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SIR ELDON GORST IN EGYPT.

The diplomatic agent of England, Consul General Sir Eldon Gorst summoned the British officials in the Egyptian service to a meeting at the Agency. The meeting was of a private nature. It is reported, however, that Sir Eldon Gorst explained how the British policy was to be carried on, not that the Egyptians were to be governed, but rather taught to govern themselves.

THE BRITISH RAILWAY CRISIS.

London, November 3.

The meeting of the Railway Officials took place this evening, at which the result of the voting by the amalgamated Society of Railway Servants in regard to the demand for recognition by the Union of Railway companies, was made known. 5,000 persons were present. Out of 88,134 votes, 76,925 were in favour of a strike in case the demand for recognition was not conceded. The meeting passed a resolution in which it bound itself to support all the measures taken by the executive committee which it found necessary to secure the furtherance of the cause.

AMERICAN NEWS.

AN INTERESTING MARRIAGE.

The "little Church around the Corner," New York, has lately been the scene of a wedding which cannot fail to greatly interest the artistic world in Europe as well as in America. Mr. Philip Boileau, the well-known French-American painter, is the hero of a romance presenting all the features of idealism in art. For some years past his charming canvasses have portrayed American girlhood in a most fascinating light. Mr. Boileau, contrary to the prevailing vogue, depicts the Transatlantic maiden as a pensive, dainty and intensely feminine type, and his admirable creations are a distinct relief after the somewhat exhaustive output of other painters, who represent the American girl as athletic, imperious and not without a suspicion of arrogance. He confesses that he has directly drawn his inspiration from Miss Emily Gilbert, now his wife, who sat for several of the artist's most popular pictures. "From the moment I met Miss Gilbert," he declares, "I knew that hers was the face of which I had often dreamed—my typical American girl. I believe her features inspired some of my best work. Among the most favourably known sketches for which she has posed are "The Winter Girl," "Sweetheart," "The Autumn Girl" and "The Wonder Girl." Mr. Philip Boileau has many friends in Munich and Dresden, especially in the former city, where he studied for several years, and gained many laurels. The good wishes of all his old fellow-students and acquaintances this side the "herring-pond" will accompany the popular artist and his charming bride upon their matrimonial voyage.

BANKS TO RE-OPEN.

New York, November 2.

A meeting is to be held this evening in the State-Bank Department to confer in reference to the re-opening of some of the 10 banks in this city which were closed during the crisis.

New York, November 4.

Persons representing extensive financial interests held conferences yesterday evening in Mr. Morgan's private art galleries, lasting until the early hours of this morning. Nothing is known as to the matters that were under consideration. Another meeting is in prospect today.

Washington, November 3.

It is reported from a reliable source that President Roosevelt has been requested to call an extraordinary Session of Congress on account of the present financial conditions, and that the request is made by conservative leaders of the financial world. They are said to have assured

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the President that no opposition on the part of the great financiers will be made to laws which are necessary in order to realise his purposes relative to Federal Control to the extent which he proposed in the speeches he has lately made. The report further states that President Roosevelt will ask Congress to pass such amendments to the financial laws as will allow more freedom of action, but which, at the same time, will leave the fundamental basis of the present system as unaltered as possible.

STORMS AND FLOODS. 16 KILLED.

San Francisco, November 2.

The steamer "Curaçao" which arrived here from Mazatlan reports that sixteen lives were lost in a cloud-burst in San José del Cabo (Mexico) and fifty houses swept away during a storm, preceding the cloud-burst, which lasted 12 hours. A number of persons were swept by the storm into the sea and others were killed by falling masonry from the buildings.

MISS VANDERBILT'S MARRIAGE.

New York, November 2.

With regard to the engagement of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt to Count Szechenyi, it is declared by a high Roman Catholic dignitary that the Catholic canonical law forbids the celebration of the marriage ceremony under the rites of the Protestant Church.

As already announced, it has been decided to have three ceremonies, the civil, Roman Catholic, and Protestant, but unless special permission is



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received from the Pope there is likely to be some difficulty in carrying out this programme.

Miss Gladys Vanderbilt comes of age today, when she will formally receive her inheritance of 12 million dollars.

NEW YORK IMPROVEMENTS. BIG PROPERTY DEAL.

New York, November 2.

A leading building syndicate has, it is announced by a *Globe* correspondent, acquired an important site in Forty-third-street and Broadway, whereon it is proposed to erect enormous office buildings which will rival the towering down-town structures.

The site, a corner one, is at present occupied by various small properties, which it will be necessary to demolish. The owner is Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, a London lady, and it is stated that the syndicate has leased the land from her for 42 years for a total payment of four million dollars. A large theatre is also to be constructed.

DEMAND FOR CANADIAN FLOUR.

Montreal, November 2.

A leading Canadian milling company has this week sold flour for immediate shipment to Suva, Fiji, and also to Egypt. Fiji has hitherto been supplied from Australia, and Egypt from Russia. The fact is regarded as showing the world-wide demand for Canadian products.

JAPAN AND THE ISLAND OF PRATAS.

New York, November 2.

According to the Washington correspondents Mr. Taft received cabled instructions while he was in Shanghai recently to make inquiries as to the attitude of China concerning the occupation by the Japanese of the Island of Pratas, with the result that he ascertained that the place is claimed to be indisputably Chinese territory.

According to the Washington advices, the question under consideration by the United States is whether it will be necessary for this country to support the claims of China to the island in the event of such claims being formally and officially put forward from Peking. A recent statement in the *Herald* to the effect that Chinese warships had been ordered to proceed to Pratas appears to have been at the least premature. It is hoped that nothing of that kind will be attempted, for obviously China can do nothing by herself in forcible vindication of her supposed rights.

It has been reported that the Japanese are already engaged in preparing Pratas as a Naval base, but this is regarded at Washington as incredible, and, indeed, it was denied a day or two ago at the Japanese Embassy. The further suggestion that Mr. Taft's alleged acceleration of his visit to Berlin has some connection with contemplated German-American protest against Japan's so-called "aggression" may, it is thought, here be dismissed as absurd.—*The Globe*.

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