

# BROOKLYN NEWS

## BOROUGH GOSSIP

## BROOKLYN SOCIETY

### Park Sleepers Awakened in Morning by City Hose.

The city employees at the Borough Hall have become volunteer members of the public bathing squad. Every morning, soon after daybreak, the free baths are administered to the one hundred or so unemployed men who have passed the night on the steps of the hall or about the square. The hose is brought out, ostensibly for the purpose of watering the flower beds. The taxicab men and other night workers of the neighborhood take this as the signal for the fun to begin, and gather around, just out of range of the lines. The gardener walks into the middle of the square with the end of the hose pipe in his hand and gives the signal for the water to be turned on. At first, the stream falls on the walks and the grass. Then, the nozzle rises a little and the water takes a wider sweep, and the spray falls over one or two of the sleeping beauties about. Usually the sleepers start up with looks of surprise and reproach, then they to their feet and "beat it." The water then advances up the steps and starts a few more sleepers, and so on, until all have been sprayed. After the baths are over the taxicab men take a hand with the sleepers who have not been disturbed and arouse them with their horns.

Captain Albert Gleaves, the new commandant of the navy yard, has issued an order granting permission to the employees to smoke within the yard limits. This is the first time such an order has been issued in the history of the place. The men will not be permitted to smoke whenever they please, however. The permission will cover only the noon hour, when the employees will be allowed to smoke in certain buildings where there is little chance of fire. Heretofore only the officers were allowed to smoke. The men did not receive permission, as powder was stored about the yard, and there was danger of an explosion through carelessness.

The vacation schools began work last week with an enrollment of 11,250. In the elementary schools there are 9,650 children enrolled in the manual training and continuation classes. There is one elementary school open in each section. In the borough there is one high school carrying on work, the Commercial High School, at Beach street and Albany avenue. Most of 1,350 pupils have been enrolled. Most of the students are girls. A number of subjects are offered and each pupil must take at least two and gymnasium work. The pupils in many instances are regular high school students who are trying to strengthen themselves in subjects in which they have proved deficient. A couple of hundred students are enrolled at Adelphi College, and there are about one hundred taking the special work at the Young Women's Christian Association. The schools will close August 20.

The cornerstone of the new Nose, Ear and Throat Dispensary of the Lutheran Hospital was laid a few days ago. The structure will stand at East New York avenue and Junius street. The man who is said to be chiefly instrumental in having the building put up and has contributed most of the \$18,000 required for the work is Dr. John Kepke, the nose and throat specialist of the Lutheran Hospital. The building is to be 30 feet wide and 50 feet long. It will be two stories high, and will be built of brick and stone. It will be provided with wards, an operating room, consultation rooms, etc. The physicians here that a great work can be accomplished by the dispensary. Last year 1,168 operations were performed upon ear, throat and nose patients at the hospital, though the accommodations were meagre and unsatisfactory.

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### Weddings, Engagements and Announcements.

Miss Mabel Daniels, who wrote the scores for the operettas which Miss Rebecca Lane Hooper wrote, will be her only attendant at her wedding to William Franklin Eastman on Saturday, July 27.

The ceremony will be performed in the Unitarian Church at Walpole, N. H., with which village the bride's family has been identified for five generations. The reception following will not be held at Professor and Mrs. Franklin W. Hooper's summer home, but at the Walpole Inn.

Mr. Eastman, who is the son of M. Franklin Eastman, will have as best man Nathaniel Browne, of Portland, Me. His ushers are to be Powell Crichton, Bernard Powers, of Manhattan; Louis J. Farey, of London, and Franklin Dana Hooper, brother of the bride.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Mary scollay Nelson and Lowell Lawrence Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Decker, of No. 169 Leferts Place. Miss Nelson is the daughter of Mrs. and the late Rev. George W. Nelson, of Warrenton, Va. Mr. Decker has sometimes starred in Miss Hooper's productions. Miss Alice Decker and Miss Marjorie Decker are his sisters.

Although Mrs. Emilie Barnes Turner has not lived on this side of the river since the death, six or seven years ago, of her brother, General Alfred C. Barnes, she has many close friends on the Heights, so announcement of the engagement of her son, Spencer Turner, is of direct interest to the society of that section.

Mr. Turner's fiancée is Miss Jessica Pomeroy Bishop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Bishop, of Chicago, and Pittsfield, Mass. Mr. Turner, who spent his boyhood on the Heights, is a nephew of Mrs. Truman H. Newbery, of Detroit. His brother a few years ago married Miss Martha Prentice Strong, a granddaughter of the late John H. Prentice, one of the most prominent men in Brooklyn a generation ago.

An important item of the week's news is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Kathleen Webster and John Cowdry Grier. Miss Webster is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Webster, of No. 458 Clinton avenue. She made her debut two seasons ago.

Mr. and Mrs. William Samuel Dorman, of No. 60 East 15th street, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Miss Marjorie Dorman, to David Raymond Reynolds, of Manilla, P. I.

The Dorman made their home in Baltimore before coming to this borough about ten years ago. Miss Dorman is clever at sketching and verse writing, and has frequently contributed to the magazines.

Her fiancé is the son of Lewis S. Reynolds, of Aberdeen, Md. He is a member of the Southern and Maryland societies of New York, and the Army and Navy, the University and Athletic clubs of Manilla.

The wedding of Miss Merrilee Dunham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Dunham, of Philadelphia, and Eugene Franklin O'Connor, whose engagement was announced last week, will take place in August at the country home of the bride's parents at Lake Placid, in the Adirondacks.

Mrs. J. P. Henry, of No. 360 Franklin avenue, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Marie Teresa Henry, to John P. Hurley. Miss Henry was educated at the Sacred Heart Convent in Brussels. Her fiancé was graduated from Cornell in 1907.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Harbottle, daughter of Mrs. Thomas W. Harbottle, and Chester S. Fairgrieve. Mr. Fairgrieve is a member of Squadron C and the Crescent Athletic Club.

Recent arrivals at the Twilight Inn are the Rev. and Mrs. Herman Carl Weber (Kate Durvay Ailin).

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hoffer and their



MRS. ROBERT STROBRIDGE.  
Before her marriage Miss Norma Heffley.  
(Photograph by Maxey.)

daughters will spend the rest of this month at Lake Placid. Mrs. Robert Strobridge before her wedding last month was Miss Norma Heffley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Elliott, who spent the early part of the summer at the Inn, Westhampton Beach, Long Island, are now at Lake Placid, in the Adirondacks. They made the trip up by motor.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry L. O'Brien have taken a cottage for the season at Quogue, Long Island. Last week their daughter, Miss Gladys O'Brien, had as her guest Miss Helen Gaynor.

Mrs. Charles C. Whitney and Miss Esther Whitney have left Twilight Park, in the Catskills, for a few weeks. Miss Whitney will visit Mrs. Harrington Putnam at Huntington, Long Island.

James Stranahan Burke and his daughter, Miss Florence Cathoun Burke, have abandoned their plans for a trip abroad and will instead spend the rest of the summer at Twilight Park. They opened their cottage last week.

Mrs. Alvin Body is visiting Mrs. Charles Angell at Shelter Island.

The last fortnight has been a gay one at Glen Cove. Many dinner parties have preceded the Saturday evening dances at the Nassau Country Club, at which the younger set have been turning out in great numbers. Friday there was a lawn fête on the grounds surrounding Mrs. Charles A. Frank's home. The proceeds were for the fresh air work of the East Side Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCarroll, Miss Irene McCarroll and Master Kelvin Johnston are at the Greenwich Inn, at Sound Beach, Conn. Other Brooklyn guests at that hostelry are Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Donoghue, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ten Eyck Litchfield, Mrs. James Weir and Miss Janet Weir.

A recently announced engagement is that

of Miss Grace Margaret Metzger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Metzger, of No. 119 East 18th street, Flatbush, and Everett M. Freytag, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Freytag, of No. 463 East 15th street.

There has been considerable entertaining of an informal nature at Nyack, N. Y. On Monday, Miss Jane Pittkin gave a small luncheon at Tauchers. Her guests, who made the trip by motor, were Miss Jane Lutkins, Mrs. Van Weck Roessler, Mrs. Ellwood Brooks, Mrs. William Bradley and Mrs. Arthur Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wall Pinkel are motoring with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb, of New Haven. They stopped at the Wentworth, New Castle, N. H., early in the week.

Mrs. Percy R. Gray had her parents, General and Mrs. Horatio C. King, as her guests recently. From their daughter's home in Belmont, they went to New Canaan, Conn., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Woodliff Leeming. They will spend August in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Beekman Delsfour are among the recent arrivals at the Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mason, Miss Pauline Mason and Miss Isabel F. Ide, who went abroad a month ago, are now at Aix-les-Bains. They passed late June in Paris. Their plans are to visit Italy and Switzerland, and before they return to Paris, they will spend a few days in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blum and their children sailed on the Amerika Thursday. They will spend their time motoring on the Continent, returning in October.

Miss Edith Chapin, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Chapin, who has been studying music abroad, returned Monday on the St. Louis.

### NEW HOSPITAL A TRIUMPH

Though Incomplete, Bushwick Fund Spells Heroic Endeavor.

Ground was broken a few days ago for the new building of the Bushwick Hospital, which will be nearly three times as large as the old and vastly better fitted for the use to which it will be put. The building, when equipped, will have cost \$135,000, according to the present plans. The organization has \$25,000 of the needed funds on hand at present, and a campaign will be started this fall to raise the balance. If all goes well, the nurses and their patients will move into the new quarters by the first of next year, though the structure will not be entirely completed for several months after January 1.

The story of the organization is one of hard work but steady advancement. The hospital was organized in 1891 and incorporated two years later. A building at No. 64 Patchen avenue was hired in 1894, but the hospital moved to No. 1038 Greene avenue in three years. About that time the Central Dispensary and Polyclinic owned a building at Howard avenue and Monroe street. The Bushwick Hospital consolidated with the dispensary in 1900 and had its name changed to the Bushwick Central Hospital. The arrangement did not long exist. The people interested in the dispensary withdrew, leaving the property with a \$17,500 mortgage in the hands of the hospital, which secured permission to resume its name by dropping the word "Central."

Since then the institution has continued to occupy the old home of the dispensary, which is of frame construction and can accommodate only about thirty patients. The new building will be of brick and stone and will have accommodations for about eighty patients. Some time ago the hospital authorities sold the old building and its site for \$50,000. The mortgage was then cancelled and \$14,500 was paid for the new site, which extends eighty-five feet in Howard avenue and fifty-five feet in Putnam avenue. It will be practically covered by the hospital building.

The structure will have a cellar, basement and five floors. The laundry, boiler room and storage room will be in the basement. On the first floor will be the kitchen, dispensary and cells for violent cases. The offices, board room, dining room, reception room, intern's rooms and children's ward, with ten beds, will be on the second floor. Fourteen private rooms, two semi-private rooms, with accommodations for from two to four patients, and the maternity ward, with accommodations for eight patients, will be on the third floor. The wards for men and women will occupy the fourth floor. Each of the wards will have twenty beds. Two operating rooms and bedrooms for the nurses will be on the fifth floor.

### SEALS ELUDE CAPTURE

Ships Miss Connection in Newfoundland Waters.

LIMITED SUPPLY THIS YEAR

Ice That Brought Disaster to Titanic the Good Friend of the Seals.

The Newfoundland seal hunt for the present season has been unfavorable in its outcome, more so, indeed, than for many years. A remarkable combination of circumstances operated to bring about this result and the fact shows how the best laid plans of men are sometimes put to naught by the mysterious operations of nature. The fleet this year comprised twenty-three vessels and was the largest in point of number and vastly so in point of tonnage that ever prosecuted the industry.

Still another ship—the Erna—had been purchased for this industry and remodelled in England, but vanished on the way across the Atlantic, with all on board, some forty persons. She was scheduled to arrive in St. John's sufficiently early to make ready for this undertaking and when she failed to appear the witnesses shook their heads and proclaimed that this portended disaster. They were right. The steamed did not sail until March 13 and 14, two days later than usual—sixteen ships on the Grand Banks and seven in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Included in the former flotilla were the Stephano and the Florizo, splendid passenger liners of 3,500 tons each, built expressly for this work as well; "ventures"—The Adventure, the Bonaventure and the Bellaventure—sister ships of special strength, constructed for this industry and to carry freight during the rest of the year; two "natives," the Nascope and the Beothic, named after the native Indian tribes of Newfoundland, and of similar design to the foregoing, and the Fogota and the Sacoa, smaller vessels of the same type intended for the coastwise passenger trade in the other months. The rest of the fleet in both areas were of the old type wooden whaler class of ship universal in this business until the last few years, when powerful steel freighters were introduced.

### ICE FLOE A TEMPORARY RAFT.

As several of the big ships were fitted with wireless equipment daily messages were received, and it soon became evident that the predictions of ill fortune were to be fulfilled. It would seem as if the ice with which the seals were herded had drifted south past St. John's in the two extra days the ships were in port, for as the fleet scudded northward the herds were going directly away from the ships, and it was not for two or three days that this came to be fully realized. Then they turned about and raced southward, but it was too late for most of them. The ice, too, was unusually heavy, and several of the vessels met mishaps among the floes. The Nascope, a brand new ship, broke off three days the ships were in port, for as the ice was crumpled for a week until it was possible for her hardy crew to work her into an ice floe, fill her forward ballast tanks and lift her stern sufficiently high out of water to enable the men to put on new blades by using a large sheet of ice as a temporary raft on which to work.

The Florizo, one of the two liners in the industry, met a similar mishap, and two of the "ventures" later sustained similar damage. The result of this was that the most powerful ships in the fleet were put out of commission, temporarily at any rate, and as their special value lay in their strength and speed, enabling them to overcome the difficulties that would utterly handicap the smaller vessels, it is easily to be seen that this series of setbacks greatly affected the prospects of a successful outcome.

### THE ELUSIVE YOUNG SEAL.

The habits of the seals during the period of a hunt are well known. While the young, which are the chief prizes, are almost helpless at the middle of March, they begin to take to the water at the end of that month, and after that it is extremely difficult to secure them. In the first stage they are killed by being clubbed on the head as they lie on the ice, but in the later stage they have to be stalked over the floes or shot if in the water. Neither process is easy, nor does it yield a large harvest, and it is well known that if the fleet

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does not make a kill before the end of March the prospect of success is small. This is what happened the present year. All the big ships but two having failed to find the herds at the outset, could secure very few afterward, and as the wooden ships are now recognized to be in nowise effective competitors with the others, the outlook gradually became serious for all concerned.

The first of the fleet to return was the Fogota, on March 28. While one of the smallest of the fleet, having only eighty-five men, she secured 9,800 seals, her men making \$24 each. The Bonaventure and the Florizo got only about 5,000 seals each, and the Bellaventure secured only 2,600. The Adventure, with 20,000; the Nascope, with 17,000; and the Stephano, with 13,000, did fairly well. The Nascope splendidly retrieved her ill fortune at the outset, but none of the three had more than half a load. The only big kill was by the Beothic, which secured 34,500 seals, weighing 673-1/2 tons, valued at \$60,000, her 29 men clearing \$74 each. The catches of the other ships were comparatively small, and the squadron operating in the Gulf had the worst of fortune. Only three of the ships operating there made anything like partial catches—the Lloydson 7,000, the Southern Cross 5,000 and the Neptune 5,000.

**TOTAL CATCH IS SMALL.**

The total catch this year was 175,120 seals, of a gross weight of 4,133 1/2 tons and valued at \$23,264.60, two-thirds of which will go to the owners of the twenty-three steamers, while the other one-third will be divided among the 4,175 men making up the crews. The total catch last year was 394,291 seals, or 129,463 more than this year, and the total value last year was \$492,585, or \$154,581 more than the present year. Roughly speaking, five seals were killed last year for every three that were secured this season, and the valuations figure out in about the same proportion.—P. T. McGrath, in the Chicago Daily News.

**AN APPEAL FOR CHARITY.**

An Irish woman spent the family savings in fighting consumption that attacked her husband. After a year's struggle he died, leaving her broken in health and with four children to support. The distress of this family was reported to the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, which plans to provide the services of a visiting nurse, clothes

and shoes, pay the rent and allow the family \$5 a week extra for food for about a year, until the eldest boy graduates and obtains employment. Contributions from readers of The Tribune may be sent to the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, No. 44 Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**AT MUSIC STUDIOS.**

Ernest H. Bauer, violin teacher, called last Tuesday for Europe to visit his young pupil, Willie Kroll, in Berlin. Master Kroll is said to be doing excellent work there with a well known teacher. Mr. Bauer will return about October 1 to resume his lessons at his studio in the Lincoln Arcade, No. 1947 Broadway.

Beatrice Wainwright, soprano and vocal teacher, is spending her vacation on a farm in Connecticut. She will, later in the season, take a trip to Nova Scotia, where she is expected to spend her vacation. She is expected to return in October to resume her lessons at her residence studio, No. 219 West 107th street.

Mme. Olive Fremstad, a former pupil of Frederick Bristol, is spending the summer at her camp in Maine. Besides being considered one of the leading grand opera artists in the world, she is also quite expert in fishing and other sports. So at this season she holds the record for Long Lake, having caught a ten-pound bass with out the use of a landing net.

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