3,000 SUFFRAGISTS TO STORM THE FAIR

Big Demonstration in Washington to Follow the San Francisco Rally.

CONGRESS BEING POLLED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Next month the women voters of the United States will meet at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco and go on record as favoring the Susan B. Anthony amendment to remove from the ballot the qualification of sex.

Three months later, during the first week of December, the members of the Congressional Union and their supporters will rally in Washington and make a great demonstration before Congress.

More than 3,000 women will take part in the San Francisco convention. At least 5,000 suffragists, men and women, will gather in the national capital for the December meeting.

In the various States woman suffrage workers are calling on their representatives in Congress to assist them by word of mouth and by votes next winter.

Poll of Congress.

"We are determined to win from a reluctant Congress that which will establish for all time to come our rights as citizens of the United States," said Miss Lucy Burns, vice-president of the Congressional Union, to-day. "We have listed more than half of the members of the present Congress, and by a file index can tell just where they stand. Before Congress meets we will complete our poll, and will be able to separate the sheep from the goats or the wolves. Our efforts this summer have been to line up each and every Congressman."

Miss Burns was asked if the Union would send any more deputations to see the President and try to get him to support their cause.

"We have not mapped out our plan as to the President," said Miss Burns, "but we will wait until he declares his position on suffrage in New Jersey before the October election there. It was announced at the White House some days ago that the President would make public his views in his own State. The Congressional Union's attitude toward the President is one of 'watchful waiting.'"

All the States in the union will be represented at the convention of women voters which will be held at the exposition in San Francisco on September 14, 15 and 16.

4,000,000 Women Voters.

This convention will consider how the political power of women who are already voters may be used to help the passage of the suffrage amendment in the next Congress. There are already nearly 4,000,000 women voters. All the twelve suffrage States will send voting delegates. The States in which women are still disfranchised will send representatives.

At this convention New York will be strongly represented. Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, chairman of the women voters' convention, is expected to be present. Mrs. Belmont is deeply interested in the plan for the Congressional Union to organize the women voters of the West in support of the Federal suffrage amendment.

"It is this part of the policy of the Congressional Union," said Mrs. Belmont, "which has my heartiest support."

Mrs. Belmont has already devoted much time to overseeing the details of the convention. She has been assisted by a committee consisting of Mrs. William Kent of California, Mrs. S. B. M. Young of Montana, Dr. Cora Smith King of Washington, Mrs. George Fowler of Colorado, Mrs. Charlotte A. Whitney of California, Mrs. Preston Satterwhite of New York, Mrs. M. H. DeYoung of California, Miss Margaret Roberts of Idaho, Mrs. Frederick G. Sanborn of California, Mrs. Lucius Cuthbert of Colorado, Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst of California, Mrs. Mary Cachot Therkelson of Oregon, Mrs. Florence Kelley of New York and Mrs. Lovell White of California.

Among other New York women who will be present at the convention are Mrs. Eileen Emanuel, Mrs. Lydia Gibson Mestro, Mrs. Jesse D. Hampton and Mrs. Adelaide Johnson.

SUFFRAGE AT NEWPORT.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont Holds a Meeting in Her Home.

NEWPORT, Aug. 29.—The campaign which the Congressional Union for Women Suffrage has been conducting here this summer culminated this afternoon with a meeting in the drawing room at Marble House, the home of Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, one of the members of the advisory committee.

Miss Alice Carpenter of New York and Miss Margaret Fay Whittemore of Detroit were the principal speakers. Mrs. Belmont, who presided, spoke briefly.

Miss Whittemore, who has been in charge of the Rhode Island work this summer and who leaves to-morrow to direct the Michigan campaign, gave a very optimistic view of the general situation. She told her large audience that so much progress has been made since the Sixty-third Congress defeated the suffrage measure that she is confident that the Sixty-fourth Congress will pass the amendment.

A resume of the suffrage arguments and claims was given by Miss Carpenter, who contrasted Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, who pays $14,500 in taxes in Newport every year, with the man who pays $2.60 and who has more to say in the city's government than Mrs. Vanderbilt, who has none.

DOORSTEP PARTIES NEXT

Suffragists Will Visit Congressmen at Their Homes.

Congressmen leaving their home towns to serve their country in Washington next fall will not be forgotten by the suffragists. Each one, whether from the North or South or East or West, is to have a nice little farewell party. Members of the National American Woman Suffrage Association will be the hostesses, and just to make sure that the guest of honor is not absent the suffs in each case will go right to his doorstep to have the party.

The plan is launched by Mrs. Medill McCormick, chairman of the National's Congressional committee, and will be carried out by local workers. Suffrage arguments will be the refreshments served, and the Congressman will be given an opportunity to declare himself in favor of an amendment to the Federal Constitution enfranchising women. All will on their departure be presented with train letters in the form of resolutions signed by the suffrage clubs of their particular locality.

The forty-seventh annual convention of the association, which convenes about the time Congress does, will carry on the good work.

SUFFRAGE CALENDAR.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY.

10:30 P. M.—City committee meeting at headquarters, 48 East Thirty-fourth street.

1 P. M.—Men's League for Woman Suffrage conference at Votes for Women Restaurant, 70 Wall street.

2:30 P. M.—Meeting of Bay Ridge Suffrage Club at home of leader, Mrs. E. F. Whitaker, 7815 Fourth avenue.

3 P. M.—French committee meeting, 48 East Thirty-fourth street.

3 to 5 P. M.—Mrs. J. W. Morton at home to suffragists of Seventeenth Assembly district, 224 Riverside Drive.

6 to 10:30 P. M.—Meeting at Far Rockaway and canvassing of voters.

8 P. M.—Outdoor meeting at Sixty-seventh street and Amsterdam avenue.

8 P. M.—Outdoor meeting at Fifth avenue and Ninth street.

8:30 P. M.—Business meeting of the Twenty-seventh Assembly district at home of leader, Miss E. C. Erving, 17 West Fiftieth street.

8:30 P. M.—Outdoor meeting at Ninety-sixth street and Broadway.

WOMEN'S POLITICAL UNION.

Noon—Meeting at Twenty-second Senatorial district store, 3148 Third avenue.

7 P. M.—Whirlwind automobile tour through Nesopac Falls. Mrs. John Rogers, speaker.

8 P. M.—Outdoor meeting at 116th street and Third avenue.

8:30 P. M.—Meeting at Roving Shop "Winner," 157th street and Broadway.

8:30 P. M.—Meeting at Irving place and Fourteenth street.

9:30 P. M.—Meeting at Third avenue and 104th street.

WOMEN IN UNIONS APPEAL FOR VOTES

Miss O'Reilly of Trades League Asks Organized Labor to Aid Suffragists.

TELLS OF SERVICE DONE

An appeal has been made to the union workmen of New York State to vote for woman suffrage in the coming election in a letter sent out by Miss Leonora O'Reilly, secretary of the Women's Trades Union League. She reminds the men of the unions that the women workers vote with them in the trade unions, strike with them, help to bear the cost and suffering of a strike and urges that now is an opportunity for the men to reciprocate.

"The trade unions or organizations are on record for votes for women," she says. "But it is one thing to be on record and another to work actively for it so as to make it a living fact. This we ask you to do now. As union men you know that we women know how to stick to the bitter or victorious end of the struggle. As organized working women we want to better conditions as much as you do.

"Women are handicapped without the ballot, as working men were handicapped before they were enfranchised. In every department of life, be it in the factory or in the home, the ballot is of the utmost importance to-day.

"To secure decent factories we need the ballot. To abolish the sweated trades the ballot is needed. To abolish child labor the ballot is essential. In our homes as wives, mothers, daughters we need the ballot to do justice to our work as homekeepers.

"Organized workingwomen are convinced that if the workingmen will do their duty by workingwomen at the polls on November 2 to secure for them the right to vote, workingmen and women will leave to the workers who come after them a larger, freer inheritance by their united effort and intelligent action, both industrial and political."

DOBBS FERRY WOMEN TO VOTE

Going to Polls Sept. 8 for Special Paving Election.

DOBBS FERRY, N. Y., Aug. 29.—The village trustees have called a special election for September 8 to vote on the expenditure of $150,000 to pave 75 per cent. of the streets now unpaved.

Women will be allowed to vote at this election. Among the more prominent ones who will cast ballots will be Mrs. Edwin Gould, Mrs. Walston Hill Brown, Mrs. Orlando J. Smith, Mrs. Henry T. Villard, Miss L. B. Masters and Miss Sarah Masters.

Two miles of the streets are part of the old Albany Post Road, and if the proposition is carried the paving of this part will make a continuous paved road of twenty-seven miles from the Battery, New York, to the north line of Dobbs Ferry.

TOURISTS BY AUTOMOBILE.

LENOX, Mass., Aug. 29.—Motor arrivals at the Hotel Aspinwall to-day include Dr. and Mrs. Eastman Sheehan, Orange, N. J. (Packard); James W. Young, Cincinnati, Ohio, D. B. Resor, New York (Pierce-Arrow); W. A. Houghton, E. V. Gormley, New York (Lozier); Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cook, F. R. Cook, F. R. Brennan, Chicago (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. George Coulthurst, Mrs. H. P. Andrae, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Gahm, Boston (Pierce-Arrow); Mr. and Mrs. W. Dallas Goodwin, John B. Cauldwell, New York (Rolls-Royce).

WATERBURY, Conn., Aug. 29.—Among the motor arrivals at Hotel Elton on the Ideal Tour to-day were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Felton, New York (Simplex); G. W. Emmerich and the Misses Emmerich, Washington, D. C. (Chandler); F. A. Blundon and D. S. Blundon, Washington, D. C. (Thomas); John B. Cauldwell and Mr. and Mrs. W. Dallas Goodwin, New York (Cadillac); Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goodwin and Mrs. McClelland, Belle Terre (Locomobile); Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Scarborough, New York (Renault); J. F. Montgomery and party, Columbus, Ohio (Hudson); Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stein, New York (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. L. Wolfsheim and party, New York (Cole); Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Haas, New York (Overland); C. R. Williamson, Miss Wild, Miss Golding and Miss Robb, Brooklyn (Pierce-Arrow).

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Automobilists arriving at the Otesaga to-day were Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Dench, New York (Hudson); Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kerdyk, Gloversville, N. Y. (Chevrolet); Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cool, Miss Griffin, Glens Falls, N. Y. (Jeffrey); Mrs. Agnes Peck and Miss Peck, Waterville, N. Y., Mrs. Anne Peck Root, Chicago, C. G. Welch, Milwaukee (Cadillac); Mr. and Mrs. S. Wallin, Mrs. M. A. Carey, Miss E. Faulds, Amsterdam, N. Y. (Packard); Mrs. W. D. Wood, Miss Wood, Pittsburg, Pa., Mrs. E. L. Bennett, Miss Harry J. King, New York (Simplex); Miss Edith Stanton, Oxford, N. Y., Francis S. Clarke, Elizabeth S. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. V. Clarke, Norwich, N. Y. (Palmer).

MANCHESTER, Vt., Aug. 29.—Arrivals at the Equinox House include H. C. Frick, J. Bryce Allen, J. P. Greer and H. C. Leeds by train. Others arriving in automobiles were Congressman F. H. Gillett and C. A. Bowles, Springfield, Mass. (Stevens); Mrs. A. J. McBirney, Miss A. J. Griffith, Pittsburg, Miss Clapp, New York (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Whitney, Boston (Buick); Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Angus, Montreal (Pierce); Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Mora, Mrs. Paul E. Jones, New York (Cadillac).

"YOUNG AMERICA" PROVES SOMETHING NEW IN TOWN

Photos by White.

Above—Peggy Wood and Otto Kruger. Below—Percy Helton and his dog in "Young America" at the Astor Theatre.

Comedy at the Astor Theatre Has Humor Without Complexity of Plot—Dog and Children Romp in Juvenile Abandon.

"Young America"—At the Astor Theatre.

Jack Doray	Otto Kruger
Edith Doray	Peggy Wood
Benny King	Sam Colt
Billy Coombs	William Sampson
Romney Burgess	Edgar Nelson
Fanny King	Doris Kelley
Marjorie Timins	Ethel May Davis
Art Simpson	Percy Helton
The Dog	Jasper
Jim Reuter	Charles Dow Clarke
Nels Larson	Dixey Taylor
Mrs. McGuire	Adelia Barker
Patsey McGuire	Jess Kelley
Teresa McGuire	Maxine Mazanovich
Washington White	Norman Allen
Mrs. White	Manda Wilson
Judge Palmer	Forrest Robinson
Nutty Beemer	Benny Sweeney

The cry for something different, something new, among the theatrical offerings shown to the New York public each season was answered at the Astor Theatre Saturday night when Cohan & Harris produced a new play credited to Frederick Ballard and entitled "Young America." In this play, a three act comedy, Broadway got, at least for the first time this season, something startlingly original. Not only were there real live people portrayed, but there were children—scores of them—and dogs and cats and suggestions of other animals, not to mention one of the stars of the aggregation, Jasper, a stage dog.

"Young America" had formerly been called "Me and My Dog." There was no complex plot to disturb the intellectual equilibrium of the audience, no problem to be unravelled, no high tension climaxes; none of the things which it has seemed necessary to put into other modern plays.

It was just a plain story of juvenile delinquency and the efforts of a suburban family to correct the tendencies in a wayward boy and the consequent trouble it stirred up not only to the family concerned—for the husband objected strongly to his pretty little wife taking the boy under her wing—but to all the neighbors as well.

Court Scene Presented.

There was a court room scene. Court room scenes are getting popular nowadays, and the rest of the locale was laid in the home of the *Dorays*, a newly married young couple supposedly living in any small suburban town or half rural district. Incidentally the play was founded, according to the programme, on the Pearl Franklin-Mrs. Doray stories, which had some vogue at the time of their publication.

Although Mr. Ballard was undoubtedly the chief writer of the narrative, "Young America" showed unmistakable signs of at least having been touched up by George M. Cohan. The American slang could have emanated only from the pen of this playwright, actor, manager and everything else associated with the theatre.

Briefly, "Young America" tells of the successful efforts of *Edith Doray* to reform a wayward boy, *Art Simpson*, and keep him in the straight and narrow path. He is accused of stealing chickens from the *Dorays'* hen roost, in fact is caught in the very act of so doing. The *Dorays* and their neighbors decide to stop the aggressive tactics of a gang of children who have caused much trouble in the neighborhood by making an example of the chief offender. That is *Jack Doray* does. His wife wishes to use more kindly methods.

When the offender therefore is summoned into a juvenile court she obtains for him another chance, offering to stand sponsor for his future actions. The husband forbids her to take the boy to his home, but the wife is firm and the boy sleeps there that night while *Jack Doray* walks the streets in anger, which appears to be half feigned.

In the end the husband and wife are reconciled and decide to bring up the child as their own in the way he should be brought up. The dog Jasper is introduced evidently for no other reason than to show a child's natural fondness for animals and to create some of the pathos in the play, which otherwise would be entirely replete with a variety of natural, and common, ordinary everyday humor.

Peggy Wood played the leading part in the production. She acted with naturalness and grace as *Edith Doray*, and looked the part to perfection. She has never been seen in a role which fitted her better. Otto Kruger was the young husband and Percy Helton the wayward boy, *Art Simpson*. Some two-thirds of the plentiful humor that formed the ingredients of the play were supplied by William Sampson as *Billy Coombs*, a genial but irascible neighbor whose wife is always "taking the joy out of life" by making him parade the streets to give her French poodle air and exercise, and who nightly has to rock the dog to sleep in a specially constructed cradle.

Other parts were well taken by Sam Colt, Edgar Nelson, Doris Kelley, Ethel May Davis, Charles Clarke, Dixey Taylor, Adelia Barker and a number of others, including children as supers.

To provide an evening of laughter and unalloyed good humor "Young America" can be readily recommended.

RAIN FAILS TO DULL NARRAGANSETT GAYETY

Pier Colonists Dine and Dance Indoors, Shutting Out a Wet World.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, Aug. 29.—Rain kept the Pier colony indoors to-day, where a constant round of luncheons, teas and dinners were enjoyed. At the Casino this noon Mrs. Charles Steinway of New York entertained the Duke Durazzo, Miss Louisa Krug, Mrs. Paul Smidt, Mrs. Arthur Mertins, Charles Krug, Dr. Arthur Cassebeer and Russell Steinert. Another New York luncheon party was made up of Mrs. J. J. Charlton, W. B. Woodson, James Lee Shelton and Ralph Van Buren.

Fifty to sixty society folks enjoyed a tea dance at Shore Acres, the villa of Mrs. John H. Hanan. New York guests included Mrs. Johnson Johns, Mrs. Talbot Hanan, Miss Antoinette Bloodgood, Mrs. Edward G. Burgess, Jr., Miss Claudia Johnson, Mrs. A. B. Lambert and the Duke Durazzo.

Dinners were given at the Casino this evening by Mrs. David Stevenson for four; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gifford for five; Mrs. Frank Samuel for ten, and Mrs. E. J. Maslanni for eight.

The Casino management has announced that between $1,000 and $1,500, proceeds of the sportsman's ball, the costume ball and the annual entertainment, will be devoted to the furthering of local charities.

The ball at the Matheson was a huge success, over 300 being present. Prizes for dancing were awarded to Mrs. J. C. Wilmerding of New York for the fox trot and Miss Josephine Hopkins for an exhibition dance in which she appeared with George Livesey of Providence.

Miss Lucia Chase, Miss Lisa Norris, Miss Frederica Kellogg and Luther P. Graves, Jr., of New York, formed a motor party to Watch Hill for tea.

MRS. CONDE NAST HURT IN AUTO

Car Skids in Newport Street and She Is Thrown Against Side.

NEWPORT, Aug. 29.—Mrs. Conde Nast of the summer colony was injured, though not seriously, in an automobile accident to-day in Harrison avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Nast were driving near the golf club when the automobile skidded and Mrs. Nast was thrown against the side of the car with considerable force.

An examination by physicians showed that her side was bruised.

FRAZEE IS TO BUILD ANOTHER THEATRE

Has Options on Sites in Longacre Section—Many Companies on the Road.

MAUDE ADAMS AT HOME

While the new theatre season is getting under way reports of important changes in the business are being heard. H. H. Frazee, having relinquished his lease on the Longacre Theatre, announced yesterday that he would build a new theatre to bear his name in the Longacre Square district. He has options on one or two sites.

Mr. Frazee's present producing plans include at least two new comedies, one called "Sherman Was Right" and "Brother Masons," with Frank McIntyre in the leading role. Five companies will present "A Pair of Sixes," three will appear in "A Full House," and other attractions on tour will be "Inside the Lines" and Margaret Illington in "The Lie."

The persistent report of Billie Burke's return to the Frohman fold meets with the assertion that "nothing definite about it has been settled," while another star, Donald Brian, now with Julia Sanderson and Joseph Cawthorn in "The Girl From Utah," has been signed by Oliver Morosco to appear in a musical comedy called "Up Stairs and Down." Mr. Brian will shortly commence rehearsals with Mr. Morosco.

This producer in cooperation with John Cort expects to produce an American version of "Peter Ibbetson," by George du Maurier and John N. Raphael; "The Cinderella Man," by himself; "The Unchastened Woman," by Louis K. Anspacher; "So Long Letty" and "Sadie Love" by Avery Hopwood and "The Song Bird," a four act drama by the Hattons. "The Unchastened Woman" will be Mr. Morosco's first production of the season in New York in October.

Maude Adams arrived in New York yesterday afternoon from a short vacation at Lake Saranac, Canada. Her season will open within a month and the Frohman Company is organizing a company which will support her in a series of Barrie plays, among which will be the first performance in New York of "The Ladies' Shakespeare." Miss Adams will also appear in "What Every Woman Knows," "Peter Pan," "Quality Street" and "The Little Minister."

Vernon Steele, an English actor, has been engaged as leading man with Otis Skinner when he appears in a new play written for him by Henry Arthur Jones, as yet unnamed, which will begin its out of town tour on October 1. Mr. Skinner returns from California to-morrow. Rehearsals will begin this week with the arrival from England of Mr. Jones.

Cyril Maude sails for America on the steamship New York on Wednesday to open the Empire Theatre on September 13 with a revival of "Grumpy." William Gillette follows in "Secret Service." Helen Freeman has been engaged as his leading lady. The Ethel Barrymore play, "Roast Beef Medium," starts rehearsals September 6 and will go on tour October 4.

STORY OF SING SING TOLD TO NEWPORT

Warden Osborne Talks to Mrs. Drexel's Guests—Last Suffrage Meeting.

NEWPORT, Aug. 29.—Even though it rained this afternoon there were two meetings at different points in the summer colony which brought out members of the social set in large number. One of these meetings was at the home of Mrs. John R. Drexel, where Warden Thomas Mott Osborne of Sing Sing and Gov. Beeckman of Rhode Island were the speakers. The second was at Marble House, where Mrs. Belmont presided over the last meeting that the suffragists will hold this summer.

Warden Osborne was also guest of honor at a small luncheon party given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hoffman at their summer home, Armsea Hall, and Gov. and Mrs. Beeckman presided at a luncheon at Land's End.

Dinners were given this evening by Robert W. Goelet and Mrs. J. J. Mason.

Ambassador and Mme. Riano of Spain will not close their Newport stay until late October.

Prince A. Gagarin of Russia is a guest at the Muenchinger King. Mrs. Frederick Trowbridge is also a guest there.

Some of the horses that are to be shown in the Newport horse show have reached here. Judge William H. Moore will arrive during the week with eighteen horses.

The Clambake Club held its annual meeting Saturday, when Charles Oelrichs was elected successor to the late president, William R. Hunter.

Edward Brooke, Jr., has returned to Philadelphia after visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Brooke.

Miss Emily R. Sloane has returned to New York.

Col. Charles Hayden and his guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Hayden, Jr., and Miss Georgie Brown of Lexington were at the Casino to-day. They motored back to Boston.

250 AT GREENBRIER DANSANT.

Count Biscuccia Arrives—Tourists Stop for Lunch.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Aug. 29.—Those having tables last night for the supper dansant in the ballroom of the Greenbrier were Mrs. A. H. Latimer, George H. Hutzler, J. B. Martindale, Col. James R. Branch, Judge Almet F. Jenks, Mrs. Gordon S. Orme, Mrs. John W. Gates, Mrs. Adolf Ladenburg, James A. Blair, Jr., Leland Hume, Stokes Wells, Mrs. Ned White, Mrs. J. H. French, Victor McAdoo, Miss Jeanne McLaughlin, Countess F. del Garcia, Thomas Yuille. There were 250 guests.

The tables were beautifully decorated with American Beauty and radiance roses and the favors were very attractive.

Count Ville France de Biscuccia has arrived for a visit, the guest of S. J. Vlastro, the Greek Minister.

A special train with 140 tourists from North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Florida stopped off for luncheon at the White to-day en route from the Pacific Exposition.

Dr. Ida Youngquist drove over to Elmhurst Farm to-day, where she was entertained at tea. Others driving were W. B. Rauson, O. H. Mannes, F. Beltzhoover, Miss Marjorie Hancock, Mrs. W. P. Cambios and Miss Lydia Loring.

Among the arrivals to-day were Mrs. C. L. Rayner, Frank M. Patterson, R. Rias, J. Dowd and Mrs. L. Kelly of New York, Mr. and Mrs. A. Randolph of Manchester, England, and Miss Mercer Dunlap, who is the house guest of Miss Ellen Yuille.

CHORAL SOCIETIES PLANNING TO UNITE

Two Organizations Will Bid for Popular Support the Coming Season.

TOSCANINI WON'T RETURN

Two of the most important choral organizations in the city are likely to unite during the coming season, since it has been found impossible for both to find a sufficiently large public to support them. As both serve in a measure the same artistic purpose the merger may bring prosperity, although there are subscribers to both organizations and popular support is not their only means of existing.

Last season the concerts of single musicians as well as those of the musical organizations suffered a diminution of prosperity. Artists who had found it best to give their concerts alone were last season well satisfied to join with their colleagues. This winter it is probable that more than one musical organization will be merged with others that offer the same sort of entertainment to the public.

What will happen to Borodine's "Prince Igor" at the Metropolitan Opera House if Arturo Toscanini does not return it will not be easy to say, since this Russian work will be revived solely for the sake of the conductor, who did so much with "Boris Godunoff" at the Metropolitan Opera House. Signor Toscanini was certain that he could make Borodine's work as popular as the opera of Moussorgsky became during the two years that the opera house has known it.

The authorities of the Metropolitan Opera House feel that there is little probability that the Italian conductor will return next season. One of the directors answered a question as to the probability of the conductor's return with the explanation that Signor Toscanini said, after being in this country for six days, that he would never come back again, although he has been coming for seven years.

Giulio Gatti-Casazza, Otto Weil and William Guard are making the operatic headquarters this summer at Lugano and occasionally penetrate as far into Switzerland as Zurich. A certain Mlle. Krazja, who has been singing at the Volksoper in Vienna, is the most important of the new members of the company. She comes to supplant Mme. Destinn, who will sing in concert. A new *Aida* will be Mme. Alda, who has added that role to her repertoire. She will also sing in "Prince Igor," which will be handed over to Signor Polacco if Signor Toscanini does remain abroad.

Mme. Sembrich, who made nearly $5,000 in a single afternoon in her concert for her Polish relief last week at the Lake Placid Club, had not sung in the open air since the first operatic engagement she ever had. After finishing her studies for the operatic stage she was engaged to go with a company to sing in Athens. The Italian organization started from Milan to remain there during the summer months. The performances were given in an open air opera house. Mme. Sembrich made her first appearance in "I Puritani" and then sang "Lucia di Lammermoor" for the second representation. So popular had the young star already become that the impresario suggested she should take a benefit for her third performance, and "Dinorah" with an act of "Rigoletto" was announced. Mme. Sembrich was to sell tickets at the box office preceding the performance. She did, and after the opera began the impresario skipped with the receipts, leaving the company penniless.

Friends of Guita Casini are endeavoring to secure his release from the detention camp in Germany in which he has now been a prisoner for more than a year. He is not an Italian, but a Russian, and was introduced to this country by Frank La Forge, the pianist. He has steadily improved as a 'cellist and had engagements for the entire past season when he was in Leipsic studying at the conservatory there. He was sent first to a military prison in Leipsic and then transferred to Plauen, where he is at present.

Casini, who is a native of Wilna, has not heard a word from his parents for a year. He has been helped by friends in this country, but is eager to be released and come here, where many engagements are awaiting him. He is still under 20. A long list of important musicians are to sign the petition which will be sent on his behalf. Ernest Schelling and other musicians succeeded in securing the release of Brodsky by the Austrian Government, but Lhevinne, the Russian pianist, is still a prisoner of war in Germany.

Plays and Players.

"Just Outside the Door," a new play by Jules Eckert Goodman, will open at the Gaiety Theatre to-night. At the Shubert Theatre William Hodge will be seen for the first time in New York in "The Road to Happiness."

Taylor Holmes has begun rehearsals for "His Majesty Bunker Bean," a comedy by Lee Wilson Dodd from the story by Harry Leon Wilson. The supporting cast includes Robert Kelly, Jack Devereaux, Walter Sherwin, Florence Shirley, Clara Louise Moores and Lillian Lawrence.

William Faversham will return to-morrow from his summer home on Long Island to begin a film engagement in "One Million Dollars." Later he will present "The Hawk" on tour.

When "Hands Up" goes on tour next week it will visit Buffalo, Detroit, Pittsburg, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Boston.

Charles Hopkins has engaged Frank Sylvester to play the part of the blind beggar *Pew* in his production of Stevenson's "Treasure Island."

Irvin S. Cobb will begin a second tour under the management of Selwyn & Co. at Long Branch on Labor Day, giving his talk entitled "What I Saw at the Front."

OLD TIP TOP HOUSE BURNED.

Bretton Woods Colonists Watch Spectacular Fire.

BRETTON WOODS, N. H., Aug. 29.—Mrs. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt and Reginald Vanderbilt were out motoring to-day. Reginald W. Vanderbilt will leave the Mount Pleasant by motor to-morrow for Troy, breaking his journey at Manchester. Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt is to remain for some time.

Mrs. M. R. Talmage of New York is at the Intervale House. Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Brixey and party motored over to the Bretton Woods for luncheon today from the Waumbek.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Jay and party have left the Mount Washington for Polo d Spring by motor. Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane are at the Mount Washington for an indefinite stay. Mr. and Mrs. F. Luis Mora and party of New York motored to the summit of Mount Washington over the carriage road from the Glen.

The spectacular burning of the old stone Tip Top House on Mount Washington early to-day created much alarm, as it was thought to be the new Summit House, opened only last Sunday, which had caught fire. The Tip Top House was the an old landmark of the White Mountains.

MRS. A. G. VANDERBILT TO WINTER AT LENOX

Colony Awaits Invitation to Lawrance-Harriman Wedding Reception.

LENOX, Mass., Aug. 29.—Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt is planning to remain in Lenox until the close of the year, when her lease of Shadow Brook will expire. The villa is being prepared for winter occupancy.

Charles Lanier and Miss Kitty Lanier Lawrance are passing Sunday in New York. The invitations for the reception to follow Miss Lawrance's marriage to William Averell Harriman will be issued on Wednesday.

William Strong Cushing of Simsbury, Conn., will arrive in Stockbridge tomorrow to defend the Stockbridge Tennis Cup, which he has won the past two years.

Samuel Frothingham, who is at the military instruction camp, has been promoted to Sergeant. Alexander Sedgwick of Stockbridge, also at the Plattsburg camp, has been discharged from the hospital, where he was sent because of illness. Mrs. Alexander Sedgwick, Mrs. Arthur W. Swann and Miss Emily Tuckerman have returned to Stockbridge from Plattsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Powers of New York are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Crowinshield, who gave a luncheon in their honor this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Cammann and Donald Cammann have arrived at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Douglas Sloane are expected to arrive to-morrow at Elm Court for the month of September as guests of Mr. Sloane's mother, Mrs. William Douglas Sloane. Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly, who has been at Elm Court, left for Convent, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Cortlandt Field Bishop and Miss Beatrice Bishop start tomorrow for New London, where Miss Bishop is to visit. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop will proceed to Cape Cod.

Mrs. John E. Alexandre gave a luncheon at Spring Lawn this afternoon.

Mrs. Jean Underhill of New York is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prichard Eaton in Stockbridge. Augustus E. Thomas, who has been with Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, has returned to New York.

PROFESSOR KNICK'S SCHOOL.

Work of Municipal Classes Will Be Extended This Fall.

The educational work for city employees, begun last year with the assistance of New York University, is to be extended this fall, according to City Chamberlain Henry Bruere. A number of new courses will be added, some to be given by the College of the City of New York, and a larger enrolment is expected. The number of enrolments last year was over 500.

These courses, which are open at a nominal fee to all municipal employees, are given in the Municipal Building after 5 o'clock in the afternoon and in the evening.

Among the new courses for clerical employees are municipal accounting and municipal functions of the city of New York. Work in this group will be conducted by New York University. In the engineering group some of the courses this year will be given by the College of the City of New York. New subjects include engineering estimates and costs and legal features of engineering contracts. A group of courses in sociology and languages will be conducted by the City College. They include philanthropy, criminology, Italian and Yiddish.

SENATOR RENE BERENGER.

"Anthony Comstock of France" Dies at Age of 85.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Aug. 29.—Senator Rene Berenger died here to-day at the age of 85. Senator Berenger, who had been characterized by some as the "Anthony Comstock of France," devoted his time and energy chiefly to the promotion of public morality.

He was president of several societies formed to combat improprieties on the streets and for the repression of "white slavery."

George M. Curtis.

MERIDEN, Conn., Aug. 29.—George M. Curtis, a prominent business man and banker, died at his home here last night from heart disease. He was 58 years old.

Mr. Curtis was a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, and was accorded the honorary degree of master of arts in 1911. He was treasurer and a director of the Meriden Electric Company, the Meriden Gas Light Company, the International Silver Company, the Meriden Britannia Company of Hamilton, Ontario; the Home National Bank, the Meriden Savings Bank, the Meriden Safe Deposit Company and the Standard Silver Company of Toronto, Canada. Mr. Curtis was also a trustee of the Curtis Home Corporation and the Curtis Memorial Library.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, the American Historical Association, the Connecticut Historical Society, the Walpole Society, the fraternity of Delta Psi, the Grolier Club of New York, the Royal Societies of London and the Home Club of Meriden.

Mrs. Margaret A. Bingham.

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—Mrs. Margaret A. Bingham, formerly of New York, who had seen Chicago grow since ante-bellum days, is dead here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frances M. Cox. She had been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Bingham was born in Troy, N. Y., in 1841, came to this city as a child and when she reached womanhood was married to Jacob Willard Bingham, a merchant.

Funeral plans await the arrival of a daughter, Mrs. Lewis Morris, who is on her way home from Shanghai, China, where her husband, Dr. Morris, a surgeon of the United States Asiatic fleet, is stationed.

Henry Mannes.

Henry Mannes, 82 years old, a retired business man, died suddenly last night in his apartment in the Riverside Dwelling, 611 West 114th street. He had been ill for some time. He was found on the floor of the bathroom last night by one of his sons.

Mr. Mannes was born in Berlin and came to this country forty years ago. He retired from business a score of years ago. He is survived by four sons.

Hugo A. Weissenborn.

Hugo A. Weissenborn of Jersey City died suddenly from heart disease yesterday at his home, 68 Waverley place, at the age of 49 years. Mr. Weissenborn was one of twelve men whose names were filed on a petition for nomination to the Assembly with the support of the Republican party a week ago. He was secretary of the Pencil Exchange and had lived in Jersey City all of his life. He is survived by a widow.

Isabella Sullivan.

Isabella Sullivan, principal of Public School 170, Lenox avenue and 111th street, died yesterday at her home, 628 West 114th street, after a brief illness. First as teacher and for the last fifteen years as principal she had worked in the public schools of the city for thirty-nine years. She was born in New York and was graduated from the Normal College in 1876. A brother and a sister survive her.

AUTUMN RUSH BEGINS AT BRIARCLIFF MANOR

Opening of Fall Season Brings Throng From Mountains and Beaches.

BRIARCLIFF MANOR, N. Y., Aug. 29.—The Briarcliff Lodge is rapidly filling for the autumn season. Each day brings sojourners from seashore and mountain resorts.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew have returned from Lenox and will spend the autumn at Briarcliff Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Van Embergh are entertaining Miss Elizabeth M. Burbank of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight S. Richardson, who have been touring the White Mountains, have returned to the lodge for their usual autumn stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaw, Miss Gwendolyn Shaw, Mrs. W. W. Wakeman of England and Courtenay Shaw are at the lodge for an extended stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis S. Paine of New York have joined the autumn colony. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Briggs of Bridgeport, Conn., and Mrs. Leopold Morse of Boston are also here.

John A. Burchell of New York is the guest of his mother, Mrs. J. Burchell.

The annual benefit for the Ossining Hospital will be given in the ballroom of Briarcliff Lodge on Saturday evening. "Old World Idols" will be presented by amateur talent, followed by dancing.

MRS. PARSONS IN NEW SIGN WAR

Pays Lenox Landowners to Remove Objectionable Billboards.

LENOX, Mass., Aug. 29.—Mrs. Herbert Parsons has attacked the billboard nuisance from a new angle after the failure of Cortlandt F. Bishop and Albert R. Shattuck to lessen the number of signs on the highways. Mrs. Parsons has agreed in some cases to pay the same rental for land as was received from billboards on them, and at Lenox station and other places glaring boards which marred the beauty of the scenery have been removed.

Other signs have been taken down because of Mrs. Parson's address on the detriment of billboards. So objectionable was the billboard at Lenox station that cottagers motored to Stockbridge and boarded trains there.

$1,000,000 for Michigan Students.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Aug. 29.—Five graduates of the University of Michigan will direct the October campaign to raise $1,000,000 among the alumni for a home