W. C. SANGER TO RESIGN.

Robert Shaw Oliver to Succeed Him in War Department.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Oyster Bay, Long Island, July 13.—The appointment of General Robert Shaw Oliver as Assistant Secretary of War in place of William Cary Sanger was announced here to-night. General Oliver, who served as an officer in the Civil War and afterward in the regular army, was connected for many years with the National Guard of New-York, and has been in command of the brigade headquarters in Albany. He has large iron interests in Albany. It is understood that Mr. Sanger's resignation is due to the continued ill health of his wife.

Secretary Root, who arrived here yesterday evening to confer with the President about the Alaskan boundary dispute, in which he is one of the American commissioners, as well as about certain Russian, department and other imperative matters, will remain at Sagamore Hill over night, leaving here for Washington early to-morrow morning, before the arrival of the B'nai B'rith Kishineff petition committee, who are expected to-morrow afternoon.

To-morrow's conference, it is understood, will decide whether an attempt is to be made to forward the petition to Russia. At the conference between the President and Mr. Straus, Mr. Levi and Mr. Wolf, it is now said, arguments will be used to induce the committee to withdraw their petition, should the report of the determined efforts of the Russian Government to punish those responsible for the massacre and to prevent further persecutions of the Hebrews prove well founded. It is understood that the committee will be informed of the probability of the petition's rejection at St. Petersburg, and be permitted to decide whether or not the petition shall be dispatched. Should the committee decide in the affirmative, it is probable that a preliminary cable message will be sent to Mr. Riddle, the United States Chargé d'Affaires at the Russian capital, directing him to inquire whether the Muscovite Government is willing to receive the petition. This, and not the direct transmission of the petition to St. Petersburg is understood to be the probable course to be pursued if the committee still thinks an attempt to transmit the petition should be made.

The noon "guests'" train to-day brought a further influx of visitors to Sagamore Hill. In addition to Secretary Root, to-day's luncheon party was made up of Archbishop Farley, John D. Crimmins, Judge Theodore Brentano, of Chicago; A. W. Cooley, Civil Service Commissioner; F. W. Hollis, James R. Sheffield and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Riis.

After luncheon several questions involving Catholicism and the government, in particular Catholic conditions in the Philippines, were discussed by the President, Secretary Root, Archbishop Farley and Mr. Crimmins. The advice of Mr. Crimmins in the matters under discussion to-day is said to have been sought by both the President and Archbishop Farley.

No significance, however, necessarily attaches to these luncheon parties at Sagamore Hill. Nothing apparently delights the President more than to invite as his guests men in whose personality or specialty he is interested. In this manner he obtains new points of view on a variety of subjects.

It is reported that Senator Lodge will be a guest at Sagamore this week, possibly on Thursday.

Miss Alice Roosevelt arrived home early this evening from a visit to Lawrence, Long Island, where she had been a guest of the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix at his summer home on Lawrence Beach.

LODGE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT.

He Will Go to Oyster Bay on Wednesday—View of Postal Troubles.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Boston, July 13.—Senator Lodge will be the guest of President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay on Thursday. After the Nahant celebration, which closes on Tuesday, the Senator will start for President Roosevelt's summer home, and afterward go to Newport. The Senator said that probably matters of public interest might be discussed, but his chief reason for visiting the President at this time was because he intended to sail for Europe on Friday.

With reference to the postal troubles and the effect they might have on the Republican party in 1904 the Senator declared it to be his belief that if they had any effect whatever he could not see how it could be otherwise than favorable.

THINK PETITION WILL BE SENT.

It was said at the office of Leo N. Levi, president of the committee in charge of the B'nai B'rith petition to the Russian Czar against anti-Semitic outrages, that no information had been received there yesterday of any intention not to send the petition. On the contrary, it is known that Mr. Levi, who will see President Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill to-day, together with Simon Wolf and Oscar S. Straus, is to discuss methods of procedure in forwarding the petition and its signatures, which are increasing rapidly. Mr. Straus and Mr. Wolf had a final conference yesterday afternoon before their visit to the President.

WAR ON MOSQUITOES.

Spencer Miller, of South Orange, Says It Pays as a Rule.

Spencer Miller, chairman of the Village Improvement Society of South Orange, N. J., has been giving close attention to the efforts of New-Jersey authorities to exterminate mosquitoes. He said yesterday:

Dr. John B. Smith, State Entomologist of the State of New-Jersey, was quoted in the Sunday papers as saying that the citizens of South Orange would not succeed in their work of mosquito extermination until the Newark meadows were drained. I believe that Dr. Smith was either misquoted or else mistaken. The people of South Orange rejoice at the fact that Elizabeth and Newark have at last begun the work of draining on the Newark meadows, not so much for itself as that we are glad to see the work of mosquito extermination extending. We began our work in 1901. We realized from the beginning that the best we could do would be to reduce our local supply about three-quarters, but we have never considered the Newark meadows as furnishing a large enough supply to make any great difference.

All the Oranges, as well as Long Island and Connecticut, have had a scourge of mosquitoes recently. This was due to the fact that it rained for nineteen days in succession, ending on June 25, and during that time the sun, nature's greatest mosquito exterminator, did not have an opportunity to dry up the pools of stagnant water before the mosquitoes had an opportunity to breed. Since June 25 the wind has blown from the Oranges toward the Newark meadows, and on only one day of that time was the wind from the Newark meadows. It is true we found a few specimens of the salt marsh mosquito; I have examined hundreds of specimens there, only one of which was the salt marsh mosquito.

This three miles from the meadows to New-York, and the wind has been blowing from the meadows to New-York. South Orange is four and one-half miles northwest of the nearest portion of the meadows, and over five miles from the major portion thereof. Our local supply was prodigious; we were wholly unable to cope with the amount of stagnant water that was found on the termination of the storm. We are now dealing with the matter in this way: The Board of Health has a force of men going about town and oiling all the stagnant water they can find; they, however, miss a great many pools because of the rank growth, tall grass and weeds in the lower portions of the village. The Village Improvement Society has a force of men with scythes mowing down this rank growth in all the suspected wet places; they find plenty of mosquito larvæ in small pools hidden by the weeds and grass, and oil them as soon as found.

We have demonstrated over and over again that local mosquito extermination pays. We will spend this year about $2,000 only, and will be able to say at the end of the season that about two-thirds of our town is mosquito proof against normal conditions.

We cannot praise Dr. Smith too highly for what he has done, and I hope that the citizens of Newark and Elizabeth will back him up as fully as possible. Our experience in South Orange leads us to believe that it is unwise to depend entirely upon bounds of health; they are naturally timid about expending money unless public opinion sustains them. Boards of trade, chambers of commerce and improvement societies should appoint committees of citizens to co-operate with boards of health and raise money by subscription to forward the work.

MOSQUITOES STOP CAMP MEETING.

Rahway, July 13.—The negro camp meeting conducted by Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church of Rahway, near Westfield Junction, has been brought to a suddensend. The mosquitoes were too busy. The camp meeting was under the management of the Rev. R. T. Taylor, pastor of the church, who announced that the meeting could not be successful with the mosquitoes forcing the fighting so fiercely.

THEIR ARDOR DAMPENED.

Rain Increases Homesickness Among Fresh Air Fund Parties.

A rainy day is dreaded by The Tribune Fresh Air Fund workers. Besides making it disagreeable to take large parties of children through the wet streets, it somewhat damps the ardor of the little travellers and makes the tendency to homesickness the first day greater. However, the coolness of the atmosphere was highly welcome, and a full day's work was accomplished.

By the 9:40 a. m. train the first party of the week started out yesterday, going to Kortright, N. Y. This party numbered twenty-two. At noon a company of fifteen boys left town on the Pennsylvania Railroad to go into camp with the Rev. Charles T. Knox, near Lancaster, Penn. Mr. Knox has for several years provided most delightful camping trips for the boys of The Tribune Fresh Air Fund. With the Lancaster party three children will go to Mount Joy, to be entertained by Mrs. Amos F. Eby, and the Rev. Mrs. Nisseley. Mrs. Neuhauser, John Momsser and Abram Landis will entertain three more at Bird-in-Hand, Penn. There was also one for Spring Forge, going to the home of Mrs. Maes. These were all children invited back by hosts of former years.

The third party of the day went on the Stonington boat at 6 p. m. for Westerly and Shannock, R. I. The hosts at Westerly are D. R. Porter, Mrs. J. C. Palmer, Mrs. Ira Norman, Mrs. Edward Wilcox, Mrs. W. Brightman, Mrs. George Gavell, Mrs. E. Howard Clark, Mrs. George B. Hills, Mrs. D. M. Cornell, Mrs. Lizzie C. Randolph, Mrs. William Vincent, Mrs. Charles Richmond, Mrs. Simeon Shepard, Mrs. August Larson, John P. Hoxie, Mrs. E. H. Clark and Mrs. Joseph Telford. D. R. Porter has for many years given most gracious hospitality to the children of The Tribune Fresh Air Fund. Mrs. H. E. Rouse will entertain at Shannock, R. I.

The final parties for the day started from the Erie station at 9:15 p. m. This detachment was made up of three parties, consisting of forty-nine for Cuba, N. Y.; thirteen for Mount Morris, N. Y., and nine for Avon, N. Y. With them also is one child for Portageville, N. Y., to be entertained by Mrs. T. A. Witt, and two for Friendship, to be received by Luther Brown.

Those entertaining at Cuba are Mrs. A. Simerson, the Rev. W. La Dorgan, Mrs. Herbert Snyder, Mrs. Arlie Cook, Mrs. Walter Amsden, Mrs. B. G. Sisson, Mrs. Henry Little, Mrs. Fred. Rohl, Mrs. M. G. Capen, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. Fred. A. Davenport, Mrs. Arly Rowley, Mrs. Schaffer, Mrs. Homer Zitter, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. George Park, Mrs. Elmer Witter, Mrs. Bram Haskell, Mrs. Minnie Bram, Mrs. Judd Hutchings, Mrs. E. M. Park, Mrs. Oliver Brown, Evelyn Isenheur, Mrs. J. C. Young, Mrs. C. N. Gross, Mrs. Simeon Guilford, Mrs. E. J. Cooledge, Mrs. E. A. La Feur, Mrs. F. J. Babcock, Mrs. De Kay and Mrs. C. S. Hicks.

Those entertaining at Avon are J. G. Campbell, J. C. Davenport, Mrs. Dr. Preston, Mrs. Rathburn, Miss Ida Thompson and Mrs. William Smith. Those at Mount Morris are in charge of A. Wasson.

The case of a little girl of five acting as housekeeper for a family of four almost passed belief, and is, to say the least, unusual. This, however, is true of a child who went to Cuba yesterday to spend the summer there. When she returned from her outing at that place last summer she found that her mother had become insane and placed in an asylum. Since that time she has been the only housekeeper for her hard working father and two older brothers. While the father helps out with most of the cooking, she attends to the rest. And the wonder is that she keeps the home, including her small self, clean and neat. Certainly this little woman deserves a vacation.

Another pathetic case in this party is that of a bright little girl of ten, whose father, a longshoreman, was killed on the docks last winter. With her mother she has drifted about from one place to another, with no settled home, and it was with difficulty that the missionary found her to send her away for a time from these vicious influences.

The majority of the children sent in this party, however, are from the respectable homes of honest, hard working, but very poor people. In all cases the country outing is worthily bestowed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

E. T. V. S.	$250 00
"In memory of Hugh O'Neill"	100 00
Helen Brown	1 00
K. Grand Cannon	10 00
Susan S. Patterson, Westfield, N. Y.	100 00
Earned by Ruth L. Boyer, twelve years old, of Norwalk, Conn., by having a lemonade stand on the lawn of her home	3 00
D. E. W.	10 00
W. E. B.	5 00
Proceeds of an ice cream and cake sale at the home of Theodore N. Price, at Clifton, N. J., by the following young women: Misses Eva A. Price, Lulu A. Clarkson, Vanessa W. Furman, Theodora B. Price, Margaret M. Clarkson and Florence M. Price	10 00
"A friend of The Tribune"	1 00
Dr. A. A. Willits, Spring Lake, N. J.	1 00
Robert Carter, East Northfield, Mass.	25 00
Mrs. Mary J. Gray, Warwick, N. Y.	5 00
Susan J. Wemple	5 00
G. R. Mead, jr., Brooklyn	25 00
W. B. O. jr., P. N. O. and A. N. O.	5 00
"Three children, Asbury, N. J."	10 00
E. K. Hubbard, Middletown, Conn.	50 00
Isaac Pierce, York Cliffs, Me.	10 00
"Sea Cliff, Long Island"	1 00
J. W. C.	1 00
Miss M. F. Lane, Monmouth Beach, N. J.	5 00
I. B. O.	10 00
Mrs. Edmund Titus, Scarsdale	10 00
Mrs. M. T. Bogert, Minnewaska, N. Y.	5 00
Collected by Miss K. Goold, Hyde Park-on-Hudson	10 52
M. L. S.	5 00
Mrs. S. Newstadt	100 00
Maude Cooper, East Orange, N. J.	1 00
Mrs. M. Castle, New Rochelle, N. Y.	10 00
Miss Margaret Kohler, Tonawanda, N. Y.	5 00
T. F. M.	6 00
Previously acknowledged	6,898 70
Total, July 13, 1903	$7,694 22

MR. VANDERBILT AVOIDS COLLISION.

On His Complaint the Automobile Driver Is Fined for Fast Driving.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Newport, R. I., July 13.—On the complaint of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt Mr. Ford was arraigned in the police court this morning charged with violating the automobile speed law. Saturday evening Mr. Vanderbilt and S. D. Cochrane, of Boston, his guest at Oakland Farm, were returning home in a light carriage. Mr. Vanderbilt was driving slowly and carefully, as the roads, overshadowed by the trees, were dark and the driving was dangerous.

An automobile came from the opposite direction at a high rate of speed with only one light. Not until the vehicles were within a few feet of each other could Mr. Vanderbilt see on which side the light was shining and make the turn that would avoid a collision. He quickly turned his horse to the left and prevented a serious accident. The automobile dashed by within a few inches of the Vanderbilt carriage and disappeared.

Mr. Vanderbilt registered a complaint against the driver of the machine, and the town sergeant apprehended the man this morning. He was fined $20 and costs.

BRIGHTEST COMET IN TEN YEARS.

Borelli's, Professor Campbell Says, Should Be Conspicuous in the Evening.

San Jose, Cal., July 13.—Professor W. W. Campbell, of Lick Observatory, gives out the following:

The comet discovered by Borelli at Marseilles three weeks ago has been under observation by various members of the Lick Observatory staff. It promises to be an unusually interesting object. Its brightness has increased very rapidly, until it is now as easily visible as a fourth magnitude star. On Monday evening observers should experience no difficulty in detecting it about one or two degrees southwest of the bright star Alpha Cygni. Its motion is carrying it southwestward about five degrees daily.

The orbit of the comet has been computed by Professor Perrine. It is now in a parabola in such a way that its nearest approach to the sun will occur August 27 at a nistance of about 31,000,000 miles. Its present distance from the sun is about 100,000,000 miles, and from the earth about 20,000,000. To the unassisted eye the comet will appear as a hazy patch of light. An acute eye should be able to detect a short tail projecting away from the sun. Our photographs have recorded two prominent tails, each several degrees in length.

While it is always unsafe to make predictions as to how bright a comet will grow, yet there is little doubt that this one will be a fairly conspicuous object in the evening sky. In fact, I expect it to be the brightest comet of the last ten years.

STOLE TO SEE CHILDREN.

But Instead of Getting to Brooklyn Woman Went to Workhouse.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Philadelphia, July 13.—Mrs. Kate Brown wanted to get to Brooklyn to see her three children, none of whom she had seen for four years, but her affection sent her to the county prison this morning for three months. Mrs. Brown pleaded guilty in the Court of Quarter Sessions to-day to the larceny of a clock and some wearing apparel. She said that she had stolen the articles with the intention of getting enough money to get to Brooklyn. Her husband left her more than four years ago, taking their three children with him, and the desire to see them had lately taken possession of her.

BIG ORDER BY THE SOUTHERN.

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 13.—The Southern Railway Company to-day filed in the office of the County Registrar here a copy of a contract for 147 new engines and 700 new freight cars, to cost $3,235,170. Of this amount $700,000 is to be paid in cash. The contract is made with Blair & Co., of New-York.

OBITUARY.

JUDGE ROBERT WILLIAM WILCOX.

Honolulu, July 13.—Judge Wilcox, the intimate friend and adviser of the late King Kalakaua and other monarchs of the Hawaiian islands, died to-day from blood poisoning following an operation.

Robert William Wilcox was born in Kuhulu, Island of Maui, February 15, 1855, and received his education in the Hawaiian schools and at the Royal Military College, at Turin, Italy, becoming an artillery officer. He was a member of the Hawaiian Legislature in 1880, and again in 1890 and in 1892. In 1889 he was a leader in the movement to restore the old constitution. He organized the Diamond Head revolution against the Dole government for the restoration of Queen Liliuokalani in 1895, and was condemned to death. By the intervention of the United States Senate his sentence was commuted to thirty-five years imprisonment at hard labor and $10,000 fine. The next year he was pardoned.

He was elected to the LVIth Congress in 1900, the first Delegate from the Territory of Hawaii, as an Independent Home Rule Republican, and at the same time as Delegate to the LVIIth Congress. While at Washington he successfully defended himself against charges of offering to fight for Aguinaldo in the Philippines. His successor in the LVIIIth Congress was Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole, who defeated Judge Wilcox for re-election. Mr. Wilcox married in 1887, at Turin, the Baroness Gina Sobero, and in 1896 the Princess Theresa Owana Kaoheleleiani, at Honolulu. His father was a New-Englander, Captain William S. Wilcox, of Newport, R. I., but his mother was a full-blooded Hawaiian.

GENERAL JOHN Q. LANE.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 13.—General John Q. Lane, of Philadelphia, died here to-day at his cottage, which he had been living in during the summer. General Lane was seventy-three years old and was a veteran of the Civil War. He was a well known lawyer of Philadelphia. He is the father of Dr. John Lane, of Brooklyn.

CHARLES SUMNER HASKELL.

Charles Sumner Haskell, district superintendent of public schools for Manhattan, died on Sunday in Falmouth Foreside, near Portland, Me., from heart trouble brought on by overwork. Mr. Haskell was forty-five years old.

He was born in Auburn, Me., and was graduated from Bates College, Lewiston. He had trained himself for the work of teaching, and soon after his graduation became principal of the High School in Weymouth, Mass. From that place he was called to the principalship of the Jersey City High School, where he made a record within six years that ended in his being appointed principal of Grammar School No. 2, in Third-ave. and Forty-sixth-st., Brooklyn. He held this post for about six years. Last October he was appointed district superintendent.

He had acted as principal of the Men's Night School in the Boys' High School in Brooklyn. The double task, however, had weakened a system already injured by excessive work, and in last January he was forced to take to his bed, from which he did not rise again.

Mr. Haskell was president of the Schoolmasters' Club and a member of the Business Men's Association of Fifth Avenue, South Brooklyn. He was instrumental in founding the Third-ave. branch of the Public Library. For the last few years he had lived at No. 341 First-st., Brooklyn. He leaves a widow and two sons. The funeral will be held to-day in Auburn, Me.

THOMAS BROWN M'CLUNIE.

Hartford, Conn., July 13 (Special).—Thomas Brown McClunie, civil and landscape engineer, is dead. He came to the United States from Scotland when twenty years old and settled in New-York. He became interested in the Panama Canal work, but was obliged to return to New-York. Then he took up landscape engineering, doing considerable work on the Hudson. After serving through the Civil War he took up his profession in South Bend, Ind.; Norfolk, Conn.; Hartford, the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition and Alabama.

CAPTAIN FRANK M. BROWN.

Beaumont, Tex., July 13.—Captain Frank M. Brown, of Asbury Park, N. J., one of the best known operators in the oil fields of this State, died in the hospital here last night. He was graduated from West Point, and served as a civil engineer in the Spanish-American War, with the rank of major. He was an operator in the West Virginia oil fields and became prominent in the Texas fields soon after their discovery.

VICTOR ERBACHER.

Victor Erbacher, an importer of drygoods, of the firm of Erbacher & Byram, No. 57 Greene-st., died suddenly yesterday at his home, No. 306 West Eightieth-st., from heart trouble. He was born in Vienna forty years ago, and came to this country in childhood. He was a member of the Merchants' Central Club, the West End Association, and a Mason. He leaves a widow and a young son. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning in the Collegiate Church, West End-ave. and Seventy-second-st.

HENRY D. HEISSENBUTTEL.

Henry D. Heissenbuttel, of the firm of Moquin, Offerman & Heissenbuttel, extensive coal dealers, died on Sunday at his home, No. 229 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn. A month or so after the coal strike he broke down, as a result of the worry at the time of the strike, it is believed. He had never entirely recovered, although death was due directly to appendicitis. Mr. Heissenbuttel was born in Brooklyn thirty-nine years ago. In addition to his coal business he was interested largely in the New-Jersey Dock and Transportation Company. He was a member of the Montauk and Bushwick clubs, and leaves a widow and three children. The funeral will be held to-night at 8 o'clock.

JACOB HESS.

Jacob Hess, chief of the Port Chester Fire Department, and a widely known German hotelkeeper of Westchester County, died at Mount Vernon yesterday from cirrhosis of the liver. Mr. Hess was fifty-seven years old and was born in Saxony. He came to Port Chester in 1864, and worked in the Russell, Birdsall & Ward bolt and nut works until he accumulated money enough to open a barber shop. Twenty years ago he opened the Franklin Hotel, near the New-Haven Railroad station. Mr. Hess was said to be one of the richest Germans in Westchester County. He was president of the Germania Maennerchor, treasurer of the James S. Merritt Association and a member of the Elks and half a dozen other fraternal societies. A widow and six children survive him.

WILLIAM B. HALSTEAD.

William B. Halstead, eighty-five years old, proprietor of the cottages and bathing houses at Oakland Beach on the Sound, died yesterday at his home at Rye, N. Y. Mr. Halstead was born in this city. He acquired a lease of the Oakland Beach property twelve years ago. He made a fortune, it is said, by subletting the cottages and privileges at the beach. When he took the property there were less than a dozen cottages. Now there are more than two hundred. Mr. Halstead leaves a son and a widow.

OBITUARY NOTES.

Utica, N. Y., July 13.—J. Harry Kent, former member of the Assembly from 1st Oneida District, and a leading member of the G. A. R., died to-day in Faxton Hospital, after an operation for cancer of the stomach.

William Floyd, of the wholesale grocery firm of Floyd & Lewis, No. 177 South-st., Manhattan, died on Saturday at his home, No. 214 Rodney-st., Brooklyn. The funeral was held last night, and the burial will be in Setauket, Long Island, to-day. Mr. Floyd, who was eighty-two years old, had lived in Brooklyn the greater part of his life. He was a great-great-grandson of William Floyd, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was a trustee of the Mechanics and Traders' Savings Institution and a member of the Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor. He leaves one daughter.

Francis Granger Adams died at his home, near Coxsackie-on-the-Hudson, on Sunday evening. Mr. Adams was one of the early pioneers to California at the time of the gold discoveries in 1849. Being successful, he left there early in the fifties and settled in Chicago, marrying the daughter of John Thompson, a banker. He was engaged in the banking business in Chicago for about ten years, and his bank was one of the few which passed successfully through the trying times of 1857. In 1865, having acquired a competency, he returned to the old family homestead at Coxsackie, where he lived until the time of his death. He leaves a son, Frederick T. Adams, commodore of the Larchmont Yacht Club, and a daughter, Elinor, the wife of Ernest Groesbeck, a governor of the New-York Stock Exchange.

Smith Fowler, for thirty years the proprietor and publisher of "The Western Brewer," and until recently the owner of "Ice and Refrigerator," trade publications, died on Sunday at his home, No. 458 Greene-ave., Brooklyn. He was born in Centre White Creek, N. Y., fifty-three years ago. He leaves a widow. The funeral will be held to-night and the burial will be at Eagle's Bridge, N. Y.

NATIONAL ART GALLERY.

Report of Mr. Morgan's Intended Gift Not Confirmed in Washington.

[FROM THE TRIBUNE BUREAU.]

Washington, July 13.—Officers and members of the board of trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art are unable to confirm the report recently printed that J. Pierpont Morgan contemplates giving his $6,000,000 collection of pictures as a nucleus of a national gallery of art, which he would ask Congress to establish by legislation next winter. Charles C. Glover, treasurer and member of the board of trustees of the Corcoran Gallery, said to-day that, so far as he knew, Mr. Morgan had never expressed any intention of sending his collection to Washington. The Corcoran Gallery, he said, had always been regarded as a national gallery. If Mr. Morgan would be willing to build a gallery for his collection alongside the Corcoran Gallery, he would be very glad to see him do it, as the capacity of the present building is inadequate to accommodate any extensive collection properly.

B. F. McGuire, director of the Corcoran Gallery, and also a member of the board of trustees, said he had heard nothing of the reported intention of Mr. Morgan to send his art collection to Washington, and knew nothing of the reported movement for a national gallery.

Frederick Dielman, president of the National Academy of Design, in a talk yesterday with a Tribune reporter in regard to a proposed national gallery of art in Washington, and the transfer there of the entire collection of pictures and other works of art owned by J. Pierpont Morgan, said he was very glad to hear it and hoped it was true. There was only one view to be taken of the matter, which was that its accomplishment was highly desirable. Mr. Dielman said he would be glad to see the Morgan collection in New-York, but he would be unwilling to volunteer any criticism of details of such a plan formulated by men who were willing to put it into execution.

Mr. Dielman did not know whether or not the proposed movement to establish a national gallery of art had any relation to the scheme undertaken in June, 1901, by Francis Howard, of No. 9 Upper Cheyne Row, London. Mr. Howard at that time announced that, having visited Washington and laid the proposal for an American national gallery before the President and Secretary of State, he had been assured that the proposal, perfected in detail, on the lines of existing European institutions, would meet with official approval and would find recommendation in a Presidential message. The Secretary of State, he said, issued to him a circular letter to American diplomatic and consular officials generally, to facilitate investigation of the constitutions and working systems of the national galleries of Europe. Following the investigation there was to be issued a double appeal to the government and the nation at large. An associate committee was formed, comprising John W. Alexander, William M. Chase, Frederick Dielman, John La Farge, Frederick Macmonnies, Gari Melchers, Joseph Pennell, John S. Sargent, Augustus St. Gaudens, James McNeil Whistler and others.

Mr. Dielman accepted a place on the committee, but could not speak for the others, as the replies were sent to Mr. Howard in London. Mr. Howard gave Mr. Dielman to understand that he had received encouragement from high government officials, and had reason to expect the backing of men who were able, at least, to put such an enterprise on its feet. No meeting of the committee, however, was ever held, and after its formation nothing more was heard from Mr. Howard. The location of the proposed national gallery was left open, as Mr. Howard had found a difference of opinion as to whether it should be established in Washington or New-York.

MRS. ALLIEN'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Rancocas Stock Farm Owner Nearly Struck by Pennsylvania Train.

Trenton, N. J., July 13.—Mrs. Lillian Barnes Allien, who inherited from Pierre Lorillard the Rancocas farm and racing stable, came near being killed this morning by a special railroad train at the Kinkora station of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mrs. Allien was on her way to New-York. As the train came into the station Mrs. Allien stepped across the track immediately in front of the engine. The cowcatcher brushed her skirts, but she was preoccupied and apparently did not notice it. When the train stopped she boarded it from the off side. Her escort, a middle aged man, was much excited, and at once began to tell her how near she was to death.

LEAVES $2,000 TO CARDINAL.

Baltimore Woman Makes Bequests of $145,216 for Religious and Charitable Purposes.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Baltimore, July 13.—The will of Mrs. Winefriede Martin, of this city, contains bequests for religious and charitable purposes aggregating $145,216, including $2,000 to Cardinal Gibbons, $50,000 for the establishment of a home for old ladies of the Catholic faith, $10,000 to the Carmelite Sisters, $10,000 to the Baltimore Academy of Visitation, $2,000 for scholarships in Calvert Hall and Loyola College, $2,500 for a scholarship at St. Catharine's Institute, $1,100 to the associated professors of St. Mary's Seminary, $3,000 to St. Mary's Orphan Asylum and St. Joseph's Home of Industry, $2,000 to the Clerical Benevolent Association, and bequests to a number of priests from $100 to $500 each.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's Record and To-day's Forecast.

Washington, July 13.—Pressure continues low over the eastern districts, high over the eastern slope and low in the plateau and Rocky Mountain regions. There have been numerous showers and thunderstorms south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi, and fair weather has prevailed elsewhere. It is somewhat cooler generally over the northern districts and also over the northern portion of the South Atlantic States. The weather will be fair Tuesday, except along the South Atlantic Coast and in Florida.

It will be fair Wednesday in the eastern districts, but showers are probable in the middle Rocky Mountain region and locally in the upper Missouri Valley.

The winds along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts will be mostly light to fresh northwest to west; in the lake region light northwest.

Steamers departing Tuesday for European ports will have light west winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

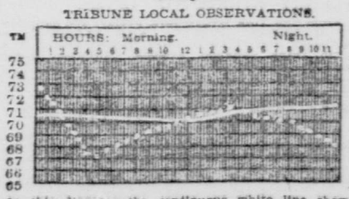
FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND WEDNESDAY.

For New-England, fair to-day and Wednesday; light west winds.

For Eastern New-York, Eastern Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and District of Columbia, fair to-day and Wednesday; slowly rising temperatures; light variable winds.

For Western Pennsylvania and Western New-York, fair to-day and Wednesday; light variable winds.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.



In this diagram the continuous white line shows the changes in pressure as indicated by The Tribune's self-recording barometer. The dotted line shows the temperature as recorded by the local Weather Bureau.

The following official record from the Weather Bureau shows the changes in the temperature for the last twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding date of last year:

	1903.	1902.		1903.	1902.
3 a. m.	67	65	6 p. m.	70	78
6 a. m.	68	66	9 p. m.	69	75
9 a. m.	69	70	11 p. m.	68	73
12 m.	70	79	12 p. m.	—	72
4 p. m.	71	81			

Highest temperature yesterday, 73 degrees; lowest, 67; average, 70; average for corresponding date last year, 73; average for corresponding date last twenty-five years, 74.

Local forecast.—Fair to-day and Wednesday; slowly rising temperature; light, variable winds.

SELECTIONS FROM THE MAIL.

ASKS PIANO FOR SEASIDE HOME.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: We have just returned this evening from the Seaside Home, Coney Island, the institution which saves annually the lives of thousands of poor children. We tried the piano while there. It is an old, "grand-square" piano. Thirty years ago it was an old, second hand instrument in use in the rooms of the Brooklyn Children's Aid Society, in Poplar-st., till it got so bad that they could not stand it, and sent it down to the Seaside Home. It has nineteen notes which do not sound and the remaining ones are out of tune! The damper pedal attachment is broken and there is in consequence a blurred mass of sounds. The piano is worse than useless—it is an instrument of torture.

There are many old, square pianos in this town, which, although in fair condition, are not opened once a year and are mainly in the way. If some kind hearted person could send one of these instruments down to the Seaside Home at once, as the season is short, addressed to Mrs. Mary L. Douglas, who has so admirably managed the Home for over twenty years, he or she will be doing a good Christian act. There are meetings held every Friday night and at other times where Gospel hymns are sung by mothers and children of all denominations and no denominations.

Many mothers who have been there have told Mrs. Douglas that these were the first meetings of the kind they had attended in five or ten years. If no one has a piano to spare, then will not nine business men who read this letter sit down immediately and each send a check for $5 (or send it direct to Mrs. Douglas, who does not know I am writing this letter), addressed to the Seaside Home, and I will personally see that they get a fair instrument for their use. This is a practical charity, close at hand. Please remember that he who gives quickly gives twice.

FREDERICK WILLIS DAVIS.

No. 363 Lafayette-ave., Brooklyn, July 12, 1903.

THE LORD MAYOR'S UTTERANCES.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In your issue of last Saturday it is stated that the Lord Mayor of London, Mr. Samuel, referring in striking terms to the Kishineff massacre, "expressed himself as being thankful that the United States was not bound by diplomatic rules and etiquette." Why not? Does Mr. Samuel consider the United States absolutely ignorant of the good manners of the rest of the civilized world, or is he thankful that the United States wilfully neglects to practise those rules of etiquette obligatory on other nations? LEO NABOKOFF.

New-York, July 13, 1903.

"OUR DEBT TO RUSSIA."

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Permit a regular reader to express the real pleasure that he has experienced in reading the communication from William Barnes, sr., in today's issue. The sentiments are creditable to Mr. Barnes, and are just what true Americans should all feel, and I, for one, am glad that you have presented them. You have set forth the idea with fairness to Russia, and Mr. Barnes did not have to preface his remarks with a laudatory reference to "your valued paper," for which the reader extends increased respect. RICHARD R. HULL.

Hoboken, N. J., July 13, 1903.

Burnett's Cocoaine soothes the irritated scalp, removes dandruff, gives rich lustre to the Hair.

Married.

BROWN—POST—At Denver, Col., on July 10, 1903, by the Rev. J. H. Houghton, rector of St. Mark's Church, Charlotte Post, daughter of the late James Post, of Elmira, N. Y., to Donald Winchester Brown, of New-York City.

Notices of Marriages and Deaths must be indorsed with full name and address.

Died.

Adams, Francis G.
Brook, Ernest P.
Brush, Shadrach M.
Erbacher, Victor.
Gardner, Mary C.
Grundy, Sarah A. H. McK.
Houghton-Parrish, Harriet C.
Howell, Samuel C.
Moss, Henby T.
Oakley, Helen L.
Spencer, Caroline.
Vanderpool, Eugene.
Wilkinson, Robert F.

ADAMS—On Sunday, July 12, at his late residence, Coxsackie, N. Y., Francis Granger Adams, in his 78th year. Funeral private.

BROOK—On Lord's Day, July 12, 1903, Ernest Phelps Brook, in the 61st year of his age. Funeral service Tuesday, July 14, at 8 p. m., at the residence of his brother-in-law, George H. Forrester, No. 382 Degraw-st., Brooklyn, N. Y.

BRUSH—At Greenwich, Conn., July 11, Shadrach M. Brush, in the 85th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, in Stanwich, on Tuesday, at 3:30. Carriages will meet train leaving Grand Central Depot at 1:06.

ERBACHER—Suddenly, of heart failure, on July 13, 1903, Victor Erbacher, beloved husband of L. Anna Erbacher. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services on Wednesday, July 15, 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m., at the Collegiate Reformed Church, 77th-st. and West End-ave. Interment private. Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago papers please copy.

GARDNER—On Sunday, July 12, 1903, at 1 p. m., at the summer residence of her daughter, Mrs. George H. Hazen, at Armonk, N. Y., Mary C., widow of William Gardner, of New-York, in her 80th year. Funeral private.

GRUNDY—At her home, Montclair, N. J., on Saturday, July 11, 1903, Sarah A. H. McKee, widow of George Carr Grundy, in her 81st year. Funeral services will be held from Christ Episcopal Church, at Elizabeth, N. J., on Wednesday, July 15, 1903, at 3:30 p. m. Interment Evergreen Cemetery.

HOUGHTON-PARRISH—On July 13, 1903, Harriet C. Houghton-Parrish. Funeral services at her residence, 179 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., at 3 p. m. Tuesday, the 14th.

HOWELL—At Newark, N. J., suddenly, after a lingering illness, on the 11th inst., Samuel C. Howell. Funeral services from his residence, No. 21 Washington-st., Newark, on Tuesday, the 14th, at 11 a. m. Kindly omit flowers.

MOSS—At Mount Vernon, N. Y., July 11, 1903, Henby T. Moss, aged 55 years. Funeral services will be held at his late residence, No. 26 Clinton Place, Mount Vernon, on Tuesday, July 14, at 2 o'clock p. m. Interment at Woodlawn at 3 p. m. Philadelphia papers please copy.

OAKLEY—At Canton, Penn., on July 10, 1903, Helen Louisa Oakley, wife of Henry A. Oakley, of New-York City, and daughter of the late Richard W. Clark. Funeral services at Grace Church Chantry, Broadway and Tenth-st., Tuesday,