JILTED BARONET WEALTHY

Duke's Daughter Heard Tale of American Flirtation.

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That the severance of Sir Hill Child's engagement to Lady Helen Grosvenor, the pretty youngest daughter of the late Duke of Westminster, should have taken place immediately on his recent return from the United States tends to confirm the story current in London that if the match is off it is owing to news received by Lady Helen of an infatuation of her fiancé for somebody on this side of the ocean, rumors of which were current during his stay here.

The action of Lady Helen is calculated to impair somewhat the popularity hitherto enjoyed by Sir Hill Child both at court and in English society. For she is, despite her youth—she is only twenty-four years old—half-sister to the Duchess of Teck and the Marchioness of Ormonde and aunt to the countesses of Beauchamp and Shaftesbury, as well as to the Duke of Westminster; the ladies Shaftesbury and Beauchamp being the two most intimate friends of Queen Mary, while the Duchess of Teck is the latter's sister-in-law.

Sir Hill Child is head of an old family and is rich, his wealth being derived from an old established banking concern, though he himself is a soldier by profession, and served as a subaltern of the Irish Guards during the South African war. The original name of the family was L'Enfant, and Robert L'Enfant was provost of Shrewsbury in the thirteenth century. The family name was transformed into Le Chylde, and from that into Child. Since the beginning of the seventeenth century the family has been settled in Staffordshire, and for the last two hundred and fifty years the eldest son of the family has always borne Smith as a Christian name.

It was Admiral Sir Smith Hill Child who commanded, as captain, the Europe in the two actions of the British fleet against the French squadron of Admiral De Grasse at the mouth of the Chesapeake a few weeks before the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. The baronetcy was bestowed by Queen Victoria on the grandfather of the present Sir Hill Child in recognition of his services as representative in Parliament of the northern division of Staffordshire for thirty years.

Sir Hill Child was a member of the exceedingly gay house party of the Duke and Duchess of Westminster at Eaton Hall in honor of the young Queen of Spain last August, and took an active part in the polo games and gymkana. It was during the course of that house party that his engagement to Lady Helen Grosvenor, who was one of his fellow guests, became known, and among the first to offer their good wishes and congratulations to the fiancés were the Spanish sovereigns.

Officiates at His Own Wedding.

The stories that the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, now under indictment at Boston for the murder of his fiancée, Miss Avis Linnell, had performed a ceremony of marriage, uniting himself in matrimony with the ill-fated girl so as to quiet her scruples, serves to recall a notable trial which took place fifty years ago or more in the Court of Queen's Bench in Dublin. The case arose through a clergyman of the then State Church of Ireland, the Rev. John Beamish, secretly marrying a young woman, going through all the essential forms of the ceremony on his own behalf and placing the ring on the bride's finger. Later on he wished to get rid of the girl, and when she asserted that he had married her, performing the ceremony himself, he first of all denied with indignation that he had solemnized any ceremony of the kind, and then added that, even if he had done so, it would have been invalid.

During the trial a witness turned up who had seen from a window of a house on the opposite side of the narrow street the young clergyman going through the essential forms of the ceremony, and who had observed his reading from the liturgical marriage service and the placing of the ring on her finger, etc.

The presiding judge, Sir William Crampton, one of the most eminent jurists that have ever occupied a seat on the bench of the supreme court of Ireland, expounded the law at great length, to the effect that a clergyman had a perfect right to officiate at his own wedding, and to perform the ceremony; consequently that the marriage of the Rev. John Beamish was thoroughly valid and binding and could be severed only by divorce.

German Commanding British Navy.

Although Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman is the newly appointed First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, yet it seems to be pretty well understood that the dominant professional member of the Royal Commission, in which the former office of Lord High Admiral of the realm is vested, and to whose views all the other members of the board will defer, in professional matters, is Vice-Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg. That none of the members of the naval service, nor indeed any Briton, should take exception to this speaks volumes for the extent to which this German noble has managed to win the confidence of the people of the land of his adoption.

The prince is generally regarded as a royal personage. But this is not the case. He is the offspring of a morganatic union between Prince Alexander of Hesse, brother of the late Czarina, and of a Russo-German untitled maiden of the name of Julia Hauke. She was raised to the rank of the ordinary Hessian nobility by the then reigning Grand Duke of Hesse, first as Countess Battenberg, and then as Princess Battenberg, and the title was made transmissible to her children.

Prince Louis is, through his marriage to the eldest sister of the present Grand Duke of Hesse, a brother-in-law of the present Czar and Czarina and of Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, Prince Henry being the ranking officer and one of the builders of the new German navy.

Prince Louis is also a lieutenant general in the Hessian, that is to say, in the German army, and as all those Americans who met him on the occasion of his visit to Annapolis, Washington and New York, in command of England's fourth cruiser squadron, may recall, speaks English with a pronounced German accent. This is not surprising, when it is borne in mind that he was brought up wholly in Germany, as a German boy, without learning English, until he made up his mind, when about fourteen or fifteen years old, to obtain through his cousin, Grand Duchess Alice of Hesse, permission from her mother, Queen Victoria, to enter the English navy.

That his relations with his German kinsfolk are most affectionate is shown by the fact that the flag which floated from the masthead of his flagship Drake when he visited the United States was a silken affair, the handiwork of his sister-in-law, Princess Henry of Prussia. I am sorry to say that in some mysterious manner it was stolen during his stay in New York, though how it could have been abstracted, either from the masthead by day or from the flag room by night, has always remained a mystery. The prince lost a great many other things, even to his very hair brushes, which were carried off by souvenir hunters. But the flag was the only thing that he really regretted.

Prince Louis and his wife, the latter a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, and therefore a first cousin of the Kaiser and of King George, usually rent a house in London for the season. But their real home is the estate and chateau of Heiligenberg, near Darmstadt, which was presented by the late Czarina to her favorite brother, Prince Alexander, and bequeathed by him to his son Louis.

The prince, who by-the-bye, is uncle of the Queen of Spain and related in one way or another to almost every reigning house in Europe, has received pressing requests from the Kaiser, but more especially from his brother-in-law the Czar, to abandon the English navy and to take service under either the German or the Russian flag, with vastly increased rank and all sorts of other advantages. But he turned a deaf ear to all temptations of this kind and has stayed in the British navy, where he enjoys probably to-day more personal popularity than any officer of the service. This is partly due to his charm of manner and utter absence of stiffness and hauteur, being able, as a prince, to permit himself more freedom with professional subordinates than other officers of his grade. It is also because he has had the tact to steer clear of all those quarrels, notably those between Lord Fisher and Lord Charles Beresford, which for a time divided the entire English navy into rival camps, in a manner completely subversive of all discipline. Indeed, he remains to-day as warm and trusted a friend of Fisher as of Beresford.

When the intense suspicion that, thanks to the war scare mongers, prevails in England with regard to everything pertaining, even indirectly, to Germany, is borne in mind, it is altogether amazing that this German prince should be considered everywhere so thoroughly loyal a Briton that no one, not even the most jingo of English Chauvinists nor reckless of British Germanophobists, should take any exception whatsoever to his becoming the admittedly most important and influential member of the board ruling the royal navy, and on which the entire British Empire relies both to protect it from foreign attack and to prepare the naval defences of the empire for that war with Germany which the vast majority of people on both sides of the North Sea, and indeed in all parts of the world, regard as inevitable.

No more eloquent testimony than this can be furnished of the complete confidence which the prince has succeeded in winning for himself everywhere in Great Britain. It is a tribute of which he has every right to be extremely proud, and it may not be amiss to state here that among all ranks of the English navy, and even among foreign naval experts, he enjoys the reputation of being a wonderfully able and resourceful commander, an able strategist and the inventor of many useful devices in signalling, gunnery, equipment, etc., which have been adopted by the American navy as well as by the English.

MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

BAPTISTS GET $250,000

End Short Campaign to Raise Fund for Aged Ministers.

Baptists got $250,000 yesterday, having completed a campaign of six weeks successfully, and at their headquarters, in Madison Square, it was said last night that not only was the sum in hand, but it was somewhat oversubscribed. The finishing touch was a telegram from Pennsylvania which said $50,000 was in a bank there, ready to be drawn upon.

The campaign was started by the offer of $50,000 on condition that others give $200,000 by Christmas Day. The maker of the offer said he would not extend the time. The purpose of the campaign was to help aged ministers. There have long been state agencies, but this was the first of the Northern Baptist Convention, a body representing many states. In the list of beneficiaries missionaries are included as well as ministers. The $250,000 is the beginning of a fund of $1,000,000 which it is hoped to obtain within a few years for this purpose. Speaking of it, the Rev. Dr. E. T. Tomlinson, of Elizabeth, N. J., said last night:

"While most of the money was secured in the East, the West did nobly. I want to say that Baptists, as a whole, gave this $200,000. There were no large gifts. Many persons had part in it. Great credit is due the Rev. Dr. Henry L. Morehouse for his part in it. We are all happy to-night."

The part of Dr. Morehouse was a gift of $10,000, if needed to meet the conditions. The giver is one of the best known home mission secretaries in America, and the gift represents the savings of a lifetime.

HONOR CARDINAL'S BROTHER

Signor Merry del Val a Dinner Guest at Catholic Club.

A dinner and reception was given at the Catholic Club last night for Signor Domingo Merry del Val, brother of Cardinal Merry del Val, Papal Secretary of State. Prior to the reception Judge Michael J. Mulqueen, president of the club, entertained Signor Merry del Val at dinner in the clubhouse. Other guests at the dinner were Monsignors Mooney and Hayes, Thomas J. Mulry, Joseph J. O'Donohue, jr., Captain John D. McDonald, U. S. A.; Colonel Louis D. Conley, Charities Commissioner Drummond, William E. Paine, Dr. Charles E. Nammack and Percy J. King.

Following this dinner the reception was held, at which about one hundred and fifty guests were present. Toasts were given to the Pope and to Cardinals Farley and Merry del Val.

MRS. ANDERSON SEEKS DIVORCE

Her Husband a Cousin of Larz Anderson, Former Diplomat.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—Declaring that her husband has never supported her properly, but has contracted bills for his own use and benefit, which she paid, and that as frequently as twice a month for several years, until they separated, last September, he was in the habit of remaining away from home two and three nights at a time without giving any explanation, Mrs. Maria L. B. Anderson to-day filed suit for divorce against her husband, Francis B. Anderson, a cousin of Larz Anderson, former Minister to Belgium. Mrs. Anderson further charges that because of intemperate habits he has been compelled to take treatment at different institutions in New York State.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, who are close personal friends of the Tafts and who belong to the exclusive social set in Cincinnati, were married at Pawtucket, R. I., in August, 1901. They are also well known in society circles in Rhode Island.

NEW YORK FROM THE SUBURBS.

All applications for special licenses to be used in New York on New Year's Eve have been denied. This will help some in the way of making New Year's Eve safe and sane.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The New York police are too busy falling around the side doors and whacking up the loot with the crooks to be able to offer any protection to a mere President of the United States.—Washington Post.

A New York juror was discharged because he thought the premeditation with which the accused was charged with killing his victim was a new fangled sort of weapon. And yet Gotham revels in tales of rural ignorance.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

London takes delight in "American nights" at Hammerstein's Grand Opera House, but there is nothing New York abominates more than an American night at the Metropolitan.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

New York is making a determined effort to get the Democratic National Convention. It has been so long since New York has had a convention that the big city has forgotten what one would look like.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A busy Englishman came over on a steamer just to see if the skyscrapers in New York were all his fancy painted them. He stayed a few hours, was satisfied, and went back on the same boat that brought him. It is still a rather small world, but our big city is worth crossing the Atlantic to see.—Buffalo News.

"SUMURUN" COMING

Winthrop Ames to Bring Reinhardt Play to Casino.

Winthrop Ames, owner and director of the Little Theatre, now being built in West 44th street, announced yesterday that he has made definite arrangements to bring to America Professor Max Reinhardt's company and production of the Oriental wordless play, "Sumurun," which has created wide comment in Europe during the last three years. The play was first produced in Berlin at Professor Reinhardt's Kammerspiele, later at the Deutches Theater in Berlin and at both the Coliseum and the Savoy Theatre in London.

The twenty-five principals of the "Sumurun" company, including Leopoldine Konstantin for the part of the Beautiful Slave of Fatal Enchantment, Camilla Eibenschuetz, Eduard Rothauser, Paul Conradi, Werner Lotz and Ernest Matray, will sail on next Saturday, December 30, on the Lusitania for this country, and the first performance will be given at the Casino Theatre in this city on January 16.

Victor Hollaender, the German composer, who wrote the music which accompanies the play throughout, is already here rehearsing the orchestra for the production. Professor Richard Ordynski, Professor Reinhardt's stage director, will come to direct the production, and will bring the scenery, properties and costumes designed by Ernst Stern.

"Sumurun" is more than a pantomime. It was described by the critics of Berlin when it first appeared as "a revolution in theatrical art." The story of it is a kind of Arabian Nights' tale, full of weird romance and exotic strangeness. Reinhardt built up the play from a scenario written by Friedrich Freksa.

If Professor Reinhardt can arrange to do so he also will come to America for the first performance of his now famous production.

KITTY CHEATHAM'S RECITAL

Artist Gives Entertainment for Children of All Ages.

Miss Kitty Cheatham gave the first of her season's recitals yesterday afternoon at the Lyceum Theatre. A performance of "Hamlet" without the melancholy Dane and Christmas week without a recital by Miss Cheatham are equally unthinkable, though there are no ghosts or mad Ophelias in Miss Cheatham's affairs. It is true she did sing of one tragedy yesterday, but it had to do with the sawdust insides of a doll who had a pain and died.

Nothing more terrible than this occurred during the afternoon, and the large audience was in evident sympathy with all that the entertainer offered.

Miss Cheatham is the spirit of the female Peter Pan. When we listen to her we feel that nothing has ever really grown up. Against Ibsen and Maeterlinck and D'Annunzio she proclaims the spirit of Eugene Field and Engelbert Humperdinck, and both these names had conspicuous places on her programme.

Miss Cheatham's art, and she is an artist, is frankly, unblushingly and at times delightfully sentimental. She is consistent even in her stage settings—yesterday's saw seven lighted Christmas trees, a hobby-horse and a doll. And her sentimentality is delightful in her children's songs and stories. These she gives beautifully, humorously, tenderly, and these, with her darky stories, give her recitals a unique place in New York's cycle of entertainments.

WEEK AT METROPOLITAN

"Le Donne Curiose" Will Be Sung for First Time.

New Year's week at the Metropolitan Opera House will open with a special afternoon performance of "Parsifal," beginning at 1 o'clock. "Lucia," with Mme. Tetrazzini in the title role, followed by the Russian Ballet, will be Monday evening's bill, and Wednesday evening the postponed opening of "Le Donne Curiose" will take place, with the cast originally announced, including Mmes. Farrar, Alten, Fornia and Maubourg and Messrs. Jadlowker, Scotti, Didur, Pini-Corsi, de Segurola, Murphy, Ananian, Rossi and Bada. Mr. Toscanini will conduct. The opera will be followed by ballet divertissements by Mlle. Geltzer and Mr. Mordkin and other members of the Russian Ballet. "Le Donne Curiose" and the Russian Ballet are also announced for the Saturday matinee.

"Lobetanz" and the Russian dancers will be Thursday night's bill and "Armide" will be given on Friday evening. "Traviata," with Mme. Tetrazzini in the title role, will be given Saturday evening for the benefit of the Italian Hospital. The Russian tenor, Mr. Smirnoff, will make his first appearance this season on that occasion. Mr. Amato will also be in the cast.

"Bohème," with Mr. Caruso as Rodolfo; Miss Gluck as Mimi, Mme. Alten as Musetta and Mr. Scotti as Marcello, will be given next Tuesday evening at the Academy of Music in Brooklyn. Mr. Toscanini will conduct.

A twelve-year-old pianist, Beryl Rubinstein, will be a feature of Sunday night's concert. Operatic artists who will sing will be Mme. Matzenauer, Miss Case, Mr. Martin and Mr. Witherspoon. As it will be New Year's Eve, the programme will be of a distinctly popular character.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

Last night Ethel Barrymore had entirely recovered from her recent illness and will positively appear in "The Witness for the Defence" at the Empire Theatre for the matinee this afternoon.

On Friday afternoon, January 12, William H. Crane will give a special performance of Martha Morton's comedy, "A Fool of Fortune," at the Garrick Theatre. This play was first produced by Mr. Crane at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in 1896. It deals with Wall Street speculation. The company assisting Mr. Crane in this performance will include Florence Rockwell, Mabel Bert, Lorraine Frost, Stewart Baird, Percy Brooks, William W. Jefferson, Harry Harwood, Theodore Marston and L. E. Woodthorpe.

Liebler & Co. yesterday engaged Mrs. Donald Brian, Charles Waldron and Ben Johnson for the support of Gertrude Elliott in "White Magic," a play by the late David Graham Phillips, in which Miss Elliott is soon to appear. Miss Elliott is on tour in Joseph Medill Patterson's "Rebellion," and her company will rehearse with her as she travels until "White Magic" is ready for production.

Brandon Tynan, who had been intended for the suport of Mme. Simone in "The Return from Jerusalem," will not be a member of that company.

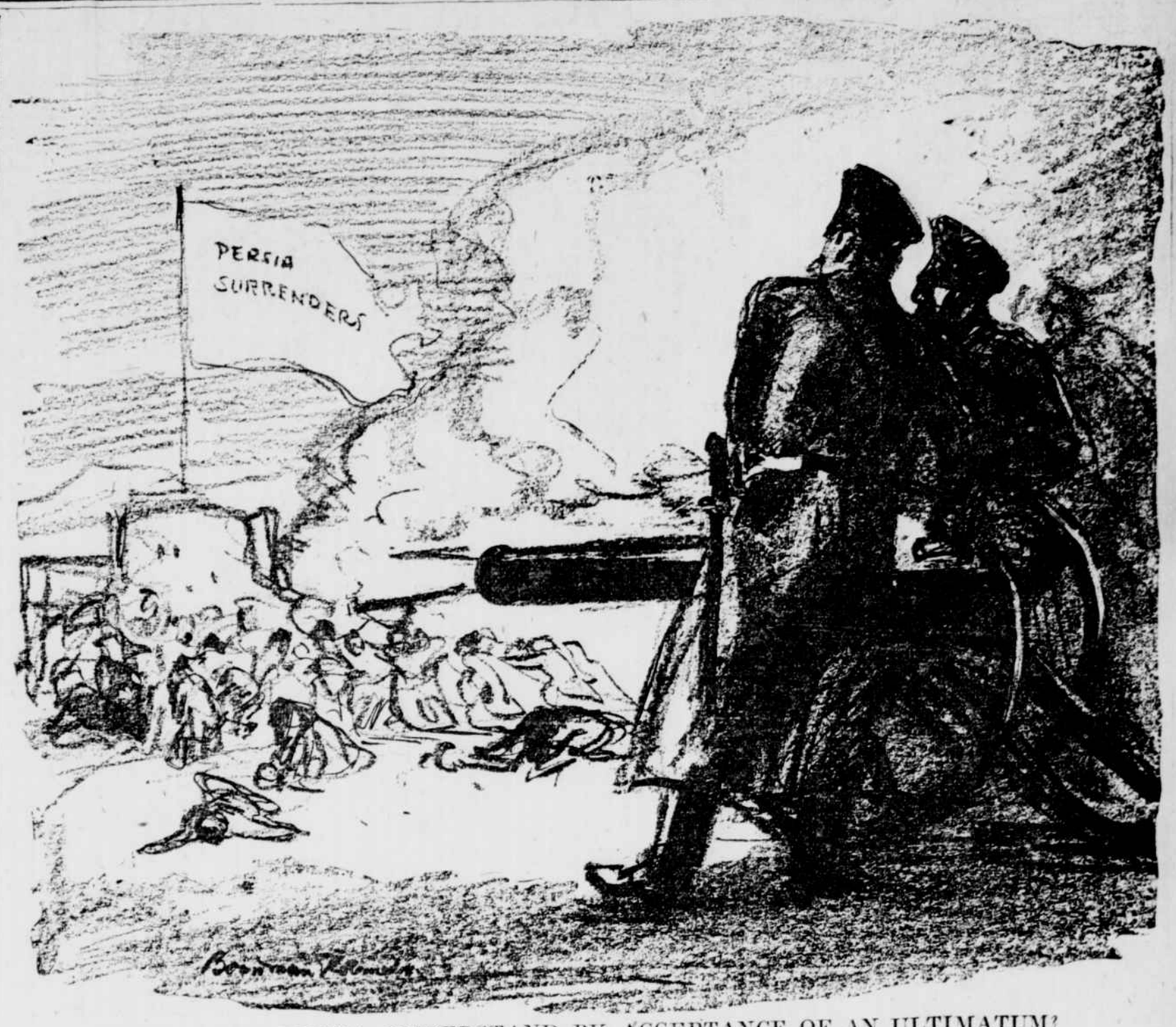
Lillian Lorraine will play the role of Myrtle Billtopper, an actress, in support of Eddie Foy in "Over the River," which comes to the Globe Theatre Monday evening, January 8.

James K. Hackett will be seen at the Criterion Theatre on Jandary 1 in "The Grain of Dust."

Fritzi Scheff is rehearsing Johann Strauss's operetta "Die Fledermaus." She will sing it in English under the title of "The Bat." After a road tour on which the company will leave for the West in two weeks Mme. Scheff will bring the production to New York.

Last night the 100th performance of "Bunty Pulls the Strings" was celebrated at the Comedy Theatre.

The members of the "Little Boy Blue" company will entertain their many friends with a beefsteak supper in the rathskeller under the Lyric Theatre after the performance to-night.



WHAT DOES RUSSIA UNDERSTAND BY ACCEPTANCE OF AN ULTIMATUM?

DEFEND WORK IN COURT

Charitable Agencies Declare Stories About Children Were False.

SAY MUCH GOOD IS DONE

Quote Official Records to Answer Charges of Charity Organization Society Official.

A letter signed by the representatives of the various charitable agencies working in the Children's Court of New York County was made public last night. The purpose of the letter is to correct certain so-called false statements made by an official of the Charity Organization Society. The letter says:

Referring to the articles signed by Madeline Z. Doty, dated December 3 and December 12, 1911, which appeared in "The New York Times," and to the article which appeared in "The Evening Post" on December 8, 1911, under the head, "Children's Courts Needs," we desire to correct certain false statements made therein. It is not our purpose to air opinions, nor to provoke discussion, but certain figures and certain statements have been used which are not borne out by the official records.

Miss Doty, in her article dated December 8, states: "That in 1910 there were 1,000 girls under sixteen in the juvenile court of Manhattan and The Bronx; of these 1,000 girls practically 500 were in court on charges of immorality; that 500 of these same 1,000 cases were dismissed or discharged; that the girls were neither sent to a reformatory nor put on probation, but turned back on the streets with a reprimand."

The official records show that 1,084 girls were brought into the court for the year 1910; of this number only 145 girls were actually charged with being immoral or in danger of becoming morally depraved. There were 823 who were brought into court charged with being without proper guardianship; of this number 245 were between the ages of two and seven years. In the cases of the 578 remaining girls charged with being without proper guardianship it was only in very exceptional cases that there was any implication of immorality of waywardness against the child; in other words, the charge of being without proper guardianship applies solely to the character of the care exercised by the parents or guardians.

Miss Doty, in her article of December 12, again states: "My figures on the number of wayward girls were official for 1909, and they are approximately the same for 1910."

The official records show that Miss Doty's figures were even more incorrect for 1909. There were, as a matter of fact, in the year 1909 only 884 girls before the court. Of these 128 were actually charged with being immoral or in danger of becoming morally depraved. Six hundred and eleven were charged with being without proper guardianship; of this number 204 were between the ages of two and seven years. Of the remaining 407 charged with being without proper guardianship, again, save in very exceptional cases, there was no implication of waywardness or immorality against the child, the meaning of the charge of improper guardianship having already been set forth.

In "The Evening Post" article of December 8 this statement is made: "If it were not for the Big Brothers, the Children's Court would have no probation officers of any kind." It is also asserted that there are faddists and sentimentalists engaged in volunteer work, that the work of the court is neglected by them when they go to Europe, and that they attend to it only during the "charity season."

The Big Brothers are not probation officers.

Aside from the volunteer work which is done, the various charitable agencies, representing the three great religions, and working hand in hand with the court, have present in court each day throughout the year their paid representatives. An examination of the records of these various agencies shows that between June 1 and December 1 of this year the paid visitors of the Catholic Protective Society, which looks after boys, made 1,813 home visits; this, irrespective of the visits of the many volunteer workers of that organization.

The Catholic Ladies' Committee, which looks after girls and small children and works with the Catholic Protective Society under the direction of the Rev. Thomas J. Lynch, made 796 home visits in the last year.

The records of the Big Brother movement show that for the year ended October 1, 1911, 2,291 home visits were made by its paid court investigator alone; this, irrespective of the many visits made by the 691 men volunteers actively working with boys.

The court investigator of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Big Brother movement, which looks after Protestant girls and small children, made 792 home visits between February 1 and December 1 of this year; this, also, irrespective of court and office visits and all that was done by the volunteer workers.

The Jewish Big Brothers, in addition to having a representative in the Children's Court each day throughout the year, had 189 Big Brothers in touch with their cases on December 1, and there are fifteen men still awaiting assignment.

That good work is being done is evidenced by the fact that less than 8 per cent of the children have come back into court within the last six years. This statement is based on an examination of the records of the Children's Court of New York County.

The figures given above are indicative of only a small part of the activity of those various charitable organizations in the Children's Court of New York County, and are presented here merely for the purpose of correcting some misstatements in the articles above quoted.

The letter is signed by Thomas J. Lynch, supervisor Catholic correction work; Dennis J. Gerrity, chairman Boys' Catholic Parole Committee; Margaret Hanway, chairman Catholic Ladies' Committee of the Children's Court; Victor F. Ridder, Charles A. Taussig, secretary Big Brother Movement, and Ernest K. Coulter, clerk of the Children's Court, New York County.

OBITUARY.

GENERAL CHARLES L. HODGES.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Major General Charles L. Hodges (retired) died at his home here early to-day, after an illness of several months. He leaves a wife and one son, Carol B. Hodges, first lieutenant, 29th Infantry, now stationed at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, N. Y.

Charles Libbens Hodges, who attained the rank of major general, U. S. A., only last January, when he was in command of the Department of the Lakes, was known equally for his bravery, ability and personal modesty. His promotions came to him purely as rewards of merit.

He was born in Rhode Island in 1847, and was only fifteen years old when he began his military career, with the 65th New York Volunteer Infantry, the famous "First United States Chasseurs." The regiment was organized at Willetts Point. General Hodges took part in the siege of Yorktown, the battles of Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, The Wilderness, Winchester and Cedar Creek. The regiment lost during its service five officers and 112 enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and one officer and eighty-eight enlisted men by disease.

General Hodges served as private, corporal and sergeant of companies H, E and G, and as sergeant major from August 20, 1861, to July 17, 1865, and as an enlisted man in the regular army from November 17, 1869, to February 17, 1875, on which latter date he received an appointment as a second lieutenant in the 25th Infantry.

He reached, by promotion through the various grades, the rank of lieutenant colonel in the 23d Infantry on August 12, 1898, and became colonel of the 24th Infantry on January 1, 1907. He stood number 27 on the list of thirty colonels of infantry when appointed brigadier general, in 1907, and received his advancement solely on account of his personal qualifications and military record.

A remarkable feature of his case was that he had on file no application for his advancement; nor was there anything on file from others in his behalf. He stood practically alone in this respect among officers who considered themselves qualified to exercise the command of a general officer.

He was placed on the retired list last March.

JAMES AYLWARD.

Fishkill Landing, N. Y., Dec. 26 (Special).—James Aylward died at the rectory of St. John's Roman Catholic Church here to-day. He was eighty-two years old. Mr. Aylward was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and had resided in New York City for fifty-seven years. For twenty years he was financial agent of St. Stephen's Church, acting under the late Father McGlynn. Mr. Aylward leaves two sons, both of whom are in the Catholic priesthood. They are James N., pastor of St. John's Church here, who for twenty years was connected with St. Cecilia's Church, New York, and Michael V., pastor of St. Joachim's, in Matteawan. The funeral will be held on Friday, and the burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, New York.

DR. A. JUDSON PALMER.

Dr. A. Judson Palmer, of No. 90 Hancock street, Brooklyn, died suddenly at his home yesterday from heart disease at the age of seventy-nine years. He retired from active practice four years ago. The funeral will be held at his home to-morrow evening at 5:30 o'clock.

Dr. Palmer was born in Onondaga County and was graduated from the New York University in 1858. He was the son of Benjamin Palmer and Clarinda Frink. Immediately after obtaining his medical degree he moved to Brooklyn, where he practised his profession for fifty years, being associated with his son, the late Dr. George Howard Palmer. He was one of the first homoeopathic physicians in Brooklyn.

Three years ago Dr. Palmer and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. He was a member of the Homoeopathic Medical Society of Brooklyn and of the State Homoeopathic Society. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

MRS. EDWARD M. PADELFORD.

Word was received here yesterday of the death on Monday in Paris of Mrs. Frances Smythe Padelford, wife of Edward M. Padelford, of the banking firm of Morgan, Harjes & Co. Before her marriage to Mr. Padelford she was the wife of the late Edward Woolsey, of this city. Mrs. Padelford's father was for a time Collector of the Port of New York. One son, George M. Woolsey, of New York, survives.

MRS. ELIZA REED.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 26 (Special).—Mrs. Eliza Reed, aged ninety-seven years, widow of Dr. Samuel P. Reed, who enjoyed the distinction of having been kissed by General Lafayette, died here to-day. She married Dr. Reed, who was the owner of Cain Island, near Beaufort, N. C. He died forty-six years ago.

Mrs. Reed always recalled with pleasure the incident of the visit of General Lafayette to Philadelphia, when she was a child of seven years. The general was attracted to her and kissed her. Mrs. Reed bore a resemblance to Queen Victoria, and when the Queen died she sent her condolence to King Edward VII, receiving a beautiful response, which she cherished.

AUGUSTUS PORTER BARNARD.

Augustus Porter Barnard, eldest son of the late General John G. Barnard, U. S. A., and nephew of the late President F. A. P. Barnard of Columbia University, died yesterday morning in St. Luke's Hospital.

Mr. Barnard was born in New Orleans sixty-five years ago and was engaged during practically his whole lifetime in the government coast survey service. He was graduated from Columbia in the early 70's. He was never married. He leaves two brothers, James B. and John H. Barnard, and a sister, Mrs. B. F. O'Connor, of No. 122 Franklin Place, Brooklyn.

MRS. CHARLOTTE C. JENKINS.

Mrs. Charlotte Coles Jenkins, who for years had practised medicine among the poor without pay, died from apoplexy on Monday night at the home of Mrs. Helen M. Patriarche, No. 21 Anderson street, New Rochelle. She was eighty-two years old and the widow of Theodore P. Jenkins, a sash, blind and door manufacturer of Canal street, New York City. Mrs. Jenkins was one of the most charitable women in New Rochelle and was commonly called "the friend of the poor." She was a descendant of the Dodge and Cole families, old New Yorkers.

Toward the close of the Civil War she entered the military hospitals at Washington and served with distinction as an army nurse. On her return to New York she entered the Homœopathic College and was graduated as a physician. She never put out her sign, but practised among the poor, giving her services free. She was regarded as a skilled diagnostician and refused many inducements to practice among wealthy persons.

About thirty years ago Mrs. Jenkins and her husband removed to New Rochelle, where they owned a large tract of land between Echo avenue and Cedar Road. Up to the day of her death she prescribed for her patients, who called regularly. She closed her home several weeks ago to spend the winter with Mrs. Patriarche, Dr. Howard Coles, of Tarrytown, is her nephew. Mrs. Jenkins was a member of the Sorosis Society, New York City, and of the Daughters of the Revolution.

SUES LEW FIELDS FOR $14,500

Fanchon Thompson Asks Damages for Alleged Breach of Contract.

Fanchon Thompson, a singer, began suit yesterday in the Supreme Court against Lew Fields to recover $14,500 which she says is due her for breach of contract. She declares Fields entered into an agreement with her in July, 1911, whereby she was to play the part of a star in "The Wife Hunters" and to receive $400 a week. The agreement was to hold for the season of 1911-'12 and the prima donna was to furnish the costumes. As the result of this agreement, she says in her complaint, she rehearsed six weeks for the play and ordered costumes which are valued at $2,500.

She complains that she was to appear by November 1 in the play, but on October 30 Fields broke his contract. As a result of the lateness of the season, she has been unable to obtain an engagement elsewhere. George Edwin Joseph, of No. 2 Rector street, is the attorney for Miss Thompson.

MISS HELEN STALLO ILL

First Visit of Heiress to Cincinnati Since Engagement was Broken.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—Cincinnati debutantes expecting to hear from the lips of Miss Helena Stallo, heiress of the late Alexander McDonald, the story of the Nils Florman romance and why the engagement was broken, were given a surprise to-day, when it was stated that Miss Stallo is ill in bed and could not be seen. The nature of Miss Stallo's illness could not be learned. She is a guest of Mrs. James Morrison, in Clifton, and nothing regarding her condition would be given out.

This is Miss Stallo's first visit to Cincinnati since her engagement with Nils Florman was broken.

GAELIC SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS.

The headquarters of the Gaelic Society, No. 222 West 46th street, were filled last night with members of the society and their friends on the occasion of the Christmas festivities of the organization. In opening the meeting Michael Fox, the president, introduced Captain Edward O'Meagher Condon, who delivered an address on the history of the Celtic race, and took occasion to criticise the recent production of what he termed so-called Irish plays in New York. He said he regretted that the movement to suppress them had proved a failure.

ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL CELEBRATE

Christmas was celebrated in St. Mark's Hospital, 11th street and Second avenue, yesterday afternoon with appropriate exercises, under the auspices of the executive committee and the ladies' society of the hospital. There were speeches and Christmas trees in all of the wards and presents for the seventy patients, many of them children, as well as for the nurses and other employes.

TO TALK ON "MONEY TRUST."

Samuel Untermyer will talk on "Is There a Money Trust?" at the Finance Forum this evening at 8 o'clock. The session is free to the public.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Free admission to the American Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the New York Zoological Park.

Meeting of the Board of Education, hall of the board, Park avenue and 59th street, 4 p. m.

DIED.

Barnard, Augustus P.	Leys, Peter D.
Boin, Clemence V.	Lord, Benjamin F.
Brown, Ann C.	Palmer, A. Judson.
Brown, Gertrude M.	Reed, Eliza.
Bruch, Kate P.	Smith, James H.
Brunder, Maria.	Taylor, Edward.
De Szigethy, M. A. S.	Van Nostrand, Phoebe S.
Fitzhugh, Eugenia A.	Wilsop, Elizabeth H.
Jenkins, Charlotte.	

BARNARD—Tuesday, December 26, suddenly, of pneumonia, in his 65th year, Augustus Porter, eldest son of the late General John G. Barnard, U. S. A., and of Jane Brand Barnard. Services in chapel of St. Luke's Hospital, Amsterdam ave. and 113th st., Thursday, December 28, at 1 p. m. Interment Sheffield, Mass.

BOIN—After a short illness, Clemence V. Boin, beloved wife of Louis F. Boin, aged 69 years. Funeral will take place Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from residence, No. 93 Georgia ave., Brooklyn. Interment in Evergreens Cemetery.

BROWN—On December 24, 1911, Ann C. Brown, widow of David H. Brown. Funeral services at her late residence, No. 518 Madison st., Brooklyn, Wednesday evening, December 27, at 7:30 o'clock. Interment private.

BROWN—On Saturday, December 23, at Stamford, Conn., in her 33d year, Gertrude Mason Brown, daughter of the late Lewis M. and Gertrude M. Brown. Funeral services at Grace Church chantry, Broadway and 10th st., Wednesday morning, December 27, at 10 o'clock.

BRUCH—Kate Patterson, widow of Captain Samuel Bruch, at Clinton, N. J., Monday, December 25, 1911. Funeral, Canton, Ohio, Thursday, December 28.

BRUNDER—On December 25, 1911, after a short illness, Maria Brunder (née Neitzer), at her residence, No. 1064 Willoughby ave., Brooklyn.

DE SZIGETHY—On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, Mary Ann S., widow of the late Dr. Charles A. De Szigethy, in her 74th year. Funeral from the residence, No. 1161 Amsterdam ave., Manhattan. Funeral private.

FITZHUGH—On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, Eugenia Armistead, wife of Edward J. Fitzhugh. Funeral services from residence of son-in-law, R. M. Helmer, No. 133 Bergen ave., Jamaica, Long Island, Thursday, the 28th, at 1 o'clock.

JENKINS—At New Rochelle, N. Y., on December 25, 1911, Charlotte, widow of Theodore P. Jenkins. Funeral services at her late residence, Sound View ave., New Rochelle, on Thursday at 11:15 a. m.

LEYS—At Roslyn, Long Island, Peter Douglas Leys, M. D., in his 78th year. Funeral services at his late residence, Wednesday, December 27, at 2 p. m.

LORD—Suddenly, at his home, Wyoming, N. J., on December 26, 1911, Benjamin F. Lord, aged 63 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

PALMER—Suddenly, on Tuesday, December 26, in his 79th year, A. Judson Palmer, M. D., beloved husband of Maria Duryea Van Sinderen. Services at his late residence, No. 90 Hancock st., Brooklyn, on Thursday, December 28, at 5:30 p. m.

REED—On Tuesday morning, December 26, 1911, in Plainfield, N. J., Eliza, widow of Samuel P. Reed, M. D., of Beaufort, S. C., in the 97th year of her age. Services at Grace Church, East 7th st., Plainfield, N. J., on Thursday, December 28, at 2:30 p. m. Savannah (Ga.) and Beaufort (S. C.) papers please copy.

SMITH—At Somerville, N. J., December 25, James Harper Smith, aged 77. Funeral December 27, 2 p. m., at St. John's Church.

TAYLOR—Suddenly, at Orchard Home, Middletown, New Jersey, on Saturday, December 23, Edward Taylor, son of the late Joseph D. and Mary H. Taylor. Funeral at his residence on Wednesday, December 27, at 2:15 p. m. Trains leaves New Jersey Central, West 23d st., 11:20 a. m., and 11:30 from Liberty st. Interment private.

VAN NOSTRAND—At her late residence, The Grosvenor, No. 115 Montague st., Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday, December 26, 1911, Phoebe S. Van Nostrand. Funeral from the Church of the Holy Trinity, Clinton and Montague sts., Brooklyn, on Friday, December 29, 1911, at 11 o'clock a. m.

WILSON—Elizabeth H. (Bessie) Wilson, December 25. Funeral services at her late residence, No. 62 Hooper st., Brooklyn, Wednesday evening, December 27, at 8 o'clock.

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