BETTER ROADS ARE PLANNED FOR THE POCONO HILLS

Motorists Will Appreciate This Improvement in a Favorite Resort.

Delaware Water Gap, Penn., Aug. 21.—The cause of good roads in this vicinity received a great impetus this week, when G. Frank Coss, proprietor of the Kittatinny, called a meeting of interested resort men and officeholders to consider means of getting a better road from Water Gap to Portland. Ex-Speaker Frank B. McClain was present and gave suggestions, and H. T. Curtis, Assemblyman from Philadelphia, offered advice as to the best way to expedite matters. A committee was appointed to interview the County Commissioners at their next meeting and urge them to give attention to the petition for the proposed road.

The Bellevue men have taken a step forward in pennant winning. They defeated the strong Glenwood baseball team this week, and will try for a second victory during the coming week. The Glenwood players are confident of winning, as they have several new players who are expected to strengthen the team materially.

The Water Gap House has had a series of progressive euchres that have been social successes. In the first the winners of the prizes were Mrs. Parker, Miss K. Waters, Mr. Genshiendt, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Fitzpatrick. The winners in the second were Mr. Denton, Mrs. Sangston, A. Wile and Miss Gates.

The visitors at the Mountain House have been giving euchres. A military euchre was the last attraction. The winners of the prizes were Thomas Moore, W. Water, Miss Clara Baxter and Mrs. S. B. Whitman.

Besides the many euchre and whist parties which daily take place at the Water Gap House, the guests are supplied with the purest mountain spring water and air. The breeze which comes floating from the river and the beautiful view which the house possesses make it most attractive to its guests. The excellent driving horses which are at the command of all the visitors are another feature.

Autoists from New York at the Water Gap House include Mrs. F. Siegel, Miss H. Siegel, Miss L. Siegel, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Paull, Catherine Johns, James Erving, H. Grattan, Miss Harriet Borven, Mrs. Grattan, R. Freeman, J. F. Grattan, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dickson, Hellsey Dickson and Miss Fannie Drizol.

New Yorkers at the Water Gap House include Miss Lillian Hardy, Miss Olive Doncew, Miss Anstermann, M. Tasker, R. Braum, Miss L. Braum, A. Hazelton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cook, M. Jacobus, C. E. Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Lesly Dry and family.

Among the New Yorkers at the Kittatinny are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bates, Louis P. Roberts, Mrs. Bartlett and family, E. M. Davidson, Carl Boeget, J. J. Lesser, W. H. Kuper, A. Hazelton, Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emery, George Krause and party, Mr. and Mrs. E. Schmitters, G. Schmitters, E. J. Schmitters, Fred Cordes, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Conklin and Thomas B. Mills.

New Yorkers at the Glenwood include John Hansman, Herbert Reichert, Miss E. Loppin, E. Broderick, Miss G. Florin, A. Loppin, Z. Piercy, A. W. Wilsnack, Miss M. Peter, Miss Rose Fessler, W. E. Doyle, Miss Mae E. Murray, J. Savomet, Miss Meta Rothengatter, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Laurence and party, Mrs. John McCabe and Miss Julia Downing.

New Yorkers at the Delaware House include Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Coriell, Abraham Chichester, A. M. Schapering, Clara Thomas, A. A. Walsh and Miss Emma Walsh.

Among the New Yorkers at the River View are Miss Lulu M. DeLacy, Miss Grace McKee, Mr. and Mrs. George Fiest, Robert Fiest, Catherine Brosman, Nora Brosman, Miss May Brown, Miss Catherine Grier and Miss Elizabeth Green.

New Yorkers at the Bellevue include J. H. Munson, E. F. Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Credon, Miss M. E. Westerfield, Allen B. Bechtold, George Brogdon, J. Sarner, A. Maher, L. F. Strappe, J. F. Borden, George Sweeney, Miss Helen Regan and A. A. Walsh and party.

New Yorkers who are registered at the Castle Inn are A. C. Evans, J. E. Fitzpatrick, A. C. Birchen, W. E. Gliteman, Mrs. P. Dupf, M. E. Boland and Mr. and Mrs. P. Hamilton. New York visitors at the Mount Washington include Mrs. A. M. Schapering, M. J. Walsh, Ella Walsh, Florence Wittemeyer, Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison, A. A. Walsh, A. E. Fitles, P. F. Leach and B. M. Caulfield. Recent New York arrivals at the Central are C. K. O'Nell, Charles Hopper and John Lee.

MOUNT POCONO.

Mount Pocono, Aug. 21.—The August season is keeping ahead of expectations. The houses have been crowded to their capacity since the opening of the season, and the bookings point to the best September that the mountains have had in many years. The attempt of the resorters to prolong the season is meeting with success, as evidenced by the increased length of the season each year.

The tennis tournament at the Montanesca was attended by players from all the surrounding resorts. The games were hotly contested. The honors went to Messrs. Moore and Humphrey, the former winning the singles and the two taking the prizes in the doubles.

The Ontwood is the scene of a season of unalloyed entertainment. The visitors are gifted and concerts are of weekly occurrence. The five hundred party was one of the best card parties of the summer. The winners of the prizes were Mrs. S. Perkins, Miss Mary E. Lent, A. B. Johnson and W. E. Frost.

The Pocono Mountain House, with its improvements and ideal surroundings for the entertainment of the visitors, is having one of the happiest of all the crowds that are summering in the Poconos. The feature of the week at the Belmont was a minstrel show. The guests combined their talent to give one of the most amusing entertainments that the guests of the house have listened to in many a day.

New Yorkers at the Montanesca include John W. Shea, J. S. Russell, Mrs. S. A. Wylie, Mrs. L. E. Gilmore, Henry Schumacher, J. M. Hayes, S. Schumacher, W. H. Sparshott, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Loomis and Marion Smith. Among New Yorkers at the Mountain House are Mrs. G. Borroff, Miss E. Borroff, F. G. Howe, H. L. Brazeau, Miss Bell Connie and Miss Emma Budd.

Late arrivals at the Mount Pleasant from New York include Harry Frankenst, H. A. Stann, J. L. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. H. Seem, William Sherwood, Mrs. W. H. Thackeray, J. W. Christie, Louis Pelletier and Charles Beckman. Among the New Yorkers at the Ontwood are Mrs. J. H. Remsen, G. Stanley, Miss Marie O'Brien, Bessie O'Brien, Mrs. C. Cavagnaro, I. L. Cavagnaro and Mary E. Coth.

New Yorkers at the Belmont include Samuel Frank, Laurence Schlosser, Elsie Koss, Anna Smythe and E. L. Murphy. New Yorkers at the Fair View are M. E. Coleman, W. L. Nelson, D. F. Busher, George F. Hartman, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fauthermer, Mrs. H. Hoffner, Mrs. M. Mott, Lillie Mott and H. W. Newbeck. New York arrivals at the Clairmont are Frank Bowers, Mrs. George Bowers, M. Numbers, Miss Catherine Levish, Mrs. A. N. Frederick, A. W. Frederick and Miss W. Numbers.

SOCIAL LIFE AT NARRAGANSETT PIER.

Summer Visitors There Have Their Fill of Pleasures of Many Kinds.

Narragansett Pier, Aug. 21.—Narragansett's gay season reached its height during the past week, and from now until the final end of the summer social events will be of a more quiet character. A change of this kind, however, will be most welcome after the continuous round of balls, dances, dinners, teas and luncheons which have filled the days and nights and left no rest for the weary.

Indeed, so strenuous and continuous has been the social life here that even night has been robbed of its rightful share of sleep. The next month, however, will be one of the most delightful of the season here, for September at Narragansett is even more fascinating in its outdoor pleasures than the early summer. The majority of the hotels will remain open throughout September, and the big Mathewson will remain open far into September, and the Dyer room at the Casino will be the popular rendezvous for the many who plan to remain late at Narragansett. A great Masonichos, several hundred strong, will spend the early part of September and Labor Day at the Mathewson.

At the Point Judith Country Club, during the last week, the polo tournament has attracted the interest of every one at the pier and of many at Newport. The tournament ended on Friday, however, after the most successful polo season here in a decade. Indeed, so successful was the tournament here, and so enthusiastic were the polo men over the polo field and the beauty of the Point Judith Country Club that a movement is already on foot to establish the national headquarters for polo at the Point Judith Club. If this result is brought about, it is anticipated that the famous English polo team will come here next season, in an effort to win back the polo trophy which the Meadow Brooks won.

Society at the Pier is interesting itself just now in the erection of a boy's club, and to this end they planned a second café chantant at the Casino on Friday night, with a spirited vaudeville entertainment as the chief feature of the affair.

STROUDSBURG.

Stroudsburg, Penn., Aug. 21.—Stroudsburg is still entertaining many city folk, and bookings and reservations are now being made for later in the season. With the resorts all comfortably filled social events of an entertaining character are numerous.

The progressive euchre party and dance held at the Prospect House Friday evening was largely attended by the elite of the resort. The proceeds of the affair were donated to the Monroe County Hospital. The prizes offered were pretty and brought out some excellent card playing.

New York arrivals at the Highland Inn include Mrs. J. J. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. L. Martin, Margaret Martin, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Paxton, L. Alvord, Mrs. J. H. Alvord and Mrs. J. D. Scoff. Arrivals from New York at the Prospect House are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Barnett, Mrs. F. G. Speckels, W. A. Speckels, Fannie Oliver, Mrs. M. E. Donoher, Mrs. P. Schultze and Laura Schultze.

Arrivals at the Highland Dell from New York are A. R. Purdy, Ethel Bell, Mrs. John Purdy, William D. Bigelow and R. L. Mattocks. Visitors from New York at the Maplehurst are William K. Farrer, J. E. Underwood, Mrs. J. A. Canden, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Tuller and son and Mrs. A. Gaeger. Arrivals from New York at the Penllyn are Miss Marion Liddell, Margaret Liddell, L. W. Morse, Cora Robertson and H. S. Sheetz, jr.

GUESTS AT SHELTER ISLAND HAPPY.

Shelter Island, Aug. 21.—While the weather was against the scheduled outdoor sports the fore part of the week, the time was pleasantly passed by indoor amusements in the way of whist parties, musicals and other entertainments. On Monday evening there was a barn dance given by George F. Adams, the proprietor of the Manhanset, for the guests of the house. The ballroom was temporarily turned into a miniature barn. At each end were arranged stalls, in which mules and colts were feeding. Hens and their broods were in abundance and delighted the children present. The grand march was led by G. Delaney and Miss Chisholm.

A mixed tennis tournament is in progress. C. B. Adams is turning in some good cards in golf. A threesome has been arranged for Wednesday, in which C. B. Adams and A. Ames, of Evanston, Ill., will meet "Tom" Anderson, the professional.

The masquerade ball this evening was one of the social events of the season. About three hundred invited guests were present, largely from New York and Brooklyn.

Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad, and family, and F. P. Morros are guests of the Manhanset.

Ex-Governor Murphy of New Jersey and W. I. Frew, president of the Corn Exchange Bank, and family are at the Manhanset Hotel.

George F. Adams, manager of the Manhanset, will give a masquerade ball to the guests at the hotel next Saturday.

Mrs. George F. Hoyt, of Brooklyn, is visiting Mrs. Caroline Brundage.

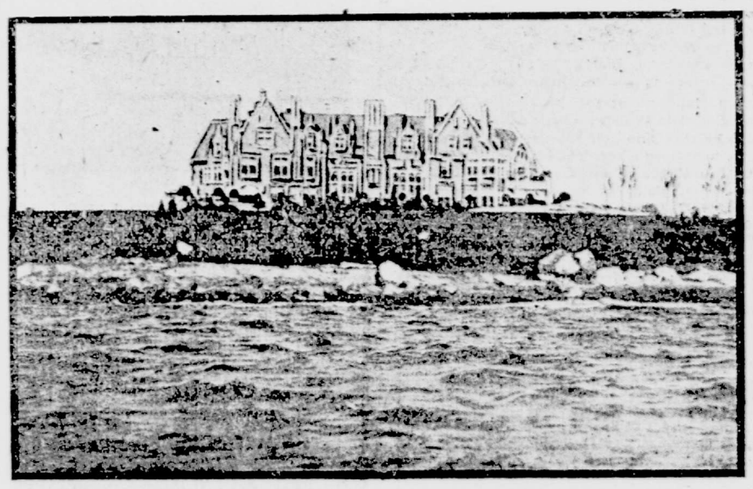
EDGEMERE TENNIS CLUB ORGANIZED.

The Edgemere Tennis Club, Edgemere, Long Island, was organized last Monday evening, August 16, with the following officers: John W. Grayhurst, president; Constantine J. MacGuire, jr., vice-president; Edwin A. Shewan, secretary and treasurer; Robert W. Gifford, chairman, Constantine J. MacGuire, jr., and E. Preston Clifford, executive committee.

VALLEY OF THE HOUSATONIC. LOOKING NORTH FROM SOUTH MOUNTAIN.

AIRSHIP GRANDSTAND AT GRAMATAN.

Automobile parties at the various Westchester County resorts are on the increase as the season advances. The heavy rain of the last week has had little effect on the macadam roads. Among those making the trip to the Hotel Gramatan, Lawrence Park, Bronxville, were Mr. and Mrs. D. G. French, Mrs. E. B. Duffy and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bullinger, New York City; Mrs. Hutchinson, Washington, and Miss Thompson, Northfield. A number of the guests of the Hotel Gramatan have discovered that a view of the Hudson for several miles can be had from the upper windows, and reservations have been made for most of these rooms for the Hudson-Fulton celebration to watch the airship races.



THE PLANT HOME, AT GROTON, CONN.

MUCH GAYETY AT RICHFIELD SPRINGS.

Bad Weather Vainly Tries to Make Inroads on Enjoyment of Guests.

Richfield Springs, N. Y., Aug. 21.—The rain that has been deluging New York City has also visited Richfield Springs in abundance, and might have caused a dull week had it not been for the facilities for indoor enjoyment which abound here. Ennui has not dared to come near the big ballroom, bowling alleys, pool tables or fireplace at the Earlington, and gayety has prevailed in spite of weather conditions.

A dance was given on Monday evening by Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Ransom, at their home, Bonnie Brae, in honor of their guest, Miss Louise Doolittle, of Utica, N. Y. The younger set was entertained on Monday evening by Richard Cary, of Richfield Springs, who gave a dinner at Cary cottage, followed by a dance at the Tuller. On the same evening at the Tuller Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Drake-Smith, of Englewood, entertained in honor of Miss Leydecker, also of Englewood, euchre being played. Two prizes were given at each of the three tables. A luncheon was given early in the week at the Country Club by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Malcolm Montgomery, of New York.

Richfield Springs guests are preparing for fun without limit at the mock trial which takes place on Monday. Charles D. Olendorf, of New York, will act as judge, while the defendant's attorney will be Abraham Gruber, the New York lawyer. Miss Virginia Swift, daughter of Rear Admiral Swift, commandant of the Boston navy yard, will be the plaintiff, and will sue for breach of promise A. J. Pierce, of Williams College.

VARIED PLEASURES AT BLOCK ISLAND.

Block Island, R. I., Aug. 21.—A storm unequalled in violence by any in recent years broke the series of pleasant days at Block Island this week and furnished the many visitors with a magnificent spectacle of the ocean in its most awe-inspiring mood. Many hundreds crowded the piers to watch the waves dashing over the breakwater, and in the evening devised impromptu entertainments to while away the time. On Wednesday night a series of indoor athletic games was held at the Hygeia Hotel. The games included potato races, tugs of war and short dashes, all of which were carried out in a spirit of fun.

On Monday night Mrs. Joseph Walsh and William H. Lynn, of Providence, gave a pleasing recital at the Spring House, including fancy dancing and monologues. An attractive dance was held at the Woonsocket House on Thursday night, more than two hundred and fifty people attending.

On Thursday night a novel entertainment was given to the visitors and their guests at the Hygeia Hotel. It was a "freak show," and was fully up to the standard of a first class circus. Jonathan Starr, jr., of Washington, and William Henyon, of New York City, were the prime movers in the affair, and they gave a most lifelike impersonation of an elephant. The fat woman, the bearded woman, the living skeleton and all the standard features of every good circus created much amusement.

FESTIVITIES AT EDGEWOOD INN.

Greenwich, Conn., Aug. 21.—Among the hosts and hostesses at Edgewood Inn this week were Mrs. E. F. Hyde and Walter Constable. On Wednesday Mrs. Hyde gave a luncheon of fifteen covers in the Dutch room. Those present were Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Ralph Hyde, Mrs. C. Despard, Mrs. Matewson, the Misses Bustard, Holden, Gladys Constable, Dorothy Constable, Agnes Carrier, Taylor, Mrs. O. M. Crego and Mrs. E. Francis Hyde. The decorations were golden blow and hydrangea in bouquets and inlaid in dainty designs. On the evening of the same day Mr. Constable gave a small dinner to introduce Victor Beuteil, of London, England.

Invitations are being sent out by the management for the annual harvest ball to be given on September 4. This is the affair of the season which always carries with it the spirit of an "old home" night. The coming together of the guests of former years, the Greenwich social colony and the guests in the house at present makes the harvest ball the most brilliant affair of the season.

The Fairfield County Kennel Club will hold its trials on the grounds of Edgewood Park the last of this month.

WAITING.

"Walk in, sir," says St. Peter to the shade who has been sitting on a cloud for several days. "Come right in. I told you it would be all right for you to do so."

"Thank you," replies the shade. "I want to wait out here, if I may, until the fellow who sold me cantaloupes last summer comes along. I want to see you send him down the chute."—Chicago Evening Post.

ON THE THAMES RIVER.

HIGH TIDE OF PLEASURE AT NEW LONDON.

Guests of Noted Summer Resort Enjoying Themselves in Divers Manners.

New London, Conn., Aug. 21.—The high tide on the sea of gayety has reached the Griswold, and young and old have plunged in to make this month one round of pleasure. Even Old Sol's disappearance was greeted with jeers, for who cared whether he smiled or frowned while the music of the orchestra drowned the sighing and howling of the winds and one could take a hand at the ever popular bridge?

Never in the history of this hotel has the month of August been such a busy one, more than thirty persons being turned away last Saturday. The fame of the pleasures to be enjoyed at this beautiful resort has spread throughout this country, and even to Europe, one visitor from Paris being Edward Ziegler, who expressed unbounded admiration for the view which is to be obtained from the breezy piazzas of the Griswold.

Whispers went around among the guests on Monday that none other than the noted John D. Rockefeller had registered, and many looked upon the book to see his signature. It turned out to be his brother William, who, accompanied by Mrs. Rockefeller and P. M. Rockefeller, came down here by motor car for dinner.

One of the social affairs of the year to which many of the guests of the Griswold went was the café chantant and tableaus which were given by the members of the younger set of New London at the Pequot Casino on Wednesday evening. The proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the Pequot Independent Hose Company, of New London.

The Ralston family gave their songs and pantomime here on Tuesday evening.

Arthur Cushman, the librettist of the operetta "The Cruise of the Whirlwind," received a beautiful silver platter from the members of the cast, which included some fifty of the members of the summer colony at Eastern Point and guests of the hotel.

To-night there was a subscription hop for the benefit of the Griswold Hotel orchestra, and during the week a number of men subscribed $10 each toward the dance. Conductor Phillips has been most courteous in responding to numerous encores every evening, and his varied selections for the daily morning concerts have always received hearty appreciation.

The largest bridge and euchre party of the season was given last week by Mrs. M. G. Kopper and Miss M. A. Kopper, of New York, there being twenty-seven guests. The prizes for euchre were won by Mrs. Pierce Archer, of Philadelphia; Miss Josephine Mabbatt, of Branford, and Miss Clyde, of Philadelphia, and for bridge by Mrs. Butts, of Norwich; Norton Squire, of New York; Mrs. F. A. Lund and Mrs. Milne, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Brazier, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Walter Sharpless entertained a number of guests Thursday evening at bridge.

Mrs. H. F. Poore, who is spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. Sidney Hartshorne, at her cottage at Eastern Point, gave a bridge party Friday afternoon.

After a long drawn out contest in the women's tennis singles, the tournament was won by Miss Murdock, who defeated Miss Louise Brown, the winner of the round robin.

The women's handicap golf tournament has not been decided yet. Those who entered for the matches were Mrs. F. Smith, Miss Loise Perkins, Mrs. Mallory, Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Philbrick, Miss Helen Higbie, Miss Davis, Miss M. A. Kopper, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Hollingshead, Miss Rice, Miss Terry, Mrs. Speed, Miss French, Miss Irene Higbie and Miss McMahon.

This is one of the most popular resorts along the coast for motorists, and there is never a day that from five to twenty parties do not stop here for luncheon or dinner, many remaining overnight before resuming their tour through the country.

D. W. Hewitt entertained a party of four at a dinner on Sunday evening, the guests later enjoying the concert which is given every Sunday evening in the ballroom. These concerts are one of the most delightful features of the entertainment and are listened to by hundreds of people who come from the cottages on both sides of the Thames.

The steam yacht Onondaga, owned by Samuel M. Nicholson, of Providence, anchored off the Griswold dock last week Friday, and the following men who are enjoying a cruise about the Sound and along the Thames River took dinner at the hotel: Dr. Robert G. Le Conbe, Wilson Cotherwood and Edward P. Smith.

The largest crowd of the season witnessed the ball game Friday, for the report had circulated around among the guests that Van Vleck, the noted Yale pitcher, would pitch for the nine made up of guests. Automobiles were lined two deep about the diamond, while seats on the verandas facing the ball field were at a premium. The result was not what many had expected, for the visiting nine, made up of soldiers from Fort Wright, only lost by one run, the score being 11 to 10, in the Griswold's favor.

Dr. and Mrs. Roberts, of Pittsburg, were the host and hostess at a dinner party of sixteen covers a week ago Saturday night at the Hotel Griswold, the guests later participating in the dancing.

The Whirlwind went on a short cruise on Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Fleischman entertaining on board Miss Murdock and Miss Outcalt.

Corn dinners are the latest novelty among the cottagers here. Several of the summer residents pride themselves upon their home products, and there are a number of flourishing kitchen gardens connected with the beautiful cottages here, the most productive being that belonging to Dr. McDonald, who has been here since first the point attracted summer visitors. The fad for corn dinners was started by the doctor. One of these dinners was given by Mrs. Reynolds at her cottage at the point last week.

Charles L. Burnham, who has a cottage at Eastern Point, gave an old-fashioned clambake last Sunday to twenty-five guests, launches leaving the Pequot Casino and Eastern Point in the early morning to convey the members of the party to Mamacoke, where the bake was held at 2 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Thayer, of Boston, accompanied by their guests, Miss Phepoe, of Montreal, Canada, and Miss Cunningham, of Cohasset, Mass., arrived at the Griswold last Saturday, taking dinner at the hotel.

Robert Gilmore, of Boston, who is entertaining a party of four on his yacht, brought his guests to the hotel last Sunday for dinner.

The schooner yacht Margaret, which anchored off Eastern Point last Wednesday, had on board George S. Runk and C. H. Siebert, who took dinner at the hotel in the evening.

SUMMER JOY AT MANHATTAN BEACH.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cary Sanger and Miss Mary Sanger, of Sangerfield, N. Y., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Henry Sanger, who is spending the summer at the Oriental Hotel, at Manhattan Beach.

Lieutenant Carl E. Carlton, with his British Guards' Band, will terminate the engagement at Manhattan Beach on the 27th of this month, and start on a tour of the Western states. The management at Manhattan Beach is negotiating with Victor Herbert to furnish the musical entertainment in the new Casino for the remainder of the season.

A box party was given last week in the Brighton Beach Theatre by the Misses Hamilton, who with their mother, Baroness de Graffenried, are staying at the Oriental. General James Allen, chief of the Signal Corps, Washington, and General James B. Hickey, U. S. A., retired, were entertained by Tax Commissioner Hugh Hastings at the Oriental.

Judge and Mrs. Van Zelm entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitford Molloy, of New Rochelle, at the Manhattan Beach Hotel.

INTENDED ESPECIALLY FOR THE BUSY MAN

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

"What topic has occupied most space in New York's papers this week?" asked Busy Man when he met Constant Reader last night.

"I think the palm must be given to the mimic war in Massachusetts," replied his friend. "An army of some nine thousand men, made up of a few regulars and a large majority of national guardsmen from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, set out to capture Boston, under the command of Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, U. S. A. The Hub was defended by an army of seven thousand men, composed of Massachusetts militiamen and a few companies of artillerymen and cavalry from the regular army. Brigadier General William A. Pew, M. V. M., commanded this force. The invaders sailed from New York and landed at New Bedford. Hostilities began on Monday and lasted until Thursday. After much interesting manœuvring and the endurance of considerable hardship from inclement weather, the Red army, as the invaders were called, turned the flank of Pew's forces, and Major General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., commanding general of the Department of the East, who was chief umpire, called the war off. His decision was that nobody won."

"I wonder which of our future historians will remember to include the expense of these sham fights in the cost of our next real war," said Busy Man.

"It's more than likely," replied Constant Reader, "that such mimic campaigns will greatly minimize the cost of our next real war. Those of us who can recall the great difficulties experienced at the North in getting together an army to preserve the Union in the Civil War, and also remember how sadly unprepared for land fighting we were when the recent Spanish War broke out, ought to realize by now that the only place where our citizen soldiery can learn field tactics is in the field and in co-operation with regular army troops."

"If the men took it seriously, they probably could learn a lot," retorted Busy Man, "but my experience of such sham campaigns is that the militia regard it largely as a lark and the regulars as a bore."

"If you had taken part in this one," replied Constant Reader, "you would not have found much time for larking. After hiking over hot sand, toting about forty-seven pounds of equipment, in the early part of the week, you would have been soaked to the skin with rain for days in the middle of the week, as you waded through mud and water ankle deep. Sleeping at night in full fatigue uniform in little shelter tents under rain soaked blankets is no child's play, and, after a breakfast of hardtack and sugarless coffee, resuming the weary march with alacrity at the word of command lacks most of the elements of fun."

"So much wetness," chuckled Busy Man, "makes me surmise that the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston must have taken a hand in the affair."

"They did not," answered Busy Man, "and I wish you would try to keep in view the serious side of these manœuvres. One valuable lesson learned from them was the great usefulness of the automobile truck in keeping an invading army's base of supplies always close at hand. By moving his supplies with him in auto trucks General Bliss succeeded in keeping his base untrammelled by the usual long lines of communication that have to be carefully guarded because the cutting of them means defeat. Every company in his army received its rations, with few exceptions, almost as soon as it was ready to make camp. This made a new record, and a highly creditable one."

"Oh, I'm willing to admit that the game was well worth the candle," consented Busy Man, "and I dare say the slaughter of beans and—and—'tea' was appalling after peace was restored. Has there been any real fighting anywhere?"

"In the strike at McKee's Rocks, in Pennsylvania, which was continued with vigor on both sides; at the works of the Pressed Steel Car Company fusillades of real bullets were exchanged between the four thousand strikers and the constabulary. Those who were hit were not 'theoretically' wounded or killed, yet the state authorities took no effective step to stop this genuine civil war. A well directed shot fired by one of a party of bluejackets that was landed in Canea Harbor from the fleet of the four protecting powers—Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy—brought down the Greek flag from the flagstaff where it had been hoisted almost a month ago in defiance of the sovereignty of Turkey over the island of Crete. The status quo is to be maintained. In Morocco Sultan Mulai Hafig's mission to the Riffs, which is to order them to stop fighting with the Spanish troops, got as far as Tangier. Peru served an ultimatum on Bolivia concerning the recent boundary award, which Bolivia disputed."

"Sounds tame," commented Busy Man. "Anything more lively in city politics?"

"Ex-Police Commissioner Bingham published a statement purporting to show why the Mayor discharged him. In it Mr. McClellan was directly charged with attempting to use the police to obtain control of Tammany Hall, with having asked the transfer of a police captain because he was faithfully doing his sworn duty; with having nullified the investigation of the License Bureau in its relationship to immoral moving picture shows by placing the head of the bureau in charge of the investigation, and with having let it become known among dive keepers that Inspector Russell was to be reduced two days before the head of the police knew that this was to be done. More than that, General Bingham averred that when he asked the Mayor why he took such a sudden interest in bettering the moving picture shows the Mayor replied: 'I am playing a little game to win the ministers.' Incidentally Police Commissioner Baker, whom the Mayor appointed to succeed Bingham, admitted that certain changes in police methods which the Mayor demanded that Bingham should make on pain of dismissal have not been carried out by his successor."

"It would be difficult," said Busy Man, "to make McClellan appear smaller than he made himself look when he dismissed the man who was trying to divorce politics and the police."

"The campaign committee of the Republican Club," continued Constant Reader, "sent out a pamphlet to the voters showing that in the six years of McClellan's administration it has cost more than $1,235,000,000 to pay the city's current expenses, and that real estate the actual value of which is $30,000,000 was purchased for the city at a cost of $75,000,000."

"And I'll bet the original owners of that real estate," sneered Busy Man, "got mighty little of the $45,000,000 of 'velvet.'"

"Justice Gaynor's candidacy for Mayor was launched in Brooklyn and the Committee of One Hundred," resumed Constant Reader, "named a sub-committee on candidates to open negotiations with the various regular organizations for the selection of fusion candidates of a type that can be approved by the Committee of One Hundred, which, failing this, pledged itself to put up a full city ticket of its own."

"The committee represents itself, I suppose," mused Busy Man. "At least I have not yet heard that it represents anybody else. What has President Taft being doing?"

"Mr. Taft has been resting and getting ready for his coming long distance trip to the West and South. In addition to golf he has been taking gymnastic, wrestling and boxing exercises with a physical director, who says that the President has great muscular strength. Mr. Taft gave instruction to Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor that census officials, from the highest to the lowest, must take no active part in politics whatever during the term of their employment, on pain of instant dismissal. He told callers he was not at all disturbed by the accumulating reports that the new corporation tax is to be taken into the courts to test its constitutionality. He is convinced that the tax will stand any test that may be applied."

"Our President is a lawyer of proved ability," said Busy Man, "and yet I don't forget the incredulity which was displayed when it was proposed in 1894 to challenge the income tax in the Supreme Court. I sincerely hope the new tax will produce more revenue for the government than the famous $29,000,000 fine imposed on Standard Oil not long ago and that Mr. Taft will not be disappointed. What has been going on in the world of trade and commerce?"

"The Mercantile Exchange in this city voted to abolish its official quotations. Governor Hughes's Wall Street investigating committee last June severely condemned the way in which those quotations are fixed, by a committee which sets the price every morning for about four-fifths of all the butter, eggs and cheese sold east of the Missouri River. The report accused the committee of being a 'close corporation of buyers.' The Commercial National Bank of Chicago issued a crop report and review of business conditions which indicated a general revival of commercial activity this fall to an extent not realized for many years past. A shortage of cars to move the immense crops is already confronting the railroads. Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, predicted for the railroads a heavier business than they ever did before in a single year. The only complaint heard from the West concerning this tide of returning prosperity is that it does not bring with it enough hands to perform the necessary work. E. H. Harriman sailed from Cherbourg for New York, and conflicting reports about the state of his health caused violent fluctuation in Wall Street prices of Harriman railroad shares. It was estimated that John D. Rockefeller's wealth had grown about $79,756,824 by the increased value of Standard Oil stock in the last two years. American participation in the Hankow-Sze-Chuen railroad loan to be made to China was assured. The loan was increased to $30,000,000, of which American bankers will furnish one-fourth. The other three-fourths will go to British, French and German interests."

"These much discussed and highly significant securities when listed on our irreverent Stock Exchange will probably be known as 'Hanks,'" chuckled Busy Man. "Anything been heard recently from ex-President Roosevelt?"

"Twenty casks and nine cases of specimens, trophies of the hunt, collected by the Roosevelt expedition in Africa, were brought here last week on the steamship Provincia from Marseilles. The casks and cases contained the skins, bones and skulls of reedbucks, steinbucks, duikars, gazelles, lions, dik diks, giraffes, elands, cheetahs, spotted hyenas, zebras, wildebeests, hartebeests, impallas, warthogs, leopards, waterbucks, rhinoceroses, buffalo and hippopotamuses. All these animals were shot under licenses of Colonel Roosevelt and his son Kermit, and will be forwarded to the Smithsonian Institution, at Washington."

"Any persons of importance die?" asked Busy Man.

"Sir Theodore Martin, author and parliamentary agent, died in London. Georges Picot, permanent Secretary of the French Academy of Sciences, died in Paris. Professor Edward T. Boag, registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in this city, was drowned in an Adirondack lake. Dr. Ludwig Sumplowicz, famous sociologist and professor of political law, committed suicide in Styria. Mahar Lal Dhingra, the fanatic Hindu student who assassinated Sir William Curzon Wyllie in July, was hanged in London."

"The English courts give little excuse for lynching or private revenge by encouraging technical obstacles or sentimental delay," said Busy Man. "How about Thaw?"

He was taken back to the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane, but his relatives are already talking of getting out a new writ of habeas corpus to have his sanity again inquired into. Our city magistrates were severely criticised for the great leniency they show to young rowdies who in gangs terrorize and injure passengers in subway and elevated trains, especially on Sundays. President Barlow of the Board of City Magistrates explained this remarkable leniency on the score that conviction would bar the young offenders from getting positions in the Police and Fire departments."

"But do we want our policemen and firemen to be recruited from that class of hoodlums?" asked Busy Man.

"The naval court of inquiry into the death of Lieutenant James N. Sutton," resumed Constant Reader, "decided that the young officer took his own life, but whether intentionally or accidentally in an effort to shoot the men who were trying to arrest him the court was unable to determine. Seven cadets were dismissed from the West Point Military Academy for hazing Cadet Rolando Sutton, a brother of Lieutenant James N. Sutton. Georgia passed a law and Governor Brown signed it prohibiting the use by negro secret societies of the insignia, ritualistic work, grips, etc., of orders composed of white men. The New Jersey State Federation of Labor came out in favor of woman suffrage. It was reported that Walter Wellman, after four years of preparation, had at last sailed from Spitzbergen in his dirigible balloon, bound for the North Pole. Ralph Rose broke the world's record, 49 feet 10 inches, made by himself, for hurling the sixteen-pound shot, by a throw of 50.26 feet at Seattle. The big Cunarder Mauretania again lowered the westward record for transatlantic travel by crossing in 4 days, 14 hours and 38 minutes. Wilbur and Orville Wright began suit against the Aeronautic Society for infringement of their patent covering the flexible wing tip for aeroplanes. Should they succeed, it is thought they would establish almost a world-wide monopoly of aeroplane construction at its present stage. These flexible wing tips seem indispensable for all kinds of aeroplanes, single or double. Before twelve thousand spectators at the opening of the new Indianapolis motor speedway a motorist and his mechanician were killed by the upset of a car racing for a new record. Statistics showed that automobiles in Chicago killed 51 persons and injured 1,048 within the city limits during the first seven months of this year."

"Creditable enough for a growing young Western burg," said Busy Man, "but New York is still unrivalled in that respect."

"An operation for appendicitis," continued Constant Reader, "was performed upon a boy at sea on the steamship Mauretania by medical experts who happened to be on board. Recovery was so unusually rapid, owing to the sea air, that it was surmised many persons who were obliged to undergo similar operations would in future have them performed on the ocean."

"It is fortunate," rejoined Busy Man, "that there are few patients who can afford an operation for appendicitis who cannot also afford a sea voyage, accompanied by first class doctors and nurses, on an ocean liner—but don't let me interrupt you."

"The Census Bureau," said Constant Reader, "issued a bulletin showing that, out of a total church membership in the United States of nearly thirty-three million, only 43.1 per cent were males, while 56.9 per cent were females. His views concerning the religion of the future, made public recently by President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University, are meeting with much criticism. It is now announced that the Pope himself has had them translated for him and has declared them easy to refute and destroy. From many sources, somewhat less authoritative, have come strong denunciation, and it is said that Dr. Eliot is deeply hurt by the unpopularity of his ideas on this important topic."

"Let the good doctor be comforted," said Busy Man. "If his 'Religion of the Future' proved popular it would be the religion of the present, would it not? If he only schedules the date of its general adoption far enough ahead, many may dispute, but none can actually refute him, and while we're on the subject of religion I'll bet that 43 per cent credited to males was not compiled on the basis of attendance."