PRESIDENT TO DR. COOK

SENDS HIM HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS.

Says Pride of All Americans Is Stirred—Dispatch in Reply to One from Discoverer.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 4.—President Taft made his first official comment to-day on the discovery of the North Pole by Dr. Frederick A. Cook. In answering a cable dispatch sent to him by Dr. Cook, reporting that he had reached the coveted point, Mr. Taft cabled back his heartiest congratulations. The exchange of messages was as follows:

Copenhagen, September 4.
President, The White House, Washington:
I have the honor to report to the Chief Magistrate of the United States that I have returned, having reached the North Pole.
FREDERICK A. COOK.

Beverly, Mass., September 4.
Frederick A. Cook, Copenhagen, Denmark:
Your dispatch received. Your report that you have reached the North Pole calls for my heartiest congratulations, and stirs the pride of all Americans that this feat which has so long baffled the world, has been accomplished by the intelligent energy and wonderful endurance of a fellow countryman. WILLIAM H. TAFT.

President Taft has taken the keenest interest in the news regarding the discovery ever since the brief bulletin was received on Wednesday afternoon. Always a great newspaper reader, he has taken a deep interest in the controversy which Dr. Cook's feat has aroused among the Arctic experts.

Minister Egan's cable dispatch of last Thursday to the State Department announcing that Dr. Cook's accomplishment had been confirmed by the Danish Commissioner for Greenland was repeated to the President, but he withheld any comment until receiving to-day the personal dispatch which Dr. Cook evidently filed as soon as he reached the Danish capital.

The Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Ballinger, is expected in Beverly on Monday, and doubtless will bring with him the reports called for by the President from various officials of the Interior Department.

President Taft's slight attack of sciatica had so far disappeared to-day that he resumed his golf playing on the links of the Myopia Club. His opponents were two of his college classmates, Howard Hollister and Judge General Warrenton, both of Cincinnati.

GOVERNOR HUGHES NON-COMMITTAL.

Not Ready to Say There Will Be a State Reception to Dr. Cook.

Saranac Inn., N. Y., Sept. 4.—Governor Hughes, who returned to his summer camp, near here, to-day from Albany, was asked whether the State of New York would officially recognize and celebrate the discovery of the North Pole by Dr. Frederick A. Cook, of Brooklyn. He said:

"Assuming that there is no question as to the fact of the discovery, it is certainly a marvellous achievement—the discovery of the age. And at the proper time all New Yorkers will without doubt wish to pay all just tribute to the discoverer. Just what form such an expression of public sentiment may take cannot, of course, be stated now. The matter has not as yet been brought to my attention in any form."

OHIO DEMOCRAT QUITS POLITICS.

Intimated That Failure of Republican Plums to Fall Is Cause of Action.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 4.—Charles A. Kloeb, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, resigned his $5 a day post as examiner in the State Bureau of Accounting, to-day, announcing that he would call the committee together and resign his chairmanship, quit politics forever and become field agent for an insurance company. He also withdrew papers filed with the Governor urging his appointment as successor of C. C. Lemoit, Republican State Insurance Commissioner. This is taken as an expression of dissatisfaction because of Governor Harmon's delay in ousting several Republican officeholders for whose posts Democratic campaign leaders are aspirants.

"The last campaign cost me $500," said Kloeb to-day. "I'm tired of politics."

NEW CHURCH FOR WESTBURY.

Factional Fight Settled, and Work on the Edifice Soon To Be Begun.

Westbury, Long Island, Sept. 4.—The factional fight which has existed some time between the people of this vicinity who are interested in the building of the new church at this place has at last been settled. It is now certain that within a short time work on the new edifice, which is to cost $50,000, will have begun.

The building committee, consisting of Mrs. Robert Bacon, Mrs. E. D. Morgan and Mrs. Charles Steele, have already made arrangements to submit the plans to Bishop Burgess, who, it is expected, will offer no objection to the erection of the church. The stone to be used in the building will be taken from the neighborhood. The church itself will be of unique design.

There are many wealthy residents in the vicinity of Westbury, and for a long while the proposition to erect the church has been discussed, but it was not until recently that the opposition was overcome.

TWENTY NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH.

One Fatally Injured When P. R. R. Flyer Dashes Past Indiana Station.

Hammond, Ind., Sept. 4.—George W. Jenks, of Detroit, Mich., was fatally injured, and a score of others narrowly escaped death late yesterday at Valparaiso, when the second section of the westbound Pennsylvania train ran past the station at fifty miles an hour while the eastbound flyer was at the station discharging passengers.

Several passengers were saved by being jerked from impending death by the station agent and other bystanders. The flyer was stopped and the engineer and conductor were held pending an investigation.

STANDARD FIGHTS BIG ASSESSMENT.

Increase from $7,360,000 Valuation to $13,073,078 Brings Jersey Corporation to Court.

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey began its legal battle in the courts yesterday to obtain a reduction on the assessed valuation of its immense plant in Bayonne. Legal notices in the case were served on Mayor Garven and Henry Hinse, the assessor.

The assessor raised the valuation recently from $7,360,000 to $13,073,078. When the assessor's books were sent to the Hudson County Board of Taxation the Standard got a hearing and inquired how Mr. Hinse had arrived at his figures. It developed that some Standard employes had talked, and that the assessor had also made secret trips through the works disguised as a laborer in order to obtain his knowledge first hand.

Charles Fuller, attorney for the Standard, served notice that he would fight the city for the immense increase. He has obtained from the Supreme Court a rule to show cause why a writ of certiorari should not issue calling for a review of the valuations as issued by the city. The writ is returnable at Trenton on September 21.

MAY DECLINE COLUMBIA OFFER.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Milwaukee, Sept. 4.—The Milwaukee School Board has decided to offer Charles F. Perry, head of the local trade school, double his present salary to remain in Milwaukee, and to refuse the offer of Columbia University as director of a department there. He will receive $6,000 a year, the salary offered by Columbia, and there is little doubt that he will remain here.

LOWELL INAUGURATION.

Preliminary Plan Announced at Harvard University.

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 4.—Three days will be devoted to the exercises incidental to the inauguration of Dr. Abbott Lawrence Lowell as president of Harvard University, the preliminary programme for which was announced to-night. The formal inauguration ceremonies will take place on October 6 next, but the attendant celebration will cover both the preceding day and the following day. The first day will be given over to the enrollment of guests and an informal reception at the Harvard Union in the evening to the delegates of universities, colleges and learned societies.

On Wednesday, October 6, at 10:30 a. m., the inaugural ceremonies will be held in the college yard, and will be followed by the president's address and the conferring of honorary degrees. A luncheon will be given by the Harvard Alumni Association at the Harvard Union. In the afternoon the Harvard Alumni Association will hold a meeting in Memorial Hall, at which the guests of the day will be present. In the evening at 8 o'clock there will be a concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Sanders's Theatre, to be followed at 9:30 o'clock by a celebration by the students of the university in the stadium. The nature of this celebration has not yet been announced.

Brief addresses will be made at a meeting in Sanders's Theatre on Thursday morning, October 7, by a representative of the delegates from foreign institutions and by a representative of the delegates from institutions in the United States. At 1:30 p. m. President and Mrs. Lowell will tender a reception and luncheon to the delegates and members of faculties in the faculty room, University Hall. The remainder of the afternoon will be devoted to visits to the various departments of the university.

At an afternoon tea at 4:30 o'clock at the Harvard Medical School, in Boston, the president and fellows, the board of overseers, delegates, faculties, alumni and students of the university will be received by the faculty of medicine and the Harvard Medical Alumni Association. The celebration will end with a dinner at the Harvard Union, given by the president and fellows of Harvard College in honor of the delegates of other universities, colleges and learned societies.

MR. PINCHOT'S VIEWS.

Expects Big Fight in Congress Over Water Power Rights.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 4.—In an address before the City Club to-day Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry bureau, said he did not desire to talk on forestry but would like to talk about conservation of natural resources, which, he said, was one of the greatest movements of the times. He said in part:

The lines in this country are being pretty closely drawn between those who stand for good government and those who stand for special privileges. The square deal is what we seek as a weapon in the controversy between the people and the money interests. I feel that the time has come for men to stand up and be counted.

There is a big fight coming up in the next Congress and it will be on the question of water power rights. The men who control water power in the end, unless the government controls them, will control industry.

One thing President Taft is solemnly pledged to with all his administration, and that is to carry out these Roosevelt policies; but, what is more important is, that they have been adopted into the minds of the American people.

Suppose the present tendency should go on. We have seen great trusts building up. Suppose the utilities fall into the same category as the railroads. It is a pretty picture to suppose that all these resources will fall into the hands of a little group of men, to decide what parts of the country should be developed. I am an optimist, and do not believe we ever shall reach that condition; but, unless our people take the action I think they will take, we shall reach it very soon.

STRIKE WITNESSES GONE.

Gave Testimony in Government Inquiry at McKees Rocks.

Pittsburg Sept. 4.—Trouble has cropped out in a dozen different places in Schoenville, where the plant of the Pressed Steel Car Company is tied up with a strike. Several men wanted in connection with the federal peonage inquiry are missing.

Samuel Cohn, the alleged leader of the strike breakers; his chief henchman, "Big Jack" Shepard, said to be a former member of the "Monk" Eastman gang in New York, and T. A. Farrell, former chief of the car company police, have disappeared from the city.

Two members of Troop B, Pennsylvania State Police, quartered at Schoenville, were arrested and court martialled early to-day. After a brief hearing they were sentenced to dismissal.

A committee appointed by the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce called on James H. Rider, general superintendent of the Pressed Steel Car Company, again to-day. The result of their conference was not made public. 'Strikers' committees were also in consultation with Mr. Rider.

Business in Schoenville becomes more stagnant daily. Many shopkeepers have been compelled to close their doors, and the few that remain open do little business.

TOOK TWO SHOTS TO KILL HIMSELF.

Elderly Man Fires Bullet in His Brain After First Attempt Fails.

Mount Holly, N. J., Sept. 4 (Special).—His first bullet, aimed at his heart, having failed to kill him, Charles Reilly, sixty-five years old, fired a second one through his brain early to-day, and thus ended his life. His body was found near the grounds of the Medford Field Club.

Reilly had been well to do, but it is said he had lost money. He was a constant sufferer from heart trouble, and had repeatedly threatened to kill himself. His son, William, who had succeeded him in the undertaker business in Medford, where he lived, took charge of the body.

KILLED IN DUEL ACROSS TABLE.

Georgian Renewed Quarrel of Long Standing with Fatal Result to Himself.

Poulan, Ga., Sept. 4.—Seated across a narrow table from each other, William Rouse and William Bailey fought a duel with pistols to-day that ended when Bailey received a bullet in his heart. Rouse telephoned the Sheriff to come for him.

Bailey lived in the northern part of Worth County. He had an old grudge with Rouse. To-day he went to Rouse's home and renewed the quarrel. Rouse was sitting at a table writing. Bailey sat down opposite him, drew his pistol and began firing. Rouse drew his also and returned the fire, one of the bullets killing Bailey instantly.

BUICK AND SIMPLEX CARS TIE.

Lowell, Mass., Sept. 4.—Louis Chevrolet, in the Buick, and George Robertson, in the Simplex, tied for first honors so far as speed was concerned in the try-outs on the Merrimac automobile course to-day. Both covered the 10.6 miles in 11 minutes, 10 seconds.

Burman, in a Buick, was one second slower, and Harry Grant, in the Alco, came next in time. He did the course in 11 minutes, 40 seconds, while Lorimer, in the Chalmers, just clipped the circuit in 12 minutes flat.

Although some thirty-two drivers and cars were out for work, the times recorded were not so fast as were those of the previous day. This unquestionably was owing to the foggy atmosphere.

TELEPHONE ON TELEGRAPH WIRES.

The Philadelphia & Reading has adopted the new device for the transmission of routine messages, known as the composite telephone system, which permits the use of the telegraph lines for telephone communications simultaneous with the use of the same lines for telegraphic transmission.

The system was installed by the Western Electric Company on the Morse wires between Cressona and Ellendale Forge, on the Schuylkill & Susquehanna branch. Seven telephone and three intermediate telegraph stations are equipped. The apparatus is designed for the handling of local routine communications between given points. The system, as devised by the Western Electric Company, is designed to save the cost of running additional line wires and erecting poles.

RENOMINATED FOR THE ASSEMBLY.

Romulus, N. Y., Sept. 4.—Alexander C. Martin, of Seneca Falls, was renominated for the Assembly by the Republican county convention of Seneca County, which met here to-day.

SEEK TRAIN WRECKER

THREE DIE IN B. & O. CRASH

Seventeen Hurt When Royal Blue Is Derailed—Reward of $25,000.

New Castle, Penn., Sept. 4.—Seeking a reward of $25,000 offered by the railroad company, over a hundred men, all members of state, railway or private criminal catching organizations, are here to-night straightening out a maze of bewildering clews that may lead to the discovery of the person or persons who early to-day pulled the spikes from a sixty-foot rail on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad near the siding known on train schedules as Chewton, ditching the Royal Blue flyer.

The train was on its way from New York to Chicago. Three persons were killed and seventeen injured.

THE DEAD.

DILL, Charles A., engineer, Chicago Junction, Ohio.
WHEATCRAFT, George, baggage master, Chicago Junction, Ohio.
CAVANAUGH, E. P., chief boiler inspector, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Baltimore.

It is believed to-night that all of the injured will recover. Most of them received only slight injuries.

Two men were arrested at Elwood City, Penn., at 8 o'clock to-night on suspicion of being connected with the wrecking. Baltimore & Ohio Railway detectives "sweated" the suspected men until after 11 o'clock. Superintendent Delehanty of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway police said over the telephone that he believed the men would make confessions before morning.

That a hundred lives were not lost in the wreck is due to the quick action of the fireman, Purcell, who escaped death by a leap from the engine cab as the heavy engine and two cars somersaulted over a steep embankment.

When he felt the heavy engine lurch and leave the rails Purcell jumped to the right side of the cab and threw over the emergency brakes, thus saving the ditching of the two Pullman sleepers attached to the flyer. The brakes on the Pullman car were found to be tightly set and the cars immovable. Purcell saved his life by jumping from the right side of the engine cab. His leap threw him from the rolling engine, while the engineer, in his effort to escape death, was thrown directly in the path of the lurching mass of steel and iron.

The more seriously injured passengers were in the day coach, which, rolling on its side and sliding down the steep embankment, was fired by hot coals and engine oil as soon as it reached a resting place in the gutters of the fill-in. With hand grenades the surviving train crew extinguished the flames. The injured were placed on the rough ballast of the track bed, and a brakeman was sent back to Chewton siding, where the first news of the wreck was sent out.

Motives for the wreck are few. No money was aboard the flyer, according to express company officials. The loosened fish plates and pulled spikes, however, are evidence that some one skilled in railroading was responsible for the wreck.

"Malicious mischief" and "the deed of fiends" are phrases used by the railway officials in announcing the extent of the wreck. They deny the rumors accredited to them that they blame former employes of the road. "We accuse no one," said General Superintendent Finney to-night. This, however, is as far as the officials will go.

Only one definite fact was established to-day. The wreckers, after they had made the derailing of the flyer a certainty, escaped across the marshy fields in the general direction of Wampum, a lonely foreign settlement three miles from the railroad and as many more from here. Bloodhounds used by the railroad detectives followed a trail from the wreck scene, but after bringing up abruptly at a slaughtering pen used by New Castle butchers at Wampum, the animals lost the seemingly fresh scent and refused to be goaded on any further.

To-night the consensus of opinion was expressed by one of the Baltimore & Ohio police when he said: "The train wreckers are in the vicinity of New Castle. They have not attempted to fly, nor will they. They left the scene of their dastardly work, and, taking a roundabout way, came right back to the place they started from."

Late to-day $44,000 was deposited at a local bank by railway secret service men to the credit of Henry Millard, of Lafarge, Wis., who lies injured at the Shenango sanatorium. Millard carried a grip from New York City containing this amount in negotiable bonds, securities and cash and had placed the satchel under a seat in the day coach. When the train was ditched the satchel was lost for a time, but was recovered by railway employes. Millard was greatly relieved to learn late to-day that his wealth had been taken care of.

From the Shenango Hospital came the story of the heroic rescue by a mother of her two little boys.

The mother, Mrs. Mary Domnice, of Chicago, was seated in the passenger coach, with her two little ones tucked up on a seat in front of her. As the train shot over the steep embankment the mother's first thought was for her boys. No sooner had the heavy coach settled on its side than Mrs. Domnice began her battle for safety and the rescue of her sons. Breaking her way through a car window, the mother first clambered out. Then, leaping from the overturned car, she hoisted the little fellows to the ground and safety.

The cut and bruised mother, despite her injuries, carried her two boys up the steep hill to the track, where she swooned. The little fellows were badly lacerated by splintered glass, and their whimpers added to the distress of the dismal wreck scene. When the relief train brought physicians the mother insisted that her boys receive aid before she would submit to being bandaged. In a hysterical condition the woman and her boys were brought to the hospital, and when internes attempted to separate the little family the mother again fainted. All three were later placed in a large ward bed. None will die.

LIVES OF TWO HUNDRED IN PERIL.

Alleged That Negro Tried to Wreck New York Flyer in Indiana.

Hammond, Ind., Sept. 4.—The lives of two hundred persons on the New York flyer of the Michigan Central Railroad leaving Chicago before noon yesterday were jeopardized by the work of a negro who gave his name as Michael Durhan, of Terre Haute, Ind. The effort to wreck the flyer took place near East Gary, where the trains take up water by means of a scoop from a trough buried beneath the rails. Section men discovered that heavy timbers had been wedged into the trough.

The train travels at fifty miles an hour at this point, and had the section men not discovered the obstructions the train would undoubtedly have been wrecked. The negro was found in the woods near by, and it is said admitted his guilt.

P. R. R. BANDIT STILL AT LARGE.

Bloodhound Unable to Proceed Further—Mountain Hunt Temporarily Abandoned.

Lewistown, Penn., Sept. 4.—The chase of the bandit who held up Robert Little last night and is also thought to be the man who robbed the Pennsylvania Railroad express train last Tuesday morning was temporarily abandoned this afternoon. The bloodhound was unable to proceed further through the mountains for want of water, and its owner, W. H. Walker, of Washington, Penn., was completely exhausted and lacerated from contact with briars.

The fleeing robber doubled his tracks back to near a point where he is supposed to have slept last night, and then took a course over the mountain in the direction of Licking Creek. The trail made by him is near the top of the mountain, which is covered with bowlders, briars and underbrush. Six armed men remained on the chase until the hound succumbed. Another searching party has been sent to the Licking Creek region by way of Minehart Gap.

TRYING FOR BICYCLE RECORD.

At 12:01 a. m. to-day Charles Dusel, of Newark, N. J., left the City Hall here in an attempt to break the bicycle record from New York to Boston, a distance of 249 miles. The present record is held by Joe Noe, of Jersey City, and is 20 hours and 36 minutes. Dusel will be paced to Bridgeport by Joe Noe, the present holder of the record. Jesse Pike, Ed Wilk and Charles Hausenbauer, of Brooklyn, will accompany him for 100 miles, with the intention of returning immediately, and thus riding a double century. Hausenbauer recently established a record from Brooklyn to Sag Harbor and return, covering the 225 miles in the fast time of 16 hours 37 minutes.

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INCOME TAX LEAGUE

Formed at Albany—Bryan Writes Resolutions—Little Interest.

Albany, Sept. 4.—The Income Tax League of the State of New York was organized to-day at a meeting of "Progressive" Democrats at the Ten Eyck Hotel. The large delegation that had been expected failed to appear, and when J. Francis Condon, of Utica, the secretary, called the meeting to order, only a dozen delegates were present.

Mr. Condon read the call which was sent out from Utica last month, and in connection therewith read a statement concerning an editorial which had appeared in "The Albany Argus" on the subject of a federal income tax, which he said was one of a series opposing the project.

"Common report has it," said Mr. Condon, "that they are written by the masterful hand of David Bennett Hill, who is also stage manager of the performance to be given at Saratoga next week, and who is assisted by Jerome, who is fond of calling Thomas Jefferson a fakir. Another reason why it was wise for the friends of the income tax to take the initiative is proved by an effort to muzzle Judge Van Wyck because he will not oppose the federal income tax among them."

Harry W. Walker, of New York, one of those instrumental in bringing about to-day's meeting, moved the selection of John S. Crosby, of New York, as presiding officer, after which the organization of the league was perfected through the adoption of the following resolutions which had been prepared by William J. Bryan, and which were offered by Michael B. Murphy, of Malone:

Whereas, Our federal Constitution, as construed by the Supreme Court, prohibits the collection of an income tax except in a very restricted form; and

Whereas, An income tax is not only just, but may, in time of war or other emergency, become imperatively necessary; and

Whereas, President Taft recommended the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution, specifically authorizing the collection of such a tax; and

Whereas, Such an amendment has, by a unanimous vote in the Senate and by an almost unanimous vote in the House, been submitted to the states for ratification; therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of the Income Tax League of the State of New York, heartily favor the ratification of the said income tax amendment, and pledge ourselves and our organization to use every honorable means to secure such ratification by the Legislature of the State of New York at its next session; and, further

Resolved, That we urge all voters who favor ratification of such income tax amendment to publicly pledge all candidates for the state Legislature to vote for the ratification of such an income tax amendment.

Officers were elected as follows: President, John S. Crosby, New York; vice-presidents, Harry W. Walker, New York; E. F. Hunting, Albany; W. J. Saunders, Franklin; Guinn Guinnip, Chemung; A. J. Elias, Erie; secretary, J. Francis Condon, Oneida; treasurer, James L. Dempsey, Oneida. Frank L. Lobdell, of Plattsburg, was named as chairman of the executive committee.

United States Senator Gore, of Oklahoma; Congressman Ollie James, of Kentucky; Augustus Thomas, of New York; William R. Hearst, Justice Gaynor and others of prominence, who it had been announced had been invited to address the meeting, did not attend. All except Senator Gore sent regrets. There were no speeches, and after adopting resolutions commending certain newspapers for advocating the income tax the meeting adjourned.

Those in attendance included Harry W. Walker and John S. Crosby, of New York; Simeon W. Holroyd, E. F. Hunting and John Zwark, Albany; James L. Dempsey, Clinton, Oneida County; Michael B. Murphy and John P. Slattery, Malone; Frank L. Lobdell, Plattsburg; J. Frank Condon and Cornelius Haley, Utica, and Guinn Guinnip, Elmira.

Albert E. Hoyt, editor of "The Argus," had this to say after the meeting relative to Secretary Condon's allusion to "The Argus":

"Mr. Condon says he supposed our income tax editorials to be written by ex-Senator Hill. I supposed Mr. Condon knew more. He and I were both mistaken."

Albany County's delegation to the Democratic conference at Saratoga next week will include ex-Justice D. Cady Herrick, Colonel William G. Rice, Simon W. Rosendale, General Amasa J. Parker, Curtis N. Douglas, John Bowe, Jacob L. Ten Eyck, A. Page Smith, William T. Mayer, William J. Sheehan, Jacob C. E. Scot, Parker Corning, William H. Keeler, Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. Davis, Robert E. Whalen, William M. Hussey, Joseph A. Lawson, O. L. Husey, James McCredie and several from Cohoes and Watervliet.

FUSION PARTY INCORPORATED.

Justice Amend Approves Certificate—Objects of New Organization.

Justice Amend approved yesterday the certificate of incorporation of the Fusion party. The membership of the party is the same that constitutes the Democratic Union. Benjamin Franklin, counsel for the party, explained yesterday that the Democratic party would fight in the coming campaign under that name, but on the election ballot would use the name of the Fusion party. This is made necessary by the election laws, under which Tammany Hall enjoys the exclusive right to be officially known as the Democratic party in Manhattan and The Bronx.

The objects of the party are to promote Democratic principles, the nomination of candidates for elective public offices in the city and county of New York, the advocation of home rule in government, borough autonomy in greater New York and non-partisanship in municipal administration. The eight directors are John J. O'Connell, John G. Feeney, John Duffy, Benjamin Franklin, Ernest Harvier, Daniel S. Jacobs, William J. Mead and Conrad Muller, jr.

Mr. Franklin sent the certificate of incorporation to Albany, to be filed with the Secretary of State.

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OBITUARY.

WILLIAM H. SINGER.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Watch Hill, R. I., Sept. 4.—William H. Singer, the wealthy Pittsburg man who was thrown out of his automobile recently, died at the New Watch Hill House to-day. Mr. Singer had few conscious moments since the accident, but had once recognized his wife and family and spoken to those at his bedside. He received many injuries about the body, but the one which caused his death was a wound at the base of the brain. At the bedside of the dying man his wife and immediate family had been in constant attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Singer had always been afraid of automobiles, and had not used them to any extent before this summer at Watch Hill. The accident which caused his death was due to the effort of his chauffeur to avoid running into a farm wagon which turned sharply as the car was trying to pass it. The Singer automobile was ditched, throwing out its occupants and injuring all of the party. Mr. Singer was found under the car in an unconscious condition and was brought back to the Watch Hill House, where he and his family were spending the summer.

W. H. Singer created a sensation a year ago last May, when, at his golden wedding anniversary, he gave as a favor to each of his guests $4,000,000 in stocks and bonds. The guests were the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Singer—William Henry Singer, jr., a landscape artist; George Singer, in the iron and steel business in Pittsburg; Mrs. William Ross Proctor, wife of a Philadelphia architect, and Miss Marguerite Singer, now Mrs. Robert Milligan, of Pittsburg. It was said that the reason for disposing of so much of his fortune at that time was a premonition of approaching death by violence.

Mr. Singer's fortune, before he gave away so much of it, amounted to between $20,000,000 and $25,000,000. Most of this was made in the iron and steel business, Mr. Singer having been the founder of the firm of Singer, Nimick & Co., one of the pioneer steel concerns of the country. In addition, however, he made a large amount of money in real estate and financial enterprises. He was also prominent in the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

William Henry Singer, jr., last summer received a Black Hand letter, as did also a number of other prominent and wealthy citizens of Sewickley. This so frightened Mrs. Singer that she insisted upon her husband hurriedly leaving the country. They went to Norway, where Mr. Singer could paint to his heart's content and where they hoped to escape the Black Hand.

COLONEL PETER J. M'AVOY.

Peter J. McAvoy, who retired fourteen years ago, after twenty years' service on the police force, and who was made a brevet colonel after fighting in the Civil War and during a campaign in China in 1856, died on Friday at his Brooklyn home, No. 17 Walworth street. He had lived there for seventy-two of his eighty-seven years.

Colonel McAvoy was the head and, until his death, the only survivor of the crew that made an assault on the Barrier forts on the Canton River in China in 1856. He recruited and fed four hundred men when the call for volunteers was made in the Civil War. He leaves two daughters. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning at the Church of St. Louis, Brooklyn.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL C. LEMLY.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Captain Samuel C. Lemly, formerly judge advocate general of the navy, who became prominent in connection with the famous Schley court of inquiry, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in this city, at 7 o'clock last night.

Full military honors will be accorded Captain Lemly on the occasion of his funeral, which will take place from St. John's Episcopal Church on Monday morning. The escort will consist of the Marine Band and two companies of marines. The honorary pallbearers will include these naval officers: Captain W. F. Halsey, Captain A. G. Winterhalter, Commander C. W. Dyson, Medical Director G. E. H. Harmon, Paymaster David Potter and Colonel C. H. Lauchheimer. The burial will be in Arlington Cemetery.

Captain Lemly was on temporary duty in the Navy Department during 1906 and 1907, but was detached in February of the following year, since which time he had performed no naval duty. He had been in failing health for some years. He was an officer aboard the naval vessel Thetis, which, with two other ships, made up the Greely relief expedition to the Arctic regions in 1881. Captain W. S. Schley, now rear admiral, on the retired list, was the commanding officer of the squadron, with the Thetis as his flagship. Naval officers remarked on the singular fact that it should have been Captain Lemly who in later years was the judge advocate of the court of inquiry which investigated the conduct of Admiral Schley at the battle of Santiago, the court having been appointed at the request of the admiral.

Captain Lemly was one of the best known officers of the navy, and as a raconteur he was said to have few if any equals in the establishment. He spent much of his time in Washington, and was commissioned judge advocate general for three successive terms, serving in that capacity after his transfer to the retired list, June 17, 1902. He leaves a wife and a daughter, who is attending school. Captain Lemly's wife was a Miss Milliken, of this city.

Captain Lemly was a native of North Carolina, where he was born fifty-six years ago, and was appointed a midshipman from that state in June, 1869.

From September 13th to 18th inclusive
Madison Square Garden
Will resemble a big bake shop, confectionery and ice cream manufacturing plant.
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Good music and good things to eat.

MACK EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE.

Democratic National Chairman Expects Saratoga Meeting to Unite All Elements.

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 4.—Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said to-day that he looked to the meeting of the Democrats of the State of New York at Saratoga next week to result in drawing all the elements of the party in that state together with a solid front for the coming campaign.

Mr. Mack, with his wife, his mother-in-law and Mrs. Frances Taggart, Donald McKay, of Buffalo, and J. W. Rowley of Derby, passed through this city in an automobile en route for Lenox, Mass., where Mr. Mack expects to spend a month. He said he was greatly interested in the gathering. The party expects to stop in Waterbury over night.

TWO STEAMBOATS TO MEET METZ.

Controller, Returning on German Liner, Will Find More than 2,000 Persons Aboard.

Two steamers will go to meet the steamship Kronprinzessin Cecilie on Tuesday to greet Controller Metz, who is a passenger on the North German Lloyd liner. A committee of about one hundred and twenty-five persons, of which former Congressman James R. Howe is chairman and Nathaniel H. Levi and B. Clifford Cline are vice-chairmen, will sail at about 6 o'clock in the morning on the steamer John T. Timmons. The Iron Steamboat Company's steamer Sirius will take a party of more than two thousand persons, leaving Pier 1, N. R., at 9 o'clock. The time of leaving for the Timmons and the Sirius may be changed if the arrival of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie should be earlier or later than expected.

On the Timmons will be a sub-committee, composed of John E. Eastmond, Mr. Cline, J. H. Quinlan, Paul Ajas and Daniel C. Potter, of the Controller's staff. They will board the big German liner at Quarantine. Mr. Eastmond said yesterday that the proposed reception to Mr. Metz was by his business friends, regardless of their political views. The men at the head of the committee, he said, included both Republicans and Democrats.

DEMOCRATIC UNION'S PLANS.

Nominating Convention To Be Held on September 23—Basis of Representation.

The part which the Democratic Union intends to take in the fusion movement was made known at the Gilsey House last night. On Tuesday evening, September 23, the same night on which the Republicans meet at Carnegie Hall, the Democratic Union will hold its nominating convention for the naming of three city, eight county and five borough officers. The basis of representation at this convention will be one delegate for each election district in Manhattan and The Bronx. The executive committeemen in each district will designate the delegates, each of whom must be a resident of the election district which he is to represent, an enrolled Democrat in it at last year's election and a member of the Democratic Union. There will be five delegates-at-large.

It is expected that long before the convention a harmonious fusion of all anti-Tammany bodies will have been effected, and the Democratic Union will indorse such fusion candidates. The Democratic Committee of One Hundred will meet some night this week to organize for work. Robert Townsend is its chairman.

DIRECT PRIMARY CANDIDATE LOSES.

Norwich, N. Y., Sept. 4.—Samuel A. Jones, candidate for the Assembly from Chenango County on the direct primary issue, was defeated in the Republican caucus in Norwich, his home town, to-day, by a vote of 568 to 228. Returns from other towns in the county indicate that Mr. Jones will have only ten delegates in the convention to be held next Tuesday out of a possible sixty-three.