# HAMILTON SENDS STATEMENT.

### YOUNG M'CALL BRINGS IT—THE "JUDGE" TOO ILL TO COME.

**The Details of the Document Kept Secret Next Meeting of Mutual Trustees Expected to Be Stormy Because of Lawyers Mortgage Co. Stock Graft.**

John C. McCall, son of President McCall of the New York Life and the secretary of the company, who went to Paris to try to persuade Judge "Andy" Hamilton to return and testify before the Armstrong committee, got back yesterday on the steamship La Lorraine. Mr. McCall was met at the pier by his wife and a friend. He gave out this typewritten statement:

I have a report from Judge Hamilton giving a detailed and explicit statement of his matters and of the work performed by him while in charge of the legislative and taxation bureau of the New York Life Insurance Company in the United States and Canada during the last ten years.

I cannot give the details of his report until the document is first presented to the special committee of the board of trustees recently appointed.

With the consent of the special committee I shall subsequently present Judge Hamilton's statement to the special legislative committee, Senator Armstrong, chairman.

Copies of the report will then be furnished to the press.

When Judge Hamilton sailed for Europe July 19, several weeks before the insurance investigation was ordered or the Armstrong committee appointed, he was in very poor health, and practically he has been in the hands of the physicians ever since his arrival on the other side.

He was anxious to return and present his statement in person, but he was advised very earnestly by the doctors, whose certificates I have, not to make the trip at this season of the year in his present condition.

I cannot give any other or further particulars of Judge Hamilton's very voluminous statement for the reasons stated. It must first be presented to the board of trustees and then to the State legislative committee before the document is given to the press.

Young Mr. McCall immediately upon his arrival went to the home of his father, where the two remained in conference all the afternoon. The Hamilton statement will probably be presented to the New York Life trustees on Tuesday and to the legislative committee on Wednesday.

It was reported yesterday that the New York Life's self-investigating committee will criticise President McCall for having contributed to the Republican campaign of 1904, but will stand by his action in giving $50,000 to the Republicans in each of the free silver campaigns.

The meeting of the Mutual Life's board of trustees next Wednesday is likely to be one of the stormiest that body ever held. A demand will probably be made on the members of the finance committee implicated in the Lawyers Mortgage Company stock scandal to explain fully why they diverted many thousands of dollars of profit on this stock from the Mutual's treasury.

Some members of the board of trustees, notably the men who are on the Mutual's self-investigating committee, will want to know, too, whether this Lawyers' Mortgage Company stock matter had anything to do with determining the attitude of some members of the board toward an out and out investigation.

The charge was made some time ago that the finance committee faction of the Mutual was strongly opposed to having a wide open examination of the company's affairs. The members of this faction were for reorganization first and for an investigation later. The Mutual's self-investigating committee, of which William H. Truesdale is chairman, refused at first to consider this plan, and soon the investigating committee found that innumerable barriers were being placed in the way of the accountants who had been put to work by the committee in the Mutual's offices.

For two weeks or more the accountants were practically at a standstill, and in the meantime the fight was being waged between the two factions in the board. The result of the fight is a matter of record now—the self-investigating committee surrendered, and Charles A. Peabody, the finance committee faction's candidate, was elected president. One member of the finance committee who is involved in the present scandal, J. N. Jarvie, was one of the committee of five which selected Mr. Peabody as the reform candidate for president.

Mr. Peabody will not assume the duties of his office until January 1. Persons who are familiar with Mutual affairs expressed the opinion yesterday that Mr. Peabody will have the biggest kind of a house cleaning job on his hands before the scandal growing out of Friday's disclosures blows over. Mr. Peabody refused to be interviewed yesterday.

Acting President Frederic Cromwell, who was one of the finance committee directors who got a slice of the stock intended for the Mutual, was not at his office yesterday. Nobody at the Mutual building would offer any explanation of how Mr. Cromwell happened to forget, in his conversation with President Coggeshall of the Lawyers Title Insurance Company, that he had got 100 shares of the stock which the Mortgage company intended for the Mutual. Mr. Coggeshall testified before the Armstrong committee that Mr. Cromwell expressed great surprise when he told him that the Lawyers Mortgage stock had gone to individuals and not to the Mutual company.

It was learned yesterday that Julius Heye, the aged clerk in the Mutual's supply department who was reported missing a few days ago, really left his desk on the instructions of a man connected with the Mutual Life. Heye, it was said yesterday, was told to get out soon after the Armstrong investigating committee began to uncover the gross irregularities in the supply department.

This is the department in which Andy Fields, the legislative generalissimo, held forth. Heye has been staying at the home of Cashier Sands of the Mutual in Montclair, N. J. He showed up one day at the Mutual office after the story about the missing records in the supply department was published, but went back to New Jersey on the same day to continue his vacation.

### CHIEF KIELY SAVED.

**The Plainfield Common Council Practically Acquit Him.**

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 23.—Chief of Police P. S. Kiely, who has been up for trial on charges preferred against him by Councilmen William S. Tyler and William Starr Bullock, two members of the Common Council police committee, was practically vindicated last night. The Common Council, acting as a court, rendered a verdict clearing the chief of all charges pertaining to his morality and efficiency. He was technically adjudged guilty of attending the "Get Together Club," composed of city officials and politicians and where liquor is sold, and of releasing prisoners from the city jail without hearing or bail. It was also attempted to show that the chief was guilty of intoxication and failing to pay just debts.

The most damaging testimony against the prosecution was given by Prosecutor English of Union county. He told of a conversation he had with Mr. Tyler prior to the raid at John J. Goff's place, alleged to be a speakeasy, in which the latter was quoted as saying that he wanted to make the raid for political effect, that he did not care anything about Goff.

Mr. Tyler denied the statement, and in reply said that Mr. English told him that owing to political intermeddling in his office he sought to have the Governor appoint him a judge so that he could get out of it. The raid at Goff's place was made by Mr. Tyler and Mr. Bullock over Chief Kiely's head. Goff was indicted by the Grand Jury and fined $50. Politics played a large part in the trial, the defence attempting to prove that the move against the police department was actuated by a desire to drive the Republican organization from power.

### BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

Will N. Harben gives an interesting account of how he came to write his first novel. The author admits that he was an indifferent pupil at school, being known chiefly for the excellent compositions which he wrote for himself and for his schoolmates. At the age of 12, being suddenly called upon for an original composition to be read before the school, he delivered the first two chapters of his first novel, "Old Buckskin, the Silent Hunter of the Great West," finishing amid a storm of applause with "To be continued in our next." The schoolmaster believed the thing had been copied from a dime novel, but the boys offered him his first literary remuneration in the shape of marbles and tops for the exciting continuation of the story, which the author gave from the head of a barrel in a nearby barn to what he calls the most appreciative audience he ever has had. Besides the new American edition of "Pole Baker," Will N. Harben's latest story, which is being printed this week, the Harpers are preparing a large Australian edition.

The famous Dr. Theodore Tronchin figures conspicuously in two books of the season—the popular edition of "The Life of Voltaire" and "Mme. Geoffrin and Her Salon." The methods of this enlightened doctor of 1750, who was called "one of the best and wisest friends Voltaire ever had," and who saved Paris from a smallpox plague by making inoculation fashionable, were remarkably like the most advanced medical treatment of the twentieth century. In the days of the dark ages in medicine, when bloodletting was the universal panacea, he ordered scarcely any drugs for his patients, a great deal of exercise, plenty of fresh air, early hours, ventilation in sleeping rooms, personal cleanliness, massage and simple food.

It is a curious fact, says the London *Book Monthly*, that manuscripts by women are rarely as clean and tidy as those prepared by men. "Most editors will admit—in candid if ungallant moments—that they would rather tackle two manuscripts by men than one in a hand that should be fairer."

John Oliver Hobbes, the author of "The Flute of Pan," claims that the novel is in reality the only true picture of modern court life that has been written in recent years. H. R. H. Princess of Wales has written Mrs. Craigie an enthusiastic letter about the book, to the effect that she read it with delight because it was the only book she had ever read that gave an accurate picture of court life. She is the godmother of one of Mrs. Craigie's nephews, and one of the author's earlier novels was written at the country home of the Princess. The Queen is enthusiastic about the book, and the Princess says that she likes it better than anything she has ever read.

Recent recruits to the New York literary colony are Frances A. Matthews, the author of "The Staircase of Surprise," who has returned from the country to her home in New York, where she will remain through the winter. Mr. Robert Chambers has closed his country place at Broadalbin and has come to New York for the winter. Miss Frances Davidge, the young writer, has also returned to the city and is at work on a new book. Mrs. Craigie has been receiving great success with her brilliant talks on sharply contrasting themes and will return later in the season for fresh ovations and further honors. Meantime Hall Caine has returned to his home in the Isle of Man to get over it all. Dr. Thomas Evans has returned to Paris, and Mrs. Humphry Ward, notwithstanding many reports to the contrary, will not make her visit to this country before the autumn or early winter of next year.

Booksellers in England report that the revolution in Russia is causing a new demand for Dickens's "Tale of Two Cities."

One of the interesting articles in the January number of *Harper's Bazar* is devoted to the work of Helen Hyde, the clever Californian who has invented a new color process of printing from etched plates and has attained distinction with her etchings of Japanese children. At first Miss Hyde had difficulty in persuading the Japanese mothers that no harm would come to their almond eyed offspring through the artist's using them as models. Later a fresh embarrassment arose in the visitors who came bringing eggs, pictures and other gifts and politely but firmly insisting upon taking away the sketches in return, after the Japanese fashion. Miss Hyde perfected her knowledge of Japanese art by studying under Kano Tomonobu, working in the Japanese fashion, sitting on her feet with the paper flat on the floor in front of her. The people of Japan are enthusiastic in their praise of Miss Hyde's work, and at a recent exhibition awarded the first prize to her contribution.

Admirers of "Pan" will rejoice to hear that Baroness von Hutton is writing a sequel to the book concerning this very sincere character of unconventional and unique convictions. The book will be published next year by Dodd, Mead & Co.

While the literature of poetry is full of mother love, the literature of fiction furnishes few examples of good mothers. Most heroes and heroines are orphans or are the victims of wicked mothers and cruel stepmothers. Dickens was unfortunate in his home life, and the mothers of his imagination are for the most part unworthy ones. Thackeray omitted the portraiture of a really strong and beautiful mother type. Rupert Hughes, feeling the injustice of fiction toward mothers, determined to remedy it so far as his own work was concerned. In his story of "The Whirlwind" he portrayed the mother of the hero as making every sacrifice possible for the happiness, the education and the success of her son. In his latest novel, "Zal," the mother is a prominent and beautiful character, and the climax of the story is a scene in which the hero is confronted with the necessity of choosing which he shall save from imminent death, his mother or his sweetheart. The mother solves the problem by the supreme sacrifice of giving her life for her son's happiness.

Maxwell Gray, the author of "The Silence of Dean Maitland," has just finished another novel, which the Appletons will publish in the spring. The work is called "The Great Refusal," and one of its interesting features is a description of English university life.

The *Spectator* pays a graceful tribute to Mr. Howells's latest book, "London Films," in which the American author sketches the peculiarities of what he calls "our contemporary ancestors." "An American visitor is not a stranger," says the *Spectator*. "With our language on his lips, our traditions in his memory, our blood in his veins, it is idle to deny that he is in a position to judge of us, and it is impossible to read so kind a judgment as Mr. W. D. Howells pronounces in his last work without a keen sense of pleasure and even a touch of emotion. Mr. Howells has given to the American, perhaps consciously, a favorable likeness of a friendly people and unconsciously has given to the English a true picture of an American friend."

# FOREST RESERVE GRAB CHECK.

### CHOATE POINTS OUT THAT THE CONSTITUTION FORBIDS.

**Thereby Upsetting the Plans of Senator Malby and Assemblyman Merritt to Overflow State Lands in Behalf of Private Electric and Lumber Companies**

Joseph H. Choate has submitted an opinion, on behalf of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, in relation to the attempt to dam certain Adirondack rivers and overflow parts of the State forest preserve for private power supplying purposes. This opinion has been filed with the River Improvement Commission, which has been holding hearings in the matter, Senator Malby and Assemblyman Merritt, both of St. Lawrence county, appearing as attorneys for the power interests. Mr. Choate says:

"My opinion is asked as to the right of the River Improvement Commission, with the approval of the Legislature, to order improvements upon any river or water course which shall necessarily involve the permanent flooding and consequent destruction of timber upon the lands of the State, constituting the forest preserve, and I am of the opinion that no such right exists in the River Improvement Commission and the Legislature combined, but that the exercise of the same by them under the act creating the commission is effectually and absolutely prohibited by the seventh section, Article VII. of the Constitution of the State of New York as revised in 1894."

At the time of the Constitutional Convention Mr. Choate declared that if it had accomplished nothing else the section safeguarding the forest preserve was worth while.

"Nothing could be more plain, explicit and conclusive," he says in this opinion, "than the language used in this constitutional provision. As applied to the particular question in hand it is: 'The lands of the State * * * constituting the Forest Preserve, shall be forever kept as wild forest lands, * * * nor shall the timber thereon be sold, removed or destroyed.' Upon its face and in actual substance it was plainly designed as a restraint upon the power which had previously existed in the Legislature and was carefully contrived for the effectual protection of the Forest Preserve and the timber thereon from just such inroads as are indicated in the question submitted, under legislative authority, whether direct or indirect.

"It is not possible to mistake the meaning of the language used, nor is it capable of more than one interpretation. Any improvement attempted [under the law creating the River Commission] which prevents the lands of the State from being kept forever as wild forest lands and necessarily causes the destruction of timber thereon is absolutely prohibited, and under no plea of necessity or change of policy or public welfare can the effect of the constitutional provision be evaded. The people assembled in convention in their fundamental capacity in framing the amendment and in its subsequent adoption must be deemed to have taken all those things into consideration and to have determined that, so long as the constitutional provision lasted, its terms should be obeyed and the policy embodied followed."

This opinion, agreeing as it does with the one submitted by Edmund P. Martin, Peter F. Schofield, John H. Washburn, Jamee MacNaughton and William Jay Sheffelin for the Board of Trade and Transportation, is expected to offset successfully in the minds of the commission the arguments which have been made for electric and lumber companies by Senator Malby and Assemblyman Merritt.

For the Board of Trade the contention goes even a little further, declaring that the language of the Constitution clearly says that the "lands" of the State within the forest preserve, regardless of whether they are forested or not, shall never be "taken by any corporation."

Decision is to be rendered in January the proposition being the damming of the Saranac, the Raquette, and the Sacondaga Rivers, backing water up for reservoirs upon the forest preserve land in order to furnish free facilities for producing electric power to certain private companies.

### POLICE HEADQUARTERS UNEASY.

**The Turning Down of Wasserman Howell Hearing Eggers Full of Fight.**

At the noonday interview on Friday Commissioner McAdoo announced that he would appoint the sixty-eight new roundsmen to fill the vacancies left by the recent promotion of roundsmen to the rank of sergeant. He also said at that interview that the men to be promoted had been passed upon by the advisory committee. At the time of the examination of the men there was a lot of talk about Patrolman Wasserman of the Fifth street station, and he was subjected to a severe examination as to his record, especially in connection with arrests made while in company with an officer from the District Attorney's office who was said to be a personal friend of his.

Wasserman's case was put over for further consideration until Friday, when the Commissioner said that Wasserman had been before the committee and had cleared his skirts. When the roundsmen were made on Friday Wasserman was not among those promoted. The Commissioner had changed his mind while out to his luncheon. He offered no explanation of his change of mind, except to say that he had received fresh information.

In view of the star chamber proceedings used in Wasserman's case and the serious charges made against Secretary Howell by Eggers those familiar with things about Headquarters said yesterday that some further sensational exposures were almost certain to follow. Just who might be the ones hit it was impossible to ascertain, but in view of the Commissioner's statement that others were under investigation there was a distinctly uneasy atmosphere.

Secretary Howell's request that he be examined on the charges made will of necessity be granted next week, or, in other words, before January 1. Eggers says that even if no one else comes forward against the Commissioner's secretary he will. Eggers also said he would take his case to the courts if he lost it at Police Headquarters.

### DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST CZAR.

**Socialists Here Asked to Observe Anniversary of the St. Petersburg Massacre.**

The national executive committee of the Socialist Labor party has decided to call upon Socialists in New York and other sections to arrange for demonstrations and meetings on January 22 in support of the Russian revolutionists. This action was taken at the request of the International Socialist Bureau at Brussels, Belgium, which has called for demonstrations in every city on January 22, the first anniversary of the massacre of the St. Petersburg petitioners who were led by Father Gapon. The bureau in a circular containing its request says in part:

"This demonstration should take the form of parades, if possible, and of mass meetings, during which money should be collected and forwarded to your bureau to be used exclusively for the Russian proletariat revolution. The Russian revolutionists are ready for freedom. The revolution is on. Comrades, we believe the day will be historic when we see the fulfilment of the plan for a universal and simultaneous demonstration in favor of the Russian revolution."

The document is signed by I. Scheff, Anna Strunsky, Suprema Tedeschi, V. Tedeschi, J. Edelman, Cameron H. Bamford, Jack London and Emil Liess.

### BROKERS AT PUSH BALL.

**High Jinks on Stock Exchange Floor, With Pretty Women Looking On.**

Yesterday was Christmas in Wall Street, or that portion of it at least which belongs to the higher realm of finance. The Stock Exchange raised its customary fund for employees and for a bed in a hospital, and held its usual jollification. The Consolidated Exchange, as is becoming its estate, will hold a celebration next Saturday, one week later. The curb, its spirits dampened ever since the penning in process of Commissioner McAdoo last summer, has not yet made up its mind that it has the spirit to celebrate.

The galleries of the big exchange were crowded at 12 o'clock, the closing hour, and hundreds of men and women visitors were on the street unable to enter. These the rubber neck wagon men had cajoled to the district.

"Come and see the great Christmas jollification on the Stock Exchange," was their refrain. "All the old captains of high finance will be boys again. Come and see them in a game of pushball. Don't miss the great men's revelry. Better than Christmas presents for your children."

Contrary to custom in some preceding years, the celebration began at 12:15, instead of promptly on the closing time. In the interval the older brokers and their assistants escaped with whole hats and clothing untorn. The younger brokers and the messengers and other employees were left to run the show.

The trading room was decorated with Christmas greens. There were wreaths of holly around the stands, festoons draped along the walls and galleries, and as many pretty women as the gallery seats would hold. A screen of evergreens and holly was raised above the telephone booths along the west side, and behind this music was furnished by the Seventh Regiment band.

As the band struck up a topical air there was a shower of confetti and an enormous pushball was propelled across the floor. An occasional messenger was bowled over, but the young brokers dodged out of the way alertly or took a hand in the game. The pushball was not as great a success as was expected. Interest in it was not long in dying out.

The galleries were showered with confetti as much as possible, and there was some singing to the accompaniment of the band and a little buck and wing dancing on the floor. But, on the whole, there was little spontaneous fun in the celebration.

The committee in charge was composed of W. R. White, L. L. Benedict and A. H. De Haven. It was understood that $10,000 was raised, of which part went to the 400 employees and the remainder to one of the city hospitals.

### STABBED BY A BLACK HAND.

**Formanci Had Previously Received Letters Demanding Money.**

John Formanci, an Italian barber at 415 Wythe avenue, Williamsburg, began to receive threatening letters about a month ago signed by the Black Hand society. He paid no attention to them until last Monday, when seven Italians whom he had never seen before called at his shop and threatened him with harm unless he answered the letters in which money was demanded. He complained at the Clymer street police station, but detectives were unable to obtain a clue to the identity of any of the men.

Late on Friday night, just as Formanci was closing his shop, two Italians appeared and asked him to direct them how to get to 55 Fulton street, Brooklyn. As the barber stepped out of his shop to point the way two other Italians sneaked up behind him and one slashed his neck with a knife. Apparently the intention was to cut his throat.

Formanci shouted for help and the four Italians ran away. The shout was heard by Policeman Farrington of the Clymer street station, who started in pursuit of them. Farrington followed two through Wythe avenue to South Ninth street and down to Kent avenue and caught them at the foot of Broadway near the Twenty-third street ferry house.

They were taken to the police station where they said they were Tony Scadiro, 20 years old, of 326 East Fifteenth street, Manhattan, and Romeo Dominiceo, 39 years old, of 2224 Second avenue, Manhattan. Dominiceo fainted. Formanci could not identify either as the one who had cut him, so the police held the two for vagrancy. Later they were arraigned in the Lee avenue police court and held for a hearing.

### WANTS MILITIA WELL DRESSED.

**Gen. Miles Recommends That Massachusetts Buy New Uniforms.**

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Gen. Miles in his report on the militia of Massachusetts submitted to Gov. Douglas says that a smaller force than the State has at present would be more useful and desirable. He also scores the practice of making enlisted men wear old uniforms. He says:

"The State has now a large quantity of uniforms that are old, much worn, and practically unserviceable, and many of the intelligent young men who enlist in the militia feel it unbecoming and a degradation to be obliged to wear the uniforms furnished them.

"It is highly important to the soldier, as well as conducive to his health and comfort, that his clothing should be in the best possible condition at all times, and he is certainly entitled to a military garb that would be as becoming as the civilian dress which he is accustomed to wear in the daily walks of life.

"If the State accepts his services and relies upon his intelligence and patriotism to maintain law and order, it can certainly afford to furnish him with a uniform which he would be proud to wear and which would be becoming to him as a representative of the commonwealth and the nation.

"I, therefore, recommend that a suitable uniform be furnished to each soldier on his enlistment as a part of the compensation for his services to the State."

### STOLE TO AID SICK FRIEND.

**Cashier, Accused by Fidelity and Deposit Co., Says Widow Didn't Repay Him.**

John H. Scholle, 46 years old, of 101 High street, Mount Vernon, who was a cashier and bookkeeper in the employ of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, with a local office at 35 Wall street, was arraigned in the Tombs police court yesterday on a charge of larceny, preferred by J. Whitmore Barry of 238 West Thirteenth street. Later the complaint was changed to forgery. The amount involved is $2,000.

Scholle confessed, the police say, that he had spent the money in paying for medical attendance for an old friend named Garbede of 145 North High street, Mount Vernon, who died recently. The defendant said that Garbede had left two insurance policies valued at $6,000, and that he had expected Garbede's widow to reimburse him for his outlay.

When Scholle was asked what certain private marks stood for at the head of several columns of figures in his books he said that they enabled him to tell how much he owed the company. Scholle said, further, that he was able for a while to escape detection by failing to turn in certain checks and leaving open the accounts to which they belonged.

Magistrate Barlow committed the defendant to the Tombs in default of $2,000 bail.

**Justice Bartlett to Be Guest of Honor.**

The annual dinner of the Brooklyn Bar Association will be given in the Pouch Mansion on Clinton avenue on January 23, the guest of honor being Justice Willard Bartlett, now of the Appellate Division of the Second Judicial Department, but who on January 1 will become by appointment of Gov. Higgins an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals.

### IN SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, January 3, Col. and Mrs. Robert M. Thompson will give a big party for Miss Lorraine Roosevelt. On January 4, Mrs. George L. Kingsland will give a ball for Miss Kingsland. Mrs. Henry L. Wardwell will give a dance for her daughter, Miss Dorothea Wardwell, on Thursday night, and a century dance is on at Delmonico's. On Friday night, January 5, one of the Knickerbocker dances is on. On January 5 Mr. and Mrs. W. Watts Sherman give a coming out ball for their daughters, Miss Irene Sherman and Miss Mildred Sherman, and on January 6 one of the big Saturday dances under the management of Mrs. Charles R. Huntington will be given at Delmonico's.

Mrs. Astor's cards have been out for some time for the ball she will give on Monday night, January 8, and on the following night at Delmonico's one of the Cotillons of Eighty will be given. On Tuesday, January 12, Mrs. Joseph Pulitzer will give a coming out party for her daughter, Miss Edith Pulitzer. Mrs. Frank M. Freeman of West Fiftieth street gives a dance for Miss Julia Freeman. One of the Astor dances will be given that night at the Hotel Astor, and Mrs. E. C. McKenna will give a dance at Delmonico's.

James Henry Smith of 871 Fifth avenue will give a ball on Monday night, January 15, and on that night Miss Elizabeth Stuart Hamilton will give a dance for her débutante niece, Miss Frances Smith-Hadden. On January 16 the first of a series of dances is on, and on January 17 Mrs. Benjamin J. King gives a dance for Miss Grace King at Delmonico's. On Thursday night, January 18, the second of the dinner dances organized by Mrs. Frederic J. de Peyster and J. Montgomery Strong will be given at Delmonico's. Mrs. Henry M. Johnson on that night gives a cotillon for her daughter, Miss Grace Ruggles. Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor give a ball on Friday night, January 19.

Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs will give her annual Christmas dance for young people on Tuesday evening at her home, Fifth avenue and Fifty-seventh street. There will be a big tree and Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute the gifts. Hermann Oelrichs, when here, used to appear in this rôle himself. Hermann Oelrichs, Jr., now about 14 years old, has the unusual distinction of being a godfather to his little cousin Consuelo Vanderbilt. He is also quite a traveller, having done the Continent with his mother last year in an auto. Mrs. Oelrichs has worn some superb costumes at the opera recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wilson will give a Christmas dinner to-morrow night for all their family. Their grandson, Robert Goelet, and his wife are in Philadelphia for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Craig Biddle, the latter, Mrs. Goelet's sister. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Van Rensselaer Thayer returned from Europe this week to spend Christmas with Mrs. Thayer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mortimer Brooks. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hugh Kelly are also here from the other side for the holidays.

There is a ladies' reception on at the Lotos Club on Tuesday and another on Thursday, when Mrs. Craigie will be the guest of honor. Last night, at its first art exhibition of the season, a selection of American paintings from the private gallery of John Harsen Rhodes was shown.

George Seney will give a dance on Tuesday night at the St. Regis Hotel for his débutante niece, Miss Eleanor Hoyt, daughter of Mrs. Edward C. Hoyt.

One of the big holiday dances will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Osborn Havemeyer at their home, 1 East Sixty-sixth street, on Tuesday night, for their débutante daughter, Miss Adeline Havemeyer.

The wedding of Miss Eleanor Keyes and Joseph Du Vivier, a son of the late Charles Du Vivier, will take place on Wednesday afternoon at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. The bride will be attended by her sister, Miss Agnes Keyes, as maid of honor and by the Misses Alice Du Vivier, Nathalie Du Vivier, Sallie Dominick, Alice Ripley, May Van Winkle and Sallie McCandless as bridesmaids. Thomas Kearny will be best man and Ernest H. Du Vivier, Edward L. Keyes, Jr., Theophilus Parsons, Paul Fuller, Jr., Pierrepont Davis and Arthur N. Taylor ushers. After the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. Edward Lawrence Keyes, the bride's parents, will give a reception at their home, 1 East Seventy-fourth street.

Mrs. Sidney Lanier Smyth of the Grosvenor, Fifth avenue and Tenth street, will give a big tea on Wednesday afternoon, when she will introduce her daughter, Miss Helen Dunnell Smyth. Miss Katherine Varnum Kendall will be the débutante at a tea given by her mother, Mrs. N. Beals Kendall on Wednesday at her home, 12 Gramercy Park.

The Knickerbocker ball on Wednesday night at the Waldorf-Astoria will be the notably brilliant dance of the week. It is several seasons now since the Knickerbocker series was organized by Mrs. Henry Clark Coe.

Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett is due to arrive from England next Wednesday on the Celtic. Baron and Baroness von Friesen arrived from Germany on Tuesday. Lady Alexander Beauclerk will eat her Christmas dinner in town, having arrived on Wednesday. Baroness M. de Brienen is being entertained here by Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt and others.

Mrs. J. West Roosevelt will give a big tea on Thursday afternoon at her home, 110 East Thirty-first street, when several of the patronesses of the University cotillons will assist in receiving and the members will be included in the list of guests. Mrs. Roosevelt gave the last of three receptions last Wednesday for the coming out of her daughter, Miss Lorraine Roosevelt.

Mrs. Isaac Bradley Johnson of Spuyten Duyvil will give a dance on Thursday night at Delmonico's, when she will present her daughter, Miss Constance Lounsbury Johnson, who was one of the bridesmaids at the recent wedding of Miss Cora Carpenter to George A. Legg.

Among those who sailed in time to reach their homes in England for Christmas were Lord Charles Kennedy, Lady Victoria Murray, Captain and Mrs. de Faibe, who came over as guests of James Henry Smith. Though too early in the season for the big dances, the De Faibes had been well entertained. Capt. de Faibe inherited a fortune from his mother and he is a cousin of the late Hon. Reginald Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rhinelander will give a Christmas dinner of fifty covers. Among the invited guests are Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Oakley Rhinelander, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rhinelander, Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Kip and Mr. and Mrs. William V. S. Kip.

Among those who will have Christmas home parties at their country residences are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt at the Mansion, their place at Hyde Park, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould will have their big establishment, Georgian Court, at Lakewood, N. J., filled with guests for the holidays. There will be a huge tree in the marble hall and another for the servants. Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt have with them at Idle Hour, Oakland, L. I., a big Christmas family party, and on Wednesday and Thursday they will have a large number of house guests and will welcome in the new year at their Fifth avenue residence. The dates for the big musicales to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt, when Metropolitan Opera House artists will assist, are not yet fixed. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt have quite a number of relatives included in their holiday house party.

Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Lawrence have returned to New York from Newport, where they have been detained by the illness of Mrs. Lawrence's brother, Edward N. Bulkley. Miss Lawrence, whose introduction to society was deferred, will now be one of the January débutantes. These will include Miss Dorothy Whitney, the Misses Mildred Sherman and Irene Sherman and Miss Annie Kountze.

Miss Fanny Reed of Paris, who is here on one of her rare visits, has been seen at some of the dinner and other affairs of the past several days. She has come, no doubt, to represent her niece, Mrs. Arthur Paget of London, in business matters here.

The first of the University cotillons, which have been going for some winters, is on for next Thursday night. The committee in charge includes Harold S. Vanderbilt, J. Watson Webb, T. H. Powers Farr, Jr., Lewis S. Morris, Gordon MacDonald, O'Donnell Iselin, Theodore P. Dixon, William H. Appleton, Henry M. Banks, Lydig Hoyt, Oscar E. Stevens, William M. Geer, George C. W. Low and Lewis S. Morris. It will be a big dance.

The wedding of Miss Claire Bryce and J. Sergeant Cram will be celebrated this week. Miss Bryce was introduced with her sister, Miss Cornelia Bryce, a couple of seasons ago. Probably only the relatives of the couple and intimate friends will be present at the nuptials, though the Bryce family is not in mourning and it is the bride who arranged details. Gen. and Mrs. Lloyd S. Bryce of 12 Washington Square North, her parents, have one of the very big houses in town, but have done little or no entertaining for several seasons.

Mr. and Mrs. De Frees Critten of Staten Island announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Mignon, to Mr. Swagar Sherley of Louisville, Ky.

### HOUSE PARTIES AT TUXEDO.

**Several New Yorkers Open Their Cottages to Entertain During the Holidays.**

TUXEDO PARK, Dec. 23.—Rainy and disagreeable weather to-day did not interfere with the social events scheduled among the colonists. A large crowd of well known persons came out to Tuxedo to spend Sunday and remain over Christmas. There were many weekend dinners, followed by bridge and the tennis matches at the Tennis Club. Several house parties were given, and a few of the cottagers have opened their villas for the holidays.

The annual New Year's ball, the chief attraction of this week, will be very gay, as the younger members have taken much interest in the affair and all of this season's débutantes will be present. The date, which was originally set for December 30, has been changed by the committee to the 29th. There will also be a dance on the 30th, which will be largely attended by those who come out for the New Year. Every available room at the clubhouses has been taken.

Mrs. Charles H. Coster will open her villa and Mr. and Mrs. R. Fulton Cutting and family will pass the week at their cottage on Tower Hill. Among others who are expected to entertain are Mrs. Cooper Hewitt, Mrs. William M. V. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mortimer and Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley.

Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, who passed the greater part of the week in town, returned to Tuxedo to-day and entertained a large number at a house party and at dinner at Keewaydin to-night.

Among others who will hold house parties during the holiday week are Mr. and Mrs. Lanfear Norrie, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen H. P. Pell, Mr. and Mrs. William Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Main Post, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mortimer, Mr. and Mrs. R. Fulton Cutting, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Delafield, Mr. and Mrs. Amos T. French, Mr. W. M. L. Rodewald, Mrs. John Wolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Whitehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Rogers, Jr., who are in the Walker Smith villa on Tuxedo Lake, will leave early next week on their steam yacht Diana for a trip in the West Indies. Among their guests will be several of the Tuxedo colonists.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Clinton arrived at the clubhouse to-day and entertained a large party over Christmas. Among their guests were John Larkin, George W. Darr, C. K. Clinton, F. R. Larkin, Charles Melville Dewey and others.

The interclub court tennis matches which will be played under the management of the Tuxedo Tennis and Racquet Club will begin next Friday. The most interesting match scheduled will be in the doubles, when Peter Latham, champion of England, with Charles E. Sands of New York as a partner, will meet Joshua Crane, Jr., and Thomas Pettit of the Boston Tennis Club on Saturday. A large and fashionable crowd is expected to witness the match.

James Henry Smith, who spent the early part of the week at Kincraig, has gone South on a shooting trip. He will return to his Tuxedo villa for the Tuxedo ball. Count and Countess Karl Wachtermeister of Stockholm were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Lord at their cottage during the week. Other arrivals were the Hon. Neil Primrose of England, Mme. Pier Triana of Madrid, Lord Terrence Bourne of London, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Appleton Pearson, Moncure Robinson, Barton Willing, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick Tams, Mrs. A. T. Van Nest, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. S. Crosby and Frederick A. Juilliard.

### LIFE TERM FOR BURGLARY.

**'Twas the Prisoner's Second Offence and Judge Had No Alternative.**

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Albert Nully, convicted of burglary, first degree, second offence, was sentenced in Watertown yesterday to life imprisonment. Nully was convicted in connection with the assault of Mrs. Fannie Harnois and her daughter, Mrs. Ida Churchil, at Grennel Island Park, St. Lawrence River, on the night of July 17.

Judge Emerson said he had no alternative in imposing sentence, as the statute provided that in the case of a second conviction for burglary the only sentence the Court could impose was a life term.

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