MARJORIE TO BE MI-CAREME GUEST

Battleship Girl Invited to Biltmore Festival This Afternoon.

CONTRIBUTION COMES FROM FAR HAWAII

Mississippi Mammy Gathers Her Ten Children About Her and Talks Preparedness.

Marjorie Sterrett is to be at the Mi-Carême Festival at the Biltmore this afternoon. The committee in charge of the fête, whose patronesses include some of New York's leading women, yesterday sent the thirteen-year-old girl whose dime started the battleship fund the following invitation:

"The committee of the Mi-Carême Festival for the relief of the war sufferers of France, Belgium and Poland, to be held at the Biltmore on Monday afternoon, March 27, requests the pleasure of Miss Marjorie Sterrett's company at tea. We would be glad to have her come in uniform or any costume which may please her.

"Very truly yours,
"EDITHEA WHITNEY RUDDEROW."

The battleship girl will have an opportunity to see the instruments of war straight from Europe's battlefields that will be on exhibition. These include helmets, belts and other relics of the men who have died for their countries. They will be of much greater interest to the girl than the fashion show of the latest French models which will also be there.

Committees and Patronesses.

The festival has been organized by a consolidation of four societies working for the relief of France and her Allies; the American Committee for Relief of Babes of Belgium; the Polish Victims' Relief Fund, of which Ignace Paderewski is head; the American Girls' Aid for France, whose president is Miss Gladys Hollingsworth, and the War Clearing House for France and her Allies, of which Joseph H. Choate is honorary president.

Walbridge S. Taft is treasurer of the committee in charge, which is led by William Greenough, chairman. The floor committee consist of Lloyd Warren, Henry Wise Miller, Robert Potter Breese, Frederick Y. Dalziel, Sherman Day, William E. Shepherd, jr., and Clermont Livingston Barnwell.

The patronesses are Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, Mrs. Harry Harkness Flagler, Baroness de Raffenried, Mrs. William Greenough, Mrs. Nicholas Murray Butler, Mrs. Alfred Norris, Mrs. George Jay Gould, Mrs. Junius Spencer Morgan, Mrs. James Trowbridge, Mrs. Seth Low, Mrs. Horace E. Andrews, Mme. Ignace Paderewski, Mrs. Donald McLean, Mrs. W. T. P. Hollingsworth, Mrs. James O'Conner, Mrs. James Ripley Bartholomew, Mrs. Robert Bacon and Mrs. Milton Gardner.

Two receptions will be given. The first, this afternoon, will consist of bridge and dancing, besides the exhibition of war relics and the fashion show, and the second, this evening, will include a masquerade of nations, pageant of famous stars, the selection of the beauty queen by a board of judges and the coronation of the queen and the king. Flower booths under the care of Mrs. Henry Snowden Bowron will add color to decorations.

Finally, Marjorie will be there to lend her patriotic self to charity and perhaps to enlist recruits to the long list of contributors to her Battleship Fund.

Sends Pickaninnies' Dimes.

Among the most interesting letters received lately was that of Frances Dana Russell from Argyle Plantation, in Lambert, Miss. She sent contributions from the family of Lily Ann, who surrounds herself with ten pickaninnies of various sizes and picturesque names. She also quoted Lily Ann's reply to a preparedness question.

"Yas'm, yas'm, I'se believes in being prepairahed," said the old dark mother as she gathered about her Mary Sally Ann, Rosa Columbine, Ebenezer, Jerry, McKinley, Isaiah, Calvin, Susan Irene, Boots and Luke. "I'se mos' sure does believe in hein' prepairahed—for mos' anything. Tha's why I'se done got all these heah chillens to tote wood, pick cotton and feed all ouwah hogs."

Another quite worthy letter came from a little American girl far away in Puunene, Maui, Hawaii, inclosing 50 cents as contributions from her little sister and herself. The letter read:

"My Dear Marjorie: I am only five years old and my sister is three years old. My Auntie Ella sent me the papers all about your big warship America. I hope it will not be long before it will be started to be built.

"I am sending you 50 cents to add to your fund from my sister and myself and my three brothers that God is going to send us.

"Some day I hope to see the America in Hawaiian waters and hope you will come with it, too.

"With Aloha mui, your friend,
"ANNA E. LOUGHER."

"My sister's name is Pasty."

Yesterday's Contributions.

Luther Martin	.10	Blanche Fauquet	.10
Dunbar Leavitt	.10	Averill Moore	.10
C. H. Riggs	.10	Betty Moore	.10
Mrs. C. H. Riggs	.10	Alice Moore	.10
Bertha Riggs (deceased)	.10	Sayles Moore	.10
Mrs. Jessie Van Wagtmer (deceased)	.10	Elizabeth A. Vorslack	.10
Paul Van Wagtmer	.10	Mary E. Spaight	.10
Phoebe Van Wagtmer (deceased)	.10	Jack Mabie	.10
Mildred Aitken	.10	Floyd Mabie	.10
Alice Carlton	.10	Carl Mazlowski	.10
Harriet Murphy	.10	Edmund Wyke	.10
E. L. Williams	.10	Margaret Wyke	.10
Blue Blooded Boston Bull Terrier	.10	Ruth Wyke	.10
		Adeline Wyke	.10
		Harriet Wyke	.10

COLLECTED BY T. C. FOGARTY AT TOM'S LUNCH CAR, DOVER, N. J.

E. H. Lunger	.10	F. G. White	.10
G. M. Bowlby	.10	J. Oliver Brown	.10
W. R. Sprague	.10	F. C. Stephens	.10
R. P. Ward, Jr.	.10	Frank Fraser	.10
H. T. Manice	.10	I. W. Hoeling	.10
Mrs. J. Whitsner	.10	Baby Doris Parker	.10
J. A. Mabee	.10	L. Whitsner	.10
W. A. Schiberg	.10		

Total	$5.10
Previously acknowledged	8,469.08
Total to date	$8,474.18

BOOMING THE BATTLESHIP FUND IN FLUSHING.

Photo by Russell Studio.

Marjorie Sterrett, its thirteen-year-old founder; some of her girl lieutenants and Colonel Albert E. Sholes, a Civil War veteran and editor of "The Flushing Daily Times," one of the fund's most enthusiastic supporters. In front is five-year-old Howard T. Bruner, a youthful preparedness advocate, in his Boy Scout uniform.

SEEK TO PROVE FARLEY O. K.'D FARRELL ATTACK

Charities Commissioners Will Grill Priest's Sexton To-day.

Michael H. Riley, sexton of SS. Peter and Paul's Church in Williamsburg and confidential man of Father William B. Farrell, will appear before the Charities Investigating Commission this morning in answer to a subpœna.

Through his testimony the commission will seek to show that pamphlets issued over Father Farrell's name and attacking the investigation had the approval of Cardinal Farley. An effort will be made to make Riley admit that he carried proofs of the pamphlets to the Cardinal for his O. K.

In answer to Commissioner Kingsbury's latest charges, Father Farrell issued yesterday the following statement:

"The frenzied accusations and threats hurled at myself, my people and others by Commissioner Kingsbury, at the Hotel Plaza women's meeting Saturday afternoon, were characteristic.

"The Commissioner's loud complaint that I have sought assistance in the preparation of my pamphlets comes with peculiar grace from a man who is entirely dependent upon his deputies, secretaries, clerks and investigators without number for everything he says.

"I regret that in Mr. Kingsbury's fulminations he should have so wantonly and maliciously attacked my friend, Dr. D. C. Potter, who, I am glad to say, at my request did give me assistance in the verification of certain facts. I can hope that others of my friends who have helped me may not be so outrageously assaulted.

"Of the mountain of facts and information given, sent, telephoned and told to me I have used but a small fraction.

"Those who know me well understand, I think, that I am quite capable of making my own statements and telling my own story.

"I should say that Mr. Kingsbury's loud charge that I sent people to his meeting is entirely untrue. I sent no one."

FIRE RECORD.

A. M.
12:35—Auto. at Broadway and 130th st., McDermott Dairy Co.; trifling.
12:55—2d st. and Bouldin; trifling.
2:00—215 and 217 5th av., New York Turn Verein; unknown.
10:45—675 7th av., J. Hickey; trifling.
11:20—409 W. 52d st., S. Smith; trifling.
P. M.
12:10—45 Beekman st., Union Card and Paper Co.; $10.
12:35—St. Ann's av. and 132d st., New Haven Railroad; trifling.
1:10—71 E. 109th st., Mrs. Goldstein; $1,000.
2:50—1744 1st av., S. Beckman; trifling.
2:50—Auto. at City Island and New Rochelle Roads; B. Arnold; $100.
3:00—City Island Road, near New Rochelle Road, New York Park Department; $10.
3:00—1836 Anthony av., J. Barth; trifling.
5:05—105 W. 46th st., B. Bandessary; trifling.
5:20—231 West 42d av., R. Goldarth; trifling.
6:10—Wagon, at foot of Market Slip, Perkins & Goodwin; trifling.
6:40—795 7th av., C. Bauman; $25.

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The BILTMORE
on Monday, March 27th, 1916
Afternoon at 2 — Night at 10
Exhibition of War Relics, Entertainment, Bridge, Tea, Dancing
Masquerade of Nations, Pageant of Famous Stars, Prizes for Costumes, Coronation King and Queen
Fashion Show by J. M. Gidding & Co.
Tickets $1.00 — Tickets $4.00
Tickets at McBride's, Tyson's and Mezzanine Floor, Biltmore.

ENTER BABOON, EXIT CURATOR

Visitor Opened Bag, Keeper Opened Window—Then Came Fight.

22-FOOT PYTHON FURNISHES FUN

Pays Bronx Zoo Keeper Brief but Stormy Call—Animals Merry Over Spring.

The New York Zoological Park is a jolly place to spend an afternoon when the snow is on the ground and there are few inquisitive humans to pry into the domestic affairs of the inhabitants. The majestic peacocks were roaming around the grounds yesterday and shrieking disdainfully at the captive owls in the corner of the bird house. The badgers, near the entrance of the park, were sleeping, perched with projecting tails in a furry bunch at the top of a tree. Around the corner the seals were having the time of their lives diving into an ice hole, playing tag under water and grinning at each other on the bank like a pair of truant schoolboys.

Further on, the graceful axis deer, the exact replicas of their brothers of the ancient Persian paintings in the Metropolitan Museum, were playing leapfrog over the three tiny youngsters who have joined the tribe during the last month, one of whom had been born the night before. The eagles and their horrible relatives, the condors and buzzards of the desert, seemed the only unhappy creatures in the park. One old bald-headed eagle alone betrayed the slightest interest in a pair of wild geese who were winging their way northward directly overhead; his great wings were half spread for an instant, and then he settled back to melancholy brooding on his lofty perch.

In the Reptile House.

In the reptile house, where Curator Ditmars has his headquarters, the snakes and lizards were sound asleep, knotted together like a collection of fantastic colored neckties. Mr. Ditmars was discovered in his business-like office in a reminiscent mood—which meant that he was as full of strange yarns as Kipling's "Jungle Book."

"This office looks mild enough now," said the curator, leaning back in his chair so that he could see his reptilian friends through the open door. "Some of you writer chaps ought to have been here a week or so ago, when a Spanish sailor wandered in, almost bent double under the weight of a big cloth bag that he carried on his back. He put it down on the very chair you are sitting on, and then, without saying a word, cut the string around the neck. I picked up a paper weight and moved back a little. I have about one sailor a week in here, usually from a South American or Indian voyage, and you never can tell what kind of a joker they are going to spring on you. Preparedness is the best policy around here.

Out Hops Mr. Baboon.

"Well, sir, what do you suppose this one was carting around with him? As soon as the bag was open a long, hairy arm reached out, and the biggest and ugliest baboon I have ever seen hopped right out on the floor. He was mad with being jolted around on the man's back, and so he started right after me. I got one look at his two-inch chisel teeth, opened the window, hopped out backward and started hot-foot for help. I gathered half a dozen keepers and ran back. Jove! what a battle we had with the brute! During the scrap it developed that Mr. Baboon had a lame leg, so when we had him quieted we stuffed him head first back into his bag and presented him to the sailor. The last I saw of him he was hobbling out of the doorway.

"It's a lucky thing," the curator chuckled, "that my room is on the ground floor. That isn't the only time I have had to leave in a hurry. Another sailor lugged in a big tub half full of dirty water not long ago. I thought he had a turtle, so I stuck my hand in without thinking, and was knocked over backward clear across the room, spilling a chair and a table on the way."

The curator stopped. "It's a great life," he said. "Have a smoke; the air is pretty thick in here."

"Never mind that," said his visitor. "What was it this time?"

"An electric eel—and, believe me, it was like grabbing hold of a trolley wire. The thing had a kick like a mule. I sent that sailor away so fast that he nearly spilled his eel on the floor.

Visit from the Python.

"You get used to incidents like that, but I'll never forget the shock I had when the big 22-foot python, which is half as long as this building and as big around as a nail keg, paid me a brief visit. I was bending over the desk, when I heard a rustling noise in the corridors, but I didn't pay any attention to it. Something made me look up, and I found myself within a few feet of his ugly head, which is about the size of a bull terrier's. This time the window happened to be open, and it saved my life. I fell out backward without any conscious effort on my part.

"When I got back with a small army of keepers friend python was coiled around the room, mixed up with all the furniture in the place. His head was in the middle, about half way to the ceiling. We threw a blanket over it and then piled on top. It was a bully fight; the beast contracted his coils and piled every bit of furniture in the room in the centre. His tail swept all the pictures off the wall and broke the electric light globes around the ceiling. A few of us nearly got squeezed to death, but finally we got him in a bag and back where he belonged. Since then we have been pretty certain not to forget to lock the door of his apartment.

Elephants? Not for Him!

"One of the keepers brought his particular pet, a baby elephant, in here once without telling me anything about it, and the beast blew down my neck with his trunk and gave me quite a start. We managed to get him through the door all right, but when it came to turning him around and saying goodby it was a different tale. He got frightened, waved his trunk around like a flail and wouldn't budge. No more elephants for me; they can stay where they belong in the future. But I always keep open house to orang-outangs and chimpanzees if they are properly chaperoned by their keepers. They sit down at the desk, spill over the ink, play with the telephone and act quite like human kids.

"I used to keep a lemur as a pet in here with me, but he got to answering the telephone every time it rang, so I had to put him back in the monkey house."

The curator caught his visitor's grin. "That's gospel truth," he said. "He used to watch me at the 'phone and thought it was something to eat. I wouldn't have minded, but central had some objections, and the lemur had a habit of dropping the 'phone on the floor.

The Dear Little Fruit Bat.

"A pet I grew very fond of was an ugly creature called a 'fruit bat.' He used to hand hand downward from the picture moulding. His body was about the size of a fox, and he had a lovely pair of enormous yellow eyes, exactly like saucers. When he unfurled his leather-like wings, with a spread of three and a half feet, and goggled down at you, he looked more like a demon or a gargoyle than anything else."

Mr. Ditmars sighed unhappily. "But I had to get rid of him, too. I forgot to warn visitors about him, and one day a timid lady walked in and sat down to wait for me. She had hysterics! But he was really a nice little beast and couldn't help his looks.

"All of our animals are in wonderful shape now—which is lucky, because the war has stopped importations for some time to come. We have several newborn axis deer and a litter of bear cubs, which are the exclusive property of their mother, the Russian bear. You don't catch any of the keepers prying into her affairs now. We won't know what they are like or how many she has until the old lady brings them out of the rocks in April."

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PACIFISTS TAKE WILSON'S ADVICE

They "Hire Large Halls" in Big Cities to Oppose Preparedness.

NEW YORK MEETING IN CARNEGIE HALL

Speakers Will Be Heard Here on April 6 and Then Visit Ten Other Cities.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, March 26.—The advice President Wilson gave to the pacifists on his Western tour to "hire large halls" and ventilate their ideas has been taken by the anti-preparedness committee, and Carnegie Hall is one of the large ones where its speakers will hold forth. Acceptance of the President's challenge is announced in a formal statement issued to-night, giving a list of speakers who will take the stump and of dates for mass meetings.

The New York meeting, it is announced, will take place at Carnegie Hall on the evening of April 6. A committee of one hundred, headed by L. Hollingsworth Hood, of 43 Cedar Street, is in charge of the local arrangements. Several of the anti-preparedness members of Congress will be asked to attend the New York meeting to give a big send-off to the touring speakers.

The committee's statement, addressed "to all whom it may concern," is as follows:

"Whereas, President Wilson, speaking recently in St. Louis, challenged those who differ with him as to immediate need for unusual naval and military preparations to "hire large halls" and state their case to the public; and,

"Whereas, The various militarist organizations masquerading as 'defence' societies and falsely claiming that they alone can speak for American patriotism, are deliberately creating a widespread condition of hysteria as to the safety of this country and the danger of foreign invasion; and,

"Whereas, This reckless propaganda of militarism and jingo-imperialism, if allowed to go on unchecked, will inevitably lead to the destruction of the principles of liberty and freedom upon which the hope of American democracy is based;

"We hereby announce that we have accepted the President's challenge and have hired the largest halls in New York for April 6; Buffalo, April 7; Cleveland, April 8; Detroit, April 9; Chicago, April 10; Minneapolis, April 11; Des Moines, April 12; Kansas City, April 13; St. Louis, April 14; Cincinnati, April 15, and Pittsburgh, April 16, where the following American citizens, who have volunteered their services, will set forth the truth about preparedness.

"Stephen S. Wise, Washington Gladden, Scott Nearing, Martin Hardin, James H. Maurer, Herbert Bigelow, General Isaac R. Sherwood, Amos Pinchot, A. A. Berle, Arthur L. Weatherley, John Haynes Holmes and John A. McSparran."

ALLEGES BOUCK WHITE INSULTED THE FLAG

Urban Has Church Head Summoned to Court.

Bouck White, head of the Church of the Social Revolution, at 165 West Twenty-third Street, was yesterday served with a summons to appear in Jefferson Market court on April 3 as he was about to deliver a lecture in Bryant Hall.

The summons was issued by Magistrate Koenig on behalf of Frank Urban, of the International Peace Forum, who alleged that White had insulted the American flag through circulars. Urban, accompanied by a patrolman, served the summons, and when White announced this fact to the men and women in the audience there was a furor. One woman fainted and there was much indignation.

When White was seen later at the Church of the Social Revolution he said the summons was due to a circular advertising his lecture on the conversion of the American flag from patriotism to internationalism and militarism. The circular showed the flag lying on the ground near a bag of money, a serpent entwining them. Across the top in capital letters was the word "War." Mr. White said there would be an indignation meeting to-morrow night at his church.

White continued that a man, who later told him he was a professor at Columbia University, jumped on the platform when he was served with the subpœna and announced that if the radical preacher was guilty of insulting the flag he, too, as well as two-thirds of the students in the university, were also guilty. At the suggestion of White all left the hall.

CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN ON

Colonel Pope Issues Call to Business Men.

To bring home to every person engaged in industry in the United States the present crisis in American business, Colonel George Pope, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, has announced the start of a nation-wide campaign for economic conservation in this country.

"It is high time that employer, employe and capitalist should compare notes on our industrial and commercial outlook," he says. "It is imperative that we take an inventory of American industry and appraise what forces are on the debit and credit sides of the account. Under the unprecedented conditions that now exist all legislative action designed to oppress industry should be halted. From patriotic considerations alone all clamor for class privilege should stop, and all demand to restrict the free operation of industry should cease. We should realize as never before the imperative necessity for united offensive and defensive action if our productive industry and profitable commerce are to endure."

Films for Montclair Children.

Montclair, N. J., March 26.—The Montclair Better Films Committee, composed of women, has arranged, under the direction of Mrs. Theodore F. Hussa, to give Saturday morning "matinees" at the local theatre for the entertainment of children. The committee was reluctant to start the novel move because it was felt that there were few good films for children in the market.

OFFERS $30 FOR NEW NAME

Society for Relief of Destitute Blind Here Seeks Shorter Title.

Any one who can suggest a shorter name for the Society for the Relief of the Destitute Blind of the City of New York and Its Vicinity is eligible for a $30 prize offered by the trustees. A concise and descriptive name is desired. A prize of $20 is also offered for a new emblem.

"The society does not anticipate changing its corporate title," says the announcement of the trustees, "but desires to be known by a briefer name that will distinguish this institution from another one in this city doing work for the blind."

Of the prize money $30 will be paid for a descriptive name and $20 for an appropriate emblem in the form of a pen-and-ink sketch. Contestants may submit either the name, the emblem or both. Suggestions should be sent to Lewis S. Morris, treasurer, Wall Street Postoffice Box 48, not later than May 1. The winner will be announced May 15.

NEGRO SCHOOLS BETTER THROUGH BOARD'S WORK

Southerners Display Interest in Increased Facilities.

Education adapted to the real needs of Southern negroes, of the kind to make them better citizens, has received a great impetus in the last year, according to the sixth installment of the annual report of the General Education Board, supported by the Rockefeller Foundation, made public yesterday.

To provide supervising industrial teachers in negro schools, the board has added $15,000 to the Anna T. Jeanes Foundation, which produces an annual income of $89,500, employed under the direction of Dr. James H. Dillard. State and county superintendents are taking increased interest in making the education of the colored child practical, and the negroes display growing concern. Jackson Davis, who since 1911 has been the state supervisor of negro rural schools in Virginia, has been made general field agent in charge of negro education. Better schoolhouses, better teachers, improved sanitation and a care for cooking and entertainment have been gained in the year.

The Southern states are all working toward a new goal, an adequately organized, financed, administered, supervised and manned educational system. In Tennessee a long stride has been taken toward freeing education from politics, and an Alabama statute completely reconstructs the county Board of Education. The board has appropriated $3,000 to Mississippi to initiate a model organization in a single county.

In eleven states the board has supported rural school agents, professors of secondary education and agents for negro education. Eight new high schools were started in Florida in the year, eleven in Virginia, four county high schools in Alabama and eight new high schools in West Virginia. In Arkansas thirty-two two-year schools, six three-year schools and one new four-year school were opened. Kentucky opened new high school buildings costing $495,000; Mississippi, $410,000; Alabama, $303,750, and Tennessee, $154,000.

CHEWING GUM HABIT COSTS $35,000,000

American People Have Paid That Amount in 10 Years for Chicle.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, March 26.—The chewing gum habit has cost the American people for chicle alone almost $35,000,000 in the last ten years, according to the Department of Commerce. Normally our annual imports of chicle amount to 7,000,000 pounds, for which we pay $2,500,000 in the countries of origin, and to which must be added customs duties in our own ports of about $750,000.

Chicle is the dried milky juice of the sapodilla tree, which is one of a large family of tropical trees known as bully-trees. Some of the gum is used as a substitute for gutta percha, but the bulk of it is used in the manufacture of chewing gum.

SEND TOBACCO TO BELGIANS

Committee Receives $10,662 to Aid Soldiers at Front.

Belgian soldiers, the only ones of all the warring nations who are not supplied with tobacco, will soon be adding their puffs to the general smoke. For this purpose, $10,662.57 has already been collected for them by the Belgian Soldiers' Tobacco Fund, of which Joseph H. Choate is president.

The aim of the organization is to send a parcel containing fifty cigarettes, a large packet of pipe tobacco and a box of matches to each soldier at the front or in the hospitals weekly as long as the war lasts. On each package will be printed, in both Flemish and French, as well as in English, this inscription:

"This tobacco is the gift of the American people, and has been specially manufactured to suit the taste of the brave Belgian soldiers."

The oldest contributor to the fund is a centenarian, John S. Wilson, of 241 Ridgeway Avenue, Rochester, who sent $2, saying, "I want the Belgian soldiers to have a smoke." The youngest one is twelve-year-old A. E. Silva, of 514 Avenue H, Miami, Fla., who sends 25 cents every week, and writes, "Please say 'Bravo!' to the soldiers for me."

Checks sent to the organization should be made payable to J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, the depositaries.

Mme. Marie Ranke will give her third concert in aid of the Poor Little Children of Poland in the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza Wednesday morning, under distinguished social patronage.

PIER COTTAGES RENTED

Many Members of Summer Colony to Return to Narragansett.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., March 26.—The first cottage rentals for the season of 1916 were announced here this week, and the names of those planning to return include several notable members of the Pier's summer colony.

Kinney Lodge, on Ocean Road, has been rented for the fourth successive season to John R. McLean, of Washington, and Sagamore Cottage, belonging to Mrs. John H. Hanan, of New York, has been rented to Albert Bond Lambert, of St. Louis.

Little Rest Cottage, on the Boston Neck Road, has been rented to Arthur Houghton, of Chicago, who is a newcomer. Garden Court Villa, owned by A. A. Tillinghast, has been rented to John M. Hillbrook, of Providence.

The What Cheer Cottage property on Ocean Road has been sold by F. P. W. Tefft, of Barbour's Heights, North Kingstown, to C. L. Vaughn, of Providence.

Representative W. R. Stiness, of Rhode Island, is planning to ask a $10,000 appropriation for the addition of a portico to the new postoffice recently erected here.

MRS. CLARK STARTS NEW LUNCHEON FAD

Speaker's Wife Takes Light Meals in House Gallery.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, March 26.—Mrs. Champ Clark has introduced the full dinner pail to visitors in the House gallery—or, rather, the full luncheon pail—and when she is interested in discussions on the floor she takes out her luncheon and proceeds to eat and share it with others.

If the Speaker's wife could do it so could others, and several women of the Congressional set who have kept folk guessing as to how they found time to keep so well informed on politics also carry luncheons to the House gallery.

The Speaker accepts as few dinner invitations as possible while Congress is in session to keep himself in good trim for his work, and instead of a constant stream of dinner parties he and Mrs. Clark entertain small parties of friends at luncheon in their private dining room at the Capitol.

However, the paper napkin luncheon party has caught popular Democratic fancy and the wives of members exchange dainty tidbits from seat to seat as they look down on their husbands. Sometimes, too, they knit or crochet, but that work has lost much of its fascination since the war in Europe has lasted so long.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN CELL

Prisoner Charged with Forgery Discovered by Patrolman in Time.

William C. Cowan, sixty-one, of 477 Central Park West, held prisoner on a charge of forgery, attempted suicide in the West 100th Street station yesterday. Cowan, who is in the butter and egg business, was arrested at his home on Saturday night on the charge of forging a check for $50 on the F. E. Rosebrock Company, of 360 Washington Street.

A patrolman, in passing Cowan's cell yesterday, saw blood trickling from his arm, and found a safety razor blade in his cell. An additional charge of attempted suicide was entered against him.

MEN INTIMIDATED, WEEKS SAYS HE FINDS

Tampering Seen in Osborne Case—Will Hunt Suspects.

"There is no question in my mind, from the information that has been presented to me, that an attempt is being made to intimidate the state's witnesses in the Osborne case," said District Attorney Frederick E. Weeks last night.

"I don't know who is doing it, but I will know before long. Then I'll take every step to punish both the man who makes the threats or promises and the person or persons who hires," continued the prosecutor.

"A few days before the trial of Kaplan, a convict, attempts were made to learn the sentiment of the jurors. Now, within a shor time of the trial of Mr. Osborne, I hear that convict witnesses are being told, through their wives or other relatives, that if they testify for the state they will never get a parole or will be rearrested the minute their terms expire. I know every case where intimidation has occurred and I expect some interesting disclosures soon.

"The way the attempt to intimidate works is this: The wife of a convict is told that her husband will be arrested when he is released. She is instructed not to come to White Plains to tell him this, but she is instructed to call the poor unfortunate every day by 'phone to warn him against being a state's witness.

"All convict witnesses watch the papers. They know that Willett didn't get his parole for ninety days after he was eligible, and they want to know what is going to happen to them. This is only one of the many conditions we have had to contend with."

DEER DINE ON GOLF GREEN

Players at Lakewood Welcome Animal Critics.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Lakewood, N. J., March 26.—Two young deer came out of the woods today and grazed on the green while golfers played. Among the players from the Laurel-in-the-Pines were Judge F. M. Scott, James C. Parrish, sr., James Parrish, jr., Thomas P. Fiske, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Majer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Simmons, J. Laynge Mills, F. Garland Miller, Albert W. Scholler, A. W. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dempsey, James B. Dayton and James T. Barrett, and others from the same hotel were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Osborne, Fred Holbrook, N. R. Bronson, Frank F. Vanderhoef and A. J. McClure.

Golfing was also the principal form of entertainment at Georgian Court. Mr. and Mrs. George Gould, Kingdon Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gould and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, jr., who came down this morning from New York, after witnessing the Willard-Moran fight last night, were out on the Gould links. Spring also gave an impetus to horseback riding, and parks and bridle paths were well filled with mounts and riders. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Chase, of Milton, Mass., who are at the Laurel House, were out, as were Mrs. Otis Smith, Frank Barry, Miss Helen Smith, Arthur Smith, jr., A. A. Sprague, 3d, and others from New York, who are at the Laurel-in-the-Pines.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Burch, of New York, are entertaining a large party at the Laurel-in-the-Pines. Among their guests are Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Townsend, Miss Florence J. Larrabee, J. H. Leigh and others. Last evening at the Country Club Mr. and Mrs. Burch gave a dinner and dance for their guests. Many of the season's sojourners attended, including Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Potts, Dr. Curt Kayser, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Osborne and others. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Potts gave a luncheon at the Country Club for those who attended the function last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond came yesterday to spend some time at the Country Club. Mr. and Mrs. Orin Root, of New York, are also spending several weeks at the club. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McCoy are at the Oak Court, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cody, of New York, are at the Bartlett Inn.

URGES MOHANSIC HOSPITAL

Westchester Board Protests to Whitman Against Abandonment.

When the Westchester County Board of Supervisors meets to-day in White Plains, according to reports, steps will be taken to urge Governor Whitman not to allow the abandonment of the Lake Mohansic Hospital and Training School. The supervisors feel that the failure to complete the institution will great affect property values in northern Westchester.

It is also stated that if the City of New York revives its application for an injunction to prevent the construction of a sewage disposal plant for the hospital upon the ground that the Croton water supply will be polluted the county will fight the suit. When a similar application for an injunction was made to Justice Keogh the order was held in abeyance pending legislation which would provide a sewage pipe line to the Hudson River. Thus far no action has been taken.

'WIFE' SEEKS MAN GRANT GIRL WED

Mrs. Cronan Asks Court to Set Aside Her Divorce and His Remarriage.

PETITION FILED IN SAN FRANCISCO

If Successful, Ceremony of the President's Granddaughter and Navy Officer Would Be Void.

Unscrambling an effectively scrambled order of eggs is a simple culinary task compared to the one Marie Cronan, once wife of Lieutenant Commander William P. Cronan, U. S. N., has set for herself. Mrs. Cronan hopes to turn back the machinery of the courts, have her divorce from the naval officer declared invalid, his marriage to the former Nell Grant, granddaughter of President U. S. Grant, set aside and herself reinstated as his legal wife.

News of the first step in this domestic project reached New York yesterday in the form of an announcement that Mrs. Cronan, the first, had petitioned the courts of San Francisco to set aside the divorce granted her by Judge Thomas F. Graham, of California, in 1910. She offers as grounds for her plea a statement her former husband is quoted as making in the trial of a later case in Washington that the divorce was obtained through "fraud and collusion."

The difficulties of the original Mrs. Cronan and Lieutenant Commander Cronan date, according to his story, from the day they were married in 1907 in New York. The naval officer testified later that he was under the influence of liquor when he married her, and that he had paid little attention to her after the ceremony.

Wife Asks $7,000.

Cronan said he had sought a lawyer's advice about getting a divorce, and had been told that he would do better to induce his wife to obtain one from him. Whatever his arrangement may have been, Mrs. Cronan filed suit, and received a decree in 1910.

Then began the more serious difficulties of the pair. Mrs. Cronan filed suit for $7,000, which she said her husband promised to pay her if she would obtain the divorce. The naval officer contested this suit on the ground that such a payment would be contrary to public policy. It was in the trial of the case at Washington that he is said to have made the statement now being used against him, concerning the "fraud and collusion" in the divorce proceedings.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Cronan was married to Miss Nell Grant, granddaughter of the Civil War general and President, in 1913. Favorable action by the courts on the claims now made by Mrs. Cronan would automatically annul the second marriage and reinstate her as the legal wife of the man who testified that he never had actually loved her.

WAGNER RAPS DIRECT TAX

Not Needed This Year, Senator Declares.

Robert F. Wagner, minority leader of the Senate, in a statement yesterday declared that there is no need of a direct tax this year.

"Either State Controller Travis is incompetent or Senator Sage is wrong in saying that another direct tax will be necessary this year," stated Senator Wagner. "In his report to the Legislature three months ago Controller Travis declared there would be an estimated surplus of $4,298,198.13 in the State Treasury on October 1, 1917, provided the Legislature made a few minor amendments to the excise, transfer and secured debt tax laws. He also showed that the actual cash surplus at the end of the present fiscal year, October 1, 1916, would be $11,268,702.79 without any changes in the tax laws."

Senator Wagner concluded from Controller Travis's figures that there was no need of a direct tax last year, and that "with this huge surplus to draw upon for next year it would be inexcusable for the Legislature to impose another direct tax."

FEEL SPRINGY? TRY CROTON

Y. M. C. A. Director Says Tonics Are No Longer Needed.

For that tired feeling that comes with crocus blossoms and spring poems take the Croton water treatment, says Dr. Louis R. Welsmiller, physical director of the West Side Y. M. C. A.

"A free trial treatment may be obtained from the cold water faucet of your home," he chorties. "When the first warm breath of spring came our grandmothers used to get out the burdock or dandelion tea or the sulphur and molasses jar and dose the entire household, particularly the children, to make them ready.

"Folks still think they need a tonic when April comes around. With our mode of living to-day it is not necessary. People who eat and drink properly and exercise need no medicine. From the Croton pipes flows the best spring tonic ever made, furnished free by the city to all comers."

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