MR. RUSSELL HOME

He Tells of Conditions at La Guayra and in Venezuela.

According to a statement made by W. W. Russell, the American Minister to Venezuela, who has come here on his annual leave of sixty days, the bubonic plague has the port of La Guayra tightly within its grasp and the mortality of blacks and whites is far greater than is generally known.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell and their daughter arrived here yesterday on the steamer Caracas, of the Red D Line, and went to their home in Rockville, Md. Mr. Russell's account of the seriousness of the situation at La Guayra agrees with the exclusive announcement in The Tribune on Friday that there was an average of sixty-five deaths a day among the negroes.

"The plague is far more serious than is generally believed," said Mr. Russell. "These reports of war in the republic are idle rumors and there is nothing in them. The plague is the thing that is causing trouble in Venezuela. The disease has spread so rapidly and so alarmingly that a quarantine has been declared at Trinidad and Colombia, the latter port being quarantined against Trinidad and La Guayra."

Mr. Russell confirmed the stories that the Venezuelan troops are burning all infected places in combating the disease. He said President Castro was in poor health a year ago, but had recovered completely and had a firm grip on the government. He said he thought there was no opportunity for a revolution now in Venezuela.

Among the passengers on the Caracas was Mrs. Post, wife of the Governor of Porto Rico. She is in poor health, and comes to join her husband, who came here several weeks ago to attend the conference of Governors in Washington.

Dr. Doty held the Caracas in quarantine for a long time and made a careful examination of the ship and her passengers before releasing her.

[Correspondence of The Associated Press.]

Caracas, May 9.—The popularity of Minister William W. Russell was shown this morning when the German railroad station was thronged by members of the diplomatic corps and leading citizens of Caracas to bid him goodby on his departure for New York. Mr. Russell's private car, which was to take him and his family to Puerto Cabello, was converted into a garden by the gifts from Mrs. Russell's friends.

It is generally believed here that this departure of the American Minister may mark a crisis in the diplomatic relations between the two countries. Mr. Russell has been accredited to Venezuela for more than thirteen years, having been appointed secretary of legation by President Cleveland at the time of the Guiana boundary dispute with England.

Although the State Department sent the gunboat Paducah to Puerto Cabello ten days ago to take Mr. Russell away, the minister preferred to wait and sail on the steamer Caracas. The Paducah has meanwhile been used to carry diplomatic dispatches back and forth from Curaçao.

The three cases of plague in Caracas a month ago fortunately have not been followed by any new ones, and the city is enjoying a good cleaning up. La Guayra is in a sad predicament. The merchants there are no longer able to feed the crowds of destitute persons, and this week they made an appeal to the Chamber of Commerce of Caracas for aid. This was immediately answered by a large mercantile subscription. Provisions were purchased and sent to La Guayra to-day. The Chamber of Commerce also appointed a committee to go to President Castro for the purpose of explaining to him the terrible condition of La Guayra and of its inhabitants and the necessity of taking heroic measures to save the rest of Venezuela from calamity.

The diplomatic representatives in Caracas are surprised that in view of the sanitary convention of Washington the Venezuelan government has not as yet advised them officially of the presence of plague in La Guayra or of the measures being taken to extirpate it. Castro's decrees and the government newspaper, "El Constitucional," have never mentioned the bubonic plague, but always refer to it as the "reigning epidemic," or the "mysterious sickness."

KAISER DISAPPOINTS NOBLES.

Frankfort, May 18.—Emperor William was to have taken luncheon to-day with the leading nobility of the province, and about one hundred noblemen assembled for the occasion. While many princes were awaiting the appearance of his majesty the imperial adjutant, General von Scholl, appeared and said the Emperor greatly regretted that he could not be present at the luncheon; that Prince von Bülow had asked for an audience on important business of state, and that his majesty and the Chancellor were then in close conference.

EXTRADITED FOR MORGAN ROBBERY.

London, May 18.—Claude J. Heritier and William Wilson, the two men who were arrested in England recently, charged with the theft of $7,000 worth of jewelry from the New York residence of Mrs. David P. Morgan last March, were committed for extradition at the Bow street police court to-day.

BRITISH MEAT TRADE REASSURED.

London, May 18.—The fears of British butchers and meat salesmen that Armour & Co., of Chicago, contemplated the establishment of retail shops for their business in this country, were partly allayed in the House of Commons to-day, when Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, answered Charles W. Bowerman's questions by saying that he had been informed by Armour & Co. that they had not called for new capital, and that they had no intention of opening retail shops here or in the provinces. Mr. Churchill added, however, that many butchering and selling businesses in Smithfield had been acquired or financed with the object of enabling them to sell imported meat only.

STEAMER SUNK; TWO LIVES LOST.

Maas Luis, Netherlands, May 18.—The British steamer Avoca, from New York on May 5 for Hamburg, came in here yesterday with her bows damaged and was at once beached. She had been in collison with the steamer Nordsee. This vessel sank and two of her crew were drowned.

CANADA EXCLUDES IMMIGRANTS.

Port Arthur, Ont., May 18.—Twenty-nine immigrants who arrived by steamer from American ports were turned back under the order that only those having $25 and a ticket to their destination could come into Canada from the United States. They were returned to Duluth.

THE PLAGUE AT PUERTO CABELLO.

Puerto Cabello, May 16, via Willemstad, May 18.—It is believed that the bubonic plague, which has been prevalent at La Guayra, has broken out here. There have been three new cases of a malarial fever, and one has resulted fatally. It is said that these cases had all the symptoms of yellow fever.

Willemstad, May 18.—The American steamer Merida, of the Red D Line, arrived here yesterday from Maracaibo. The captain says that the custom house authorities at Maracaibo, after giving him a clearance for Curaçao, demanded its return under the decree issued on May 14 by President Castro forbidding any goods for Venezuelan ports to be transshipped here. The officials wanted to have the Merida go direct to Puerto Cabello.

It is reported here that three Dutch schooners which transshipped cargoes at Curaçao for Puerto Cabello have been detained by the authorities there.

FRENCH TROOPS ROUT MOORS.

Paris, May 18.—A telegram from General d'Amade says that with three brigades he made a forced night march, and at daylight on May 16, with a front of five miles, surprised the Mdakra tribesmen. The Moors abandoned their cattle and munitions of war in their flight to the mountains. The French lost three men killed and twenty-two wounded.

CLARY'S DEATH DUE TO POISON.

Dublin, May 18.—The inquest over the body of Thomas Clary, whose widow, Margaret Clary, was deported from New York charged with being implicated in his death, was concluded to-night at Claremorris. The jury brought in a verdict that death was caused by poisoning, but that there was no evidence how or when the poison had been administered.

PERU'S REBELLION CHECKED.

Lima, May 18.—Order apparently has been established throughout the republic, following the revolutionary movement a few weeks ago. The insurgent chief, Enrique Liosa, has been captured by government troops, and the only leader of the rebels now at large is Augusto Durand.

NEEDS OF WATERWAYS

Louisiana Congressman Says Nation Is Behind the Times.

"New York is the metropolis of the Western Hemisphere, and in this state you are trying to build a 12-foot waterway. But they are going to build a 21-foot waterway in Canada, connecting the Great Lakes with the St. Lawrence. Then you will have to look to your laurels against Montreal."

This was one of the words brought by Congressman Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, to representatives of the press of this city, for whom a dinner was given last night to meet some of those interested in the developing the national waterways and to listen to their arguments in favor of a comprehensive system of accomplishing this great work. The obvious thing to do, he said, was to connect this city with the great Middle West by inland waterways.

That only 3 per cent of the total appropriations of the government should be given to the improvement of waterways, while 60 per cent were devoted to national defence and "the rewards of war," Congressman Ransdell said was distinctly unfair to the business interests of the nation. Our country, he said, had no national programme for the development of her waterways and it was to educate the people to the importance of such a policy of waterway development that the National Rivers and Harbors Congress had been organized.

Under the old haphazard policy of development Congressman Ransdell showed that less than one-half the amount needed to cary out the plan for widening the Harlem ship canal to 250 feet and deepening it to fifteen feet had been appropriated by Congress in the last twenty-five years. Only one-tenth of the amount needed to carry out the proposition to deepen the Ohio to six feet at mean low water had been appropriated in the last quarter of a century. "Under such a system," he said, "what chance have the other waterways of the country?"

The opposition of the railroads to the development of waterways is a thing of the past, Congressman Ransdell believes. "I firmly believe that if they were relieved of carrying the bulky products," he said, "they could add to their profits. We are greatly behind Germany, France, Holland, Belgium and even Canada in waterway systems, and if we are going to make progress commercially we must develop our waterways, which are among the greatest of our natural resources."

"President Roosevelt, in his Memphis speech," said Congressman E. C. Ellis, of Kansas City, a member of the River and Harbors Committee of the House and president of the Missouri River Improvement Association, "said we had been taken off our feet by the development of railroads. We were not only taken off our feet, but we were put to bed and to sleep—made indifferent to the value of our great waterways."

Congressman J. H. Davidson, of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Committee on Railroads and Canals and a member of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, presented some interesting statistics to show how waterways had benefited the shipper in lowering freight rates.

Speeches were also made by John A. Fox, special director of the Rivers and Harbors Congress, who is to work up interest in the movement in this section of the country; Rollo Ogden, of "The Evening Post"; John F. Crowell, of "The Wall Street Journal," and others.

Among others present were John Cosgrove, of "Everybody's Magazine"; John A. Sleicher, of "Leslie's"; Dr. O. S. Marsden, of "Success"; Robert Underwood Johnson, of the "Century"; A. C. Johnson, of "World's Work"; Hamilton Holt, of "The Independent," and H. J. Howland, of "The Outlook."

A PATHETIC TRIP ABROAD.

Obstacles Which Confront Prince Helie and Mme. Anna Gould.

Paris, May 18.—The place and date of the wedding of Prince Hélie de Sagan and Mme. Gould have not yet been decided. They regard themselves as engaged and would like to have the marriage performed immediately. Complications, however, confront them. First, there is a clause in Jay Gould's will reducing the share of each child one-half if he or she marries without the consent of the executors. If the marriage of Mme. Gould takes place soon it can be assumed that the consent of her brothers and Miss Helen Gould has been given; otherwise the ceremony will necessarily be delayed to permit the courts to decide the question.

The most serious obstacle to the marriage is Count Boni's attitude, which involves the possible limitation of Mme. Gould's rights over her children. Count Boni is furious at the idea of the wedding and makes no concealment of his intention in case of a marriage to demand a modification of the divorce decree which gave her the custody of the children, basing this demand on the ground that the prince would not be a suitable stepfather and that such close relationship with his children would be prejudicial to their interests.

During the course of Prince Hélie's recent suit against Count Boni and his brother for assault it will be remembered the count's attorney said that no court in France would confide the custody of children to a man of de Sagan's character.

Mme. Gould feels certain that no court would take such a view, but nevertheless the suit would create endless complications, which both she and the prince desire to avoid. To circumvent this phase of the situation the marriage might be performed abroad, perhaps in England, but this would involve the decision to live in the future beyond the jurisdiction of the French courts, unless some settlement could be effected with Count Boni.

The question of a religious ceremony does not stand in the way. Mme. Gould is a Protestant and the marriage would be before a Protestant minister. To do this it would not be necessary for Prince Hélie to change his religion; he would be obliged only to accept the Protestant rite.

Reports from Rome that Mme. Gould sought to have her marriage to Count Boni annulled by the Vatican are pronounced untrue on competent authority. It is explained that it was recognized in advance that such an attempt would be futile.

CHICAGO BRIDGE COLLAPSES.

Chicago, May 18.—The Erie street bridge has collapsed. Several are reported hurt, but it is said no lives were lost.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Free admission to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, American Museum of Natural History and the Zoological Gardens.
Meeting of the Wholesale Surgical Trade Association, Hotel Astor, 10:30 a. m.
Dinner of the New Jersey Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, Hotel Astor, 7 p. m.
Annual meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, No. 33 West 39th street, 8 p. m.
Meeting of the Tri-Professional Society, Hotel Astor, 8 p. m.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Official Record and Forecast.—Washington, May 18.—The kite flights at Mount Weather, Virginia, during the last few days have reached only small elevations above the mountain, thus indicating, as on a previous occasion during the month, the existence of a considerable stratum of calm or light airs about two thousand feet above the mountain, through which the kites cannot pass. The surface winds in both cases were from the east. The Mississippi Valley depression is now central over lower Lake Michigan and is moving northeastward. It has caused general rains over the northern interior valley, including the east Gulf and south Atlantic states. The temperatures are about normal in all districts.

Rain is probable Tuesday in Atlantic coast states, the Ohio Valley and the lower lake region. On Wednesday showers are probable in New England and the lower lake region.

Forecast for Special Localities.—For New England, fair in eastern, rain in western portion to-day; Wednesday rain; fresh southeast winds, increasing.

For Eastern New York, rain to-day and probably in northern portion Wednesday, including south winds.

For Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey, rain to-day; Wednesday partly cloudy; increasing southeast to south winds.

Local Official Record.—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:

	1907.	1908.		1907.	1908.
3 a. m.	49	63	6 p. m.	74	72
6 a. m.	51	61	9 p. m.	71	62
9 a. m.	55	67	11 p. m.	68	60
12 m.	71	76	12 p. m.	66	—
4 p. m.	75	75			

Highest temperature yesterday, 76 degrees; lowest, 60; average, 68; average for corresponding date last year, 62; average for corresponding date last thirty-three years, 60.

Local Forecast.—To-day rain; Wednesday fair; increasing south winds.

START OF COACH MAGNET FROM THE HOLLAND HOUSE.
Mrs. Thomas Hastings on the box.

OBITUARY.

PATRICK CAMPBELL.

Patrick Campbell, who was for nearly twenty-five years Chief and Superintendent of Police in Brooklyn, died at his home, No. 90 Herkimer street, yesterday from paralysis, succeeding a stroke of apoplexy. He was born at Charleston, S. C., in 1827, and moved with his family to Brooklyn while a boy. His first job was on "The Brooklyn Daily Eagle." There he remained for twenty-three years. When he left there he was foreman of the composing room. He was appointed Customs Inspector by President Pierce. He served through President Buchanan's administration and for two years of President Lincoln's term.

He was closely associated with the late Hugh McLaughlin, leader of the Brooklyn Democrats, and through his influence became Sheriff of Kings County, from 1866 to 1869. The next year he was appointed Chief of Police. At that time the system was just changing from metropolitan to municipal. In 1873 the chief became known as superintendent. As superintendent he resigned in 1895, after the big railroad strike in the administration of Mayor Charles A. Schieren.

Among the famous cases which he handled successfully were the murder of Sarah Alexander by her cousin, Pesach M. Rubenstein, in a cornfield of East New York; the murder of William W. Simmons, by Adreas Fuchs, who packed the body of his victim in a pork barrel, and the murder of Charles Goodrich, a brother of the late Justice William W. Goodrich, of the Supreme Court, by Kate Stoddard. All of these occurred in 1875 and 1876. Mr. Campbell held a family reunion on Sunday in the old homestead. Fourteen of his descendants were present. Among those who survive him are his wife, one son and two daughters. The funeral will probably be held on Thursday at the Roman Catholic Church of the Nativity, Madison street and Classon avenue.

HUGO TOLAND.

Philadelphia, May 18.—Hugo Toland, a well known actor, died suddenly from Bright's disease to-day at the home of his nephew, in Germantown, a suburb. Mr. Toland arrived in this city last night from the West, where he had been playing in Lillian Russell's company.

Mr. Toland, who was thirty-nine years old, was born in California. His father was Hugo Toland, a surgeon of San Francisco and the founder of the Toland Hospital. His mother was a novelist. He had been on the stage since 1885. For three years he was with Mrs. Leslie Carter in "Zaza," and was stage manager and played an important part in William Faversham's production of "The Squaw Man" for two years. He "starred" in "Mr. Barnes of New York," produced "The First Born" and also appeared with Nat C. Goodwin for several seasons.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday. The Lambs of New York, of which he was a member, will be invited to attend. The body will be cremated and the ashes sent to San Francisco for burial. Mr. Toland married Gertrude Tibbell, an actress, a number of years ago. They were divorced.

EX-JUDGE G. A. FINKELNBERG.

Denver, May 18.—G. A. Finkelnberg, who resigned as judge of the United States District Court at St. Louis in 1907 on account of failing health, died in this city to-day. He was born near Cologne, Prussia, on April 6, 1837.

Ex-Judge Finkelnberg was a member of Congress from Missouri from 1868 to 1872, and was defeated for Governor of Missouri in 1876. He was the author of several legal works.

FREDERICK MAY HOLLAND.

Concord, Mass., May 18.—Frederick May Holland, an author, died yesterday at his home here, at the age of seventy-two years. He was a member of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences.

Mr. Holland was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Frederick West Holland. He was graduated from Harvard in 1859. He entered the Unitarian ministry in 1862, but resigned in 1874. He married Anna Maria Bicknell. Mr. Holland was the author of "The Reign of the Stoics," "Sordello; a Story from Robert Browning," "Stories from Browning," "The Rise of Intellectual Liberty," "Frederick Douglass, the Colored Orator," and "Liberty in the Nineteenth Century," besides a number of pamphlets.

OBITUARY NOTES.

ALFRED CABEL, seventy-four years old, died in Sioux City, Iowa, yesterday. He went to Sioux City ten years ago. Previously he was an opera singer and teacher in Paris, Milan and New York.

PROFESSOR J. H. COYNER, at one time president of colleges in Salt Lake City and Los Angeles and a lecturer against Mormonism, died at Hopkinsville, Ky., yesterday, aged seventy years.

LOUIS H. HNATKOWSKI, well known as a decorator, died suddenly at his home in Newport, R. I., yesterday. Mr. Hnatkowski was a graduate of L'Ecole des Beaux Arts, of Paris, and was master of many languages. He went to Newport fifteen years ago as a Polish exile and since then had gained considerable prominence as an interior decorator. He had decorated the homes of many of New York and Newport's wealthiest residents.

THE REV. DR. I. W. CATE, formerly of Boston, died on board the steamship Minnesota, which arrived in Seattle Sunday from Japan. For ten years he was in charge of the Universalist mission in Japan. He was also connected with the University at Tokio. He leaves a wife and two children.

THAW HAS LESS CONFIDENCE.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 18.—Harry K. Thaw was visited to-day by A. Russell Peabody, his lawyer. Mr. Peabody was Thaw's only visitor. The prisoner seemed in good health, but it was stated by his keepers that he had lost some of the confidence which he had on Sunday that he would be freed by Justice Morschauser.

FURNITURE AND ART OBJECTS SOLD.

A bronze figure of Mercury brought the highest price at the fourth day's sale of the Carroll and Graef collection of modern and antique furniture and art objects at the Fifth Avenue Art Galleries, No. 546 Fifth avenue, yesterday. J. A. Parker bought the winged foot figure for $50. A tapestry and velour parlor suit of three pieces went for $35, and for a small brass cannon L. A. Lanthier paid $25. The attendance was good and the bidding brisk. The buyers included L. J. Phillips, Louis Greene, E. Sheppard, L. Compton, S. J. Hartley and H. A. Cass. The sum realized from yesterday's sale was $2,849 25, making the total to date $11,208 75. The sale will probably continue all the week.

TIFFANY WILL CONTEST.

Relatives Charge That Undue Influence Was Exerted on Former Rector.

Winsted, Conn., May 18 (Special).—Between $500,000 and $750,000 is involved in the Tiffany will case, which will be tried before Judge Gager, in the Superior Court here, beginning to-morrow. The Rev. Dr. C. E. Tiffany was an Episcopal rector, and for many years an archdeacon in New York City. By the terms of his will servants and others, including Charles P. Howland, of the firm of Howland & Wheeler, of New York, who drew the will, are to receive large sums of money, and distant relatives are striving to have the instrument set aside on the ground that undue influence was used.

When Dr. Tiffany's wife died seven or eight years ago, he gave up the ministry and spent the greater part of his time with a niece in Sharon, Conn. He died in Maine last summer. Mrs. Tiffany was a daughter of William Wheeler, of New York, who had a summer home in Sharon, and much of Dr. Tiffany's wealth is supposed to have come from the Wheeler side of the family. The Wheelers were heirs of William C. Ogden, of Chicago. At Dr. Tiffany's death his estate was inventoried at $125,000, but it is stated on high authority that there were large interests in the Ogden estate, which make the amount now involved between $500,000 and $750,000.

The will was admitted to probate by Judge Lawrence Van Alstyne, of the Probate Court of Sharon, and the Misses Emily and Laura Wheeler, of Sharon, sisters of Mrs. Tiffany, and Mr. Howland were named as the principal legatees. Among the bequests were $200,000 for a home for deaconesses, $2,000 to the Sharon Library, $1,000 to the town of Sharon, $2,000 to Dr. Tiffany's gardener and $1,000 to the kitchen girl. Mr. Howland and Miss Laura Wheeler are the executors.

The suit was brought in the names of Joseph Burr Tiffany and Charles Otis Tiffany, of New York, nephews, who, it is understood, received only $500 each. The principal bone of contention is the bequests to the executors, who are residuary legatees.

Dr. Tiffany also left two nieces, daughters of his brother, the Rev. Otis Henry Tiffany, an Episcopal minister, who was at one time General Grant's pastor in Washington. They are cut off with amounts smaller than they received as allowances before Dr. Tiffany's death.

LOOKS FOR BIG CROPS.

Railway President Expects Texas Lines to Do Record Business.

Frank Trumbull, president of the Colorado & Southern Railway Company, returned yesterday from a five weeks' trip through the West and Southwest. He was optimistic over the crop prospects in the road's territory, particularly in Texas. The weather in that state, he said, had been very favorable for the planting of cotton, and the indications were that the company's Texas lines would have this fall the biggest business they had ever carried.

He declared that public sentiment in Texas was more friendly toward the railroads than for many years, and that the movement was headed by some of the strongest commercial men in the state. The state had twice refused to reduce its passenger rate, he said.

Mr. Trumbull said that, generally speaking, the lines in the West which ran through agricultural districts were doing well, and in some cases local business was actually showing increases over last year. He remarked, however, that this gain was offset, and probably would be for some time, by losses on manufactured products, and added: "If you can tell when manufacturing will be resumed you can predict when railroad earnings will again become normal. I expect our lines to show decreases in May and June, but I believe all of us are now in the bottom of the trough and the only way out later will be upward."

Speaking of mining conditions in Colorado, Mr. Trumbull said that silver and lead mining there was considerably depressed by low prices, but that in the gold mining camps of the Cripple Creek district great improvement over last year was shown, over one thousand more men being at work there than a year ago, and the outlook being excellent. The steel business in Colorado, he said, was considerably less than last year, but was expected to improve within a few months.

WILLIAM K. VANDERBILT, JR., FINED.

Special Sessions Says He Must Pay $15 for Old Speeding Offence.

The case against William K. Vanderbilt, jr., who was arrested for exceeding the speed limit in his automobile on March 8, came up in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday. Mr. Vanderbilt was fined $15, as was Alfred Hummel, his chauffeur.

The complainant against Vanderbilt was Bicycle Policeman Morrison, of the Traffic Squad, who made the arrest. It was he who took the question to Commissioner Bingham after Mr. Vanderbile had been discharged by Magistrate Kernochan. Commissioner Bingham called the attention of the District Attorney's office to the case, and as a result a warrant was issued compelling Mr. Vanderbilt to appear in Special Sessions for trial.

All the justices, with the exception of Justice Zeller, preferred to take the policeman's version of the affair, but Justice Zeller, who was presiding, did not think the evidence conclusive enough to warrant a verdict of guilty. The majority ruled.

CHILDREN TO KEEP TABS ON "COPS."

Inspector Miles O'Reilly has appointed all the pupils of Public School 72, in East New York, police sergeants. He has asked them to watch the patrolmen and report any misconduct. The other day O'Reilly dropped into the school and explained his plan. "I want the co-operation of you children to increase the discipline of my men," he said.

Whenever the children see a policeman enter or leave a saloon or store they are to take down his number and forward it, with a description of the circumstances, to the inspector.

The patrolmen are not a bit pleased over O'Reilly's latest plan for keeping tabs on them.

EZRA KENDALL IN NEW ADE COMEDY.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Boston, May 18.—Ezra Kendall appeared to-night at the Majestic Theatre in a new comedy by George Ade. The house was filled and everybody appeared to be satisfied. This was Mr. Kendall's first appearance in Boston in four years.

CHURCH UNION NEAR

Methodist Episcopal Speakers Arouse Protestant Enthusiasm.

Pittsburg, May 18.—The plan for the consolidation of the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Protestant churches received great encouragement at the General Conference of the latter body here to-day. A scene of remarkable enthusiasm was manifested when Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, one of the Methodist Episcopal delegates, closed his address with the following words:

"I want the Methodist Protestant Church to lead all Methodists who have separated from the fold back to the mother church, and I want you to come to the old homestead op your own terms."

Bishop H. W. Warren and the Rev. Dr. J. S. Goucher, president of the Women's College, Baltimore, also appealed to the conference to send them back with encouraging news.

The Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of Brooklyn, and the Rev. Dr. Douglas Mackenzie, president of the Hartford Congregational Theological Seminary, spoke for the Congregational Church this afternoon. A delegation from the United Brethren Church followed the Congregationalists.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Baltimore, May 18.—After three hours' exciting debate at the Methodist Episcopal General Conference to-day the committee on the state of the Church voted to retain paragraph 248 in discipline without change by a vote of 90 to 34.

There seems no prospect of immediate union with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the committee reporting "that the time does not seem to have fully come for such organization." The two Churches, however, are to advise together concerning worldwide missions, Christian education, evangelization of the unchurched masses and charitable and brotherly adjustment of all misunderstandings and conflicts that may arise between the Churches.

Memorial services in honor of the bishops and officers of the General Conference who have died during the last quadrennium were held. There were Bishops Isaac W. Joyce, Charles C. McCabe, James N. FitzGerald, Edward G. Andrews, Samuel M. Merrill and Charles H. Fowler and the Rev. Dr. James M. King, secretary, of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Bishop D. A. Goodsell, of Boston, presided. The ceremonies consisted of prayer, the singing of hymns and eulogistic addresses.

The committe on episcopacy will recommend the election of ten bishops.

At the Epworth League anniversary to-night Bishop Joseph F. Berry presided and addresses were made by Dr. Stephen J. Herben and Dr. Edward M. Randall.

The committee on temporal economy has unanimously adopted and will present to the next conference a plan for the adequate support of superannuated ministers, their wives and young children, the feature of which is the establishment of a general connectional fund, to which each of the annual conferences will be required to contribute 5 per cent of their collections of their own funds for the support of such beneficiaries.

MORE ITALIAN OPERA.

It is an observation that was long ago made and has frequently been repeated, that there is never a time when with a small expenditure of energy and a few hours of time an Italian opera company might not be recruited in New York, from the prima donna down to the most ancient chorister. Those who like to speak and write about the rarity of singers and the costliness of operatic institutions profess not to know this, but it is being enforced upon them by the fact that three "grand opera companies" are singing (to use a courteous phrase) in New York at present and that the woods are still full of unemployed "artists." The companies are confessedly organized for the dog days, but they would all pass muster in many a European city where opera is either as common an entertainment as the theatre is among English speaking peoples or as rare as it is in the majority of American towns. The latest troupe to beslege the metropolis was that which bears the somewhat ambitious name of the Knickerbocker Grand Opera Company and which began an engagement at the Majestic Theatre last night. It is more ambitious and more pretentious than are its fellows, for it claims to have within its ranks the "greatest colorature soprano in the world." She is named Adelina Padovani, and last night she exhibited her powers in the role of Violetta in Verdi's "Traviata." The lady is certainly entitled to respect for what, after, we should say, a long and probably active career, remains of a once fine voice and more than ordinary skill. The once fine voice is now sadly worn and the skill is evident only at intervals that are few and far between; yet she stirred a fair gathering of listeners, who admired power and well though laboriously simulated feeling more than they appreciated just intonation, to several outbursts of enthusiasm.

There were many evidences that the company is one of the sort that is gathered together in the easy manner referred to in the opening lines of this notice. One of the singers, the barytone Alessandroni, who acted the part of the elder Germont, is a thorough routinier and an artist of talent of a rude sort; but the tenor, Barili, can be commended only for vocal material with which much might be done by a singer of intelligence, taste and musical feeling; which he is not. The operas announced for the rest of the week are a repetition of "Traviata" on Saturday afternoon, "Il Trovatore" this evening and Friday, "Lucia" on Wednesday, and "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci" on Thursday and Saturday.

"THE GAY MUSICIAN" AT WALLACK'S.

"The Gay Musician," produced last night at Wallack's Theatre, is called by its authors a comic opera. The music was composed by Julian Edwards, and the book and lyrics were written by Messrs. Siedle and Campbell. In fact the piece was musical comedy of the variety to which Broadway has long been accustomed. A comic opera should have at least some pretensions to cohesion in action and unity in idea. But "The Gay Musician" has no plot to develop and betrays no intention of furnishing a situation or a series of situations worth developing.

It may be justly said of last night's production that it contained many of the ingredients popularly supposed to be used in the concoction of musical comedy. There were a few good songs, some pleasing music, a little humor and several changes of costume. But the mixture lacked the sauce and seasoning which make such preparations attractive. It was deficient in wit, sparkle, genuine humor and a workable theme, and therefore failed to reach the sympathy of the audience. Miss Amelia Stone and Miss Sophie Brandt sang and acted the two leading feminine roles with spirit, but the weakness and absurdity of the book handicapped them. The climaxes of both acts were dragged in by main force, each involving the expedient of making a man strike or seem to strike a woman in the face, such form of assault, whether intentional or unintentional, being wholly unnecessary. J. C. Miron and Miss Martha George provided a welcome leaven of burlesque. The piece in its present form is not at all promising. It received, however, a generous welcome from a very friendly audience.

DR. FERRIS CALLS THAW PARANOIAC.

Says He Would Have So Testified if Called at Poughkeepsie.

Albany, May 18.—Dr. Albert W. Ferris, president of the State Commission in Lunacy, who was among the experts subpoenaed by District Attorney Jerome to testify in the proceedings brought to have Harry K. Thaw released from the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane, said today that he was of the opinion that Thaw was a paranoiac and that the only way Thaw could hope to obtain his release would be by the court holding his commitment illegal.

"I am firmly convinced," said Dr. Ferris, "that Thaw is suffering from paranoia and I would have so testified if I had been called. Thaw did not make a favaorable impression as a witness. He appeared to have been carefully trained to answer certain questions, and his being called as a witness by Mr. Jerome completely upset the plans of his counsel."

"INVADER" BASED ON HEINZE CRASH.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Milwaukee, May 18.—The Pabst Theatre English stock company presented Walter Hackett's "The Invader" to-night, with Christine Norman, Janet Beecher, "Jack" Standing and Robert Conness in the leading characters. The play is along the same lines as "The Regeneration," by the same author, and involves a financial crash, supposed to represent the late Heinze difficulties.

When sleep fails, take Horsford's Acid Phosphate—Half a teaspoonful in half a glass of water just before retiring.

Died.

Death notices appearing in THE TRIBUNE will be republished in the Tri-Weekly Tribune without extra charge.

Camp, Elizabeth D.
Chadwick, Cordelia M.
Crain, Dunham J.
Evans, Silas C.
Everett, Constance F.
Howland, Nina.
Miller, John E.
Murray, Margaret B.
Ryan, Mary Q.
Samuels, P.
Sheppard, William R.
Williams, May H.

CAMP—At Mount Vernon, N. Y., May 18, 1908, Elizabeth Downing, widow of Theodore Dwight Camp. Funeral services will be held at her late residence, No. 227 North Fifth ave., Mount Vernon, Wednesday, May 20, at 2 o'clock. Syracuse papers please copy.

CHADWICK—In New Haven, on Sunday, May 17, Cordelia M., daughter of the late Samuel and Mary Ann Merrill Chadwick, of Portland, Me. Funeral services at No. 364 Orange st., New Haven, Wednesday at 3:30 p. m.

CRAIN—Entered into rest on Sunday, May 17, Dunham Jones Crain, beloved husband of Hannah Ann Crocker and son of the late Colonel William C. Crain. Prayers at the residence of his son, Judge Thomas C. T. Crain, No. 121 West 75th st., on Thursday, May 21, at 11 o'clock. Funeral service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, at Cullen, Herkimer County, N. Y., on Sunday, May 24, at 3 p. m.

EVANS—On Saturday, May 16, Silas C. Evans, in the 79th year of his age. Funeral services will be held at the Church of the Divine Paternity, 76th st. and Central Park West, at 10:45 a. m., Tuesday, May 19. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

EVERETT—On May 18, Constance F. Everett, aged 68, wife of the late Charles J. Everett and daughter of William and Eliza Ann Minns. Funeral Wednesday, May 20, at 2 p. m., at her late residence, No. 200 West 90th st., New York. Interment private. Please omit flowers.

HOWLAND—At her home, Morristown, N. J., on Saturday, May 16, Nina Howland, daughter of the late William Howland and Anne Marie Howland. Funeral private. Interment at Greenwood.

MILLER—Suddenly, on May 17, John E. Miller, beloved husband of Mary A. Mumford. Services at his late home, No. 147 Hancock st., Brooklyn, Tuesday, May 19, at 8 p. m. Interment private.

MURRAY—On Saturday, May 16, 1908, Margaret B. Murray. Funeral services at her late residence, No. 753 Putnam ave., Brooklyn, Monday evening, 8 o'clock.

RYAN—On May 18, 1908, at her home, No. 627 Knickerbocker avenue, Brooklyn, Mary Quinn, beloved wife of John Ryan. Solemn mass of requiem at St. Brigid's Church, Linden st. and St. Nicholas avenue, on Wednesday, May 20, at 9:30 a. m. Interment Holy Cross.

SAMUELS—Entered into rest, Monday morning, May 18, 1908, Captain P. Samuels, No. 194 Clinton st., Brooklyn, aged 85 years, 2 months.

SHEPPARD—Suddenly, at Wickatunk, N. J., on May 16, William R. Sheppard. Funeral from residence of Mr. Patrick Ryan, No. 201 18th st., Brooklyn, Tuesday, at 9:30 a. m.; thence to Church of St. John the Evangelist, where a solemn requiem mass will be said.

WILLIAMS—On Saturday, May 16, May Hannah, eldest daughter of John Norton and Mary Tirlar Williams. Funeral services at residence, corner Grove and Main sts., East Orange, N. J., on Tuesday, May 19, at 3:30 p. m. Train leaves New York at 2:30 on D., L. & W. R. R.

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