"KICK IN" A TENSE "CROOK" PLAY

Deals with Difficulties in the Way of Their Reformation.

OLD FRIENDS SEEN IN NEW SITUATIONS

Lots of Action and Also One Rough-and-Tumble Fight.

"The Kick In," by Willard Mack. At the Longacre.

THE CAST.

Deputy Commissioner Garvey.....Edward Gillespie
"Chick" Fegarty.....Paul Everton
Jack Digby.....Lionel Adams
Memphis Beanie.....Maidel Turner
Myrtle Sylvester.....Josephine Victor
Old Tom.....Edward J. Mack
Chick Hewes.....John Barrymore
Molly, his wife.....Jane Grey
Mrs. Mulleran.....Annie Mack Berlein
Daisy, her daughter.....Katherine Harris
Charley Carp, Molly's brother.....Forrest Winant
Gus.....John Sharkey

By HECTOR TURNBULL.

It must be rather discouraging for those dramatic prophets who have been persistently ringing the death-knell of "crook" plays for the last five seasons to attend a reception such as that given to "The Kick In" last night at the Longacre Theatre. Just after one or two of these plays faded from view at the beginning of the season and lent an air of truth to their prophecies, too. Playwrights, however, must seldom find time for reading dramatic essays, for they seem to go right on with the business of turning out the kind of play that suits their fancy, regardless of warning and hints from those who are better informed as to the conditions of the market.

Willard Mack, the author of "Kick In," evidently never read any of the warnings, and, to judge from his manner of making certain speeches, if he did, the information would not trouble him at all. He is now being congratulated upon his singular temerity, for "Kick In" received the same sort of welcome given that other popular "crook" play, "Within the Law."

All of its characters and some of its situations are familiar enough, but it has the virtue of presenting them without artificiality and in a fashion that is decidedly logical, tense and, thanks to a remarkably good cast of principals, with a good, round measure of warm human sympathy. This sympathetic note is struck at once by the shrewd author, who makes his crooks struggle for reform against a cruelly hard police commissioner and a most damning set of circumstances. Their attempts to keep straight and at the same time prove faithful to their friends in trouble provide the plot for the play, and action enough to satisfy the most hardened theatregoer.

"Chick" Hewes was once a crook, but is at the time the play opens leading a respectable, hardworking life. His wife, who never met crooks till she married "Chick," is helping him to make good. An old pal of "Chick's," steals a diamond collar, is wounded while escaping the police and comes to "Chick's" flat for refuge. "Chick" hides him in a room in the attic and intends to keep him there till he recovers. As soon as the police commissioner suspects that the robbery was committed by "Chick's" pal he begins badgering "Chick." Molly, the wounded man's sweetheart, and every one likely to give information leading to the recovery of the collar.

After the grilling is over Chick and Molly return to their flat and find that the wounded man has died while they were out. While they are arranging the plans for the secret disposal of the body, Molly's brother, a morphine fiend, betrays the fact that he took the diamond collar from the wounded crook when helping him into the home. Half an eye here could see the desperate situation in which the pair find themselves. Trey have just about decided to return the collar to the District Attorney when in stumps a Central Office man.

This gentleman, like all of his kidney on the stage, promises to let the pair off Scot free for the collar, and then when he gets the collar announces his intention of "sending them up" for twenty years. In the end, however, virtue triumphs, and a hard-hearted Commissioner turns soft just long enough to let them go free for good. This does not occur, however, until the very end, and not until there have been many tense moments and one rattling good fight.

John Barrymore gives a more than casual study of the reformed crook Chick. His cool, natural manner is, of course, in evidence always, and adds a real to the sympathy of the role, but he played his more stirring scenes with a new reserve that made his character doubly sincere and appealing. Jane Grey can do no wrong. She was quite as lovely to look upon as ever, and made Molly just the sort of wife that will cause young men in the audience to leave the playhouse wishing for a dark past and a similar comfort in their time of trouble. Josephine Victor played the real crook's sweetheart, and her sullen despair over the fate of her lover was a very good piece of work indeed. Forrest Winant, always to be counted upon for an intelligent interpretation of his role, gave the part of the morphine-soaked brother no little distinction, and played throughout with consistency and spirit. As the gruff, stony hearted police commissioner, Edward Gillespie barked, snarled and performed all the other functions expected of his familiar role with a fine, workmanlike enthusiasm.

Paul Everton and Lionel Adams were the two detectives, one hard as nails and the other more human. Both gave good performances. As a comedy landlady Annie Mack Berlin came as somewhat of a relief. Partly because the author gave her some amusing things to say and partly because she said them so earnestly. Katherine Harris chewed gum and tagged around after the fashion of a defective as the landlady's daughter. Maidel Turner was the sort of flashy, abandoned lady always found in crook plays.

As a specimen of its type "Kick In" is undoubtedly headed for a successful run. Why such things should be in the face of all that is being done toward the uplift of the drama, is beyond us. The play is frankly contrived to thrill and makes no noticeable attempt at pointing a moral (unless it be that we should treat our erring brothers with consideration), therefore being quite true to its purpose it will probably fill its author's pockets so generously that we will not care to listen to another curtain speech from him in a long time.

Painter Sues Mrs. Guggenheim

Carl Siegfried Wiltschek, a miniature painter, brought suit yesterday against Mrs. Helen R. Guggenheim, wife of Harry Guggenheim and daughter-in-law of Daniel Guggenheim, a member of the family of mine owners, for $250 for professional work.

Wiltschek alleges that Mrs. Guggenheim engaged him to paint two miniatures on ivory of her daughter, and that although he performed the work satisfactorily Mrs. Guggenheim has refused to give him his pay.

JANE GREY AND JOHN BARRYMORE IN "KICK IN."

NEWS OF PLAYS AND PLAYERS

Joe Weber Preparing to Bring "The Only Girl" to Town Nov. 2.

A lot of new theatrical fare is promised in a Shubert announcement made yesterday. With "The Third Party" in its last two weeks at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre, Joe Weber is preparing to bring to New York on November 2 "The Only Girl," a new musical farcical comedy by Henry Blossom and Victor Herbert.

"Consequences" is also in its final fortnight at the Comedy Theatre, and arrangements are under way for a long engagement at the Fine Arts Theatre, in Chicago. Marie Tempest will be the succeeding attraction at the Comedy, presenting her English company, including Graham Browne, in several plays.

Next week Andreas Dippel will open the Forty-fourth Street Theatre season Wednesday night with an operetta, "The Lilac Domino." During the week the Shuberts will bring in their own production of "The Battle Cry," founded on Charles Neville Buck's magazine novel. The play requires sixteen scenes and twenty-eight people, headed by William Farnum and Grace Elliston.

"Say!" said a man in the lobby of the Cohan Theatre last night. "This isn't a regular theatre; it's a store."

"I don't get you," answered his friend.

"Well," continued the man, "figure it out for yourself. I've been a regular patron of the house ever since it was opened, four years ago. The first time I came here a chap named Wallingford was selling covered carpet tacks. The next time I fell for it a kid named Broadway Jones was selling chewing gum. The third time, which was the last season, a couple of Hebrews named Potash and Perlmutter were doing a thriving business in the cloak and suit trade, and now they are selling soap.

"It looks to me like the whole scheme is an advertising frame-up to put things on the market and boost business, and they tell me this guy Cohan is an Irishman, too."

Charles Frohman, Klaw & Erlanger will produce Hubert Henry Davies's "Outcast," with Elsie Ferguson, at the Empire Theatre, Syracuse, next Monday.

The first public performance of the season at the Little Theatre will be given to-night, when "A Pair of Silk Stockings," by Cyril Harcourt, will be the attraction.

Next week is to be Masonic Week at the Forty-eighth Street Theatre, where George Broadhurst's "The Law of the Land," with Julia Dean, begins its second month. Arrangements are being made for lodges to attend in groups.

IN VAUDEVILLE

Houdini Again—Julius Steger—"Any Night"—New Features.

Houdini heads the Palace bill this week. To give his performance an air of novelty, Houdini now devotes himself to "stunts" of extreme danger. He has discarded handcuff magic and now has himself locked into an airtight galvanized iron can filled with water, which is locked in an iron bound chest. A new offering is the singing and dancing divertisement presented by Rozsika Dolly and Martin Brown. The offering is called "In Danceland," and Miss Dolly and Mr. Brown are assisted by James Moore as a Pierrot.

"Any Night" entered into its second and last week at Hammerstein's Victoria Theatre. Sam and Kitty Morton, the oldtimers, received a warm welcome. The Four Bards, just returned from Europe, have new feats to offer. Arthur Dunn, the diminutive comedian, with Miss Bunty, new partner, has a new skit, "The Actress"; Harry Mayo and Harry Tally, half of the Empire City Quartet, wing and sing again; Charles E. Johnston and Josephine Deen present a singing and dancing act.

Julius Steger is the attraction at B. F. Keith's Royal Theatre this week. Mr. Steger presents his latest sketch, "The Warning." "The Bernhardt of Song," Belle Baker, is on the bill in a repertory of new songs. Francis Dooley and Corinne Sales are seen in their nonsense, "That's Silly."

Blanche Ring, who has not been seen on the vaudeville stage for some time, returns to B. F. Keith's Colonial Theatre this week, in "Oh, Papa," arranged for vaudeville by Channing Pollock and Kennold Wolf from the play by Leo Ditrichstein. Another feature on the bill is Eddie Leonard and Mabel Russell in a singing and dancing skit. Others include Ed Vinton, who presents Buster, the dog; Emmet De Voy and company, presenting "His Wife's Mother"; Hymack, in "Missitt Junction," and Brooks and Bowen, the "original two strong men."

Heading the bill at B. F. Keith's Alhambra Theatre this week are Elizabeth Brice and Charles King, who are seen in a bit of musical comedy, done in a vaudeville way. Nat. M. Wills, "The Happy Tramp," is also on the bill. William M. Cressy and Blanche Dayne appear in their latest playlet, "The Man Who Remembered."

"VOTES" CLOCK TICKING

Suffragists Set It Going in Big Cash Gathering Campaign.

A large gilt "votes for women" clock will record the progress of the great cash collecting campaign of the Woman Suffrage party, which began yesterday. The clock stands in the window of the headquarters, at 48 East 34th st., and every day at noon Miss Mary Garrett Hay, chairman of the party, will wind it up to the tune of as many thousand dollars as the workers have gathered during the preceding day. The first report will be to-day.

Fourteen hundred women started yesterday on a house-to-house canvass of the city. There were four women to a block. They carried little yellow books, in which all donations were to be recorded. No one without one of these 1915 campaign books is entitled to collect money for the cause.

Time Curtain Rises To-day

AFTERNOON.

2:00—Wars of the World.....Hippodrome
Dancing Around.....Winter Garden
2:15—Consequences.....Comedy
Panthea.....Standard

AFTERNOON FEATURE FILMS.

2:15—Cabiria.....Weber
2:15 to 11—The Nightingale.....Hammerstein's
2:20—Ireland a Nation.....44th St.
2:30—The Tangle.....Vitagraph
2 & 3:30—30 Leagues Under the Sea.....Rose Gardens
12 to 11:30—The County Chairman.....Strand

EVENING.

8:00—Wars of the World.....Hippodrome
Diplomacy.....Empire
Jewels of the Madonna.....Century
Dancing Around.....Winter Garden
8:10—The Beautiful Adventure.....Lyceum
Girl from Utah.....Knickerbocker
8:15—Damaged Goods.....Grand
Chin-Chin.....Globe
Kick In.....Longacre
Pygmalion.....Park
Five New One-Act Plays.....Princess
My Lady's Dress.....Playhouse
Der Muede Theodor.....Irving Place
The Phantom Rival.....Belasco
Consequences.....Comedy
The Hawk.....Shubert
Daddy Long-Legs.....Gaiety
Big Jim Garrity.....New York
The Miracle Man.....Astor
The Law of the Land.....48th St.
Pretty Mrs. Smith.....Casino
He Comes Up Smiling.....Liberty
Under Cover.....Cort
The Third Party.....39th St.
It Pays to Advertise.....Cohan's
Madam President.....Bronx
8:20—Panthea.....Standard
Twin Beds.....Fulton
On Trial.....Candler
Innocent.....Eltinge
8:30—High Cost of Loving.....Republic
Mr. Wu.....Maxine Elliott
Evidence.....Lyric
The Money Makers.....Booth
8:45—A Pair of Silk Stockings.....Little

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VAUDEVILLE HOUSES.

12 to 11:30—Vaudeville.....Broadway
Mats. Daily. Evening.
1:45.....7:45.....Hammerstein's
2:15.....8:15.....Royal
2:15.....8:15.....Palace
2:15.....8:15.....Colonial
2:15.....8:15.....Orpheum
2:15.....8:15.....Alhambra

BURLESQUE.

2:15.....8:15.....Columbia
2:15.....8:15.....Murray Hill

$1,000,000 FOR BELGIUM, IS CRY

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hornaday Appeal to Americans with Bank Accounts.

BELGIAN FUND TOTAL NOW $176,378.70

Other Collections Grow—Cardinal Farley Indorses Work of Committee of Mercy.

"One million dollars for Belgium!" That is the cry of the Belgian Bureau sounded yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hornaday. In an appeal which is to be sent to ten thousand citizens to-day Mr. Hornaday says:

"Within the next thirty days America should send $1,000,000 to the Belgians. Thus far the Belgian Bureau has received only $130,000—a paltry sum for the amount of distress we should relieve. This is no time to say, 'Be ye warmed and fed,' and let it go at that. Every true American with a bank account and a roof over his head owes a duty, at this minute, to the stricken and famishing people of Antwerp and Belgium generally."

Ten thousand dollars from an anonymous giver increased the Belgian Fund yesterday, and an unusually large number of small contributions brought the total up to $176,378 70. Among the contributors were George O. May, $100; Miss E. L., $100; Landon A. Thomas, $50; Eva V. C. Hawkes, $20; W. M. K., $100; Paul Vanderveide, $100; Mrs. William S. Miller, $250; H. Kanter, $100; Huston Wyeth, $250; Julius Liebman, $100; E. S. Halsted, $50; A. E. Cottier, $50; Anne E. Stodder, $100; Herman S. Rosenbaum, $50; Mrs. R. Elsberg, $50; Mrs. Samuel S. Brown, $100; Elma E. Garnsey, $100; Caldwell Co., $50; M. T. Thompson, $50; Day Krolik, $50; William B. Dan, $50; George T. Stodder, $100; Sam W. Sadtler, $103.

Dr. Henry van Dyke, Minister of The Hague, sent the following cable: "Your remittance of 25,000 guldens received yesterday. Thanks from pitiable Belgian refugees."

Miss Mabel Boardman, head of the American Red Cross, has invited the New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage to take charge of the flag booth at the Red Cross Universal Market, which opens Thursday at the Grand Central Palace. At this booth enrollments will be taken for membership in the American Red Cross. Mrs. Clinton H. Backus is chairman of the committee, and will be assisted by Mrs. George Zabriskie, Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Harold de Rassloff, Mrs. William Haight, Mrs. Lancaster Morgan and the Misses Grace Tabor, Margaret Overton, Margaret Haight, Dorothy Parker, Anne Woodin, Alice Delamamar and Margaret Meyer.

Instruction in the making of surgical dressings will be given at the booth of the Vacation War Relief Committee, which will be in charge of Mrs. Mary Hatch Willard. The women of New York are urged to send to this booth all bits of old cotton and linen cloth which they may have on hand. Pieces of cloth twelve inches square will make a surgical dressing.

H. S. Vanderbilt gave $500 yesterday to the American Ambulance Hospital Fund. The total receipts announced by J. P. Morgan & Co. were $87,075 60. Other contributors were Charlotte Sorchan, $250; Chandler Robbins, $100; Mrs. Robert Russell, $100; Mrs. Charles H. Coster, $100; E. G. Radike, $50; H. H. Benedict, $50; "In Memory of Mother," $50; Mrs. C. B. Weeks and Mrs. R. S. Crombie, $50.

The Prince of Wales Fund yesterday reached a total of $60,676 93. All contributions to this fund should be sent to R. M. Stuart Wortley, 25 Broad st. Among yesterday's contributors were employes of the Scoville Manufacturing Company, Waterbury, Conn., $50; through Miss Mary S. Broughton, Elmira, N. Y., $97; William Mills, $100; James Barber, $100; through Captain J. C. Charles, of the Mauretania, $50; Charles S. French, $75; Allentown, Penn., $118; Professor E. B. Titchener, Cornell University, $62; Miss Eva Morris Hawkes, $100.

Contributions amounting to $9,633 90 were received by Jacob H. Schiff, treasurer of the New York Red Cross, at 130 East 22d st. The total receipts of the Red Cross are now $268,047 16. Among the contributors were: Westchester County Chapter Red Cross, $3,414 91; Schenectady County Chapter, $2,055 35; Grace Church, $861 73; Mrs. James Douglas, $500; St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mount Kisco, $473 11; "O. H. P." $300; New York Peace Society, $269 30; Grace Church, Plainfield, N. J., $258 69; Church of the Incarnation, $217 82; "Queens Village Fund," $161 30; Elmhurst Suffrage Club, $126; Miss E. C. Larson, $100; New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, $100.

Several thousand dollars collected by Russian subjects in this city for the Russian Red Cross were forwarded yesterday to the Russian Embassy at Washington, which will forward it to the Red Cross headquarters at Petrograd through the Russian-American Line, 37 Broadway.

The fund for the relief of French women and children collected by Mrs. Whitney Warren, 16 East 47th st., reached a total of $20,125 81. Mrs. William Sloane gave $50.

Through Bourke Cockran the Committee of Mercy received the following letter of indorsement from Cardinal Farley yesterday:

"Dear Mr. Cockran: I have read the documents relating to the Committee of Mercy, of which you spoke to me recently. I understand it to be an international, neutral, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization in aid of the widows and orphans made by the world war in Europe or America.

"The need must be truly a crying one, and appeals to all. The Committee of Mercy has my cordial approval, and I pray for its every success."

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Free admission to the American Museum of Natural History, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York Zoological Park, Van Cortlandt Park Museum and the Aquarium.
Meeting of the Whitman College Men's League, headquarters, 20 East 41st st., 12:45 p. m.
Meeting of the New York Theatre Club, Hotel Astor, 2 p. m.
Mass meeting of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, Hotel Ritz-Carlton, 3 p. m.
Conference of the Drama League of America, New York Centre, Berkeley Institute, 188 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, 3:30 p. m.
Meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 29 West 39th st., evening.
Meeting of the American Monetary Association, Hotel McAlpin, evening.
Meeting under the auspices of the Women's Political Union of Bronx County, Burland's Casino, evening.
Public lectures of the Board of Education, 8:15 p. m.: Manhattan—Wadleigh High School, 114th st. and Seventh av., "Victorius Bulgaria," Herbert L. Bridgman; Public School 4, Rivington and Ridge sts., "Fighting Fire at Home and Abroad," Charles T. Hill; Public School 63, 4th st., east of First av., "Mexico, Its Land and People," Howard Williams; Public School 66, 88th st., east of First av., "Matthew Arnold," Dr. J. Duncan Spaeth; Public School 90, 147th st., west of Seventh av., "Niagara and Nearby," Edward Justus Parker; Public School 132, 182d st. and Wadsworth av., "The Hawaiian Islands, Past and Present," Edward B. Turner; Museum of Natural History, 77th st. and Central Park West, "Rubens and Rembrandt and the Painters of the Netherlands," Alexander T. Van Laer; Metropolitan Temple, Seventh av. and 14th st., "Disease Prevention in New York," Dr. Donald D. Armstrong; St. Cornelius Church, 421 West 46th st., "Algiers and Algeria," Mrs. Jennie P. Hance.

GERMANY GLAD TO HAVE BELGIANS FED

Fatherland Expects to Feel Pinch of Hunger This Winter.

CONSENTS TO ADMIT U. S. FOOD SUPPLIES

People of Stricken Country Facing Starvation, Minister Whitlock Cables Wilson.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, Oct. 19.—It is learned from a person who has arrived from Berlin that Germany will feel the pinch of hunger this winter. As much was frankly confessed to this person by a high army officer knowing the situation thoroughly.

During a discussion of the problem of feeding the Belgians the officer said that Germany would do its utmost to feed the Belgians, but was in duty bound to feed its own populace first. If the Germans were hungry the Belgians must come afterward.

When asked again if Germany would actually need food, the officer reiterated his statement with emphasis. For this reason it is considered certain that Germany will welcome any proposal for feeding the Belgians from outside, as proposed by the American committee.

Baron Lambert, representing the Belgian government, and Hugh S. Gibson, secretary of the American Legation at Brussels, arrived in London from the Belgian capital and conferred to-day with Ambassador Page and the Belgian Minister here concerning the movement to send food from London to Brussels. The shortage of food in Brussels is very serious.

Millard Shaler, the American, who started the movement for the relief of the food shortage in Brussels, was present at the conference. Much food is on the London docks ready for shipment to Belgium.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The German government has consented to the admission of food supplies for destitute Belgians, the British Ambassador here and American Ambassador Page in London have been notified by the State Department.

The State Department had been urging this action by the German government for nearly a week and had addressed two separate inquiries on the subject to the Foreign Office through Ambassador Gerard at Berlin.

President Wilson received a personal cable message from Mr. Whitlock today saying that the condition of the civil population of Belgium was miserable; that within two weeks they would face starvation. He again appealed to the American government to aid.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Chicago Belgians took the initiative to-day in starting to raise a relief fund of $1,000,000 for destitute fellow countrymen in the theatre of war or who have fled to England and Holland. It is hoped to raise half the sum in this city. It is said there are 3,000,000 destitute persons.

DR. ROBERT HUNTER, 83

Veteran Educator Strongly Favors Vocational Training.

In the midst of the flowers and other gifts, which crowded his home at 2079 Fifth av., Dr. Robert Hunter, president-emeritus of the Normal College, and one of the most prominent figures in New York's educational history, celebrated his eighty-third birthday yesterday. He was hale and hearty, and spoke of the city's aims in education and its efforts to achieve them with a vim and energy which showed the grip he still kept on what had been his life work.

"The chief thing in New York education?"—he repeated the question briskly to himself. "The advancement of vocational training. Those who will have to live on what they earn should learn a trade; there's many a college man who wishes he had learned one; something, it doesn't so much matter what, he could fall back on if things went wrong.

"My best advice would be for all boys to have an avocation as well as a vocation. If their vocation be trade, let their avocation be liberal, and vice versa. The avocation, in every case, would better his efficiency in his more serious work.

"The most useful of all liberal studies, speaking in the more immediately practical sense, is history. History is philosophy teaching by example, and we can read the future through the past."

ANTIS SUE FOR $50,000

Mrs. Oliphant Brings Action Against Montana Newspaper.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Oct. 19.—Announcement was made to-day by Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, that a suit for libel has been instituted against a Montana newspaper for the publication of a suffragist poem accusing Mrs. O. D. Oliphant, of Trenton, N. J., of being a "traitor to all the race holds just and good," a supporter of the whiskey interests and a sympathizer with brothel keepers. Mrs. Oliphant has been campaigning in Montana. Mrs. Dodge said:

"The attack on Mrs. Oliphant is criminal libel, and she has instituted a lawsuit for $50,000. The state of mind which induced the author to write these lines has been created by the insinuations of prominent suffragists, and they are really to blame for it."

"Papa's Darling" Welcomed.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Philadelphia, Oct. 19.—Klaw & Erlanger's new musical comedy production, "Papa's Darling," which goes to the New Amsterdam Theatre, New York, Monday, November 2, had its opening at the Forrest Theatre here to-night. Delegations came from New York, Baltimore and Washington. Klaw & Erlanger's other musical comedy productions, "The Pink Lady," "Oh! Oh! Delphine," and "The Little Café," had their first performances at the same theatre.

Wilson and Taft Joke.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Oct. 19.—Ex-President Taft and President Wilson had a chat at the White House to-day, the former insisting that he is now much happier than he was when he was head of the nation. The two joked on the subject, and the hearty laugh of the former Executive could be heard outside the President's private office. When the ex-President entered the White House several women insisted on taking snapshots of him.

Quirogo to Play in Theatre.

The Shuberts announce that owing to the desire expressed by the critics in the newspapers yesterday to hear the young Spanish violinist, Manuel Quirogo, in a smaller auditorium than at the Hippodrome, they have arranged two Quirogo recitals at the Shubert Theatre Sunday afternoon and evening. On that occasion Mr. Quirogo will give different programmes.

STUDENT ARTISTS LAUDED

Advertising Men Offer to Buy High School Posters.

Delegations of advertising men, representing many comercial houses in this and other cities, were among the visitors at the Fine Arts Galleries yesterday, where the exhibition of the art work of the students in the high schools of New York and Brooklyn has been held. Several were so pleased with the work that they offered to buy some of the posters.

Groups of amateur photographers from the high schools spent part of Sunday afternoon taking time exposures of the work of their fellow students. Yesterday Clarence White, a professional photographer, who visited the exhibition on Saturday, brought with him a score of members of the Photographers' Club, and they spent an hour or more inspecting the drawings in black and white and colors.

Dr. J. P. Haney, of the School Art League, under whose direction the exhibition was held, estimates that 4,000 visitors inspected the work of the students during the three days it was on view.

OBITUARY.

THE REV. DR. JOEL F. BINGHAM.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 19.—The Rev. Dr. Joel Foote Bingham, author and writer and father of General Theodore A. Bingham, formerly Commissioner of Police in New York City, died at his home here from apoplexy. He had lived in Hartford almost twenty-five years, following his retirement from active church work.

Dr. Bingham was born in Andover, this state, on October 11, 1827. He was valedictorian of his class at Yale in 1852. He studied later at the Union Theological Seminary. He was head master of the classical school, Bible House, New York, 1852-'58, and then entered the Congregational ministry, being pastor of churches in Cleveland and Buffalo, and in Augusta, Me., the latter in 1867-'71. In 1871 he was ordained a priest in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and was a rector in New Haven, Portsmouth, N. H., and Waterbury. From 1879 to 1888 he was engaged largely in literary work, but in the latter year became a rector in New London. In 1890 he retired from the pulpit. For ten years he was lecturer on Italian literature at Trinity College.

JAMES G. BRINKMAN.

James G. Brinkman, once a leading Democratic officeholder in New York and one of President Lincoln's pallbearers, is dead at his home in Brewster, Putnam County, in his 78th year. He was born in Augusta, Me., in 1836. He moved to New York when ten years old. After conducting a large grocery concern he became an attaché of the Superintendent of Street Lamps. Later he became deputy clerk of the Marine Court and afterward was elected councilman and then President of the City Council. While in this office he was one of a committee guarding the body of Abraham Lincoln while it lay in state. In 1894 he was made superintendent of New York City's Sodom reservoir at Brewster, and had held the office since. He leaves a wife.

FREDERICK C. SEEMAN.

Frederick C. Seeman, one of the prominent German silk manufacturers in this country, who had a large establishment in Union Hill, N. J., died at his home, in Richmond Borough, yesterday from pneumonia. Mr. Seeman lived in Cebra av., Stapleton Heights. He was fifty-eight years old and had lived in Richmond Borough for several years. He was prominent in German societies, both in Manhattan and Richmond. He was a director of the Staten Island Savings Bank, president of the Ehreiterund, a member of the Richmond County Country Club and of a number of clubs and organizations in Manhattan. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

WILLIAM WILLETS.

Roslyn, Long Island, Oct. 19.—Word was received here to-day of the death yesterday of William Willets, of this place, at Middletown, N. Y. He was a member of the old Long Island family of that name. He leaves three sons, S. Tabor Willets, Stephen and Robert Willets. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 3 p. m. in the Friends' Meeting House at Westbury.

Mr. Willets was probably one of the best known horsemen on the north shore of Long Island, and had one of the largest stock farms in this section until failing health caused him to retire, when his sons continued the business. Death was caused by general debility.

PAUL G. PARKIN.

Summit, N. J., Oct. 19.—Paul G. Parkin, seventy-three years old, a veteran of the Civil War and formerly a Brooklyn fireman, died at his home, 82 Franklin Place, to-day, following a third stroke of paralysis. He moved here from Brooklyn thirty-two years ago and was a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association of the latter city. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Chatham and the local tribe of Red Men. The funeral will be held at his home tomorrow night, the Rev. John F. Butterworth, former rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, officiating. He leaves five children.

EUGENE GATTLE.

Eugene Gattle, a retired jeweller, died at his home, 238 West 129th st., late Sunday night. Mr. Gattle was born in Germany seventy-eight years ago. He came to this country on his honeymoon when nineteen years old, settling in Plattsburg, N. Y. He was one of the pioneer settlers of that city. Twenty years ago he retired from the jewelry business which he had established and came to New York to live. Four sons and a daughter, Mrs. E. G. Levy, survive him. The funeral will be from Temple Israel, on Wednesday. Burial will be in Mount Nebuh Cemetery, at Cypress Hills.

NORMAN C. GILE.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Port Jervis, N. Y., Oct. 19.—Norman C. Gile, Superintendent of Schools of this city, died to-day at the Clifton Springs Sanatorium from liver trouble. He was born in Van Etten, N. Y., and was forty years old. He was a graduate of New York University. He had been Superintendent of Schools of Kingston, N. Y., before coming to this city. He leaves a wife and three children.

GEORGE H. WALKER.

Arlington, N. J., Oct. 19.—George H. Walker, forty-nine years old, first president of the Stampf Memorial Hospital Association, of Kearny, past exalted ruler of Kearny lodge of Elks, and a member of several other fraternal organizations, died to-day at his home, 516 Forest st.

Dinner Off to Aid Relief.

The Society of Colonial Wars will not hold its annual dinner this winter because of the European war. At a meeting of the council of the society yesterday it was voted to omit the dinner, for the first time in twenty-one years. Members will be permitted to forward the amount ordinarily paid for dinner tickets to a relief fund.

TOO MANY CRANKS ABOUT, SAYS TAFT

Ex-President Deplores Tinkering with Constitution at This Time.

MEETS WITH BAR ASSOCIATION TO-DAY

Judge Holt Demands Stoppage of Destruction of Merchant Vessels During War.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The opening of the annual meeting of the American Bar Association here to-morrow was preceded to-day by the sessions of a half-dozen subsidiary organizations, attracted to Washington by the convening of the parent body. These included the section on legal education, the National Association of Attorneys General and the associations on maritime and military laws. They drew hundreds of lawyers from all parts of the country to Washington to-day.

The programme of the Association on Military Law was curtailed by the decision of several army officers not to read papers, in view of President Wilson's recent orders against officers commenting on the European war.

Former President Taft, president of the Bar Association, will preside and make the address at the opening of that body's meeting to-morrow. Other speakers will include Senator Root, Senator Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of Canada, and Ambassador Naon, of the Argentine Republic.

Mr. Taft addressed the commission on uniform state laws to-day, urging reform in marriage and divorce laws through uniform state legislation. He condemned the "looseness with which the marriage tie is looked upon in many states."

Mr. Taft also placed himself on record as flatly opposed to "tinkering" with the federal Constitution under present conditions.

Too Many Cranks, Says Taft.

"I am not in favor of any amendment to the Constitution," he said emphatically, "not because it doesn't need them, for I believe that in the light of our acquaintance with its workings we might make some minor changes which would facilitate its operation. But I am not in favor of tinkering with that great governmental instrument at a time when there are so many cranks and so many movements looking toward its total abolition."

Reforms on international law resulting from the European war were predicted by Judge George C. Holt, of New York, in an address before the Maritime Law Association of the United States, of which he is president.

Judge Holt declared that a determined effort should be made after the war to put a stop forever to the capture and destruction of merchant vessels. In the Crimean war, he said, France and England allowed Russian ships six weeks to depart from ports unmolested after the declaration of war; Japan was allowed seven days and Russia two in the Russo-Japanese war, and Spain thirty days and the United States five during the Spanish-American war.

Universal Rapine.

"But no sooner was this war declared," he added, "than the universal rapine began. It is reported that Great Britain detained ninety-five German vessels which were in British ports and Germany detained seventy British vessels in German ports at the outbreak of the war. All neutral ports in all parts of the world are crowded with idle ships of the belligerents. They lie moored to the wharfs, their business is ruined, and the commerce of the world is stopped in obedience to that relic of barbarism, the rule of international law that capture and destruction of an enemy's merchant vessels are ligitimate in war."

Another matter which almost certainly will become the subject of international consideration, Mr. Holt said, is the protection of fishing vessels and small boats engaged in local trade.

The entire question of the use of mines, the speaker suggested, probably would be considered anew by the nations after the war. Floating mines in the North Sea and the Adriatic, he said, had done much more damage to merchant vessels than to warships, and he pointed out that for two years after the war between Russia and Japan little Chinese junks were blown up in Eastern waters by contact mines.

Honor for Marconi.

As a result of Mr. Holt's comment that the great maritime nations had conferred no honor whatever upon William Marconi for perfecting the wireless telegraph, the association elected Mr. Marconi an honorary member.

"At a time when men are receiving every form of honor from governments for their detestable work in inventing military implements of destruction," Mr. Holt had said, "it is high time to honor a man whose object had been to save and not destroy human life."

Robert M. Hughes, of Virginia, addressed the section of legal education on "The Historical Evolution of the Board of Law Examiners." I. Maurice Wormser, of New York, read a paper on bar examinations, in which he analyzed the questions propounded at the last June examinations in twenty-five states, and arrived at the conclusion that too many definitial and informational questions were asked. President Charles A. Boston, of New York, commenting on the latter paper, told of a test on the value of informational questions applied to a gathering of the most successful members of the association. Only two or three were certain how Lowell spelled "Biglow" in writing the "Biglow Papers," he said, and not one could tell the name of the Republican candidate for Vice-President in 1912.

"MOTHER PRINDLE" DEAD

Friend of Unfortunate Women Was 78 Years Old.

Mrs. Almira Prindle, who for forty years had been affectionately called "Mother Prindle," because of her efforts to rescue unfortunate women, died yesterday at 546 Park Place, Brooklyn, from acute indigestion.

It was in the 1870's that Mrs. Prindle left the mountains of Vermont, where she was a member of a large Quaker family, to undertake the work to which she devoted her life. Among the cities which have known her best since that time are Buffalo, Little Rock, Ark., Phiadelphia, Watertown, Mass., and Newark, Ohio. She co-operated with Charles Crittenton in founding the Florence Crittenton homes and was for seven or eight years matron of the Crittenton Home in this city.

Mother Prindle continued active work until as recently as this summer, despite the fact that she was seventy-eight years of age. The funeral will take place at the Friends' Meeting House, Lafayette and Washington avs., Brooklyn, to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.

DROPS DEAD IN CLASS

Miss Sophie J. Mee Was Veteran Mount Vernon Teacher.

Miss Sophie J. Mee, the oldest teacher in Mount Vernon, dropped dead from heart disease in her classroom of School 1 yesterday morning while her pupils looked on. The children were greatly frightened, but there was no panic. One of the older girls, after telling the pupils to be quiet, ran for Miss MacGinn, the acting principal. She sent for Dr. Woodruff, who pronounced Miss Mee dead.

All the pupils in the building were sent home for the rest of the day. Miss Mee was sixty-six years old and had been a teacher in Mount Vernon for forty-eight years.

Her only relatives are two brothers, the Rev. Charles P. Mee, of Dover Plains, and James P. Mee, of California. During her long service Miss Mee missed only two weeks of work because of illness.

MARRIED.

FRENCH—FERRIS—On Saturday, October 17, at St. Paul's P. E. Church, Duncan av., Jersey City, by the Rev. William Peck Brush, Isabel Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garwood Ferris, to Stewart Alexander French, of New York City.

Notices of marriages and deaths must be accompanied by full name and address.

DIED.

Foot, James D., jr.
Gere, Robert.
Lovell, F. H.
McLaughlin, F. W.
Pelletier, Annie R.
Porter, Louella.
Prindle, Almira.
Watrous, Ruth W.
Wendell, Burr
Wilcox, Mary P. H.

FOOT—Entered into rest after a lingering illness on October 17, 1914, at Rye, N. Y., James Dwight Foot, jr., in his 29th year, younger son of James D. Foot and the late Ellen Bellows Foot. Funeral services on Tuesday, October 20, at 10:30 a. m., in the Chapel of Mount Auburn Cemetery, Boston. Boston papers please copy.

GERE—Suddenly, at Yonkers, N. Y., on Sunday, October 18, 1914, Robert Gere, son of the late N. Stanton and Mary L. Gere, of Syracuse, N. Y. Funeral services at his late residence, 3 Dudley Place, Yonkers, on Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Interment Syracuse, N. Y., on Wednesday.

LOVELL—Suddenly, at Lake Mohonk on October 17, in the 78th year of his age, Franklyn Hallett, husband of M. Louise Lewis and son