

AGED COUNTESS DEAD

Was an American Woman and Matriarch of Great Ducal House.

[Copyright, 1909, by the Brentwood Company.] Old Countess Olivier de la Rocheffoucauld, matriarch of the ducal house of that name, who has just died in Paris at the age of nearly ninety, was an American woman, a Miss E. M. ...

The other brother of Olivier, namely, Hippolyte, also married an heiress, the daughter of a rich lawyer named Roux, and his son, Gaston de la Rocheffoucauld, the widower of Sir Horace Rumbold, later finally, became by marriage to George Henry Cavendish, was severed by the death of his adopted daughter, Baron Delmar, of Berlin, banker of Frederick William III and the first Jew to be ennobled by the Prussian Crown.

Old Countess Olivier de la Rocheffoucauld's eldest son, Guy, was sentenced three years ago to a term in jail for breaking his lance at the time when the French government was endeavoring to take an inventory of the possessions and treasures of the various churches about the country.

All of these de la Rocheffoucaulds bear the title of count. The head of the entire family is their second and third cousin, Françoise, Duc de la Rocheffoucauld, married to Miss Mattie Mitchell, of Portland, Ore., and whose only child, a boy of four, who bore the title of Duc de Liancourt, died the other day.

The de la Rocheffoucauld family was founded in the tenth century by a younger son of the Rite de Lusignan. His Christian name was Foucauld, and, having the Castle of la Roche, in the Charente, he styled it la Roche-Foucauld, from which his descendants have taken their name.

Reports of official origin are being industriously propagated by friends of the present holder of the title, Admiral Charles Beresford, on the impending termination of his command of the great Channel Fleet, will be appointed to one of the most important berths in the service on shore.

As long as he continues in active service, either aboard or ashore, he is forced by the laws of discipline to remain silent and to refrain from assailing the Admiralty; and it is no secret that on several occasions he has been given command, even by First Lords of the Admiralty who were opposed to him, merely in order to reduce him to silence.

There are only three shore commands open to an officer of his rank, namely, the post of the Rone, of Portsmouth is the most lucrative and important, carrying with it an official residence, possession of a steam yacht, the governorship of Portsmouth, and salary and allowances amounting to about \$29,000 a year.

As a successor to Sir Gerard Noel has only just been appointed, Portsmouth is probably the only shore berth which Lord Charles would be willing to accept as in keeping with his rank; and if it is really intended to place him there, the Admiralty will be forced to perpetrate another piece of unfairness, by removing Sir Arthur Fishburne from the blue ribbon of the service long before the completion of his term, and, in fact, just after getting settled there.

Lady Charles would be in her element at Portsmouth. For she is extremely hospitable, very fond of society, and would shine as a hostess both on the occasion of the visits of foreign naval squadrons and during the Comes week.

NON-ROYAL GRANDSON OF A KING. Old Count Gustav Brandenburg, whose death has just taken place at his chateau of Domance, in Silesia, in his ninetieth year, was the last surviving grandson of King Frederick William II, whose domestic arrangements were of the most extraordinary character.

Frederick William, while crown prince, had been forced by his uncle and predecessor, Frederick William I, to marry a modest princess Elizabeth of Brunswick, whom he divorced, and then Princess Louise of Hesse, both unions being entirely loveless and brought about solely for political and dynastic reasons.

King Frederick William and Queen Louise made no pretense whatever of entertaining the slightest affection for one another, and after they had pro-

WORK AMONG THE BLIND

TOLD BY MISS HOLT.

Board of Education Will Hold Public Hearing.

Miss Winifred Holt, daughter of Henry Holt, the author and publisher, will speak at the Board of Education Building to-night. The board is contemplating the establishment of a number of classes for the instruction of blind children of school age.

Miss Holt, who is secretary of the New York Association for the Blind, at No. 118 East 59th street, will talk in favor of the adoption of the modified Braille system of raised letters as opposed to the New York point system.

There are in the United States more than sixty-four thousand blind persons. For the blindness of sixteen thousand of these, many of whom are blind from one cause alone, there is no excuse except ignorance and neglect.

The ignorance is of many types; ignorance of conditions which produce blindness, ignorance of the care of the eye, of the necessity of a school, and ignorance of the delicacy of the sensitive organ of sight.

The disease is known as infant ophthalmia. It is said to be an infectious disease, appearing at the time of birth, easily prevented if precautionary measures are taken at once, or within a few hours after birth, and curable if, when it develops, skilled treatment is at once resorted to.

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The strangest ignorance exists in the minds of people as to what the blind can do, she said. She started the association work three years ago because she felt that the heaviest burden upon the blind was not their blindness, but their ignorance.

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AN ANTI-HUGHES PLAN

TO SLAUGHTER BIG BILLS.

State Committee Probably Will Keep Out of Limelight.

[By Telegraph to the Tribune.] Albany, March 23.—If the Republican state organization has no concerted plans for killing Governor Hughes's direct nomination bill, as State Chairman Woodruff declared last night, anti-Hughes members of the legislature, and more particularly in the Assembly, have not perfected a plan in great detail.

It seems probable that the state committee will be kept out of the limelight so far as possible. The fight which will be waged against Governor Hughes' bill is being led by the professional politicians who have seen in various quarters of the state indications of restiveness on the part of the plain voters at the activity of certain leaders against the Governor and the direct primary bill.

Within the Legislature, though, there exists a different situation, and recognized anti-Hughes men, supported and abetted by their political leaders, the line, leading to a measure which under fairly liberal construction could be deemed to bear a Hughes label. The Governor is known to desire keenly to have the entire scheme of public service legislation adopted this year, as well as the direct nomination bill, and is believed to deem a new charter for New York City eminently desirable.

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OBITUARY

WILLIAM JOHN McCREERY.

William John McCreery, son of the late James McCreery, formerly of the drug store firm of that name, Monday in his apartment at the Nevada. Mr. McCreery was born in Paris forty-six years ago, but spent most of his early life at Columbia, S. C., where he received his early education. Moving to Colorado, he entered the Colorado University, from which he was graduated.

Soon after he came to this city and assumed an active life in the mercantile business which he established. Besides his connection with James McCreery & Co., he was interested in other companies and corporations, and in Western enterprises and holdings in lumber. Mr. McCreery was a member of the Larchmont Yacht Club, the Wygauff Golf Club and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. His summer home was at Larchmont. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

WILLIAM B. ISHAM.

William B. Isham, who died at his home, No. 5 East 64th street, yesterday, was one of the last of the leather merchants who made "the Swamp" famous. He was born in Malden, N. Y., on April 23, 1837, and came to New York City in 1859. The next year he began in the leather business with George Falen and Isaac H. Bailey. Mr. Isham retired from the leather business in 1893, but continued as director or officer in several banks and eleemosynary institutions. He retired from nearly all activities several years before his death.

Mr. Isham was at one time president of the Bond and Mortgage Company, one of the original directors and vice-president of the Bank of the Metropolis and vice-president of the Union Bank, which was consolidated with the Gallatin. He was a member of the Metropolitan Club, the New York Historical Society, the Chicago Historical Society, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History and the New York Botanical Garden. At the time of his death he was a director of the Presbyterian Hospital and vice-president of the New York Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled. He was an annual subscriber to the Charity Organization Society.

Mr. Isham is survived by four sons and two daughters. He is interred at the 47th year of his age. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the burial will be in Woodlawn.

COLONEL WILLIAM LAMB.

Norfolk, Va., March 23.—Colonel William Lamb, aged seventy-three years, died here to-day. At the siege of Fort Fisher, in the Civil War, he held the fort near Wilmington, N. C., for three days, with 1,900 men, against the attack of 10,000 federal troops on land and 600 guns on water. Butler and Porter losing more men than Lee and Johnston. He has been Mayor of Norfolk and held many other offices in this city and state. He was a delegate to several Democratic Presidential conventions, stumped Virginia for Blaine and Logan, and was nominated as an elector at large on the Harrison and Morton ticket in 1888, and subsequently declined the Republican nomination for Governor, becoming Republican State chairman.

Colonel Lamb was at Charlestown, Va., in 1839, and in the "Wood's Rifles," during the trial and execution of John Brown.

He was a well known figure to blockade runners at Wilmington during the war. They never tried to dash by the federal ships until all the colonel's signals showed the way was clear. He was ever ready to go to the rescue of a blockade runner in trouble. When Fort Fisher was captured, several blockade runners, unaware of the fact, ran under its guns and were captured.

MARK T. COX.

Mark T. Cox, senior partner of the firm of Robert Winthrop & Co., No. 40 Wall street, died suddenly yesterday at his home, No. 119 Harrison street, East Orange, N. J., from pneumonia. Mr. Cox was fifty-one years old. He was taken sick at his office last Friday.

Mr. Cox had been a member of the firm of Robert Winthrop & Co. since 1852. He was a director in the Lackawanna Steel Company, Allis-Chalmers Company, American Graphophone Company, Wisconsin Central Railroad Company, Chicago Junction Railways and Union Stockyards Company, United National Bank, Newark; Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, Fidelity Trust Company of Newark, and the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company. He was a member of the Railroad Club of this city.

Mr. Cox leaves a wife and one daughter, Susan A. Cox, and a son, Mark T. Cox, jr., of Cheyenne, Wyo.

WILLIAM P. HENSZEY.

Philadelphia, March 23.—William P. Henszey, a member of the firm of Burnham, Williams & Co., proprietors of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and one of the most prominent designers of locomotives in the world, died at his home here to-day from pneumonia, aged seventy-seven years.

During the fifty years of his connection with the works it is estimated that he had designed over thirty-two thousand locomotives. He was known in railroad circles throughout the world. He was a member of several local clubs.

FERNAND RENAUULT.

Word was received in this city of the death yesterday in Paris of Fernand Renault, forty-five years old, of the automobile concern of Renault Freres, in that city. At the local office of Renault Freres, No. 175 Broadway, it was said that his death, due to acute nephritis, was entirely unexpected.

Mr. Renault had been suffering from kidney trouble. In the hope of regaining his health he gave up his work some months ago and was apparently improving and was preparing to go back to work when the end came.

With his brother, Louis Renault, Mr. Renault conducted the Paris firm, having charge of the manufacturing end of the concern, while his brother was the business head. He was president of the automobile section of the Syndical Chamber of the Automobile Club of France.

ROBERT W. M'AFEE.

Chicago, March 23.—Robert W. McAfee, sixty years old, a veteran postoffice inspector and known as "the Anthony Comstock of Chicago," dropped dead from heart disease while walking in State street to-day.

Mr. McAfee entered the postal service twenty-six years ago as the representative of the Western Society for the Suppression of Vice. It was to further the objects of this society that he entered the government service, fixing his own salary at \$1 a year, which sum, until two years ago, he regularly returned to the government. Two years ago he was placed on the regular pay roll. His work was confined almost entirely to keeping objectionable matter out of the mails. His home was at Crawfordville, Ind.

MRS. NANIE WISE MAYO.

Richmond, Va., March 23.—Mrs. Nanie Wise Mayo, daughter of ex-Governor Henry A. Wise of Virginia and sister of John S. Wise, of New York, ex-member of Congress and former Republican candidate for Governor of Virginia, died in her home in this city to-day. Mrs. Mayo leaves several children, including a son, Henry A. Wise Mayo, a practicing attorney in New York.

WILLIAM H. WAHL.

Philadelphia, March 23.—Dr. William H. Wahl, a well known scientist, died here to-day, aged sixty years. He was secretary of the Franklin Institute for twenty-five years and last January was made honorary secretary of that society. He was a graduate of Dickinson College and Heidelberg University.

OBITUARY NOTES.

STATE SENATOR WILLIAM J. HARRISON, of New Jersey, died at Lakewood, N. J., yesterday. Mr. Harrison died of pneumonia at Trenton last Thursday while attending to his duties in the Legislature. He was born in Monmouth County on January 11, 1852. For nine years he was postmaster at Lakewood, having been appointed under the Cleveland administration. He was president of the People's Bank of Lakewood.

HERMAN G. HORNFECK, senior member of the firm of H. G. Hornfeck & Son, furriers, of No. 33 West 21st street, New York, died yesterday at Trenton, N. J., in his seventy-first year. Mr. Hornfeck was born in Germantown, and came to America in 1837. He has a large family of eight children. He will be buried at Caldwell, Westchester County.

DAVID WILLIAM LEE, for twenty-seven years an appraiser in the New York Custom House, died at East Orange yesterday. Mr. Lee was born in New York City sixty-three years ago. He went to

work for the government immediately after he left school and remained in his employ until two years ago.

FAREWELL CHEERS FOR BERESFORD.

London, March 23.—Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, the commander of the Channel fleet, who hauls down his flag at Portsmouth to-morrow, bade farewell to the fleet at Portland this afternoon. A great outburst of cheering greeted the admiral.

Married.

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

SWETT—BOGUELOW—On Tuesday, March 23, 1909, at All Souls Church, New York City, by the Rev. Thomas R. Silver, Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tyson Bogue, and William L. Sweet, Jr., of New York.

WOOD—REYNOLDS—On Saturday, March 20, 1909, at Mount Kisco, N. Y., James Reynolds, daughter of Mrs. Mount Kisco, N. Y., and John Reynolds, of Mount Kisco, N. Y.

Notices of marriages and deaths must be inserted with full name and address.

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Allen, Robert H., died at his home, No. 100 West 23d street, New York, on Tuesday, March 23, 1909, at the age of 65 years. He was a member of the Metropolitan Club and the New York Historical Society.

COX—Sudden, of pneumonia, on Tuesday, March 23, 1909, at his home, No. 119 Harrison street, East Orange, N. J., Mark T. Cox, husband of Emily M. Cox, in the 56th year of his age. Funeral services on Friday, March 26, at 10 o'clock, at the residence, 119 Harrison street, East Orange, N. J.

HEPURN—At Brookline, N. Y., March 23, 1909, Henry Hepburn, husband of the late Mary Hepburn, in his 90th year. Funeral services from his late home, Upper Broad street, New York, on Thursday, March 25, at 10 o'clock. Interment at Fairmount Cemetery at convenience of family.

HEWLETT—At East Rockaway, N. Y., on March 22, 1909, Charlotte Hewlett, daughter of the late Peter T. and Mary Hewlett. Funeral services at the home, East Rockaway, on Thursday, March 25, at 10 o'clock. Interment at East Rockaway station on arrival of train leaving Flatbush ave., Brooklyn, at 11:38 a. m.

ISHAM—On March 23, at his residence, No. 5 East 64th street, New York, William B. Isham, aged 73 years. Funeral services on Thursday, March 25, at 10 o'clock, at his residence, No. 5 East 64th street, New York.

JEFFREYS—At Nice, France, on March 18, 1909, Peter Henry Jeffrey, youngest son of the late Peter H. and Elizabeth Jeffrey, of New York. He was 51 years of age. He was a member of the New York Historical Society.

LANE—On March 23, 1909, Amelia H. Lane, widow of Joel B. Lane. Funeral services at her late residence, No. 44 Hemen at, Brooklyn, on Wednesday, March 24, at 11 o'clock, at the residence, No. 44 Hemen at, Brooklyn.

LANE—Sudden, at Atlanta, Ga., March 20, Loring Lane. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 24, at 11 o'clock, at his late residence, No. 242 Macdonald st., Brooklyn.

LEE—On Tuesday, March 23, 1909, at his residence, No. 25 Haled st., East Orange, N. J., David W. Lee, aged 65 years.

MCNEELY—On March 22, William John McCreery, son of the late James McCreery, formerly of the drug store firm of that name. Funeral on Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock, at the Rutgers Presbyterian Church, 100 West 11th st., at the residence of the family.

MEYER—On March 22, 1909, Patrick McCreery, beloved husband of Catherine McCreery, in his 68th year. Burial on Thursday, March 25, at 10 o'clock, at the residence, No. 224 Wilbur st., Brooklyn.

MURPHY—Anna C. Seany, wife of Michael J. Murphy, died at her home, No. 239 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, on March 22, 1909, at 9:30 a. m., at the residence of her family.

MEAD—In Chicago, March 21, 1909, William H. Mead, in his 35th year, son of Ella J. and the late George R. Mead.

MERRICK—On March 22, 1909, Elizabeth Maria, widow of John Merrick, died at her home, No. 100 West 11th st., New York. Funeral services at the home, No. 100 West 11th st., New York, on Thursday, March 25, at 10 o'clock. Interment private at Hill Cemetery.

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