

COWES'S GREAT WEEK.

Just Now the Seal of Government of the British Empire.

Lord Oranville, head of the great Irish house of Butler and one of the most favored members of the British peerage, may be said to exercise sovereign sway this week over the Isle of Wight in his capacity as commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron. For the so-called "Coves week" is now in progress, and while it lasts the Royal Yacht Squadron, the premier organization of the kind in the world, is at its own disposal in control of the island, and even on the Solent. It dominates society there, which defers to its dictates, and during the regatta week Cowes becomes the headquarters of the center of fashion, and even the seat of government of the British Empire. For King Edward is living on a yacht in the Victoria and Albert harbor, and it is on board of that superb boat that he is transacting business in connection with the affairs of state, signing the hundreds of papers submitted to him by the Minister of the Admiralty, and the various members of the royal cabinet on the yacht, whence many decrees and official documents are dated.

What distinguishes the regatta week at Cowes from all others is its exclusiveness and the like of all modern regattas on any other coast. It is a regatta for the aristocracy, and the like of all modern regattas on any other coast. It is a regatta for the aristocracy, and the like of all modern regattas on any other coast. It is a regatta for the aristocracy, and the like of all modern regattas on any other coast.

FIGHT FOR THE DUCHESS'S PEARLS.

Miss Lucy Ellis, who has just through a judgment of the High Court of Chancery, in London, secured possession of the crown jewels valued at nearly \$250,000 belonging to her aunt, the late Duchess of Sutherland, is a daughter of the Hon. and Rev. William Charles Ellis, rector of Bothal, Northumberland, and presumptive to the barony of Howard Walden and of the dukedom of Devonshire by her mother, the present Lord Howard de Walden. The entailed property which goes with these peerages is very great, comprising as it does the ground rents of some of the finest estates in the kingdom, and the right of the rector of Bothal is not particularly well off to-day, he is destined, according to present appearances, to become a very wealthy man, indeed.

METEOR WINS AT COWES.

Race for King's Cup—The Cetonia and the Carlad Damaged. Cowes, Isle of Wight, Aug. 6.—Emperor William's American built yacht Meteor yesterday won the King's Cup in the regatta of the Royal Yacht Squadron. Five boats started, and over the Queen's course, forty-seven miles, in a lively breeze, Sir James Pender's cutter Brynhild, the scratch boat, got a splendid start, followed by the Cetonia, Carlad and the English work. The Meteor took second place. The breeze freshened, and the Cetonia's jib and the Carlad's topmast were carried away, the latter being obliged to give up the contest. The Brynhild finished second and the Cetonia third.

ARMAMENT REDUCTION.

British Proposal Modified to Meet Germany's Wishes. The Hague, Aug. 6.—The question of the limitation of armaments, brought before the peace conference by Great Britain, has been solved, the British representatives having agreed to modify the proposition in accordance with the desire of Germany. The modified proposal, instead of urging the limitation of armaments, says that such a limitation is "highly desirable." This will be unanimously accepted.

ADMIRAL BEREFSORD ON ARMAMENT.

Liverpool, Aug. 6.—The British Channel fleet, consisting of seventeen battleships and cruisers, commanded by Admiral Lord Charles Balfour, arrived here yesterday to take part in the celebration of the centenary of the foundation of Liverpool. Replying to an address of the Mayor and Corporation, Admiral Balfour, referring to the proposal for a reduction of armaments, said that he sympathized with the ideals of the Peace Society, but if armaments were reduced it was absolutely certain that this country would soon be involved in war. All attempts at peace, he said, should be so strong that any disturbing peace would be immediately annihilated.

H. H. ROGERS SAID TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH.

New Bedford, Mass., Aug. 6.—Despite persistent rumors from New York that Henry H. Rogers was seriously ill, it is maintained here that he is in the best of health. It was learned that he is the only indisposition which he has suffered of late was an attack of indigestion, which he recovered from in a few days. He is expected to return to New York on Sunday or Monday.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Official Record and Forecast.—Washington, Aug. 6.—The rainfall for the twenty-four hours was confined to New York, New Jersey, and the Middle Atlantic States, the Carolina, Georgia, the East Gulf coast, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The Middle West was clear and is now above the seasonal average. The Rocky Mountains point to showery weather in the lake region and the Middle Atlantic possibly scattered showers. On Thursday, fair weather seems probable, except in the lake region, where the temperature will be higher than it has been for some days past in northern districts. The outlook for the remainder of the week is very good. Forecast for Special Localities.—For New England and Eastern New York, fair, continued warmer; light to moderate easterly winds. For the Middle Atlantic States, fair, continued warmer; light to moderate easterly winds. For the West, fair, continued warmer; light to moderate westerly winds.

C. S. FRANCIS BACK.

Ambassador to Austria Says Emperor Is Warm Friend of President.

Charles S. Francis, American Ambassador to Austria, with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Francis, arrived here yesterday on the Austrian liner Kaiserin Wilhelme. The Ambassador's wife came over a few weeks earlier, and will join her husband at his home in Troy, N. Y. Mr. Francis said he planned to spend his leave of sixty days at Troy and his summer home at Manchester, Vt. He will visit the President-elect in New York.

Mr. Francis was asked if he had much trouble with Americans desirous of being present at court. He smiled, and then replied: "I'll answer that question just this way: I have not met as many Americans as I would like to meet. I am always glad to meet Americans, and they are always welcome at the embassy."

Mr. Francis said that the Emperor was greatly interested in President Roosevelt and in the United States. "Every time I have met the Emperor," he said, "he has asked earnestly after the President, the condition of his health, and how he was getting on with the big problems he has before him, and relations between the United States and Austria are most friendly."

OBITUARY.

IRA DE FOREST WARREN.

Ira De F. Warren, a member of the New York Yacht Club and a lawyer of this city since 1882, died yesterday in this city in his seventy-sixth year. Mr. Warren was born in Albany in 1831 and was the son of the Rev. Ira De Forest and Catherine Caldwell. He was educated at the Albany Academy and at the University of the City of New York. He was a member of the New York Yacht Club and the Lotos club and the Bar Association.

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J. H. HOWARD.

Mexico City, Aug. 6.—J. H. Howard, a member of a wealthy family of Port Huron, Mich., died at the American Hospital last night from nephritis. Mr. Howard probably was taken to Port Huron, Mich., where he was born, and died there. He was a member of the American Hospital and was a member of the Knights of Honor. Two daughters and a son survive him.

THE REV. DR. M. E. HARLAN.

The Rev. Dr. M. E. Harlan, pastor of the First Church of Christ (Disciples), at Sterling Place and Seventh avenue, died yesterday at Oxford, Ohio. Dr. Harlan was forced to leave his church in Brooklyn a year ago, a nervous trouble making it necessary for him to go to a sanatorium at Oxford, Ohio. He was in 1890 Dr. Harlan took charge of the Brooklyn congregation. He was formerly pastor of a church in Topeka, Kan. Dr. Harlan was born in Indiana forty-eight years ago, and was graduated from the University of Iowa, in 1870. He is survived by his wife.

CHARLES J. GODFREY.

Charles J. Godfrey, who for forty years was an importer of athletic goods in Manhattan, died yesterday at his home, No. 57 7th street, Brooklyn. Mr. Godfrey was stricken with paralysis a year ago, and heart disease, resulting from his illness, was his cause of death. He was born in Manhattan sixty-two years ago and was a member of Grace Lodge, Knights of Honor. Two daughters and a son survive him.

MRS. M. B. COBB.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 6.—Mrs. M. B. Cobb, mother of her well known tobacco man of that name, died at her home, at Blackwell's, Caswell County, N. C., to-day. She was eighty-one years old. Mrs. Cobb was born and reared in Caswell County, where she had spent her entire life, dying in 1820. She is survived by the following children, who were with her when she died: James B. Cobb, of New York; H. Wellington Cobb, of Durham, N. C.; and Mrs. E. A. Flass, of Durham, N. C.

ISRAEL MUNSON SPELMAN.

Boston, Aug. 6.—Israel Munson Spelman, the last surviving member of the Harvard class of '38 and the oldest alumnus of the college, died to-day at his summer home at Marblehead, aged ninety. Mr. Spelman for a long time was active in Boston, and Maine Railroad affairs, and in time of the Civil War was the president of the road.

FREDERICK W. KEUTGEN.

Frederick W. Keutgen, who was consul in New York for the Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, died on Monday at his home, No. 138 Amity street, Brooklyn. He was born in Bremen, Germany, in 1820. He was active in banking circles. He was one of the first agents of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company in America, and for a time was connected with the banking office of "The Road to London" of New York. He retired seven years ago. Mr. Keutgen was chairman of the board of regents of the Long Island College Hospital. His wife, three sons and two daughters survive him.

MRS. MARGARET FOWLES DEAD.

Detroit, Aug. 6.—Margaret Fowles, a well known musician and composer of London, England, died of apoplexy early to-day at Grace Hospital. Mrs. Fowles arrived here Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. Hingston, of New York. She was a long time the organizer of the Clyde Choral Union. The body will be shipped to London.

COSTLY COFFIN FOR PET CAT.

Winnington, Del., Aug. 6.—A pet black cat named by Mrs. Charles Zerby was buried to-day in a costly wooden coffin. The cat, however, had

animal in Delaware. It was buried in a coffin with silver trimmings and a silver plate reading "Kitty Clover Zerby, aged eleven years." A large number of mourners took a last look.

FOUR CARS OF CHILDREN.

Tribune Fresh Air Fund Sends Many Little Ones on Outing. Four railroad cars, each one filled with Tribune Fresh Air Fund children, left the city yesterday and by 9 o'clock this morning the children will be distributed in twenty towns in three states. The biggest party numbered 160 and left late in the afternoon over the Pennsylvania Railroad. Five of the children went to Port Allegany, at the invitation of the Rev. H. A. Reed, while the remainder were bound for Bradford, Pa., where they will be distributed to nearby towns. Dr. A. Grace White obtained the places for these children, which she termed an "ambulance."

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In the Rutland party was one little girl who had some difficulty in getting ready. She lives in a basement and her mother had to get up to get her. She was especially invited back to Rutland, where she visited last year. When the missionary took her the invitation she immediately consented. Then she burst into tears.

"I can't go," she said. "Because the rats have gnawed holes in my stockings." "Why not?" "Because the rats have gnawed holes in my stockings." "Why not?" "Because the rats have gnawed holes in my stockings."

Only when the missionary had bought two new pairs of stockings was the small wail satisfied. A boy in the party was told that he could not go unless he had his hair cut. He lost no time, for a minutes later he was found seated in an out of the way place in the Settlement house industriously making jagged holes in his locks with a pair of scissors.

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HOTEL MEN ANNOUS.

Worried Over Mrs. Blatch's Suit Against Hoffman House.

The suit started against the proprietor of the Hoffman House by Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, daughter of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a lecturer and writer of some note, became serious when she refused her at the Hoffman House hotel one evening last week. Mrs. Blatch, who is a prominent suffragist and a writer, said yesterday that she knew of the rule adopted by some hotels against serving women in the dining rooms when not escorted, and hesitated about going with her woman friend to the Hoffman House, and the latter's refusal to accept an obnoxious custom of the European countries.

Mrs. Blatch said she asked the clerk if they could have dinner on the roof, and opposition was made to serving them until she and her friend entered the dining room on the roof, when the head waiter asked her if she were escorted. It was a question of both inquiring, she was told of the hotel rule that prevented her from serving her and her friend after 6 o'clock. She was told at the hotel office that she could be served in the hotel dining room, but not in the garden.

Mrs. Blatch said she had begun suit to see whether there was a law allowing hotel owners to prevent her dining with her woman friend in what she termed a "public room." She was told that she could be served in the hotel dining room, but not in the garden.

"I think it unjust," said Mrs. Blatch, "for hotels to keep out objectionable women when no effort is made to deport objectionable men. It is a question of equal rights. A woman, when her respectability is apparent, must be escorted by a man if she wants to dine. There are hundreds of women in the city whose work as physicians, lawyers, and so on, requires that they take their meals away from their homes in the evening."

Mrs. Blatch said that the League of Self-Supporting Women, which had twelve chapters in the city, was planning to remove the restrictions against women in civil life, and that it had planned to begin a crusade against the hotel rule refusing service to women in the dining rooms of the Hoffman House. However, she said, she had decided to drop the matter.

J. P. Coddigan, manager of the Hoffman House, when he heard of the lady's protest, regretted that she had been so ill-treated. "If I had been here when the incident occurred she would have had her dinner served to her."

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ELBERT HUBBARD MUST PAY DAMAGES.

Result of Legal Contest with Advertising Manager of His Publications.

Buffalo, Aug. 6.—After a stubbornly fought legal battle extending over a period of two and a half years, Elbert Hubbard, founder of the Roycroft Shop at East Aurora, was to-day condemned to pay to Frederic W. Gardner, of Chicago, \$25,000 damages for breach of contract. Three years ago Hubbard and Gardner entered into an agreement, effective until the death of either party to the fact, whereby Gardner was to have absolute charge of the cash advertising inserted in "The Philistine," "Little Review" and the Roycroft publications. Gardner succeeded in advancing the rate from \$25 to \$100 a page. Hubbard then began to solicit himself. An injunction was issued restraining the latter from accepting advertisements, from advertising his products in either magazine and from accepting merchandise in exchange for advertisements. The injunction is made permanent