

# APOPLEXY ENDS CAREER OF MRS. F. M. SMITH.

## GOES TO REST IN GENTLE SLEEP



### Her Charities Will Be a Lasting Monument.

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—In the midst of preparations to start for Egypt and the Mediterranean, Mrs. Mary R. Smith, founder and patron of a great philanthropy, a friend of the orphan and a leader in charitable work in California, the wife of Frank M. Smith, the borax king, died last night at Arbor Villa, the Smith residence, East Oakland, of a sudden attack of apoplexy.

Mrs. Smith was stricken yesterday afternoon. She complained of weariness and retired about 4 o'clock. Later she sank into a quiet slumber. Dr. Sarah I. Shuey and Dr. S. H. Buteau were called, but their services were unavailing. Mrs. Smith passed away quietly, as if in a peaceful sleep. At the bedside were the husband, Mrs. Roland Oliver and Mrs. Bernard P. Miller, wards of the Smiths; Miss Grace Sperry, a niece of Mr. Smith; Miss Evelyn Ellis, Mrs. Smith's private secretary; Miss Winifred Burdge, another ward of the family, arrived from San Francisco soon afterward.

Mrs. Smith was a native of Brooklyn, N. Y. She was Mary R. Thompson, when 20 years ago she became the wife of Frank M. Smith. Together the couple worked hand in hand, their companionship being delightful, while the great fortune that has accumulated was being won. Twenty-five years ago the Smiths came to Oakland, where ten years ago the beautiful home at Arbor Villa was constructed. Here Mrs. Smith planned and carried into effect one of the charities which will stand as a noble monument to her gentle and benevolent life.

WEALTHY AND PHILANTHROPIC WOMAN WHO DIED SUDDENLY AT HER OAKLAND HOME.

**MAKES BIG ENDOWMENT.**

This monument is the Mary R. Smith cottages, a trust which provides an endowment of \$1,000,000 for the establishment and maintenance of a home for orphan girls. That home, begun several years ago, is instituted on the cottage plan on a scenic site of much beauty near the Smith residence. Six cottages have been constructed, where homes in the full sense of the word have been provided for sixty girls. Under the management of women thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the philanthropy these wards are given training in the many branches of art and science for the best life that woman can do. From every viewpoint the utmost attention is given to the moral and mental and material development of the wards. They are privileged to remain at the home as long as they desire to stay, a lifetime, if they wish.

Such is the principal work that engaged Mrs. Smith during her later years. It was one of many broad plans she developed for helping the girls of California. Her beautiful home and its surrounding spacious grounds were the scene of many delightful affairs for charity. The annual May fete for the benefit of the kindergartens of Oakland was a noteworthy example of Mrs. Smith's generosity. Under her patronage the Home Club, with its classic edifice, near Arbor Villa was founded to advance the literary and social life. Mills College has been the recipient of much of Mrs. Smith's attention. A memorial bell tower at the organ were gifts from the Smiths to the institution. Only a few days before her death announcement was made that a chair of domestic science would receive an endowment of \$50,000 from the Smiths.

**FRIEND OF THE YOUNG.**

The husband was always a ready second to Mrs. Smith's plans and was intensely interested in his wife's projects. The cottages' trust is in the hands of a board of trustees of which Mrs. Smith was president. The other trustees are: First vice president, Mrs. C. R. Brown; second vice president, Mrs. J. K. McLean; third vice president, Dr. C. Annetta Buckel; secretary, Mrs. R. H. Chamberlain; treasurer, Mrs. Giles H. Gray; Miss Mary J. Alexander, Mrs. T. L. Barker, Mrs. M. M. Brock, Miss Evelyn R. Ellis, Mrs. Bernard P. Miller, Miss Florence Nightingale, Mrs. Roland L. Oliver, Miss Charlotte Grace Sperry, Mrs. E. M. Walsh. The trust provides, among other things, the deeding of thirty acres of land where the cottages are located to a board of trustees.

To have and to hold the same unto the said trustees jointly and to their successors in office and assigns, in fee simple forever, upon trust nevertheless for public eleemosynary purposes, namely: for the foundation, endowment and perpetual maintenance of a Christian home for orphan and other helpless girls, developed to be a memorial to Mrs. Smith, and to be located, and their individual talents developed so that they may become self-supporting, self-respecting and useful members of society. The said home shall be known as and called "Mary R. Smith's Cottages."

**DELIGHTFUL HOME LIFE.**

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# ITALY MISSES NOTED PAINTING

"Christ With the Cross" Said to Have Found Its Way Over to United States

IN GARDNER GALLERY Famous Art Treasure Has Been Property of Boston Social Leader Many Years

ROME, Jan. 1.—Excitement has been caused by the reported disappearance of the precious picture, "Christ With the Cross," by Giorgione, originally preserved in the Loschi Palace, Vicenza. It is reported that the picture is now in the Gardner collection at Boston. The Loschi Palace was designed by Caldorini, who with Palladio and Scamozzi formed that trinity in architecture which rendered Vicenza famous.

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—Mrs. John L. Gardner, who owns the famous art collection in this city, would not discuss to-day the dispatch from Rome concerning the disappearance of the picture, "Christ With the Cross," by Giorgione, except to say that she knew nothing of the disappearance of a noted painting from Vicenza. However, the public catalogue of Mrs. Gardner's art collection indicated that it contains Giorgione's "Head of Christ," and that this picture came from the Casa Loschi, Vicenza.

An inquiry among artists in this city today developed the opinion that the picture of Giorgione catalogued in Mrs. Gardner's collection is undoubtedly the same referred to as having disappeared from the Loschi Palace at Vicenza. It was pointed out that in a book upon Giorgione the statement is found that the picture known as "Christ Bearing the Cross," formerly in the Casa Loschi at Vicenza now belongs to Mrs. Gardner of Boston.

The picture is about one foot eight inches by one foot four inches, and is painted on wood. It represents the head and shoulders of Christ. The cross is borne over the right shoulder and behind the head.

Local artists to-day pointed out that whatever importance may be attached to the disappearance of this picture in Italy, no secrecy prevails in this country with reference to the painting. It has been seen by the public in Mrs. Gardner's collection for several years past and has been referred to in several books on art as being the property of Mrs. Gardner.

Paris has the biggest debt of any city in the world. It amounts to \$400,000,000.

# GERMANY DOES NOT WANT WAR

Nervousness of French Officials and Populace Declared to Be Groundless

NO CAUSE FOR STRIFE Charge Made That British Influence Is Stirring Up Feeling Between Nations

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—The German Foreign Office has been aware for some time that nervousness existed in France, among both the Cabinet ministers and the people, over the possibilities of a renewed controversy with Germany. Baron von Richthofen, the foreign secretary, was informed a fortnight ago that the French Cabinet had serious fears of Germany's intentions. The Secretary replied to his informant, who was fresh from Paris, that such apprehensions were wholly without cause, adding:

"What could Germany gain by a war?" Inquiries were made here by French financial interests last week as to the possibilities of Germany provoking a war with France and German bankers, who are extremely well informed politically, replied that there was not the slightest indication that the German Government contemplated aggressive action toward France. It was pointed out by one powerful interest that "a thousand reasons existed against war where one existed for it."

The apprehensions in France appear to be due to a reasonable certainty that Germany will oppose France's position at the Moroccan conference, now only a fortnight off, and also to the feeling that France's yellow book on Morocco went rather too far in accusing Germany of assuming provocative attitude and charging her with bad faith. The French Government, it is asserted here, is aware that these charges placed Germany in an unpleasant light and that the German Government resents them and will reply to them firmly. This reply may lead to continued discussion in the press and between the public men of the two countries.

British influence, it is said in Berlin, is known to be adding to the feeling of mistrust of Germany existing in France, especially in the case of non-official influence, such as recent utterances of Sir Charles Dilke and the military correspondence of the London Times last week. But in every well-posted quarter here, diplomatic, financial and military,

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the statement is made that war between Germany and France is incredible, unless France has designs which so far have not been disclosed.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—President Loubet's New Year reception to the members of the diplomatic corps gave opportunity for a significant exchange of peace sentiments, evidently designed to offset the recent wave of pessimistic war talk. The usual military honors were rendered on the arrival of the Embassadors.

The reception was held in the salon of the Elysee Palace. For the first time the Apostolic Nuncio did not make the presentations, Count Tornelli, the Italian Ambassador, taking his place as dean of the corps.

Count Tornelli in extending to President Loubet the felicitations of his colleagues and himself said that he was not giving expression to mere formal sentiments of fraternity. At the beginning of the year just closed, he said, the whole world suffered from a feeling of the deepest depression, lightened only by the general conviction that moral action favoring the solidarity of the essential interests and the pacific relations of the peoples represented by the diplomatic corps was assured by the support of France. The hope then expressed had been fulfilled, for which reason they congratulated themselves on having been witnesses of the beneficent action of France in behalf of peace.

President Loubet in reply said: It is with the deepest satisfaction that I recall that the hopes for peace, the object of all our desires, which were expressed a year ago, have been fulfilled. The moral power attained by pacific ideas throughout the world has played a great part in this happy result. The persuasive authority of those ideas was never before thus demonstrated, and we may draw therefrom the most favorable augurs.

Prince von Radolin, the German Ambassador, was present, having just returned from Berlin, where he was the guest of Emperor William and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Baron von Richthofen, during the consideration of the Franco-German relations. The cordiality of President Loubet toward the Prince was specially marked.

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BROCKTON, Mass., Jan. 1.—The total loss caused by the fire which destroyed the main portion of the City block, at the corner of Main and Ward streets, in this city, early today, is estimated at nearly \$500,000. The section of the structure containing the City Theatre, which was heavily damaged was caused to the auditorium of the theater.

# FRANCE TO BUY YANKEE AIRSHIP

Will Purchase the Machine Invented by the Wright Brothers of Dayton, Ohio

Special Dispatch to The Call.

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Arnold Fordey of Paris, France, representing a syndicate of Frenchmen, who in turn represent the French Government, has bought the flying machine invented by Wilbur and Orville Wright of this city. The money has not been paid, but if the machine will fly before the committee which will come to see it, as it has already flown before a party of farmers and city men over Hoffman Prairie, east of here, the bargain will be closed. The amount of money to be paid is a secret.

The Wright brothers are reticent. They had their experimental shop and shed, where they kept their finished machine, three-quarters of a mile from any residence and five miles from the city. They hired a man to watch the shed to see that no one entered.

Orville Wright explained to The Call correspondent that the machine is an aeroplane propelled by fans operated by a motor. It flies on the same plan that the kite does, being forced against the air by propellers instead of being pulled by a string. The mechanism is such that it can be operated in any kind of weather. There is no balloon attachment. At the last trial the machine was operated about the prairie, making twenty circuits of one mile each.

The Wright brothers will sell only the right to make and operate the machines in France, having reserved all other rights. The two brothers are sons of Bishop Wright and are constant workers. They worked several years to finish the machine. They discarded and changed no less than twenty models, until at last they succeeded.

# INTERNATIONAL STRIFE IN A PEKING RESORT

Dutch Soldiers Clash With Japanese and French, but Chinese Restore Order.

PEKING, Jan. 1.—A brawl between Dutch and Japanese soldiers in a disreputable resort to-day, the second within a few days, resulted in several of the participants being taken to a hospital. The French soldiers who were in the place supported the Japanese and the Hollanders were outnumbered. The Chinese police restored order. There is bad blood between the soldiers of some of the foreign garrisons.

of great wealth, and surrounded by luxury, the first attention was given to the home as a home. Under influences most cultured and refined, the Smiths, who were childless, surrounded themselves with girls whom they reared as their own. These wards, two of whom lately entered the married state, are Mrs. Bernard P. Miller, Mrs. Evelyn L. Oliver, Miss Evelyn Ellis, Miss Grace Sperry, Miss Winifred Burdge and Miss Florence Nightingale. All were in close touch with the plans of their foster parent, in whose death is the loss of a mother indeed.

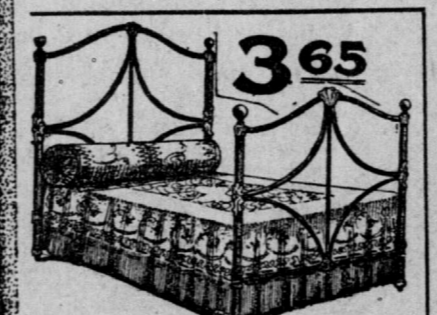
The Smiths traveled much and spent the summers at their country home, Shelter Island, New York. Mrs. Smith delighted in having many young people around her. At Arbor Villa she had assembled much that appealed to the artistic senses. The residence itself is beautiful in interior adornment, while the grounds team with fine equipment.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Ebell Society and of the First Congregational Church. In accordance with her known desires the funeral will be private and very simple. No public announcement will be made.

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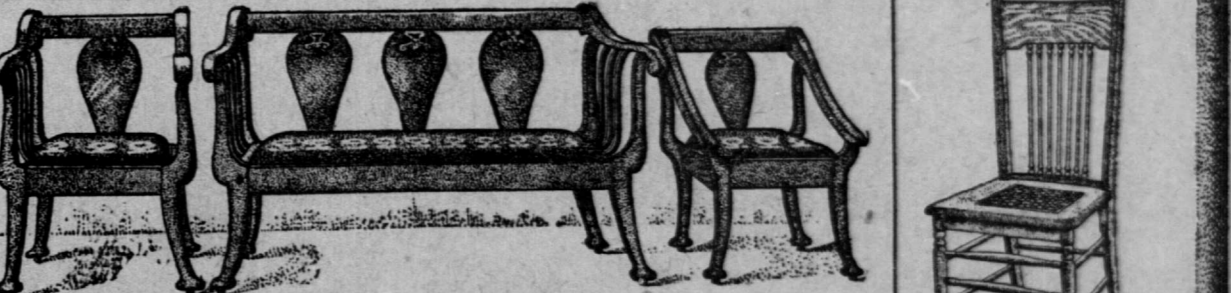
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