LORD ATHLUMNEY HERE

Saved Mrs. George Cornwallis West from Drowning.

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Lord Athlumney, who has just arrived in this country from England as the guest of Morton Plant on board the latter's steam yacht, is celebrated as the cleverest bridge player in the United Kingdom, but has made it a rule never to play for money. Of course, this has served vastly to increase his popularity, as he almost invariably wins. Moreover, it is extremely politic on his part, for, being rather a poor man, if he played for money ill natured people would undoubtedly insinuate that he was making a living at the card table. He enjoys the distinction of being the son of the sole peer whose death is recorded in the pages of "Burke" as having been "deeply lamented." He lost this father of his, famous in his day as a popular and successful Secretary for Ireland, when he was a mere boy, and, becoming a ward in chancery, was prevented by his guardian, the Lord High Chancellor, from joining the navy, as he had wished. After serving as a page of honor to three successive Viceroys of Ireland, namely, Lord Spencer, the seventh Duke of Marlborough and the late Duke of Abercorn, his principal duties as such consisting in bearing the train of the Vicereine on state occasions, he went to Harrow, and then into the army, joining the Coldstream Guards. Meeting with financial reverses through the gross dishonest of a trustee, which left him penniless and landed him in the Court of Bankruptcy, and forced, it is said, on this account by Arthur Wilson, of Tranby Croft, to break off his engagement with that steamship magnate's daughter, Miss Muriel Wilson, so well known as an amateur actress, he joined the Egyptian army and served for several years under Lord Kitchener, taking part in most of the Soudan campaigns and winning distinction there, and afterward in the South African war.

While thus soldiering in Northern and Southern Africa he won a number of medals as well as the Osmanieh and the Medjidie Order, and by rights should also have the lifesaving medal of the Royal Humane Society; for he undoubtedly saved the life of Mrs. George Cornwallis West, formerly Lady Randolph Churchill, when he dived into the sea at Cowes a few years ago and rescued her from imminent danger of drowning. His skill as a swimmer also stood him in good stead during Lord Wolseley's unsuccessful expedition for the rescue of Gordon; for he took a leading part in getting the gunboats up the Nile and through the narrows and rapids, spending whole days in the water, swimming with ropes to make them fast to the rocks on shore, as the natives could not make knots which would hold.

Lord Athlumney's little house in Charles street, Berkeley Square, London, is full of all sorts of queer souvenirs and relics, one of the oddest of which is a German policeman's helmet, which carries Lord Athlumney back to the days when he was studying, with a lot of other young Englishmen, for the army, under the care of Colonel Wilkinson, at Darmstadt. They were constantly getting into trouble with the local police, and on one occasion, when arrested, he was put, with several of his young fellow pupils, in a room at the station house full of policemen's cloaks and helmets, instead of being placed in the cells. Naturally they were quick to avail themselves of the opportunity, and not long afterward, disguised as policemen, marched boldly out of the station house without any interference. Although Lord Athlumney served several years on the staff of Lord Kitchener, he declares that when he left him he knew was little about his inner character as when he first joined nim. He describes him as a hard taskmaster, regarding every man as a machine, out of which the most must be got. But he adds to this that Lord Kitchener realizes that the machine needs occasional oiling, in the shape of rest and recreation, which he is careful to see that the men under him get.

Lord Athlumney is no stranger in America, having been here on several previous occasions—twice, I believe, with the Anthony Drexels. His patronymic is Somerville, and his family is an ancient Scottish house, which has been settled for some three centuries in Ireland. One of its members, Sir Quaile Somerville, was Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1745, and as such received a baronetcy from King George II, which was held by the present Lord Athlumney's father, the late Sir William Somerville, until he was raised to the peerage for his services as Irish Secretary. Lord Athlumney is excellent company, has friends everywhere, is an adept in every branch of sport, and is noted for his sunny temper, which remains unruffled, even under the most trying circumstances. Indeed, during the Nile campaign, when everything went wrong, and when cholera was decimating the troops he won the reputation of being the most cheerful man of the expedition.

BARRED FROM WEMYSS CASTLE.

So much comment has been excited by the peculiar clause in the will of the late Randolph Gorden Erskine Wemyss, of Wemyss Castle, who died the other day, in which he stipulates that his eldest son and heir, Michael John Wemyss, shall forfeit his life interest in Wemyss Castle and in the extensive estates associated therewith if he permits his mother, Lady Lilian Wemyss, ever to cross the threshold of the castle, that it may be just as well to explain that Lady Lilian, who is the only sister of the present Marquis of Winchester, obtained a divorce from the testator just ten years ago. The divorce case excited a considerable amount of feeling in society, and was followed shortly afterward by Randolph Wemyss's marriage in a London Registry Office to Lady Eva Cowley, only sister of the present Earl Cowley and niece, therefore, of the widowed Duchess of Wellington. Of course society took sides, and intense bitterness resulted, and it is due to this that Randolph Wemyss in his will not only bars his eldest son from allowing his mother to enter the castle, but also extends the same interdiction to every other member of the Paulet family, to which she belongs by birth, under the penalty of forfeiture. The son is now twenty years old, and is in the navy, and with the object of securing an assurance that his wishes shall be carried out the testator has arranged that the lad shall not come of age or enter into the possession of the property until his thirtieth year, and that he shall remain in the naval service until that time, at least. Of course, Randolph Wemyss provides very handsomely for Lady Eva, his second wife, but the provision which he has made for his only daughter, who has remained under her mother's care, is exceedingly small, considering his great wealth, since all that he leaves her is an annuity of $1,500 a year.

Randolph Wemyss was descended from a third son of the fifth Earl of Wemyss, whose eldest son, the de jure sixth earl, had to fly to France after the battle of Culloden, in consequence of his having been among the adherents of the young pretender. It is owing to the complications that then ensued that Wemyss Castle, which has been the ancestral home of the Wemyss family for seven hundred years, is to-day in the possession of young Michael Wemyss, the naval subaltern son of the late Randolph Wemyss, instead of in the ownership of the old Earl of Wemyss, the chief of the house, who has just celebrated his ninetieth birthday, and who contracted a second marriage only eight years ago, that is to say, at the age of eighty-two. Among the features of the castle, where Mary Queen of Scots met for the first time Lord Darnley, who was to become her husband, is a curious silver bowl, known as the Norway Bowl, which was given by King Eric Magnusson of Norway to Sir David Wemyss, who led the deputation of Scottish magnates that went from Edinburgh to Norway to bring to Scotland little Princess Margaret, known in history as the "Maid of Norway," who, on the death of her grandfather, Alexander III of Scotland, without leaving any male issue, had become the successor to his throne. The baby Queen perished on her journey, and the contest for the Scottish throne by various chieftains and princes gave rise to long years of warfare and misery, but through all that trouble and through the stress and storm of the following six hundred years or more the Norway Bowl has remained the principal treasure of Wemyss Castle and the most cherished heirloom of the Wemyss family.

The new owner of Wemyss Castle represents the twenty-sixth generation in a direct male line from the founder of the family, which can show one of the longest and purest of the pedigrees of Scotland.

MISSING HEIR OF ROYALTY FOUND HERE.

About six weeks ago I mentioned in these letters that search was being made in this country for a German of royal descent, Alexander von Waldenburg, great-grandson of Prince Augustus of Prussia and of the latter's fair friend, Fredegica Wichmann, who at the instance of her royal protector was ennobled and accorded the name of Von Waldenburg. The missing descendant of this union, Alexander von Waldenburg, was wanted in Germany in connection with the sale of property left by Prince Augustus for the benefit of his two families of natural children, and I stated that he would receive as his share of the sale some 50,000 marks, or more.

The long sought man was, thanks to these letters, found on Staten Island, and sailed last week for Germany on board a German liner for the purpose of giving the signatures which are required to complete the sale of the property and to receive his share of the proceeds thereof. I receive quite as many requests from Europe from well known families concerning missing relatives in this country as I do letters from readers in America concerning the families to which they are related in Europe, but have not always been able to satisfy inquiries so quickly as in the case of Prince Augustus of Prussia's great-grandson, found on Staten Island.

MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

NEW G. A. R. OFFICERS.

Colonel Nevius, of New Jersey, Elected Commander-in-Chief.

Toledo, Sept. 3.—Colonel Henry M. Nevius, of Red Bank, N. J., was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic to-day on the first ballot. Other officers were chosen as follows: Senior vice-commander, J. Kent Hamilton, of Ohio; junior vice-commander, C. C. Royce, of California; chaplain in chief, J. F. Spence, of Tennessee, and surgeon in chief, G. Lane Tannehill, of Maryland.

The selection of a city for the next encampment will be made to-morrow.

Colonel Nevius was born in New Jersey, and was studying law with Russell A. Alger when the war broke out. He enlisted from Michigan in the Lincoln Cavalry. He held commissions in the 7th Michigan and 25th New York cavalry regiments, and lost an arm in front of Fort Stevens, when the Union army was engaged with General Early. Besides being twice department commander of New Jersey, he has been a judge and president of the New Jersey Senate.

The Woman's Relief Corps to-day elected Mrs. W. L. Gilman, of Roxbury, Mass., president.

A NEW PLAY BY J. M. BARRIE.

"What Every Woman Knows" Produced at the Duke of York's Theatre.

London, Sept. 3.—J. M. Barrie's new play, "What Every Woman Knows," was produced under Charles Frohman's management at the Duke of York's Theatre to-night, and proved the equal of its predecessors. It will be considered, perhaps, Mr. Barrie's best work.

"What Every Woman Knows" is the story of a dull, determined, unimaginative Scotch youth, who becomes a Member of Parliament and a power in his party. He prides himself on the fact that he is a self-made man until the discovery is forced upon him that it is his demure, homespun little wife who has been the greatest factor in making him. His enlightenment comes when he falls in love with a woman who is a social leader, and his wife schemes to make him spend a fortnight dependent on what he imagines to be her inspiration. Two acts are laid in Scotland, and two depict English political society. The plot and incidents are fresh and strong; the conversation sparkles with witticisms at the expense of Scotch thriftiness, English politics, society and human nature generally.

Gerald Du Du Maurier and Miss Hilda Trevelyan acted in the leading parts and were warmly applauded. Henry Vibart, a canny father-in-law; Mrs. Beerbohm Tree, Lilah McCarthy and Sydney Valentine, the latter, as a Cabinet member, pointedly impersonating Secretary Birrell, also pleased the audience.

"WILDFIRE" AT ASBURY PARK.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 3.—Lillian Russell appeared here to-night at the Casino in a racing comedy called "Wildfire," made for her by George Broadhurst and George V. Hobart. The audience liked it. Several managers and dramatists and a delegation from the Lambs were present. After the performance Miss Russell was the guest of honor at an informal supper. "Wildfire" will be the attraction at the Liberty Theatre beginning next Monday.

MAUDE ADAMS AS JOAN OF ARC.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Boston, Sept. 3.—Maude Adams is to present a single performance of a new play in the Harvard Stadium, next June, by special invitation of the German department. She will play the "Joan of Arc" role, that has always touched her fancy, the play being written by J. M. Barrie, on the story of Joan of Arc, as it is told in German, although the play will be in English.

IMPROVE AMERICAN THEATRE ROOF.

Thomas W. Lamb, architect, has filed plans for enlarging the American Theatre, at 42d street and Eighth avenue. Another horseshoe shaped balcony, with private boxes, will be built on the roof garden. It will have a seating capacity of 352. A new cover, with a rolling skylight, will also be built over the roof. This will be used in stormy weather.

The proposed improvements will be made for William Morris, Incorporated, new lessee of the premises.

MAJESTIC THEATRE.

The Majestic Theatre will be opened a week from next Monday night, and the Messrs. Shubert will present there a play entitled "Father and Son." Edgar Selwyn wrote it. It will be acted by a company of players headed by William Morris.

MR. DIXEY LIKES "THE DEVIL."

Henry E. Dixey loves the devil—that is, Molnar's "Devil." He told Henry W. Savage that much yesterday, and the genial manager there and then engaged him at—not known—to act that personage in the first of the numerous road companies that are to be sent out this season. Mr. Dixey's contract with Mr. Savage is said to be a long one, and he may be seen in other characters than the Devil, but in none more popular at the present moment.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS

BELMONT—A. G. Loomis, Providence. BUCKINGHAM—J. Pike Bradley, England. HOLLAND—John Fowler, Chefoo, China. MANHATTAN—Clive Davies, Honolulu. MURRAY HILL—Dr. S. A. Lattimore, Rochester. SEVILLE—The Rev. A. R. Gray, Sewanee, Tenn. UNION SQUARE—Drs. E. del Raso and D. Lopez, Mexico City. VICTORIA—Rear Admiral George C. Reiter, U. S. N. WALDORF-ASTORIA—F. K. Stevens, Detroit.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Official Record and Forecast.—Washington, Sept. 3.—The barometric pressure has risen in the eastern states, this increase in pressure being attended by considerably cooler weather in the middle Atlantic and the north Atlantic states. In the lake region and the Mississippi Valley region the temperature is higher than at the same hour yesterday. With the exception of local rains along the Gulf coast and in Kansas the weather remained fair throughout the country during the last twenty-four hours. Cloudiness will increase and there will be scattered local showers in the Mississippi Valley, the upper lake region, and on the Gulf coast Friday and in the Ohio and middle Mississippi valleys and the Gulf states Saturday; elsewhere the weather will continue fair. The temperature will rise in the northern states east of the Mississippi River Friday, and it will be somewhat lower in the northwestern states. No decided change is indicated for either sections.

The winds along the New England coast will be light to fresh west and southwest; middle Atlantic coast, light, variable, becoming southerly; south Atlantic coast, light variable; Gulf coast, light, variable, mostly south and southeast; on the lower lakes, fresh to brisk south and southwest; upper lakes, fresh to brisk southwest to west.

Forecast for Special Localities.—For New England, fair and warmer to-day and Saturday; light to fresh southwest winds.

For Eastern New York, fair and warmer to-day; Saturday fair, warmer in south portion; light variable winds, becoming south.

For Western New York and Western Pennsylvania, fair and warmer to-day; Saturday partly cloudy; fresh to brisk south and southwest 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.	69	57	6 p. m.	77	69
6 a. m.	70	56	9 p. m.	74	65
9 a. m.	71	61	11 p. m.	73	64
12 m.	78	64	12 p. m.	73	—
4 p. m.	80	70			

Highest temperature yesterday, 70 degrees; lowest, 56; average yesterday, 63; average for corresponding date last year, 74; average for corresponding date for last thirty-three years, 70.

Local Forecast.—To-day, fair and warmer; Saturday, fair and warmer; light variable winds, becoming south.

ZIA BEY FLEES CITY

Abdul Hamid's Former Favorite Fails to Find Asylum Here.

Zia Bey, one time chief of the secret police of the Sultan of Turkey, after a stay of three or four days in this city, sailed on Wednesday, it was learned yesterday, on the steamship Mauretania. His destination was London, whence he had come to New York.

Abdul Hamid's former favorite fled from Constantinople to find asylum from the agitation in the Turkish capital against the camarilla, only to find on his arrival here the subjects of the Ottoman Empire in a delirium of patriotic enthusiasm over the granting of a constitution by the Sultan, and in no mood to tolerate a former official whom they regarded as in large part responsible for the crimes of the Yildiz Kiosk.

Zia Bey found New York, with its sympathizers of the Young Turk party of revolutionists, too hot for him, and fled to escape possible punishment. He felt unsafe, even under the incognito of I. K. Ignatier, which was the name he wrote in the register of the Hotel Lafayette.

Only a few of his countrymen knew of his presence here, but apparently Zia Bey believed that every Turk, Syrian and Armenian was following his footsteps. He was suspicious of everybody, and it was with great reluctance that he admitted his identity and his part in the old Turkish regime that massacred people and kept the country in perpetual terror for thirty-two years.

"Yes, I am Zia Bey," said the former chief spy, who was obviously nervous. "I was a fool. I have been cruel and heartless, but am I to blame? I was raised in an environment of cruelty and intrigue. From an obscure Tartar origin I became the prefect of police in Constantinople. Then I was promoted to the Yildiz Kiosk, where I became merely a part of the system.

"The Sultan is an intelligent man, but suspicious, selfish, cruel and corrupt. He was responsible for everything that happened in the palace and in the empire. The ministers who surrounded him joined in the wholesale atrocities. I was the head spy, next to Faim Pacha, who was executed after I escaped, and whose body was fed to the hungry mongrels in the street.

"I used to receive reports from the spy lieutenants and turn them over to the Sultan. He read these reports carefully and issued his orders. The men charged with complicity in the revolutionary plot were brought to Yildiz and, without any questions being put to them, were summarily shot or thrown into the Sea of Marmora with iron rings fastened to their feet. Their property went to the palace officials. I got some of it. It was not unusual to arrest innocent persons for the purpose of extorting money from their relatives."

Zia Bey expressed the opinion that notwithstanding the present apparent victory of the Young Turks the old methods would before long be again in vogue.

"The Young Turks," he said, "are not acquainted with the affairs of the government. In the crisis now confronting Turkey she has no statesman who is able to master the situation."

ZIONISTS APPLAUD YOUNG TURKS.

Mundji Bey Principal Guest at Cooper Union Mass Meeting.

The Zionists, constituting in large part the unsuccessful reactionaries of Russia, paid their tribute last night to the Young Turks, their more successful brethren of the Ottoman Empire, at a mass meeting at Cooper Union. The strong community of interest between them furnished the theme for the speeches.

"There are three hundred thousand Jews in Turkey, but they cannot complain of the religious massacres that their brethren suffer in Russia," said Mundji Bey, Turkish chargé d'affaires at Washington and consul general here, who was the principal guest and speaker. "If your people do not get their freedom in Russia, they will find a safe home in Turkey, where they will live happily together with the Turks and fight together if their freedom is threatened. Turkey welcomes all honest Jews."

H. Fineman, who presided, expressed his congratulations to the Turks, and said that this placed the Jews in the Zionist movement in a stronger position. He added that if the Zionists could form a majority of the people in Palestine they could make the latter a Jewish state in the Turkish Empire.

EMPIRE THEATRE.

Miss Illington in "The Thief."

The Empire Theatre was reopened last night, and Margaret Illington appeared there in one of the notably successful dramas of last season, "The Thief." Bruce McRae has succeeded Kyrle Bellew as Richard. The engagement is to be a brief one. It will be terminated a week from to-morrow night, and the following Monday Mr. Drew will make his entrance in a comedy entitled "Jack Straw." "The Thief" is still powerful enough to attract the playgoing public in quest of a good play and finished acting. Miss Illington's fine performance as Marise has lost none of its early charm, and in the powerful scene in the second act, when she confesses herself a thief and defends her honor, she is at her best. Mr. McRae is not Kyrle Bellew, but his acting is not without merit.

HOW MR. FISKE GOT "DEVIL" RIGHTS.

Harrison Grey Fiske made public yesterday a long statement of Alexander Konta, who made the arrangement for Mr. Fiske's production of "The Devil," at the Belasco Theatre. Briefly, Mr. Konta informs the public that he had read a Hungarian version of Molnar's play, and that somewhere in that version the information was imparted that the right to act it could be had by applying to a theatrical agency in Europe. He conferred with a friend, who got the rights and transferred them to him. He wrote a letter to Molnar, advising him that "The Devil" was to be produced, and that he would hold the royalties for him. In the event of Molnar's not replying to the communication, the royalties were to be given to a Hungarian hospital. Mr. Konta does not make known whether or not Mr. Molnar answered his letter.

MISS MANNERING IN STAGE FOG.

Miss Mary Mannering was lost yesterday in a fog—a stage fog. She was rehearsing on the stage of the Lyric Theatre a play called "Glorious Betsy," with which that playhouse will be opened on Monday afternoon.

In one of the scenes she is enveloped in a deep fog. The Shuberts have taken pains to make the fog scene as natural as artificial means will allow. They have constructed an apparatus that will pour out the fog as thin or as thick as may be needed. The inventor was anxious to show his fog at its best, and during the rehearsal he turned on enough to supply a small village.

Ammonia and other smarting liquids are the ingredients used in the "stage fog." What wonder then that Miss Mannering was lost when the man in charge turned on too much! Everybody on the stage was lost for a few moments. But Miss Mannering will be able to act Betsy next Monday afternoon.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

Miss Ida Brooks Hunt has retired temporarily from the cast of "Algeria," at the Broadway Theatre, and her place has been taken by Miss Sophie Brandt. Miss Brandt appeared in that production for the first time last night, and was cordially received. Mr. Herbert's fine music is attracting large and intelligent audiences.

There are to be no more male ushers at the Hippodrome. When the big playhouse opens to-morrow night groups of daintily attired girls will show the way to the seats. Messrs. Shubert and Anderson have engaged a hundred girls to take the places of the male ushers.

Mme. Kalich has returned to town, and will soon begin rehearsals of a new play that has been provided for her.

Miss Olive Oliver has been engaged to appear with William Faversham in "The World and His Wife."

At the Belasco Theatre on Sunday night there will be a benefit performance for the Golden Gate Professional Club. Several well known players will appear. The proceeds will be used to build a home for the club.

BARON SACKVILLE DEAD.

Career of British Minister Dismissed from United States.

London, Sept. 3.—Lionel Sackville Sackville-West, second Baron Sackville, died at Knole Park, Sevenoaks, to-day. He had been ill for some time, and since August 15 he had been confined to his bed. Lord Sackville was British Minister to the United States from 1881 to 1888.

Lord Sackville, who succeeded his brother in the title in 1888, was known as Sir Lionel Sackville West when he represented Great Britain in this country. He was born at Bourn Hall, Cambridgeshire, July 19, 1827, and was the fourth son of George John, fifth Earl De la Warr, who married Elizabeth Sackville, daughter of the Duke of Dorset. He was educated at home and became secretary to the Earl of Aberdeen, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in 1845. Two years later he entered the diplomatic service, and, after serving at Lisbon, Naples and Stuttgart, he went to Berlin in 1853 as an attaché. In 1858 he was made Secretary of Legation at Turin and went thence to Madrid and back to Berlin, being transferred to Paris in 1868. He had charge of the embassy there for a time. In 1872 he went to Buenos Ayres as minister and in 1878 was transferred to Madrid. Three years later he came to this country. He represented Great Britain at the conference over Samoa in 1887, and in conjunction with Joseph Chamberlain and Sir Charles Tupper negotiated the Fisheries Treaty of Washington in 1888.

It was in the Presidential contest of that year that he took the step which led to his precipitate retirement from his post. A letter was received by him purporting to have been written by a man named Murchison in California, asking which candidate for the Presidency an American of English birth should support. Lord Sackville fell into the trap and wrote a letter in reply, stating that the re-election of President Cleveland would be satisfactory to his country. This was at once made public as a campaign document, and called forth strong denunciation in the newspapers. Secretary Bayard asked the British Minister if he had written the letter, and its authorship was acknowledged. When it was found that the British government did not regard the matter seriously and would delay action, the State Department, at the instance of President Cleveland, sent Sackville his passports, with a letter stating that his withdrawal from the post he held could not be made too promptly.

Lord Sackville's dismissal by Mr. Cleveland practically ended his diplomatic career, for after 1888 no important diplomatic mission was intrusted to him. He lived quietly the life of a country gentleman and seldom appeared in London society. He always retained a grudge against America and Americans, and it was his custom to avoid any meetings with travellers from this country. A few years ago he created a sensation by publishing a pamphlet, for private circulation among his friends, in which he vindicated his diplomatic work in the United States. The newspapers obtained a copy of this publication. In it Lord Sackville explained with much picturesque detail that the trap into which he fell at Washington was a Fenian conspiracy; that the Fenian organization harassed him during his residence in America, kept spies in his footsteps constantly and plotted to assassinate him. Few of the diplomat's friends took this story seriously. Most of them regarded it as the imaginings of a disappointed old man who was brooding upon what he considered his wrongs.

When Sir Lionel Sackville West was in Madrid he formed an irregular alliance with a Spanish dancer named Papita Duvan, by whom he had one son and three daughters. He declared he was prevented from marrying their mother because she already had a husband, but he recognized and supported his children. The son, however, brought suit against his father in 1903 in order to claim the title, but the fact was shown that the marriage records at Madrid had been tampered with, and the suit failed. One of his daughters married her cousin, the son of Lord Sackville's only brother, and therefore the presumptive heir of the estate. His brother will succeed him.

BRIGADIER GENERAL CALVIN DE WITT.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Word was received at the War Department to-day of the death yesterday from heart disease at Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming, of Brigadier General Calvin De Witt (retired).

Brigadier General Calvin De Witt was born at Harrisburg, Penn., May 26, 1840, and was the son of a clergyman. From the Harrisburg Academy he went to Princeton, where he was graduated in 1860. At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 he went to the front as a captain in the 49th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served in the Army of the Potomac until 1865. After taking a course in medicine at the Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, he received the degree of M. D. in 1865. He was appointed an assistant surgeon, with the rank of first lieutenant, in 1867. He became a captain in 1870, a major and surgeon in 1885, a lieutenant colonel and deputy surgeon general in 1898, a colonel and assistant surgeon general in 1901 and a brigadier general in 1903. In the last named year he was retired from active service. He was a medical officer at many military stations and served in a number of Indian campaigns and in Cuba in the Spanish-American War. He was instructor in military hygiene at the General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, and professor of military medicine at and later president of the Army Medical School in Washington. In 1877 he married Miss Josephine Lesesne at Charleston, S. C.

HENRY A GUYON.

Henry A. Guyon, a quarantine commissioner, died yesterday morning at his home at Bentley street and Amboy Road, Tottenville, Staten Island. Mr. Guyon was nearly seventy years old. He had been ill for several months and had not been active since last winter. For many years he was a Republican leader on Staten Island, and ten years ago was chairman of the Republican County Committee, having been placed there by Hugh McRoberts, the late Republican leader. He was made a quarantine commissioner on April 15, 1904, by Governor Odell.

DR. FRANCIS TIFFANY.

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 3.—The Rev. Dr. Francis Tiffany, preacher, author and traveller, died at his home here to-day. He was born in Maryland in 1827 and was graduated from Harvard in 1847. He was ordained a minister of the Unitarian Church in 1852, and was pastor of the church at West Newton, Mass., from 1865 to 1882. He wrote the "Life of Dorothea Lynde Dix," "Bird Bolts," "Life of Charles Francis Barnard" and a book of travels, "This Goodly Frame of the Earth."

JUDSON M. THOMPSON.

St. Louis, Sept. 3.—Judson M. Thompson, aged seventy-seven years, one of the most frugal millionaires in the city and for many years a conspicuous figure in local financial affairs, died last night at the home of his son, in Old Orchard, a suburb. It was his custom to buy clothing at little outlay of expense and wear the apparel as long as it would last.

Ten years ago he retired from active business. He was vice-president of the Old Continental National Bank, and in the early days of St. Louis he represented the banking house of Morgan & Co., when J. P. Morgan's father was active in business.

His son, Frank C. Thompson, survives him. The body will be taken to New York State for burial.

JOHN A HALL.

London, Sept. 3.—John A. Hall, president of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, who arrived in London on August 8, died to-day from heart disease at the Hotel Victoria. Mr. Hall was travelling with his daughter. He had been sick for some time, and a physician was in constant attendance. He was sixty-seven years old. A son lives in Springfield.

JAMES H. GIFFORD.

James H. Gifford, who was one of America's greatest long distance runners, died yesterday. The funeral will take place at his home, No. 123 Russell street, Greenpoint, to-day, at 1:30 p. m. Mr. Gifford was a member of the original Irish-American Athletic Club, and wore its colors in many competitions. He won the American five-mile championship in 1880. He also held the three-hour championship go-as-you-please. In his many competitions he won hundreds of medals.

GAMES AT MELBOURNE

American Rifle Team Wins Match—Two Sailors Killed.

Melbourne, Sept. 3.—Bright weather prevailed again on the sixth day of the visit here of the American battleship fleet, and the review at Flemington, the fire brigade display in the evening and other outdoor entertainments brought out large crowds. A rifle team from the fleet defeated a Melbourne team 1,414 points to 1,369. Corporal Farquharson, of the Connecticut, scored 99 and captured the challenge cup presented by the riflemen of New Zealand.

There was an ice hockey match this afternoon between a Victoria team and a team from the fleet, in which the home players were victorious, but at the baseball game at the cricket ground a nine from the Nebraska beat the Melbourne nine 10 to 4.

The ball given in aid of the newsboys' society at the Melbourne Town Hall, which was one of the principal features of the week, was a great success. Many American officers and the leaders of Melbourne society were present.

The commonwealth government entertained the warrant and petty officers, sailors and marines of the fleet this afternoon at the Exhibition Building, and this evening the Melbourne Club gave a dinner to the senior officers.

The customary illumination was repeated after 8 o'clock, and again the streets were crowded.

There have been several accidents to men of the fleet in Melbourne. Arthur Decker, a fireman of the first class, from the New Jersey, was run over by a car this morning and died in a few hours. His mother lives at No. 182 Crescent avenue, Louisville. A bandsman from the Vermont, named Michaelson, was killed by a train. He was running to get into a coach and fell under the wheels. He died in hospital. J. S. Banks, a marine on the Vermont, had his skull fractured by leaning out of a railroad car while the train was in motion.

ENTERTAINMENTS AT HONOLULU.

Honolulu, Sept. 3.—Many entertainments have been planned for the officers and men of the Pacific fleet during their stay here. Rear Admiral Swinburne and the other commanding officers were the guests at a dinner last night of Captain Corwin P. Reese, commandant of the naval station, and they will be similarly entertained this evening by Governor Frear. The junior officers last night attended a ball given in their honor. The cruisers were being coaled to-day.

ADMIRAL HARBER AT PEKING.

Peking, Sept. 3.—The third squadron of the United States Pacific fleet, Rear Admiral Giles B. Harber, commanding, arrived at Ching-Wan-Tao yesterday. Admiral Harber and the members of his staff came to Peking to-day on a three days' visit.

WILLIAM B. LEEDS'S WILL.

First Wife Says She Will Make No Contest, and Her Son Is Satisfied.

Mineola, Long Island, Sept. 3.—The will of William B. Leeds, who died in Paris on June 23, was filed for probate here to-day. It makes no mention of his first wife, Mrs. Jeanette Irene Gear Leeds, who divorced him in 1900 and is now living in Richmond, Ind. His second wife, Mrs. Nonnie May Stewart Worthington, like Mr. Leeds, was a native of Richmond. Rudolph Gear Leeds, the testator's son by his first marriage, who is also living in Richmond, receives $1,000,000.

A dispatch received to-night from Richmond reported Mrs. Leeds as saying that she had no intention of contesting the will, and her son said he was entirely satisfied with the $1,000,000 bequest.

The residuary estate is left to the executors in trust, the income to be applied to his wife's use during her lifetime. On her death the capital is to be divided among the children of his second marriage and their descendants. Special conditions govern both the use of its income and the division of the capital. Mrs. Leeds inherits outright $150,000, all her husband's personal effects, the town house, No. 987 Fifth avenue, for life; Rough Point, the Newport country place which Mr. Leeds purchased from Frederick W. Vanderbilt, and his stable at Nos. 56 and 58 East 88th street and its contents. Box No. 11 at the Metropolitan Opera House is also left to Mrs. Leeds. James F. Elder, Mr. Leeds's secretary, gets $25,000. The Lying-In Hospital is also a beneficiary.

In the event of any child dying in the lifetime of his wife Mr. Leeds directed that widow, husband or issue of such child should receive sums of money not exceeding $500,000 in the aggregate, bequeathed as the child saw fit, from the capital of the residuary estate. Three-fourths of the residuary estate is to be set aside for William B. Leeds, jr., or his issue, in case either survives Mrs. Leeds. Mrs. Leeds is to be in no way responsible for the debts incurred in the education of the children. The will provides specifically for these. It contains thirty printed pages, and goes minutely into the uses to which the property is to be put.

The executors named in the will were the United States Trust Company, Mrs. Nonnie Stewart Leeds and George F. Baker, president of the First National Bank. They were empowered to use their discretion as to the investment of the property, provided it was in the purchase and improvement of real estate, wherever situated, in mortgages on any real or personal property in the State of New York or elsewhere. In case any heir attempts to break the will it is provided that he shall be cut off entirely, and his share shall go to Mrs. Nonnie Stewart Leeds. The instrument bears date of February 5, 1906.

Of the two codicils one disposes of a piece of property at Newport, still belonging to Frederick W. Vanderbilt and situated in Bellevue avenue, which Mr. Leeds was about to purchase, and on which a payment had been made. This is left to Mrs. Leeds. The second codicil appoints the United States Trust Company an executor instead of the Central Trust Company, which was originally designated, not, it explains, because of lack of confidence in the latter, but because of newly established business relations with the former.

WEDDINGS PAST AND TO COME.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Wellesley, Mass., Sept. 3.—In Houghton Memorial Chapel to-day Miss Gladys Brown, Wellesley, '08, and Ashton Rollins, Harvard, '05, were married by the Rev. C. P. Mills, of Winchester. The bride is the daughter of Seldon L. Brown, principal of the Wellesley High School, and the bridegroom is a son of ex-Governor Rollins, of New Hampshire.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Lowell, Mass., Sept. 3.—The engagement is announced of Miss Agnes Rosalie Williams, daughter of Mrs. Charles H. Williams, to Frederick Di Palma, of Rome. Signor Di Palma is owner of the leading magazine in Italy, a former member of Parliament and a member of the commission on navigation.

AUTHOR LEAVES $250,000 ESTATE.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Boston, Sept. 3.—An estate estimated at $250,000 was left by Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton, the author, who died several weeks ago without leaving a will. The amount became known to-day when her daughter, Mrs. Florence Moulton Schaeffer, and her husband, William H. Schaeffer, were appointed administrators. The estate is all personal property.

Died.

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

Bacon, Edward.
Bronson, Henry T.
Davis, Charlton H.
Dickie, Joseph F.
Hopkins, Rev. Dr. H.
Lazelle, Tabitha.
Lorgan, Helen T.
Morton, D. Allen.
Nallin, Nellie.
Nears, Rev. Henry T.
Northrop, Aaron L.
Osborn, Phebe F.
Rowan, James.
Schlicke, Carl P., jr.
Smith, Joseph.
Stuart, William C.
Tilford, Catharine H.

BACON—At Falmouth, Mass., on Tuesday, September 1, in his 42d year, Edward, son of Mary D. and the late Daniel G. Bacon. Funeral services at Mount Auburn, Boston.

BRONSON—At Rye, N. Y., Tuesday, September 1, Henry T. Bronson, in the 66th year of his age. Funeral services at his late residence, Post Road, Rye, Friday, September 4, at 3:30 p. m. Carriages will be at Rye station on arrival of train leaving Grand Central Depot at 2:15. Interment private.

Died.

DAVIS—At Germantown, Penn., on September 1, 1908, Charlton Henry Davis, son of the late Rev. John K. Davis, of Troy, N. Y.

DICKIE—On Wednesday morning, September 2, 1908, Joseph Fellows Dickie, son of the late D. M. Dickie, of Canning, Nova Scotia. Brief services at his late home, No. 145 South Broadway, White Plains, N. Y., on Saturday, September 5, at 2:30 p. m. Funeral services, Grace Episcopal Church, at 3 p. m. Relatives and friends; also members of City Island Council 1,844 Royal Arcanum, are invited to attend. Carriages will be in waiting on arrival of 1:07 and 1:22 trains from Grand Central temporary station, 43d st. and Lexington ave. Kentville (Nova Scotia) papers please copy.

HOPKINS—The funeral of the Rev. Dr. Henry Hopkins will be held in Williamstown, Mass., at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, September 20, 1908.

LAZELLE—At her home, No. 661 Herkimer st., Brooklyn, Tabitha, beloved widow of Elbridge B. Lazelle, on September 2. Funeral private.

LONERGAN—On September 2, at her residence, No. 654 Franklin ave., Brooklyn, Helen Teresa, daughter of Edward and Mary Lonergan. Funeral services at St. Teresa's Church, on Saturday morning, at 9:30 o'clock.

MORTON—Suddenly, Dr. D. Allen Morton, in the Adirondacks, August 31, 1908.

NALLIN—Nellie, daughter of Lillie and the late Patrick Nallin, in her 16th year. Funeral from her late residence, No. 184½ Bergen st., Brooklyn, on Friday, September 4, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery.

NEARS—At the Paulist country house, Lake George, Tuesday evening, Rev. Henry T. Nears, a priest of the Paulist community, in his 50th year. The office will be sung on Saturday, September 5, at 9 a. m., followed by solemn requiem mass at the Paulist Church, Columbus ave. and 60th st.

NORTHROP—Suddenly, in Paris, France, on August 31, Aaron L. Northrop. Notice of funeral hereafter.

OSBORN—Suddenly, on September 3, 1908, Phebe F., widow of Cortlandt P. Osborn. Funeral services at her late residence, No. 110 Main st., Woodbridge, N. J., at 3 p. m., September 5, 1908.

ROWAN—On September 1, 1908, James Rowan, born in Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland, August 18, 1840. Fune