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THE STATE

Butte—A number of cases of sleeping sickness have developed here.

Butte—The new Finlen hotel, to cost \$1,000,000, will be completed by next fall.

Absarokee—John M. Dunbar, famous old cattleman, is dead at his home here.

Helena—A bill introduced in the legislature to abolish capital punishment has been killed.

Great Falls—Cascade county led all the other Montana counties in the sale of Red Cross seals.

Butte—There are now 30 producing wells in the Kevin-Sunburst district.

Butte—Four thousand additional miners will be employed in the mines of Butte as soon as they can be had.

Lewistown—The Lewistown authorities have declared against the punchboard.

Lewistown—Fifty dollars an acre was recently paid for an oil lease in the Flatwillow country.

Great Falls—With the development of a little more gas in the northern oil fields Great Falls will be heated by natural gas.

Great Falls—One hundred additional mechanics have been employed by the Great Northern car shops at Great Falls.

Wilsall—Local financiers have purchased the controlling interest of John F. Sinclair of Minneapolis in the First National Bank of Wilsall.

Butte—Fifty damage suits, with total claims for \$232,000 have been started here because of accidents resulting from slippery sidewalks.

Buffalo—The five year old daughter of S. P. Bradley, playing in a feed

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GETS BLACK HAND NOTE; SUICIDES

SINGULAR ACTION OF BUTTE WIFE AND MOTHER, APPARENTLY HAPPY

Burns Note in Presence of Husband With No Explanation; Goes to a Drug Store for Poison and Swallows It on Street.

Terrified by what is thought to be black hand activities, Mrs. Eugene Tavasci, Italian, aged 29, of Butte, committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid.

Mrs. Tavasci was found on the sidewalk after swallowing the poison, which she had procured at a nearby drug store. Indications bear out the theory that Mrs. Tavasci, after leaving the pharmacy, promptly had gulped down the deadly poison and had then walked several blocks until unconsciousness finally had overtaken her.

Enshrouded in mystery, the motive of the suicide has not been cleared up, with the exception of a statement alleged to have been made by Mrs. Tavasci several months ago to the effect that she had received a threatening letter through the mails, and that if another such one was received by her her life would be the forfeit.

Mrs. Tavasci, according to the story told by her husband last night, was in her usual genial mood during the early part of the day, when suddenly she donned a light coat and announced that she was going to the corner drug store to procure a package of patent medicine. Her husband not having observed any indications which would lead him to believe his wife intended self-destruction, permitted her to go. Less than a half hour later he was informed she was in a precarious condition.

He Never Knew
Questioned as to the contents of the mysterious letter received by his wife last summer, Mr. Tavasci declared that he had never learned the secret of the missive, all his wife having to say about it at the time being that it meant the probable breaking up of their home, and that if any letter along similar lines was again received by her, she would promptly end her life. Mrs. Tavasci, it is said, gave no outward signs of having recently received the dreaded epistle.

Mrs. Tavasci was born in Helena and had been a resident of Butte for 25 years.

box, was caught when the lid fell and strangled to death.

Great Falls—The Kenneth Frazer well, which is being drilled on the Bears Den structure, has encountered a 65-foot gas sand at a depth of 1,002 feet.

Billings—The Northern Pacific is endeavoring to make arrangements for a train service on the Great Northern between Great Falls and Billings.

Butte—Pat Carney of Waterloo, first man to register at the Finlen hotel when it was opened 40 years ago, was the last guest to leave when it was closed a few days ago.

Bozeman—Miss Pleasant Davis, 18 year old daughter of Henry Davis, was struck and probably fatally injured by a stray bullet fired by an unknown hunter.

Great Falls—The Wall Street Journal announces that the Anaconda Copper Mining company will enlarge its wire mill at Great Falls and will install a brass foundry.

Great Falls—A good showing of shale oil was struck in a well which is being drilled in the Benton lake country, about 10 miles north of Great Falls, a few days ago. The strike was made at a depth of 660 feet.

THE WORLD

Denver—An advance of 1 cent a gallon in the wholesale price of gasoline is announced by the Midwest Refining company.

Pittsburgh—Five persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Davies hotel in Homestead near here.

Tacoma—M. J. Crowder, 29, a Seattle taxi driver, was found dead, shot through the heart, on the Seattle highway.

Sacramento—An earthquake which lasted for several seconds shook Sacramento and towns in the Sacramento valley a few days ago.

Mineola, N. Y.—Captain Harry C. Drayton of Mitchell Field flew from Pinevalley Field, near Camden, N. J., to Mitchell Field, 110 miles, in 42 minutes.

Luxor, Egypt—American archaeologists have discovered the body of an Egyptian princess, 4,000 years old, and apparently one of the beauties of the first Theban dynasty.

Tacoma—Clara Phillips, convicted California "hammer murderer," and fugitive from justice, was in Tacoma the morning of December 30, three weeks after she escaped from the Los Angeles county jail.

Washington—French policy in the Ruhr was attacked as "ruthless militarism," a "violation of the armistice terms and the treaty of Versailles," and an "offense against humanity," in a statement issued by Senator Borah of Idaho.

Moscow—Although Russia has reduced her active army to 600,000 men, she has not shut her eyes to possible military danger and it is understood that the government has taken a number of measures to create, at the necessary moment, a force able to repulse any attack.

Denver—While police were seeking Louis Caccellitti, ex-soldier and vocational training student at Fort Collins, Colo., for the slaying of two persons and the wounding of three others, one probably fatally, he entered a downtown motion picture theater here, took a front seat in the balcony and shot himself to death.

MEDORA AND THE MARQUIS DE MORES; THE ROMANTIC FAILURE OF AN EFFORT TO BUILD METROPOLIS ON BAD LANDS

Out in the bad lands that fringe the border of Montana and North Dakota, just across the Montana line, is the little town of Medora, scene of the romantic effort of the Marquis de Mores to build a city. The Marquis' advent occurred in the spring of 1883. He was of noble lineage, the son of a duke of France, and in his veins flowed the blood of the Orleans. He had served with distinction as a captain in the French army, and had married the daughter of Baron von Hoffman, a multi-millionaire.

The Marquis arrived in the badlands with a ready made plan to establish there a huge packing plant that would one day outrival those in Omaha and Chicago, and, backed by his father-in-law's millions and his own resources, he was prepared to accomplish his purpose.

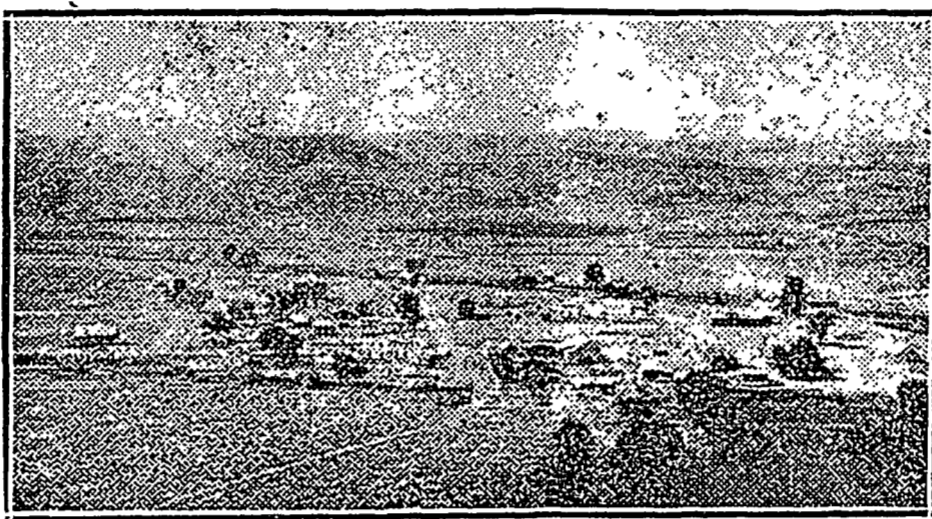
The story is told—scuffed at by some, credited by others—that certain unscrupulous cattlemen who had agreed to deliver a few thousand dollars' worth of cattle to the Marquis, arranged to show him the herd at a place several miles out of Medora. The Frenchman arrived at the appointed spot. Soon came the cowmen with three or four hundred head of stock. The Marquis bought the herd and promised to wait a few hours until another bunch could be rounded up for his inspection. Whereupon the parties of the second part drove the same cattle around a butte and sold them over again to the unsuspecting Frenchman.

The story has probably lost nothing in the years that have passed, but it is typical of the nature of the Marquis' commercial ventures. He evolved numberless projects that

Perhaps it was a natural incompatibility between two strong characters in a small community; two very big toads in a very little puddle.

But the fact remains that they were not friends. However, the tradition that they were occasionally on the verge of settling disputes by violence is scoffed at by men who knew them both. And very little credence is given the gossip that the Marquis held Roosevelt partly responsible for the failure of the De Mores projects. But the barrier between them was a reality and that barrier threw the Marquis on the wrong side of the representative cattlemen of the Badlands, the men who idolized Theodore Roosevelt and to this day hold his memory sacred. The Marquis de Mores was of the old French nobility and he believed in the divine right of kings and of the descendants of kings; Theodore Roosevelt, although he was of the American gentry—if there is such an institution—ever remained democratic to the core.

When, forced by the unseen hand of Fate and the perfectly visible tightly closed fist of a satiated father-in-law, the Marquis was compelled to abandon in toto his activities in the Badlands, he departed for Asia to hunt tigers. The Madame accompanied him. His romantic career was ended in a manner consistent with the adventurous spirit of the man. In 1896 he went into the interior of Africa on an exploring expedition. Against the advice of a faithful body servant who went with him, he took on as escort some natives of questionable friendliness. Deep in the wilds of northern Africa the two men were attacked. The Marquis was killed and his body was horribly mutilated. The servant, managing to escape, carried the news of the murder to the French military command of the district. Arrests were made but, through the influence of the Marquis, the leaders were pardoned. Madame de Mores retired to her chateau in France. Only once did she



Medora, the Scene of the Exploits of the Marquis de Mores

At that time there was a small settlement called Little Missouri on the west bank of the river that name. The inhabitants—a heterogeneous lot of cowboys, trappers and adventurers—looked askance at the prodigious scheme unfolded by the voluble Frenchman. So the Marquis immediately set about building a town of his own on the east bank of the river.

The Preparations Are Elaborate
With unlimited capital at his disposal the Marquis de Mores "built his city" without thought of expense. He erected a trading store, a brick hotel, a church, and a brick residence for his father-in-law when that gentleman should desire to sojourn in the Badlands. Across the river on a grassy slope above an especially heavily wooded bottom land he placed the chateau that still stands—a reminder of dead hopes and days that are gone.

The chateau, patterned after Washington's home on the Potomac, was to be a summer home for the Marquis and the Marquise. A country seat it was, in effect, from whose vantage point the Marquise might watch the rise of her husband's vast undertakings; where she might rest from the social life of New York and Paris, and which should serve as a base of supplies for hunting trips on those rare occasions when the Marquis could desert from the great task remaining before him. The Madame was known as an excellent horsewoman and her skill with arms was said to be no less than that of her dauntless husband.

To this thirty room castle, then, shortly after its completion, came the beautiful Madame de Mores. With her arrived some twenty-two servants and a fair proportion of the good things of life, which, to one of cultured tastes, would be indispensable even on the frontier. The chateau was furnished throughout; rich rugs, plate, china, pictures, heavily canopied beds, paintings and books, books, books. The de Mores establishment would have held its own in a place of old traditions. Madame was something of an artist, having in fact studied in Paris, and she soon added to the decorations of her new home a number of worthy sketches and water colors of the Badlands.

Under the brow of the hill on the dense flat of the Little Missouri the Marquis built his stables and his coachman's house. Whenever time afforded, the Madame and the Marquis ventured back into the wild reaches of the Badlands in search of game. The long trips were made in a quaint coach built especially for the purpose—a strongly constructed, canvas covered vehicle with all sorts of cubbyholes and nooks to hold the spoils of the chase.

It was no light adventure, this seeking the wilds of Dakota back in those days. Scattered bands of Indians still wandered through the country. Seven years before, on a spot a few miles south of the chateau site, the ill-fated Custer had bivouacked his forces for a day or two on that famous march to the Little Big Horn.

Six months after the Marquis arrived on the banks of the Little Muddy there came out of the east another young man, Theodore Roosevelt, bag and baggage, landed in Medora in the fall of 1883, bent upon shooting a few of the fast disappearing buffalo. That he found the country to his liking and for four years linked his fate with the rough frontier is a matter of history—and it is another story as well.

The Marquis purchased 15,000 acres of land and many, many cattle, which he proposed to fatten on the short grass that is the Badland's only native pasturage.

would turn Medora into a great industrial center. He built his slaughter house and, finding that its operation on a comparatively small scale was unprofitable, early in 1885 he erected a huge abattoir large enough to accommodate the daily slaughter of 100 cattle. He built storage plants at points in the east and arranged for the selling of his beef in both New York and Chicago.

No Use—Everything Fails
But the Three Blind Sisters seemed bent upon perverting his plans. Nobody would buy his dressed meat. Corned beef the public apparently preferred. He could not persuade the railroads to grant him rebates sufficient to insure his meeting competition. He was not to be daunted. Sheep became a side line with the Marquis. The sheep died like flies. He bought droves of horses, paid too much for them and lost heavily.

He conceived the idea of establishing a stage line between Medora and Deadwood, South Dakota, just then coming into the public eye because of the discovery of gold in the Black Hills. The Marquis spent freely of the de Mores and the von Hoffman funds in starting this line. Then, just as it was completed, the government mail contract was given to a line out of Pierre, South Dakota. This contract was absolutely essential as a means of handling the overhead expense. The Marquis's stages operated fitfully for two years, and then the project died without a struggle—a dead loss to its originator.

But the optimism of the Frenchman was exceeded only by his courage. He conceived ideas without number; he would raise cabbages; he would manufacture pottery out of the Badlands clay; he would make soup as a packing plant by-product, and, with a government contract to furnish this delicacy to the army, would make up for losses sustained in other ways. But one and all his schemes faded and failed. He spent more than a million dollars in his various enterprises. Finally an unusually rigorous winter depopulated the Badlands of most of its dumb and many of its human inhabitants, and L. von Hoffman called a halt.

In the matter of his personal associations the Marquis was as unfortunate as in his business ventures. From the first, there was an ineradicable antagonism between the Frenchman and Theodore Roosevelt. Although these two men, both of aristocratic lineage, had many tastes in common, there existed whenever their paths crossed an unfortunate figurative crossing of swords as well.



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