MASSENET'S "MANON" AT METROPOLITAN

Mr. Caruso, Miss Farrar and Mr. Scotti Heard in Principal Roles.

OPERA TOLERABLY SUNG

Massenet's "Manon" was sung at the Metropolitan Opera House last evening. The audience was an unusually large one for a Christmas eve. It was an exceedingly apathetic audience at the beginning of the performance and the evening seemed to give promise of dispiriting moods. Mr. Caruso's entrance was the signal for a slight demonstration of pleasure. It seemed as if the eminent tenor was impressed with the need of stirring up the auditors, for he imparted an unusual degree of warmth to his first scene, and the result was happy. Thenceforward the listeners were in a very receptive state.

"Manon" is certainly not a one-part opera, but when Mr. Caruso is at his best and others are not it is almost certain to become such. Curiously enough memories of the work are chiefly associated with impersonations of the *Chevalier des Grieux*. The *Manons*, except perhaps that of unfortunate Sybil Sanderson, too seldom heard, fade away before recollections of the three differently cast *Chevaliers* of Jean de Reszke, Ernest Van Dyke and Edmond Clement. And Mr. Caruso's differs from all of these.

Of the four Mr. Van Dyke was without question the best actor and there were certain finely wrought details of his *Des Grieux* which none of the others equalled. But Mr. Van Dyck was a very poor singer and the dainty elegancies of Massenet's music fared ill in his delivery. For virility, breadth and poetic fervor Mr. de Reszke's interpretation was the most noteworthy and he sang the music admirably. No one has ever given the thrilling utterance to "Fuyez, douce image" which he gave to it.

Present day opera goers will recall with delight the exquisite refinement of Mr. Clement's *Des Grieux*. In the investiture of the more fragile pages of the role with subtle and captivating charm he was brilliantly successful, and his interpretation will be remembered as that of the four in which tenderness was the most conspicuous.

If Mr. Caruso's presentation is less aristocratic than any one of the other three it can claim special distinction for the directness of its utterance, the positive assertion of its full blooded passion, voiced in tone instinct with sensuous quality. In this it was at its best last evening and the enthusiasm of the audience was called forth when the famous tenor reached the climaxes of his vigor.

Miss Farrar's *Manon* has inexpressible charm. She sings other roles better than this one, and last night she was not in the best of vocal condition. But her personality fits the character so aptly and her manner, if not always perfectly apposite, is so engaging that her *Manon* becomes one of the most attractive of the living gallery of operatic portraits.

Mr. Gilly continues to dwell in the retirement of a military prison, and hence Mr. Scotti last evening returned to the role of *Lescaut*, which he acted capitally, but which, owing to poor voice he did not sing effectively. The secondary roles were in the same hands as last season and were generally well done. Mr. Toscanini conducted the performance and showed his customary skill in the treatment of tempi and dynamics.

SOCIETY AT THE OPERA.

Some of Those Who Entertained With Box Parties.

It was an excellent audience for the eve of a holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sampson Stevens and J. D'Wolf Cutting were with Mrs. Ogden Goelet.

With Mrs. Ogden Mills were Miss Evelyn Burden, James W. Barney and L. F. Holbrook Betts.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Betts Hillhouse, Mr. and Mrs. T. Tileston Wells, Miss Fannie Johnson and Eliot Gregory were in Mrs. Vanderbilt's box.

With Mrs. W. Pierson Hamilton were Miss Sturges and Miss Helen Morgan Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Douglas had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. William F. Whitehouse and Mr. and Mrs. William Payne Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Horace Gallatin, Mr. and Mrs. Dulany Howland and Miss Janet Fish were in the Juilliard box.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lowell Putnam, Mrs. Edward N. Breitung and Miss Lota Robinson were in the Wilson box.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Post were with Mr. and Mrs. F. Egerton Webb in the Seward Webb box.

Among others in the audience were Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sloane, Miss Leighton Parks, Frederick H. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden L. Mills, Miss Barbara Rutherfurd, Henry T. Sloane, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick F. Dalzell, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Baker, Jr., Miss Mildred Rivers and Mrs. Richard Gambrill.

SINGER COOKED FOR SOLDIERS.

Miss Gerhardt Here, After Four Months as Chef in Leipzig.

Miss Elena Gerhardt, the German soprano, arrived from Europe yesterday on the Holland-America Line's steamship Ryndam. Miss Gerhardt and her party were at Ostend early in August. Advised to return to Germany, they were unable to take their trunks and traveling with twenty-three pieces of hand baggage, changed cars thirty-two times in five days on the journey to Leipzig.

Since August the singer had been at Leipzig, where she gave two concerts which netted $4,500 for the widows and orphans and incidentally was one of the volunteer municipal cooks who helped in feeding the hungry. Several operatic celebrities joined in this work.

"There sometimes were 1,500 hungry soldiers to feed," Miss Gerhardt said. "They were mostly men who were back temporarily from the front. Our party of cooks worked in relays, sometimes working almost all night."

Miss Gerhardt is here for a concert tour, opening with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra in Philadelphia on January 8 and 9. Her first New York recital will be given in Carnegie Hall on the afternoon of January 16.

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Mrs. Preston P. Satterwhite will give a small dance to-night at her country home, Marion Hall, in Great Neck, L. I.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Dinwiddie will give a reception with dancing to-day at their country place, Shadow Lawn, Beechwood Park, New Rochelle.

Mrs. John Munro of 307 West Seventy-fourth street gave a small dance for young people last night at Sherry's.

The first for this season of the Holiday Dancing organized by Miss Annabella S. Elphant was given last night at Sherry's. It was for young people who are not yet out in society and was much on the order of a Christmas party. Among the patronesses present were Mrs. Richard C. Colt, Mrs. Russell H. Hoadley, Jr., Mrs. John Hendon French, Mrs. Hamilton Fish Kean, Mrs. Alvin W. Krech, Mrs. Anson P. Morse, Mrs. William Church Osborn, Mrs. Francis U. Paris, Mrs. Samuel Riker, Mrs. Robert A. Sands, Mrs. Lindsley Tappen and Mrs. Edwin C. Weeks. The next dance will be given on February 13.

Mrs. Edward N. Breitung will give a dinner at the St. Regis this evening.

TO GIVE BRIEUX'S "MATERNITY."

One Private Performance and One Not Quite so Private.

On the evening of Wednesday, January 6, Richard Bennett will give Eugene Brieux's play "Maternity" at a private performance in the Princess Theatre. In connection with this first production of the play Mr. Bennett said yesterday:

"I do not wish to discourse upon the unique works of M. Brieux nor upon the interest in his 'purpose play,' as demonstrated in 'Damaged Goods,' but I shall endeavor to keep 'Maternity' on the same plane of intelligent interpretation and with the same intention of sober and earnest adherence to the author's high design. So far no performances have been scheduled to which the public will be admitted.

"The performance of January 6 will be given for newspaper and periodical reviewers, and on the following evening will be given the first of the performances for members only of a society which I have organized expressly for the sane and right minded propounding of plays often looked upon by the unclean and the hypocritical as mere excuses for their sanctimonious dragging in of an unwilling official interference."

J. K. HACKETT GETS HIS $1,200,000 IN A LUMP

Inheritance Turned Over to Him Yesterday in His Lawyer's Office.

James K. Hackett got his $1,200,000 fortune yesterday afternoon and left town immediately to spend the holidays in the country, his lawyer could not say where. His departure was so hasty that his secretary at the Hotel Vanderbilt, where the actor had been staying since his return from England last June, did not know he was going, the secretary said, until Mr. Hackett returned from his lawyer's office, where he had spent most of the afternoon.

The actual transfer of the fortune, which is the bulk of the estate of the late Minnie Hackett Trowbridge, the actor's niece, who died on March 4 last, was made in the office of Abraham L. Jacobs of A. L. & S. F. Jacobs, lawyers of 30 Broad street. In round numbers about $1,200,000, mostly in first class bonds and other securities, became the property of Mr. Hackett, who by the court's decree was declared next of kin and sole heir to the residuary estate of his niece.

An accounting of the estate had been made by the Farmers Loan and Trust Company and the value of the property fixed by the courts at $1,487,286. Surrogate Fowler approved of the accounting on Tuesday, permitting the trust company to turn over Mr. Hackett's share to him at once.

Out of the estate several legacies have been paid, using up most of the cash that was on hand. These legacies included $100,000 to Syracuse University, $40,000 to the Presbyterian Hospital, $60,000 to Mrs. James M. Clancy, $10,000 to distant relatives of the deceased and $10,000 to Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Hackett's inheritance includes large blocks of New York city bonds, railroad and United States Steel bonds and other first class securities. A. L. Jacobs said last night that most of the investments will stand as they are.

"Mr. Hackett's new fortune," said Mr. Jacobs, "will not interfere with his profession in the slightest degree. He will continue just the same. This simply will give him ready money to use in exploiting several schemes in which he is interested."

What these interests are Mr. Jacobs would not say at present. They are in the dramatic field, he admitted. Mr. Hackett will return in a few days, he added, and will probably begin to work out these plans soon afterward.

WINDMULLER ESTATE $527,094.

Banker Leaves All His Fortune to Members of His Family.

Louis Windmuller, banker, who died in Woodside, L. I., October 1, 1913, left an estate valued at $527,094.03, according to affidavits filed with Philip Frank, transfer tax appraiser of Queens, at his office in Long Island City yesterday. His personal estate, consisting of stocks and bonds, paintings and library, was valued at $499,594.03, and his realty holdings at $27,500. The total value of his paintings was placed at $10,240 and his library at $593.21. The total indebtedness against the estate amounts to $120,385.05.

In his will he gives to his wife his Woodside estate, all the household furnishings and the income from one-third of his estate. His paintings are to be sold at public auction, and he gives his heirs the privilege of buying $5,000 worth of the paintings from their share of the estate. The residue of the estate is to be divided between his surviving son, Adolph C. E. Windmuller, and his daughter, Mrs. Clara Heynen. The Title Guarantee and Trust Company is made sole executor of the will.

WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

MATTHEW C. D. BORDEN—A reappraisal filed yesterday of the estate of M. C. D. Borden, the cotton goods manufacturer, increases the gross value of the estate from $7,593,652 to $7,755,386. The additional assets consisted of commissions of $151,734 due from the firm of M. C. D. Borden & Son and $10,000 salary of Mr. Borden for one month as president of the American Printing Company and the Fall River Iron Works. Under the will, Yale University gets $250,000, the son Bertram H. Borden receives $2,470,496, and the son Howard S. gets $2,522,598. Dr. Matthew S. Borden, another son, who was killed recently in an automobile accident, was cut off.

HENRY HACHEMEISTER, for many years brewmaster of the George Ringler Brewing Company, and brother-in-law of the late George Ringler, left an estate of $526,891, but debts and other deductions reduced the net to $257,901. The bulk of the estate goes to the widow, Mrs. Anna Hachemeister, for life and then to her son, Frederick.

MAX L. YOUNG, the hat manufacturer, who died on December 20, left an estate of more than $100,000. He gave his wife, Mrs. Rose W. Young of 43 West Seventy-fifth street, all household and personal effects and the income from 375 shares of stock in Young Bros. until her son, Max, is 28 years old, when he gets 125 shares and she has the income or the remainder until her death or remarriage. The will leaves 200 shares of the Young Hat Company to the son and 100 shares for life to the widow. Lily Delaney, a "faithful nurse," got $3,000, and $500 went to Nora Callahan, Mrs. Young's maid.

William Barnes Has a Grandson.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—There is now a William Barnes 2d. He is the son of Thurlow Weed Barnes, and William Barnes is his grandfather.

Plays and Players.

"Hello, Broadway!" Cohan and Harris's new musical revue, with George M. Cohan and William Collier, will have its first presentation to-night at the Astor Theatre.

The complete cast for Winthrop Ames's production of "Children of Earth," the American prize play by Alice Brown, includes Effie Shannon, Herbert Kelcey, A. E. Anson, Olive Wyndham, Cecil Yapp, Gilda Varesi, Reginald Barlow, Mrs. Kate Jepson and Theodore von Eltz.

"Chin Chin," at the Globe and "Dancing Around" at the Winter Garden will both have their 100th performances to-day.

GREETINGS!

News item—Christmas business in the Post Office has broken all records.

CENTURY OPERA WILL NOT GIVE UP FOR GOOD

Head of Company Says It Will Get Together Next Fall for Another Try.

Despite the announcement in Chicago that the Century Opera Company would suspend performances on January 2 because of the exhaustion of its guarantee funds, Charles H. Strong, president of the company, speaking for the directors, said yesterday that the company would reassemble in New York next fall and make every possible effort to complete a three years season with the same company intact.

"There is every reason to believe," said Mr. Strong, "that Mr. Kahn, who has just resigned, will come back on the board of directors in the fall if we are successful in helping to raise the $50,000 guarantee fund as suggested in his recent letter."

"We are fully prepared to continue the work of the Century Opera Company and will endeavor to make it a permanent institution in this city. The immediate effect of the suspension of the company at this time will only be the abandoning of the tentatively contemplated tour to Pittsburg and Cincinnati. The spring season that we had hoped to give will probably not take place following present developments."

Mr. Strong said that the Century Opera House, Sixty-second street and Central Park West, would, as in the past, be open for sublease for various theatrical purposes.

What effect the suspension of activities will have on the financial status of the company Mr. Strong was unable to say definitely, except that there will be no liabilities beyond contracts with the artists, if such contracts for salaries still constitute obligations after the exhaustion of the share and guarantee funds.

The company first organized in September, 1913, under the present management of Milton and Sargent Aborn. More than 100 members are numbered in its personnel.

In New York To-day.

EVENING SUN'S Moving Pictures of the War, Carnegie Hall, 2:30, 4, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

Breakfast for 1,000, Bowery Mission, 227 Bowery, 1 A. M.

Entertainment and dinner for 1,200, Bowery Mission, 227 Bowery, 6:30 P. M.

"The Vital Needs of the Borough of Manhattan," address by Borough President Marcus M. Marks, Hebrew Tabernacle, 218 West 130th street, 8 P. M.

Christmas dinner, Home for the Aged, 213 East Seventieth street, 12 M.

Christmas entertainment and dinner for newsboys, Brace Memorial Lodging House, 14 New Chambers street, 5:30 P. M.; entertainment, 8 P. M.

Entertainment for sailormen, Sailors' Home and Institute, 507 West street, 8 P. M.

Christmas dinner, Elizabeth Home for Girls, 307 East Twelfth street, 12:30 P. M.

Christmas dinner, West Side Lodging House, 225 West Thirty-fifth street, 6 P. M.

Christmas dinner, Forty-fourth Street Lodging House, 247 East Forty-seventh street, 6:30 P. M.

Christmas dinner, Harlem Boys Home, 136 East 127th street, 4:30 P. M.

Christmas dinner, Emergency Shelter, 311 East Twelfth street, 12:30 P. M.

Christmas dinner, A. Louise Erlanger Home, 141 West Sixtyfirst street, 2 P. M.

Giving dolls to poor children, by Miss May Irwin, Standard Theatre lobby, Broadway and Ninetieth street, 12 M.

Christmas festival, Chelsea Neighborhood Association, Chelsea Park, Twenty-eighth street and Ninth avenue, 4:45 P. M.

Christmas dinner, Bowery Branch, Y. M. C. A., 153 Bowery, 11 A. M.

Christmas tree and concert, Kip Bay Neighborhood Association, St. Gabriel's Park, Thirty-sixth street and First avenue, 8 P. M.

Concert, People's Institute, Cooper Union, 7 P. M.

CLEOPATRA'S SHOES TO BE SHOWN AT PACIFIC FAIR

Director of Shoe Machinery Company Says Modern Bootmakers Have Invented Few Things Not Known to Ancients—Other Gossip of Hotels.

John F. O'Connell, director of the United Shoe Machinery Company of Boston, who is at the Hotel Breslin, yesterday announced that the shoes worn by Cleopatra and other fair ladies of her day have been secured from the Egypt Exploration Fund and will be a part of his company's exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. In the collection are 115 shoes, sandals and slippers which were unearthed on the site of the ancient Roman city of Antinoe, on the banks of the Nile, last summer.

"Probably every one is interested in knowing what shoes Cleopatra wore," said Mr. O'Connell. "We have reached the conclusion that the tiny slippers and stockings which were buried under Antinoe in layers of dust and ashes for sixteen centuries were in all probability those of the Egyptian Queen. It is no exaggeration to say that the modern shoemaker has achieved little in the manufacture of shoes that was not known to the shoemaker of the days of Cleopatra. Hardly any contrivance of the modern shoemaker seems to have escaped the third and fourth century artisans. Many details that were believed to have been introduced into the craft during the last 300 years are here seen to have been anticipated and worked satisfactorily by Crispin in ancient days.

"The socks, or stockings, of which there are seven, show the fashions of the ancient world just before its extinction by barbarism. They are lisle or knitted wool, either of dyed or bright colors, in what is called to-day the 'Roman stripe' pattern. All but one have spaces between the toes in exactly the same fashion as Japanese 'tabi,' which they so closely resemble as to cause us to suspect a connection between the ancient world and the mysterious civilization of Nippon. The socks are obviously of a woman's size and not unlike in length the socks which the fashionable ladies of Paris and New York affected last year."

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The Traffic Club of New York will hold a smoker at the Hotel Astor on Tuesday evening next.

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Major-Gen. Leonard Wood, U. S. A., has sent this letter to Walter Chandler, Jr., manager of the Hotel Martinique:

"MY DEAR SIR: I was very much pleased to note in the press that you have notified all male employees that your policy is to encourage in every way the National Guard of New York and that any employee joining the guard or already enlisted will be allowed full pay for time while at camp or for rifle practice, parades, &c.

"This is the proper attitude and indicates a patriotic spirit. I hope that the example which you have set will be followed by others. Very sincerely,

"LEONARD WOOD,
"Major-General Commanding."

NOTABLES AT THE HOTELS

Number of Day Before Christmas Arrivals Are Reported.

Among the arrivals at the Hotel Breslin were Mrs. E. C. Johnson, Plainfield, N. J.; J. Arthur Nesbit, Chicago; S. Gordon, Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery, London.

At the Hotel Lorraine arrived Howell Van Nostrand, New Haven, and Miss Ella Bell, Toledo, Ohio.

Arrivals at the Algonquin included George V. Leverett, Boston; G. F. Miller and family, Provincetown, Mass.; Mme. and Mlle. Mouquin, Sparkill, N. Y.

At the Waldorf-Astoria arrived Alexander Behr, George R. Behr, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Beck and J. Kaufmann, all of Moscow, Russia.

Arrivals at the Hotel Martinique were C. B. Kealhofer, Atlanta, Ga.; A. I. Willeford, Raleigh, N. C.; J. K. White, Harrisburg, Pa.; G. Maillet, Montreal; W. F. Thompson, Binghamton, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace, London, Ontario.

GEN. DU PONT OPERATED ON.

Suffers From Stomach Trouble and Goes to the Drs. Mayo.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 24.—Gen. T. Coleman du Pont, president of the Dupont Powder Company and head of the company which is constructing the Equitable building in New York, was operated on for stomach trouble to-day at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn., by Drs. Charles and William Mayo. Mrs. du Pont is with her husband. Dr. Joseph P. Wales of this city, the family physician received a message to-night from Mrs. Dupont saying that the operation was successful and there is no cause for alarm. Gen. Dupont has suffered from stomach trouble for several years. Recently his condition became worse. A fortnight ago he decided to go to the Mayos.

Mrs. Dupont will remain with her husband until all danger is passed.

ARIZONA "DRY" LAW VALID.

"Wets" Lose Fight in U. S. Court, but Will Appeal.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Federal Judges Ross, Sawtelle and Wellborn, sitting here to-day, handed down a decision in which Arizona's prohibition amendment, passed at the recent general election in that State, was held valid and constitutional.

In a remarkably brief opinion the court denied the application for a temporary injunction preventing the enforcement of the law, which becomes effective January 1, until it had been reviewed by the United States Supreme Court.

The "wets" have served notice that they will appeal the case.

PREDICTS SUFFRAGE DEFEAT.

Mrs. Dodge Says the House Is Against the Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The resolution paving the way for an amendment to the Federal Constitution for nationwide woman suffrage will be beaten in the House when that body reconvenes after the holidays, and instead of the suffragists getting the two-thirds necessary for its passage they will not be able to command even a bare majority of the votes cast, according to the prediction of Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge of New York, president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage.

Mrs. Dodge has had three men at work for several days taking a canvass of the members of the House.

BOOTH-MILLET.

Navy Lieutenant Marries the Niece of the Late Frank Millet.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The marriage of Miss Hilda Millet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah R. Millet, and a niece of Frank Millet, the artist, who lost his life in the Titanic disaster, to Lieut. William Harris Booth, U. S. N., son of Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Booth of Williamsburgh, Va., took place this evening at the home of the bride's parents in Cambridge.

DOUGLAS-HOLCOMB.

British Navy Officer Marries Daughter of New Yorker.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Miss Nan Holcomb, daughter of C. H. Holcomb of New York, was married at Harrow on Tuesday to Lieutenant-Commander Douglas of the Royal Navy.

JOHN MUIR, FATHER OF YOSEMITE, DEAD

Noted Naturalist Dies in California of Pneumonia at the Age of 76.

RISE OF THE SCOTTISH BOY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—John Muir, the naturalist, died here to-day in a hospital of pneumonia. He was 76 years old.

John Muir, who loved the great ranges of the Sierra Nevadas so much that he spent a large portion of his life in their rugged fastnesses, was born in Dunbar, Scotland, April 21, 1838. The love of the wild was born in him and when he first read of the great American forests in his school reader his chief hope was that some day he might roam them and learn their secrets.

When he was 11 years old his father brought the family to America and went deep into the Wisconsin woods to hew out for himself a living. The boy John helped his father clear the land and did mathematics on the chips that flew from his axe. There was not enough time for study to satisfy his craving for knowledge. The elder Muir ran his household with true Scottish firmness and the boy finally obtained permission to get up at 1 o'clock in the morning instead of 6 so that he might devote five more hours to his books.

John Muir.

He showed an inventive talent that half amused and half irritated his father, who thought that the busy whittling of his son was time wasted. But the son did not stop it and turned out some ingenious contrivances of wood. Although he had never seen a clock, he made one that indicated the days of the week and the month and had attachments for lighting fires and lamps and awaking sleepers.

Then he learned that for $1 a week he could study at the State University, and worked four years there, supporting himself by labor in the fields and school teaching. He worked methodically, as he had at home, and fashioned a mechanical contrivance in his desk that presented to him at certain hours the books which he must study.

Suddenly an accident almost deprived him of the sight of his right eye, and the blow so stunned him that he wrote later: "I felt neither pain nor faintness, the thought was so tremendous that my right eye was gone, that I should never look at a flower again."

But the eye grew stronger, and with the New Testament, Burns's poems and Milton's "Paradise Lost" he started forth on a long tramp, sleeping in the open and gathering plant specimens. He walked through Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida.

From there he went to Cuba, intending to extend his trip to South America, but he changed his plans and went instead to California by the way of the isthmus, and landed almost penniless in San Francisco in April, 1868. Then for the first time he saw the giant crests of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, which drew him into their great solitudes, where he was destined to spend many years of his life. He left them often, but always went back.

On foot he followed the Diablo foothills along the San Jose Valley, over the Diablo Mountains to the valley of San Joaquin, and finally to the big trees and the Yosemite, where he wrote:

"I came to life in the cool winds and the crystal waters of the mountains, and were it not for a thought now and then of loneliness and isolation the pleasure of my existence would be complete."

He worked tirelessly, tramping over the mountains, tracing the course of glaciers, and learning from the woods and hillsides the history of their formations. He took nothing for granted, and it was this minute knowledge which enabled him to demonstrate the theory of glacial formation of the Yosemite region, a formation which scientists such as Whitney, King, Le Conte and Hoffman held to be due to a great cataclysm of nature which had split the valley and dropped its bed 3,000 feet.

These men laughed at Muir's presumption to challenge their determinations, but he lived to see every scientist in the world declare that he was right and the others wrong.

His love for the valley, which he was the first to describe, gained him the name of "The Father of the Yosemite," and in 1889 he so interested Robert Underwood Johnson, then associate editor of the *Century Magazine*, in the need for national control of the valley, that Mr. Johnson succeeded in having a law passed setting aside the Yosemite as a national reserve.

He joined the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1876 that he might increase his knowledge of the deserts and mountain ranges beyond the Sierras, and for three years he worked in Nevada and Utah. His glacier studies took him finally to Alaska, where he explored the region north of Fort Wrangel and discovered Glacier Bay and the great Muir glacier. On his travels through Alaska he went sometimes alone and sometimes with Indians.

He Studies Abroad.

Mr. Muir went as a member of the Corwin expedition that searched for De Long and the lost Jeannette in 1881, and so was enabled to further his investigations of glaciers along the coast of Siberia and Bering Sea. He studied most of the ice rivers of North America and then went abroad in 1893 to compare the conditions with those in Norway and Switzerland.

In 1903-4 Mr. Muir journeyed nearly around the world to study the forests of Russia, Siberia, India, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand; later to the forests of South America, where he travelled through Brazil, Argentina and Chile. He went far up the Amazon, where he saw "the greatest and grandest of all rivers and something of the greatest of all forests." He then sailed for Cape Town, and went inland 1,300 miles to the Victoria Falls and the Zambesi.

Mr. Muir took the trip to Australia because he had heard that the eucalyptus tree of that country was the biggest in the world, but he came to the conclusion that it is not as large as the big trees of California, which he knew probably better than any naturalist in the world. He gave the first accurate knowledge of them.

Mr. Muir wrote several books, one of the most popular of which is "My First Summer in the Sierra." Other works are "The Mountains of California," "Our National Parks," "Stickeen, the Story of a Dog," and many magazine articles.

He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, member of the Washington Academy of Sciences, president of the Sierra Club and the American Alpine Club. He received honorary degrees from Harvard and the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Muir was married in 1880 to Louise Strentzel, the daughter of a Polish refugee and physician. He made his home at Martinez in the Contra Costa Valley, California.

LUTHER S. LIVINGSTON.

Noted Authority on Old and Rare Books Dies in Cambridge, Mass.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 24.—Luther S. Livingston, librarian of the Harry A. Widener Memorial Library at Harvard University, died this morning after an illness of four months. He was one of the foremost authorities in this country on old and rare books. He was born forty-eight years ago in Grand Rapids, Mich., and came to New York about twenty years ago, entering the employment of Dodd, Mead & Co. In 1910 he and Robert H. Dodd formed the firm of Dodd & Livingston, which he gave up last year because of failing health.

The Grolier Club of New York published recently a monograph by Mr. Livingston on "Benjamin Franklin and His Press at Passy, France." He was editor of *Books Prices Current* and contributed frequently to the *Bookman*. He is survived by his wife and a brother, Prof. Bert Livingston of Johns Hopkins University.

CAPT. ERNEST A. DES MARETS.

Expert on Waterways Dies in Washington After Auto Accident.

Capt. Ernest A. Des Marets, who died in a Washington, D. C., hospital on Tuesday as a result of being struck by an automobile on December 9 while attending the Deeper Waterways Convention, to which he had been appointed as delegate by Gov. Glynn, had made his home in College Point, Queens, for many years.

Capt. Des Marets was born in New Orleans on September 26, 1841. His family came to New York when he was a child. At the beginning of the civil war he enlisted in the Thirty-seventh Regiment, New York Volunteers, in which he became a captain. Five years ago he started the movement which resulted in designating June 14 as Flag Day. He was a member of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, the New York State Waterway Association and the Long Island Historical Society.

Capt. Des Marets was one of a family of nine children and is survived by his brother, Emile Des Marets of Manhattan, and his sister, Miss Sophie Des Marets. He was a bachelor.

HENRY V. MASSEY.

Former Law Partner of John G. Johnson Drops Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Henry Vodges Massey, a retired corporation attorney and former law partner of John G. Johnson, dropped dead on the street while on his way home last night. He was vice-president of the Delaware River Transportation Company and secretary of the Girardville Gas Company.

Mr. Massey was a member of the Union League, the University, Art and the Merion Cricket clubs.

John Truslow.

John Truslow, 88, who served as president of the Board of Assessors in the old city of Brooklyn under Mayor Low and was well known in business and financial circles, died yesterday at his home, 168 Clinton street, Brooklyn. He was born in New York city and had been a resident of Brooklyn for more than seventy years. He was an officer of the old Nassau Trust Company and was first vice-president and a director of the Dime Savings Bank. He was treasurer and a trustee of the New York Avenue Church. He was a member of the Hamilton Club. Two sons and a daughter survive him.

Frederic H. McCoun.

Frederic H. McCoun, who was connected with the New York Life Insurance Company, died yesterday at his home, 39 West Eighty-fourth street. He was 59 years old. He was vice-president and a director of the Joseph Smith Realty Company and was a member of the Fox Hills Golf Club. His wife, who was Miss Mary E. Smith, and one son, Frederic H. McCoun, Jr., survive him.

James A. Morgan.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J., Dec. 24.—While attending a conference at the home of Mayor Charles Cooper this evening James A. Morgan, a member of the Common Council, was stricken with apoplexy. He died before a doctor arrived. He was born in New York city sixty-nine years ago. He served in the civil war. His wife, two sons and four daughters survive him.

Giles S. Allison.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Giles S. Allison, president of the Railway Supply and Chemical Company of 42 Broadway, New York, died here to-night. His home is at 655 Lexington avenue, New York.

SEEKS HER MISSING SISTER.

Albany Girl Also Asks Search for Insurance Broker.

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Chief of Police Daniel Wolff received a letter to-day from Miss M. E. Hass of 13 Providence road, Albany, asking him to search for her sister, Miss Emily Hass, 27, a stenographer in the State Comptroller's office. Miss Hass wrote that her sister had been missing since Dec. 7.

She also asked the police to search for Chester Snyder, a real estate and insurance broker of Albany. Up to a few months ago Snyder was in business in Yonkers. He is about 30 years old, and has a wife here, with whom he does not live. The wife lives with Snyder's mother, at 290 Warburton avenue.

The writer of the letter wants her sister found so she could be informed that her mother is at the point of death from cancer.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—At the Comptroller's office, where Miss Hass was employed as a stenographer, it was said, she left recently on her regular vacation for a month. A sister is working in the office, but she refuses to discuss the affair.

MARRIED.

GOLDMARK—ROSE.—Thursday, December 24, by the Rev. Merle St. Croix Wright, Alice Ellner, daughter of Mrs. Carl L. Rose, to Herbert Goldmark of New York city.

DIED.

BIRMINGHAM.—On December 23, Mark Birmingham, in his eighty-eighth year. Funeral services at his late residence, 130 West Fifty-seventh street, on Saturday, December 26, at 10 A. M.

San Francisco papers please copy.

DES MARETS.—At Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C., Tuesday afternoon, Captain Ernest A. Des Marets of College Point, Long Island.

Services will be held on Saturday, December 26, at the First Baptist Church, Sanford avenue, Flushing, L. I., at 12 noon. Train leaves Pennsylvania Station, Thirty-third street, New York city, at 11:17 A. M., for Main street station, Flushing. Members of George Washington Post 103, St. Nicholas Lodge 321, F. and A. M., Seventy-first Regiment Veteran Association and Army and Navy Club cordially invited to attend.

JOHNSTON.—On December 23, 1914, of pneumonia, at Williams College Infirmary, Alexander Hutchins, son of George F. and Marion Hutchins Johnston, age 20 years.

Funeral at Rochester, N. Y.

LIVINGSTON.—At his home in Cambridge, Mass., Luther S. Livingston, on the morning of December 24.

McCOUN.—On Thursday, December 24, 1914, Frederic H. McCoun, beloved husband of Mary E. McCoun, in his fifty-ninth year.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

POWERS.—On December 22, Philip J., beloved husband of Mary Powers and brother of Annie Welsh.

Funeral from his late residence, 11 Manhattan street, Saturday morning, 9:30 o'clock, thence to St. Joseph's Church, 125th street, where a requiem mass will be offered for the repose of his soul. Interment St. Raymond's Cemetery.

TRUSLOW.—John, on December 24, in his eighty-eighth year, of pneumonia, at 168 Clinton street, Brooklyn.

Services and interment at the convenience of the family. Please omit flowers.