'UNDER FIRE,' FIRST WAR PLAY OF YEAR

Roi Cooper Megrue's Latest Offering Is Seen at the Hudson Theatre.

COURTENAY HEADS CAST

"Under Fire"—At the Hudson Theatre.
Brewster.....McKay Morris
Georgy Wagstaff.....Phoebe Foster
Ethel Willoughby.....Violet Heming
Henry Streetman.....Felix Krembs
Sir George Wagstaff..Henry Stephenson
Charlie Brown.....Frank Craven
Capt. Lawrence Redmond
William Courtenay
Henri Christophe.....Robert Fischer
Jeanne Christophe.....Dorothy Abbott

The first of the new season's war plays was seen last evening when Selwyn & Co. presented at the Hudson Theatre "Under Fire," by Roi Cooper Megrue. Mr. Megrue had already written several successful plays, among which is "Under Cover," recently seen at the Cort Theatre. He was also co-author of "It Pays to Advertise," and of a number of other pieces of merit. This was his first attempt at a strictly war play.

Three varieties of this kind of drama graced the New York stage last winter in "The Hyphen," "The White Feather," and "Inside the Lines," all of which with the exception of the first mentioned attained to more or less financial and artistic success. "Under Fire" is another bid for popularity in this respect.

William Courtenay had the leading role last night and was the featured member of the company. Opposite him was Violet Heming, one of the promising of the younger generation of actresses. They appeared together last season. McKay Morris, Phoebe Foster, Felix Krembs, Henry Stephenson, Frank Craven, Robert Fischer and Dorothy Abbott made up a part of the cast of "Under Fire."

Intrigue at the Outset.

"Under Fire" opens in the tranquil and incredulous London of the few days preceding the beginning of the war, developing the fact that *Ethel Willoughby*, governess to *Georgy Wagstaff* in the home of her father, *Sir George Wagstaff*, has been intrigued into secret marriage with one *Henry Streetman*, calling himself an agent of the French secret service. She is in fact spying on *Sir George* at the demand of her husband.

The rumor of war had brought back to London and to *Ethel Capt. Lawrence Redmond*, who is in love with the girl. He asks her to marry him and hears of her marriage. In the casual passing of remarks *Capt. Redmond* unwittingly reveals to *Ethel* that her husband, *Streetman*, is a spy in the German service. She at once starts a programme which will array her against her husband in the war game and promises aid to *Redmond* in the English service.

As the scene shifts to Belgium the German invasion has begun, increasing in both strategy and force, till at the end, after the fortunes of war have swung a full cycle and *Streetman* has been killed and his perfidies ended by the aeroplane destruction of the trench in which he is hatching a new series of villainies, *Redmond* and *Ethel* find each other in a field hospital "somewhere in northern France."

Plenty of Stirring Action.

Mr Megrue has written one of the most ambitious war plays yet produced. At the same time the choice of a war subject in time of war is always open to serious question. In "Under Fire" there is perhaps a little too much "blood and thunder," though there is plenty of stirring action of another sort, which at times nearly brought the audience to its feet. William Courtenay as the soldier hero acted in his usual graceful and finished style. Chief honors, however, fell to Miss Heming. Possessed of extremely good looks, together with a charming manner, she used all to good advantage.

In the play is one character that gives a relieving color to the sombreness of war. This is the American newspaper reporter played by Frank Craven. He appears first in *Sir George Wagstaff's* home in London, next at the wrecked inn in Belgium and finally in a British trench, where he finds an amusing poker game in progress, counts the stars in the sky, which is all he can see from the trench, and then learns with amazement that he is "under fire."

"Under Fire" is well written, well acted and well staged.

DOUBTS MENINGITIS CURE.

Major Gordon Says Dr. Bull's Serum Isn't New as Germ Killer.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Major Gordon, a consulting bacteriologist connected with the War Office, says that the alleged discovery by Dr. Bull of the University of Melbourne of a serum that will kill the spinal meningitis germ is not to be regarded as a new cure for that disease.

Major Gordon says that the germ is easily killed by any antiseptic in a laboratory. The problem of killing it successfully in the body, however, is as yet unsolved. Dr. Bull announced that eucalyptus figured in his serum.

WEDDINGS.

Eddy—Whittlesey.

Miss Clara Whittlesey, daughter of Mrs. Howard S. Bowns, whose summer home is at Sea Gate, Brooklyn, and R. Welles Eddy of New Britain, Conn., were married yesterday in the Sea Gate chapel by the Rev. Bishop Falkner, pastor of the Christ Church, Bay Ridge. Miss Priscilla Bowns, the bride's sister, was her only attendant. Stanley Eddy, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Eddy will visit Canada on their honeymoon. Mrs. Bowns gave a dinner to the twenty-four members of the wedding party at the Atlantic Yacht Club on Wednesday night.

Plays and Players.

Klaw & Erlanger have obtained the production rights to a new farce by Edward Milton Royle, entitled "Peace and Quiet." It will be presented during the current season.

The Behman Show will conclude its long run at the Columbia Theatre tomorrow night.

Melville Ellis has been engaged by Charles Dillingham for "The Missing Link," the new Elsie Janis play to be seen at the Globe in September.

George Mooser, in association with Elisabeth Marbury and F. Ray Comstock, has in rehearsal under the direction of T. Daniel Frawley a new comedy drama by Louis K. Anspacher called "Our Children."

Paul Dickey, author of "The Last Laugh," has been invited to stage the second act of his comedy as a feature of an entertainment which the Mutual Welfare League of Sing Sing is arranging.

BURIED IN A SATIN COFFIN; BOW-WOW!

Punti Is Laid to Rest in Cemetery After Solemn Obsequies.

HIS FUNERAL COST $100

On Wednesday, Punti, the kultured and beloved English bulldog long dear to the heart of Mrs. E. Secor, proprietor of the Lockwood House at Atlantic Highlands, frisked (somewhat heavily, it is true, owing to increasing embonpoint and a sure sense of his own importance) at his mistress's knee. Last night, tucked into a little, white enamelled casket lined with white satin, he was under the sod of the Hartsdale Canine Cemetery in Westchester.

His taking off was unbelievably sudden. When Mrs. Secor awoke yesterday morning and waited, as usual, for the astute animal to fetch her slippers, she waited in vain. Alarmed, she arose quickly and looked under the bed. There lay Punti, all stark, a victim, perhaps, of too much luxury or of malicious animal magnetism propelled by such as dislike Punties.

Mrs. Secor's grief was profound. She recalled so many of Punti's intelligent traits—how every evening at 6 he had trotted to the post office, collected the Lockwood House mail and trotted home without spilling a letter; how all of his life he had gone bathing with her in the surf; how they had taken long walks together, with Punti always on guard, and how the dog had been more to her than a human companion could have been. He had been with her years at her home, 102 West Seventy-fourth street, New York.

She determined that Punti should have the sort of funeral and interment that would have been accorded a human being, and she sent her maid to Amzi M. Posten, the Atlantic Highlands undertaker, with instructions that Punti must be embalmed and then placed in a baby's size coffin.

Mr. Posten said no, very firmly. It was not his business to embalm deceased dogs. It couldn't be done, and all of Mrs. Secor's pleading failed to move this stubborn mortuarian. Finally, however, he agreed to provide the casket (three by six, as he said last night), and line it with white satin, and yesterday afternoon he sent the late Punti to the Lockwood House, where all was ready for the funeral service.

Mrs. Secor, in deep mourning, received the body of the bulldog, and after a short service was held, made ready to take it to New York. She prevailed upon Chief of Police John R. Snedeker to furnish his jitney car, and accompanied by the Chief, she drove with Punti's coffin to Westchester last evening and there buried Punti.

Perhaps it is not altogether fitting to mentioned the cost of the funeral, but something is due to Punti's memory, and if, in the dog hereafter, dogs can feel pride of achievement, ante or post mortem, such pride should be Punti's—for the casket cost $40, the automobile hire was $25, and what with one expense and another, $100 was used up in giving the bulldog an impressive exit from the world.

MORE SAFETY SUGGESTIONS.

A Few of the Things in Society's Committee's Report.

Recommendations for new ordinances to control city traffic and a request for better enforcement of existing traffic laws by the police are included in a report on traffic conditions in New York issued yesterday by the Safety First Society, 6 East Thirty-ninth street. The semaphore system recently instituted in Fifth avenue was commended.

The society's committee of traffic experts recommends new ordinances requiring the elimination of dazzling head and side lights, parallel parking at the curb for delivery wagons, the universal use of mirrorscopes, the prohibition of "hitching on" to motors, and safeguards for motor vehicles at standstill.

Stricter enforcement is asked for the law requiring motor vehicles to give an eight foot leeway to surface street cars at a standstill, and lights on all motor vehicles making the number plate clearly visible are required. The night flushing of streets is commended in lieu of day sprinkling.

ARRIVALS BY AUTOMOBILE.

MANCHESTER, Vt., Aug. 12.—Arrivals by auto at the Equinox House include Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Overbury New York (Pope); Miss Keys, Miss Marion S. Keys, Miss A. C. Wheelock, New York (Studebaker); Mrs. W. L. Malcolm, Miss Malcolm, Summit, N. J. (Simplex); W. Eugene Kimball, Miss Annie L. Kimball, New York (Lancia); W. H. Vanderbilt, Gorton Thayer Lippitt, Newport (Pierce); Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sellars, Brookline (Buick); W. H. Abercrombie, Miss H. F. Abercrombie, Brookline (Packard); Mrs. Stephen O. Metcalf, Miss H. P. Metcalf, Providence, R. I. (Locomobile); Mr. and Mrs. H. Stevens, Miss M. A. Stephens, New York (Locomobile).

WATERBURY, Conn., Aug. 12.—Automobilists from New York at Hotel Elton over the Ideal Tour to-day include Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mitchell (Buick); M. L. Emen, A. P. Nelson (Hudson); Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Patterson (Chalmers); Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lathers (Cadillac); Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Nelson (Lozier), Mrs. A. H. Alker, Miss M. W. Alker, Mrs. Cord Meyer (Flat); Mr. and Mrs. M. Leonard, John W. Leonard (Overland); M. E. Abbott, R. Rackminster (Chevrolet); Mrs. C. Dewitt, Miss Marjorie Langley (Chalmers); Dr. Robert Wolson, Dr. E. L. Jagar, J. C. Jagar (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Betts (McFarlan); Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lawrence (Pierce); J. L. Adler, the Misses T. Adler, R. Adler, H. Adler and Miss E. Langsdorf (Locomobile).

GREENWICH, Conn., Aug. 12.—Auto arrivals at the Edgewood to-day were: Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Boss, New London, Conn. (Cadillac); Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Parish, Langhorne, Pa. (Hudson); W. G. Hindman, Philadelphia (Ford); Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Duveen, Miss Dorothy Duveen, New York (Packard); Miss Betty Nansen, Philean Beale, A. O. Worms, New York (Stearns).

LENOX, Mass., Aug. 12.—Motor arrivals at Hotel Aspinwall to-day include: Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Bennett, New York (Hudson); Mrs. J. C. McArthur, Miss Mildred McArthur, Miss Charlotte Smith, J. F. Hansell, Jr., New York (Mercer); Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Hubbell, New York (Packard); Mrs. S. Wright Driggs, Miss Alice A. Driggs, New York (Peerless); Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Roulston, Miss B. E. Roulston, Master H. D. Roulston, Mrs. C. H. Matthews, New York (Packard); Mrs. O. Wettlauffer, the Misses Wettlauffer, Mr. A. Wettlauffer, New York (Pierce Arrow); Mr. and Mrs. James B. Clews, New York (Singer); I. T. Hill, New York (Overland).

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Auto arrivals at the O-te-se-ga to-day were: Mr. and Mrs. John Bluntschli, Hans Bluntschli, Robert Bluntschli, Mrs. Marc Walder, Paterson, N. J. (Cadillac); Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Jencke, Woonsocket, R. I. (Packard); Mrs. J. F. Handy, Miss Handy, J. F. Scholes, Brooklyn, N. Y. (Pierce Arrow); Thomas H. McCarter, Rumson, N. J., Daniel W. Evans, Tenafly, N. J. (Cadillac);

'THE ROMANCERS' GIVEN BEFORE LARGE AUDIENCE AT RUMSON COUNTRY CLUB

KATHRYN VINCENT as *Sylvette* and V. L. Granville as *Percinet*. Above, left to right, Kathryn Vincent, *Sylvette*; Edward Hall, J. P. MacSweeney and V. L. Granville in "The Romancers" at the Rumson Country Club.

Many Dinners Precede Presentation of Rostand's Fantastic Comedy.

PLANS CHANGED BY RAIN

RED BANK, N. J., Aug. 12.—Edmond Rostand's fantastic comedy "The Romancers" was presented at the Rumson Country Club here to-night by the Frank Lea Short Players before a large gathering of members and guests.

It had been planned to give the entertainment, which is especially adapted to open air presentation, on the grass terrace between the clubhouse and the polo field, but rain interfered and it was transferred to the clubhouse.

The story of "The Romancers" concerns the love affair of a boy and girl who live on adjoining estates. Their fathers wish to bring about a marriage, and knowing the romantic dispositions of their children pretend to be bitter enemies and each forbids his child to have anything to do with that of the other.

Naturally the love of the children was cemented closer by doing what they knew was forbidden, until finally, discovering the trick played on them by their parents, they separate, only to again become united through the public confessions of the fathers.

The costumes were of the Watteau period of French history and the company included Kathryn Vincent, V. L. Granville, Frank Lea Short, J. P. MacSweeney, E. E. Hall and Mary Chippendale. Similar performances have been given this season at several of the principal universities.

"The Romancers" is generally accepted on this side of the Atlantic as one of Rostand's best short plays, designed for out of door performances, but played with great success in regulation theatres. It has been presented at the Comedie Francaise in Paris and was at one time a vehicle for Mrs. Patrick Campbell in London.

Among those giving dinners in advance of the play were Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Amory Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Caesar, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stursberg, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ingersoll Riker, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Goltze, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Crombie, Mr. and Mrs. Uzal H. McCarter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Carll Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gelshenen, Mrs. George F. Vietor, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Y. Crafts, Mr. and Mrs. J. Prentice Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Getty, Mr. and Mrs. William H. English, Mr. and Mrs. E. Palmer Gavit, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lunger, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Vietor, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McGraw, James Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph G. Huepfel, Owen F. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Bonner and Ward Dawson.

In the audience were noted Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Borden, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund D. Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Lester B. Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hauck, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William H. English, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. H. Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Miran Karagheusian, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Hodgman, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh N. Camp, Jr., Richard B. Duane, Hildreth K. Bloodgood, Mr. and Mrs. Yale Kneeland, Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Goltze, Mrs. Charles Kellogg, Andrew Cone, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartshorne, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy W. Baldwin, J. G. Timolat, Louis C. De Coppet, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. J. Horace Harding, Mrs. Ewald Fleitmann, Henry T. Fleitmann and Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Romaine.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. P. Sanford Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schefer, Mrs. William H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. McLane Van Ingen, Samuel Riker, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shweinler, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore, Miss Sadie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Sorenson, George D. Hendrickson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Silliocks, Mrs. H. E. Gibb, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stanley Clarke, Mrs. H. J. Lamarche, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Spalding, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. McCarter.

After the play many remained at the club for supper.

FINE FLORAL DISPLAY AT SHOW IN NEWPORT

Flowers From Many Summer Estates Are Among the Prize Winners.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 12.—The opening of the midsummer flower show on the grounds opposite the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt was the attraction for a large number of the summer residents late this afternoon. The show is up to the usual standard, flowers from the gardens of the summer estates being well represented among the prize winners. Several of the young women of the summer colony sold flowers and the solo dances among the flowers by Miss Inga Sontum was an added feature.

Prior to going to the flower show many of the cottagers attended a lecture given at the Casino for the benefit of the Russian Red Cross by Leon Dabo on "The Origin and Development of Women's Costumes." Mme. Bakhmeteff, wife of the Russian Ambassador, headed the list of patronesses and gave several articles that were sold to help swell the fund.

Mrs. Rutherford Stuyvesant and Mrs. Joseph E. Widener gave dances to-night and a young peoples' luncheon was given this afternoon by Miss Alice Gordon Drexel at Fairholm. There was a dance on the battleship Florida to-night. A large number of the young people of the naval colony was present.

Mrs. Frank Bishop is the guest of Mrs. Charles H. Baldwin at Snug Harbor. Mrs. Grenville Snelling of New York is visiting Mrs. Drelingcourt Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Duncan have returned to Bonnie Crest after a short motor trip, and Mrs. George D. Widener has returned from Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and son are back from a cruise on the steam yacht Narada.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor will not close her Newport visit until Saturday.

Felice Lyne With Pavlowa.

Felice Lyne, formerly of the Hammerstein grand opera company of London, has been engaged for the Pavlowa organization, which opens an engagement in Chicago in October. Her appearance in this country has been confined to a few concerts and several performances as a "guest" singer with the Boston Opera Company. This will be Miss Lyne's first appearance in an extensive repertoire.

GARDEN FETE HELD AT SOUTHAMPTON

Affair Arranged as Benefit for Fresh Air Home for Crippled Children.

SOUTHAMPTON, L. I., Aug. 12.—The principal social event here to-day was the garden fete given this afternoon for the benefit of the Fresh Air Home for Crippled Children on the lawns of the home of Col. and Mrs. Robert M. Thompson. The fete was one of the most brilliant of the afternoon affairs of the season. The lawns, with the beautiful flowers and shrubbery, made a wonderful background for the costumes of the guests and those who had charge of the booths.

Tea was served in the Japanese tea house by Japanese servants in native dress.

A special attraction was the exhibition dancing, under the direction of Mrs. Bertha Ware Cady and Miss Juliana Cutting, of several of the young ladies of the summer colony in the ballroom of Mrs. S. H. P. Pell's cottage. There was informal dancing also. Prizes for the competition dancing were awarded to Miss Helen Rice and Miss Lydia Dadmun in the children's dances and to Miss Isabelle Stettinius, who danced with R. Franks. Music for the flag dance was provided by an amateur orchestra under the direction of Miss Helen Linderskold.

Among the other attractions was a flag dance by twelve girls with Miss Katherine Van Ingen, daughter of Mrs. Edward Van Ingen, as Miss Liberty of Bedlow's Island. Following the flag drill the audience joined in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," after which Col. Thompson made a speech.

Mr. and Mrs. James Searles Barclay have gone to Hot Springs, Va., for a short stay. They will return to Southampton for the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dadmun have returned from New York, where they have been at the St. Regis. They have planned to pass a part of the autumn at Morristown, N. J.

Mrs. George Barton French entertained at the Meadow Club tea house for Miss Isabel Stettinius, who is here for a few weeks, stopping at the Irving.

Mrs. Algernon Boveson, who has been in Europe, is now visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Barclay.

Mrs. Henry M. Day and Miss Elise Whitney have returned to Southampton after passing several days in New York.

NARRAGANSETT DANCES AT SPORTSMAN'S BALL

Every Well Known Sport Is Represented by Costume in Grand March.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, Aug. 12.—The sportsman's ball held in the Casino this evening surpassed in brilliancy anything that has been given at the Casino in recent years. The decorations of the ballroom consisted of oak boughs and cedars, while at the entrances to the dancing floor and in front of the stage were many beautiful hydrangea plants. Dancing commenced at 8:30 o'clock and lasted through dinner and well into the morning.

Prominent New Yorkers who entertained at dinner included Mrs. A. B. Lambert, Mrs. John H. Hanan, Paul Smidt, Mrs. Alfred Hayman, H. Brevoort Kane, Col. and Mrs. Creighton Webb, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. St. John Wood.

At 10 o'clock the grand march took place, H. Brevoort Kane of New York, with Dorothy Norris of Philadelphia, leading. They were followed by a long line of characters representing every well known sport.

Miss Janet Shearson of New York was dressed to represent a roulette wheel. N. M. Graves was a jockey, Miss Fredrika Kellogg came as a tennis girl, Mrs. Alfred Hayman made a very fetching tennis girl, Miss Lucia Chase was disguised as a polo player with orange and black striped shirt. Mrs. Phyllis Shearson represents winter sports, while football, baseball, golf, croquet, swimming and every conceivable form of sport was duly represented.

Charles Alexander of New York entertained at luncheon at the Casino this noon for Roland W. Stebbins of Williamstown, Mass.

William Carson Kane of New York took luncheon with the Duke Durazo at the Casino this noon.

Mrs. Samuel H. Valentine entertained at a bridge this afternoon her guests being seated at ten tables. Prizes were won by Mrs. Henry de Coppet, Mrs. H. Brevoort Kane and Mrs. Irving H. Chase of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitman at Saratoga

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Gov. and Mrs. Charles S. Whitman visited Saratoga this evening and were guests at dinner of Mrs. Alexander M. Thackara, Jr., at the Casino.

SUFFRAGISTS SEE FOUR STATES WON

Leaders Meet at East Orange and Tell of Success in Campaigns.

UNVEIL TABLET TO-DAY

Success in each of the four campaign States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, was predicted yesterday at the conference in East Orange, preceding the unveiling of the tablet to Lucy Stone, pioneer suffragist, at 16 Hurlburt street, Orange, to-day. Leaders from all four States were there, and in the white pillared Colonial house at 483 Main street, the East Orange headquarters, they discussed plans for the last lap of their long fight.

It was universally conceded that New York is the best organized of the quartet of States, but Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, chairman of the Empire State Campaign Committee, and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, both said success was as sure in the three other States.

"The women are working to the limit everywhere," Mrs. Catt said, as she left the conference on her way to the dinner at the Essex County Country Club which wound up the day. "And we shall win."

"We take off our hats to New York," Mrs. E. F. Feickert said, "but New Jersey women are not behind. I could name offhand four dozen women who have given up their summer trips and are staying at home to work for suffrage."

Mrs. Frank J. Roessing, State president in Pennsylvania, said the Liberty Bell which the suffragists had cast in the likeness of the original Liberty Bell and which is touring the State, as it were, is winning many converts to the cause.

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, who today at 2 P. M. will unveil the tablet to her mother, Lucy Stone, is State president in Massachusetts. She called attention to the fact that in 1895 Massachusetts gave 109,000 votes for woman suffrage. "If we could do that twenty years ago we'll carry the State this time," she said. "The factory towns are for us and labor unions are supporting us."

Dr. Shaw will be at national headquarters, 505 Fifth avenue, to-day at suffragists are going to present to 10 A. M. to receive the automobile the her. Then there will be a parade to 16 Hurlburt street, East Orange, where on the old house from which Lucy Stone saw her household goods sold for the taxes she wouldn't pay while the vote was denied her the tablet will be unveiled.

ANTIS CHALLENGE BRADLEY.

Call on Asbury Park Founder to Make Good His Charges.

In response to the reported assertion of Founder James A. Bradley of Asbury Park, made recently in refusing the New Jersey anti-suffragists the use of the Auditorium on the ground that their meetings were financed by the liquor interests, a letter has been issued by Mrs. E. Yarde Breese, their president, and Mrs. Helen T. Yard, treasurer, calling upon Mr. Bradley to make good his charges or apologize. The letter is accompanied by affidavits and says in part:

"If you have any evidence that these affidavits are false we invite you to make a public statement of the person or corporations directly or indirectly connected with the 'liquor interests' who have so contributed. If you have no evidence of the truth of your statement we ask that you sign and publish a retraction of your statement. If we do not receive a reply from you within two days from the receipt of this letter by you, we shall publish it, so that the public may have the opportunity to know that you are a man who will make and publish libellous statements which you have no proof to support, and not the courtesy to withdraw."

ARRIVALS AT HOTELS.

Some of the Latest Names Placed on Registers Here.

McAlpin—Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bishop, Binghamton, N. Y.; Senator Carlos Bee, San Antonio, Tex.; W. R. Macfarlane, Manila, P. I.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert King, Boston.

Belleclaire—C. C. Singer, Princeton, N. J.; Miss E. Card, London, England; A. R. Byrd, Jr., St. Louis; A. P. de Samber, Petrograd, Russia.

Laurelton—Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Yoder, Cleveland, Ohio; L. P. Peiser, Chicago; M. S. Bentham, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Plaza—Mr. and Mrs. I. Townsend Burden, Newport, R. I.

Savoy—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Carrington, Jackson, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Benson, St. Paul, Minn.

Prince George—J. M. Kavanagh and Miss M. E. Kavanagh, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Simmons, Norfolk, Va.; J. B. Gill, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore, Indianapolis, Ind.

Woodstock—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Houston, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Ober, Pittsburg.

Wolcott—Albert M. Dotley, Baltimore; F. L. Smith, Cleveland.

Martinique—Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mason, Baltimore; Ridgway Bishop, Chicago; Frank Hursh, Uniontown, Pa.; Otto M. Blizzard, Dayton, Ohio; Elias Frank, Philadelphia.

Manhattan—F. Adams, London; H. A. McElvain, Manchester, N. H.; W. J. Raybold, Pittsfield, Mass.; S. E. Jennings, Nashville, Tenn.

Albert—J. B. Snyder, Pittsburg; William T. Buckley, Chicago.

SUFFRAGE CALENDAR.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY.

Noon—Walking talks on East River piers.

Noon—Before Woman Suffrage party headquarters at 48 East Thirty-fourth street.

1 P. M.—Suffrage wagonette "Victory," with street speakers, will appear at Hall place and 165th street and at Intervale avenue and 163d street.

3 P. M.—Conference of Manhattan organizers at 48 East Thirty-fourth street, Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw presiding.

8:30 P. M.—Seventeenth Assembly district, street meeting at Ninety-sixth street and Broadway.

8:30 P. M.—Twenty-ninth Assembly district, street meetings at Madison avenue and Fifty-ninth street, Fifty-seventh street and Third avenue, Seventy-ninth street and Lexington avenue and Eighty-sixth street and Lexington avenue.

9 P. M.—Eighth Assembly district, Guild Suffrage Club meets at 184 Eldridge street for street meeting stands.

MEN'S LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

1 P. M.—Conference at Votes for Women Restaurant, 70 Wall street.

WOMEN'S POLITICAL UNION.

8 P. M.—Roving Shop "Winner," 125th street and Seventh avenue.

MANY ARRIVALS AT LENOX.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew D. White Go to White Mountains.

LENOX, Mass., Aug. 12.—Mrs. Charles C. Delmonico and Miss Frances Plumb have gone to West Point, N. Y., to visit with Mrs. John R. Brooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew D. White, who were at the Maplewood in Pittsfield, left to-day for the White Mountains. Mrs. Louis H. Lapham of New York, Miss Dearborn of Rye and Miss Isabel K. Cooper of New York have arrived at the Maplewood. Mrs. W. S. Malcolm and Miss Malcolm of Summit, N. J., arrived at the Maplewood to visit Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Leeds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodward Haven and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sergeant Cram, have gone to Manchester, Vt., to play golf.

Mrs. Ross Winans Whistler and Miss Heloise Meyer were dinner hostesses to-night.

Miss Angelica Gerry of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCully of Orange, N. J., have arrived at the Curtis Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hall Walker have issued invitations for the third of a series of concerts at Brookside, Great Barrington, August 25. Harry Rowe Shelley will direct a programme of instrumental music.

Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt is touring by automobile for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Josiah M. Fiske of New York, touring with Albert Heinrith of Summit, N. J.; Mrs. John Sanford and Mrs. Gifford Cochran of New York, touring to Vermont, left the Curtis Hotel to-day.

FATE OF GIRLS' SHIP IN DOUBT.

Committee Asks Time for Arbuckle Estate to Consider.

No agreement has been reached yet with the John Arbuckle estate in regard to the disposition of the Jacob A. Stamler, the ship used as a hotel for working girls at the foot of East Twenty-third street, which will be closed on August 28 unless some arrangement is made to keep it open.

A statement was issued yesterday by the committee formed in the Corporation Counsel's office to preserve the hotel, saying that a plan was under consideration by the Arbuckle heirs and asking that those interested be patient.

"The committee," reads the statement in part, "realizes through the numerous telegrams and letters which are being received hourly that the public is anxious to help. Several contributions have come in and the promises of many more are listed, but the committee does not feel that it has the right to accept contributions or to outline any plan which is not, first of all, in harmony with and supported by those who have in the past carried on this work alone.

"It makes the request that those interested shall not lose interest until a decision has been reached as to future plans."

GREAT NECK FERRY VOTED.

"Beer Garden" Objections of Residents Are Overruled.

Protesting residents of Great Neck who feared that their colony would degenerate into a beer garden if ferryboats were permitted to land passengers from City Island on their shore were overruled by the Sinking Fund Commission yesterday. The ferry franchise was granted with a stipulation that the operating company give a bond for $2,500.

Owners of a ferry plying between College Point and Classon's Point also fought the concession, saying that business would be so divided that neither ferry line would meet expenses.

OBITUARY.

Col. Jonathan E. Pecker.

CONCORD, N. H., Aug. 12.—Col. Jonathan Eastman Pecker, veteran New England journalist, died at his home here to-day, aged 77. He was a graduate of Dartmouth scientific department in 1858. In 1861 he became war correspondent for the Boston *Journal*. During the civil war he accompanied nearly every New Hampshire regiment to the front. He was with the forces in Virginia in 1861 with Gov. Berry, on whose staff he served.

After retirement from journalism Col. Pecker conducted a stock brokerage business in Concord and Boston and amassed a fortune.

D. Austin Brown.

D. Austin Brown, 65, of Boston died on Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Franklin Farrel, Jr., in New Haven, Conn. He was born in Boston and for many years was connected with the asbestos interests, having been president of the Asbestos Packing Company. After its amalgamation with the H. W. Johns-Manville Company of New York he was its New England manager. At the same time he was manager of the Bells Asbestos Company, Ltd., of London. Besides Mrs. Farrel Mr. Brown leaves two other daughters, Mrs. H. Radnor Lewis of New York and Miss Louise C. Brown.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. L. Squire.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Ludlow Squire, 97, widow of Charles Squire, who was the owner of the storage warehouses at Whitehall, Bridge and State streets, Manhattan, at the time of the civil war, died yesterday at her home, 183 Berkeley place, Brooklyn. Her uncle, Samuel L. Beebe, a banker, was one of the original members of the New York Stock Exchange. Mrs. Squire was one of the first members of the Brooklyn Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. S. J. Harding of 60 Eighth avenue is her only living relative in Brooklyn.

Herman W. Meyer.

Herman W. Meyer, 59, who had been connected with the Brooklyn Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for twenty-five years as an investigator and assistant superintendent, died on Wednesday at his home, 1177 East Thirty-seventh street, Flatbush. He was one of the earliest members of the Irving Square Presbyterian Church and served as elder, trustee and treasurer. He leaves a son and two daughters.

Judge W. H. Munger.

OMAHA, Aug. 12.—Federal Judge W. H. Munger of the Nebraska district died at his home here last night after an illness lasting two years. He was born in Bergen, N. Y., where he yet has many relatives residing. After leaving Bergen Judge Munger went to Cleveland and later came to Nebraska. He would have been retired from the bench in October, at which time he would have reached his seventieth year.

The Rev. Abijah Alexander.

The Rev. Abijah Alexander, Protestant Episcopal, retired, died on Tuesday night at his home, 436 West 116th street, as the result of accidentally swallowing a solution of sodium nitrate which he was using as a throat gargle. He was 65 years old and came to this country in his youth from London, his birthplace. For twelve years he was rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Pittsburg, Pa.

James C. McKenna.

James C. McKenna, 64, deputy chief clerk in the Children's Court, Brooklyn, died on Wednesday at his home, 53 Brooklyn avenue. He was active in Democratic politics in the Eighteenth Assembly district and was one of the founders of the Madison Club. He leaves a son and daughter.

MEXICAN FIGHTING STOPS BIG LEGACIES

Dr. F. S. Pearson's Investment So Depreciated His Charity Gifts Fail.

$700,000 IS CUT OFF

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Aug. 12.—Trustees of the House of Mercy Hospital of Pittsfield have been notified by counsel for the estate of the late Dr. Frederick S. Pearson of Great Barrington, who was lost on the Lusitania, that the estate consists largely of investments in Mexico. It is said these investments have so depreciated in consequence of existing disturbances that the property will under the most favorable conditions be insufficient to provide the trust fund of $4,000,000 which Dr. Pearson directed should be set aside for his family before any other legacies were paid.

As a consequence all the gifts to institutions and individuals will inevitably fail. The legacy to the House of Mercy was $50,000.

The will also provided for a gift of $500,000 to Tufts College and $50,000 each to the Lowell, Mass., and Manchester, N. Y., Y. M. C. A.'s and $50,000 to the General Hospital in Lowell.

Dr. Frederick Stark Pearson, who, with his wife, was lost on the Lusitania, was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1861 and was graduated from Tufts College in 1883. In 1899 he began a remarkable career of exploitation in South America. The properties which he undertook to promote were all of the highest value, and with the aid of English capital he returned from there and the Mexican fields with a large fortune.

In 1910 a bad market wrecked a scheme for the control of a transcontinental system of railroads, including the Missouri Pacific and the Lehigh Valley, which he had attempted to put through with his English associates. The operations had been conducted secretly and news of their magnitude and failure brought Dr. Pearson into sudden prominence.

MISS QUIMBY'S MOTHER WINS.

Referee Says Sleicher Had No Right to Pay Himself $2,327.

John A. Sleicher of *Leslie's Weekly*, who was named as executor in the will of Miss Harriet Quimby, the aviator, killed in a flight near Boston on July 1, 1912, is declared to have paid himself $2,327.42 out of the assets of Miss Quimby's estate without authority.

This finding is made in a report filed in the Surrogate's court yesterday by Louis Wendel, who was appointed referee to hear objections to Mr. Sleicher's accounting filed by Miss Quimby's mother, Mrs. Ursula Quimby, sole heir to the estate of about $15,000. When she became interested in aviation Miss Quimby was dramatic critic on *Leslie's Weekly* and her will making Mr. Sleicher executor was drawn at that time.

Mr. Sleicher contended that the money he paid himself was due him for loans to Miss Quimby, but the referee made this finding:

"The executor unlawfully and without proof of or allowance thereof by the Surrogate paid to himself the aggregate amount