SYMPHONY SOCIETY PLAYS BOY'S SUITE

Sabäta's Work, Written at 20, Is Eclectic, but Skilfully Written.

SEIDEL MATINEE SOLOIST

Plays Mendelssohn Concerto With Dashing Grace and Great Brilliancy.

The sixth Thursday matinee of the Symphony Society took place yesterday afternoon in Carnegie Hall. The programme comprised Vittore de Sabata's symphonic suite, the Mendelssohn violin concerto and three Wagner excerpts, namely, the apprentices' dance from "Die Meistersinger," "Good Friday Spell," from "Parsifal," and bacchanals from "Tannhaeuser." The soloist was Toscha Seidel.

Vittore de Sabata is an Italian, whose suite heard yesterday was composed when he was 20 years old. It is naturally, therefore, eclectic in character. It reaches out its right hand toward Wagner and its left toward Debussy.

The four movements are entitled "Morning Awakening," "Mid Leafy Branches," "Idyl" and "Midday." They essay at combinations of realism, as in the imitations of birds in the leafy branches, and idealism as in the fairly successful romancing of the idyl. The work is skilfully made and shows real talent, but in an embryonic state.

Mr. Seidel had a delectable season with Mendelssohns concerto. He skimmed its polished surfaces with the ease and certainty of a swallow, and invaded just as much of its depths as that delicate and beautiful bird would. It was a graceful, dashing, spirited performance, in which finesse of execution alternated with swift and breathless brilliancy.

The orchestra was heard at its best in the lovely Good Friday music.

NEGRO TENOR HEARD.

Roland W. Hayes Gives Recital at Aeolian Hall.

Roland W. Hayes, tenor, gave a song recital in Aeolian Hall last evening. Mr. Hayes is a young colored man who has seriously studied singing and desires to be regarded as an artist of honorable ideals. He was heard last evening in songs by H. T. Burleigh, with the composer at the piano, Rachmaninov, Tschaikowsky and others. He paid tribute to the musical talents of his own race not only in Mr. Burleigh's good songs but in the familiar and stirring "Onaway, awake, beloved," from Coleridge-Taylor's "Hiawatha."

Mr. Hayes has a good voice, which he uses with technical skill except when he wishes to produce a forte in his upper register, in which case last evening he always forced up the medium instead of developing the head quality. His diction was good and his interpretations showed not only intelligence but warmth of feeling.

$650 FOR PEACH TREE VASE.

Sale of Oriental Art of R. E. Moore Totals $70,090 to Date.

The majority of the pieces in yesterday's division of the Rufus E. Moore Oriental art sale at the American Art Association, were decorated porcelains, and one of these, No. 754, a "peach tree bottle" of the Chien-lung period, led the prices, selling for $650 to William Duff. The decoration was in brilliant famille-rose enamels, with a branch of a peach tree, bearing nine ripe peaches.

Tonying & Co. gave $260 for No. 740, a pair of famille-rose ginger jars, and $330 for No. 835, a celadon tripod jar; Henry Symons paid $500 for No. 758, a famille-rose plate; C. T. Loo bought No. 760, a Young Cheng vase, for $350, and No. 762, a tall club shaped vase, for $350; Otto Bernet, agent, paid $510 for No. 761, a Chien-lung decorated jar, and No. 836, a celadon Ming jardiniere, went to M. Nickles for $450.

The total for the session was $11,075.50, making the grand total to date, $70,090. The sale continues to-day.

MARRIED.

GLENN—TIEMANN.—On Wednesday, January 29, at St. Paul's Chapel, by the Rev. George Benson Cox, Ethel Peters, daughter of Ruth and the late Edward L. Tiemann, to Mr. Arthur Lamb Glenn, U. S. N. R. F. No cards.

DIED.

ADRIAN.—On January 30, 1919, Gertrude T. Adrian, beloved wife of Edmund L. Munson and daughter of Joseph M. and Cecelia M. Adrian.
Interment private.

AMES.—Frederick Pratt, in his fifth year, the beloved son of Alfrederick S. and Edna Hartwell Ames of Montclair, N. J.

CONKLIN.—Katherine Aubery, in Brooklyn Hospital, January 30, as the result of an accident, in the seventy-sixth year of her age; widow of Theodore Conklin and beloved mother of Maude Conklin Mostert.
Notice of funeral later.

DAVENPORT.—Albert B., at Danbury, Conn., January 29, 1919, of pneumonia. Funeral at residence of his son, A. Shelton Davenport, 20 Fairview avenue, Danbury, Friday, 31st instant, at 3 P. M.

DOUGLAS.—Edna, on January 29. Services "THE FUNERAL CHURCH," Broadway and Sixty-sixth street (Frank E. Campbell's), Friday, 8 P. M.

ERDMANN.—On January 29, 1919, Charles Robert Erdmann, age 23 years.
Services Stephen Merritt's Harlem Chapel, 304 West 126th street, to-day, Friday afternoon, 2:30.

GAWTRY.—On January 29, 1919, Harrison E. Gawtry, in the seventy-ninth year of his age.
Funeral service at his late residence, 33 East Fifty-seventh street, on Friday morning, January 31, at 10 o'clock. Kindly omit flowers. Interment private.

LAPHAM.—Katherine, 12 years 6 months, on Wednesday, January 29, 1919, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lapham of Westwood, N. J.
Funeral Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

POLHEMUS.—At Newark, N. J., on Wednesday, January 29, 1919, at her home, 36 James street, Newark, Mary W., daughter of the late Rev. Abraham and Eliza B. Polhemus, in her seventy-first year.
Funeral service and interment private. Please omit flowers.

SPENCER.—On Tuesday, January 28, 1919, Annie Abbott Spencer, beloved wife of John S. Spencer.
Funeral service at 200 Clinton avenue, Brooklyn, Friday evening, January 31, 1919, at 8 P. M. Interment Greenwood.

TAKAKI.—Shunso, aged 36, at St. Luke's Hospital, New York city, Wednesday morning, January 29, 1919.
Funeral services will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Fifth avenue and Fifty-third street, on Saturday, February 1, at 2 o'clock. Philadelphia papers please copy.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. Kurt Schindler begs to express to his many friends and acquaintances his appreciation for their many and sincere tokens of sympathy.

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Mrs. Henry Martyn Alexander, 15 East Thirty-sixth street, will give a reception with music this afternoon. The artists will be Louis Wins, violin, and Edouard Gengron of the French army.

The annual dinner and dance of the Virginians will be given this evening at the Plaza. The committee includes Norbone P. Gatling, James N. Dunlop and Ernest R. Early.

Mrs. Robert W. Taft of Cincinnati is at the Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. George Arents, Jr., gave a dinner at the Ritz-Carlton last evening. Among their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lutkins, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donahue.

Dr. and Mrs. Louis F. Bishop, 24 West Fifty-fifth street, took a party of friends last evening to the Central Theatre to see "Somebody's Sweetheart."

Mrs. Charles G. Moller and Miss Ruth Moller have gone to Palm Beach to remain several weeks.

The Princess Lwoff will give a reception for Mme. Helen Romanoff in her home, 109 East Thirty-ninth street, on the evening of February 3.

Mrs. Allen B. Forbes of Greenwich, Conn., has gone to the Court Inn, Camden, S. C., where she will be joined by Mr. Forbes later in the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic E. Lewis and Woodward Lewis will leave for Palm Beach to-morrow.

Mrs. Cyril P. Dugmore who for some years has maintained a country place in Great Neck L. I., recently leased the Schultze estate in Locust Valley.

Hans Sulzer, the Swiss Minister to Washington, and Mme. Sulzer have arrived at the Plaza. Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Robert L. Berry also are there.

WATER BILLS STIR PALM BEACH COLONY

Visiting Property Owners Hold Indignation Meeting.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 30.—Palm Beach had a town meeting this afternoon, at which, under the leadership of Mayor Thomas T. Reese and Samuel Untermyer, indignant property owners who are non-residents declared they were being charged an outrageous price for water. Plans were made to rectify the trouble.

It was brought out at the meeting that Palm Beach real estate is assessed at about $4,000,000, at a low valuation, and that 90 per cent. of it is owned by persons here only a few weeks a year and who do not vote. Most of the town's ninety-three voters, it was said, own nothing.

Sergy Firede, whose household, including servants, consists of not more than eight persons, said his water bill for eight weeks was $500. A. P. Huston of Coatesville, Pa., a cottager, said his bill was $700. Samuel Untermyer, who lives on his houseboat, said his water bill for one servant he had ashore was $140. Others testified to like charges and it was agreed champagne in Palm Beach is easier to get than water.

Others taking part in the meeting included John S. Phipps, H. C. Phipps, Mrs. Charles B. Dillingham, Harlon Kent Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Prime, Mrs. Charles I. Cragin, Mrs. Robert A. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard D. Abl, Dr. J. C. Fahnestock, James King Clarke, Delwin M. Shepley, Edward P. Kennedy, Charles McCullough, Frank H. Clement, Edward Gerard, J. R. Bradley, C. R. Lambert, H. G. Greer, Louis F. Este, Franklin P. Clark, Roger R. Hill, William D. Freeman, J. F. Pierson, Jr., Pierre L. Barbey, Ephraim I. Baker, Charles S. Brackett, Mrs. Ashton Henry and Francis H. Glidden.

MIAMI LINKS CROWDED.

Many Winter Visitors Among Golf Players on Beach Course.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 30.—The golf course at Miami Beach was crowded with visiting players this afternoon. Lieut.-Col. Hiram Bingham and his brother, Alfred Bingham of Washington, paired with G. H. H. Goodrich of South Norwalk and Richard Howe of New York. Others playing were William B. Bavier of New Rochelle, R. N. Bullen, Mrs. N. B. Whitcomb, Milton Samuels, C. F. Bedell and C. E. Gorham of New York; Mrs. E. K. Mesick, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Dennis and H. A. Polhemus of Jersey City, and H. L. Willson of Kew Gardens.

Commodore Arnold Schantz of Detroit arrived to-day aboard his yacht Silver Heels II.

Mrs. Henry P. Churchill, who is at the Halcyon, gave a tea this afternoon for Mrs. C. A. Ward. The guests included Mrs. C. Vanhamm, Mrs. W. G. Crawford, Mrs. T. H. Meredith, Miss Rebecca Vanhamm and Mrs. Henry Watterson of Louisville.

Arrivals at the Urmey from New York to-day were Mrs. Herbert Conover, Miss Carolyn Mount, Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Arnold and James D. Truman.

JAMES L. BREESE TO MARRY.

Wealthy Widower Obtains License to Wed Miss Mormand.

James Lawrence Breese, 64, millionaire, who in his younger days was a devotee of automobile racing, obtained a license yesterday in this city to marry Miss Grace Lucille Mormand, 23, of 226 West Seventieth street. Mr. Breese's wife, who was the only daughter of Gen. Robert B. Potter, died two years ago. He met Miss Mormand at the time of her debut, Mrs. Mormand said last night.

The date for the wedding has not been set, and Mr. Breese intends to keep the details of the ceremony from the public. Mr. Breese lives at 1 West Sixty-seventh street. He has won considerable reputation through his interest in photography. He was nearly killed in a motor race against William K. Vanderbilt in Cuba several years ago.

SIR ARTHUR PEARSON DINED.

Farewell Dinner for Noted Worker for Blinded Soldiers.

Sir Arthur Pearson, who has spent some time here assisting the reeducation of the American soldiers blinded in the war, was the guest last night at a farewell dinner given in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel by Dr. Schuyler Skaats Wheeler of 755 Park avenue. Pleased at the progress being made here in caring for the blinded soldiers, Sir Arthur sails for England within a few days. In the last year Dr. Wheeler visited France and England in connection with establishing his system of electrical work for the blind and cooperated with Sir Arthur Pearson while in England.

Sir Arthur, in a brief talk, described the work being done at St. Dunstan's, in London. Most of the graduates of that institution were making better salaries now than before they were blinded, he said. Blinded Americans were getting excellent care and training along the same lines as used at St. Dunstan's. He particularly congratulated Dr. Wheeler on his successful work. Dr. Wheeler has eighty blinded soldiers working in his electrical manufacturing plant at Ampere, N. J.

Dr. Pupin, Dr. Cutler, Mr. Satterlee and Campbell Scott also made informal talks.

Among those who attended the dinner were Herbert L. Satterlee, Vernon C. Brown, Prof. Michael I. Pupin, Frank A. Munsey, Campbell Scott, Robert Bridges, Edward M. Colie, Dr. Colman W. Cutler, Edward M. Van Cleve, John Larkin, Dr. William Tod Helmuth, V. E. Scott, Major Wells P. Eagleton, Dr. F. K. Paterson and Haley Fiske.

'BUTTERFLY' SUNG AT METROPOLITAN

Claudio Muzio in Principal Role Owing to Illness of Miss Farrar.

LAZARO AS PINKERTON

"Samson et Dalila" Heard in Evening, With Caruso and Matzenauer in Roles.

Two performances were given at the Metropolitan Opera House yesterday. In the afternoon there was an extra matinee of the perennial "Madama Butterfly" and in the evening "Samson et Dalila" was presented. Miss Farrar was still indisposed and *Cio-Cio-San* fell to the lot of Claudio Muzio. She was at any rate a large butterfly. Her impersonation was filled with good intentions, but it suggested not even a shadowy outline of the touching little Japanese girl.

Vocally its chief asset was a plentiful employment of white voice, designed of course to represent the child; but the singer used it also in the second act, when the child had become an agonized woman. Mr. Lazaro seemed to be ill at ease in the music of *Pinkerton*, while Mr. Montesanto merely walked about as *Sharpless*. The best individual impersonation in this new cast was the old one, Miss Fornia's *Suzuki*.

In the evening the performance was one of more distinction. Mme. Matzenauer was the *Dalila*, a role to which her physique and her vocal style are admirably suited. Mr. Caruso was again heard as *Samson* and as usual aroused enthusiasm with his principal numbers. The audience was of good size. The Metropolitan performances of the Saint-Saens opera have assumed a high position in public favor.

"MONNA VANNA" AT LEXINGTON

Mary Garden and John O'Sullivan in the Principal Roles.

Henri Fevier's "Monna Vanna" was given by the Chicago Opera Company at the Lexington Theatre last evening. With Mary Garden in the title role and John O'Sullivan replacing Lucien Muratore as *Prinzivalle* the cast was otherwise the same as when the company presented the opera here last season. Mr. Baklanoff impersonated the *Guido* and Mr. Charlier was the conductor. The audience was large and brilliant.

First heard in New York when Mr. Campanini's visiting forces offered it on February 17, 1914, at the Metropolitan Opera House, "Monna Vanna" is now well known here as a work whose chief strength is drawn from Maeterlinck's stirring text, while the score, though showing skill in workmanship, is unimportant through lack of musical inspiration.

In spite of Mr. Baklanoff's admirable impersonation of the husband, *Guido*, the first act was unmistakably heavy in interest last night, while the second act, with the great scene between *Monna Vanna* and *Prinzivalle* in the latter's tent at night, served to again display Miss Garden's matchless art as a singing actress and to bring at its close tremendous applause for herself and Mr. O'Sullivan.

HUNTINGTON GIVES DINNER.

Members of Hobby Club Entertained in 57th Street Home.

Henry E. Huntington entertained members of the Hobby Club at a dinner in his home, 2 East Fifty-seventh street, last night. Among the guests were Theodore N. Vail, Beverley Chew, Granville Wagstaff, David Wagstaff, John G. Milburn, Darwin P. Kingsley, John C. Tomlinson, William M. Schnitzer, Charles A. Munn, Henry Van Duzer, Prof. William P. Trent, R. T. Haines Halsey, Phoenix Ingraham, Dr. Bashford Dean, George C. Kunz, J. C. Tomlinson, Jr., Prof. E. R. A. Seligman, George A. Plimpton and Prof. David Eugene Smith.

The guests viewed the latest acquisitions to Mr. Huntington's famous private library.

WEDS COUNTESS IN PARIS.

Capt. W. M. Allen Marries Daughter of Late Ambassador.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 30.—The marriage of Capt. Winthrop M. Allen of Pittsburg, serving with the Sixtieth Coast Artillery in France, and Countess May Borel, daughter of the late Maurice Borel, French Ambassador to Russia, was announced in a cablegram received here today by his father, William H. Allen, a capitalist.

After the ceremony, which took place January 17 in the home of the bride's mother, Mme. Borel, in Paris, American Ambassador and Mrs. Sharp gave a dance in their honor, which was attended by the staff officers from Gen. Pershing's headquarters at Chaumont, the cablegram said.

NEW YORKERS AT SPRINGS.

Several More Join Winter Colony at White Sulphur.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Jan. 30.—Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Lancashire, with their daughter, Miss Lancashire, arrived at the Greenbrier today from New York. Arthur J. Morris and W. P. Carson are here from New York to play golf.

Mrs. William Schall, her brother, A. H. Ashmore, and Isaac Townsend of New York started to-day for California for a two months visit.

Lieut. Harold F. Gibson and his sister, Miss Gertrude Gibson, have returned to Brooklyn.

COHN—HOFFMAN.

New York Girl Becomes Bride of Rochester Man.

Miss Terese Blanche Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Hoffman, 320 West 138th street, was married to Herman Michael Cohn of Rochester yesterday afternoon at the Ritz-Carlton. The Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman performed the ceremony. On account of the recent death of the bride's uncle, Lieut. Sidney L. Spiegelberg, only a small number of relatives was present.

The bride wore a gown of soft white satin trimmed with duchess lace and a veil of old lace which had been in the family for many years. Miss Ruth Cohn, sister of the bridegroom, was the bride's only attendant. She wore a costume of peach colored satin and chiffon. J. Howard Hoffman, brother of the bride, acted as best man.

JOHNSON—BAMFORD.

Miss Grace H. Bamford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bamford of Paterson, was married last evening to Charles Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Johnson, in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Paterson, by the Rev. Samuel A. Weikert.

Attending the bride were the Misses Ruth Zeliff, Alice Johnson and Alice Schultze. Joseph Bamford was best man and the ushers were John F. Maher, George L. Payne, Dr. Cyrus Zeliff and Walter S. Newton. A reception was held in the Bamford home.

NOVELLI, FAMOUS ACTOR, DIES AT 68

Former Comedian Won Distinction as Tragedian in Shakespearean Roles.

HE TOURED U. S. IN 1907

Hailed by American Critics as Successor to Tomaso Salvini.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Ermeti Novelli, famous Italian tragedian, comedian and manager, who toured the United States in 1907 and 1908, is dead. He was in his sixty-ninth year, and since 1900 has been the manager of theatres in Rome.

American critics view the art of Ermeti Novelli, whose repertoire ranged all the way from plays of the type of "Charley's Aunt" to *Othello*, *Shylock* and other favorite Shakespearean roles, and pronounced him the successor of Tomaso Salvini. Novelle enjoyed this characterization, for it was from Salvini and Morelli, he said, that he drew his greatest inspiration.

Even the Birthplace of Novelli is shrouded in mystery, but he is most frequently spoken of as having been the son of an actor father and born in Lucques. His father studied for the priesthood, but withdrew and became an actor, apparently without much success, for it appears that when Novelli accepted his first parts at the age of 15 the money went to the father, who then had descended to the role of prompter. His real debut is sometimes said to have been made in an insignificant role in an obscure Italian town when he was only 8 years of age.

Had Unusually Long Nose.

It was not until he was 25—the intervening years were filled with study and drudgery—that Novelli's name began to assume any prominence on the Italian stage. Then he was known as the actor with the strikingly long nose—a nose of such unusual size that it was remarked upon wherever he went. At 25 Novelli was playing in the larger Italian cities.

It was as a comedian that he first achieved distinction, and his success along this line was so decisive that he had great effort in persuading any of the Italian managers to let him try the more serious roles.

By 1886 Novelli had assumed rank among the best Italian players and his tours extended into Spain, South America, Austria, Egypt, Germany and Russia. He was the raging success of Europe by 1898 when he appeared in Paris, and added another notable conquest to the long series that had preceded that event. In most of the countries in which he played he appeared before the royalty, and frequently he was received at court.

Novelli was his own best press agent. When Rome declined to take him seriously he procured a lion of ancient vintage and posted the beast outside the door of his home. He instructed the postman to deliver letters to the toothless lion, but the postman fled. Novelli took his lion to the post office and through the streets. He became a public character. The police intervened, then Rome flocked to see the queer man act.

His "Casa Goldoni" Fails.

His first great success as a tragedian was in "Louis XI," and then in "Hamlet," "Othello" and "The Merchant of Venice." He longed to establish in Rome a theatre which would be the counterpart of the Theatre Francais. He christened his Roman house the Casa Goldoni. He opened his theatre with a revival of classic comedies, and then tried tragedies and modern plays. The public did not support him, for apparently they wanted Novelli as a comedian. The theatre failed.

On his American tour Novelli played many roles, among them *King Lear*, *Shylock*, *Othello* and *Louis XI*. He also played "La Morte Civile." He said he considered his appearances in this country the crowning feature of his career.

MAJOR-GEN. SIR SAM STEELE.

LONDON, Jan. 30 (via Montreal).—Major-Gen. Sir Sam Steele of the permanent staff of the Canadian army died at Putney to-day. He had been ill for about two months, but the end was rather sudden. He was born in Penbrook, Canada, in 1849.

Gen. Sir Sam Steele was well known as a leader of the Northwest Mounted Police, and took a prominent part in crushing Indian revolts in northwestern Canada in 1885. He served in northern Canada and the Yukon until the Boer war, in which he was commander of Lord Strathcona's Corps. He was in South Africa from 1899 to 1906. In 1914 he was Inspector-General of the forces in western Canada, and in 1915 organized, commanded and trained the Second Canadian Division. In July of that year he was appointed commander of the Southeastern Military Division area of England.

LEO HEALEY.

Leo Healey, 23, statistician of the Globe and Rutgers Fire Insurance Company, died yesterday afternoon in St. Lawrence Hospital. His wife, Edna Healey, was buried last Monday from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadway and 207th street. They were taken ill two days apart and both developed pneumonia. Mr. Healey, son of Edward J. Healey of the old Ninth ward, was born and reared in Greenwich Village. He lived at 686 Academy street, Inwood. A seven-months-old baby who has been ill with influenza is recovering.

JAMES McANINEY.

James McAniney, the oldest deputy United States Marshal in the Southern District of New York, died of pneumonia Tuesday in his home, 360 West Twenty-fifth street. He lived all his life in the old Sixteenth ward. For twenty years he was a policeman. He was 70 years old.

CAPT. H. D. TOPPING.

Nathan B. Topping of North Plainfield, N. J., received word yesterday that his son, Capt. Harper D. Topping, aged 34, formerly connected with the Rockefeller Foundation but since early in 1917 with the Red Cross Commission for Relief in Rumania, died January 7 at Blois, France.

He was assigned to an area containing 50,000 destitute men, women and children, for which he supervised the distribution of supplies. He was decorated by Queen Marie of Rumania. Capt. Topping was born in Allegheny, Pa., but spent the greater part of his life in New York. His wife, who was engaged in Red Cross work abroad, was with him when he died. The body was taken to Paris by a military escort and buried in Pere Lachaise Cemetery.

JOSEPH EUGENE OWENS.

Joseph Eugene Owens, legal adviser for many years to Bishop McDonnell of Brooklyn, died Wednesday in his home, 314 Garfield place, Brooklyn, in his fifty-ninth year. He was a graduate of Manhattan College and the Columbia Law School. He was a member of the law firm of Owens, Gray & Tomlin, 32 Court street, Brooklyn. Mr. Owens was the chairman of Local Draft Board No. 48 and was a member of the Montauk, Brooklyn, Hamilton, Cathedral and Catholic clubs. He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

DR. FRANZ MEHRING.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30.—Dr. Franz Mehring, independent Socialist member of the Prussian Diet, is dead. Advices received here say that death was due to pneumonia.

Dr. Mehring in 1917 was elected to the seat of Dr. Karl Liebknecht in the lower house of the Prussian Diet, after the imprisonment of Liebknecht on a charge of treason. Like Liebknecht, Dr. Mehring was opposed to the war, and at one time incurred the displeasure of the authorities and was placed under "preventive arrest."

In the Diet in January of last year Dr. Mehring made a sneering rejoinder to a speech of the Prussian Finance Minister with regard to a big army coming from the United States to aid the Allies, which the Minister said "can neither swim nor fly," and that it would not come.

"If Canada," said Mehring, "with less than nine million inhabitants has been able to throw a quarter of a million soldiers into Europe who were not able to fly or swim, what grounds has the Minister for denying to the United States, with one hundred and ten million inhabitants, any military capacity?"

Rear Admiral Chadwick Buried.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Jan. 30.—Rear Admiral French Ensor Chadwick, United States Navy, retired, who died in New York Monday morning, was buried in Morgantown this afternoon. The services were simple. The Rev. Dr. Edgar A. Lowther, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this city, conducted the rites. Schoolmates of Admiral Chadwick in the old Monongahela Academy were honorary pallbearers, while the casket was borne by six members of the West Virginia Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa society, of which Admiral Chadwick was a member.

Y. M. C. A. WOMEN AIDS STILL NEEDED

Work Overseas Demands New Workers.

Although the spectacular feature of overseas war work is gone, there will be for some time to come urgent need for women Y. M. C. A. workers in the war zone, Mrs. Harold Irving Pratt, chairman of the women's Y. M. C. A. work in the metropolitan district said yesterday at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Vincent Astor, 840 Fifth avenue.

Other speakers, including Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Mrs. Astor and Mrs. F. Louis Slade urged no slackening in the overseas work.

Among the more than 500 women from Y. M. C. A. huts in the city and at Pelham Bay, Fort Schuyler, New Rochelle, Fort Jay and Governors Island present were Miss Christine Biddle, Mrs. James M. Beck, Mrs. Jay Gould, Mrs. Amos Pinchot, Mrs. Payne Whitney, Miss Joan Whitney, Mrs. Frank Webb, Mrs. Ernest Iselin, Mrs. Courtlandt Field Bishop, Mrs. John Sherman Hoyt, Mrs. Marshall Field 3d, Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, Mrs. F. Meredith Blagden, Mrs. Hiram Bloomingdale, Mrs. Lewis Felissell, Mrs. Howard Whitney.

Miss Marion Hollins, Miss Muriel Colgate, Mrs. Grafton Pyne, Mrs. George Orvis, Mrs. Richard L. Morris, Miss Louise Scott, Miss Gertrude Pardee, Miss Louise Dickson, Mrs. Samuel Reber, Mrs. Ellwood Hendrick, Mrs. Samuel Auchincloss, Mrs. John Sloane, Miss Lelia Burden, Miss Symphorosa Bristed, Mrs. Courtlandt Nicoll, Mrs. Irving Brokaw, Mrs. Joseph Burden and Mrs. Pierre Jay.

VOLUNTEER HOSPITAL GROWS.

$175,000 Addition Being Built to Useful Institution.

Four stories and a solarium, which will cost $175,000, are being added to the building at Beekman and Water streets occupied by the Volunteer Hospital. This extension of its facilities is in line with the original plans for the institution, which had to be temporarily abandoned on account of war conditions. Last year the hospital, which serves the public of its district gratuitously, gave 38,000 treatments to 14,000 cases and its three ambulances answered 4,000 calls.

The new board of directors of the hospital, headed by Gen. Ballington Booth, includes Louis A. Aines, Francis D. Bartow, the Rev. Alden L. Bennett, Walter J. Crafts, James Rae Clarke, H. D. Furniss, F. J. Frost, H. T. Johansen, G. P. Kennedy, J. J. Keppel, J. W. Merrill, L. J. Robertson, G. H. Saylor and W. S. Timmis.

The social service committee includes Mrs. John Magee, chairman; Mesdames H. W. Sage, Robert Van Wyck, F. M. Davies, F. C. Bishop, H. C. Cushing, W. K. Dick, J. R. Drexel, A. E. Ellis, O. H. Hammond, Herbert Harriman, Goodhue Livingston, N. B. Potter, C. H. Sabin, E. V. R. Thayer, Frederic Watriss, W. F. Whitehouse, Orme Wilson and H. R. Winthrop and the Misses Emily S. Perkins and Louise E. Sands.

LEE SHUBERT DINES TROOPS.

Entertains 300 Syracuse Men at Three Theatre Shows.

Three hundred soldiers from Syracuse were discharged from the army at Camp Upton yesterday afternoon to find that elaborate plans had been made for their entertainment upon arriving here. When their train arrived at the Pennsylvania Station at 5:30 o'clock they were met by Lee Shubert, a native of Syracuse, and entertained by him at dinner at the Little Club in the Forty-fourth Street Theatre Building. Later the entire 300 were his guests at three theatre parties. Detachments attended the performances of "Little Simplicity" at the Forty-fourth Street Theatre, "The Melting of Molly" at the Broadhurst Theatre and "Sinbad" at the Winter Garden.

After the performances they were taken in charge by a welcoming committee from Syracuse and escorted to the Grand Central Terminal where they took a special train for home at 11 o'clock. On the committee were fifteen young women of Syracuse, who served the soldiers with hot coffee and sandwiches before the train left.

GIVES DINNER FOR GLASS.

House Banking Committee Is Host to New Secretary.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall have as their guest Mrs. W. F. McLallen of Indiana. The Vice-President was among the guests at a dinner this evening given by the Banking and Currency Committee of the House in compliment to Secretary Glass.

Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels motored to Annapolis this afternoon to attend the graduation exercises at the academy to-morrow. They will be the guests of the superintendent of the academy and Mrs. Eberle.

Mrs. Taft, wife of former President Taft, was a luncheon guest to-day of Mrs. John B. Henderson. Other guests included Mrs. Francis E. Warren, Mrs. Thomas F. Bayard, Mrs. W. M. Calder, Mrs. F. H. Gillett and Mrs. H. Wadsworth.

LETTERS TO SMOKES DONORS EXPRESSIVE

These Spontaneous Sentiments From Overseas Troops Gain in Interest.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Party for "Sun" Fund Will Be Given in Pre-Catelan To-night.

When the real historian of "The War" gets into his stride he will consult the files of THE SUN to find in the extracts printed from cards sent back to SUN fund donors many small but valuable notes about the intimate things which happened in the daily life of the A. E. F.

Written without the idea of publication or that they might be read by any one except the person to whom they are addressed, there is a freedom and spontaneity about these cards which will be the historian's valuable data. In them he will find many a pregnant sentence and taken in bulk these cards will reproduce something which otherwise could not be preserved.

Many Letters Received.

Since the censorship was removed in a measure, the conventional card is replaced frequently by a letter which enters fully into conditions prevailing since the armistice. Follows one such letter from Euren, Germany, written by William Alfred White, before the war director of music in the schools of Des Moines, Iowa. He had gone with the American soldiers as song leader to Coblenz, and having witnessed the good that THE SUN Tobacco Fund's gifts did in keeping the boys cheerful, was moved to write what he had seen. In the writing he covered a wider field. The letter was received in New York Monday.

"Here I am, across the river Moselle from Treves, or Trier, on German soil, where the Germans are turning over the 1,500 engines and the 150,000 railroad cars as specified in the armistice terms, and there is a large part of the army here or en route, behind and before us. It seems very strange to see a large German city, well built, apparently prosperous, entirely policed, even to traffic cops, by fine, husky, Young America; but it does your heart good, too.

"With the exception of no bread, flour, sugar, candy, rubber, fats, cheese, butter, &c., the Germans are well off. They are not thin; are well clothed, wearing leather shoes; their shops are full and prosperous and their business is rushing. Clothes are high and so is food, but no higher than it was six months ago in the States. Their theatres, opera companies and motion pictures are running full blast and are so liberally patronized that it is difficult to get a seat.

Little Suffering in Germany.

"When one sees the devastated region of France and the emaciated prisoners whom the Germans have been forced to free and realizes the horribleness of all the German armies of invasion, one wishes that a little of the same could be visited upon the beasts themselves. But they quit before they were sufficiently punished and don't you allow anybody ever to fool you on the cry of the starvation and the suffering of Germany.

"The Germans never knew anything about starvation, they never denied themselves anything and they are not denying themselves anything now. Their industries apparently are as flourishing as ever, especially the wine and beer.

"Regardless of the size of the indemnity the Allies may name, as long as it isn't ever 300 per cent. larger than the real bill should be, Germany can pay. She is conserving all her gold and silver and is using in local trade nothing but filthy, greasy paper money."

Similarly but briefly as befits a postal card, Corporal H. Daniels writes to fund donor John R. Madden (who gave a couple of fine race horses to be sold for the fund), for he says from Welderprum, where his company, H of the 353d Infantry, was stationed at the time of writing:

"You wouldn't know by anything you see here that Germany had been in a war. The fourth squad of the first platoon of this company got your carton of cigarettes, and as we thank you we want to tell you that we are all well and happy and enoying a white winter."

"New Old Glory waves across the Rhine," writes Corporal S. Brunette of Company M, Ninth Infantry, exultantly. "We are comfortable and contented here as long as the smokes keep on coming, and we're rapidly forgetting, like these Germans seem to be forgetting, that there has recently been a war."

On January 10 Bugler Earnest Tate of the 137th Transportation Corps sent a card of thanks back to Rear Admiral Usher, fund donor, saying: "I would like to have a 'josh' with you to attempt to describe the ways of these Germans, if you write to me, A. P. O. 703, I will try."

To-night the friends of the tobacco fund will have the opportunity to help in its efforts to send smokes over to American soldiers on the Rhine and at the same time hear good music, dance to enlivening jazz and appreciate the excellent cabaret entertainment at the Pre-Catelan restaurant in West Thirty-ninth street. For there's where the party is to be held.

William H. Barnes, manager of the Pre-Catelan, has arranged the order of amusements in such a way that the dinner hour and the supper hour will vie with each other as to which it is best to keep. Dinner is to be served from 6:30 to 8, and there will be songs by popular singers and a professional dancer or two in the course of the feasting. At 8:15 promptly the cabaret proper will start, and it will be well along when the supper guests will arrive. In other words, to-night's party will be a continuous performance up to closing time.

There are to be a number of performers who have volunteered to augment the regular cabaret entertainers at this SUN fund party. Michael J. Fitzpatrick of Company H, Forty-seventh Infantry, N. Y. G., is coming to sing his latest success, "The Wild Irish Boy."

A number of valuable and useful gifts to the fund offered through Manager Barnes will be auctioned and the affair promises to produce a good many ducats as well as a lot of fun. Even if you can not stay the whole evening don't forget to look in to the Pre-Catelan some time to-night.

How the Fund Stands To-day.

THE SUN and THE EVENING SUN	$5,000.00
United Cigar Stores boxes	72,097.97
Otherwise acknowledged	312,115.78
New contributions	27.90
Total	$389,241.65
Shipped and paid for... $38,362.94	
Cash balance ... 1,878.71	
Schulte Cigar Stores boxes	36,697.63
Grand total	$425,939.28
New contributions are:	
"S. B."	$1.50
Darkwater Coal Co., Minersville, Pa. (amount deducted from employees' earnings during the first half of January)	12.55
Buck Run Coal Co., Minersville, Pa. (amount deducted from employees earnings during the first half of January	7.90

MANY HELP CHARITY BALL.

Several Buy Boxes for the Use of Wounded Fighters.

Among the recent purchasers of boxes for the annual charity ball for the benefit of the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital, to be held February 7 at the Waldorf-Astoria are Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mrs. Frank Spencer Witherbee, Mrs. James B. Haggin, Mrs. Le Roy W. Baldwin and Dr. Edward L. Partridge. Several persons who are in mourning have purchased boxes which will be given to wounded soldiers and sailors so that they can watch the dancers. Tickets may now be obtained at the principal hotels.

A few boxes remain unsold and may be obtained of Mrs. Henry Gansevoort Sanford, 112 East Sixty-fourth street and of Mrs. George Hillard Benjamin, 20 West Eleventh street.

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