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We have selected these silks as carefully as a jeweler chooses diamonds, in order to get the color right, the finish right and the quality right. They come in all the pretty shades of navy, maroon and the new Alice blue with dots and figures of white, the new shade of rosea green, castor and tan with here and there a tiny fleck or polka dot of white scattered over the surface.

Dressy Material for Summer Coats. What shall it be—peau de soie, taffeta,

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report that the admiral suffers from a nervous breakdown. No official confirmation of the report that Rojestsvenky has requested to be relieved from duty is obtainable at the Admiralty. Nevertheless, the admiral's health has been the cause of considerable anxiety here.

Fourth Naval Division Under Orders. ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—It is announced from Constantinople that Vice Admiral Birtle, commander-in-chief at the Baltic ports, has ordered the commanders in the fourth division of the Russian fleet to prepare to leave for the far east by June 14, without fail.

British and French Ships Sighted. TOKIO, May 17.—The British steamer Lileford was seized by a Japanese warship May 15 south of Korea. The French steamer Laing Nam was captured by a warship of Japan on the same date near the Pescadore islands, Straits of Formosa. The cargoes of the two vessels are not announced.

Beaufort on French Neutralty. QUEENSTOWN, May 17.—Vice Admiral Charles Beaufort, commanding the Channel fleet, in an interview here yesterday on the arrival of the White Star line steamer Oceanic from New York, May 16, said he felt France had taken a position there should be no breach of neutrality in the far east with its consent. Possibly, he said, the Russians like others might use French waters to repair accidents and remain there until turned out.

Massachusetts Congregationalists. LOWELL, Mass., May 17.—A resolution, bearing on the discussion of the acceptance of a gift from John D. Rockefeller by the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions was adopted today by the general assembly of Congregational churches in Massachusetts, which is in session here. A spirited discussion preceded the adoption of the resolution, which is as follows:

Resolved, That our Congregational churches and their members in their dealings with persons whose character and business methods are in serious question

speaker's stand to the vestibule of the Baptist church, where the convention is being held, and cushions from the pews had been hastily prepared to make a resting place for the stricken divine. Dr. Cushing did not regain consciousness.

United Brethren Elect Bishops. NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE DR. WENCKLEY, Bell and Carter. TOPEKA, Kan., May 17.—The United Brethren general conference this afternoon elected a board of five bishops. The old members re-elected were Dr. G. M. Matthews of Chicago and J. S. Mills of Annapolis, Pa. The new bishops are Dr. William Wesley and Dr. William Bell of Dayton, Ohio, and Dr. T. C. Carter of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Southern Presbyterians Meet. FORT WORTH, Tex., May 17.—About 150 commissioners have arrived in this city as delegates to the Presbyterian general assembly, south, which convenes here tomorrow. The conference members of the south insisted on having another bishop. The work of the church in the south, they said, was in its formative period and another bishop was a necessity. The council of the south prevailed and Dr. Carter was chosen.

Commodity Rate Case Postponed. TOPEKA, Kan., May 17.—The railroad case secured a postponement until June 1 by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Commission. The Missouri Pacific and Santa Fe roads were represented. The railroad would abolish the rate Missouri river lobby object.

"A SECRET." One great secret of youth and beauty for the young woman or the mother is the proper understanding of her own system and well-being. Every woman, young or old, should know herself and her physical make-up.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is just the vegetable tonic for the female system. I cannot express my thanks for the benefit I have received from Dr. Pierce's medicine. Mrs. Julia Wehler, of Cambridge, D. C. writes: "I took 'Favorite Prescription' and feel that a perfect cure has been effected. I feel like thanking you for the kind and fatherly letters which you write."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription was the first exclusively woman's tonic on the market. It has sold more largely in the past third of a century than any other medicine for women. Do not get the drug peddler's version of some compound that has not had the test of so many years' success.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets should be used as a laxative is required.

ALCOE FACES JUDGE BERKA

Man Branded as Blackmailer on Trial in Police Court. SEARCHLIGHT TURNED ON HIS PERFDITY

E. Rosewater and Chief Donahue Tell of His Bold Crime—When Caught Asks to Be Killed.

(Continued from First Page.) to the woman closing the blinds, and these had been left partially open.

Enter Morris, "husband." Suddenly, without a touch on the door-knob, or any effort to walk into the room, there came a knock at the door.

Without making any sort of inquiry the woman said, "That's Morris, my husband," whom she had said shortly before was in Lincoln looking for work.

Mr. Rosewater said, in testifying of his phase of the drama: "I had heard him mention her husband; in fact, she had him with her once when she called at The Bee building. I had never met him and thought nothing of it particularly that he should come to the room at that time. The new-comer, however, was a stranger to me, and I was in here in my wife's room with the door closed and the blinds drawn. Who are you, any way?"

"I told him who I was and the errand that brought me to the hotel. He blustered at me and I asked him to pack her duds and get out, but at once changed his mind and said I would have to settle. When I asked what I would have to settle for, he blustered again with indefinite threats of what he would do."

"He is a young and strong man, and as he placed his back against the door and refused to let me out I realized that something would have to be done."

The witness then told how, under the threats of Alcoe and to prevent a scandal which would, he believed, be circulated by his enemies he had gone and got \$250, which he had given to Alcoe. Witness did not spare himself for the temporary weakness which led him to make this concession and while he was recounting the incident to the jury, he made a bank and the paying over of the money there was a breathless hush in the court room.

Blackmailer Comes Back. That same afternoon Alcoe impudently walked into Mr. Rosewater's office in The Bee building and said he wanted more money. The witness said that Alcoe had then evidently given him an appetite for more. Mr. Rosewater stood him off, as he said on the witness stand, "until I could arrange to trap him." Alcoe persisted in chasing his victim for more coin and went again and again to Mr. Rosewater's office, straightening out a story of their negotiations the man had gained the settled belief that rather than face the nastiness of publicity in this perfidious bad badge game Mr. Rosewater would give him all he might ask.

Finally he went to the Bee office at the right moment, after dodging several appointments by anywhere from a half to an hour. It seemed queer to the listeners that, as Mr. Rosewater told the incidents, Alcoe always timed his visits so that he found the witness alone at his desk.

He would talk to him, and he would talk to him for several days, until the 28th day of April, when the blackmailer bullied his way in with the assertion that he must have what he called "the balance of that money right away, or I will end it right here."

Just then Chief of Police Donahue, who was concealed behind a screen in the room, appeared and took the desperado into custody. Even then it was hoped that the unknown man might be a man of some means and would be able to let go and professed about his alleged legitimate business if he was not prosecuted. Whoever his skilled outside advisers were, however, they evidently keyed him up so through his speech that he did not break down and his wife's honor, the hurt to which, he asserted, only money could heal.

Dana Tries to Distort Facts. On cross-examination Alcoe's attorney sought to give out the impression that the witness had made some payments of money. This was denied point blank, and was not pushed any farther. Likewise the witness denied ever having given the woman any money, except \$1 he had loaned her when she appealed to him that she needed it for a pair of overhaes.

Getting to the scene in the room at the hotel, the attorney tried to frame questions that would draw from the witness some incriminating admissions. He was answered quietly and with emphasis that there had never been any improper relations between the witness and Mrs. Alcoe at any time or any place. He had never known or seen her except in the way of the ostensible business deal she had indulged in for a month or more.

The court room was crowded with interested citizens and with rare exceptions at the close of the morning session these expressed themselves very freely as seeing through the whole long-drawn-out scheme.

GREAT CHANGE From Change in Food. The brain depends much more on the stomach than we are apt to suppose and we take thought in the matter. Feed the stomach on proper food easy to digest and containing the proper amount of phosphates and the healthy brain will respond to all demands. A notable housewife in Buffalo writes:

"The doctor diagnosed my trouble as a 'nervous affection of the stomach.' I was actually so nervous that I could not sit still for five minutes to read the newspaper, and to attend to my household duties was simply impossible. I doctored all the time with remedies, but medicine did me no good."

"My physician put me on all sorts of diet and I tried many kinds of cereal food, but none agreed with me. I was almost discouraged, and when I tried Grape-Nuts I did so with many intangings—I had no faith that it would succeed where everything else had failed."

"But it did succeed, and you don't know how glad I am. I tried it, I feel like a new person. I have gained in weight and I don't have that terrible burning sensation in my stomach any more. I feel so strong again that I am surprised at myself. The doctor advised me to try Grape-Nuts, and I never notice now, and my mind is so clear that my household duties are a real pleasure."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Now by this great change made in this woman? The stomach and the brain had not been supplied with the right kind of food to rebuild and strengthen the nerve centers in these organs. It is absolutely folly to try to do this with medicine. There is but one sure way and that is to quit the old food that has failed and take on Grape-Nuts food, which is more than just digested in the process of manufacture and is rich in the phosphate of potash contained in the natural grain, which unites with albumen and water—the only three substances that will make up the soft gray filling in the thousands of delicate nerve centers of the brain and body. Grape-Nuts food is a sure road back to health in all such cases.

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"Why is there no magazine in English that publishes the great foreign stories we hear about so often?" There is no doubt about the demand for such a periodical.

The best English and American fiction is divided among so many magazines that there's not enough to go around—the magazine that publishes six really great stories in a year does not exist.

But a magazine that draws on the whole of the world's literature could easily give its readers a dozen great stories each month, and still not exhaust the rich treasures that are hidden from the average English-speaking reader—stories filled with the life and brilliancy of France; with the psychological insight of Germany; with the realism of Russia; with the pathos and aspiration of the North; and with the romance and glamour of Italy and Spain.

Would not such a magazine appeal to you? (To be continued tomorrow.)

to entangle a man whose standing, age and reputation were such that it was considered absolutely impossible he would put up a fight that would draw him into court in an effort to send the unknown bandit to the penitentiary, especially since he had the full, open, then possibly to uncover and bring to justice the criminals behind the scenes.

Alcoe Falls to Score. At the afternoon session cross-examination of Mr. Rosewater was continued for an hour. It did not develop anything to the advantage of Alcoe. All of his efforts were directed to meeting Mr. Rosewater's questions and to making any one present when he went hunting for easy money. A long series of questions were asked by Alcoe's attorney, going over earlier testimony. They developed nothing.

Except that Alcoe, in his intimidating intonations at the hotel and elsewhere, had refused to give specific in his charges of alleged injuries sustained at the hands of Mr. Rosewater. The iteration and reiteration of the questions at this time would never be permitted in district court.

During the testimony the clerk of Alcoe's aggravating visits came on April 28. On that day he went to the editor's office in a truculent humor. Mr. Rosewater called his manner strenuous, but the full realization of the practical campaign, which he sought to bring to a successful close on that day, came to all present when Chief Donahue took the stand later.

In spite of the avalanche of pointless queries, coupled with innuendoes hurled at him, the witness answered with admirable courtesy and unwavering patience. At times Mr. Rosewater did not even give the county attorney or Mr. Connell a chance to object, but gave to his legal and personal opponent all the information he sought to bring to a successful close.

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The governor offers no direct recommendation bearing on the Fall River situation. Governor Douglas finds that it would require a margin of 7 1/2 to 10 cents between the price of cloth and its equivalent in unmanufactured cotton to pay the requested increase of 5 per cent in wages earned during the time which his investigation covered. This margin would allow a per cent for mill dividends and 5 per cent for annual depreciation.

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"He said more to the same effect, but after I talked to him a while he quieted down and showed me a service card from a railroad he had worked on. He denied that he was a high degree mason, but said he was broke and had no friends here, had become desperate and had to have money. He said he could now see where his actions were bringing him and offered to go to work for Mr. Rosewater, if he could use him, until he could pay back the amount he had got.

Rosewater Pities the Wretch. "Shortly after Alcoe had broken down Mr. Rosewater came over to my office and during the conversation Alcoe said he wanted to repay the money he had got from Mr. Rosewater at the bank. In answer to a question by me if he wanted Alcoe sent away from Omaha Mr. Rosewater said he did not; he had never driven any man away from Omaha, and did not intend to do so. I told him if he would feel safe with Alcoe in the city and he said he would if the young man would go to work and behave himself.

"If it had not been for Mr. Rosewater's request that I should be avoided for the sake of others than himself I should certainly have placed Alcoe under immediate arrest. It was a question for the exercise of a man's best judgment, in my view, and it was only after giving the matter serious consideration for several days that I swore to the complaint. I had also in the meantime learned other facts which clinched my decision."

Cross-examination brought from Chief Donahue the blunt statement that he found Mr. Rosewater frightened, worried and nervous at the time Alcoe came to the office. Alcoe had been conducting for blackmail money.

"I think it was more a dread of the possible scandal than personal fear," said the chief, "but he was intensely agitated and excited. The loss of the money did not seem to bother him, but he was in the constant harassing by threats of what Alcoe might do."

Has Attorney Beforehand. The chief also told how Alcoe had asked: "If I am arrested can I see my attorney?" He was told he could, Alcoe's counsel led to get Donahue to say "an attorney," but the chief said he had a distinct recollection of the words, "my attorney," being used. Alcoe evidently had a plan of defense mapped out in advance.

When he offered to pay the money back as soon as he could earn it, Mr. Rosewater went and wrote out a note for \$250, running one year without interest. He said he did not consider it any good, but the chief Alcoe said he would prove they were mistaken and would pay it.

"He took the note," said Chief Donahue, "looked it over, also the quitclaim receipt attached, in which he released any claim of any kind against Mr. Rosewater. 'Why, wouldn't I sign that,' he said, and went over to my desk and did sign it, and I witnessed it."

Alcoe confessed to Donahue, and to Rosewater and Connell afterward, that he had given part of the \$250 to his wife. With the rest he had paid some bills he owed around town. There are also some bills he did not pay.

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