# EGYPT'S GREAT PERIL

## *Cairo and Alexandria in Danger of Destruction.*

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Egypt is threatened just at present by a terrible danger, and it is possible that ere many weeks are past the names of Sir William Garstin, Sir William Willcox, Sir John Aird and Sir Ernest Cassell, which are now justly lauded to the skies in connection with the amazing increase of the area of arable land, which they have added to Egypt by means of their Nile dam and the consequent augmentation of irrigation, may become a subject of execration. For the governor of Khartoum and the Anglo-Egyptian authorities still further south up the river have issued a most alarming warning to the effect that the Nile flood this fall will be of altogether phenomenal proportions, that there will be a flood, in fact, such as has not been witnessed in a quarter of a century or more, and it is realized that despite the precautions which are being taken in the form of the construction of embankments and levees all the lower part of Khartoum will be submerged. The flood has not yet reached Khartoum, yet the river is already running so strong that it has carried away all the staging of the iron bridge in course of construction by a Cleveland firm, so great is the concern over the Nile there, the accident being attended by the loss of life of a number of the natives and of an American engineer, none of their bodies being recovered.

The gravest feature of the entire affair is, however, this. The huge dam at Assuan and the barrage now in process of completion at Esna have never been exposed to the force of a full river. In fact, the Assuan dam has been favored until now, both while in course of construction and since its completion, by very low Niles. Independent engineers have questioned its capacity to withstand the tremendous force of an ordinary full Nile. What its fate will be with a Nile of altogether phenomenal flood is a question which fills people with misgivings. Some of the most eminent English, French, American and German engineers have all along expressed doubts as to the strength of the foundations of the Assuan dam. They admit that the foundations are built on rock, but they point out that at Assuan the rock is only hard on the surface and that immediately below the latter it is soft, friable and rotten. They insist that the rock on which the foundations are built is deteriorating and wasting away rapidly and that the level of the dam has been already affected thereby to the extent of several feet. They urge that instead of relying upon this one huge dam a number of small ones should be built to break and hold the force of the water, declaring that with its weakened foundations the Assuan dam is quite incapable of withstanding any such phenomenal flood as the one now about to come down the river.

Should their fears be realized and should the dam give way in the face of the enormous pressure of water which rolls along rocks of tons in weight as if they were mere pebbles, dashing them against the dam, a catastrophe would ensue which could only be described as a cataclysm. For it would suddenly release not merely hundred of millions, but hundreds of milliards of cubic metres of water, which would overwhelm the entire lower valley of the Nile, drowning all Egypt, whirling its cities and its villages away like straw and burying their sites beneath oceans of mud. Egypt as it exists today would, indeed, be swept out of existence, as well as all the results of all the labors of England to restore its prosperity.

There are certain eminent scientists who ascribe the story of the Biblical flood to some such cataclysm on the part of the waters of the Nile, thousands upon thousands of years ago, and certainly when one reflects that it is possible to dig down one hundred, two hundred feet and still deeper and always find one layer beneath the other of traces of former cities and yet earlier civilization, one is tempted to ask one's self whether the agency by which they have been buried so deep beneath the present surface of the soil has not been some terrible flood like that which now menaces Cairo, Alexandria, and, in fact, the whole of lower Egypt.

MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

# *NEW ACADEMY OF MUSIC.*

## *Formal Opening of Brooklyn's $1,300,000 Structure.*

Several thousand Brooklynites attended the formal opening of the new Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and last evening. The building, which cost $1,300,000, stands in Lafayette avenue, between Ashland Place and St. Felix street. It includes an opera house with seats for 2,200 persons, a music hall (in which is the Frothingham organ which was exhibited at the Jamestown Exposition), which seats 1,400 persons; a large ballroom and an auditorium seating 500 persons, in addition to a number of offices. There will be fourteen nights of grand opera there this winter, under the direction of the Metropolitan Opera Company. The Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences pays $30,000 a year for a suite of rooms and the auditorium, 172 nights in the music hall and 30 nights a year in the opera house.

The building takes the place of the old Academy of Music, built in 1859, which was burned down five years ago. Hardly had its ashes cooled before the new building was planned. It has been built on a larger and more expensive scale than the old Academy. It is fireproof and beautifully decorated throughout.

The programme at the opening consisted of an organ concert in the afternoon and a band concert in the evening. The organ concert was in memory of B. T. Frothingham, whose children presented the instrument. R. Huntington Woodman played. Shannon's 23d Regiment Band played in the opera house in the evening.

### "AIDA" AT THE AMERICAN.

An excellent performance of "Aida" was given at the American Theatre last evening, by the Abramson Opera Company, before a fairly good house. The title part, sung by Mme. Helena Therry, was well handled, both as to acting and singing, while M. Bari, as Radames, and M. Arcangeli as Amonasro, won hearty and well deserved applause. The trio in the third act was the gem of the evening, exceeding in popular favor the scene at the end of the second act. It was M. Bari's first essay in the part of Radames, and it is only fair to say that he "made good." The Amneris of Mlle. Strauss was also well sung. "Lucia," in the afternoon, was up to the standard of the Abramson performances, the sextet winning long applause.

The performance at the American Theatre this evening of Giordano's opera "Fedora" marks the production of the first real novelty in the season of popular priced Italian opera which Mr. Abramson is giving, and it is also the first time that this great work has been given by any real Italian company in the East at popular prices. This composer's other best known works, "Andre Chenier" and "Siberia," were given last season at the Manhattan, and "Fedora" itself has been produced several times at the Metropolitan Opera House, the cast last season including Caruso and Cavalieri. The cast for the American Theatre performance will include Mme. Helen Therry as the Princess Fedora and M. Torre as Count Loris Ipanoff.

### PROF. CHASE TO STUDY IN FRANCE.

Professor Lewis N. Chase, formerly an instructor in Columbia University, who relinquished the duties of professor of English in the University of Louisville, sailed for Fance yesterday. At the University of Bordeaux he will study French influence on the English Pre-Raphaelites with Professors Le Breton and Castre, the latter a former student of English literature at Harvard, and one of the French educators most active in promoting closer relations with American scholars.

Professor Chase is planning a book dealing with the indebtedness to the French of English literature of the seventeenth century, with particular reference to the drama.

# *R. C. VANDERBILT WINS.*

## *His Horses Show Well at Westchester County Fair.*

Reginald C. Vanderbilt carried off first honors yesterday at the opening of the horse show which is being held in conjunction with the Westchester County Fair at White Plains. In the harness class Mr. Vanderbilt received a blue and a red ribbon, and in the class for ponies in harness he got first and third prizes. In the tandem class there was keen competition, and the blue ribbon was finally awarded to Mrs. James McF. Gummey's Babette and Babinette. Mr. Vanderbilt was third, with his famous tandem, Phœbe Watton and Marie Tempest.

The opening day of the horse show brought out a large attendance. From early morning until late in the afternoon there was a continual line of coaches, four-in-hands and automobiles going into the fair grounds.

The summaries follow:

Pairs harness horses (open only to pairs of horses 15 hands or over, neither one of the pair having taken a first prize in classes for horses in harness)—Won by J. Campbell Thompson's Sensation and Furor; Lehman Straus's Cato and Carles, second; Henry G. Autenreith's Billie and Girlie, third.

Ponies in harness—Won by Reginald C. Vanderbilt's Clydevale Champion; J. E. Davis's Dauntless, second; Reginald C. Vanderbilt's Clydevale Champion II, third.

Harness horses—Won by M. F. McDonald's Wellington; Lehman Straus's Cricket, second; J. Campbell Thompson's Selah, third.

Saddle horses (prize offered by Dunlevy Milbank; open only to horses that have not won a first prize in the classes for saddle horses at this or any other recognized horse show)—Won by Andrew Morrison's Genee; Godfrey Preece's Nelson Pride, second; Miss Jane Carlyle McClenahan's Louisiana, third.

Harness horses (prize offered by John D. Archbold; open only to horses exceeding 15.1 hands, not having taken a first prize, or one of a pair that has not taken a first or second prize for horses in harness)—Won by J. Campbell Thompson's Imp. Ketcham; John Doyle's Prince Elert, second; Lehman Straus's Cato, third.

Jumpers (first prize offered by William E. Iselin; open only to horses that have not won a first prize in the classes for hunters or jumpers at this or any other recognized horse show)—Won by Edward C. Rutter's Gift; J. E. Davis's Irish Maid, second; William Muldoon's St. Leon, third.

Harness horses (first prize offered by J. H. Shults, jr., for the best gig horse, to be shown to a gig)—Won by Reginald C. Vanderbilt's Lord Burleigh; Reginald C. Vanderbilt's Lord Brooke, second; Edwin H. Weatherbee's Earl, third.

Harness horses (first prize offered by G. P. Morosini)—Won by J. Campbell Thompson's Gold Leaf; M. F. McDonald's Whitby, second; Lehman Straus's Cricket, third.

Tandems (wheelers to be 15.1 hands or under)—Won by Mrs. James McF. Gummey's Babette and Babinette; M. F. McDonald's Whitby and Wellington, second; Reginald C. Vanderbilt's Phœbe Watton and Marie Tempest, third.

### BRYAN'S DAUGHTER WRITES A DRAMA

#### The Shuberts May Accept It for Miss Mary Mannering.

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of the Democratic candidate for President, has written a drama which may be accepted by the Shuberts for Miss Mannering, who is playing now at the Lyric Theatre in "Glorious Betsy." Mrs. Leavitt's first venture in that direction was a vaudeville sketch, which was presented last season at the Union Square Theatre.

Miss Mannering met the candidate's daughter when she was filling an engagement in Lincoln, Neb., last season. At that time Mrs. Leavitt informed the actress that she was outlining a drama of American life. A few days later Miss Mannering received a note from Mrs. Leavitt to the effect that the drama had been completed. Miss Mannering advised Mrs. Leavitt to send it to her. From what the actress communicated to them the Shuberts intimated yesterday that the play might be accepted.

Miss Mannering will close her engagement at the Lyric a week from Saturday. Then she will visit the principal cities. Lulu Glaser in "Mlle. Mischief" will be the next attraction at the Lyric. The long run of "The Mimic World" at the Casino Theatre will be terminated the same night that Miss Mannering closes at the Lyric. By a natural error "The Gay White Way" was referred to yesterday as the attraction at the Casino, whereas the town well knows that that gay piece is on "the road," and that "The Mimic World" has long occupied the stage of the Casino. "Marcelle," a musical comedy, with Louise Gunning as the chief performer, will be the next attraction at the Casino.

### SECOND METROPOLITAN NOVELTY.

#### Andreas Dippel Arranges for Performances of "Habanera" Here.

Andreas Dippel, the administrative manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company, sailed for New York from Cherbourg yesterday in the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, after spending two days in Paris in consultation with Raoul Laparra, the composer of "Habanera," which will be the second novelty of the season here. "Habanera," first produced at the Opéra Comique in January, proved to be the greatest operatic success that Paris has known in recent years. Already arrangements have been made to give the work next winter in Berlin, Vienna, St. Petersburg and Milan.

"Tiefland" will be the first novelty to be given this year. It will be sung during the second week of the season, under the direction of Albert Hertz. The two principal parts will be taken by Miss Emmy Destinn and Erik Schmedes, who has been granted a leave of absence by Felix Weingartner, the director of the Imperial Opera House in Vienna. During the engagement of Mr. Schmedes in this country, he will be replaced in Vienna by Carl Burrian, who will be heard later at the Metropolitan Opera House.

The German chorus of the Metropolitan Opera House has begun rehearsals in Berlin under the direction of Hans Stiner, who has been the chorus master of the Munich Opera House for many years. The Italian chorus is hard at work in Milan under the guidance of Giulio Setti, the former chorus director of La Scala. Both choruses will sail for this country on September 25.

### JAMES J. HILL SEVENTY YEARS OLD.

#### Many Congratulations—Dinner at Lake Minnetonka in His Honor.

St. Paul, Sept. 16.—James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway Company, celebrated his seventieth birthday today. Mr. Hill was the recipient of congratulations by mail and telegraph from many sources.

Late this afternoon Mr. Hill met practically all the old employes of the Great Northern, and was their guest at one of the most interesting functions in the history of the West. This evening Mr. Hill was the guest at dinner at the Lafayette Club house, on Lake Minnetonka.

The party, comprising besides Mr. Hill a large number of employes of the road, from high officials down, was hauled from the Union Station to the lake by the first locomotive ever brought into Minnesota. This engine was put in operation forty-two years ago on what was then known as the first division of the St. Paul Pacific Railroad. To-day's trip was piloted by "Al" Smith, the oldest man in the engine service of the Great Northern, who is running between St. Paul and Breckenridge.

### THE WEATHER REPORT

**Official Record and Forecast.**—Washington, Sept. 16.—With the exception of showers in Florida, Southern Texas and Kansas, no rain fell east of the Rocky Mountains during the last twenty-four hours. Scattered showers are reported west of the Rocky Mountain range. The temperature has not changed materially in any section. The tropical storm has moved rapidly northeastward, and its centre is now a considerable distance southeast of the southern New England Coast, where high northeast and north winds were blowing to-night.

The indications are that there will be local showers in Florida, the Southeastern states and the Rocky Mountain region and the plains states Thursday. The temperature will fall in the Rocky Mountain region and the extreme Northwest Thursday, and in the plains states and the Rocky Mountain region Friday. The temperature will rise in the lake region and the Eastern states.

**Forecast for Special Localities.**—For New England, fair to-day; fair and warmer Friday; light to fresh north to northwest winds, except brisk on the southeast coast.

For Delaware, Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland, fair to-day; fair and warmer Friday; light to fresh north winds, becoming variable.

For the District of Columbia, fair to-day and Friday, with rising temperature; light variable winds.

For Western New York and Western Pennsylvania, fair to-day and Friday; light to fresh variable 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. |
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| 3 a. m. | 68 | 56 | 6 p. m. | 79 | 76 |
| 6 a. m. | 68 | 54 | 9 p. m. | 73 | 67 |
| 9 a. m. | 70 | 62 | 11 p. m. | 70 | 62 |
| 12 m. | 80 | 68 | 12 p. m. | 70 | — |
| 4 p. m. | 82 | 73 | | | |

Highest temperature yesterday, 73 degrees; lowest, 54; average, 64; average for corresponding date of last year, 74; average for corresponding date of last thirty-three years, 66.

Local forecast: Fair to-day; fair and warmer Friday; light to fresh north winds, becoming variable.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## *WIRELESS TELEPHONY.*

### *Inventor Cites Points of Superiority Over Cable Telephone.*

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Your editorial on "Wireless Telephony" (August 25) cites some very important factors in the new art, but I cannot, as the originator of the long-distance telephone, quite agree with your conclusions. First, re the feasibility of transatlantic wireless telephony, let me say that in my opinion it is not a question of such an equipment failing to pay dividends, but rather it is a matter of satisfying certain technical conditions that now stand in the way.

A venture of this kind, when the time comes for its commercial exploitation, will doubtless pay its investors handsomely, since it would be the only medium for the transmission of articulate speech between Europe and America. The reason a cable telephone system has not been provided is not because it would be unprofitable, but in virtue of the fact that, even with Pupin's improvements, it has been impossible of accomplishment, since when he adds enough inductance coils to counteract the effects of capacity, he also adds a resistance more than that of the cable itself.

In my system of long distance wireless telephony we have neither inductance, capacity nor resistance of wires to overcome, and the only retardation of our electric waves through space is the minimum resistance offered by the noiseless ether itself. Wires and cables are, consequently, the artificial medium, while the ether is the natural medium for the electrical transmission of intelligence.

Second, one who has observed that the head telephone receiver worn by a Marconi operator is to all intents the same as that worn by a Bell girl is far from right if he thinks the action or the results have anything in common unless it is that both are employed to receive electrical intelligence. They are as different as the arc and incandescent lamps in their mode of operation, and what may be true of one may not be taken as true of the other.

I have pointed out during the last five or more years why selective wireless telegraphy is difficult of accomplishment, and I shall point out in the future why selective wireless telephony is possible. Without entering into a didactic dissertation, the reasons may be stated in a few words, i. e., the first system uses periodic oscillations, while the second employs continuous oscillations, and consequently, while the former is incapable of producing sustained electrical resonance, the latter is eminently adapted to produce these desired results, and by this mans only can selectivity become an actuality in practice.

I may add here that secrecy and selectivity are not synonymous terms, although the average man seems to so believe. The Bell 'phone and the Morse telegraph are selective; the Marconi telegraph is not entirely selective for reasons I have mentioned, but none of them are proof against the legion of "listeners in."

What I claim is that my wireless telephone will be highly selective, but I do not claim secret, since there are no means, electrical or otherwise, in the category of the transmission of intelligence that cannot be "tapped," and the message, if desired, obtained by the unscrupulous.

A. FREDERICK COLLINS.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 14, 1908.

[If Mr. Collins will kindly look again at the article to which he refers he will perceive that The Tribune expressed no opinion of its own concerning the pecuniary rewards of wireless telephony. It merely remarked that "the man (Dr. Deforest) who offers to provide facilities for wireless talk between New York and Paris is not enthusiastic about the commercial results of the venture." The more hopeful view taken by Mr. Collins is, of course, entitled to equal respect.]

### POPULAR TARIFF AMENDMENT.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I recently received a circular issued by the American Travelers' League, of this city, which indicates that a united effort is to be made to induce Congress, whenever the tariff is to be amended, to amend Paragraph 697, and allow returning passengers to bring in, duty free, personal effects or wearing apparel worth $500. The proposition is a just one, and should be indorsed by every broad minded citizen, whether a traveller or not.

JOHN TIERNAN.

New York, Sept. 5, 1908.

### A TRIBUTE TO OTTO KELSEY.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: It is a matter of common knowledge that the people who know him best believe in Otto Kelsey. Confronted with a task such as no other Superintendent of Insurance was ever confronted with, assailed and pilloried in the midst of his most important duties by those who did not know him at all, he has gone on administering his office with the care and intelligence which have always characterized him in every position. At the present time his office is a credit to New York State, and it is universally admitted by insurance people that the department has never been so well conducted since the days when the late John A. McCall was Superintendent of Insurance. In order to show what the insurance commissioners of the United States think of Superintendent Otto Kelsey it is only necessary to quote from "The Baltimore Underwriter" of September 5, 1908, which, in speaking of the recent convention of insurance commissioners (which convention was made up of insurance commissioners from every state in the Union), makes the following very pointed comment:

Superintendent Otto Kelsey of New York has studied his work well. Whenever he was speaking all listened with attention to what he said. He spoke well and always to the point, and was one of the best men on the floor. Mr. Kelsey was congratulated on being made a member of the executive committee, an honor which all engaged in the business of insurance in New York and elsewhere will appreciate.

E. D. MURPHY.

Brooklyn, Sept. 9, 1908.

### PRODUCTION OF "ESMERALDA."

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In yesterday's Tribune, in a continuation of a series of comprehensive and charming articles describing the history of opera for the last twenty-five years, the very able author, in relating the American operas written and produced prior to the era of which he writes, is strangely forgetful of one produced about 1862.

It was "Esmeralda," by many degrees the most pretentious production of its time. It was composed by the most famous of musical critics, William H. Fry, who was for fifteen years a high light of the paper publishing these reminiscences, The New-York Tribune.

By the way, Vincent Wallace's "Lurline" was written in America.

LEONARD GROVER.

Brooklyn, Sept. 16, 1908.

### MRS. MITTENTHAL SEEKS SEPARATION.

Justice Davis, of the Supreme Court, reserved decision yesterday on the application of Mrs. Ethel K. Mittenthal for $2,000 counsel fees and $150 a week alimony pending the trial of her suit for separation from Harry E. Mittenthal, a theatrical manager. She charges abandonment and cruel treatment.

The couple were married on March 31, and the complainant says that her husband deserted her after their honeymoon in Europe. She says he upbraided her for her extravagance and refused to pay her bills. He frequently accused her, she says, of sending messages to Emanuel Weingreen, whom they met in Paris.

Mittenthal denies that he is wealthy or that he knew that his wife had lived in luxurious surroundings before their marriage. He says that they lived at expensive hotels abroad at her suggestion, and that he has since lost large amounts of money in speculation. His income, he says, is only $25 a week, his salary as president of the Mittenthal Brothers Amusement Company.

### THE MOREHOUSE COMET BRIGHTER.

Boston, Sept. 16.—A telephone message has been received at Harvard University observatory from the Rev. Joel H. Metcalf, stating that from a photograph taken on September 14, 5534 G. M. T., and having an exposure of an hour, Comet Morehouse was found to be in R. A. 2h. 8m. 59.3s., and in Dec. plus 73 degrees 45.6 min. It is increasing in brightness and has a double tail, which is irregular on the northern side.

# *ALL OYSTER BAY INVITED.*

## *Reception To Be Given by the President This Afternoon.*

Oyster Bay, Sept. 16.—Every person in this village has been invited to attend a reception at President Roosevelt's home on Sagamore Hill tomorrow afternoon. President and Mrs. Roosevelt will greet the townspeople, and light refreshments will be served.

It has been four years since anything like this has happened in Oyster Bay, and when it became known to-night that President Roosevelt intended to give a reception to his neighbors and friends the news spread quickly, and soon every one was talking about the affair and making preparations for it. Four years ago Mr. Roosevelt invited the townspeople to a reception at Sagamore Hill, and on that occasion a huge punch bowl, kept always filled, stood where all could conveniently reach it, and the two thousand or more people who attended the reception were permitted to keep the punch glasses as souvenirs.

Unfortunately, on that occasion a large number of persons who did not live in Oyster Bay and had no claim on Mr. Roosevelt's hospitality attended the reception. The throng was so great that some of the natives were kept in the background. President Roosevelt has made preparations to prevent the same thing from happening to-morrow, and has asked the ministers of the different congregations to extend his invitation to the people for him.

This being President Roosevelt's last year in office, he wishes to renew old acquaintances, for in the last few years he has been compelled by pressure of business to shut himself off to a great extent from his friends and neighbors at Oyster Bay.

This village is proud of being the home of the President, and it is almost certain that at the hour of the reception to-morrow Oyster Bay will be a depopulated town, the streets forsaken and the stores closed.

Every available carriage in the village has been hired for to-morrow, and shortly after noon the procession to Sagamore Hill will begin. The town has increased little in size and population since the reception of four years ago, and as only townspeople are to attend to-morrow it is estimated that not more than a thousand or twelve hundred will be present. The President has secured the services of the Sängerbund of Hicksville, and this group of singers will be stationed on the veranda at Sagamore Hill. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt will receive the visitors and shake their hands. This will be followed by the serving of refreshments.

### THEIR AGES WIDE APART.

#### Well Known Philadelphian Takes Bride More than Forty Years His Junior.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Bar Harbor, Me., Sept. 16.—The rumor that society all along the coast of Maine, especially the Philadelphian section of it, has been discussing for the last week was confirmed on Friday by the wedding of William G. Cochran, of Philadelphia, and Miss Georgia Haven, of Boston. Mr. Cochran is a prominent Philadelphian, a well known clubman and is seventy-seven years old, while the bride is over forty years his junior.

The discrepancy in ages has caused a great deal of comment. It is known that Mr. Cochran's children, William G. and Mrs. Suydam, have protested against his taking a wife so much younger than himself, but their efforts and those of other relatives had no effect on the elderly bridegroom, who has something of a reputation as a beau and ladies' man. The couple are prominent summer residents of York Harbor, and the wedding came as a big surprise to their friends. The ceremony was quietly performed by the Rev. Dr. Henry S. Kloma, of Portland.

### MME. SCHUMANN-HEINK TESTIFIES.

#### Singer Who Desires to Become Citizen May Be Subject of Uncle Sam Already.

When Mme. Schumann-Heink appeared before Judge Ten Eyck in Newark yesterday to be examined on her application to become a citizen of the United States, the question arose as to whether she was not already a citizen, she having been married to a native of Chicago. The attorneys were directed to submit briefs on that point on or before October 15.

Mme. Schumann-Heink is the wife of William Rapp and they live now at North Caldwell, N. J. She testified that she was born on June 15, 1861, in Austria, and came to this country October 17, 1898. She declared her intention of becoming a citizen of the United States on February 10, 1905, at Cincinnati. The opera singer has seven children and she is anxious to see them good citizens of the United States. She has lived in the United States more than the required length of time.

### CLUBMEN CHARGED WITH CRUELTY.

#### Spurs Used on Polo Ponies Stir Massachusetts S. P. C. A.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Salem, Mass., Sept. 16.—Summonses were issued to-day for the arrest of Allan Forbes, millionaire clubman and polo player, of Boston, and M. Stevenson, of New York, member of the Saratoga polo team, charging them with cruelty to animals during the match in the Myopia Hunt Club tourney on September 9. The warrant was served on Mr. Forbes, and he agreed to be in the Salem district court on Saturday morning for a hearing. Mr. Stevenson is supposed to have returned to New York. So far the police have been unable to find him.

The charges are made by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It is alleged that during the game the two men unmercifully rowelled their horses with sharp spurs, until blood spurted in streams from their sides. Half a dozen ministers from neighboring towns saw the game, and they took the matter up with the society.

### WILL OF JANE A. TOWNSEND FILED.

#### Mrs. Mary Norton, Perkins, Her Daughter, Receives Bulk of Estate.

The will of Mrs. Jane A. Townsend, widow of Randolph W. Townsend, filed yesterday in the Surrogate's office by the attorneys for Mrs. Mary Norton Perkins, daughter of the testatrix and only qualifying executrix, disposes of real estate and personal property aggregating nearly $350,000, the bulk of which goes to Mrs. Perkins.

Other persons and institutions remembered in the will are the Rev. Dr. de Lancy, rector of All Angels' Protestant Episcopal Church, $10,000; the Presbyterian Hospital, $15,000, of which $5,000 is to endow three free beds in perpetuity, in memory of Mrs. Townsend's three children, now deceased—Randolph W. Townsend, jr., Harmon Townsend and Emma L. Norton; the Presbyterian Home for Aged Women, $34,000; the Presbyterian Church in University Place, $10,000; the New York Exchange for Women's Work, at 40th street and Madison avenue, $10,000, and Yale University, $50,000, for the endowment of a professorship of history, to be named in memory of Randolph W. Townsend, jr. A number of small bequests are made to relatives and servants.

Mrs. Townsend died at Holbrook Grange, near Rugby, England, on August 20. Her home in this city was at No. 18 West 73d street.

### RECOGNITION OF MR. STRAUS'S WORK.

London, Sept. 8.—Nathan Straus's efforts to teach the world the practical method of preventing tuberculosis by pasteurization of milk were cited to-day by eminent scientific men at two of the most important meetings of the year.

Sir Robert E. Mathieson, speaking at Dublin before the British Association for the Advancement of Science, described the campaign against tuberculosis conducted by the Woman's National Health Association, which Lady Aberdeen had founded, and mentioned the gift by Mr. Straus of an equipment which assured for Dublin supplies of milk free from the germs of tuberculosis. At the annual conference at Liverpool of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association Sir James Crichton-Browne, the president, predicted that tuberculosis would be abolished in thirty years. Experiments, he said, had shown that cows' milk containing tuberculous bacilli was the cause of tuberculosis in man. He congratulated the local officials on their acceptance of a gift of a pasteurization laboratory from Nathan Straus.

# OBITUARY

### MRS. LIVINGSTON DEAD.

#### Wife of Well Known New Yorker Succumbs to Apoplexy at Bar Harbor.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Bar Harbor, Me., Sept. 16.—The death of Mrs. Philip Livingston, wife of the well known New York clubman, occurred to-day at her cottage, Silver Birches, at Bar Harbor. Mrs. Livingston was seized with an apoplectic shock on Friday, and grew worse steadily. Her death was a complete surprise to the local summer colony, for she had been in apparently the best of health this summer and had been one of the leading hostesses during the season. She had been for several years one of the social leaders and took a prominent part at the swimming club, the horse show and other institutions where society gathers, while her cottage had been the scene of some brilliant entertaining this summer. She had been a social favorite for a number of years.

The Livingstons are among the largest property holders here and own several summer estates, including one which is just being finished. Mrs. Livingston was Miss Juliet B. Morris, daughter of one of the oldest Philadelphia families, and was married to Mr. Livingston about fifteen years ago. They had no children. Their home in New York is at No. 992 Fifth avenue.

### JOHN K. COOKE.

After an illness of ten days, due to a stroke of apoplexy, John K. Cooke, former superintendent of the Passaic Steel Company, died yesterday morning at his home in Paterson, N. J.

Mr. Cooke was born in Scranton, Penn., in 1857. When he was eleven years old the family moved to Paterson, his father and his brothers organizing the Paterson Rolling Mill Company. Following his early education at the Tallman Seminary he entered the drafting department of the rolling mill. He soon became superintendent, continuing in that capacity until 1905, when he entered the structural steel contracting business, and with his two sons, Watts Thorne Cooke and John Raymond Cooke, organized the firm of John K. Cooke & Sons.

Mr. Cooke was a Republican and had been a member of the Board of Education and of the Board of Freeholders. He was a member of the Hamilton Club and Paterson Aerie, 43, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was connected with the East Side Presbyterian Church, where the funeral will be held.

Mr. Cooke married Miss Minnie Elvin in 1880. She died three years later. The following year he married Miss Louisa Thorne, who, with two sons and one daughter, survives him.

### JUSTICE THOMAS B. M'FARLAND.

San Francisco, Sept. 16.—Thomas B. McFarland, for many years a justice of the Supreme Court of California, died early to-day after a long illness induced by a cancerous growth of the throat.

Justice Thomas Bard McFarland was born in Mercersburg, Penn., on April 19, 1828. He was educated at Marshall College there, and studied law with Robert M. Bard in Chambersburg. In 1849 he was admitted to the bar. He soon removed to California, where he became district judge of Nevada and Placer counties in 1862, holding the office until 1869. He was register of the United States Land Office in Sacramento from 1874 to 1878. In 1882 he became judge of the Superior Court of Sacramento County, and held the office four years. In 1879 he was a member of the California Constitutional Convention. Since 1886 he had been a justice of the California Supreme Court. He was a Republican, and a member of the Union League Club.

### LIEUT. COL. CHARLES NEWBOLD.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Lieutenant Colonel Charles Newbold (retired) died in California to-day while on his way to Colorado Springs, according to advices received here. He was born in Philadelphia, and served as an officer throughout the Civil War. He lived in Washington many years, but since his retirement had travelled extensively. J. Fleming Newbold, business manager of "The Washington Evening Star," is his son, and Frank B. Noyes, of Chicago, president of The Associated Press, his son-in-law.

### MRS. FRANCIS TREVELYAN.

Mrs. Nancy Trevelyan, widow of Francis Trevelyan, the well known racing judge, critic and turf writer, died at her home, Forest Lodge, Charlottesville, Va., on Wednesday, after a long illness. Born in England thirty-nine years ago, she married Francis Trevelyan in 1888. She never recovered from grief following Mr. Trevelyan's death on January 24 last. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon at Forest Lodge.

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Berry, Anna S.
Bowers, James.
Braker, Henry J.
Canfield, Elmira B.
Clarke, George W.
Cooke, John K.
Dean, Charles F.
Gunn, Abigail I. B.
Hoyt, Lida S.
Lepper, Francis R.
Livingston, Juliet M.
Lowe, Frank S.
McCarthy, Daniel J.
Marshall, Charles E.
Morosini, Giovanni P.
Murphy, Alice.
Nye, Deidamia B.
O'Hara, William J.
Parks, Sarah A.
Richardson, Parker C.
Sayre, James R.
Skillman, T. Henry.
Smith, William R.
Starrett, Lyman M.
Stedman, Arthur G.
Stevens, Mary
Strobridge, Ruth A. L.
Tyler, Charles C.
Wallace, Gurdon B.
Waller, J. Frank

BERRY—Entered into rest at Richfield Springs, September 15, Anna Sylvester, widow of Thomas I. Berry, of New York. Notice of funeral hereafter.

BOWERS—At Essex Fells, N. J., September 15, 1908, James Bowers. Funeral services at his late residence, Friday, September 18, 1 o'clock p. m. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Newark, N. J.

BRAKER—In Plymouth, England, Tuesday, September 1, 1908, Henry J. Braker, of New York City. Funeral services will be held at the West Presbyterian Church, No. 31 West 42d st., New York City, Thursday, September 17, at 10 o'clock a. m. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

CANFIELD—At Newark, N. J., on Tuesday, September 15, 1908, Elmira Ballard, wife of the late Joseph Canfield, in her 90th year. Funeral services will be held at her late home, No. 189 Clinton ave., Newark, on Saturday, September 19, at 2 p. m. Interment at Bloomfield Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Kindly omit flowers.

CLARKE—On Tuesday, September 15, 1908, at his residence in this city, George W. Clarke, Ph. D., in the 92d year of his age. Funeral services on Friday, September 18, from the Deems Memorial Church, West 57th st., at 11 a. m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Kindly omit flowers. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

COOKE—At Paterson, N. J., on Wednesday, September 16, 1908, John K. Cooke, aged 51 years. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral on Friday, September 18, from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Watts Cooke, No. 728 East 25th st., Paterson, at 3 p. m. Interment at Cedar Lawn.

DEAN—Wednesday, September 16, 1908, at his residence, No. 26 Prospect st., Summit, N. J., Charles Francis Dean, in his 55th year. Funeral private.

GUNN—At Washington, Conn., on Sunday, September 13, in the 89th year of her age, Abigail Irene Brinsmade, widow of Frederick William Gunn. Funeral at the Congregational Church, Washington, Thursday, September 17, at 1 p. m.

HOYT—Lida Sherman, wife of Colgate Hoyt, Tuesday morning, September 15, 1908. Funeral from her late residence, Eastover Farm, Oyster Bay, Long Island, at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. Launches will be at Canal Dock to meet train leaving New York at 8:50 a. m., to convey any one wishing to attend the funeral at Eastover Farm. Burial in Cleveland at Lakeview Cemetery at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. Cleveland papers and Paris "New York Herald" please copy.

LEPPER—On September 12, 1908, at Belfast, Ireland, in the 63d year of his age, after an operation, Francis Robert, eldest son of the late Robert Stewart Lepper, of Tranifield House, Belfast, chairman of directors of the Ulster Bank (Limited), Ireland.

LIVINGSTON—On Wednesday, September 16, 1908, at Bar Harbor, Me., Juliet Morris, wife of Philip Livingston and youngest daughter of the late William H. Morris, of Morrisania. Notice of funeral hereafter. Baltimore papers please copy.

LOWE—On Tuesday, September 15, Frank Shean Lowe, oldest son of Margaret and the late John R. Lowe, aged 34 years. Funeral services at his late residence, No. 768 Monroe st., Brooklyn, on Thursday evening, September 17, at 8 o'clock.

M'CARTHY—At Milton, N. Y., on September 14, 1908, after a short illness, Daniel J. McCarthy, son of Thomas F. and Ellen M. McCarthy, aged 43 years. Funeral from his parents' residence, No. 1456 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, on Thursday, September 17, at 8:30 o'clock a. m.

MARSHALL—On Monday, September 14, 1908, at Cheyenne, Wyo., Charles E. Marshall, late of Brooklyn.

MOROSINI—At his residence, Riverdale, N. Y., on Tuesday, September 15, 1908, Giovanni P. Morosini, in the 77th year of his age. Funeral private. Please omit flowers.

MURPHY—On September 15, 1908, Alice, widow of John Murphy and beloved aunt of Mrs. Julia Murphy Kelleher. Funeral from her late residence, No. 688 Pacific st., Brooklyn, on Friday, September 18, at 9 a. m. Solemn requiem at St. Joseph's Church. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

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NYE—On Wednesday, September 16, 1908, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. C. T. Draper, Ossining, N. Y., Deidamia Bourne Nye, widow of James L. Nye, of Sandwich, Mass. Funeral private.

O'HARA—On Tuesday, September 15, William J., son of Mary and the late Thomas O'Hara. Funeral from his late residence, No. 421 Baltic st., Brooklyn, on Friday morning, thence to St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, where a solemn requiem mass will be offered for the repose of his soul. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery.

PARKS—Suddenly, at No. 448 East Couch st., Portland, Ore., Sarah A. Parks, wife of George Parks, formerly of Brooklyn.

RICHARDSON—Suddenly, on September 16, at his home, No. 475 Waverly ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., Parker C. Richardson. Services private. Interment at Duxbury, Mass. Boston papers please copy.

SAYRE—At the Monomonock Inn, Caldwell, N. J., Tuesday, September 15, 1908, James R. Sayre, in the 95th year of his age. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at his home, No. 1048 Broad st., Newark, on Friday, September 18, at 3 p. m. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

SKILLMAN—On Tuesday morning, September 15, 1908, T. Henry Skillman. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from his