HALF MOON IN BASIN

Twin of Henry Hudson's Ship Afloat at Navy Yard.

With the battleships Alabama and Massachusetts, the big collier Vestal and a lot of smaller naval vessels for her companions, the tiny modern sister of Hudson's famous exploring ship, the Half Moon, is at present resting on the waters of the Whitney Basin, in the navy yard in Brooklyn. The odd looking little craft was brought to the yard early yesterday morning on the Holland-America liner Soestdyk, and lifted from the liner's deck by a big floating crane. When E. J. Benthem, assistant engineer of the Dutch navy, who had charge of her building, arrives here the Half Moon will be fitted with spars and rigging.

Small as she is, only sixty-seven feet long and of about sixty tons burden, the Half Moon will look something like the modern bark, carrying on her foremast a foresail and foretopsail, on her mainmast similar sails and on her mizzen a lateen, with a "blind sail," so called because it obstructed the view of the steersman, stretched under the bowsprit. On the main deck are the forecastle, with five double berths, the two blocks to which the running rigging is fastened and the steersman's platform, over which a roof has been built.

The tween deck space is occupied by the galley, a berth for the cook, a sail room, a gunner's room, where powder was stored, a bread room and a berth for the steward. The captain's cabin, under the poop of the upper deck, has stowed under the captain's berth a chest containing the ship's books, a Jacob's staff and a sextant which a modern navigator would find some difficulty in using to take observations. Her armament consists of four cannon, two of eight hundred pounds and two of one hundred pounds each, modelled upon the old style smooth bore, bell mouthed guns.

When she is fully equipped the Half Moon will be presented to the Hudson-Fulton Commission by the representatives of the committee of Dutch citizens who provided the funds to build her. She will play an important part in the celebration. Her crew will be made up from the Dutch warship Utrecht, with Midshipman De Meester as the mate and Lieutenant Lam as Henry Hudson. The official reception of the Half Moon and the Clermont, the twin of Fulton's first steamboat, will take place on Saturday, September 25, in the Lower Bay and the North River.

In response to the request of several Brazilians of prominence now in New York the Brazilian Minister of Marine has decided to send one of Brazil's warships to take part in the celebration. It is likely that the vessel selected will be either the schoolship Benjamin Constant or the second class cruiser Barrozo. Both ships are now at Newcastle-on-Tyne, whither they carried the crews for the new Brazilian Dreadnought.

HALF MILLION IN GEMS STOLEN.

New York Police Advised of Big London Robbery—Taken from Washstand.

Inspector McCafferty, chief of the Detective Bureau at Police Headquarters, is in receipt of a circular from the London police outlining the robbery of gems valued at $500,000 on July 2 from a travelling salesman in the employ of a Paris jeweller. The inspector said that the robbery was committed in the lavatory of the Café Monico, Piccadilly Circus, London, while the owner had left the bag containing the jewels for a moment to wash his hands.

The list of jewels lost included 1,529 pearls, three diamonds, twenty-two sapphires, seven rubies and sixteen rare cat's-eyes. There were also two 1,000-franc banknotes and five Bank of England notes for £10 each. A reward of $5,000 is offered. Incoming ships are being carefully watched at this point.

DROPS JEWELS ON "L" TRAIN.

Woman, in Fear of Burglars, Carried $3,000 in Gems on Trip to Beach.

A bag containing jewels valued at $3,000 was lost a week ago by Mrs. James R. Beard, of No. 350 East 18th street, Flatbush, on a Brighton Beach elevated train. A set of diamond screw earrings worth $400, two diamond rings valued at $800 each and a ring set with two pearls are among the gems missing.

Fear of thieves, inspired by the killing of Mrs. George Staber, a few blocks away from her home, caused Mrs. Beard to carry her jewels on a trip to Brighton Beach with a party of friends. The bag was gone when she alighted at the elevated station at Avenue C. Detectives assisted Mrs. Beard in a search of the train and of the track almost as far as Coney Island. Mrs. Beard was frantic over the loss, as she had been warned by her husband to place the jewels in a safety deposit vault. Mr. Beard is secretary of the Mexican Telegraph and Cable Company.

TELLS OF MASSACRE AT TARSUS.

Returned Wife of Missionary Describes Terror of Recent Disorders.

Mrs. Herbert Adams Gibbons, a missionary who, with her husband, was present at the recent massacres at Adana and Tarsus, in Asia Minor, arrived here yesterday on the Cunard liner Lusitania, accompanied by her ten-weeks-old baby, who was born at Tarsus during the trouble.

Mrs. Gibbons, who came her to visit her parents at Hartford, Conn., said that she and her husband went to Tarsus from Paris on invitation of Dr. Christie, who is in charge of the St. Paul Institute at that place.

"My husband was attending the Sorbonne, in Paris," she said, "when Dr. Christie offered him a place on the faculty of the institute. Shortly after we arrived my husband went to Adana to attend a meeting, and was there when the massacre began. For several days he did not know whether I was killed, and I was as greatly worried for his safety.

"When the trouble began my husband asked the governor of the province to give him a train and guard and promise safe conduct to Tarsus. The governor delayed, and it was not until my husband went to him and told him that if he did not have a train and guard ready within fifteen minutes he would have his head that the train was provided. The massacre was a terrible spectable. I saw the troops kill many men, women and children and apply the torch to buildings."

EARL GREY RETURNS TO CANADA.

Quebec, July 23.—Earl Grey, Governor General of Canada, landed here to-day after a month spent in England consulting with the home government. He was met by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canada's Premier, and others, and started immediately for Ottawa by special train. Lady Grey, who has been suffering from a mild attack of scarlet fever at Government House, Ottawa, is convalescing.

MRS. DIX TO BUILD HOME AT MT. KISCO.

Mrs. Emily S. Dix, widow of the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, who was rector of Trinity Church, contemplates building a country home at Mount Kisco, N. Y. She has bought fifteen acres, known as the Loftus property, on the Byram Lake Road, Mount Kisco. The property is opposite the home of her daughter, Mrs. William H. Wheelock, and adjoins properties formerly owned by the Loftus family, comprising in all about ninety-two acres, which have been bought by William Sloane, Mr. Wheelock and William Woodward, of the Hanover National Bank.

TO MOVE FARRAGUT STATUE.

Park Commissioner Smith said yesterday at the City Hall that he probably would move the Farragut statue at the northwest corner of Madison Square. "The widening of Fifth avenue has narrowed the sidewalk in front of the statue," said the Commissioner. "In order to preserve the proper width for the sidewalk it will be necessary to move the statue back."

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Free admission to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History and the Zoological Garden.

The seventh annual midsummer full dress rehearsal of the Green Room Club, Casino, Asbury Park, N. J., afternoon and evening.

Laying of cornerstone of the Colburn Memorial Home for the Aged of New Rochelle, Clinton avenue, south of Colligni avenue, 5 p. m.

Benefit performance for the Hebrew Infant Asylum of the City of New York, Deal Beach, N. J., 8 p. m.

GEORGIA "WETS" BUSY.

State Prohibition Fight Threatened All Over Again.

Atlanta, July 23.—When the Legislature adjourned this afternoon it was evident that the prohibition fight, which everyone thought was stilled two years ago, had broken out once more, and that the battle would have to be fought all over again.

The anti-prohibitionists openly declare in favor of filibusters during the remaining twenty days of the session. The "drys" promptly forced through a resolution calling the daily sessions at 9 a. m., instead of 10. They declare to-night that unless the new "dry" legislation is passed they will force an extra session.

The bill which has caused the fight was drawn by Representative Hooper Alexander, and makes it illegal to buy, sell or possess any liquid beverage which contains even a trace of alcohol. It is aimed at the sale of beer and near beer, under a decision of the courts that to be intoxicating a liquor must contain more than 4 per cent of alcohol. The prohibition law enacted two years ago specifies no percentage. It is said the present bill would even prevent the sale of fruit syrups. Representatives Alexander and Anderson nearly came to blows upon the floor to-day, but were separated by friends.

A feature of the row is a pledge extracted from Governor Brown, before his election, by which he bound himself to veto any liquor legislation that might be passed by the Assembly. The ethical question as to whether or not he can sign the new bill is exciting much discussion, and even the "drys" are divided over it.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL SESSIONS.

Figures and Facts Given in Support of Less Frequent Legislative Meetings.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Let me send you many thanks for your leading editorial on biennial legislative sessions in New York.

The Union League Club, after much consideration, caused the presentation to the Legislature of 1908 of an amendment to the constitution providing for biennial sessions. A joint resolution was introduced and the reasons in favor of the change were presented at very much length by members of the club, but the conditions in the Legislature turned out to be not favorable for the consideration of the amendment during that session. In 1909 it was perfectly obvious that it would be idle to attempt to procure any attention to the matter, and so it was held in abeyance for that year. It will be presented to the next Legislature, and a strong effort will be made to secure favorable action.

The members of the club who thought upon this matter were perfectly satisfied that there was no sound reason why we should have annual sessions of the Legislature.

The present situation in regard to annual sessions of the Legislatures is this: In Mississippi and Alabama the Legislature meets once in four years; in Georgia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, New York and South Carolina—six states—the Legislature meets annually. Thirty-seven states have biennial sessions, subject of course, as in all other states, to the power of the Governor to call extra sessions. So far as the members of the committee of the Union League Club were able to ascertain, there had been no serious proposition in any one of these thirty-seven states to change from biennial to annual sessions. Substantially the answer to inquiries which were made in this regard was that no such change had ever been thought of.

Obviously, in many of these biennial session states the local interests requiring legislative action are quite as varied and numerous and as important as in the state of New York, and, presumptively, if annual sessions are really necessary in New York they are equally needed in the other great states, such as Pennsylvania and Illinois.

I do not, however, desire now to enter upon a discussion of the questions involved in the proposed change, but I do hope that you will see fit to make a further editorial presentation of this matter at an early date. CEPHAS BRAINERD.

New York, July 23, 1909.

ACQUISITIONS BY MUSEUM.

Ethnological Exhibits Gathered Among Tukano Indians of South America.

Dr. Hermon C. Bumpus, director of the American Museum of Natural History, announced yesterday that the trustees had acquired a large amount of ethnological material of exceptional interest and importance from the Tukano Indian tribes of South America. Only a few visits have been made to these Indians by traders and scientists, who have found that they still retain most of their primitive ways and customs.

The acquisition of this valuable collection is the result of a long sojourn of the scientist and collector, Hermann Schmidt and Lewis Weiss, among the almost unknown people of the Rio Caiary-Uaupes, a tributary of the Rio Negro, in Colombia.

"Striking specimens in the collection," said Dr. Charles W. Mead, of the department of anthropology of the museum, "are the pieces of feather work, comprising a great variety of headdresses, waistbands and ornaments for the legs and arms, and plumes to be carried in the hand.

"Other noteworthy objects in the collection are about two hundred pieces of decorated pottery, also blowguns, poisoned arrows and spears, and shields and fish traps of basketry. Among the musical instruments are pan-pipes and whistles made of deer and jaguar bones, an immense drum and rattles in many forms."

CADETS' LAST HONORS FOR COMRADE.

Walter Reilly, of No. 415 East 17th street, a member of the John Wanamaker Commercial Institute, who was drowned last Saturday while bathing in the Hudson River, was buried with military honors by his comrades yesterday. At the time of his death he was a private of Company B, and his mother made the request that his comrades of this commercial military organization should come to his funeral and that he should be buried wearing the uniform of the organization. The entire company, led by the officers, preceded the hearse and marched to the 23d street ferry. At the grave taps were sounded as the body was lowered.

BODIES OF ROXANNA VICTIMS FOUND.

Three of the Persons Lost in Gravesend Bay on Sunday Recovered.

The bodies of three of the persons who were drowned in Gravesend Bay on Sunday afternoon, when the oyster sloop Roxanna, Captain Jacob Sameason, of Atlantic Highlands, capsized and sank in a squall, were recovered yesterday afternoon on the south shore of Staten Island. The bodies are those of Olga and Selma Knudsen, daughters of Mrs. Celina Knudsen, of No. 8 Second Place, Brooklyn, and Miss Ella Olsen, of Clarkson street, Flatbush.

Yesterday morning the body of Alonzo Kavanagh, of No. 124 West 167th street, who was drowned while bathing at South Beach on Sunday afternoon, was recovered in the Lower Bay.

WEATHER TOO BAD FOR WRIGHT.

Washington, July 23.—Unfavorable weather again prevented a trial of the Wright aeroplane to-day at Fort Myer. A heavy shower fell about the time the brothers were ready to take the machine to the starting point. The rain was followed by bright sunshine, but the wind began to blow from a direction which would have made a successful start difficult. After waiting until almost 7 o'clock the Wrights decided to abandon any attempt to make a flight this evening.

HENRY FARMAN FLIES FORTY MILES.

Châlons, France, July 23.—Henry Farman, the English aeronaut, made a cross-country flight from this city to Suippes to-day, maintaining an average height of a hundred and fifty feet. The distance, which is about forty miles, was covered in 1 hour 5 minutes 30 seconds.

AUSTRALIANS TO LEARN TRADE HERE.

Melbourne, Australia, July 23.—The Commonwealth has decided to send Australian workmen to Hartford, Conn., to work in the shops of Pratt & Whitney, who recently made a successful tender for supplying the machinery of a small arms factory to the government. The men will be trained in the use of American machinery.

FROHMAN'S NEW PLAYS

Gives Early Season Openings and Talks of Repertory Theatre.

Charles Frohman arrived yesterday on the Lusitania for a four months' stay before going back to London to look after his English theatrical interests, which, he says, will be greater this season than those of any English manager. Mr. Frohman in his European play harvesting has not forgotten the Yankee dramatist, for he has obtained works from the pens of Augustus Thomas, Tarkington and Wilson, Paul Armstrong, George Ade, William Gillette, Winchell Smith, Paul M. Potter, Ramsay Norris, Rida Johnson Young, Thomas Buchanan, William Collier and George Hobart.

His plans for New York openings include the Empire on September 6 with John Drew in "Jack Straw," later a new play for Mr. Drew, followed by engagements of Miss Maude Adams, Sir Charles Wyndham and Miss Mary Moore, and Miss Ethel Barrymore in Pinero's "Mid-Channel"; the Lyceum on August 26 with "Arsene Lupin"; then Miss Marie Tempest in "Penelope," and still later Miss Billie Burke in a new play; the Criterion on August 30 with "The Flag Lieutenant"; the Garrick Theatre, Miss Hattie Williams, on August 23, in "Detective Sparkes," by Michael Morton, and later Francis Wilson and William Collier; the Hudson, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's drama, "The Fires of Fate"; the Gaiety, Henry Bernstein's play, "Israel," and the Knickerbocker, early in September, with "The Dollar Princess," followed by "The Arcadians."

The London Gaiety success "Our Miss Gibbs," Kyrle Bellew in Alfred Sutro's play, "The Builder of Bridges," Otis Skinner in "Your Humble Servant" and Miss Marie Doro in a new comedy by the authors of "Love Watches" are other promised attractions here. Among the most interesting of Mr. Frohman's enterprises are his plan to send Henry Miller and his company to London to do "The Great Divide" and "The Servant in the House," and secondly the manager's American production of "Chanticleer." Of the latter he says:

In February, when I return again from abroad, I shall produce here, with Henri Hertz, manager of the Porte St. Martin Theatre, in Paris, and Jean Coquelin, a new play in four acts, by Edmond Rostand, called "Chanticleer," which will first be given in Paris in November. I shall have a reproduction of the Paris production. The translation will be made by M. Rostand's son, who has already translated several of his father's plays.

I have new plays by Henry Arthur Jones, Granville Berker, John Galsworthy and Bernard Shaw, a new comedy by J. M. Barrie, a comedy-drama by Captain Robert Marshall, a new comedy by Haddon Chambers and many others. The morning I left London I concluded an arrangement with Bernard Shaw to produce in New York a season of Shaw plays, and for that purpose I have secured three of his plays and two one-act plays, among which are "The Doctor's Dilemma," "Getting Married" and "Major Barbara." I expect when I make these productions that Mr. Shaw will visit New York.

Lastly, here is what Mr. Frohman tells of his new repertory plans, both abroad and at home.

I shall start my repertory theatre in London next winter, and if successful I shall follow the same plan here in New York the next season. At my Globe Theathe, in London, during the London season, when the American season is over, I will give American actors an opportunity to play their pieces at matinees, supported by my own companies, and bringing over the American productions.

An important plan that I have in view in connection with my theatrical work in America is to establish a set of theatres, one in each of five or six of the principal cities, that will be entirely separate from the regular theatres of these cities.

As I have stated, I want in each city a repertory theatre, each theatre to have its own company, and on special occasions, after the leading stars have played their own pieces in these various cities, they are to appear in the different repertory theatres in either an old or a new play for a few performances.

Mr. Frohman said he would produce special plays in such houses, and by "special plays" he didn't mean literary or artistic "freaks," either.

THEATRICAL INCIDENTS.

The Shuberts will put forth Frank Daniels next autumn in an imported musical comedy called "The Belle of Brittany." Mr. Daniels is now abroad, but will sail for home on the Mauretania on August 14, so as to begin rehearsals for a Boston opening preparatory to the New York engagement.

Miss Selene Johnson was engaged yesterday by William A. Brady for one of the important parts in "The Dollar Mark." Another engagement for the same company is that of George Backus.

Edward Wilson, who sang the barytone part in "The Waltz Dream," and William E. Bonney, who played Kleschna in "Leah Kleschna," have been added by Henry W. Savage to the cast of "The Gay Hussars."

GERTRUDE HOFFMANN ARRESTED.

Taken to Police Station After Salome Dance at Hammerstein's Roof Garden.

Gertrude Hoffmann, the actress who is appearing at Hammerstein's Roof Garden in "A Vision of Salome," was arrested last night just after the close of her evening performance. She was in her dressing room when Captain George Walden and Lieutenant Rathgeber, of the Central Office, told her she was charged with violating the Penal Code in offending public decency.

Miss Hoffmann hastily put on a heavy sweater over her street costume and went with the officers, wearing no hat. She was taken to the West 47th street station, where she was held in $500, and was later bailed out by George Considine.

INDIAN TO WED WHITE PERFORMER.

Chief Deep Sky, a native son of the Sioux tribe, and Miss Adele Rowland, one of the principals with McIntyre and Heath, took out a marriage license at City Hall yesterday. To please the press agent they have agreed to have the ceremony performed at the Polo Grounds on Thursday, at the theatrical field day in aid of the New York Home for Destitute Crippled Children. After the Indian wedding Alderman "Reggie" Douill, of the palefaces, will tie the legal knot. The Indian who has won a white bride has been doing a Wild West act over at Palisade Park.

PEPLE GUARDS "HORNETS' NEST."

Justice Bischoff granted yesterday to Edward H. Peple, author of "The Prince Chap," "The Hornet's Nest," and other plays, an injunction restraining F. Ray Comstock from producing "The Hornet's Nest," except according to contract. The Court also directs Comstock to account for the royalties which Peple says he should have received. The playwright complained that Comstock not only failed to pay proper royalties but put forth the play in the cheaper houses instead of the first class theatres.

TRANSATLANTIC TRAVELLERS.

Among the passengers who will sail to-day for Europe are:

THE ST. LOUIS, FOR SOUTHAMPTON.

Mrs. Thomas M. Carnegie.	Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Parkinson.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Currie.	Sydney Hunt Smith.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Lee.	Edward E. Nicholson.
Edward A. Kennedy.	
Thomas N. Miller.	

THE ARABIC, FOR LIVERPOOL.

Mr. and Mrs. Hampton L. Carson.	Miss Helen W. Todd.
Mrs. Horace Cobb.	Mrs. J. T. Wallace.
Mrs. Susan T. Darling.	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooper.
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Overton.	Mrs. William W. Kelsey.

THE CALEDONIA, FOR GLASGOW.

Sir Samuel and Lady Chisholm.	Mr. and Mrs. William C. Houston.
Mr. and Mrs. P. George Gow.	Miss Caroline Crawford.
Miss Helen Scott Hay.	Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson.
Mrs. Sarah M. Foster.	William Coverly.

THE MINNEAPOLIS, FOR LONDON.

E. D. Atherton.	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heney.
Mrs. E. M. Beard.	Mr. and Mrs. Burton Mansfield.
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Case.	Robert R. Reid.
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. P. Haggard.	Mr. and Mrs. James Shewan.

THE AMERIKA, FOR HAMBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil L. Boas.	Mr. and Mrs. J. E. L. Davis.
Mr. and Mrs. August A. Busch.	Milton R. Foreman.
J. S. Barclay.	Mrs. John H. Norton.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brewster.	Ambassador Bernstorff.
	C. E. T. Scharps.
	Louis C. Tiffany.

THE VADERLAND, FOR ANTWERP.

W. J. Wyman.	W. F. Jackson.
Conrad Young.	Frank T. Gray.
Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Scott.	Miss L. L. Cameron.
G. C. D. Odell.	Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Huntington.

Travellers who arrived yesterday from abroad were:

THE LUSITANIA, FROM LIVERPOOL.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lothrop Ames.	The Marquis de Villalobos.
Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Austin.	Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Warburg.
C. B. Dillingham.	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Ullman.
Mr. and Mrs. Tod Ford.	Samuel G. Wood.
Miss M. W. Huntington.	C. C. Wyman.
Paul Morton.	
Mrs. W. C. Potter.	

OBITUARY.

SIR FREDERICK HOLDER.

Melbourne, July 23.—An all night sitting of the Commonwealth Parliament ended tragically at 6 o'clock this morning, when Sir Frederick Holder, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, was seized with a fit. The House immediately adjourned. Sir Frederick, who was the first Speaker of the Commonwealth Parliament, died soon afterward.

Sir Frederick William Holder was born at Happy Valley, South Australia, May 12, 1850. He held many high public offices in the Commonwealth, and was twice Premier and Treasurer. He was elected first Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1901.

W. NEWTON SHARP.

W. Newton Sharp, financial editor of "The Evening Sun" for nineteen years, died at the New York Hospital on Thursday night from kidney trouble. Mr. Sharp was born in Norfolk, Va., in 1865, and was the son of Captain William Sharp, of the United States navy, before the Civil War and then of the Confederate navy. Mr. Sharp came to New York in 1887. In 1890 he joined the staff of "The Evening Sun" and was made financial editor soon afterward. The body will be taken to Norfolk for burial.

NEWTON G. ALDRICH.

Gouverneur, N. Y., July 23.—Newton G. Aldrich, a former member of the State Board of Charities, ex-Assemblyman from Warren County, president of the bank of Gouverneur and formerly vice-president of the United States Talc Company, died here to-day.

MRS. HENRIETTA SELIGMAN.

Mrs. Henrietta Seligman, widow of Jesse Seligman, died yesterday at Marienbad, Austria, according to a cable dispatch received by J. & W. Seligman & Co. Her daughter Madeline was with her at the time of her death. Henry Seligman, her son, who was preparing to sail from Liverpool on the Mauretania, hastened to Marienbad.

Mrs. Seligman was Miss Henrietta Hillman, of Munich. In 1854 Jesse Seligman returned to his native land from America for the first time since he, with two of his seven brothers, emigrated to the new country. He went directly to Munich, where he married Miss Hillman. From 1861 until 1894, when Mr. Seligman died, they lived in New York. Mrs. Seligman leaves two sons, Henry Seligman, a lawyer, of this city, and Albert J. Seligman, a banker, and a daughter, Miss Madeline.

CAPTAIN JAMES D. SINCLAIR.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Springfield, Ill., July 23.—Captain James D. Sinclair, hero of many sea adventures, died here to-day. He was eighty years old. While engaged in the cotton trade he had a battle with Jesse James, the train robber, and was robbed of $25,000. In 1849 he was marooned upon an island, and the story of his adventures there and his rescue read like that of Robinson Crusoe.

He served as a captain in the Union navy during the Civil War. Captain Sinclair had circumnavigated the globe three times. He was a prominent Mason.

OBITUARY NOTES.

FRANCIS H. BRITTON died at No. 217 West 115th street yesterday morning, at the age of sixty-four years. Almost every prominent legislator in the state for thirty years knew him as a trainman on the Hudson division of the New York Central. He was a member of the 153d Regiment during the war, enlisting at the age of seventeen.

PAUL HENNIG, a retired chief boatswain of the navy, whose home was at No. 153 Martense street, Brooklyn, died on Wednesday at the New York Post-Graduate Hospital. A guard of honor from the Hancock, the receiving ship at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, will act as escort to the body at the funeral to-day.

ANGELO RICCADONNA, a nephew of the founder of Riccadonna's restaurant, in Union Square, died yesterday in the French Hospital from œdema of the lungs after an illness of several weeks. He was about forty-three years old and leaves a wife and three children.

WILL ENCOURAGE SPANISH TRADE.

Newly Appointed Minister Regrets Present Lack of Shipping Facilities.

The Marquis de Villalobar, the newly appointed Minister from Spain to Washington, arrived here yesterday on the Lusitania. The new minister said that the American and Spanish merchants have not been as vigorous as they might have been in promoting large trade relations, and he regretted the fact that there is only one steamship line operating between Spanish ports and New York.

"The Americans are inclined to think that Spain is primarily and solely a wine producing country," said the marquis. "They seem to have overlooked the great mineral products that are found there. Spain produces many important articles that are needed in this country, and I shall make an effort to stimulate the commerce and provide, if possible, more shipping facilities. There should be more than one line of steamers operating between New York and Spain. I feel that I shall have the assistance of the Americans, as well as that of my countrymen, in developing the trade."

MORE LAND FOR SCIENCE CHURCH.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, at 96th street and Central Park West, which owns a plot fronting 100 feet in Central Park West and 150 feet in 96th street, took title yesterday to the remainder of the block in Central Park West to 97th street. In addition to this, title was taken to four lots in 97th street, adjoining the Central Park West property. This gives a frontage of 200.11 feet in 97th street. Title to the new property was taken from W. N. McLean, and there is a mortgage of $250,000.

CARDINAL GIBBONS 75 YEARS OLD.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Baltimore, July 23.—Cardinal Gibbons, on this his seventy-fifth birthday, was as well and active as he has been for ten years. He spent the day quietly at the country place of his friends, George M. and B. F. Shriver, in Carroll County, where he has been since his visit to Washington last week. His secretary, the Rev. Louis O'Donovan, paid him a visit to-day and extended to him the congratulations of the priests of his household and the clergy of the archdiocese.

COUNTESS SZECHENYI SLIGHTLY ILL.

Vienna, July 23.—The Countess Szechenyi, who was Gladys Vanderbilt, of New York, is coming to Vienna at the end of July to remain ten days in a sanatorium. Her ailment is not serious.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Official Record and Forecast.—Washington, July 23.—General rains prevailed during the last twenty-four hours in all districts east of the Mississippi River and in the West Gulf states and the Rocky Mountain region. Heavy rains fell over much of the area in the Eastern states, where the growth of crops has been retarded by drouth. Moderately high winds have prevailed over the Great Lakes and along the Atlantic Coast, under the influence of the disturbance the centre of which has moved to New York from Michigan in the last twenty-four hours.

There will be showers Saturday in Eastern New York and New England, and along the south Atlantic and Gulf coasts, followed by fair weather Saturday in these districts. Showers are also indicated for the Rocky Mountain region and at scattered points in the plains states. In all other districts the weather will be fair during Saturday and Sunday.

Steamers departing Saturday for European ports will have moderate to brisk west winds, with generally fair weather to the Grand Banks.

Forecast for Special Localities.—For New England, showers to-day; Sunday, fair, except showers in Maine; moderate to brisk south, shifting to west, winds.

For Eastern New York, partly cloudy, with showers in the interior, to-day; Sunday, fair; moderate temperature; moderate to brisk west winds.

For New Jersey, generally fair to-day and Sunday; moderate to brisk west winds.

For Western New York, showers, followed by clearing, to-day; Sunday, fair and warmer; moderate to brisk north and northwest 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:

	1908.	1909.		1908.	1909.
3 a. m.	75	67	6 p. m.	76	66
6 a. m.	73	65	9 p. m.	73	67
9 a. m.	77	66	11 p. m.	73	67
12 m.	85	65	12 p. m.	73	—
4 p. m.	78	67			

Highest temperature yesterday, 68 degrees (at 4 p. m.); lowest, 65; average, 66; average for corresponding date last year, 80; average for corresponding date last thirty-three years, 74.

Local Forecast.—Partly cloudy to-day; Sunday, fair; moderate temperature; moderate to brisk west winds.

THEIR FIRST AUTO RIDE

Little Ones at Happyland Tell Their Experiences—"Poison Isaac."

Half a hundred bright, happy, tanned-faced girls burst into the Chambers street ferry slip yesterday morning agog over one grand, glorious automobile ride which they had enjoyed while guests of John S. Lyle at Happyland, Tenafly, N. J. When they caught sight of the Fresh Air workers who were there to meet them it seemed as though the Tower of Babel had broken loose again, for English as she is spoke was tinctured with all kinds of dialect as the children made one rush to tell of the wonderful ride. They swarmed around the workers, jumping up and down, threatening to overcome them with caresses. Each one was eager to be the first to describe the ride, and all were talking at once with excited animation.

"It was just a dream!" declared Estelle Schletter. "You'd close your eyes and float and float and float, just like you was on a cloud. But you knew you wasn't, 'cause when you smelled you'd smell the hay. Oh, it was beautiful!"

"And when we started," said Lena Shaw, "it was awful hot, but when we rode 'way, 'way off into the woods it was just so cool! The wind 'ud blow your hair and make your sleeves go flap, flap around your arms. We sorter sailed along, so still you could hear the birds singing in the trees. Oh, I'd like to live in a automobile all the time!"

Maria Vincelli had the most fun going over bumps. "First you'd go 'way down, and you'd think you was going to hit the ground, but you wouldn't, 'cause you'd go 'way up again and bounce, bounce, bounce. Sometimes before you got through bouncing on one bump you'd hit another and do it all over again."

The rain did not seem to dampen their spirits in the least. They were taken to their homes, and scampered away to tell their mothers and playmates all about the Fresh Air Home.

Yesterday was change day for Happyland and the Home at Fairfield, Conn. Another party of fifty girls was sent to Tenafly in the afternoon, and twenty-five girls, charges of the King's Daughters, in Harlem, went to Fairfield to replace the party which returned in the morning.

One of the little girls who returned from Happyland had an unfortunate experience with poison ivy which she found on one of the walks through the woods. She was confined to the house for a few days, and during that time one of the attendants was entertaining the children by drawing their portraits. Matilda wanted very much to have her picture in the album.

"Teacher, will you draw mine, too?" she said.

"I can't draw your picture with your face all swollen like that," she replied.

"Well, what if I got 'poison Isaac' all over my face? You can draw my back, can't you?"

A rear view was drawn, and took its place among the portraits which made up the album.

A letter from one of the attendants at St. Helen's Home describes the visit of the children who returned to the city this week:

The children who have been with us for the last two weeks returned strengthened and helped in every way to fight the conditions which exist in the city during the summer months. The weather was almost perfect, and the children enjoyed every moment of the visit. Everything possible was done to give them a good time. One night the older boys were given a camping party, and all returned the next morning for breakfast, safe and happy, after their night in the woods. It has been the last year for several children, and some especially wanted to stay longer. One of the girls, who has visited the Home every summer for almost five years, wrote on her return to the city: "Dear Teacher: Be sure and write to me, as this is my last year at St. Helen's Home, and I want to feel that I am still out there and having a good time."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

E. S. Harkness	$500 00
Alfred T. White	100 00
Mortimer L. Schiff	50 00
Frank A. Ferris	50 00
"In memory of G. S. P."	25 00
"Bessie," Hartford	5 00
Mrs. G. B. S.	10 00
I. M. H.	5 00
H. B. Johnson, Albany, N. Y.	3 00
J. A. Cooke	3 00
"In memory of E. M. V. W."	3 00
Gift of a little girls' club known as "The Polygons of Trinity Church," Mount Vernon, N. Y., through Laura Bauring, director	2 50
M. R. P.	2 00
C. L. S.	5 00
C. H. Bayles, Oyster Bay, Long Island	10 00
W. T. S.	5 00
Previously acknowledged	13,125 06
Total, July 23, 1909	$13,906 56

MRS. BROWN WILL NOT GET $40,000.

Ex-Governor Will Agree to No Meeting to Compromise Suit of Son's Wife.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Baltimore, July 23.—Despite the statement of Mrs. William Michael, mother of Mrs. Frank R. S. Brown, that there would be a compromise of her daughter's suit for $100,000 against ex-Governor Brown for alienation of his son's affections, counsel for Mr. Brown declared to-day there would be no meeting to effect a settlement. It was reported that the case would be compromised for $40,000.

It is evident from the lawyer's statement that there will be no compromise, at least not at that figure. The ex-Governor in his answer to the suit will deny all the allegations. Mrs. Brown has also applied for a divorce.

WOULD CONTROL WATT PROPERTY.

Heiress of Miss Mary Pinkney Wants Committee of the Estate Discharged.

Counsel for Mrs. Julia Watts Morris Curtiss, whose home is at Fairfield, Conn., and who is the heiress to a considerable portion of the old Watt farm, in Harlem, asked Justice Brady yesterday to discharge John C. Shaw and Elmer C. Banks as committee of her estate. Mrs. Curtiss inherited one-third of Miss Mary Pinkney's wealth, amounting to about $17,000,000, and then launched out into a career of extravagance, it is alleged. She declared that $200 a day for spending money was little enough for a woman of her means, and that "an income was like a reputation, and had to be lived up to."

Mrs. Curtiss was adjudged incompetent to manage her affairs in August, 1907, by the Connecticut courts, and Shaw and Banks were appointed to look after her property there. The Supreme Court subsequently appointed them committee of her New York estate. Justice Brady reserved decision.

ACCOUNTINGS ON SHATTUCK WILLS.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Pittsfield, Mass., July 23.—Albert R. Shattuck and Mrs. Lucy E. Hoffman, trustees under the will of Elizabeth C. Shattuck, late of Lenox, have filed in probate court a second account charging themselves, on account of principal, with amount received, $255,630; amount expended, $108,783, leaving a balance of $146,747. The amount received on income was $44,787 66 and the amount expended on income the same.

Albert R. Shattuck, Francis B. Hoffman and Mrs. Lucy E. Hoffman, trustees under the will of William B. Shattuck, late of Lenox, record the amount received on principal as $1,659,746, and the amount expended on principal $372,700. The amount received on income was $189,718 and the amount expended was the same. Both these accounts have been allowed.

PROFESSOR CARPENTER'S ESTATE.

The gross personal estate of George R. Carpenter, who was professor of English history at Columbia University, has been appraised at $56,961 90. He died on April 8 last, leaving most of his estate to his wife. Professor Carpenter left no real estate. His insurance policies aggregated $42,000. He had $4,000 in cash and some stocks and bonds, including fifty shares of Northern Pacific. His library was valued at $1,675.

DR. W. T. GRENFELL ENGAGED.

London, July 23.—The engagement was announced here to-day of Dr. Wilfred Thomason Grenfell, the well known Labrador medical missionary, to Miss Anna C. MacClanahan, of Lake Forest, Ill.

AN ENGAGEMENT.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Trenton, July 23.—Informal announcement was made to-day of the engagement of Miss Wells Rusling, daughter of General James F. Rusling, of this city, to Representative Arthur L. Bates, of Meadville, Penn., a member of Congress from the 25th District of Pennsylvania.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS

BELMONT—Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Pearson, Great Barrington. HOLLAND—C. W. Hays, Montreal. HOTEL ASTOR—Lieutenant Colonel George W. Goethals, U. S. A., Culebra, Panama. PLAZA—W. Lincoln Crosby, Boston. ST. REGIS—James Brown Potter, Newport. WALDORF-ASTORIA—Marquis Villalobar, Spanish Minister, Washington.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S 2,000 SPECIMENS.

Results of African Expedition—A Collection of Live Animals.

Naivasha, British East Africa, July 23.—The entire collection of specimens of the Roosevelt expedition now numbers two thousand, covering mammals and birds of all sizes, from field mice to rhinoceroses, and from small shrike to bustards. There are also several thousand reptiles and insects. Mr. Roosevelt's last bull hippopotamus, which he shot recently in Lake Naivasha, measured fourteen feet.

Washington, July 23.—Ex-President Roosevelt