# A QUIXOTIC PEER

## *Lord Ashburnham's Mixture of Radicalism and Mediævalism.*

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Lord Ashburnham's ball, in Grosvenor Square, on one of the last nights of the London season, for the debut of his pretty nineteen-year-old daughter, Lady Catherine Ashburnham, who is his only child and who will be very wealthy, serves to recall the romance of the marriage of this particularly picturesque member of the British peerage. Lady Catherine was first heard of when "The London Times" of February 14, 1893, contained an announcement to the effect that "on January 2, 1890, the Countess of Ashburnham gave birth to a daughter." Nobody, not even the editors of Burke's and Debreit's "Peerages," had ever heard that Lord Ashburnham was married. It had always been supposed that he was an inveterate bachelor, and inasmuch as the only Countess of Ashburnham of whose existence people were aware was his mother, an aged widow, the mystification caused by the announcement was great. It was to a certain extent set at rest by the announcement lower in the same column of the "Times," among the marriage notices, to the effect that "On February 25, 1888, a marriage took place between Bertram, Earl of Ashburnham, and Emily, daughter of Robert Chaplin." The latter on investigation turned out to be a petty tradesman, very respectable, but of the most humble origin. The countess lived a very retired life, and was altogether unknown to the great world and even to her husband's relatives. But her husband was devoted to her, and when she died, in 1900, mourned her deeply and sincerely.

Lord Ashburnham is a man of great erudition and of somewhat contradictory characteristics. For, whereas in all dynastic matters he is an ardent legitimist, in domestic politics he is a radical and a Home Ruler. He was one of the founders of the so-called White Rose League, which denies the right of King Edward to the throne of Great Britain and affects to regard Princess Louise of Bavaria as the lawful heir to the British throne, owing to the fact that she is less remotely descended from the Stuarts than the King. The late Mr. Gladstone was unaware of this connection of the earl with the Jacobite league at the time when he formed his first Home Rule administration, and nominated him to the office of lord-in-waiting to the late Queen Victoria. It was not until the appointment had been officially announced that its incongruity became apparent; and when the Queen further learned that the earl was the recognized representative in England of Don Carlos and of the Carlist cause she caused his nomination to be cancelled.

Lord Ashburnham's family is one of the oldest in England, and has been established at Ashburnham (anciently Eshburnham) since before the Norman Conquest. Sir Bertram Ashburnham, a baron of Kent, was constable of Dover Castle in 1066, which he defended with so much valor against William the Conqueror that when it was ultimately captured he was beheaded by the Normans. Contemporary records of this refer to him as being even in those days the representative of a family of great antiquity.

Ashburnhams figure conspicuously in every reign of English history from the time of the Norman kings, and Sir John Ashburnham, who was one of the gentlemen-in-waiting of Charles I, remained with his royal master to the very last, attending him to the scaffold, and retaining as a memento of that tragedy the blood stained vest and white silk shirt worn by the monarch at his execution, the sheet in which the body was wrapped after its decapitation and the watch worn by the King throughout his captivity, which he handed to Sir John on his way to Whitehall on the morning of his death. These relics are preserved as the most venerated and highly prized treasures of Ashburnham Place, a mansion extremely rich in other historic mementos and also in magnificent pictures. Indeed, his Vandykes are pronounced by experts to be the finest examples of that master.

About ten years ago Lord Ashburnham sold the greater part of his library, one of the most celebrated and valuable collections of books in the world. At the time it was believed that the sacrifice which he made was for the purpose of providing his friend, Don Carlos, with funds for another rising in Spain. But it was subsequently ascertained that his purpose was to increase the fortune available for his only child, whom he idolized. Some of the features of the collection, including four folio editions of Shakespeare and the Mazarin Bible, found their way to the hands of J. Pierpont Morgan. The prize obtained by the latter, however, was undoubtedly the MS. Evangelarium, for which alone Lord Ashburnham received a sum of $50,000. It was given by Emperor Louis the Pious to the Convent of Noble Canonesses, which he founded in 834 at Lindau, on Lake Constance. It remained in the possession of the convent until its dissolution in 1803, when the canonesses were allowed to divide among themselves the contents of the treasury of the abbey. This volume fell to the share of Canoness Antoinette Baroness Enzburg; was purchased at her death by Baron Joseph Lapsberg, from whom it passed in 1846 to Boone, the London bookseller, who immediately sold it to the late Lord Ashburnham. It is bound with beaten gold and studded with 327 emeralds, sapphires, carbuncles, pearls and other precious stones. Indeed, the binding is regarded as one of the most important and beautiful examples of early goldsmith's and jeweller's art.

The collection was largely formed by Lord Ashburnham's father, the late earl, who, moreover, was famous throughout the world for his unrivalled collection of ancient manuscripts. This included the collection of the bibliophile Barrios. Not long after the present earl succeeded to his father's estates negotiations for the sale of some of these manuscripts to the British Museum brought to light the fact that they included a large quantity of valuable manuscripts that had been stolen by Libri from the Bibliothèque Nationale, in Paris. Libri, it may be remembered, was the chief librarian of the national library of France, and had as such access to all its treasures and to the public libraries throughout France. The Barrios collection was almost entirely made up of purchases from Libri. On Lord Ashburnham being made aware of the fact he at once, of his own accord, restored all the stolen manuscripts to the French government, at a sacrifice of nearly a quarter of a million of dollars, which he had been offered for them.

The earl is a man of very chivalrous ideas, according to the present day way of thinking rather quixotic, and strengthens the latter impression by affecting in England, and especially at his place in Sussex, the voluminous Spanish cloak and broad brimmed sombrero, which we are accustomed to associate with the hidalgo. I may add that he is a Knight of the Sovereign Order of Malta, and has the Grand Cross of the Papal Order of Pius IX. He is a devout Catholic, by conversion rather than by education, and at his death the earldom will go to his younger brother, the Hon. John Ashburnham, who was formerly in the diplomatic service and who is a bachelor.

### WON'T OFFEND THE UNITED STATES.

Sir Sydney Olivier's presence in London concerns the United States. He is the Governor General of Jamaica. The British government has appointed a commission to inquire into the means of establishing closer trade relations between Canada and the West Indies, and Sir Sydney's interviews with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Earl of Crewe, in London, have been in order to inform him that while Jamaica is willing to co-operate with the commission she declines to take any step which may possibly endanger her trade with the United States.

Sir Sydney has laid before his government in Downing street the information that there is in Jamaica a very important and ever growing party favoring annexation to the United States, and that, under the circumstances, unless some steps are taken to promote the Jamaican sugar industry by vigorous action against the sugar bounty system, and by removing the duty imposed by England of more than $1 on every hundredweight of sugar landed either from the West Indies or elsewhere the anti-English agitation will become so pronounced as to bring Great Britain face to face with the necessity of choosing between abandoning Jamaica to the United States or else of suppressing every form of legislative government in the island and of ruling it "militari manu."

### AFFRONTING EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

Parts of the Tyrol, especially in the South, are inhabited by an Italian speaking population, among whom the agents of the Italia Irredenta movement have always been very busy, especially in recent years. The Italia Irredenta, as my readers doubtless know, is an immense society or league in Italy, to which most of the leading statesmen in and out of office belong, which has received government recognition, and which avowedly aims at the "emancipation" of the Italian speaking provinces of the Austrian Empire from the "yoke" of the Hapsburgs and their annexation to the kingdom of Italy. So successful has this movement been that the mayors and municipalities of all the Italian speaking portion of the Tyrol have refused to take any part in the festivities now in progress at Innsbrück and elsewhere, in celebration of the war of 1809, when the Tyrolese rose under the leadership of their national hero, Andreas Hofer, and drove out the French troops of Napoleon, who had occupied their country. The mayors have also, with one accord, declined the invitation addressed to them to visit Innsbrück on the occasion of the festival, in order to be presented to the old Emperor, whom they affect to ignore. Of course, this conduct on their part is calculated to increase the bitter resentment of the Austrians against everything Italian and still further to weaken the ties that bind Austria and Italy together as members of that agreement known as the Triple Alliance.

The Emperor for the last week has been making his headquarters in the old palace, or burg, at Innsbrück, which has very large and stately apartments, adorned by superb frescoes, but virtually no furniture. In fact, all the latter has had to be shipped from Vienna for the occasion. The palace was built by Empress Maria Theresa on the site of an older imperial palace. It was there that Charles V was residing in 1532 when he so narrowly escaped capture by a coup de main of Maurice of Saxony. Hofer, who was shot at Mantua in 1810, lies entombed in the neighboring court church, where Queen Christina of Sweden, daughter of the great Gustavus of the Thirty Years' War, went through the ceremonial of admission into the Roman Catholic faith in 1655; while the feature of the church is, of course, the unique and magnificent monument of Emperor Maximilian I.

MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

# *OBITUARY.*

### JOHN ENGLISH GREEN.

John English Green, a well known banker, died yesterday morning at the New York Athletic Club. His death was due to a hemorrhage resulting from a disease of the liver. Mr. Green had come to New York from his country home at Easthampton, Long Island, and was taken ill in the clubhouse, dying within a few hours. He was fifty-nine years old.

Mr. Green was a member of the banking firm of Stewart, Brown & Co., of No. 170 Broadway. His father was Dr. Norvin Green, who for many years was president of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Mr. Green was prominent in Southern circles in New York, as he was a native of Kentucky.

Mr. Green came into prominence four years ago, when his yacht, the Normandie, was sunk by the freighter Voluud in the Hudson River, off Dobbs Ferry. After swimming about for some time, Mr. Green and two of his guests were picked up and taken ashore. Miss Gladys Dodge, a guest, and two of the crew were drowned.

The body will be taken to Louisville for burial.

### THE DUCHESS PALMELLA.

Cintra, Portugal, Sept. 3.—The death is announced of the Duchess Palmella, Grand Mistress of the Court.

## MRS. HELEN FLORENCE DIXON DEAD.

### One Time Populist Speaker and Actress Believed a Suicide in Denver.

Denver, Sept. 3.—A woman's body, which has been in the morgue two days unclaimed, has been identified as that of Helen Florence Dixon, a political speaker and actress of twenty years ago. In the early 90's, when the Populist party was a power in Colorado, she was one of its leading exponents.

On the stage Mrs. Dixon was known as Miss Helen Florence. Photographs of noted players were found among her belongings. She was once an instructor in an academy of music at Buffalo.

For the last ten years Mrs. Dixon had lived in seclusion in Denver. Her death is believed to be a case of suicide, caused by despondency.

## JAPANESE DELEGATES BUSY.

### To Investigate Manufacture of Articles Imported by Japan.

Seattle, Sept. 3.—The Japanese commercial delegates, who are here on a tour of the United States, were astir early to-day, and set forth in automobiles under the guidance of the Manufacturers' Association to see the factories of Seattle.

Wherever they go the Japanese will investigate the manufacture of articles which Japan imports. Japan imports merchandise worth $200,000,000 each year, and it is said that the intention of the Japanese merchants is to give American goods preference over European.

## MRS. YERKES TRANSFERS HOME.

### Chicago Property Which Cost $200,000 Now in Name of Secretary—Consideration, $15,000.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Chicago, Sept. 3.—Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, the traction man, has transferred the Yerkes house, at Michigan avenue and 32d street, to her private secretary, Miss Mary Fitzpatrick. The consideration named in the deed filed to-day was $15,000.

Clarence A. Knight, personal counsel for Mrs. Yerkes in New York, said last evening the transfer was merely a temporary matter for the convenience of his client and her secretary. The property has not gone permanently out of Mrs. Yerkes's hands, he said.

Mr. Yerkes bought the lot on which the house stands in 1882. Five years later he erected a three story brownstone front house, at a cost of probably more than $200,000.

## MR. MERCER BUYS BROKAW PLACE.

### Yachtsman Purchases Country Estate at Mamaroneck for About $125,000.

Herbert A. Sherman has sold for Clifford V. Brokaw to Commodore George Mercer, jr., of the American Yacht Club his country place at Mamaroneck, N. Y., consisting of nine acres of ground, a large private house, stable, gardener's cottage, greenhouses, squash court in separate building, with a large frontage directly on Long Island Sound, with private dock.

It lies between the places of J. R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and E. H. Wetherbee, of Arnold, Constable & Co. Mr. Mercer rented this house through Mr. Sherman early in the spring, and just decided to buy it. The price was about $125,000.

## FINE HOME FOR POLYCLINIC HOSPITAL

### Million Dollar Structure To Be Erected in West Fiftieth Street.

A $1,000,000 home is going to be erected for the New York Polyclinic Hospital on the premises Nos. 337 to 351 West 50th street and the abutting parcel, No. 346 West 51st street. This will be the largest hospital structure, it is said, in the city. It will be twelve stories and have a frontage of 153.2 feet in 50th street and 12.6 feet in 51st street. The trustees of the hospital have bought the site from a number of persons through Ames & Co. Dr. John A. Wyeth is president of the institution.

The hospital was founded in 1881, and has been in 34th street, between Second and Third avenues, for many years.

### GETS OFFER FROM TEACHERS COLLEGE.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Milwaukee, Sept. 3.—Charles P. Perry, head of the Milwaukee Trade School, whose success in the two years of its career has made a reputation for this hitherto unknown technical educator, is wanted by Columbia University to become head of the departments of manual training and technical education of Teachers College. It is understood a representative of the university has been here to induce Mr. Perry to accept the offer.

### DENSMORE DIVORCE DECREE STANDS.

Justice Giegerich, of the Supreme Court, denied yesterday the application of Darsa James Densmore, a typewriter manufacturer, to set aside the separation decree obtained last spring by his wife, Alice Vignier Densmore, upon the ground that the court had not obtained proper jurisdiction over him through publication, because he lives at Ardmore, Okla.

The Densmores were married in 1895 in Geneva, Switzerland, and upon returning to this country lived for a time at No 463 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn. Mrs. Densmore obtained her separation through allegations of non-support and abandonment.

# CAMMEYER WILL FILED

## *Estate After Bequests to Relatives and Employes Goes to Widow.*

The will of Alfred J. Cammeyer, the shoe merchant, was filed yesterday at the Surrogate's office for probate. The estate goes to the widow, except for a few bequests to relatives and employes. Louis M. Hart, manager of the testator's business, receives $25,000 in cash and the good will of the business, the right to use the name of "Cammeyer" and all copyrighted trademarks. There are smaller bequests for other employes.

Mr. Cammeyer ordered that his business be liquidated immediately after his death for the benefit of his widow, Mrs. Mattie Cammeyer, because of her desire not to continue it. Mrs. Cammeyer and Mr. Hart are named as the executors. The will was executed on March 1, 1903.

The testator leaves his city house and the farm at Long Hill, Morris County, N. J., with their contents, to the widow. To Frederick McFarlane and John Doran, employes, the sums of $5,000 and $1,000 are left.

The executors are directed to set aside the sum of $10,000, the income of which is to be paid, during his lifetime, to Charles Van Buren, of Shontsville, N. Y. Upon the beneficiary's death the principal is to revert to the widow. A gift of $3,500 each is made to all of the testator's nephews and nieces, with the provision that none of them is to contest the will, under pain of forfeiture of his or her share. A gift of $1,000 is made to the merchant's sister Emma. The apparent smallness of the bequest is explained by the additional statement that the beneficiary is herself possessed of ample means and not in need of money.

The specific legacies amount to about $125,000, but the total estate is valued at several times that amount.

# *CLERMONT'S FIRST TRIP.*

## *Reproduction of Fulton's Boat Breasts New York Waters.*

The Clermont made her first trip through New York waters yesterday, and proved herself a worthy successor of the original Clermont, which breasted the currents of the Hudson River about one hundred years ago. The little steamer is now nearly ready to take her place in the Hudson-Fulton celebration, and her performance yesterday was very satisfactory to her builders, the Staten Island Shipbuilding Company.

Through the Kill van Kull, up and down—as far up as New Brighton—she ran against the tide a large part of the way, at a speed of nearly six miles an hour, and that she exceeded slightly the speed of her original was due only to the comparative perfection of her engines. There was not a hitch from start to finish, and when she was again moored at her dock W. J. Davidson, the president of the company, who superintended the trial, expressed thorough satisfaction with the result. The official trial will be held later before the members of the commission.

As the Clermont paddled along under her own steam she attracted much attention along the Staten Island and Jersey shores. Low lying, her deck not much more above the water than that of an ordinary ferryboat, her small size—she is only one hundred and fifty feet long—contrasted oddly with many larger vessels along the shores.

The first things that strike the eye are the unprotected paddlewheels, outlined against the pearl gray hull, throwing the foam in great masses behind. She is only eighteen feet wide, and both paddlewheels can be seen—on the near side one of the big iron balance wheels which revolves in front of them. The engines have been built as nearly as possible on the plans of the old Clermont. With the boiler and fireroom they take up nearly half the length of the boat.

## TROOPS FOR CELEBRATION ASSIGNED.

### Camp at Albany To Be Named After the Assistant Secretary of War.

Albany, Sept. 3.—The organizations which will take part in the military tournament in this city during the Hudson-Fulton celebration will include the 1st Battalion of the 24th Regiment; 2d Battalion, 5th Regiment, with band; pack train from West Point; a squadron of the 10th Cavalry, with mounted band; a field balloon and a battalion of field artillery, from Fort Myer; Company C, hospital corps, from Fort Perry; a company of the signal corps service from Fort Leavenworth, and a company of engineers, with pontoon train, from the Washington Barracks. The 2d Battalion of the 5th Regiment will march to Albany from Plattsburg, as will the cavalrymen from Fort Ethan Allen. The others will come by train.

The camp will be named Camp Oliver, after the Assistant Secretary of War, a former resident of Albany.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. Davis, who returned to-day from a conference with General Wood in New York, said that the general would spend the week of October 4-9 at the camp.

### ON COMMITTEE FOR CELEBRATION.

Washington, Sept. 3.—William Phillips, Third Assistant Secretary of State, and Captain Joseph B. Murdock, commandant of the New York Navy Yard, have been selected to represent the government on the reception and other committees in connection with the approaching Hudson-Fulton celebration.

### ARRANGING FOR CHILDREN'S PARADE.

H. N. Ogden, a poster artist, has been engaged by the children's festival committee of the Hudson-Fulton celebration to make arrangements for a children's parade on Saturday, October 2. The children's festival committee made a contract to buy four hundred thousand hats and flags for the use of the children in the parade. Louis Chalif will have charge of the folk dances, which are to be a feature of the children's pageants and which are to be under the direction of Ben Greet.

The official flag of the celebration has been decided on by the commission. It will consist of three longitudinal stripes of equal width, the upper one of orange red, the centre one of white and the lower one of blue. The commission has established an information bureau in Room 808 in the Tribune Building.

## ADVISES NEGRO BUSINESS WOMEN.

### Mrs. Booker T. Washington Tells Them to Save and Promote Education.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington addressed the Women's Negro Business League of Greater New York at the St. James Presbyterian Church in West 51st street last night, and advised her audience of about a hundred negro women to go about their various callings in a businesslike way.

"If you are a laundress or a dressmaker, have an establishment that will speak well for you; don't do your work in the basement or back room," said the wife of the negro leader.

She told them that only by their saving, and by applying their thrift to the advantage of the young, would the negroes of the country advance and prosper, and she advised those who could afford it to use their savings to promote education.

## REAR ADMIRAL SPERRY RETIRES.

### Has Yet to Complete Work at Naval War College at Newport.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Having reached the age of sixty-two, Rear Admiral C. S. Sperry was placed on the retired list of the navy to-day.

The admiral is now engaged with the Newport conference at the War College there, and will continue in that duty until he has completed a line of work he has mapped out. When this is finished it is expected that he will retire from active service.

The admiral's last important sea command was the Atlantic fleet, which he brought from San Francisco by way of the Pacific Ocean and the Suez Canal to Hampton Roads. He reached the rank at which he was retired to-day three years and three months ago.

### COUNT MARRIES A "MAXIME GIRL."

London, Sept. 3.—The bride of Count Hermann Osthein, formerly heir presumptive to the Grand Duchy of Saxe-Weimar, who was married in London on Thursday, was a "Maxime Girl" in "The Merry Widow" company at Daly's Theatre. Her name was given in the church records as Wanda Paola Lottero.

# *"AIDA" GIVEN AGAIN.*

## *Carasa Shows Improvement, but His Voice Is Weak for Ensembles.*

"Aïda" was repeated last night at the Manhattan Opera House, much to the evident enjoyment of a big audience. The cast was the same as the previous performance, last Tuesday night.

Federico Carasa was slightly more forceful and effective in voice and stage presence than he had been before as Radames. While his quality of tone is exceedingly good, the fact cannot be denied that his voice is small and can scarcely be heard in the earlier ensemble work in the first two acts. Carasa was almost completely lost in the sextet that ends the triumphal scene, although in the third act he asserted himself in the beautiful lyric passages of his interview with Aïda on the banks of the Nile, and again in the crypt scene.

It appears that Carasa is more of a lyric than a dramatic tenor, but it is probable that a year or two of experience in grand opera may develop vocal powers now latent. Carasa makes up as a handsome and imposing general, but it is the volume of voice that is lamentably lacking.

Miss Berthe Soyer repeated her interpretation of Amneris, showing effectively some beautiful tones in the lower register. Mme. Alice Baron again sang Aïda. Sturani conducted.

The cast follows:

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| Aïda | Mme. Alice Baron |
| Amneris | Mlle. Berthe Soyer |
| Radames | M. Federico Carasa |
| Amonasro | M. Pignataro |
| Ramfis | M. Henri Scott |
| The King | M. De Grazia |
| Messenger | M. Venturini |
| A priestess | Mme. Gentle |

# *MARIE DRESSLER FAILS.*

## *London Ignored Her Play and She Can't Pay Debts of $24,886.*

Marie Dressler's failure to interest the Londoners with her musical comedy "Filipino" led to the voluntary petition in bankruptcy which she filed through her lawyer in the United States District Clerk's office here yesterday. It shows liabilities of $24,886 32, with assets of only $100, the latter representing the value of wearing apparel "necessary for the petitioner's personal and professional use." Of the liabilities, only $1,354 62 is secured.

"The Englishmen wouldn't come to see whether the show was any good or not," explained Miss Dressler breezily yesterday. "Why, believe me, on one night there was only $20 in the house. We couldn't stand that long, and as a matter of fact we played just one week and two days."

The piece was an adaptation of Weber and Fields's old "Higgledy-Piggledy," and Miss Dressler, whose real name, it appears in the petition, is Leila Koerber, put it on at the Aldwych Theatre, London, in February.

At a meeting of the London creditors she told them she would pay off her obligations as quickly as possible. It was said then that $7,000 would cover her loss, but later estimates and the addition of the full price of all unfulfilled contracts bring the total far above that sum. Miss Dressler sold her jewelry to pay the actors' salaries.

The Charing Cross Electric Company holds a claim of $345 62, secured to the extent of $150, according to the petition, and John C. Lubbock, a costumer, also of London, has a claim of $1,500, of which $1,000 is secured.

Apart from these, the largest unsecured creditors are: Gustave Beer, of Paris and London, claim of $5,388 for costumes; Clarkson & Co., of London, $926 81 for wigs; Mme. Mouchini, of Paris, $4,200 on an unfulfilled contract, and James Milton & Co., of London, $3,750 on a promissory note.

## CONDITION OF CLYDE FITCH.

### Operation for Appendicitis Performed at Chalons-sur-Marne.

Châlons-sur-Marne, France, Sept. 3.—Clyde Fitch, the American playwright, was suddenly stricken with an acute attack of appendicitis while travelling from Germany in an automobile. On his arrival here he was taken hastily to a private hospital and underwent an operation. Dr. Alquier, the surgeon, was assisted by two other physicians. He would not express an opinion to-day, but it is understood that the patient's condition is serious. Mr. Fitch has had several attacks of appendicitis.

### DRESS REHEARSAL AT HIPPODROME.

A complete dress rehearsal of the entire new Hippodrome show took place last night before an audience made up of newspaper representatives who had been invited to witness Messrs. Shubert and Anderson's latest series of spectacles. The rehearsal began at 8 o'clock and lasted until near midnight. "A Trip to Japan," "Inside the Earth" and "The Ballet of Jewels" are the titles of the three new shows in one. New ballet costumes and scenic sets were shown, and several surprises in the way of electrical and water effects, for which the Hippodrome's big tank is utilized as in previous seasons. A complete new circus is also included in the entertainment. The Hippodrome will open for the season to-night.

### THEATRICAL INCIDENTS.

Harrison Grey Fiske will present "The Bridge," a play by Rupert Hughes, at the Majestic Theatre, this evening. Guy Bates Post will make his first appearance as a star.

A special matinee performance of "Havana" by the company that is to present the musical play on tour, was given at the Casino yesterday in honor of James T. Powers and the members of the original company. The second company will open the road season in Atlantic City on Monday.

Victor Herbert returned yesterday from his summer home at Lake Placid to assist in the rehearsals of "The Rose of Algeria." Lew Fields will produce the piece in Wilkes-Barre on September 10.

Mme. Alla Nazimova will soon appear in a new play by Brandon Tynan, called "The Passion Flower."

F. C. Whitney will produce "The Chocolate Soldier," a musical play, at the Lyric Theatre, on September 13. In its original form it was George Bernard Shaw's famous satire, "Arms and the Man." Stanislaus Stange adapted it from the German of Bernauer and Jacobson. The score is by Oscar Strauss.

Arthur Byron has severed his connection with Henry B. Harris, and will henceforth be under the management of the Shuberts.

The Comedy Theatre, in 41st street, between Broadway and Sixth avenue, is ready for its inaugural performance, which takes place on Monday evening, when Walker Whiteside will appear in "The Melting Pot."

Rehearsals began yesterday for the new play, "If I Had Money," by Booth Tarkington and Harry Leon Wilson, in which Madge Carr Cook, of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" fame, will star.

Miss Eugenia Blair signed a contract with Liebler & Co. yesterday, for a part in "For Better, for Worse," by Cleveland Moffett.

August Van Biene, the European 'cellist, will make his vaudeville debut at the Colonial Theatre on September 13.

Carrie De Mar will be seen at the Alhambra next week in a new collection of characters and songs.

### CROWD SEES PAIN'S FIREWORKS.

A large crowd attended the show in Pain's fireworks arena at Brighton Beach last night. The Sans Souci Band gave a concert before the exhibition. The entrance to the field was lighted by hundreds of small lanterns, and for the greater part of the time the sky was brilliantly lighted. At one time the rapid firing of shells and bombs was followed by the appearance of several thousand floating lights. The big feature of the show was as usual "The Battle in the Clouds."

### LEGATION SECRETARY NAMED.

Washington, Sept. 3.—The President has appointed Roland B. Harvey, of Maryland, secretary of the legation and consul general to Rumania and Servia, and secretary of the diplomatic agency in Bulgaria.

### QUEEN MARGHERITA AT WIESBADEN.

Queen Margherita of Italy, it is announced, has arrived at the Kaiserhof, Wiesbaden, the famous health resort in the Rhine district of Germany, to undergo a treatment for some weeks at the Augusta-Victoria Bath.

### WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

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

Athletic meet under the auspices of the Evangelistic Committee, McComb's Dam Park, 2 p. m.

# MARCHING TO MUSIC

## *Italian Boys on Fresh Air Trip Organize Military Company.*

One of the most noticeable traits of the Italian boy is his love of music. It seems as if music would lead him where force could not drive him. This love of music was illustrated recently by one of the parties at a Fresh Air home. A boy brought an harmonica with him into the country, presumably for his own amusement. He played it most of the time whenever the boys took walks through the fields, and soon his playmates began to keep step to the music.

The attendants, always on the lookout for something in which the children are particularly interested, immediately took the cue and arranged the boys in military order. As soon as the company had formed in line, the musician struck up an inspiring march. The effect upon the line and the general appearance of the boys was remarkable. They began to take pride in their marching ability, straightening the lines and carrying their bodies erect.

The interest in the marching increased daily. Whenever there was any unoccupied time the boys requested the attendants to be allowed to march. They paraded with flags and decorations of flowers to field days and baseball games, making a fine appearance. They elected their captain and lieutenants, whom they obeyed in the various evolutions as they were ordered, taking the greatest pains to keep the corners square and the lines even. Before many days of practice had passed they became expert and needed only a little instruction to execute some of the more difficult military manœuvres. Meantime their carriage improved greatly.

A policeman who was once stationed on the East Side visited one of the homes not long ago and asked:

"How in the world do you keep those boys straight without whipping them?"

"Well, we do it," was the reply.

The method is not difficult to discover. Rarely is discipline of the mildest sort needed at any of the homes. Simply allowing the boys to follow their natural bent along approved lines, leading them in their playing, keeping them interested and occupied all the time is the secret, and the boys are thus prevented from getting into mischief. It is remarkable to observe how much respect for order and reason a boy can develop if he is placed in the right environment.

Often the attendants notice the appreciation which the children have of what is being done for them. Many of them remark to the attendants how many children there are in the city who are not able to enjoy the country as they do, and they show genuine gratitude for the privileges which they have received. They realize only too well what a hot summer in the heart of the city means, when life becomes almost unbearable. The relief which a trip to the country affords is something they never forget.

Here is a letter which one boy dictated to his mother and sent to the superintendent of the Paul Devereux Home:

I am taking the pleasure of writing to you in good health, as it leaves me at present. I got home O. K. My mother was waiting for me, and I told her what a fine time I had out there and how good you and the rest were to me. I must thank you all for the trouble that you took for me, and I hope that I can come out to see you again next summer. It is a long time to next summer, but if I can't be sent out and my father is working, I will come out myself to see you all, if you are out there next summer.

I would like to come out before that, but my father is not working steady. My mother wrote this for me, as she came out of the hospital and is feeling a good bit better, and hoping you and all my friends is well, and when you come to this city and it ain't too far I will come and see you. I hope you will answer this letter as I would like to hear from you, so that is all at present, but answer soon, from your everlasting friend.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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| "In memory of A. and C. M. DuB." | $1,000 00 |
| "From a friend" | 100 00 |
| Raised by the guests of the Leighton, Point Pleasant, N. J. | 12 00 |
| Miss Eleanor Therese Hart | 1 00 |
| M. E. Cook, Robertsville, Conn. | 10 00 |
| R. M. H. | 10 00 |
| J. A. | 5 00 |
| E. H. B. | 10 00 |
| The Rev. W. H. Peters, Rhinebeck, N. Y. | 3 00 |
| H. W. Kirk, Baltimore, Md. | 5 00 |
| William Ewald | 5 00 |
| Edward Thomas Wilkinson, Montclair, N. J. | 25 00 |
| No name | 10 00 |
| Sidney C. Smyth | 5 00 |
| H. T. Carey & Co. | 10 00 |
| W. T. Carrington, Greenwich, Conn. | 5 00 |
| H. D. | 1 00 |
| R. R. D. | 5 00 |
| A. M. | 1 00 |
| Previously acknowledged | 28,976 09 |
| Total September 3, 1909 | $30,199 09 |

## WORTH MILLIONS; CAN'T PAY GAS BILL

### Mrs. Julia M. Curtiss Comes Into Court with a New Plea.

The troubles of Mrs. Julia M. Curtiss were again heard in the Supreme Court yesterday by Justice Giegerich. Her lawyer, in the course of the proceedings, represented that Mrs. Curtiss, whose fortune is variously estimated as from $3,000,000 to $17,000,000, did not have sufficient ready cash to pay her gas bills. He told of a threat by a gas company to turn off the supply because of an unpaid bill and how Mrs Curtiss had to send to her lawyer's office for the money so she wouldn't be left in the dark.

The Connecticut courts appointed J. C. Shaw and Elmer S. Banks as conservators for Mrs. Curtiss because of her extravagant habits. About two weeks ago Justice Brady removed the conservators so far as their jurisdiction over the property of Mrs. Curtiss in this state was concerned. The conservators sought yesterday to obtain a stay on this order. They said that when they gave Mrs. Curtiss money she spent it recklessly, paying out in one month $2,100 for cab hire. The Title Guarantee and Trust Company, which is special guardian for Mrs. Curtiss in her real estate transactions, also appeared yesterday to prevent the poor woman of the millions from getting too much money.

Edwin Davis has been appointed as referee to take the accounting of Shaw and Banks as conservators. Although required to make an accounting every year, it is alleged that they have not rendered any in two years. Counsel for Mrs. Curtiss said yesterday that there are outstanding about $25,000 worth of judgments against Shaw.

### WILLIS L. MOORE BREAKS HIS ARM.

Washington, Sept. 3.—While alighting from a car to-day Professor Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau, fell and broke his left arm.

He was conveyed to the office of a physician, where the injured member was set, and then, much to the surprise of his friends, proceeded to his own office, where he performed his customary duties.

## THE WEATHER REPORT.

**Official Record and Forecast.**—Washington, Sept. 3.—The Western disturbance has continued its movement eastward, the centre now being in Indiana, while the area of rainfall extends from the central valleys eastward to the Appalachians. There is still a secondary depression in the Southwest, and rains have again occurred in the Northwestern states. There has been no important change in temperature conditions, with the exception of the cooler weather which has again appeared in the Far Northwest. Scattered showers are probable for a considerable portion of the country east of the Rockies. The temperature will rise still further in Eastern sections, but will fall in the Middle States Saturday night and Sunday.

The winds along the New England and middle Atlantic coasts will be moderate southerly; on the south Atlantic coast light variable; on the Gulf coast light to moderate southerly; on the lower lakes moderate southerly, and on the upper lakes moderate variable, shifting to northerly and increasing.

Steamers departing Saturday for European ports will have moderate south winds, with fair weather, followed by showers, to the Grand Banks.

**Forecast for Special Localities.**—For New England, increasing cloudiness and warmer to-day, followed by showers at night and Sunday; moderate south winds.

For Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, increasing cloudiness, with showers, to-day and Sunday; warmer to-day; cooler Sunday; moderate south winds.

For Western New York and Western Pennsylvania, local showers to-day and Sunday; warmer to-day; cooler Sunday; moderate south winds, becoming variable.

**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. |
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| 3 a. m. | 58 | 60 | 6 p. m. | 68 | 75 |
| 6 a. m. | 56 | 56 | 9 p. m. | 64 | 70 |
| 9 a. m. | 61 | 67 | 11 p. m. | 63 | 69 |
| 12 m. | 64 | 75 | 12 p. m. | 63 | — |
| 4 p. m. | 70 | 79 | | | |

Highest temperature yesterday, 79 degrees; lowest, 56; average, 68; average for corresponding date of last year, 63; average for corresponding date of last thirty-three years, 70.

Local forecast: Increasing cloudiness, with showers to-day and Sunday; warmer to-day; cooler Sunday; moderate south winds.

## JAMES WON'T BE COMMISSIONER.

### Man Who Criticised Supreme Court Justices Turns Down Job.

Justice Crane, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, received a letter from Darwin R. James, president of the Young Republican Club, yesterday, in which Mr. James refused to accept a commissionership to which the justice had appointed him. Mr. James and his followers last spring criticised the Supreme Court justices, charging them with waste of the public money in appointing referees, receivers and commissioners, and declaring that some favorite lawyers were getting rich from the court patronage.

In his letter Mr. James says he cannot accept the commissionership because of a "wise provision" in the constitution of the Young Republican Club "which disqualifies for membership officeholders or those receiving compensation in any way from the local, state or national government. This provision makes it impossible for any one to use the club for purposes of personal preferment and at the same time should act so as to prevent the misinterpretation of the acts of its officers."

## *Died.*

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

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| Adams, Mary M. | Harris, Hannah. |
| Armington, Mary A. B. | Henry, John P. |
| Bedell, Alice A. | Moore, Emma M. |
| Bracken, Maria L. C. | Mott, Mary I. |
| Bradley, Josephine A. | Pownall, Sarah A. |
| Bryan, S. Anne. | Shipman, Asa L. |
| Clarke, Frank. | Skinner, Andrew J. |
| Dowd, Mary E. H. | Warner, Harry B. |
| Handeran, Margaret A. | Washburn, Blanche M. |

ADAMS—Suddenly, on Thursday, at Sussex, N. J., Mary Margarum, wife of Elihu Adams, aged 35. Services at the residence of her mother, Mrs. T. F. Margarum, at Sussex, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 5, at 2 o'clock. Trains leave New York, Pennsylvania R. R., 8:25 a. m. Return train 5 p. m.

ARMINGTON—In East Providence, R. I., on September 3, Mary Augusta Butts, widow of Colonel James H. Armington, in her 64th year.

BEDELL—At Massapequa, Long Island, on September 3, 1909, Alice Amanda Bedell. Funeral services at Grace Church, Massapequa, on Tuesday, September 7, at 2 p. m.

BRACKEN—On Saturday, August 28, at her residence, in Washington st., Beaver Dam, Wis., Maria L. Cowing, wife of the late W. H. Bracken, in the 86th year of her age. Syracuse and Oneida (N. Y.) papers please copy.

BRADLEY—On September 2, 1909, Josephine A. Bradley, daughter of Eliza and the late Bernard Bradley. Funeral from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Tickel, No. 594 Henry st., Brooklyn, Saturday, September 4, at 2:30 p. m. Interment in Greenwood.

BRYAN—On Thursday, September 2, 1909, S. Anne, widow of Harry C. Bryan. Funeral private. Interment in Greenwood.

CLARKE—Suddenly, on Thursday morning, at his country place, Meath Hill,