NEW JERSEY COAST VISITORS LOOKING TO THE HORSE SHOW

Preliminary Plans Just Announced for Bench Show Also.

Long Branch, N. J., July 10.—Not in twenty years, since Monmouth Park was the metropolitan racing mecca, has Long Branch entertained so many visitors as this week. The influx the first of the week was so great that despite the unusual preparations the hotels and boarding houses were taxed beyond their capacity. Twice as many hotels and boarding houses could easily have been filled. As a result a number of persons are already planning to erect a large medium priced hotel and boarding houses during the coming fall and winter for next season.

Coast society is now looking forward to the next big special attraction, the open air horse show, which will begin in two weeks more. The auction of boxes will be held next week and entries are constantly being made now. After the horse show there will be some special form of entertainment provided every week for the remainder of the season.

Preliminary plans just announced for the bench show, the week following the horse show, on August 7, show that over two hundred silver special prizes, in addition to the cash prizes, will be awarded. The most prominent exhibitors and kennels in the country will be represented. An innovation will be the awarding of bronze medals for each winners' class. The medals, which are designed by Charles McKarness, the sculptor, will bear the heads of the bulldog Ch. St. Vincent, owned by Mrs. C. M. Hamilton, of Cedarhurst; the Irish terrier Newry Phil, owned by the Newry Kennels, and the St. Bernard White Star Beauty, owned by Mrs. Anna Kahn Hyman, of Long Branch. James Mortimer will superintend the show. Among the judges already selected are Mme. Vernona Jarbeau, French bulls; G. Mussa-Arnolt, Great Danes and Japanese and Pekinese spaniels; Amzi S. Dodd, St. Bernards, and Dr. N. F. Feury, Boston terriers.

The week following the dog show will come the society circus, the week after that will be "Old Home" week and the week following the ocean front carnival. Automobile races at Elkwood will also be held during the month, at a date yet to be set.

The local event of the present week was the beginning of a series of nine special concerts, consisting of excerpts from entire acts and scenic production of the following works: "Stabat Mater," Rossini; Twelfth Mass, Mozart; "Hallelujah Chorus," Handel; "The Heavens Are Telling," Hadyn; "Il Trovatore," "La Traviata," "Aida" and "Rigoletto," Verdi; "Lucia," Donizetti; "Faust," Gounod; "Mignon," Thomas; "Bohemian Girl," Balfe; "Cavalleria Rusticana," Mascagni; "Les Huguenots," Meyerbeer, and "Tannhäuser," Wagner. These are rendered by a chorus of two hundred voices, supported by an orchestra of twenty-five soloists, with Max Schmidt as director. Gustav Heinrich will personally direct several of the productions. Among the vocal soloists are Signora Veronica La Liberti and Signor Alfredo Sappio.

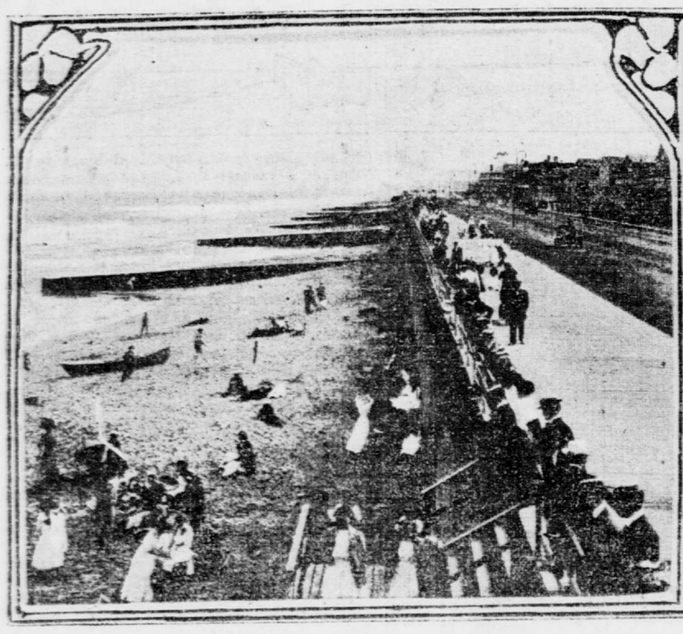
The initial performance on Wednesday evening, when the Inflammatus from the "Stabat Mater" was rendered, drew summer residents from all along the coast from Point Pleasant to Atlantic Highlands. In honor of them the series has been called "cottagers' nights." It is the most ambitious musical effort yet attempted along the Jersey coast, and so successful has it proved already that grand opera stars will probably be engaged for several of the productions. The big Casino convention hall is used for these concerts, and boxes named blue wistaria, red wistaria, poppy, American Beauty, dogwood and wild rose, from their decorations with these flowers, have been installed.

The free afternoon concerts by Schmidt's Band White and Gold in the new pavilion, at the foot of Broadway, and the evening concerts on the lawn of Ocean Park are proving more popular than ever. The parking places are filled with automobile parties at every concert. There are special features every evening. Last night at the first of a series of popular song composers' nights "Ted" Snyder sang a number of his songs, including one composed for the occasion.

To-morrow Battery A, the crack artillery troop of East Orange, will arrive with seventy-two horses hauling cannon and all accoutrements on a 'cross-country march to Sea Girt, and will camp in the rear of Ocean Park for the night. The troop will appear in dress parade on the Ocean Drive early in the evening, and give an exhibition drill.

To-day the first of a series of four weekly golf subscription handicap contests is being played on the Hollywood links. Golf is enjoying an extraordinary vogue here this summer already, and after surf bathing is the most popular of outdoor sports. Boating and yachting on the Shrewsbury are also popular, and there are many crabbing parties out daily. The recent cool weather has sen also a record breaking business at the clambake and shore dinner resorts along the river.

Long Branch's next convention will be the national gathering of the St. Patrick's Alliance, on July 26. Some five hundred delegates from nearly every state in the Union will attend. The sessions will be held in the Lyceum Auditorium. Thomas C. Gaynor, of Newark, is the state head of the order.



ON THE BOARDWALK OF LONG BRANCH.

BATHING ON THE ASBURY PARK BEACH.

ATLANTIC CITY FUN

This Resort, as Usual, Has Merry Summer Throngs.

Atlantic City, July 10.—There is no city in the world which should be more interested in the steadily growing agitation for a safe and a sane Fourth than Atlantic City. It has the great problem of the care of thousands and thousands of visitors from every part of the United States. Atlantic City is the great summer playground, and it cannot afford to turn itself into a solemn, rigid and unattractive place, but people's ideas as to what makes an attractive Fourth of July are changing.

Atlantic City had a glorious Fourth. Clear, delightfully cool weather greeted the thousands of visitors from the cities. The Boardwalk was thronged as seldom before, some two hundred thousand visitors coming to the city.

The great number of automobile parties was a feature of this year's Fourth, an exceedingly large number of people arriving that way. Atlantic and Pacific avenues, the two great thoroughfares extending the length of Absecom Island, were a-whiz with automobiles gayly decorated with flags.

The Chalfonte is entertaining the delegates to two conventions which are holding their meetings there. One is the sixteenth annual convention of the National Fertilizer Association, which is discussing the latest improved methods of manufacture and products. The Talking Machine men are holding a "Talkfest" at the Chalfonte.

The Boardwalk, during the Fourth of July season, is furnishing the usual number of sensations. The most remarkable, perhaps, was a young woman fully garbed in masculine summer regalia; white flannel trousers, a Tuxedo coat, a rakish soft hat and a swinging cane. She was accompanied by two other people, a man and a woman, and carried off the part with so much assurance, that she passed undetected by many. Only her hair betrayed her.

When a reporter called at her home, it was disclosed that she was Miss Charlotte White, of Washington, who would not refuse a "dare"! "It was only done in fun," she said. "I am not a suffragette nor Dr. Mary Walker. I simply would not take the dare when a man friend said I would not walk down the Boardwalk dressed so."

The new sign on "Old Vienna" is certainly calculated to make any man stop and think, for it is a green electric light serpent about half a block long, which writhes and undulates in a fearsome manner.

Mayor Stoy of Atlantic City has again announced the appointment of Officer Frey, known as "the spooning cop," to take charge of the bathing beaches. This need not frighten the young people into imagining that his honor has any destructive designs against "Dan Cupid." It is easily understood that every place where large crowds congregate is likely to be infested with "undesirables." Officer Frey is misnamed. He has no orders to stop "spooning," merely to prevent disorderly conduct. There is a difference.

During the day the Ventnor Boat Club celebrated with a regatta, in which the fatest boats of the club were entered. A reception and dance with a good orchestra made a pleasant affair. The Seaside Yacht Club, Atlantic City Yacht Club, and Longport Yacht Club all entertained lavishly, and had races which were enjoyed by crowds of people.

All sorts of pets are taking their constitutionals on the Boardwalk, and Teddy bears are only a memory.

ASBURY'S RECORD CROWD.

A New Mark Established for Resort —Meetings at Ocean Grove.

Asbury Park, July 10.—There was a general exodus from the Park Tuesday morning of the Fourth of July visitors, but the resort is by no means depopulated, for the newcomers this week are to be numbered by the thousands. The Independence Day throng was by far the largest the town has ever accommodated, and taxed the capacity of the four hundred hotels and boarding houses. Among the visitors were hundreds of motorists from cities in the metropolitan district. The celebration was of the safe and sane brand of patriotism, for the hospital records show that there was not a serious accident during the two days' celebration.

Sunday school workers from all parts of New Jersey are now here attending the annual school of methods of the New Jersey Sunday School Association, which opened on Wednesday in the assembly room of the city high school, and which will continue for a week. To-morrow a superintendents' rally will be held.

There was a red, white and blue dance given at the Coleman House on Wednesday for the children, and over one hundred tots, garbed in the tri-colors, participated. Miss Dorothy Appleget and Miss Marie Miller, dressed as Uncle Sam and Miss Columbia, led the grand march. The favors distributed were small silk American flags. A cotillion, the first of the season, was the attraction on Monday evening at the Hotel Columbia. To-night all the beach front hotels tendered their patrons a dance.

A military water pageant is being arranged for the evening of Tuesday, August 31. It will take place on Deal Lake, and will be held in connection with the annual baby parade, scheduled for Thursday afternoon, September 2. Officials of the New Jersey militia are co-operating with Chairman Ayres of the carnival commission in the formation of the plans, and they will assist in handling the pretty water display. Everything will be so organized that all orders and commands for the moving of the boats will be by various army bugle and drum calls. Queen Titania, who will preside over the several carnival events, will make her first public appearance with her court on the evening of the Deal Lake fête.

Well known visitors to Asbury Park this week include General James S. Clarkson, Senator Joseph S. Freilinghuysen, of Somerville, N. J.; Assemblyman Joseph F. Tumulty, of Jersey City; James F. Connelly, of Newark, commander of the New Jersey Department of the Grand Army of the Republic; Judge John G. Horner, of Mount Holly, N. J., and Governor Fort of New Jersey.

Mayor Jacob Hausseling and Sheriff William Harrigan, of Newark, N. J., are registered at Sunset Hall. Former Mayor Henry M. Doremus of Newark, N. J., has his family at the Minot House for the season. Dr. J. P. Nolan, L. D. Pierce, M. W. Livingston, F. R. Ricks, L. C. McQuake and Mrs. C. Jackson are among the New Yorkers at the Hotel Brunswick.

Colonel John T. Camp, Dr. James E. Burt, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Van West, Mrs. John Wood and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilson, of New York City, are newcomers at the Ocean Hotel. Recent arrivals from New York City at the Coleman House include Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Wehlinger, H. L. Brown, J. J. Drefuss, Frank A. Bach, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Monds and Mr. and Mrs. H. Wright.

Dr. J. W. Roberts, of New York City, is enjoying an outing at the Hotel Bristol. From the same city, at the same hotel, are Miss Henrietta Frank, Miss Ethelie Frank, Mrs. A. L. Taylor, Mrs. S. F. Dickerson, Mrs. W. Evans and Mr. and Mrs. W. Conover.

New York folk registered at the Fenimore include Mr. and Mrs. C. Storey, Miss Mildred Dick, Miss Katherine Dick, Mrs. W. E. Mendel, Miss E. J. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cunningham and Mrs. F. M. Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thompson, Mrs. John A. Howe and Miss Dorothy Miller, of New York City, spent Independence Day at the Victoria. F. R. Miller, of Brooklyn, brought his family to the Hotel Columbia this week. New Yorkers at the same hostlery include Mr. and Mrs. G. Black, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Torges, Miss L. F. Patten, Mr. and Mrs. John Horn and Miss C. Reilly.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wylde, H. W. Baird and family and R. H. Robinson, of New York City, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hague, of Jersey City, are at the Wellington. Miss Marion B. Van Riper, of Paterson, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Plump and H. E. Gilmore, of New York City, are at the Berwin for the month of July.

THE WEEK IN OCEAN GROVE.

John Wanamaker, of New York and Philadelphia, made his first visit to Ocean Grove this week. He came here Monday to take part in the Fourth of July celebration and was induced to deliver a short address before the young people's meeting in the Temple. He praised the Methodists for their aggressive church work and made a strong plea for more religion in business. Job E. Hedges, of New York City, was another distinguished visitor. He delivered the oration in the Auditorium on the morning of Independence Day.

The fourth annual session of the Ocean Grove Assembly of Sunday School Methods convened in the Thornley Chapel yesterday and will continue daily for a week under the leadership of Mrs. Mabel Faraday, of Arlington, N. J. Thursday evening the faculty and students enjoyed a sociable given by the Assembly at the Arlington Hotel.

COOL IN THE CATSKILLS

Seekers for Rest and Recreation Are There in Force.

Catskill, July 10.—The cool weather of the last week has partially stemmed the mountain rush which set in with such unprecedented force a week ago, yet the arrivals to-day have been extremely gratifying to the hotel men. The increased capacities of the elegant Day Line steamers are fully utilized, owing to the growing favor of the water route to the mountains. In fact, all lines of travel between New York and the Catskills proved inadequate last week, despite the employment of every facility now at command. The Independence Day visitors were in excess of those of any previous season.

The fishing has never been better than this season. The "brown hackel fly" has been the favorite lure with the wary trout of late.

Among the early guests at the Kaaterskill on the mountain top is Miss L. R. Conklin, niece of the famous Senator, who has enjoyed many summers there in past years. Among others there are Mrs. E. L. Borden, Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Dean and Mrs. William L. Bates, of New York.

The Grant House and other resorts near Catskill village are filling up rapidly, and many handsome yachts are already riding gayly at anchor in the Hudson, off Catskill.

Only a few rooms are now vacant in the old Catskill Mountain House, where new applicants must soon be turned away. The many quiet resorts at Palenville are receiving large additions daily.

Up in the Haines Falls section the aspect is already much like that of midsummer, because of the early start of the season there. Among recent visitors at the Santa Cruz Lodge were James Osborn and wife, of Buffalo; Miss Cornelison, of New York, and the Misses Johnson, of Brooklyn.

Among the early guests at the famous Laurel House down at the falls, are J. Morgan and family, Charles J. Hanlin and wife and J. F. Reed and family, of New York.

PROVES MAGNET FOR SUMMER FOLK.

Stamford, N. Y., Flooded with Seekers for Rest and Outdoor Sports.

Stamford, N. Y., July 10.—This week has witnessed more arrivals in Stamford than any previous one. Already there are over five hundred city people in town, and this year will be a record breaker. The baseball team played its first game on Monday with Oneonta and has been playing nearly every day since. The team has already shown its calibre and will undoubtedly make a good record.

On July 5 the Merchants' Association of Oneonta held its annual outing in Stamford and took luncheon at the Rexmere. Over two hundred were present and all speak in the highest terms of the hospitality of the Stamford people.

Among recent New York arrivals in Stamford are:

Churchill Hall—Mrs. E. A. Dodge, Mrs. N. T. Shields, Nelson T. Shields, jr., Mrs. F. F. Fisk, Margaret Haggerty, Mrs. Henry B. Livingston, Mrs. P. H. Sullivan, W. H. Sullivan, Edward Sullivan, Mrs. A. C. McDonald, Mrs. R. B. Walsh, Miss Mat Walsh, Miss Anna Walsh, Miss Claire Mulvaney, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Schwall, Mrs. C. Paine, Miss Paine, P. Kaufman, H. Hoffman, Philip Dawell and Sturges B. Shields.

Rexmere—Mrs. Frank Poel, Hilda Poel, Harold Poel, Miss M. Cornehlsen, Mrs. D. W. Murtha, Mrs. W. J. Moore, Miss Eda Hardenburg, Miss Vera Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dewey, Janet Dewey, Anita Dewey, H. L. Dewey, Mrs. F. W. Frazee, F. V. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Buffe and Miss Eleanor Lumley.

Cedarhurst—Mrs. Schuman, Theodore Schuman, Miss Helen Daly, Miss Cassidy, Miss Brosnan, D. F. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Regan.

Madison—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Crane, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lines, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy and Mr. McCoy.

Simpson Terrace—Wallace Cosgrove, Mme. Fanny Goodwin Lunt, Hyland Cunning, Mrs. J. R. Lacey, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. D. Hogg, Miss Emily Hogg, Miss Martha and Miss Dolly Smith.

New Grant House—Mrs. C. A. Bachnan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McLelland, Miss Julie E. Adams, William B. Sharpe, Harold Harper and Amy Harper.

Greycourt Inn—Mrs. E. H. Magnus and son, Mrs. L. G. Burr and son, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Phillips and M. E. Kaughran.

Mountain View House—Professor D. L. Lowson, Miss Alice Davis, Marie C. Hawley, Mrs. J. R. Hamlet, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kriete and L. A. Krieta.

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS AMUSEMENTS.

Atlantic Highlands, N. J., July 10.—Spending the day upon the bay in a sailboat, a company of young people went from the Lockwood on the yacht the Helen Thursday, and took dinner at Pleasure Bay. A party of visitors from the Brandon attended the Casino hop this week. The proprietor, Mr. Bryant, gave a dance last night at the Sea View Hotel. At the Brentwood P. S. Dunne has been entertaining a large number of July patrons. A ball was given there in the new casino of the hotel Monday night. Various social affairs have been given during the week at Atlantic Highlands, making the period a gay one. A large hop, in which sixty couples will take part, is on the boards for the casino to-night, and at the same place there was a big hop Monday evening.

WATCHING THE BATHERS AT EDGEMERE, LONG ISLAND.

INTENDED ESPECIALLY FOR THE BUSY MAN

Constant Reader Tells Him What He Missed in Last Week's Papers.

"Well, the Senate really did pass the tariff bill at last!" exclaimed Busy Man joyfully as he met Constant Reader last evening.

"In short order," replied Constant Reader.

"How can you say that?" asked Busy Man, "when they had been jawing over it for so many long weeks that I was ready to believe the cynic who declared the 'tariff is a local issue.'"

"All those weeks of debate were indulged in by the Senate sitting as a committee of the whole. The bill did not come before the open Senate until last Tuesday."

"What's the use of all that fine hairsplitting between open Senate and committee of the whole?" asked Busy Man petulantly. "It's the very same men in both cases, isn't it?"

"One useful purpose it serves," replied Constant Reader sarcastically, "is to allow the Democrats who helped revise the tariff upward so cheerfully to insist that not they but the wicked Republicans reported the bill out of committee."

"It is to laugh," sneered Busy Man, "but give me the details."

"One of the last acts of the committee of the whole was to adopt the resolution to submit to state legislatures a namendment to the Constitution permitting Congress to lay an income tax. The administrative provisions of the bill were agreed to, as was the long-needed tariff commission. On Wednesday the open Senate plunged into business with alacrity. About seventy-five paragraphs of the bill were at once reserved for separate votes, and all the other amendments, affecting about 1,800 items, were adopted en bloc. Then the work of hammering through the resolutions was begun. The duty on sole, band belt and rough leather was increased from 10 to 15 per cent. The provision creating the new customs court of appeals was next adopted. An amendment including holding companies in the corporation tax was rather unexpectedly accepted by Senator Aldrich. Amendments increasing the taxes on cigarettes and smoking tobacco were adopted. Rates were raised on salicylic acid, arsenic, nickel wire and steel sheets. It was provided that whenever any country puts an export duty on crude oil, that oil when imported here shall pay one-half the duty imposed by the foreign country. The final vote came at 11:15 on Thursday night, when the bill passed by 45 to 34. All the Democrats, with the exception of Senator McEnery, of Louisiana, voted against the measure. So did ten Republicans, including, of course, Beveridge and La Follette. The following conferrees on the part of the Senate were then appointed: Messrs. Aldrich, Burrows, Penrose, Hale and Cullom, Republicans, and Money, Daniel and Bailey, Democrats.

"Meanwhile the House had assembled, ready to greet the bill as soon as the Senate got through with it, many a member waiting with a knife in his boot and a club in his hand, figuratively speaking. The bill, as passed by the Senate, was officially presented in the House on Friday.

"Without delay the Speaker appointed the following conferrees on the part of the House: Representatives Payne, of New York; Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; McCall, of Massachusetts; Boutell, of Illinois; Calderhead, of Kansas, and Fordney, of Michigan, Republicans, and Clark, of Missouri; Underwood, of Alabama, and Griggs, of Georgia, Democrats. The tariff bill is now in conference."

"There," said Busy Man, "Mr. Taft's active part in tariff making will begin. Do you think he will have an easy time procuring a real revision downward?"

"I think not," said Constant Reader. "The bill when it came from the committee of the whole showed 129 increases over the House provisions, as against only 80 decreases, and when Mr. Aldrich was charged with too suddenly withdrawing his opposition to making holding companies liable to the corporation tax, because he expected to reverse himself on that point in conference, he gave open and positive assurance that he would seek to secure in conference the adoption of every single amendment passed by the Senate. The President returned from Lake Champlain to Washington about the same hour the bill was presented to the House."

"Well, the whole country is looking to him," said Busy Man. "Congressmen will be the conferrees. He will be the referee. Begging his pardon for the familiarity, I can't help feeling that it is now 'up to Bill.' What has been going on in the business world outside of Washington?"

"Pig iron production for the first half of this year increased 59 per cent over the first half of 1908. The monthly government crop report was for the most part favorable and seemed to assure a bumper corn crop. The condition of corn last month was 82.2. This month it is 89.3. This compares with 80.2 last year. Winter wheat showed a condition of 82.4, comparing with 80.6 a year ago; spring wheat, 92.7. From these figures the corn crop is estimated at about three billion bushels, the wheat crop at over six hundred million bushels and the oats crop at almost a billion bushels. The gross receipts of the General Postoffice in this city for the year ended June 30, 1909, reached $19,921,-054 87, which is more by nearly $150,000 than the gross postal receipts for the entire country in 1870. The steel car manufacturers of Pittsburg received an order for 5,200 cars for the Harriman lines. This is the largest single order of the kind that has been placed in recent years, and represents an expenditure of $5,200,000. This country's exports for the fiscal year just ended fell off $200,000,000, and the imports increased $100,000,000 over those of 1908. A Consolidated Exchange firm of stock brokers caused some stir in Wall Street by announcing their acceptance of one recommendation of the White investigating committee, and promising to have their books examined once a month by well accredited public accountants who will give a report thereon to all customers of the firm, without charge. Reform on the Metal Exchange was started by an actual sale being made of fifty tons of electrolytic copper, the first actual transaction made there in many years, it was said. While further compliance with the Hughes commission's recommendations was being considered at a meeting of the managers of the exchange, one of them, George W. Jacques, who was present, dropped dead from apoplexy. The indicted members of the Sugar Trust pleaded "not guilty" before Justice Hand in the United States Circuit Court, in this city, and were paroled in the custody of their counsel. The judge rejected the request of the prosecution that bail be demanded, and said he would assume the responsibility for this action."

"If the trust is not guilty," asked Busy Man, "why did it make restitution of such large sums of money? How have the police been getting along under their new Commissioner?"

"The first shake-up among the officers of the force by Commissioner Baker placed in command of the notorious 'Red Light' district a man who was head of Commissioner McAdoo's vice squad until he was dismissed for failing to close certain resorts. Captain Palmer, who has been holding Coney Island's lawless element in check, was sent to Staten Island. These and other transfers strengthened the reports which have been flying around thick and fast that 'the lid' is to come off as soon as and to such an extent as it is deemed safe.

"Ex-Commissioner Bingham declared he would be the anti-Tammany candidate for Mayor if the nomination should be thrust upon him without hampering conditions. Controller Metz announced that he would accept a Democratic nomination if asked to. He issued a statement showing that the city has so far paid out $2,200,000 for Catskill lands under the new water supply plans, and that it has cost $888,057 to condemn these lands. That is to say, the expenses of condemnation are about 40 per cent of what the land itself costs the city, and, moreover, the sums awarded have been grossly excessive. An order to show cause why an injunction should not be issued restraining the Aqueduct Commissioners from constructing additional reservoirs in the Croton Valley was obtained in the Supreme Court in a taxpayers' suit brought on behalf of the Merchants' Association of New York. The revised figures of assessments for taxation purposes on the real estate, personal property and special franchises throughout the city were filed with the Board of Aldermen by the Tax Commissioners. Inspection of them disclosed the facts that the annual increase in the grand total of taxable values is only about $100,000,000, as against an increase in 1908 over 1907 of $481,915,187; the natural increase in the city's debt limit, instead of being about $45,000,000 to provide for the contemplated increase in the city's budget, falls to about $6,000,000; and therefore the tax rate must be raised to 1.66 or even 1.70, as compared with 1.61 last year. A comparison of the tax rate for the last seven years shows: For 1903, 1.493; 1904, 1.513; 1905, 1.490; 1906, 1.478; 1907, 1.484; 1908, 1.61407; 1909, 1.66 to 1.70 estimated. For the same years the budget has increased as follows: 1903, $97,119,031; 1904, $106,674,955; 1905, $110,525,259; 1906, $116,305,490; 1907, $130,421,505; 1908, $143,572,266; 1909, $156,-545,148."

"Another 'Rake's Progress,'" grumbled Busy Man. "Any persons of importance die?"

"George F. S. Robinson, first Marquess of Ripon, formerly Lord Privy Seal of England, died in London. Count Casimir Badeni, former Austrian Premier, died in Vienna. Captain Philip R. Elsworth, noted modeller of yachts, died in Bayonne, N. J.

"General the Marquis de Galliffet, former Minister of War for France, died in Paris from apoplexy. Fordham Morris, a trustee of the College of the City of New York, and a member of several fashionable clubs in this city, died suddenly from Bright's disease, at Lenox, Mass. Robert D. Evans, one of the wealthiest men in New England, owner of the house at Beverly, Mass., which President Taft has leased for a summer home, died in Boston from the effects of a fall from his horse. Rutherfurd Stuyvesant, brother of Mrs. Henry White, wife of the American Ambassador to France, died suddenly from angina pectoris in Paris. He owned much New York real estate. Ernest W. S. Pickhardt, who married a stepdaughter of the late Robert B. Roosevelt, died in London. Ex-Judge Christopher Magee, one of the best known jurists in Pennsylvania, died from apoplexy at a baseball game in Pittsburg. John Lawrence Riker, a director of many insurance and trust companies in this city, died at Seabright, N. J. Francis W. Cushman, Representative in Congress from Tacoma, Wash., died here from pneumonia. He was regarded as the foremost humorist of the House."

"The American public likes to laugh," commented Busy Man, "but it is suspicious of any one who is habitually witty. What happened in the field of sports?"

"Martin J. Sheridan, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, established a new world's record for the national all round championship of the Amateur Athletic Union by piling up a total of 7,285 points in the annual event. The American polo team that went to England to bring back the championship cup, which has been held there for twenty-three years, succeeded in doing so, winning the second and deciding game in the contest by a score of 8 to 2 at Hurlingham on "Independence Day."

"Twenty-three will have to be released from its hoodoo reputation in America, any way," said Busy Man. "Any notable crimes or disasters?"

"There was that national disaster, our method of celebrating the Fourth of July. More than two thousand persons were injured and between fifty and sixty killed. Among the latter was Arthur Granville Langham, uncle of the Baroness Speck von Sternburg, whose hand was blown off. He died from the shock."

"Total loss of life caused by that old Revolutionary War still rolling up," interrupted Busy Man. "But go on."

"Floods wrought havoc, estimated at more than a million dollars, in Northern Missouri and Kansas. James Hunter Wright, an art dealer, gave himself up to the police and confessed committing the crime of arson several years ago; said his conscience tortured him to such an extent that he was obliged to reveal his crime. A wave of automobile accidents seems to have swept over the land recently. One young woman was horribly burned by the explosion of the gasolene tank of the machine in which she was returning from Coney Island with a business man, who was also badly hurt."

"Can you tell me how it is," inquired Busy Man, "that so few old or even middle-aged women are hurt in automobile accidents?"

"Be serious," replied Constant Reader. "Men like you, who are given to strong language in times of excitement, ought to be glad to hear that the Supreme Court of Iowa forced a telephone company to restore his telephone to a subscriber who had used such abusive language to 'Central' that his 'phone had been taken out by the company. He promised to reform, but the company would not restore his service till the court intervened. The English suffragettes, who have been bombarding the House of Commons for so many weeks, off and on, in the hope of gaining an audience with Premier Asquith, finally appealed to the King to uphold them in their contention that they had a constitutional right to present a petition to a responsible Minister of the Crown. The King informed them that the Home Secretary was the constitutional channel of communication, and accordingly the women called on Mr. Gladstone, who received their petition cordially and promised to present it to the King, adding that he thought the matter would finally end in a way satisfactory to the petitioners. Dr. Eleanora Gamble, of Wellesley College, Massachusetts, announced her firm belief that woman, especially the American woman, is man's equal in every occupation and, 'on the whole, better in every way.'"

"The American woman's good sense is in no way more strikingly manifested," commented Busy Man, "than by her quiet resistance to the efforts of her shrieking sisters to drag her into politics. What else is there in your budget worth remembering?"

"John S. Early, former soldier in the regular army, who had been segregated by the Washington authorities for nearly a year on the suspicion that he was a leper, was at last allowed to come to this city where, at the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital, he was pronounced entirely free from the dread disease. The British government granted a weekly pension of $2 50 to each of the four grandchildren of Charles Dickens, the famous novelist, in recognition of the literary eminence of their grandfather and as consideration of their straightened circumstances. The estate of Charles Dickens was valued at his death, in 1870, at $400,000, and Mrs. Mary Angela Dickens, one of the four sisters, has published nearly a dozen novels. What's in a name? Daniel K. Pearsons, of Chicago, who has already given $4,000,000 to small colleges, announced that he would devote the remainder of this, his ninetieth year, to distributing the last $1,000,000 of his fortune.

"The engagement was announced of Miss Anita Stewart, daughter of William Rhinelander Stewart and Mrs. James Henry Smith, of New York, to Prince Miquel of Braganza, eldest son of Duke Michael, pretender to the Portuguese throne. John D. Rockefeller celebrated his seventieth birthday by giving $10,000,000 to the General Education Board. This makes his entire endowment to that philanthropy $53,000,000. The total of his public benefactions is now variously estimated between ninety-three and one hundred and thirty-five millions."

"The Laird of Skibo is still ahead, I believe," commented the Busy Man. "His public gifts are estimated at $130,000,000, I believe. You have said nothing about the Wright brothers, to whose success I am so much interested. What have they been doing?"

"Tinkering away composedly at their broken aeroplane," said Constant Reader. "Seem to be in no hurry to win that government prize until they get good and ready. The signal service people are impatient to have the brothers make a fine showing before Congress adjourns, but the famous aviators don't seem to care whether Congress sees their flight or not."

"I sent those boys a telegram of encouragement that day when the preliminary flight ended in a smash-up for their machine," said Busy Man. "I feared they might throw up the severe task the government has set for their aeroplane."

"What did you say, Brother Bones, by way of encouraging them to persevere?" asked Constant Reader, obligingly.

"'Keep it up,'" chuckled Busy Man.