POSES AS GIRL 23 YEARS, THEN WEDS

Maine Youth Falls in Love With Teacher and Drops Disguise.

DRAFT BOARD MAY ACT

Wedding Takes Place in Governor's Office—Mother Made Him "Girl."

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

EAST CORINTH, Me., Aug. 19.—Members of the Union Baptist Church to-day were about evenly divided over the proposed expulsion of "Sister Cora" Norton following the discovery that the young person who has been posing as a girl here for twenty-three years was actually "Mr. Eugene" Cody Norton.

The village was stirred to its depths a few days ago when "Cora" returned from a trip to the White Mountains in company with Miss Abby E. Foster, a teacher in the East Corinth Academy, and straightway applied at the town clerk's office for a marriage license, explaining to that astonished official that in reality "she" was a man.

The license was issued, and Norton and Miss Foster were married in Gov. Milliken's office at the State House in Augusta. There have been noisy serenades under the couple's window since their return. The indignation of the church members extends to "Cora's" bride, because it is asserted that Norton had confided the truth regarding his sex to Miss Foster but that the latter had permitted him to be baptized and received into the church as a "sister."

Draft Board Interested.

Dozens of persons to-day are declaring that they always had noticed "Cora" had an extraordinarily deep voice for a girl and that "she" was exceptionally capable with the chores, taking entire care of a herd of twenty cows.

Draft board officials are interested in the disclosure of "Cora's" sex, as "she" failed to register under the selective law. It was in connection with this that Norton and Miss Foster went to Augusta to see the Governor. What took place in the Gubernatorial office other than that there was a marriage ceremony has not been disclosed.

According to Mrs. Norton, her husband's mother is responsible for the deception he has practised for years because when he was a young boy she dressed him in girl's clothing. She said that several times he had attempted to reveal his secret, but that he had become so accustomed to his feminine role that he found it impossible.

"I challenge any one in East Corinth to show that he has ever been guilty of the slightest indiscretion, even in word," said Mrs. Norton of her husband to-day. His character is Christian and blameless. I know what the people here, especially the women, are saying: 'To think that that man was among our daughters at school and church affairs!' But he has never violated the confidence of any person and he is perfectly honorable.

"I am a teacher in the East Corinth Academy and Mr. Norton was one of my pupils. My motto is to fall in love with my pupils the first day of school and never to fall out of love with them. I was fond of him, thinking he was a girl. He boarded at my house and did the chores among the farmers. Three days before school closed last June he came to me and told me he was a man. Then last week we filed our marriage intentions, and now we are married.

Girls Knew He Shaved.

"When did you fall in love with him?" the bride was asked.

"Well, I don't think that is any of the public's business."

On the day after Norton and Miss Foster filed their marriage intentions the former created a near riot in the village street by appearing in a man's suit. His hair, formerly long and done up in a knot at the back of his head, was cut short. It was of finer texture apparently than that of most young men. His hands were softer and whiter than the average masculine hands. Norton is still ill at ease in his male attire and continues to sit and walk with feminine grace.

East Corinth girls say now that they have always known Cora was "queer." They knew, they declare, that Norton shaved during the time they thought him of their own sex. His deep, masculine voice often startled them. But despite all this it is likely that he never, never would have got into difficulties with the draft board if he just hadn't fallen in love with his teacher.

Luncheon for Gen. Montes.

Gen. Ismael Montes, twice President of Bolivia, now in New York on his way to Paris, where he is to represent his country as Minister, will be chief guest at a luncheon at 1 o'clock to-day by the Pan-American Society. It will be held at the Lawyers Club at 115 Broadway. Gen. Montes's three sons are with him and will accompany him to France.

DIED.

ALCOTT.—On Sunday, August 18, Edward Alcott of Manassas, Va.
Funeral services will be held at the Church of Transfiguration, Twenty-ninth street between Fifth and Madison avenues, on Tuesday, August 20, at 1 o'clock. Interment Kensico.

FELLMAN.—Leopold. Remains lying in state at "THE FUNERAL CHURCH," Broadway and Sixty-sixth street (Frank Campbell Building).

GEG.—August L., 439 East Thirty-seventh street, August 17.
Funeral services Tuesday, August 20, at 3 P. M.

HALSEY.—Edwin Mills, at Astoria, in his fifty-first year.
Interment at convenience of family.

MACKELVIE.—Passed away, suddenly, at his home, Cedar Knoll, Sands Point, L. I., Neil Bruce MacKelvie, 1879-1918. Notice of funeral hereafter. Canada papers please copy.

MURRAY.—On Sunday, August 18, 1918, Austin J. Murray, at Saratoga, N. Y.
Funeral from the residence of his sister, Mrs. P. J. Murray, 478 Classon avenue, Brooklyn, on Wednesday, August 21, and thence to the Church of the Nativity, Classon avenue and Madison street, where requiem mass will be offered at 10 o'clock. Interment Calvary.

PALMER.—Louise Squires, younger daughter of the late David and Mary Katharine Palmer, at her home, 13 East Eighty-second street, August 18, in her fifty-third year.
Funeral private. Kindly omit flowers.

SCHOONMAKER.—At Locust Valley, on Saturday, August 17, Sylvanus Lothrop Schoonmaker, in the sixty-sixth year of his age.
Funeral services at his late residence at Locust Valley, L. I., on Tuesday, August 20, at 10:30 o'clock A. M. There will be a special car attached to the train leaving Pennsylvania Station at 8 o'clock. Kindly omit flowers. Interment private.

BLACK—FRANKLIN.

Army Lieutenant Weds Pelham Commander's Daughter.

Miss Grace Franklin and Lieut. William Murray Black, Jr., Field Artillery Corps, U. S. A., were married yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Officers Club at the Pelham Bay Naval Training Station. Following the ceremony the couple marched out of the club under an arch of crossed swords held by forty naval officers, friends of the bride, and her father, Commander William B. Franklin, U. S. N. R. F., who is in command of the station.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Lea Luquer of Bedford, N. Y., a friend of the Franklin family. The bride was given away by her father. Lieut. Black was attended by his brother, Col. Black. Flowers were strewn in the path of the bridal couple by little Miss Lillius Kent of New York. The couple left immediately on their honeymoon trip, keping their plans and destination secret.

TAYLOR—MEIRS.

Philadelphia Girl Becomes Bride of Army Officer.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—Miss Anne Walker Meirs, daughter of Mrs. Richard Wain Meirs, was married this afternoon to Capt. Clement Newbold Taylor, son of Major and Mrs. William J. Taylor of Newbold Vernon, Jenkintown. The Rev. Floyd Tomkins, rector of the church, performed the ceremony.

Miss Genette Fairies, a cousin of the bride, was the maid of honor, and a sister of the bridegroom, Miss Marion Taylor, and Miss Patty Borie, a cousin, were the bridesmaids. Capt. Taylor's brother, Francis H. Taylor, was best man, and the ushers were John S. Newbold and William W. Meirs.

EMMA CARUS GOOD AS NEW AT PALACE

Mlle. Dazie Scores at Riverside—New Bills at Brighton and Columbia.

It seems like a couple of decades ago since Emma Carus started in the varieties, but she was just as young looking and as effervescent in spirits at the Palace yesterday as she was even as comparatively recently as in the days of Hammerstein's Victoria.

Miss Carus devoted as much time in her act to relating her unfortunate ventures in matrimony as to anything else, and the time that wasn't given over to husbands was equally divided between imitations and songs. Miss Carus was excellent in whatever she tried, including dances.

McIntyre and Heath are held over for a second week because of their popularity, which is deserved. Trite lines bloom forth as bits of original humor by reason of their manner and their sympathy with the humor of the negro is a thing too infrequent to be passed over. Their offering this week is "Back Home to the Stable," a new sketch that gives them full scope for their talents.

Gus Van and Joe Schenck are back again with a new selection of songs. This duo are too widely known to need special notice of the reason for their popularity. Lloyd and Wells appear in "Alabama Bound," Frederick V. Bowers presents his annual song revue, Jack Wyatt offers a Scotch act, Moran and Weiser do tricks with a hat, and Seabury and Shaw present their 1918 dance revue.

As the headliner of the new bill at the Riverside Theatre, Mlle. Dazie repeated the triumph which she achieved at the Palace Theatre a few weeks ago. In these days of modern dances her return to an older period for a collection of classical steps proved a happy experiment. Her selection of the older movements was interspered generously with the more modern ones which have won distinct success for her in her most recent engagements. Taken altogether her review proved an item which did much to support the strength of the whole programme for the current week. Andrew Tombes and Rena Parker, late of "Flo Flo," appear in a little of everything, and "Moondown," the Washington Square Players' sketch, is on the programme.

The New Brighton has an especially good bill, with John Hyams and Leila McIntyre heading the list in their sketch "Maybloom." Sybil Vane is held over for a second week, and Ben Ryan and Harriette Lee and Joe Jackson are also on the bill.

"The Liberty Girls" is the burlesque at the Columbia this week. The cast is headed by Jack Conway, a clever comedian, and the chorus is large and better looking than the average. The piece is well staged.

REQUIEM FOR MAJOR McKENNA.

Mass Is Said in Edgemere for New York Hero.

A requiem mass was said in St. Gertrude's Church, Edgemere, L. I., yesterday for Major James A. McKenna, Jr., killed in France on July 28 when leading his battalion of the 165th Infantry across the Ourcq River in the face of a fierce German fire. Major McKenna was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McKenna, who have a summer home in Beach Seventieth street, Arverne. The Very Rev. Herbert F. Farrell of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, at Far Rockaway, officiated at the mass, assisted by a number of visiting priests.

Major McKenna is buried in the little cemetery at Chateau-Thierry. He was in command of Company D of the old Sixty-ninth when that regiment was mustered into the Federal service, renamed the 165th, and increased to the new regulation size. He was made a major last spring. His brother, Capt. William McKenna, is Adjutant of the 165th and was formerly a member of the Seventh Infantry.

STRICKEN WHILE OPERATING.

Dr. J. A. Hofheimer Prostrated by Heart Failure Treating Patient.

While he was performing an operation in Hill's Sanitarium, 317 West 136th street, yesterday, Dr. J. A. Hofheimer, 123 West 126th street, was stricken with heart disease and had to be taken to his home.

Dr. Hofheimer has been prominent in medical circles in this city for more than thirty years. At his home last night it was said his condition was serious, but he was resting comfortably. The name of the patient upon whom Dr. Hofheimer was operating when he was stricken, was not made public.

NOTES OF THE THEATRES.

Joseph Miller has been engaged by John Cort for an important role in "Fiddlers Three," the new operetta to open at the Cort next month.

Winchell Smith and John L. Golden, whose new play, "Lightnin'," will open Monday at the Gaiety, will begin rehearsals soon for their next production, "Three Wise Men," a comedy by Austin Strong.

"An Ideal Husband," the Oscar Wilde comedy, which will be produced by John D. Williams and the Shuberts, will open in Stamford September 6.

Al Jolson started rehearsals yesterday in "Sinbad," which will open at the Century September 2.

Grace George will stage a Venetian Fete for the Stage Women's War Relief next Saturday night at New Rochelle.

'YIP YIP YAPHANK' OPENS AT CENTURY

Boys of Camp Upton Make Tremendous Hit in Military Skit.

IRVING BERLIN A LION

Young Soldier Wins New Laurels as Author and Composer.

Irving Berlin has had some heartening receptions in his brilliant and meteoric day. Broadway has acclaimed him, London went wild over the black haired little Russian who rose so quickly from the position of waiter in Nigger Mike's cafe in Pell street to that of millionaire writer of songs. But it is doubtful if he ever knew a moment quite like that which came last night, when the people that filled the Century Theatre from the footlights to the topmost gallery cheered themselves hoarse at sight of Irving Berlin, drafted soldier, new made sergeant, creator and star of "Yip, Yip, Yaphank," which had its premier there.

It was a friendly audience to begin with, obviously made up of mothers and wives and sweethearts and fathers and uncles and cousins of Camp Upton boys, most of them escorted by the boys themselves. Wonderful how so many of them got leave—it seemed as all the camp that wasn't on the stage was in front of it. A friendly audience—but if it had been quite the reverse at the start it must have been won over.

A Real Broadway Success.

Whether it was Sergeant Berlin's genius—he wrote the words and music and the whole production was under his personal direction—or whether Uncle Sam has somehow gathered at Yaphank a bunch of top notch singers, dancers, acrobats, jugglers and minstrels, it is a fact that first night though it was the "military mess cooked up by the boys of Camp Upton" and presented in order to establish a community house for the mothers and wives and sweethearts who visit the camp was a long shot better than many a Broadway success of past years.

It's a truism that a cantonment is a little world in itself, also that it is the greatest little melting pot ever. The names on the programme of "Yip Yap Yaphank" are an illuminating proof of the latter fact. There are miles of names, too many to print here, for the cast is a huge one and every member is a man in training to whip the Germans, though to see the Dolly Sisters and the Ziegfeld Beauties and the Jazz Chorus singing and ogling in their beauteous costumes last night you'd have said that their most efficient way to kill off Fritz would be just to appear before him in those costumes and let him die laughing.

However, probably that wouldn't work—the men who bomb babies and bayonet women wouldn't have the fr[illegible] and innocent sense of humor to appreciate the things those daredevil lads from Camp Upton did last night and are going to go on doing for some days at the Century Theatre.

The first act was the Camp Upton Minstrels. Tier on tier of fresh faced lads in their uniforms, just privates and maybe a few sergeants, singing and swaying with a vivid determination to obey the admonition their Captain gave them when he dashed on the stage to start the show.

"Out there is the enemy," he yelled, swinging his arms in the direction of the audience. "At them, boys—surround them, capture them! Much of your ammunition has been fired before—but over the top, boys, pierce them with jokes and bore them with songs!" And the boys did—only they didn't bore them.

One of the hits in the first act was a quartet sung to the tune of "Darling, I Am Growing Old," of which the chorus was:

"Yes, my darling, I am not too old;
"I am only twenty-three.
There's no silver in the gold,
And the draft is after me."

Many were the merry jests aimed at the draft. "Did the draft get him?" the interlocutor inquires of the negro end man, who is telling how his brother is so smart that after only three days in the army he was promoted to be a court-martial—"Did the draft get him?"

"Did it miss anybody?" asks the minstrel. Those minstrels in their gorgeous red and green satin costumes deserve a special word. It's a question whether Private Clark, the fat one, or Private Bob Higgins, the lean one, was the star. The programme doesn't say wehther Private Clark was a professional dancer before the "draft got him," but when he did a pigeon wing squatting, the way the real dancers can only do after years of drilling, the audience decided that some stage was certainly robbed when Uncle Sam took him for a soldier.

Wedding Was a Scream.

Private Higgins was unlucky—in the play. Four soldiers who were told off to shoot him for firing off a bad joke all missed him, and he escaped to run into the marriage net. The wedding was celebrated right there and was one of the funniest things of the whole evening. Private Howard Friend was the bride, in a lovely white lace dress, and her train was held by the only four members of the cast not from Camp Upton—four funny little piccininnies who grinned as if they were having the time of their little lives. Maybe they are from the camp—maybe they are the camp mascots. Why doesn't the programme say?

Well, from scene to scene the nonsense went on. There was a love interest duet, in which Private Brennan as an amorous boy and Private Higgins as a girl in a wonderful purple dress looked into each other's eyes and sang about how they'd have a little home in Yonkers, where they'd teach the parrot to say "I love you." And there was a wonderful jazz band, all dressed in black and white with music notes written all over them. That was very effective, by the way, for wing after wing of the scenery rolled back to reveal tier after tier of jazz musicians sitting at pianos that seemed to reach up to the roof.

There were some acrobats—Privates Miglinio, Rothaug, Becker, Tassinero, Lynch, Martin and Bassilion—who did such feats that one must conclude that Uncle Sam raided a circus to get them—they never could have been recruited from private life. And last and best there was the Kitchen Police.

There were a lot of soldiers in the kitchen police, but no one noticed the others much when Irving Berlin came on in his apron, with the pail and mop in his hand and the melancholy expression Broadway knows so well.

Yes, Irv was condemned to be a K. P. for refusing to get up when the bugler sounded his call at 5 A. M. For as he explained musically to the rapturous applause of the audience, he did hate to get up in the morning. And so he had to mop the floor, while the Dolly Sisters and all the rest of his old friends of Broadway days looked on and sympathized, and the audience roared.

Major-Gen. J. Franklin Bell was in a box with a number of ladies and officers, and he made a speech when the evening ended. There were many officers there, by the way, but they didn't count. For the stars were all privates—except Sergeant Berlin.

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD

Miss Catherine Acosta Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Graham of this city and Flushing, L. I., will be married to Lieut. Mays Livingston Lewis, U. S. N., Amite, La., this evening in St. George's Episcopal Church, Flushing, L. I.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Burnham, who were for some time in Southampton, have gone to Bar Harbor to remain until the middle of next month.

Harry S. Black has gone to the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Mrs. Henry Rogers Winthrop is with her mother, Mrs. Henry D. Babcock, at Edgecombe, Southampton, L. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Landale, 875 Park avenue, are at the Balsams, Dixville Notch, White Mauntains, and with them is Mrs. Robert H. Mainser.

Mrs. Ernest Iselin and her young son have gone to White Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. E. Henry Harriman is at Saranac Inn in the Adirondacks.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Post are visiting Mrs. Vanderbilt at "the Breakers, Newport.

Mrs. George Lauder Carnegie has come from White Sulphur Springs to the Plaza for a brief stay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rich Steers have returned from North East Harbor Me., to Fair Croft, their country place at Port Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. Angier B. Duke, who are passing the summer in Long Beach, are at the Plaza for a few days.

Mrs. G. Miller White has announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Janet White, to Walter Bartley Quinlan, in this city August 5. Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan will live at 61 West Tenth street after September 15.

The marriage of Miss Margaret Louise Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Phillips of this city, who are passing the summer at Narragansett Pier, to Lieut. James E. Fitzgibbon, 310th Cavalry, U. S. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgibbon and nephew of former Senator James A. O'Gorman, will take place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock in the Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral. A small wedding breakfast will follow at the Plaza.

Mrs. Edward B. Close, who has been at the Ritz-Carleton for a few days, has returned to her camp at Paul Smith's N. Y.

ENTERTAINS LENOX CLUB.

Miss Anna Blake Shaw Is Hostess of Gardeners.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

LENOX, Mass., Aug. 19.—Miss Anna Blake Shaw received the council of the Lenox Garden Club at the Homestead this afternoon after an inspection of the gardens of Mrs. John A. Spoor, Mrs. William B. Osgood Field, Mrs. George Winthrop Folsom, Mrs. Richard C. Dixey, Miss G. W. Sargent and Miss Lillian and Rosalie Goodman by the council. Miss Shaw's two acre lawn and gardens received unstinted praise.

Miss Shaw was assisted in the entertainment of her guests by her sister, Mrs. Grant Walker of Milton, and Miss Rosalie Goodman.

Mrs. F. J. Shepard, touring from the White Mountains to Roxbury, N. Y., with Miss Dorothy Gould and Miss Josephine Russell, were at the Maplewood in Pittsfield to-day.

Mrs. Hamilton Fish Kean, who has been a guest of Mrs. Robert Winthrop, has gone to Elberon, N. J. Miss Sylvia Brewster went to Mount Kisco from a visit with Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes. Mrs. Thomas M. Shaw and her children, Boston, are with Mr. and Mrs. George Baty Blake.

Walter C. Gale, organist of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York, and Mrs. W. T. Gale of New York are stopping at Grey House for the remainder of August.

RED CROSS AFTER WORKERS.

Newport Chapter Reports Young Women Are Slackers.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 19.—There has been a decrease in the number of workers on surgical dressings at the headquarters of Newport Chapter of the Red Cross, and Mrs. R. Livingston Beeckman, chairman of the chapter, has issued another appeal for workers. The officers of the chapter found this morning that there were not nearly so many workers at the rooms as usual, and of those who were present a great majority were matrons, young women both from the summer colony and from the city proper failing to appear.

Louis L. Lorillard is now a legal resident of Pomfret, Conn., having transferred from Newport.

Lieut. and Mrs. Albert S. Gray are soon going to Garrison, N. Y., to visit Stuyvesant Fish, Mrs. Gray's father.

Mrs. Craig Biddle was a luncheon hostess to-day.

TENNIS AT HOT SPRINGS.

Mixed Doubles Being Played for Cups Given by the McReas.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 19.—Ex-Governor William MacCorkle of West Virginia is here for a visit.

C. H. H. Wilcox, New York, is here for a fortnight.

Horace Day, New York, is here with Mrs. F. N. Adams and Miss Elizabeth Adams, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. McRea have donated two cups to be played for in mixed tennis doubles. The first games resulted as follows:

Mrs. Langdon Thorne and Francis Callery defeated Miss Eleanor Bright and William Prescott; Miss Lemoine Dunlop and Major Jerome Tonjan defeated Mrs. Theodore Frothingham and Frank Akers; Miss Mercer Dunlop and Edward Pierson defeated Miss Jane Gourd and Henry Pole; Miss Sallie Dunlop and George Carpenter defeated Miss Phyllis Rich and A. M. Ehree. In the first game of the semi-finals Miss Dunlop and Major Tonjan defeated Mrs. Thorne and Mr. Callery.

Brig.-Gen. A. W. Catlin, who is here with Mrs. Catlin, recuperating from a wound received in France, had a table for four on the lawn this afternoon.

GOLF AT WHITE SULPHUR.

Match Arranged for Wednesday—McAdoos Week End Guests.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Aug. 19.—Mrs. Willoughby B. Sharp gave a luncheon recently at Elmhurst for twenty guests, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Joerissen entertained there for several friends at dinner in honor of George S. Geoffrey of the French High Commission. Philip Duer gave a dinner there on Monday night for seven.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Dickey were among the hostesses at the Pines.

Richard Gaines of New York gave a tea at the Casino and Mrs. Frank Mitchell, who is here with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Holt, gave a luncheon there for six.

Secretary McAdoo was here from Washington over the week end. With him was K. B. Conger, general manager of the Hudson and Manhattan Railway, who passed the week end with Mr. and Mrs. McAdoo at Hawley Cottage. Mrs. McAdoo was one of the canteen workers at a troop train which passed through White Sulphur Springs yesterday in the rain.

PLAY BY DANCER BROWN IS DROLL

"A Very Good Young Man" Is Well Produced at Plymouth.

EAST SIDE LIFE SHOWN

Hero Garners Wild Oats Before He Marries Beauty Prize Winner.

"A Very Good Young Man"—At the Plymouth.

Mrs. Hannigan	Josephine Meyer
Pearl	Ruth Findlay
Walter	Frank Longacre
Katie	Fannie Bourke
Dutch Grogan	Harold Salter
Mrs. Mandelharper	Ada Lewis
Osprey	Lydia Dickson
Leroy Gumph	Wallace Eddinger
Elmer Erdwurm	Alan Dinehart

Long before dancing pumps had gone into the discard and popular hoofers of the Broadway stage had begun to keep step to something more martial than the music of a jazz band Martin Brown had disappeared from the scenes of his artistic activities. These had usually been the theatre under the Shubert aegis, for in various musical plays under their direction the dancer had appeared.

It was whispered in the corridors of Punch and Judy as an explanation of his retirement that Mr. Brown was in the process of changing from dancer to dramatist, and in that state of metamorphis, had written not one play but several. Just how much stranger than truth fiction may sometimes be was proved last night when Arthur Hopkins offered a play by Mr. Brown at the Plymouth Theatre. The other play, it is said, will be seen later elsewhere.

Comedy of New York Types.

"A Very Good Young Man" is the title of the new piece, which is a comedy of types—stage types more or less but nevertheless constantly amusing. The very good young hero who is engaged to marry the winner of a beauty prize is in one respect like some of the young men who in the past have made their appearance in French farces. He is too moral to be trusted in his innocent condition.

He must garner some wild oats, although he has in the enterprise the authority of his betrothed and her family. Acquisition of this experience presumably necessary to follow successfully the career of a husband makes up "A Very Good Young Man."

This search for the fruits of the tree of knowledge not only carries the innocent so far as Sheepshead Bay but even to the heart of a lady who might have gained permanent possession of him but for the domestic recognition of this Sir Galahad's adventure. Qualified at last by his traffic with the world, however, he lands in the arms of his betrothed, so the event of the crusade is happy.

Martin Brown acknowledged on the programme the assistance of Robert Housum in "the ecompletion" of his play, which had its scenes in those humble quarters of New York that formerly sheltered the men and women that came from the brain of Edward Harrigan. Indeed, a play so completely identified with this same phase of metropolitan existence has not been seen in years.

Scenes of the Play.

While not always on Manhattan Island, the dramatic action passed in such adjacent quarters as Greenpoint, Sheepshead Bay and East New York. Inevitably the characters were Irish, German or Hebrew. They were well drawn, spoke a language racy of the wit of their world and kept near enough to earth never to become mere figures of burlesque.

It is useless of course to deny that with a background of more tangible fiction and with some degree of suspense in its revelation Mr. Brown's humor would have been vastly more effective. And the occasionally impending danger of ennui would have been averted.

Arthur Hopkins, who had provided three characteristic backgrounds for the play, also selected interesting actors. Ada Lewis as a widow who had inherited an undertaking parlor in East New York was deliciously droll, and Lydia Dickson, who played her designing daughter, was equally amusing. They were the best of Mr. Brown's studies.

Alan Dinehart, long a popular actor in the varieties, was a melancholy vocalist compelled to act as a waiter, and his dry humor added variety to the second act. Ruth Findlay, who was the perplexed betrothed of the good young man, added a note of girlish loveliness to the scenes. She acted with intelligence and charm.

Josephine Meyer was the harassed head of the *Honigan* family, whose members were amusingly characterized by Fannie Bourke and the juvenile Frank Longacre. Wallace Eddinger played the hero with every necessary quality but the indispensable youthfulness, and this was a fatal deficiency to the success of his performance.

EMBASSY OFFICIALS AT FETE.

Japanese Benefit for French Milk Fund Draws Capital Society.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand had a small company of embassy officials in their box to-night at the Japanese fete given in the garden of the Club de Vingt for the benefit of the free milk for France fund. A Japanese play was given and Michio Itow gave his famous fox dance. The patronesses were Mrs. Robert Lansing, the Japanese Ambassador, Viscount Ishii; Mrs. Baker, wife of the Secretary of War; Mrs. James Hamilton Lewis, Mrs. Colville Barclay, wife of the Charge d'Affaires of Great Britain; Lady Grant, wife of Admiral Sir Lowther Grant, Royal Navy; Mme. Vignal, wife of the Military Attache of the French Embassy; Mrs. McCawley, wife of Gen. McCawley, U. S. M. C.; Mme. Collardet, Mme. De Laboulaye, wife of the second secretary of the French Embassy, and Mrs. Richard Townsend.

Secretary of War Baker and his daughter, Miss Betty Baker, returned this morning from Pottstown, Pa., where they spent yesterday with Mrs. Baker and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leopold. Mrs. Baker returned this afternoon by motor.

Mrs. Morgan Lister returned to her home in Philadelphia to-day after visiting a week with Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Cutler. Mrs. Cutler spent a week in Philadelphia with Mr. and Mrs. Lister, who motored to Washington with her early last week.

Plainfield Girl Is Engaged.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

BOSTON, Aug. 19.—The engagement has been announced here of Miss Elsie C. Martin of Plainfield, N. J., to Edward D. Harlow of Boston and Salem. Mr. Harlow is the son of Mrs. Edward D. Harlow

WOMEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Workers Wanted to Begin Campaign for Police Reserves Fund.

An urgent call for aid was received yesterday by the Volunteer Clearing House from the woman's emergency committee of the Police Reserves, of which Mrs. Gifford Pinchot is chairman. Women are needed to aid Deputy Police Commissioner Wallis in a ten day campaign for funds. Beginning to-day volunteers are wanted as captains of booths in departments stores, hotels and theatres.

Those assisting in the department stores are expected to be on duty from 9 to 1 o'clock. The work at the hotels will be during the luncheon and dinner hours. Hundreds of women are needed and those willing to serve are asked to apply to Miss Salom, room 1601, 29 West Thirty-ninth street.

The National League for Woman's Service is also calling through the Volunteer Clearing House for workers to serve in new canteens that will be open night and day. They will be divided into eight hour shifts from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M., from the latter hour to midnight, and from then until 8 A. M. Those interested should apply to Miss Leith of the National League, 257 Madison avenue.

BANS SUGAR BOWLS AS AN AID TO ENEMY

Food Board Gets After Restaurants That Fail to Conserve Saccharine.

Fish and sugar bowls absorbed so much of the Federal energies as are devoted to New York's food situation yesterday. The Federal Food Board put on its armor and started a crusade against the offending sugar bowl as a slacker in the hour of need and an enemy to those allied Powers which are working overtime to keep the world safe for democracy.

"Banish the sugar bowl," pleaded the board yesterday.

It was officially charged that the ancient table ornament is not only gnawing at the vitals of the sugar supply but it is setting a bad example in the community.

"While the sugar bowl has been banished," says the board, "from the table in dining cars, hotels and most of the large restaurants there are still numerous public eating places in the city which have failed to follow this patriotic example. Continuance of this practice on the part of these places is not only harmful to the sugar conservation programme of the United States Food Administration but is unfair to those places which are cooperating with the Government by serving only a fixed quantity of sugar to each patron.

"Restaurants which still have sugar bowls on the table are intentionally or otherwise catering to those persons who turn a deaf ear to the Government's appeal to reduce sugar consumption in order that there may be sufficient to carry us through to the next crop. A sugar bowl on the table in a public eating place to-day is an invitation to persons not in sympathy with the Government to go the limit in opposing this part of the food saving programme.

"The abolition of the open sugar bowl since the beginning of the sugar scarcity has resulted in a large saving of sugar and acted as an educational measure to the public as well. Reports which have reached the board indicate that the retirement of the sugar bowl in public eating places is saving thousands of pounds of sugar weekly. The proprietor of several lunch rooms, feeding approximately 25,000 persons a day, declared that he was saving about 1,250 pounds a month since he dispensed with the open sugar bowl."

The action of the Government in sending protection for fishermen against German submarines will insure a supply of fish for New York city, declares the official body. The salvation of the fish crop from the hands of frightfulness was announced as follows:

"Following a conference between the Navy Department and the United States Food Administration it is announced that the department is patrolling certain fishing grounds off the Atlantic coast to prevent German submarines attacking fishing fleets and to insure this important source of food supply from being cut off. While recent raids by under sea pirates have done little actual damage to the fishing fleets, taken as a whole, much uneasiness has been caused in the families of some of the men who man the fishing boats. In some few cases fishermen, by pleas of their families, have been prevailed upon to remain ashore.

"The American fisherman is not easily kept from the sea, however, and it is expected that his courage and the knowledge that the jackies are on guard will keep the fish catch up to normal. The naval patrol will be accomplished without weakening the convoy system that has made it possible for troops and supplies to voyage in safety to Europe. Submarines recently have sunk vessels engaged in cod fishing and have committed depredations among smaller craft after sword fish.

"All the European nations allied against Germany have striven, in the face of like difficulties, to keep their fishing fleets at work because of food shortage, particularly meat."

LEAVES FORTUNE TO CHARITY.

Mrs. De Lacy's Will Divides Estate After Death of Principal Heir.

The will of the late Sarah A. De Lacy, who died at Meriden, Conn., July 21, was filed for probate in the Surrogate's office yesterday. To Mrs. John Keenan, 462 Marion street, Brooklyn, is left $5,000, while several relatives and friends will receive $100 to $500.

Robert A. De Lacy, Atlantic City, is given a life interest in the residuary estate. Upon his death the principal is to be divided equally among the following eleven charities:

Webb's Academy and Home for shipbuilders, The Bronx; Baptist Home Society for New York, Baptist Home Society for Brooklyn, New York Fire Department Relief Association, Home for Incurables, St. Andrew's Convalescent Hospital, the Sheltering Arms, St. Andrew's Church; St. Luke's Home for Aged Women, Home of the Annunciation for Crippled and Incurable Children, Society for the Relief of Destitute Children.

City Editors to Meet Saturday.

Clyde P. Steen of the Lima, Ohio, *News* and national president of the National City Editors Association, is expected to arrive in New York to-day to complete arrangements for the annual convention of city editors, which will be held here August 24 and 25. The chief speakers at the convention will be George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information; Mayor Hylan, Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, and a number of city editors and war correspondents. It is expected that 150 delegates will arrive Friday from six States.

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HOUSE IS ON SEA'S EDGE

Chief Executive Shows Marked Benefit From Vacation in Massachusetts.

MANCHESTER, MASS., Aug. 19.—President Wilson's outing has done him a world of good. Except for the first day when the abrupt change from a temperature of 100 degrees or more at Washington to a daily average of 65 degrees here was felt by the whole party, the improvement in the President's condition has been steady and pronounced.

To-day at the Essex County golf links he played the best game of his stay and won from Dr. Grayson in a hard fought match. The pleasure and profit that the President has had for five days was due largely to the seclusion made possible by the most thorough guard that ever has been thrown about the Chief Executive on a vacation.

Submarine's Visit Feared.

When the President and Mrs. Wilson drive along the shore or stroll on the beach and in the woods they are accompanied as usual by secret service men. Less noticeable and observed by but few has been the part played by the navy, three branches of which kept vigilant watch over his safety.

Marines picket the grounds of the house that he occupies. Two hydroairplanes persistently search adjacent waters and at a little distance off the coast two torpedo boat destroyers and a fleet of submarine chasers make sure that no unwelcome craft ventures in.

This watch over the sea was taken because of some uneasiness due to the selection by the President of a house standing almost at the edge of a promontory which commands a wide view of the sea and which in turn can be seen plainly from some distance out.

It was not believed to be beyond the range of possibility that some German submarine commander would be tempted to risk his ship to take a pot shot at so conspicuous a target.

The President and Mrs. Wilson have occupied the house of T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., on Coolidge Point, which juts into the water between the Manchester Singing Beach and the Magnolia Beach. The house, which eminent authorities consider one of the best examples in America of the Georgian period, stands out from a forest of pines, oak and silver cedar not more than 150 yards from the water's edge.

Follows Set Programme.

The warships arrived Wednesday night and were among the first of the sights which greeted the President when he reached here Thursday morning. The planes and the marines made their appearance soon afterward.

As usual on a vacation the President has followed a set programme. Except for one morning after he had been kept up later than usual, he arose at 7 o'clock. After breakfast he walks for an hour with Mrs. Wilson on the beach or in the woods. Usually a golf game follows. Then, after an hour's work with his secretary, the President and Mrs. Wilson lunch with Col. and Mrs. House. In the afternoon another hour or two are spent with his secretary, followed by a drive. Usually at dinner the President and Mrs. Wilson entertain Col. and Mrs. House. There are few other callers.

Through constant touch with Washington the President was kept informed of important developments in the world's news, and each evening had an extended conference with Col. House.

Wilson Praises Marines.

This afternoon the President visited the headquarters of the marine detachment tented on the Coolidge estate and congratulated Capt. Angus Wilson upon the appearance of his men and the manner in which they performed their military service.

Fifty marines were brought here Friday from the Charlestown navy yard, but later seventeen were returned. The thirty-three remaining were lined up for presentation to the President and he shook hands with every man and said he hoped the fresh air would do them as much good as it had done him. Later he remarked to Dr. Grayson that he was proud of his marine guard.

The men carried a complete field equipment and on their arrival pitched a dozen tents. Mess was arranged for them at a nearby house.

THE REV. JOHN J. SMYER.

The Rev. John J. Smyer died suddenly yesterday in his home, 34 School street, Yonkers. The Rev. Mr. Smyer had been clergyman of the Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Yonkers, ten years and was well known as a social worker among the negroes.

He was born in Charlotte, N. C., forty-three years ago and was the descendant of a long line of ministers. He attended Livingstone College at Salisbury, N. C., and later the Boston School of Theology, from which he was graduated in 1900. Two days after his graduation he married Miss Mary A. Garland, a school teacher of Birmingham, Ala. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Montclair Girl Engaged to Ensign.

Announcement has been made in Montclair of the engagement of Miss Dorothy Anderson, a sister of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Lesley B. Anderson, Philadelphia, to Ensign Arthur S. Adams, Winchester, Pa. Miss Anderson, daughter of the late