A PARSEE VIEW OF AMERICA

IMPOLITE THE GUARDS, BUT WONDERFUL THE COCKTAILS.

Dr. Patel and Mr. Dinshaw Confide to "The Sun" Their Impressions of the Country—Next to the Cocktails, Chicago Is as Impressive as Anything American.

From an Oriental point of view the two greatest things in America are Bronx cocktails (Manhattan style) and Chicago. These are the opinions of D. K. Patel, M. D., of Bombay, and E. U. Dinshaw of Karachi, also of India, both of whom are Parsees who have come from the Orient to tour America and have toured it during the last few weeks from Manhattan as far west as Halsted street, Chicago.

Yesterday they went back to India, Dr. Patel again to take up his extensive medical practice in Bombay and Mr. Dinshaw to resume his labors as a merchant and ship agent of Karachi.

Kipling doesn't know anything about India. From the educated East Indian standpoint Kipling is a regular dub who has only a superficial knowledge of India. Educated Orientals read George Meredith and Thomas Hardy and *Punch* with joy and gusto, but this Kipling person is to laugh. American women are the most beautiful women in the world. Motormen and conductors of Manhattan subways, elevated lines and trams are the most extremest rudest servants that the great god Ormuzd and the Prophet Zarathustra and angels and archangels of the Parsee fire worshipper ever let live. Sooner would Dr. Patel and E. U. Dinshaw blow out a light or quench the flame of a gas range than they would call a Manhattan railway guard a gentleman.

Nowadays, so our two distinguished Oriental visitors admit, the Parsees have become modern enough and practical enough to permit fire worshipping Zoroastrians to serve in the Bombay fire department, but when it comes to upholding the good breeding of New York tram conductors—no! Only in Toronto are the tram conductors gentlemen, as gentlemanly as in England. But this is the most wonderful country in the world.

And as for the cocktails—ah! And again, ah!

Up at the Broadway Central the other afternoon Mr. Dinshaw and Dr. Patel did not wear the sudrah and the kusti, which are the sacred shirt and girdle that the Parsees have worn since the days of the Avesta. They just wore regular clothes and buttoned on collars while they told of all the wonderful things that they have seen in this our most wondrous country. And when they had finished talking Dr. Patel resumed his reading of a reprint of the Avesta and Mr. Dinshaw again took up an edition of Pahlavi text against the hour that one felt the call for an Occidental cocktail.

"We, the Parsees," began Mr. Dinshaw, "ruled in Persia. When was that? Ah, it was just 1,300 years ago. This is indeed a wonderful country. Who told THE SUN, for instance, that we had come to be of your company? I marvel.

"My friend Patel, who is the physician and graduate—was graduated from the Grant Medical College of Bombay, and I, who am of the merchant business, decided to come to this grand country. I am from very close to Bombay, at a place called Karachi, which you do not know. It is next door to Bombay—only 500 miles away, and so we are neighbors and friends. Many lines of railroads there are between the two, and by boat it is but thirty-six hours, which is an infinitesimal in our great country.

"In London we were one month, and then we came to the Hudson River, stepping ashore. You are not as far advanced as London. From the superficial observation you are not of the greatest importance compared to London in business or in population. So it looks.

"Greatest of all in this your city are skyscrapers first of all. Then the elevated trains and then the subway. But the subway is not so deep as in London, where it goes down perhaps 150 feet. And the cocktails we like very much. Mr. Bridgman, to whom we had letters, showed us home life in Brooklyn and it is very beautiful. No, I mean not the cocktails but the home life of Brooklyn. But the cocktails are beautiful."

"And the drink called the mint julep," interpolated Dr. Patel, sighing.

"And the mint julep," included Mr. Dinshaw. "But, my word! The guards on your trams and on the elevated and subway are most impolite. Even they are insulting. Only yesterday we were in the subway and unhappily were carried beyond our subway station at the end of your city and taken far out into the country of Brooklyn, under the river unknowingly.

"'We wish to stop at the South Ferry, having boarded this train at Forty-second street,' I said with gentleness and inquiry to the subway guard.

"'Then what the hell are you doing over here?' the person asked me in reply without answering my question. He seemed not to take the trouble to see that I had asked him a gentlemanly question, but asked me one in return and in a manner most rude. And he slammed the door and the train went even further onward. And after a long time the train, being incapable of going further, so far as my friend and I could see, it came to a stop. Again this person came to me. 'Beat it,' he said. And we came back in another train and after a while we again were at Forty-second street, from which we had begun. So we got out without seeing the South Ferry.

"One week we were here when we first landed and then we went by the boat to Albany. It is not much, the city of Albany is not. The scenery on the way is most beautiful and the Capitol building by your great architect Richardson is very wonderful, but the city is what you here would call rotten. There too the tram conductors were most rude, but not so rude as the Manhattan conductors, or guards, as we call them in England.

"In Albany we would ask of geographical points. 'Out upon you!' these guards would answer. 'Out upon you!' and 'Quickly make way,' and 'Out upon you!' again and 'Forget it.' It was most distressing when we had paid for seats and were repulsed.

"I am sorry to speak of this. Dr. Patel, hearing you were coming, warned me not to say impolite things of America, fearing that your country would show concern, especially after we have been accepted here by our friends so beautifully and have been so pleasantly entertained in Brooklyn and Chicago.

"Well, to Buffalo we went one day. There, as in all cities we have seen, the roads were beautiful and the residential environments were beautiful and the boulevards were beautiful. Buffalo is not so large a city as New York.

"Most beautiful of all is Niagara Falls. Two days we stayed there, most of the time on the Canadian side. The Niagara is the most wonderful sight in the world, that and your cocktails."

"And the mint juleps," interpolated Dr. Patel.

"And the mint juleps," added Mr. Dinshaw. He paused and looked out of the window a long time, and he sighed again. "It is wonderful," he resumed after a time, "to sit and watch the falling of the falls—the running of the falls, I mean.

"Toronto, that is different," continued Mr. Dinshaw with growing enthusiasm. "There the conductors or guards are as civil as in England. Here your policemen are beautifully affable, but your subway guards cry, even to women who may ask them of geographical points, 'Uuggghl Out upon you. Beat it. Forget it!' and sundry answers. And Toronto, I should say, is remarkably cleaner.

"But Chicago is the grand country we have seen here—grand! It too is not so large as New York, but it is grand. There we met people of the high class, bankers who took us through the bank houses and up into the high buildings. But the cocktails are not so good as in New York."

"And the mint juleps seem less perfect," remarked Dr. Patel.

"In that I agree," said Mr. Dinshaw. "We had a letter of introduction on a business gentleman on Chicago He it was that took us to a play. It was a good play, but not to compare with the London plays. One other play we saw by ourselves. This was also what in your slang you would call rotten. And we have had many automobile rides.

"Pittsburg was most beautiful, especially the iron works. We have seen subways and playhouses in England, but we never have seen anything like the iron works, where we were for six hours. All these cities are wonderful. We were in Philadelphia for a very little while.

"Your women above all are very beautiful, as my friend and I often have said, especially on Broadway at night. They have better hair and eyes and more gorgeous color than any women we have seen in our travels.

"Kipling? We do not read him. I have read a little and I grew weary. He does not know India. We laugh if you say he knows the India that we always have known. When we read the English writers we read your novelists and the English publications. Long ago I read some of Kipling, but I had to stop early. He has wonderful powers of observation, but still he knows only the foreigner's ideas of India. He has not grasped it at all. He is superficial. We laugh."

It was the dinner hour.

"Come," invited the Indian merchant. "We shall have one of your wonderful cocktails."

"And a mint julep," implored Dr. Patel.

Which was done.

"THE MIMIC WORLD" AT LAST.

Much Postponed Show Comes to the Casino and Amuses.

There really is such a show as "The Mimic World," though Broadway had begun to doubt it. It came to the Casino last night, and turned out to be pretty good show of its kind, which isn't a very exalted kind; but this isn't the exalted season.

As its name implies, it is a so-called "review." All the characters in its plotless plot are out of the plays of the season. Some of them have even escaped from "The Merry Widow," without permission of Henry W. Savage. *Lord Dundreary* walks with *Philip Brideau*, George Cohan, Kyrle Bellew, Margaret Illington, William H. Crane, file hithe and yon against a background of broilers. There is something of the madness and joy of a dream about it, as if the author had eaten a rabbit.

The author, by the way, was Edgar Smith. It doesn't matter who wrote the music. In the old Weberfield days Mr Smith used to concoct burlesques that were burlesques. In "The Mimic World" there are touches of the old keenness. There was a bit from "The Thief" which pricked the skin, and a comical inversion of "Girls," Weber, Fields and Sam Bernard (as impersonated by three men you never heard of) playing the women hating men whose privacy was invaded by Irene Bentley. When Weber went to bed on the mantlepiece the laughter was like the old days down at the real Weber's Music Hall. The burlesque of "A Grand Army Man" missed fire. Harry Corson Clark was miscast as Warfield.

In the long cast besides Mr. Clark and Miss Bentley was Roy Atwell, who had *Dundreary* to the life; Lotta Faust, who is getting stout and knows it, and George W. Monroe, he of the full moon, foolish face, who tried again to say "much mushier," with the same result.

Prexie Wayburn, he whose college campus used to shade Forty-fourth street with its classic elms, staged all the songs and dances. The number of new devices he turned out to hide the poverty of the music was little less than astonishing. These, with the brilliance of the gowns, the sheathness of the skirts and the kaleidoscopic changes of scene, while half a hundred characters out of the season's plays move in and out doing mad, meaningless things, make of "The Mimic World" an entertainment at once bewildering and amusing. In the season when all the theatre seats wear nighties it will surely be a success.

ACTIVITY AT PINE CAMP.

Federal and State Troops March Out for Instruction in War Problems.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., July 9.—To-day was about the busiest day Pine Camp has seen and the prospects are that there will be something doing. Bivouacs, manœuvres and problems are scheduled and the plains will be a scene of activity. The First Infantry brigade went through the regimental and battalion drills this morning. This afternoon they were instructed in dispositions for the security and in formation of troops. For night instructions and bivouac, the brigade was divided into the Blue and the Brown forces as follows:

Blue Force—Col. Charles F. Macklin, Maryland National Guards, commanding; Capt. Lytle Brown, engineer, chief of staff; Fourth Regiment Maryland National Guard, First Corps of Cadets Massachusetts Volunteer Militia and Company E, United States Engineers.

Brown Force—Col. W. G. Price, Pennsylvania National Guard, commanding; Capt. F. W. Lewis, Twenty-ninth Infantry, chief of staff; Third Regiment Pennsylvania National Guard; Second Regiment Connecticut National Guard, and First Separate Company Connecticut National Guard.

In heavy marching order the forces left the camp at 5 o'clock this afternoon for the places of bivouac. The Browns marched to Sterlingville for bivouac and the orders were that the strictest attention be given to scouts and patrols. The Blue force marched north for blouvac, having received similar orders. Each man carried twenty-five rounds of ammunition.

For instruction in the dispositions for the security and in formation of troops the Regulars were divided into two forces. Lieut.-Col. W. H. C. Bowen, Eighteenth Infantry, commanded the first force, which was as follows: Twelfth Infantry, first battalion Fifth Infantry, first squadron Fifteenth Cavalry, Battery D Third Field Artillery, Company H United States Engineers, and first ambulance section.

Col. C. A. P. Hatfield, Thirteenth Cavalry, was in command of the second force, and it was composed of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, first squadron Eleventh Cavalry, second squadron Thirteenth Cavalry, Battery F Third Field Artillery, Company E United States Engineers, and second ambulance section.

A bunch of cavalry rounded up some infantry stragglers in a clever manner. The cavalrymen discovered twelve infantrymen in a shady spot, busy smoking cigarettes and waiting for recall. The cavalrymen dismounted, led their horses to one side and each selected the man he was to capture. The infantry was completely taken by surprise and capitulated. In fact they seemed glad, as it was hot and the men were tired, and so long as they were prisoners there was nothing more to do.

At 4 P. M. to-day the Regulars in heavy marching order left the camp for their bivouac. The Brown force was as follows:

Major J. P. McDonald, Fifteenth Cavalry commanding; Capt. Munro McFarland, Fifteenth Infantry, chief of staff; Twelfth Infantry, first battalion Fifth Infantry, second squadron Thirteenth Cavalry, second squadron Fifteenth Cavalry, first squadron Eleventh Cavalry, Battery E Third Field Artillery.

The Blues were under command of Major Charles L. Beckurts, Fifth United States Infantry, and comprised the following: Twenty-fourth Infantry, first separate company Connecticut National Guard, Companies B and H Second Battalion Engineers, and Battery D Third Field Artillery.

TAFT AND HITCHCOCK CONFER

SENATOR HEMENWAY MAY RUN WESTERN CAMPAIGN.

William L. Ward Likely to Be on Executive Committee—Taft Closets Himself With Letter of Acceptance—Speaker Cannon to Reason With Mr. Sherman.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., July 9.—Mr. Taft conferred to-day with Frank H. Hitchcock, the newly elected chairman of the Republican national committee. One of the things discussed was the selection of a manager for the Chicago office of the committee, from which the campaign in the West is to be conducted. No announcement in regard to this was made to-day, but it is understood that Senator Hemenway of Indiana was considered.

The Senator was here yesterday when Frank Hitchcock was named as chairman by the sub-committee, and he stayed over to-day. Mr. Hitchcock had a talk with him this afternoon, and the situation in the West was discussed. Senator Hemenway is a politician all through and is familiar with every turn in the political situation in the West. He left here to-night, but will return later.

Mr. Taft and Mr. Hitchcock also considered the selection of an executive committee. Under the resolution adopted by the subcommittee here yesterday Mr. Hitchcock is not obliged to select members of the national committee for this executive committee. He announced after his talk with Mr. Taft, however, that the eight members of the executive committee would be chosen from the national committee. The advisory committee, which is also picked by the chairman, will be made up of men outside the national committee.

Mr. Hitchcock said that he would not be ready to announce the executive committee for at least a week. William L. Ward of New York remained over to confer with Mr. Taft and the new chairman and it is likely that he will have a place on the committee.

Republicans here are giving Mr. Ward all the credit for having suggested that the sub-committee, in appointing a treasurer, take advantage of the New York State campaign contributions publicity law. Mr. Taft appreciated the value of the suggestion at once, because it coincided exactly, it was said, with his wishes for an open book campaign.

When somebody here to-day accused Bill Ward of being a reformer he said: "No, not a reformer, merely a politician."

George R. Sheldon, the new treasurer, will get here to-morrow morning, and Chairman Hitchcock will remain over to confer with him.

William Nelson Cromwell of New York, who brought Mr. Sheldon's name out here, representing Cornelius N. Bliss, also is staying to take part in the Taft-Hitchcock-Sheldon conference. It has been suggested here that one of the advantages that Sheldon will have as national treasurer will be the advice of Mr. Bliss. In these days of hysteria over campaign contributions Mr. Bliss, it was said, might hesitate to talk freely with anybody except a close friend.

The impression is becoming stronger among politicians here that the sub-committee played clever politics when they took advantage of the New York publicity law. The eyes of the Republican leaders are already turning toward Denver and Lincoln to see what the Democratic show is going to do to meet this step.

Mr. Hitchcock made no explanation to-day as to how he had come to consent to a reconsideration of his name. Of course everybody knows that Hitchcock withdrew after the meeting of the sub-committee in Cincinnati merely to relieve Mr. Taft of embarrassment, but the reason assigned at the time was that he needed a rest; that he feared a nervous breakdown. For a man who was on the verge of a nervous collapse a few weeks ago Hitchcock looked remarkably well. He was able to hold down first base in a baseball game for three hours. When the nervous prostration proposition was put up to him he smiled.

A committee of four Ohio Republicans called on Mr. Taft to-day to arrange for the formal notification exercises in Cincinnati on July 28. They were Robert R. Reynolds, T. J. Moffett, J. Stacey Hill and William Melish, and they brought along with them John C. Molloy, representing Senator Warren of Wyoming, a member of the notification committee appointed at the Chicago convention. The four men were really a sub-committee. They refused to disclose their plans until they had reported back to the big committee in Cincinnati.

Most of the politicians who were here for the meeting of the sub-committee on Wednesday left to-night. Mr. Taft will have few visitors next week. He wants to avoid all visitors if possible so that he can devote himself entirely to the writing of his letter of acceptance.

Postmaster-General George von L. Meyer was with Mr. Taft to-day and will remain over to-morrow. He and the candidate took a whirl at golf and the Postmaster-General scored a victory by 1 up.

Senator Hemenway and Congressman McKinley when they left to-day intended to go direct to Washington and picking up Speaker Cannon there proceed to Utica, N. Y., to confer with James S. Sherman in regard to the organization of the Republican Congress committee. Speaker Cannon and other Congress leaders want Mr. Sherman to continue to serve as chairman of the committee, but he is inclined to give it up.

SHELDON WILL PUBLISH 'EM.

All National Campaign Subscriptions to Be Disclosed.

George R. Sheldon, the new treasurer of the Republican national committee, went to Hot Springs, Va., yesterday to confer with Secretary Taft and the members of the national committee.

"As treasurer of the national committee," he said before leaving, "I shall see to it that every publicity is given to the sources from which are received the funds which go through my hands and as to the manner in which that money is expended. At the close of the campaign I shall make public full accounts of the subscriptions received and of the disposition made of those subscriptions."

"The people of this country don't seem to realize what it costs to run a national campaign. Campaign literature alone will require an expenditure of about $750,000, and the cost of sending speakers throughout the country will not be less than $700,000.

"Although many contributors to campaign funds do not like the publication of their names as subscribers because they immediately become a target for beggars, I shall, as treasurer of the national committee, follow out the course I took when, as treasurer of the Republican State committee, I made public the names of every subscriber and an itemized account of the manner in which the campaign fund was spent."

SPEAKER CANNON IN UTICA.

Has a Conference With Mr. Sherman About Chairmanship of Congress Committee.

UTICA, July 9.—Among the visitors received by Congressman Sherman, Republican Vice-Presidential nominee, at his home here this afternoon were Speaker Cannon, Congressman Henry Loudenslager of New Jersey, secretary of the Republican Congressional campaign committee; Congressman William W. Cocks of Long Island, Congressman Charles L. Knapp of the Oswego-Jefferson-Lewis district and former Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff.

Messrs. Cannon and Loudenslager came here to confer with Mr. Sherman as to who shall succeed him as the chairman of the Republican Congressional campaign committee, while Congressman Knapp, who is very close to the candidate for Vice-President, came from his home in Lowville to discuss with Mr. Sherman the tangle in which the Republicans of his Congress district find themselves and which tangle is likely to cost Knapp a renomination and force him into the field on an independent ticket for reelection.

Following the conference between Speaker Cannon, Loudenslager and Sherman, it was learned, though not formally stated, that the Vice-Presidential nominee will very shortly tender his resignation as chairman of the Congressional campaign committee in order better to conduct his battle for the Vice-Presidency. This has been Mr. Sherman's intention since he was nominated as Taft's running mate, and announcement of his retirement will be made within a few days.

Before he went into conference with Sherman and Loudenslager this afternoon Speaker Cannon said that it would only be courtesy in the selection of a chairman of the Congressional campaign committee to offer the position to Congressman Tawney, the vice-chairman, if he desired the appointment.

Following the conference and after Mr. Cannon and Mr. Sherman had been photographed in half a dozen poses Sherman, Cannon and Loudenslager hopped into Mr. Sherman's son's automobile and enjoyed a spin about the city. Then they drove out to Clinton, paid a brief visit to Hamilton College and, returning to Utica, Speaker Cannon left for his home in Danville, Ill., at 7 o'clock to-night.

"You can put me down as saying," remarked the Speaker to the reporters, "that no better ticket was ever nominated by the Republican party than Taft and Sherman. Jim Sherman is not only the choice of the East but those in the West say he is the man for them. Out in Illinois we are for Sherman first, last and always. The front legs of the Republican ticket couldn't be stronger and the hind legs are the best ever, and I assure you that that team will beat anything you ever saw by a hundred miles."

STEAM ROLLERS TRIMMED.

Correspondents' Nine Beats the Statesmen—Nutmeg Whisker Parasol on View.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., July 9.—Another Steam Roller baseball game was organized to-day, but only two of the original team played. This time the newspaper correspondents trimmed the statesmen 25 to 16.

For age and beauty this second Steam Roller nine, organized by Congressman James F. Burke of Pittsburg, had the first skinned. Hot Springs probably never has seen a more inspiring sight than William Nelson Cromwell sprinting down to second, his silver curl streaming in the breeze.

Then there was Richard C. Kerens, who has so much money they were thinking of making him treasurer of the national committee. He is 60 years old if he is a day, or that white goatee belies him. He is the fastest runner that has appeared on the Hot Springs diamond since Congressman Burton sprinted out of his shoes.

Another bunch of whiskers out in the right field attracted considerable notice. They belonged to National Committeeman Charles Brooker of Ansonia, Conn. If he ever gets back to Ansonia they ought to sign him on the local nine at once. Those whiskers are a godsend for a fielder when he is playing against the sun. All Brooker had to do was to drop his head back and he had all the shade he wanted while waiting for the ball to drop.

The Steam Rollers ran Burr McIntosh in as a pitcher, but he isn't. Here was the makeup of the nine:

Congressman James F. Burke, catcher; McIntosh, pitcher; Frank H. Hitchcock, first base; James Eversman, secretary to Congressman William B. McKinley of Illinois, second base; William Nelson Cromwell, shortstop; former Gov. Myron T. Herrick of Ohio, third base; Richard F. Kerens, left field; Congressman William B. McKinley, centre field; National Committeeman Brooker, right field.

Substitutes—Senator Hemenway of Indiana, National Committeeman Nagle of Missouri.

Scorer—Congressman Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, an ex-Steam Roller.

THE KING VERSUS KIER HARDIE.

Laborites, Excited Over the Omitted Garden Party Invitation, Adopt Resolutions.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 9.—The members of the House of Commons forming the Independent Labor party met to-day in the House to consider the failure to invite James Kier Hardie, a Laborite, to the garden party given lately by the King at Windsor Castle. It was stated that the Laborites had communicated with the Lord Chamberlain on the subject and had deduced that Hardie's non-invitation was due to the King's displeasure at his action in reference to the recent royal visit to the Czar at Reval. The party leaders had therefore decided that the court had attempted to influence members of Parliament in the discharge of their duties and in expressing opinions honestly on politica questions.

The party accordingly adopted a resolution associating itself with Hardie and requesting that until his name be restored to the official list of those invited to such functions the names of all the members of the party be removed.

Since the incident Hardie has reiterated in public speeches and otherwise that he would not have accepted an invitation to the garden party if one had been extended to him.

OTIS SKINNER STABBED

In the Back by a Woman—Not Exactly a Tragedy in Empire Theatre, London.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 9.—Otis Skinner was stabbed in the back in the parquet of the Empire Theatre on Tuesday night—not atally but painfully. The actor and his wife entered the theatre just before the curtain rose. Shortly afterward an Englishwoman wearing a big picture hat took a seat immediately behind Mr. Skinner and proceeded to remove her colossal headgear.

The next minute Mr. Skinner jumped about four feet high and let out a warwhoop. The Englishwoman had thrust a long hatpin through the velvet covered chair in front of her into the American actor's back.

The gallant Skinner hastened to minimize his pain and assure her it was a pleasure. He sat the show out but got away hurridly at the conclusion of the play.

COLOGNE BRIDGE DISASTER.

New Girder Structure Falls Into the Rhine With Fifty Workmen—Many Dead.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

COLOGNE, July 9.—A girder bridge that was being built over the Rhine at this place collapsed to-day and forty or fifty workmen were thrown into the river.

Fifteen bodies have been recovered. Several men who were seriously injured were taken to the hospital.

Many of the workmen are still missing, and it is feared that they were killed.

PASSES OLD AGE PENSION BILL.

House of Commons Sends Radical British Measure to the Peers.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 9.—The Old Age Pension bill has passed its third reading in the House of Commons.

It now goes to the House of Lords.

JAPAN COURTING U. S. TRADE

BUSINESS MEN TO BE INVITED TO INSPECT THE EMPIRE.

Chambers of Commerce Organizing Great Boom Movement—Fight On Over Increase in Railroad Rates—Help Sought by Merchants in Public Opinion Here.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

TOKIO, July 9.—Japan's business men and manufacturers will invite a party of 100 representative American business men to visit Japan in October—the chrysanthemum season, the most beautiful time of year in Japan.

The invitation will be extended through the Japanese diplomatic representatives in the United States in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of Tokio and the associated chambers of other Japanese cities. It is believed that the visit will result in the promotion of mutual understanding and cordiality.

The list of Americans who will be invited to make the trip will be carefully selected so as to represent the various American commercial interests now most active in Japan.

The proposal for an increase of railway rates throughout Japan is meeting with considerable opposition, especially from the chambers of commerce, which have a strong and active organization in Tokio and other of the larger commercial centres.

The Tokio Chamber of Commerce upon the recommendation of a committee selected to consider this matter is sending cable messages to-day to the chambers of commerce in cities throughout the United States, asking their support in the movement to prevent any increase in rates.

The increase, it is urged, would have a detrimental effect on trade between the two countries, and the American chambers are asked to protest through their diplomatic representatives and through the Japanese representatives of American business houses.

Similar cable messages have also been sent to American commercial societies and influential individuals by the Japan Trade Association.

STIR UP BERESFORD SCANDAL.

Government Spokesman in the Commons Non-Committal on Naval Row.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 9.—The dissensions in the navy were taken up in the House of Commons again to-day, a number of questions regarding the Beresford quarrels being put to the Government by members.

Thomas James MacNamara, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, in answer to questions as to whether the Admiralty was aware that Lord Charles Beresford was not on speaking terms with either Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott or Sir John Fisher and as to what steps the Admiralty proposed to take in the matter said that the Admiralty had nothing to add to Prime Minister Asquith's reply of yesterday.

Hugh Cecil Lea, a newspaper proprietor and Liberal member from East St. Pancras, then asked whether the Admiralty was aware of the incident recently referred to prominently in the London *Times* to the effect that Lord Charles had signalled orders to the cruisers Argyll and Good Hope which if obeyed would have resulted in a serious collision, and that Sir Percy Scott, foreseeing this, had disobeyed the orders. Mr. Lea further asked whether if a prima facie case were established by an official inquiry the Admiralty would relieve Lord Charles of his command.

Mr. MacNamara replied that the Admiralty had no information regarding the incident referred to beyond the fact that they had of course seen the statement as published in the *Times*.

Replying to inquiries from the press regarding the *Times* story that he recently made a mistake in signalling an order to his cruiser squadron, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford telegraphs from Cape Skagen that he could not communicate with anybody but the Admiralty on the subject.

PORTRAIT WON A HUSBAND.

Romantic Wooing and Wedding by a New Orleans Man in London.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 9.—The marriage this week of Harold Abbott Titcomb of New Orleans to Miss Ethel Brignell of Wallington, Surrey, has brought to light the romantic story of the manner in which they chanced to meet.

Mr. Titcomb, who has been in Europe for more than a year, some time ago paid a visit to the Tate gallery in London, where a portrait entitled "Ethel," by Ralph Peacock, caught his attention. The face in the portrait attracted him and he came again to the gallery on the succeeding day to look at it.

Becoming still more interested he determined to find the original, and accordingly a few days later he sought out the artist, who informed him that "Ethel" was Miss Brignell, a sister of the painter's wife. The American asked for and obtained an introduction and proceeded forthwith to woo and win the young lady.

The marriage took place this week at the home of the bride's parents. The bridegroom's present to his wife was a pearl necklace similar to one which she wore when sitting for her portrait as "Ethel" and valued at $5,000.

THE SHAH MUST APOLOGIZE.

But England Will Take No Responsibility for Conditions in Persia.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 9.—The recent disturbances in Persia were brought to the attention of the House of Commons this morning. Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey in reply to questions said that the Government would not take any steps which might imply responsibility on its part for the internal affairs of Persia.

As to the disrespect shown to the British Legation in Teheran by the Shah's troops during the disturbances the Foreign Secretary said the Government had demanded an apology, and until a satisfactory apology was forthcoming it would refuse to regard the incident as closed.

IRISH LOAN OVERSUBSCRIBED.

Land Purchase Stock Already at a Premium—Small Bidders Out of It.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 9.—The *Daily News* says that the issue of $25,000,000 of new stock under the Irish land act of 1903 has been oversubscribed more than thirty-five times, the applications which have been received totalling over $880,000,000.

As a result the Bank of England has found it necessary to refuse all the smaller applications, and none will be considered which ask for $10,000 or less of the stock. The scrip is already quoted at a premium of 1⅝ per cent.

Boston Cunarder Turns Back.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 9.—The Cunard steamship Sylvania, bound for Boston, has turned back owing to a defect in her boilers and will await repairs at Queenstown.

Crane's Linen Lawn

A GOOD writing paper must have, among other things, two qualities:

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EULENBURG WON'T CONFESS.

Prosecutor Tries a Theatrical Appeal to the Prince in Vain.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, July 9.—In the trial of Prince zu Eulenburg, which is going on in camera at the Moabit Court House, the Public Prosecutor is said to have attempted a coup to-day, which, however, failed of the desired result. The prosecutor turned directly to Eulenburg and appealed bluntly to him to "unburden his oppressed heart" and cease to deny the immoral practices charged against him. The Prince was unmoved and made no answer

Although the proceedings at Moabit are supposed to be taking place in absolute secrecy, the German newspapers publish long accounts of the proceedings. These accounts say that Eulenburg has made unequivocal denial of the practices charged against him. His counsel maintains that the prosecution's two principal witnesses are bribed.

BUILDING FALLS, KILLS A SCORE.

Strange Accident Near the Taurida Palace in St. Petersburg.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 9.—Nearly a score of persons were killed and forty injured this morning in the collapse of a large building near the Taurida palace. Thirteen bodies have been removed from the ruins.

The building collapsed suddenly. It was supposed to be a substantially built structure and no reason for the accident can be assigned by the authorities. The police have begun an investigation.

JAMES K. HACKETT SAILS.

Actor Sued for Divorce by His Wife Starts for Home.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, July 9.—James K. Hackett, the actor, whose wife, Mary Mannering, recently brought suit against him for divorce in the American courts, sailed for the United States aboard La Bretagne on July 4.

American-Irish Athletic Meet Arranged.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 9.—An American-Irish athletic contest has been arranged to take place at Ball's Bridge, Dublin, on August 1. The American team will include D. J. Kelly, broad jumper; M. W. Sheppard, runner; John J. Flanagan, hammer thrower, and Martin S. Sheridan, all round athlete.

CRUISERS TOW DESTROYERS.

Successful Long Distance Test Along the Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—The armored cruisers Tennessee, Washington and California, towing the destroyers Perry and Preble and the torpedo boat Farragut, arrived to-day after a trip to San Diego and return. The towing of the destroyers and torpedo boat for a long distance was a naval innovation, but it proved successful. It was made preliminary to a voyage to Samoa this fall. Each cruiser had a torpedo craft in tow on the entire voyage, the torpedo boats not even keeping up steam. The only mishap occurred on the voyage down the coast, when the chains which had been thrown around the conning towers of the torpedo boats became kinked and the links gave way. As soon as the chains were replaced with a wire cable no further difficulty was experienced.

R. T. Wilson at Newport.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 9.—R. T. Wilson of New York, who is critically ill, arrived from his New York home to-day on the steam yacht North Star, belonging to Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, his son-in-law. Early in the afternoon Mr. Wilson was landed at the Fall River Line dock and was taken in an ambulance to the summer home of his daughter, Mrs. Ogden Goelet. Mr. Wilson was accompanied by his daughters, Mrs. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Goelet and Lady Herbert of England, and his physician, Dr. Austin Flint, Jr.

Bishop Potter Has a Setback.

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., July 9.—Bishop Potter's condition to-night is not so favorable as was reported yesterday. Last night he rested comfortably, and this morning no change in his condition was reported by the physicians. In the afternoon, however, he suffered a setback, and at 8 o'clock the following bulletin was issued:

Bishop Potter continued to improve slightly until to-day. During the day he has lost strength to a slight extent and the prognosis is not quite as favorable as yesterday.

J. B. JANVRIN, M. D.

News of Plays and Players.

Gertrude Coghlan, who has been playing the part of *Shirley Rosemore* in "The Lion and the Mouse" for the last two seasons, and Frank J. McIntyre, a member of Robert Edeson's company, have been engaged for two important rôles in James Forbes's comedy "The Travelling Salesman," which opens at the Liberty Theatre on August 10.

Paul Bleyden, an American born tenor whose professional career has been spent in Europe, will replace William C. Weedon in the rôle of *Camille de Jolidon* in "The Merry Widow" at the Aerial Gardens atop the New Amsterdam Theatre to-night.

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JOHN G. HECKSCHER'S WILL.

Bulk of Estate to Wife and Nephews and Nieces—$100 Each to Daughters.

The will of John G. Heckscher, father of Mrs. George B. McClellan, was filed for probate yesterday. Mr. Heckscher left an estate valued at several hundred thousand dollars. His two daughters, Emeline D. Winthrop, wife of Egerton L. Winthrop, Jr., president of the Board of Education, and Georgiana McClellan, wife of the Mayor, receive but $100 each out of the estate, the bulk of which goes to Mrs. Heckscher and to several nephews and nieces.

Mr. Heckscher was the owner of seventy-five shares of Coney Island Jockey Club stock. These and his share in the South Side Sportsmen's Club, together with all his shooting prize cups, guns, fishing rods and other sporting tackle, go to his brother, Charles A. Heckscher.

To Mrs. Katherine Mackay, wife of Clarence H. Mackay, Mr. Heckscher left a crayon portrait of his mother, Mary Travers Heckscher.

To the New York Public Library Mr. Heckscher, by his will, bequeathed his entire library, including his collection of books on angling, which is said to be very complete. But in a codicil dated June 5, 1906, the will having been executed on December 20, 1905, the testator revoked this bequest and directed his executors to sell all his books and divide the proceeds so as to give his wife two-thirds and his brother one-third.

Mrs. Heckscher will receive $50,000 absolutely under the will, together with all the household furniture and effects, and the income from a $100,000 trust fund, over the principal of which she has testamentary powers.

A bequest of $5,000 goes to St. Rose's Free Home for Incurable Cancer at 426 Cherry street, and another $5,000 to Capt. William H. Emory of the United States Navy "as a token of my love and esteem." John C. Wilmerding, E. Coster Wilmerding, John P. de Saulles, Matilda Van Rensselaer and Georgiana H. Heckscher, three nephews and two nieces, receive $10,000 apiece and also a fifth share each in the residuary estate.

The second codicil named the United States Trust Company as sole executor of the will.

SECRETARY STRAUS AT NEWPORT.

Visits the Naval Torpedo Station and Sees an Exhibition of Torpedo Work.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 9.—Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus paid a visit to the Naval Torpedo Station here to-day and was shown over the whole station, after which the Secretary and Lieut. Commander Mark L. Bristol took a short trip on the cruiser Montgomery for the purpose of witnessing an exhibition of torpedo work. This evening Secretary Straus and Mrs. Straus and Mr. and Mrs. Isador Straus, who are guests aboard the lighthouse tender Mayflower, gave a dinner for Rear Admiral John P. Morrell, commandant of the Second Naval district.

The Secretary, when he leaves Newport, will pay a visit to Narragansett Pier and New Bedford.

Another Rockefeller Heir.

BOSTON, July 9.—The baby boy which was born to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at their summer home at Bar Harbor late yesterday afternoon has been named Nelson Rockefeller, for his grandfather, Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island.

It is a coincidence that yesterday John D. Rockefeller quietly celebrated his sixty-ninth birthday at his suburban home at Forest Hill, Cleveland, Ohio. Immediately after the birth of the child a telegram was sent from Bar Harbor to the grandfather. This is Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller's third child

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NEW HAVEN, July 9.—Gourdin Young Gaillard and Miss Louise Hunt