

PRINCESS LOUISE'S FATE. Shakespeare Memorial Arch to Form East Entrance to the Mall.

Nobody seems to know quite what will become of the fugitive daughter of King Leopold of Belgium, who is the ex-Crown Princess of Saxony, bears the title of Duchess of Saxe-Coburg, in addition to that of Princess Philip of Coburg, in connection with her marriage to the prince of the same name, than for condemnation, for her married life and even her childhood have been a life of misery, and that her husband is an object of universal aversion, no one can deny.

It is a question whether she is not destined to still further unhappiness, and perhaps, after all, it would have been better if she had been left under the care of Dr. Pierson, the head of the well known private asylum for the insane at Lindenhof, near Dresden, where she had enjoyed a comparative amount of freedom, being permitted to visit theatres, to shop and to go for long drives, as well as to indulge her taste for dress and for jewelry.

It must not be forgotten that only a few months ago it was in March last—a commission of the leading specialists for diseases of the mind, comprising Dr. Jolly, of Berlin; Dr. Meili, of Brussels; Professor Wagner von Jauregg, of Vienna, and Dr. Weber, who is at the present time at the great asylum of Sommers, in Saxony, after a careful and prolonged examination of the princess, made a report to the Emperor of Austria, declaring that "the condition of morbid mental weakness found in her royal highness Princess Louise of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha at the time when she was placed under tutelage (restraint) remains unchanged and renders the exercise of the laws of succession in the Turkish Empire, it is not the eldest son, but the senior male agnate, or prince of the blood, who is entitled to the succession. The duly recognized heir-apparent, who on the death of the present Sultan will succeed to his throne, is the late Sultan Abdul Aziz, his eldest surviving brother, Prince Rechad, a man of about sixty years, whose own children, Prince Mehmed Ziaeddine, is not next to him in the line of succession, but only the eleventh. Prince Rechad's second brother, Prince Kemaleddin, fifty-seven years old, stands second in the line of succession, and although he has two younger brothers, it is the latter, but his cousin, Prince Izzeddine, the eldest son of the late Sultan Abdul Aziz, who comes third in the line of succession. (Sultan Abdul Aziz preceded the ill-fated Murad as Caliph, and after being deposed was either murdered or else committed suicide by opening his veins with a pair of scissors, the authentic version of his death being to this day shrouded in mystery.)

It is only after this Prince Izzeddine that come the Sultan's two youngest brothers, Prince Suleyman and Prince Mehmed, and Prince Valid, a young warrior. The Sultan's favorite, Prince Burhaneddine, and whom he would like to make his heir, a young prince about nineteen years old, and who is a special favorite of the German Emperor, stands only fifteenth in the line of succession.

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OBITUARY.

JOHN V. L. PRUYN.

John V. L. Pruy, who died yesterday at his home, No. 17 West Fifth-st., was the son of the late Chancellor John V. L. and Harriet C. Pruy, of Albany, and a descendant of one of the oldest Knickerbocker families of New-York State. He was born in Albany, N. Y., on March 18, 1831, and was graduated from Union College in 1853. Later he studied law in the Albany Law School. He was Alderman at Large in Albany in 1877 and 1878, and was a member of Governor Hill's staff. For many years he was a trustee of St. Stephen's College, Bartrows, on the Hudson. He was vice-president of the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Dutch Society, Holland Society, genealogical and historical societies, and of the Union and Metropolitan clubs in this city and the Fort Orange Club, of Albany.

He married, on June 11, 1855, Miss Cornelia Van Rensselaer Erving, of New-York. They had three sons and two daughters. His widow survives him. His brother, George Pruy, is one of the most prominent men of Albany. He is president of the National Commercial Bank of that city, the City Heating Company and of the Consolidated City Heating Company.

Funeral services will be held at Grace Protestant Church, Broadway and Tenth-st., on Saturday afternoon September 24, at 1 o'clock.

FRANCIS L. HOLBROOK.

Francis L. Holbrook, for more than twenty-five years connected with the headquarters of the National Express Company, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frederick Bowen, at Flushing, Long Island. Death was due to complications resulting from a long illness. Mr. Holbrook had a home in Manhattan, but was visiting his daughter at the time of his death. He was the son of the late Lowell and Angelina Nelson Holbrook, formerly well known residents of Remond, Brooklyn. His widow survives him. The body will be buried at Greenwald.

BENJAMIN M. EVERHART.

West Chester, Penn., Sept. 22.—Benjamin Matlack Everhart died at his home here to-day, aged eighty-seven. He was an expert botanist, and it is said that fifteen different plants have been named for him. His works on botany and books of travel have been widely read and are highly valued. His works on botany are particularly noted. He was the last of the family, and it is intimated that his estate will go largely to charity.

GENERAL EDWIN C. PIKE.

Brookline, Mass., Sept. 22.—General Edwin C. Pike, of Brookline, is dead at his summer home here at the age of eighty-one years. He was a native of Eastport, Me., and went to St. Louis in 1845. He was a prominent business man, engaged in the wholesale drug business, and when the Civil War opened was placed in command of the Union militia. He was with Generals Lyon and Blair at the capture of Camp Jackson, and later commanded the "Winged Army" of General Rosecrans. He had made his home in Brookline for several years.

WALTER SEVERN.

London, Sept. 22.—Walter Severn, president of the Dudley Gallery Art Society, is dead. He was born in Rome in 1830. Mr. Severn's father was the English Consul at Rome when the son was born. The boy was educated at Westminster School, and began his career in the Civil Service, but developed a reputation as a water color landscape painter. He was encouraged by Mr. Ruskin in reviving art needlework and embroidery, and Charles Eastlake on the occasion of the opening of the National Gallery in 1824. He illustrated Lord Houghton's "Good Night and Good Morning" and "The Day and the Evening Service."

MRS. JOHN V. NOEL.

Mrs. John V. Noel, wife of General Noel of the National Republican Headquarters staff, died suddenly at her home in Mount Tabor, N. J. General Noel was informed of his wife's illness while addressing a meeting in Buffalo. She was dead before he reached her. Mrs. Noel was born in this city thirty-seven years ago. She was the youngest of the two daughters of the late Dr. Guido Furman. She received training in voice culture, and for ten years was a soloist in the choir of St. Thomas's Church. Her husband had traveled extensively in Europe, and later became his companion in his trips as was correspondent in the various revolutions in South America. She leaves a daughter three years old, a widowed mother and an only sister, Bertha M. Church, at Coleridge to-day.

FOREIGN ACTORS COMING HERE.

George C. Tyler Tells of Success of Miss Eleanor Robson in London. George C. Tyler, the executive head of Liebler & Co., returned on the Deutschland yesterday from Europe. He has travelled over 8,000 miles in his automobile, crossing the Alps and the Apennines without an accident. Mr. Tyler said: Miss Robson's success in her London production of "The Resurrection" is a triumph. I have witnessed the hour of triumph, and I have seen her triumph in her own person. She has been a success in London, and she has been a success in New York. She has been a success in London, and she has been a success in New York. She has been a success in London, and she has been a success in New York.

A POLITICAL PUN.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Allow a "constant reader" to suggest that it will be a decade before D. Cady will be Governor of New-York. R. T. M. Brooklyn, Sept. 23, 1904.

SAY TESTATOR HAS NO PROPERTY.

The will of Carl L. Rose, of Manhattan, who committed suicide by jumping from New-Haven boat on August 15, was up for probate yesterday, but the proceedings were adjourned. It is alleged that the testator left personal property valued at less than \$5,000, but it was declared yesterday that the value will be a great deal less than that amount, and may be nothing, for Rose, it was asserted, was in bankruptcy proceedings prior to his death, and had debts of several thousand dollars, his only assets being suits of clothes and two pairs of shoes. The will is dated April 13, 1889, and there are no codicils.

FRAUD ON HIS UNCLE, HE SAYS.

The will of Isaac Schlachter, of Manhattan, who died on July 30, was up for probate yesterday, but a contest was filed by Samuel Schuchab, a nephew. Schlachter left two sisters—Mrs. Caroline Levor and Mrs. Pauline Cohn—and the nephew. By the will Schlachter was to receive \$50,000. The nephew alleges that the testator was incapable of making a will and that his signature thereto was obtained and the execution thereof was secured by fraud and undue influence practised by Caroline Levor, or by some other person or persons, whose names are at present unknown to contestant.

BENNETT WILL APPEAL WITHDRAWN.

New-Haven, Conn., Sept. 22.—An appeal filed by Judge Stoddard in behalf of Mrs. Philo S. Bennett from probate in the controversy over Mr. Bennett's will was withdrawn to-day in the Superior Court. The appeal was filed as a safeguard after the will had been admitted to probate, and affected only the alleged bequests to William Jennings Bryan Jr. Mr. Bryan now has suit pending against Mrs. Bennett in which he seeks to get possession of the land of which she is said to be a possessor. It is also for \$50,000 in three alleged trusts for educational purposes, to be distributed by himself and wife.

THE OPERA PROSPECTUS.

New Singers and Novelties Offered by Mr. Corried.

Mr. Corried sent out his prospectus for the season last night, and a glance at it will show pretty much what the opera season is to bring forth. Persons who are expected to be heard, besides Burgstaller, Caruso and Dippe, Heinrich Knote, of Munich; Francisco Nullo, of Paris, and Albert Saleza, who returns to America after an absence of several years. The engagement of the Milan baritone Eugenio Giraldoni is noted, and of Maria de Macchi and Mme. Senner-Bettigue, sopranos, who are expected by Mr. Corried to add greatly to the artistic strength of his company. Probably the first novelties will be the production of Pugnelli's "Gloconda," which was almost ready last season, but halted for a proper cast. A revival of "Lucrezia Borgia" is also promised, and of "Don Giovanni," which Caruso is said to be eager to sing in New-York, and which the public will certainly hear with interest. There will be sixty regular subscription performances, forty-five of which will take place in the evenings and fifteen on Saturday afternoons. Monday evening, November 21, is the date fixed for the opening. As usual, the regular subscription performances will be given on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and on Saturday afternoon. On Monday evenings there will be performances at popular prices.

The novelties which may be heard include Puccini's "Manon Lescaut" and "Die Fledermaus" of Johann Strauss. Among the operas chosen for revival are Richard Wagner's "Der Fliegende Holländer" ("The Flying Dutchman") and "Die Meistersinger," with new scenery and new costumes, specially ordered in Vienna; Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera," Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" and "La Favorita" (which have not been produced here for many years); Bellini's "Norma" and "I Puritani"; Paganini's popular "Marta," and possibly Weber's "Der Freischütz."

A continuation of the occasional ballet performances is also promised, and particular attention is given to the production of "The Sleeping Beauty" work of the superlatives. Alfred Corti, M. Vigna and Nahm Franko will be the conductors, and Mmes. Freulich and Varsal again the premieres danseuses.

The prospectus is made up as follows: Sopranos, Mmes. Aloé, Bella Alten, Mathilde Bauermeister, Katharine Senner-Bettigue, Emma Marconi, and Mlle. Paganini. Tenors, M. Vigna, M. Corti, M. Vigna, M. Corti, M. Vigna, M. Corti, M. Vigna, M. Corti, M. Vigna,