# BACK FROM FRONT, PRAISES 'SUN' FUND

## Brooklyn Captain Calls Its Work in France "Magnificent."

## SMOKES CHEER TROOPS

### Groups Used to Share Each Cigarette Before Their Home Tobacco Came.

Sent back from the front to give machine gun instruction in an American camp Capt. Stanley G. Saulmier, U. S. A., formerly of 299 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, called at THE SUN office yesterday and said:

"I just dropped in to tell you what a magnificent work THE SUN Tobacco Fund is doing in France. I should consider myself an ingrate if I didn't do this much. And I want you to understand that I am speaking not for myself alone but for the tens of thousands of fellows who are cheered and inspired by the home smokes which you are sending across.'

Saulmier joined the Regular Army two years ago and went to France as a First Lieutenant in the Fifth Machine Gun Battalion in August last year. In the activities of the next ten months his company was cited three times in the official French communiques for gallantry, and he himself was promoted to a Captaincy.

**Each Cigarette Passed Around.**

"One of our very best friends in France was THE SUN Tobacco Fund," said Capt. Saulmier. "To understand the great work it is doing you must first have an idea of the valuation the soldiers place upon a cigarette. Let me tell you of conditions as they were before the distributions began. The man who had a cigarette and kept it for his own exclusive use was taboo. A smoke was the common property of all the fellows he was able to reach. Gangs smoked it together, passing it from man to man like a pipe of peace, and when only the stub remained they extinguished the light, smoothed out the tobacco and made a fresh cigarette of it for others to enjoy.

"I believe that the happiest day of my life was just at the beginning of the holiday season when the specially decorated boxes began to arrive from the fund. These brought more than smokes. They brought a touch of the home atmosphere, and that's what the men cherish above everything else. The Government has started its tobacco distributions, but these carry nothing like the same pleasure, because, unlike THE SUN fund's packages, they fail to represent the spontaneous giving of the people over here.

"Wherever we were the fund tobacco reached us—in hospitals, in dugouts, in the trenches. In the Chateau Thiery fight it followed us right up to the front lines. To the wounded men it is a life saver literally. I remember seeing one fellow in the thick of the fighting who had little except a pair of shoes, two wounds and a cigarette. But he was all smiles. The smoke made him happy.

"Matches are scarce, so scarce that at times when we passed out the tobacco we could allot only one match a day to a soldier. What did we do? Well, if we were in a dugout we hollowed out a grenade, poured bacon drippings into it and kept the light going all day.

**Why the French Admire Us.**

"There is perfect comradeship between the American soldiers and the poilus. The French like us for two reasons aside from the fact that we are more than making good over there. They admire America because she isn't trying to get anything for herself out of the war. 'We want Alsace-Lorraine,' say the French. 'Belgium wants her cathedrals restored and her territory freed of the invader. England wants recognition of her supremacy of the seas. But America—the Americans want nothing but souvenirs, Hun helmets, scalps and the like.'

"And the second thing they admire is the splendid way in which the home folks are taking care of our soldiers. The devotion of the Americans is shown in no way more strikingly than in the work of THE SUN fund. I hope you will continue the distributions till the end of the war. I wish I could thank all of the contributors personally, but as I can't do that I want THE SUN to thank them for me. Tell them they are serving the country nobly and that the boys at the front will never forget them."

The fund received yesterday a check for $550, the partial proceeds of the smoke fund handicap shoot held by the Question Club in Atlantic City Saturday and Monday. The amount of the entrance fees beyond the actual cost of shells and targets has been offered to this project, and the total so far received will be increased after the final settlement. Formal acknowledgment of the receipt of the $550 will be made in the list of "new contributions" to-morrow morning.

**The Prize Winners.**

Many of the leading figures in the rubber and automobile industries participated in the contest and competition was lively. Seneca G. Lewis of Jeannette, Pa., general manager of the Pennsylvania Rubber Company, shooting from scratch, won the first prize with a score of 90. The other prize winners, with their scores, were as follows, the figures in parentheses indicating their handicaps:

2d, C. E. Whitney (20), 86; 3d, W. P. Chrysler (20), 76; 4th, A. E. Hughes (10), 74; 5th, W. E. Metzger (20), 73; 6th, T. E. Wetsel (10), 70; 7th, G. C. McCullough (10), 67; 8th, J. J. Plath (20), 62; 9th, William Hyslop (20), 61; 10th, H. C. Miller (scratch), 59; 11th, H. H. Bassett (20), 57; 12th J. H. Becker (20), 52; 13th, L. M. Wainwright (20), 51; 14th, C. E. Thompson (20), 49; 15th, J. S. Bretz (15), 44; 16th, J. C. Weston (20), 43; 17th, O. S. Tweedy (20), 34.

The other entrants were Claire L. Barnes, C. E. Baumheckel, Theodore E. Beck, Walter Bemb, F. C. Billings, A. S. Blagden, L. D. Bolton, W. O. Briggs, E. H. Broadwell, C. W. Churchill, James G. Cowling, B. F. Everitt, H. E. Field, P. W. A. Fitzsimmons, H. A. Foss, J. M. Gilbert, James G. Goudie, H. W. Griffith, J. H. Johnson, W. P. Kearney, W. J. Lambe, W. J. McAneeny, T. G. Meachen, D. J. Post, Hugh S. Quinn, W. C. Randa, W. F. Sayle, Charles Shepard, C. F. Splitdorf, Jack L. Straub, Robert Tannehill, Court Cramp, John Willys, Art Philp, F. E. Castle, Lou Rockwell, Frank Navin and Charles Hall.

The prizes were three automobile tires, ten sterling silver spoons given by the du Pont Trapshooting School, seven de luxe clothes brushes, presented by H. A. Foss, and eight Nojar clocks, given by a member of the club.

**That Waldorf Party.**

Artists continue to volunteer to the Waldorf management for THE SUN fund party which takes place on the roof of the Waldorf Saturday night. Three additional singers have been added to the rich bill since the latest word was printed about this party. They are Miss Kathryn Lee, who will sing a group of songs during the dinner hour and the "Marseillaise" at the supper party, accompanied by Raoul Blas; Miss Patricia Ryan, a concert contralto, and Miss Ella Krause, soprano, who will sing one of her own compositions.

Miss Blanche Duffield will sing and so will Miss Margaret Weaver, whose splendid contralto has been heard for the fund before. Other volunteers among the women are Miss Blanche Ring, Miss Stella Mayhew and Miss Peggy Shaw, the latter an exquisite dancer. Miss Minerva Sewell will lead the twenty pretty flower girls.

Two representatives of the forces abroad are expected to tell personal experiences on the ensanguined front: Capt. Stanley G. Saulmier of the Fifth Machine Gun Battalion, who is quoted earlier in this story, and Corporal Redford Allen. Mrs. Hazel Warner, most eloquent of war speakers, will appear with a personal message from the women behind the fighting men. Her husband and three brothers are at the front, and the fact lends her talk inspiration.

Geoffrey C. Stein, actor, who is about to appear in a new play by Edward Locke, will announce the different artists and mount the auction block. In the list of men who have volunteered are George White, who is at the Palace this week; Solly Cohn, vaudeville's sweetest singer, lent by Leo Feist, and Lieut. Gitz-Rice, the British soldier-actor, who appeared for the fund so successfully at the first Claridge party.

Beginning to-day the cotton bale, the first of the season's crop, donated by Samuel Newburger & Co. of the Cotton Exchange, will be on view in the lobby of the Waldorf. It is to be auctioned Saturday night. Among other articles to be utilized for the fund in the same way are a sweater donated by Miss Venetia C. Taylor, who gave the fund the handkerchief embroidered by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson; a pedigreed dog, sired by Montville Clinker of the kennels of the late J. Pierpont Morgan; copies of Private Divine's poems, recently published; a Prussian Curiassier's helmet, flowers, cigarettes, &c.

**Ball Game Announced in Church.**

The old fashioned circus that used to advertise itself as "endorsed by pulpit, press and public" had nothing on THE SUN Tobacco Fund. Several mentions have already been made of the baseball game to be played between the Macomb A. C. and the Holy Names at the Polo Grounds next Sunday, at which a collection will be taken for soldiers' smokes. So worthy does the Rev. Father Curry, pastor of the Holy Name of Jesus Church, Amsterdam avenue and Ninety-sixth street, consider the enterprise that he had an announcement of the game made at each of the masses in that church last Sunday.

The Polo Grounds contest will be only the first of three to be played by the same teams. George Halpin, president of the Manhattan Catholic Baseball League and Players Association, who will be in charge, has arranged also for a contest at Hedley Field September 15 and a third in the City College Stadium September 22. At each of these games a collection will be taken for the fund. The collection at the Polo Grounds will be in charge of twenty-five young women of the Holy Name Club and fourteen of the Quaker Girls Club.

The fund will profit from a block party to be held Saturday night in Hart street, between Wyckoff and St. Nicholas avenues, Brooklyn, under the auspices of the Hart Street Friendship Club. A parade through the streets of the neighborhood will precede the raising of a service flag on which are eighteen stars in honor of the young men of the block who are now in the country's service.

From Adele R. Katz, at Sacandaga, N. Y., comes a check for $121.73, which the sender explains was collected through the courtesy of Mr. Butterfield of the Adirondack Inn and Mr. Wilson of the Rustic Theatre. "Speeches were made to arouse the interest and enthusiasm of the people of the park," says the accompanying letter, "and I find it a great privilege to turn over to your fund the enclosed check."

**Estate Employees Send $61.**

Mrs. Ida V. Enders sends $43.40, half the proceeds of her recent concert in Pawling, the other half going to another war enterprise. Fine collective giving is shown in a $61 contribution from the employees of the Brockholt estate at Hempstead, L. I. From Bertha Welsch, 12, comes $32.80, the result of a fair which she and other children gave in 515 West 175th street.

"It was suggested by a member of the Rangeley Golf Club," says W. S. Marble in a letter from Rangeley, Me., "that 25 cents be given every Wednesday and Saturday for THE SUN Tobacco Fund for the last three weeks in August. It gives us great pleasure to enclose check for the amount collected, $18."

A check for $3 was received from 'way down South in Dixie. It is the contribution of the Christian Endeavor Society of Atkinson Memorial Presbyterian Church of Morgan City, La., of which Miss Edna Drews is president. An act of real Christianity! And three of our faithful repeaters are represented this morning—Henry Bacon, 101 Park avenue; various members of the New York Stock Exchange and A Resident of the Pine Hills.

Think of the soldier boys when you buy your smokes for yourself. Deposit your certificates and coupons in the fund box in a United cigar store and some more of them will smoke too.

**How the Fund Stands To-day.**

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| THE SUN and THE EVENING SUN | $4,000.00 |
| United Cigar Stores boxes, including special 5 per cent. of gross sales day | 60,869.62 |
| Otherwise acknowledged | 253,094.68 |
| New contributions | 362.43 |
| Total | $318,725.73 |
| Shipped and paid for...$296,131.66 | |
| Cash balance ... 21,542.65 | |
| Received through the Schulte cigar stores | 22,224.06 |
| Grand total | $340,949.79 |

New contributions are:

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| Christian Endeavor Society of Atkinson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Morgan City, La. | $3.00 |
| Henry Bacon, 101 Park ave. | 25.00 |
| Norman S. Adams, 3206 Foster ave., Brooklyn | 25.00 |
| R. B. Kimball, the Shoreham, Spring Lake Beach, N. J. | 10.00 |
| A resident of Pine Hills, Albany | 5.00 |
| Collected at Sacandaga, N. Y., by Adele R. Katz | 121.73 |
| Concert by Mrs. Ida V. Enders at Pawling | 43.40 |
| Rangeley Golf Club, Rangeley, Me. | 18.00 |
| Brockholt employees, Hempstead, L. I. | 61.00 |
| Fair held by Bertha Welsch, 515 West 175th st. | 32.80 |
| Louis D. Galante, 63 West 38th st. | 1.00 |
| Harriette R. Coon, 2730 Decatur ave. | 1.00 |
| J. A. Neville, Montclair, N. J. | 3.00 |
| Various members of the New York Stock Exchange | 13.00 |

## CAPT. ARCHIE SEES SON TO-DAY

### Newest Roosevelt and Mother Leave for Washington.

Capt. Archie Roosevelt, back from the fighting front in France with a paralyzed left arm and the Croix de Guerre, will see his five-months-old son for the first time in Washington to-day.

The baby and his mother left Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay, for Washington last night upon receipt of a telephone message from Capt. Archie that he would be able to go to the capital from the army hospital at Newport News, Va., where he was admitted as a patient following his arrival from France on Monday.

Capt. Roosevelt will join his wife and baby at the home of his sister, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. Col. Roosevelt will not go to Washington to see his wounded son. He said he hoped that Archie would be able to return to Sagamore Hill within a week, and he would leave the young man to pass the time with the new Roosevelt in Washington.

## MRS. W. H. FORCE SOLE HEIR.

### Estate of Late Col. Astor's Father-in-law Valued at $50,277.

The will of William H. Force, who died on May 19, 1917, was forwarded yesterday by the Deputy State Comptroller to the Surrogate's office. Mr. Force was father of Madeleine Force, second wife of Col. John Jacob Astor, who was lost in the Titanic disaster and who now is Mrs. William K. Dick. Mr. Force and his family lived in Remsen street, Brooklyn, for many years.

The will disposes of an estate valued at $50,277, made up as follows: Real estate, $2,266; personal property, $3,250; stocks and bonds, $12,353; interest in William H. Force & Co., commission merchants, 78 Front street, $19,390; good will, $25,000, and several other smaller items. The entire estate goes to his widow, Mrs. Katherine Arvilla Talmage Force of the Hotel Chatham, Forty-eighth street and Vanderbilt avenue.

## MRS. DECKER'S ESTATE TO KIN.

### Son Is Cut Off With Books, Bookcase and Family Clock.

The will of Mrs. Laura Cecelia Decker of 47 West Forty-sixth street, was filed for probate yesterday. The will disposes of an estate valued at more than $10,000 in realty and more than $10,000 in personal property.

A specific bequest of a bookcase, books and the family clock is made to Frederick Decker, decedent's son, who is cut off from sharing in any part of the other property.

David Hatfield Decker of Detroit and Henry G. Decker of Des Moines, Ia., each will receive $1,000. Real estate and other bequests are left to the immediate family.

## $100,000,000 WAGE RAISE.

### McAdoo Boosts Pay of Half Railroad Employees.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Nearly 1,000,000 men, or half the railroad employees in the United States, share in additional wage increases approved to-day by Director-General McAdoo for track laborers, watchmen, other maintenance of way employees, clerks, station agents and other classes of employees drawing relatively low pay.

The new increases, the second granted in supplement to the Government's general wage order, will add nearly $100,000,000 to the annual railroad payrolls, it is said. Most of the increases range from 10 to 30 per cent. above present wages.

**Feaster—Sinnott.**

Miss Helen Sinnott of Hudson Terrace, Tarrytown, was married to Lieut. Henry J. Feaster at St. Teresa's Church Monday. Miss Sinnott, who had been assistant superintendent of the Long Island College Hospital, was attended by her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Sinnott. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Edwin M. Sinnott, uncle of the bride.

Lieut. Feaster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feaster of Sterling place, Brooklyn, and is attached to the medical staff at Camp Sherman.

**Italian War Relief Lawn Fete.**

A lawn fete and musical for the benefit of the Italian War Relief Fund of America is to be given at the country home of Mrs. Harold C. Mathews, Norwalk, Conn., Saturday afternoon. Volunteer entertainers include Miss Julia Arthur, Riccardo Martin, Madame Pavia Frijsk and Madame Giuseppina Carelli. Tea will be served by young women in Italian costumes.

**Mrs. Rice to Have Service Club.**

Mrs. Isaac D. Rice, in cooperation with the New York War Camp Community Service, will open a service club for soldiers and sailors to-morrow at her home, 12 East Eighty-seventh street. A roof garden has been furnished for the fighters. On Wednesdays and Sundays from 5 until 11 P. M. the club will be open for enlisted men. Officers will be received Thursdays at the same hours. Refreshments will be served.

## NOTES OF THE THEATRES.

The opening performance of "Someone in the House," which was to have taken place to-night at the Knickerbocker Theatre, has been postponed until Monday night, September 9. Seats sold for to-night's performance will be good on Monday night next.

Leo Ditrichstein will present "The Matinee Hero" at the Tremont Theatre, Boston, for an engagement of three weeks commencing Monday, September 16, and on Monday, October 7 will begin his New York season in this play at the Vanderbilt Theatre.

John Cort's second production, "Gloriana," with Eleanor Painter in the leading role, opens at the Apollo Theatre, Atlantic City, on September 12.

"The Canary" will be the title of the new musical comedy in which Charles Dillingham will present Julia Sanderson and Joseph Cawthorn. In the play a famous diamond is named "The Canary" on account of its coloring.

Winchell Smith and John L. Golden left town last evening for the Adirondacks, where they will take a brief holiday between the successful launching of "Lightnin'" at the Gaiety and the coming rehearsals of their new piece, "The Wise Men."

# NEWPORT MINSTREL SHOW HELPS TARS

## Red Cross Will Share in Proceeds of Theatricals of Navy Men.

## PATRONESSES ARE NAMED

### Many Make Plans for Late Season—Mrs. Clews Luncheon Hostess.

*Special Despatch to THE SUN.*

NEWPORT, Sept. 3.—The proceeds of the minstrels which the men of the naval training station are giving at the station and which will be presented in one of the Newport theatres next week will be divided between the Red Cross and the British and Foreign Sailors Society of England, a society which is doing much for the American sailors abroad.

It was announced to-day the patronesses for the Newport performances would be Mrs. R. Livingston Beeckman, Mrs. Edward H. Campbell, Mrs. William S. Sims, Mrs. French Vanderbilt, Mrs. Joseph W. Oman, Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, Mrs. Henry Barton Jacobs, Mrs. W. Storrs Wells, Mrs. Arthur Curtiss James, Mrs. Stanley Mortimer, Mrs. Hamilton Fish Webster, Mrs. John Nicholas Brown and Mrs. Edward J. Berwind.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard V. Mattison are to return to Ambler, Pa., closing their Newport season on September 27.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Rollins Morse will return here September 15.

Mrs. Dumont Brown and family of New York are to spend the late season here.

Major and Mrs. Turnstall Taylor after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. Suffern Tailer have returned to Washington.

Mrs. Henry Clews was a luncheon hostess to-day.

Mrs. Whitney Warren gave a children's party at her summer home this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Potter Kling have returned to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. William Payne Thompson are returning to New York next week.

Edward Tuck French, a patient at the Newport Hospital, may have to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

The final meeting of the season of the Kiddies Red Cross Club at Cant Reach was held this afternoon.

## OFFICERS VISIT MOUNTAINS.

### Army and Navy Well Represented at Bretton Woods.

*Special Despatch to THE SUN.*

BRETTON WOODS, Sept. 3.—Many officers are in the White Mountains now on furloughs. Capt. P. H. Keeney, U. S. A., of Chicago, is at the Mount Washington Hotel at Bretton Woods. E. A. Darling of New York motored to Bretton Woods on Labor Day with a party of friends. Mr. and Mrs. William A. Graham and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McCarmack of New York, who are spending some time at the Lake Tarleton Club, motored to Bretton Woods for luncheon.

Miss Erna Cavelle collected money for devastated France at her recital at the Mount Pleasant House on Sunday, in which her sister, Mrs. F. L. Austen, assisted her. There was the largest audience of the season.

A. M. Chapman of New York motored to Bretton Woods to join Mrs. Chapman. Mrs. E. C. Bliss of New York is visiting her sister, Mrs. Moses Hopkins, at her Profile cottage. Blaine Ewing, John and Irwin Cornell of New York have joined their families at Profile.

## HOT SPRINGS TRAPS ATTRACT.

### Sport Engages Attention of Guests at Virginia Resort.

*Special Despatch to THE SUN.*

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Sept. 3.—The Homestead traps have been put in condition and this sport is attracting the attention of visitors here. Frank Akers, Eugene Galban, I. C. Kunkel, Jr., and Henry Pole and the Misses Sallie and Lemoine Dunlop are season's early enthusiasts.

Mrs. Paul B. Leeds of New York and Mrs. William Preston Johnston of New Orleans entertained at a large afternoon tea at the Casino here to-day in honor of Miss Mary Custis Lee. Mrs. H. W. Ford entertained at two tables of bridge on the Casino veranda.

Mrs. Edgar Bright was the guest of Miss Alice Scarborough at a luncheon at the Homestead to-day.

Miss Judith Pole, whose engagement to Newton Wylie has been announced, was the recipient of a surprise shower at the home of Miss Helen Norris.

## NEW GRANDSON FOR McCALL.

### Massachusetts Governor Is Grandfather for Eighth Time.

*Special Despatch to THE SUN.*

BOSTON, Sept. 3.—Miss Joan Buckminster, daughter of Lieut. and Mrs. W. R. Buckminster of Malden was married, Monday, to Lieut. Stephen Martindale, Jr., of Lacrosse, Mich. The ceremony was performed in St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Marblehead.

Miss Muriel Rogers Cobb, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harding Cobb of Braintree, was married to Louis Sidney Poulson of Exmore, Va., Monday at the home of the bride's parents.

Governor McCall became a grandfather for the eighth time when a son was born yesterday at Winchester to Lieut. and Mrs. Alfred M. Chappell, Jr. Mrs. Chappell was formerly Miss Ruth McCall, youngest daughter of the Governor. The baby will be named Samuel McCall Chappell.

## PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY.

### Miss Gladys B. Livingston to Be a Bride To-day.

*Special Despatch to THE SUN.*

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 3.—Mrs. Lewis Edward Gleeck has returned to 118 West Sixty-ninth street, New York city, after a month's stay at Pemberton, N. J., with Capt. Gleeck.

Mrs. Henry C. Earnshaw, who is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tatnall of Bryn Mawr, returned Sunday evening from a visit to Narragansett Pier.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price Maule and Miss Jane P. P. Maule have left College Inn, Bryn Mawr, and are staying at Bay Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mitchell announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Edna Marie Fox, to William F. Denney, U. S. N. R. F., August 24.

The wedding of Miss Gladys Blossom Livingston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Livingston of this city, to Joseph M. Sonneborn of New York will be solemnized to-morrow at the Bellevue-Stratford.

**Cardinal Farley Improves Fast.**

Reports from the summer home of Cardinal Farley yesterday said that the prelate was improving rapidly and that he was able to sit up during the day.

## NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD

Mrs. George Fales Baker arrived at the St. Regis from Old Oaks, her country place in Rosemont, Pa. She will leave for the Adirondacks this week.

After a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Berwind in Newport Miss Anita Strawbridge has returned to Bryn Mawr, Pa.

The marriage of Miss Marie Frieda Spiegelberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Newton Spiegelberg, to Lieut. Alan Harcourt Black of the Canadian Field Artillery will take place on the afternoon of September 21 at Miramont Court, the country home of her parents in Briarcliff Manor. Lieut. Black is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Black of Montreal. He was severely wounded in battle and is one of four brothers to enter the service.

Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly and Miss Twombly will return to Florham, their country place in Convent, N. J., next week.

Geraldyn Redmond after passing a few days at the St. Regis returned yesterday by motor to Callendar House in Tivoli-on-Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnet R. Ruggles have leased the estate of Mrs. Charles W. Fisk in Lawrence, L. I.

Mrs. David Wagstaff has returned to Tuxedo Park after a visit with Mrs. Forsyth Wickes in Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtlandt E. Taylor will return to New York this week from Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden M. Robbins, who have been in Bar Harbor for part of the summer, are visiting Thatcher M. Adams at Sundrum House, in Lenox.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick O. Beach have returned to Westbury, L. I., from Dark Harbor, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dalrymple Percival have returned to Port Washington, L. I., after a motor trip to the White Mountains.

In St. Andrew's Memorial Church, Yonkers, on Saturday afternoon Miss Katherine Louise Baum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Baum, will be married to Major William H. Draper, Jr. A reception will follow at the home of the bride's parents in Warburton avenue.

Capt. A. W. Church, U. S. A., and Mrs. Church have come from Washington, D. C., to the Chatham.

Lieut. Poyten Leuas of the British Land Service is passing a few days in New York and to-morrow will go to Lake Awassa, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon King have returned to Oakwood Terrace, Newport, after passing a few days here.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cooper Bryce have arrived from southern California, where they passed the summer, and are at the Ritz-Carlton. Adj.-Gen. and Mrs. Sherrill, who have been visiting friends at Easthampton, L. I., are also there.

## CONCERT HELPS RED CROSS.

### Harold Lamb, Barytone, Sings at Stockbridge Benefit.

*Special Despatch to THE SUN.*

LENOX, Mass., Sept. 3.—Thatcher M. Adams gave a luncheon to-day for Mr. and Mrs. Arden Morris Robbins. Mrs. Newbold Morris gave a luncheon for the Misses Anna R. and Caroline Leroy Webb.

Mrs. Frederic S. Coolidge has issued 500 invitations for a Chamber music festival at South Mountain, Pittsfield, beginning September 16.

Harold Lamb, barytone of St. Thomas's Church, New York, a guest of J. D. Taylor at Heaton Hall, Stockbridge, sang at a concert at the hall last night for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Miss Emily Tuckerman and Miss Grace Arnold have returned to Stockbridge from Woodstock, Vt.

Mrs. Charles H. Isham and Mrs. N. E. Norment have left Hotel Aspinwall for Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Meyer returned to New York from Curtis Hotel.

Miss Alice Hall of Easthampton, L. I., is visiting Miss Beatrice Clarke at Fernbrooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Choate, Jr., left Murray Bay in the Thousand Islands to-day for Stockbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick O. H. Otis and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wright of New York are at Heaton Hall, Stockbridge.

## MORRIS RECEIVED BY WILSON.

### U. S. Envoy to Sweden Plans Visit to Chicago.

*Special Despatch to THE SUN.*

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—President Wilson received the United States Minister to Sweden, Ira Nelson Morris, at the White House this afternoon. At the end of the week Mr. Morris will go to Chicago and Mrs. Morris will go north to place two of her children in school near Boston. This evening the minister and Mrs. Morris, accompanied by the Secretary of the Swedish Legation, Baron Knut Bonde, dined at the Club De Vingt.

Mme. Bonillas, wife of the Mexican Ambassador and her daughters returned to the Embassy last evening from Massachusetts.

Sir Richard Crawford, Minister and Commercial Commissioner from Great Britain, entertained at dinner this evening in honor of the members of the British War Mission, headed by Sir Maurice de Bunsen. They were the guests of honor at luncheon to-day of Thomas Beaumont Hohler, Second Counselor of the British Embassy, whose guests they are during their stay in Washington.

## HERBERT BRENON IN PERIL.

### Plunges Into Water to Try to Save Two Players.

*Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.*

LONDON, Sept. 3.—Herbert Brenon, an American motion picture producer, witnessed an almost fatal reality in a film suicide he was directing to-day. The picture was being taken on the banks of the River Dee, near Chester. Renee Mayer, a popular actress, was playing the heroine, and in the suicide act she had to jump from a high bridge into the water.

Apparently the dive was too much for Miss Mayer, as she came to the surface in a dazed condition. Her film lover, to rescue her according to the plot, followed her into the water. When he reached the actress she was unconscious.

Brenon then saw the film scene had become a reality, and to save his drowning artists plunged into the water himself. He also was soon in distress, and all three might have drowned had not a nearby boatman come to their rescue.

## WHITE SULPHUR ACTIVITIES.

### Mrs. Nelson Hostess at Luncheon for Ten Guests.

*Special Despatch to THE SUN.*

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Sept. 3.—Mrs. William Rockhill Nelson, was hostess at a luncheon in the Greenbrier to-day for ten guests.

Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins gave a dinner at the Pines last evening to Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Replogle of New York and Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burrill of New York had several guests at Elmhurst Farm yesterday for dinner. A. F. Glover of New York is at the Greenbrier.

Mrs. Charles Welling Rand and Miss Lillian Rand, who have been in Japan for some time, will pass the autumn at the Greenbrier. Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Roberts are coming for their usual sojourn.

# 'FIDDLERS THREE' IS A MELODIOUS PIECE

## It Has Romantic Spirit, but Native Humor Is Not Excluded.

## STIRRING DANCES ALSO

### Operetta of Old Fashioned Kind Is Sung by Admirable Company.

**"Fiddlers Three"—At the Cort Theatre.**

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| Gilda Varelli | Louise Groody |
| Carlo Andresani | Henri Leoni |
| Reginald Denby, Lord Duffer | Echlin Gayer |
| Sam Wigglesberry | Hal Shelly |
| Rosa | Betty Dotsworth |
| Nicolo Colona | Thomas Conkey |
| Giuseppe | Joseph Miller |
| Suzanne Foppitt | Josie Intropidi |
| Bernice Brockway | Hazel Kirke |
| Anina Andresani | Tavie Belge |
| Beppo | Antonio Salerno |
| Paganini | Gilbert Clayton |
| Kubelik | Antonio Salerno |
| Giogio | Temps Evans |

John Cort is another manager who has joined in the chase for the genuine comic opera of other years. The hunt has been on for some time. Every year a gallant crusader publicly declares that he has a work with music in which story and score are exquisitely harmonized. There is to be nothing but romance set to music—not jazz music at that, but the kind of music that recalls those palmy days of comic opera that swim before the eyes of the ambitious impresario.

Sometimes these dreams are realized in such a work as Victor Herbert's "Eileen" or in the exquisite score of "The Lilac Domino." But even these little masterpieces find it difficult to establish a permanent place in the sun. Indeed, "The Lilac Domino" closed its career with a loss allowance of syncopation, probably injected at the request of its backers. "Eileen" did not remain in hearing so long as some other works more liberally supplied with the element which the public presumably demands to-day.

**The Review and Comic Opera.**

Even the scores that come from the banks of the Wien, or did come from that source, had to be submitted to a peppering of our most popular native rhythm before they were found sufficiently seasoned for our taste. To many comic opera seems to have disappeared as an art form in music along with some others that may have been more important. The loosely jointed review with its ceaseless syncopation has evidently for the present taken the place of any more rigid structure.

But there were in the past "Robin Hood" and before that "La Fille de Mme. Angot" and "Die Fledermaus." So Mr. Cort's quest has the cordial support of all those lovers of light music who are gifted with taste in this preference. How many theatres would they fill in comparison with the hopeless victims of syncopation?

William Cary Duncan and Alexander Johnstone are responsible for "Fiddlers Three" and they have been liberal in supplying Mr. Cort's demand for all the romance possible. The story of the new operetta passes in Cremona. The manufacture of the famous violins of that town is the inspiration of the tale. Whoever contrives the finest instrument is to have the honor of marrying the queen of the carnival. Of course the right man wins. But is not his violin taken away from him before that fortunate event and given to his rival?

Other elements of romance readily recognizable are in "Fiddlers Three." There is, of course, a public square. It was inevitable, therefore, that there should also be a grand palace. The heroine also sang "Can It Be Love at Last?" which showed the emotional uncertainty so familiar in comic opera.

Undoubtedly Mr. Cort had in "Fiddlers Three" got hold of the romantic spirit. But he was not so uncompromising as to exclude some native humor. So the widow of a Pittsburg pickle manufacturer and a vender of egg beaters from Soapstone, Mass., shared the responsibility of the fun with an English lord engaged in writing a book of his reminiscences.

**Graceful Music From Composer.**

Alexander Johnstone supplied some graceful and melodious music to illustrate Mr. Duncan's inventions, and the heroine's waltz of wonder as to whether or not the gentle passion was stirring her at last, was delivered to the accompaniment of a waltz pretty and very frankly borrowed from a Viennese source.

There were stirring choruses and dances, and the solos of Thomas Conkey were very well sung. Tavie Belge, a singer from Antwerp, has an agreeable and well managed voice which shows training. Louise Groody had the necessary vivacity for a soubrette and gurgled so sympathetically that what she said was occasionally understood. Hal Skelly is an energetic and really entertaining comedian of an original manner.

Josie Intropodi was a comic assistant, and Echler Geyer may have meant his gloom as an indication of British density. Harry Leoni is a veteran of skill. In fact, Mr. Cort had selected an admirable company to dispense the romance of the earlier style of operetta, and if there is a general demand for the old fashioned kind "Fiddlers Three" ought to meet it most acceptably.

## YALE GETS BORUP SOUVENIRS.

### Father of Explorer Leaves Estate of $9,718.

Henry Dana Borup, father of George Borup, who was with Peary on one Arctic expedition, died May 26, 1916, leaving a net estate of $9,718. His daughter, Yvette B. Andrews, receives a life interest in $4,403. Two friends, John Larkin and L. A. Pratt, receive bequests aggregating $2,250 each.

Yale University receives the trust fund at the death of Mrs. Andrews, and many souvenirs of George Borup's Arctic journey, including the Yale sweater with his class numerals which he wore in the far North. The University Club, American Museum of Natural History and several friends receive small bequests.

## KAISERIN IS STILL VERY ILL.

### New Complications Intervene—Royal Engagements Cancelled.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 3.—The German Empress is still very ill, says the Berlin *Vossische Zeitung*. Although some days ago her condition began to improve new complications have supervened and she is still confined to her bed.

There is no immediate danger of a fatal termination to the illness, the newspaper declares, but a serious relapse is feared.

All engagements of the royal family have been cancelled.

# M'ADOO APPROVES RAILWAY CONTRACT

## Rental of Nearly Billion Dollars a Year Entailed in Agreement.

## BIG DEFICIT INDICATED

### Receipts Show That Government Will Operate Lines at Considerable Loss.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The form of contract under which the Government will pay nearly a billion dollars rental every year to railroads under Federal control has been approved finally by Director-General McAdoo and representatives of the leading railroads. It will be offered to the companies for signature within a few days.

Many protests of company representatives, made during long months of discussion of the contract, have been heeded in the final draft, it was announced today, although some roads may yet decline to sign it and resort to further negotiation or possibly to court action. Without a formal contract during the eight months of Federal control the Government has paid 90 per cent. of compensation claims to needy roads and left the balance for adjudication after conclusion of the agreement.

Each of the 170 roads under Federal management will be asked to sign the contract, which will be identical for all except that the specific annual compensation for each will be the average net railway operating income for the three years ended June 30, 1917.

**Commerce Commission Referee.**

As provision against disputes over questions of fact the contract specifies that the Interstate Commerce Commission shall be called on to act as referee. Questions of law involved in disputes between any company and the Director-General may be submitted to a court.

All operating revenues of the railroads are to go to the Government, to be used in paying the compensation. Experience so far this year has demonstrated, however, that these revenues will fall far short of the billion dollar compensation which it is estimated the Government will have to pay.

Property taken over by the Government must be returned in good condition at the end of the Federal control and provision made for depreciation, but the Government is permitted to make additional expenditures to insure safe operation.

If any railroad property is destroyed by fire or other means the Government must replace it, but is not held responsible for destruction by "public enemies." This is taken to mean that if war were carried to this side of the Atlantic and railroads were destroyed it would be the companies' loss.

**War Needs Not Charged.**

The Railroad Administration must notify a company of additions and betterments or road extensions to be made, but if these finally are held to be required by war needs, and not for proper operation of the line, the company will not be called on to stand the expense.

During Federal control the Government is to assume all expenses growing out of settlement of claims arising since the roads were taken over, joint facility and equipment rents and of damage suits against railroads.

Salaries of corporation officers or other corporation or railroad expenses not directly necessary to actual operation must be paid by the companies unless provided otherwise by the Director-General.

Ordinary Federal, State and local taxes will be paid by the Government, but each company must pay special war taxes.

The contract specifically provides that since Government operation is to tide the nation over a war emergency nothing in the contract terms is to be construed as expressing or prejudicing the future policy of the Government concerning ownership, control or regulation of the company.

## ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Costello of 135 Central Park West, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jessie W. Costello, to Beverly A. Norris, son of Mrs. Henry D. Norris of this city.

**New Coastwise Ship Director.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—H. B. Walker, president of the Old Dominion Steamship Line, was placed to-day in charge of all coastwise steamships operated by the Railroad Administration. He will succeed the Railroad Administration's coastwise steamship advisory committee of which L. J. Spence is chairman.

## TOURING BY AUTOMOBILE.

MANCHESTER, Vt., Sept. 3.—Arrivals by automobile at the Equinox Hotel include Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fletcher, Boston (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. C. Fletcher, Boston (National); Vernon C. Brown, New York; Edward C. Hammond, New London (Franklin); Mlle.