Catholic church, believes in separation of church and state. This is a leading issue on the isthmus. He is a man of learning, and the Panamanians know that he took many risks in connection with the revolution which resulted in the separation of Panama from Colombia. When fellow revolutionists deserted him, the decision and courage he displayed achieved the success of the movement for independence.

Years ago, when Panama was a part of Colombia and Dr. Amador had been active in opposing Conservatives, he was warned of a conspiracy against his life. As the story goes, he escaped his enemies by having himself packed in a lard barrel and shipped across the isthmus.

The president's visit to the isthmus calls attention to the fact that the republic of Panama, though small geographically, occupies a position of importance among the other republics of the American continent on account of the great commercial highway of the future on which it is located. The post of United States minister to this republic is one of more responsibility, therefore, than might at first appear, and its duties are especially delicate in view of the unusual relations between Panama and the United States and the virtual proprietorship by Uncle Sam of the strip known as the canal zone.

Herbert D. Squiers, formerly minister to Cuba, was not long ago appointed to the position of minister to Panama. In the diplomatic

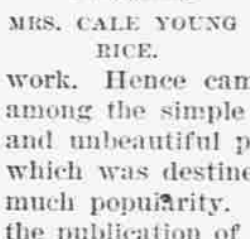
service, and especially in countries like Panama, where Spanish traditions prevail, the social duties of the minister are among the most important he has to discharge, and to assist him in these he needs a clever wife. Mr. Squiers' first wife was Helen L. Fargo, daughter of the late William G. Fargo of Buffalo, founder with Henry Wells of the Wells Fargo Express company. She died in 1886, and in 1889 he married Harriet Bard Woodcock, who while he was secretary of the United States legation at Peking helped him to attain an exceptional reputation for hospitality. All through the siege of Peking during the Boxer insurrection she was noted for her courage. She fed the sick and hungry and wounded under shot and shell and was called the heroine of the siege. In Cuba she was active in philanthropic work and organized a branch of the Humane society.

A marriage in which interest was taken not only all over the United States, but all over the world, was that of Miss Rosemary Sartoris to George H. Woolston. The happy bride is a daughter of Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris and a granddaughter of General Ulysses S. Grant. Her sister Vivian married Frederick Roosevelt Scovel, a cousin of President Roosevelt. Mrs. Woolston made her debut in Washington society about eight years ago. She was at one time reported engaged to the son of a noted Confederate officer. She is a blond, is an accomplished musician and received her education mostly abroad. Since her father's death she has resided partly in Washington and partly at Coburg, Ont., with her mother, who is still remembered as the life of the White House in the days of President Grant's first administration.



MRS. GEORGE H. WOOLSTON.

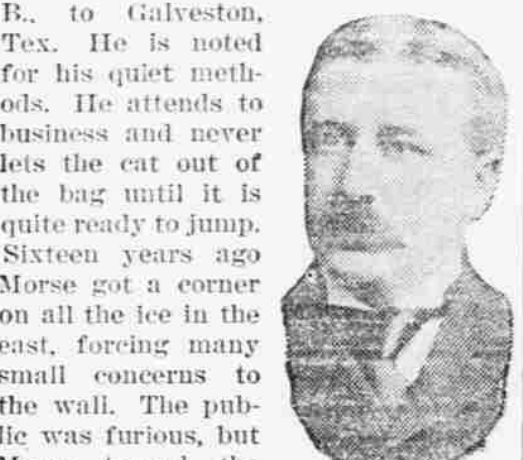
It is unusual for an author to be successful in business, especially a woman author, but the clever young woman who wrote "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" is an exception. It is five years since that popular story saw the light. She was then Miss Alice Caldwell Hegan, daughter of a leading Louisville family accustomed to keep "open house" on the traditionally hospitable Kentucky plan. Her social duties left her comparatively little time for books or for indulging her aspirations for authorship, but she was considered one of the brightest members of a certain literary club in Louisville, and her amateur efforts led to more serious work. Hence came the study of life among the simple folks of the forlorn and unbeautiful part of her own city which was destined to win for her so much popularity. It was a year after the publication of this story and when she was about thirty-two years of age that she married Cale Young Rice, also an author, chiefly a writer of plays and poems. "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" brought in a good many dollars. Some of them went into a lead mining venture in Illinois. Mrs. Rice recently disposed of part of her interest for \$150,000 and with other members of her family still owns a large part of the capital stock of the new company formed to develop the property.



MRS. CALE YOUNG RICE.

Charles W. Morse, once the ice king, now the steamship king, is a financier who is always surprising the public. His recent acquisition of the Clyde line of steamers, including eight ships, at a price said to be \$3,000,000, makes him master of the coastwise steamship business on the Atlantic seaboard. Mr. Morse now controls nearly every line of coasting steamers from St. John, N. B., to Galveston, Tex. He is noted for his quiet methods. He attends to business and never lets the cat out of the bag until it is quite ready to jump. Sixteen years ago Morse got a corner on all the ice in the east, forcing many small concerns to the wall. The public was furious, but Morse turned the sentiment in his favor by putting the price of ice below the former figure. He sold every pound he had. In 1897 he formed the ice trust.

Mr. Morse left Bath, Me., his early home, twenty-five years ago and went into business in New York. He was then twenty-five years old. He made \$500,000 the first year in a speculation in southern pine lands. He is heavily interested now in the banking business, controlling about \$120,000,000 capital. Perhaps this financier is most familiar to the public through his connection with the famous Morse-Dodge divorce entanglement. The now celebrated conspiracy to break the marriage of Mr. Morse and his wife, who was Mrs. Dodge, failed in its object, and one of the parties to it, the New York lawyer, Abraham Hummel, was convicted of a felony for his share in the work.



CHARLES W. MORSE.

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W. J. Stilgebauer has purchased his brother's share in the butcher shop.

Dr. W. A. De May is entertaining his brother and wife from Jackson, Mich.

The receipts at the oyster supper by the Ladies' Aid society, Saturday night, were about \$83.

John Ruby and Miss Gilbert were married at the bride's home in Kansas, Kansas last Saturday. Miss Zimmer is singing in a meeting being held at that place by Rev. John Wintjen, formerly of this place. They returned home, Sunday.

The Christmas exercises at the Methodist church will be held on Saturday evening. Those at the Congregational church and the hall will occur on Monday evening next.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Zimmer came over to Danbury from Kanona, Kansas last Saturday. Miss Zimmer is singing in a meeting being held at that place by Rev. John Wintjen, formerly of this place. They returned home, Sunday.

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