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LEFT HER BABY BEHIND.

Mr. Jump Has an Unusual Experience in Baltimore.

Mr. A. P. Jump, attorney-at-law in Baltimore and at one time State's attorney for Talbot and a member of the bar here, had an an unusual experience on Monday. Says the *News*:

An unknown woman, well dressed, and apparently in deep distress, hurried into the law office of Mr. A. P. Jump, 211 North Calvert street, Monday morning, carrying a baby in her arms. She said she was nearly distracted over the conduct of her husband, who had left her, and asked legal advice. Mr. Jump was busy at the time, but asked her to be seated in the outer office until he could talk with her. She seated herself and began weeping; but as soon as the lawyer closed the door to his private office, she placed the baby in the chair and stepped out. A few minutes later the baby began crying and the lawyer concluded it had been abandoned. It is a boy about 6 months old, fat and chubby, with rosy cheeks and as pretty as a picture. Mr. Jump's time is, however, taken up with other people's troubles to such an extent that he has not time for any troubles of his own, so he bundled the baby up and hired a colored woman to carry it around to the Central Police Station.

Just as arrangements were being made to send the little one to the asylum, the excited mother rushed into the station and demanded her baby. She had no intention of abandoning the child, but had simply left it in the chair in the lawyer's office while she went to a nearby drug store for some medicine. She was overjoyed when the child was returned to her.

MR. BARBER PRESENTS PETITIONS.

One to Restrict Immigration—Several From the W. C. T. U.

Congressman Barber has presented a petition to the House, signed by J. V. Dobbs, George P. Urie and 44 others of Rock Hall, the Rev. Frank Fletcher, Raymond Thornley and 57 others of Galena, and Frank J. Vaughn, Oscar Wheatley and 45 others of Reliance and other Maryland points, praying for the enactment of legislation more effectually to restrict immigration.

Mr. Barber also presented petitions from the W. C. T. U. of Baltimore, attested by Margaret W. Holme, president, and Margaret S. Clark, corresponding secretary, asking the passage of bills to prohibit kinetoscopic reproductions of pugilistic encounters in the District of Columbia and the inter-State transportation of material for the same; to protect State anti-cigarette laws; to forbid inter-State transmission of lottery messages and other gambling matter by telegraph; to raise the age of protection for girls to 18 years in the District of Columbia and the Territories; to forbid the sale of intoxicating beverages in all Government buildings; to prohibit the transmission by mail or inter-State commerce of newspaper descriptions of prizefights; to enact a Sabbath law for the National Capital.

THEY'RE STUDYING SPAIN.

Current Events Club Discussing the Land of Bull Fights.

The Current Events Club will meet next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Miss Mary Jenkins's. The last meeting was one of marked interest. A pleasant feature was the president's greeting, and another was the admission of new members. The Club devotes a part of the time to the discussian of current topics and the remainder to Spanish history. The officers, as previously published in this paper, are: Mrs. Oswald Tilghman, president; Mrs. T. S. Pattison, secretary; and Mrs. Prentiss Ingraham, treasurer. Following is the study plan for this season, which began Feb. 1, and will close June 15:

STUDY OF SPANISH HISTORY.

"Broad-breasted Spain, leaning with equal love,
On the mid-sea that moans with memories
And on the untravelled ocean's restless tides."

"History is a mighty drama, enacted upon th theatre of time, with suns for lamps and eternity for a background."

I.

Geography of Spain. Ancient History from its Earliest Settlement to the Moorish invasion.

II

Brief sketches of Barcelona, Saragossa, Salamanca, Madrid, Toledo, Valencia, Cordova, Seville, Granada and Gibraltar.

III

The Moors in Spain, 711-1492. Spanish conquests in the New World. The Cid.

IV.

Spanish Cathedras. Moorish Architecture, Alhambra, Alcazar, Giralda.

V.

"Art in all its methods is a child of religion."

Art galleries of Madrid and Seville.

VI.

Velasquez and Murillo. Their influence on Art.

VII.

Brief sketches of Gonsalvo de Cordova, Ferdinand and Isabella, Don Carlos and the Carlists, Isabella II, and Alfonso XII.

VIII.

The Spanish Language. The Court and Cortez. Gypsies. Banditti. Cuban war.

IX.

"Kings are like stars—they rise and set—they have the worship of the world, but no repose."

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Washington Intelligence.

President McKinley has never justified the confidence reposed in him by the American people to more marked extent than since the publication of the grossly insulting letter written by Senor DeLome, late Spanish Minister to the United States. In that letter, Senor DeLome personally insulted the President, as well as his own government. When Washington was in a ferment of excitement and men of prominence who are usually cool headed were advising all sorts of hot headed steps on the part of this government, President McKinley never for a moment lost the coolness which has always marked his acts at critical periods, although there isn't the slightest doubt that his blood fairly boiled at DeLome's insults. Like the true patriot that he is, he sunk his individuality and acted only as the country's executive. He merely requested the Spanish government through the American Minister at Madrid, to recall DeLome.

Senor DeLome had anticipated that and cabled his resignation, and it was accepted by his government before the request for his call was presented. The wisdom of this moderation on the part of the President is daily becoming more apparent. There was another important feature of De Lome's letter, in which he declared that autonomy for Cuba and negotiations for a reciprocity treaty were only shams. Had this letter been made public in a legitimate manner, its contents would have justified the most extreme measures upon the part of this government, but it was stolen and that fact was not mitigated in the least by the acknowledgement of its authorship by DeLome.

The government of Spain, by accepting DeLome's resignation has relieved the United States government of the disagreeable contingency of taking official cognizance of a stolen letter, and at the same time has placed itself in a position from which it cannot escape without renouncing responsibility for the contents of the letter and apologizing for its having been written, without losing the respect of this and every other civilized nation. In fact, the Spanish government has either got to call DeLome a liar or acknowledge itself to be both liar and hypocrite. Surely there is nothing in this situation to cause any patriotic American to feel otherwise than proud of his President.

No statement or apology from Spain can remove the effect of its minister's assertions concerning autonomy and reciprocity; therefore Senor DeLome' letter is likely to be a factor in determining the future relations of this government toward Cuba. There is little doubt that President McKinley would have taken steps before now to have brought the war in Cuba to a close, had it not been for Spain's autonomy scheme. Although he did not probably have more faith in the success of autonomy than the average man familiar with the situation in Cuba, President McKinley felt bound to accept the claim of Spain that it was honest in its offer of autonomy, and to allow sufficient time to demonstrate its success or failure to elapse before taking action. Regardless of what Spain may do or not do, DeLome's letter has changed the whole situation, and it is not now thought in Washington that anything short of Spain's developing an unexpected ability to bring the war in Cuba to an end herself will prevent early action on the part of this government. Congress deserves credit for having kept quiet and allowed the President to manage this affair.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Wants the B., C. & A. Railway Company to Pay Taxes.

Mr. Jacobi presented the following joint resolution to the House of Delegates on Wednesday, looking towards the collection of taxes from the B. C. & A. Ry. Co.:

WHEREAS, By an act passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, granting a charter to the Eastern Shore Railway Company property owned by the said Eastern Shore Railway Company was exempted from taxation for 30 years: and

WHEREAS, The said Eastern Shore Railway Company has been purchased by the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company; and

WHEREAS, The said Baltimore Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company has purchased the Eastern Shore Steamboat Company, and also the Maryland Steamboat Company. and

WHEREAS, It is currently reported and believed to be true that all the said property is being used free from taxes under the exemption granted the Eastern Shore Railway Company therefore be it

Resolved That the Tax Commissioners of the State inform this House if any property owned by the said B. C. & A. Railway Company in the State is paying taxes, and if not, why not?

Royal Oak Items.

Miss Sadie Foreman of Baltimore who has for some time been the guest of Mrs. S. S. Thompson at Royal Oak was called to her home on Tuesday by the extreme illness of her grandmother Mrs. William King.

A very pleasant social was given to the members of C. E. Society at the home of Miss Elizabeth Fairbanks last Monday evening. It being St. Valentine's Day each lady was presented with arrows and the gentlemen were given bows with ribbons of corresponding colors and the partners then used these implements of Cupid's warfare to find their fortune on a large heart which represented the bulls-eye. This target was papered with verses of poetry and where the arrow struck, that verse belonged to the archer as his valentine.

Miss Grace Moore has left the Oak for an extended visit to Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, New York and other points.

ARE YOU GOING?

Where? To the Academy of Music, Baltimore, Next Week.

In his dramatization of Stanley Weyman's novel, "Under the Red Robe," which comes to the Academy of Music, Baltimore, next week, Edward Rose is said to have marshaled the incidents in the book which lend themselves to dramatic use with skill and great artistic taste. There are four acts, and Charles Frohman has equipped each appropriately. The principal theme, the loves of Gil de Berault and Renee deCocheforet, is carried forward with cumulative interest up to the fateful meeting of the Pyrenees and then, as is always the case in romatic drama, a few clever phrases explain away the villainy of deBerault, and all is plain sailing for the tried and true sweethearts. Mr. Rose first introduces the brawler, deBerault, follows him on his treacherous mission, and depicts the few sparks of decency which are left in his breast. He shows the conflict that originates in his love for Renee and carries him back to the dread Cardinal, determined to give himself up to death, rather than fulfil the infamous contract, the capturing of Renee's brother, into which the hero had entered.

The transformation of the ruined and desperate man under the gentle influence of Renee, the only pure woman he has ever known, is indicated in the drama with delicacy. De Berault has offended Cardinal Richelieu by breaking that statesman's edict against duelling, and would have been hanged had he not accepted the alternative of spying upon the Cocheforets. Naturally, he takes his one chance of life, but finds that the game is too much for him. Falling in love with his victim's sister, places him on the horns of a terrible dilemma: he must act like a scoundrel on the right side, or be a chivalrous gentleman on the wrong. And so he lets his prisoner go free and prepares to take his punishment like a brave soldier. But in the last act we find that he is not punished at all. He wins the Cardinal's pardon and his mistress' hand in one and the same breath, for Richelieu has learned of his nobility, during a visit paid him by Renee. "Under the Red Robe" has its dungeons, secret passages and tunnels through the mountains; for what romance would be authentic without these?

Mr. Frohman sends to Baltimore a company which should make good use of the material provided by Mr. Weyman and Mr. Rose. William Morris, who plays the hero gives a characterization of the bullying gamester, deBerault and in the picturesque costume of the Richelieu period, succeeds in expressing the dash and abandon of the character to a remarkable degree. The gentle Renee is played by Mary Hampton. The alternations of hope and fear, love and detestation, show Miss Hampton quietly masterful and never lacking, either in charm or authority. Another part is Cardinal Richelieu, in the hands of Giles Shine. The other parts, nearly a score in number, will be played by Edwin Thanhouser, Frank McGlynn, Milton Lipman, William Farnum, Lawrence Eddinger, Ogden S. Wright, Marie Anderson, Lorle Eddinger, Marie Moore, George Taylor, Henry James, James Wallace, Frank Walsh, Charles Hartley, Andrew Leigh, Herbert Denton, and Olive Crompton. Matinees will be given on Tuesday, (Washington's Birthday), Wednesday and Saturday.

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Transfers and Abatements

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