THE CITY

Harry Lauder at Auditorium.

Yesterday afternoon Harry Lauder, the famous Scotch comedian, appeared for one matinee performance at the Auditorium Theater, assisted by an international company. The house was packed and the comedian was practically given an ovation, while the most enthusiastic applause followed all his songs and characteristic monologues.

Mr. Lauder has a way of getting over the footlights into the hearts of his audience, for he is not long on the stage when he seems to establish some kind of a personal feeling with his audience, so natural are his methods and so full of infectious humor are his stories and songs. He possesses, in the first instance, a strong, rich and sympathetic voice, as he proved when he sang some selections without assistance from the orchestra, and all his songs have the lilt which sets heads to nodding and feet to tapping all over the house. But his great point is his magnetic personality, which all feel, even those who do not know how faithful to life are his imitations of the Scotch characters he presents, and with what accuracy his droll power of mimicry is used. He sang several new songs and the ever-popular I Love a Lassie, whose first strains the audience welcomed uproariously.

His principal songs were Same as His Father Before Him, She's the Lass for Me, The Kilty Lads, sung in the uniform of a Scotch soldier ready for parade; A Wee Hoose and a very droll ditty, A Wee Deoch-an-Doris, which he explained to his auditors and made them sing with him. He finished with an Irish song, to "give a taste of the shamrock," and made a neat little speech, in which he said he had rather neglected Baltimore, but hoped to come again.

The program was a very good one, beginning with Arthur Astill, who with his whistling, gave some surprising imitations of birds and animals. A very clever game of football by Velanches' trained dogs delighted the spectators, one dog before the game doing a regular Loie Fuller dance, costume and all. Miss Edna Whistler gave some vocal selections, which pleased; the Six Musical Cuttys made their accustomed hit here, where they are favorites, and a whirlwind dance of acrobatic agility was performed by Nana and Mons. Alexis Carl Rosine did some entertaining magical tricks, which mystified the audience. The entertainment closed with selections by the Scottish Highlanders' Band, in which the bagpipe conspicuously figured.

Accompanied by Manager MacBride, Mr. Lauder called at the City Hall yesterday morning. Mayor Preston had not reached the City Hall at the time and John Hurst, president of the Second Branch City Council, was attending a meeting of the Board of Estimates. The meeting was dropped for a few minutes when Mr. Lauder was presented to the city officials. Mayor Preston came to the City Hall after the comedian took his departure. He expressed deep regret at not having seen the actor.

Trying to Break Will.

Mrs. Laura Cortland Thomas, of Washington, one of the grandchildren of the late James Cortland, who is trying to break the will of the latter, testified before Judge Heuisler and a jury yesterday in the Superior Court. Trial of the suit began last Friday, and from present indications will last several days more. The suit is directed against James Wakefield Cortland, son of the testator and executor of the will. The will provided that the estate was to go to a daughter of the testator and to his son, James Wakefield Cortland. The daughter died and the estate passed to the son. The grandchildren were not provided for in the will. Mrs. Thomas testified yesterday that on one occasion her grandfather, in the presence of her aunt, had told her that he wanted her to know that the property was to come directly to the grandchildren. Continuing she said:

"Then my aunt said, 'S-ssh! You ought not to be talking of your private affairs to your grandchildren.' But my grandfather replied, 'I am not in my dotage.'"

Mrs. Thomas said that her grandfather told her that it was not his fault that he had not sent money to her father when the latter was ill in a hospital in New York. She said that her grandfather said that his son, Wakefield, had persuaded him that her father really did not need the money so badly as the request seemed to indicate. After that, Mrs. Thomas said, her grandfather received a letter telling that her father was dead. The case will be resumed today.

Newman Travel Talk.

E. M. Newman, the traveler and lecturer, gave the second of his travel talks at the New Academy of Music yesterday afternoon before a large audience. Shortly before the lecture began the "standing-room only" sign was displayed. The subject of the lecture was Rural France, Normandy and Brittany. The lecture was illustrated with many handsome views and motion pictures. Mr. Newman began his lecture by showing the audience pictures of Dieppe and Etreta, two fashionable watering places frequented by English and Americans. Among the other points of interest the lecturer told his audience about were Havre, a thriving seaport; Fecamp, where is located the monastery in which Benedictine is made, no longer by the monks, however; Rouen, the largest and most important city in Normandy, where ancient Norman architecture is seen at its best, and where the tragedy of Joan of Arc was enacted; Deauville and Deauville, where is to be seen the elite of France; St. Etienne and its wonderful cathedral, built by William the Conqueror, and Caen, an aggressive city teeming with life, completed the tour of Normandy. Brittany has innumerable spots of historical association, bringing to mind incidents in history that have affected the entire world. The next lecture will be on Switzerland on January 28, at 4 P. M.

No Strike Settlement.

Not satisfied with assurances that they would not be compelled to make garments for New York firms whose employes had gone on strike, the garment-workers of L. Greif & Bro. presented a petition to the local concern yesterday, in which they asked to be granted a number of privileges. The strikers, following a meeting in the Labor Lyceum, adopted a resolution making demands upon L. Greif & Bro. for shorter hours and an increase of wages. Leonard Greif, the head of the firm, was absent from the plant yesterday, due to illness. In his absence the delegation of strikers was received by Samuel Waxman, superintendent. The petition also demanded that the employes be allowed one hour for dinner and that nine hours should constitute a day's work. A 5 per cent. wage increase to all pieceworkers and a 10 per cent. increase for vestmakers was also asked by the strikers.

While the heads of the firm did not reach any decision yesterday, it is generally believed that a compromise will be effected today, and that all those out on strike will return to work by tomorrow. Efforts were made yesterday to persuade all the workers at the Greif plant to walk out, but the main body of employes stood firm and refused to leave. The firm of L. Greif & Bro. claims that not more than a hundred employes are out on strike.

Move to Strike Out Harris Judgment

A supplemental motion to strike out the judgment in the case of Lindsay Harris, colored, was filed in the Criminal Court yesterday by Attorneys A. S. J. Owens and Charles N. Joyce. Harris, on October 18 last, was declared guilty by a jury of the charge of assaulting an imbecile colored girl and on December 2 was sentenced by Judge Elliott to be hanged. Through the influence of Attorney Joyce, who contended that the court was in error in sentencing Harris to death, Governor Goldsborough, on January 14, commuted the sentence to imprisonment for 21 years in the penitentiary.

Subsequently, former State's Attorney Owens became interested in the case, and the motion yesterday was the result. This motion, it is said, is the first of its kind ever filed in the history of the Criminal Court of Baltimore. There are a number of remarkable points raised in it concerning the trial and conviction of Harris.

A Widow in Florida.

Another opportunity to become a full-fledged benedict was offered Robert J. McCuen, superintendent of lamps and lighting, yesterday. He received a letter from a widow who resides in Port Tampa, Fla. The lady's husband died recently and left her several extensive orange groves. She is well-to-do, and told the City Hall bachelor so herself. She also claims to be well connected, and to prove her sincerity offered several references.

The Florida widow told Colonel McCuen that she read the Baltimore newspapers occasionally, and was surprised to note how many proposals he received from young ladies. She thought that many of that type were giddy and senseless, and laid emphasis on the fact that she was a serious-minded and thoughtful individual. If Mr. McCuen meant business, all that he would have to do would be to mail her a letter.

"My former husband had whiskers, too," the Port Tampa widow confided. "They were a mixture of pink, red and brown. According to your picture, you looked somewhat like him. Please consider this proposal seriously and make the rest of my days happy. I need a man like you to comfort me."

Mr. McCuen's stenographer, Joseph Flynn, declined to say whether the bachelor had answered the letter.

Railway Commutation Rates.

In compliance with an order of the Public Service Commission, dated December 24, 1912, the United Railways and Electric Company announces by advertisement in The American that commutation rates of fare will be established between city points and certain suburban points, effective February 1, 1913. The suburban points to which the commutation rates will be allowed are Towson, Middle River, Back River, Bay Shore, Sparrows Point, Dundalk via Sparrows Point, Dundalk via River View Line, Halethorpe, Catonsville, Ellicott City, Rolling Road, Emory Grove, Owings Mills, Pikesville via Emory Grove Line, Pikesville via Mount Washington Line, Lakeside and Woodlawn. The commutation tickets for February will be placed on sale at the office of the cashier, 909 Continental Trust Building, from 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M. daily, except Sunday, and at the company's station, Howard and Franklin streets, from 6 A. M. to 10 P. M. daily, from now until February 1, inclusive. The tickets are good only for the person in whose name the book is issued, and will be on sale only from the twenty-first day of each month to and including the first day of the succeeding month, being the month of use.

Mrs. Hecht Loses Meshbag.

While Mrs. Alexander Hecht, who is stopping at the Belvedere, was shopping downtown yesterday, her gold herringbone meshbag, with a gold pencil and lip-stick attached and containing $20, was stolen. The meshbag is valued at $100. Headquarters detectives are searching for it.

Charles Reynolds, 323 North Carey street, reported that his room on the second floor of that address was broken into and a solitaire diamond ring, valued at $100, was stolen.

Nathan Lewis, 240 South High street, reported that his bedroom door was forced open and jewelry valued at $33.50 stolen, as was also a charity box containing 50 cents.

Samuel Cole, 506 Franklin terrace, was the victim of a pickpocket. While standing in the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Terminal Station, on Liberty street, a wallet containing $5 was stolen from his pocket.

Headquarters detectives are also searching for a negro driver who is said to have disappeared sometime Monday with a team belonging to the contracting firm of Howard O. Ferror, 302 and 304 North Holliday street. The team is valued at $530.

Col. J. Frank Supplee Ill.

Col. J. Frank Supplee, formerly head of the Fourth Regiment, Maryland National Guard, and one of the most prominent citizens of Baltimore, who recently has spent most of his time in New York because of business interests, is ill at his home, 1625 Eutaw Place, this city. Colonel Supplee has been complaining for some time. Last Sunday he made a visit to his home here, returning to New York that night. Yesterday afternoon his illness compelled him to again come to this city. He is now confined to his room under the care of Dr. John W. Chambers. It was at first thought that an operation would be necessary, but Dr. Chambers says he sees no need for this at present. Colonel Supplee's condition, it is said, is not serious.

Mr. Caughy Has Broken Hip.

A dispatch to The American last night from Richmond, Va., stated that Charles M. Caughy, of Baltimore, for the last 20 years United States consul to Milan, who is ill with diabetes in the Johnston Willis Hospital in the Virginia city, is also suffering from a broken hip, which injury he sustained in a fall last Thursday. It is stated that Mr. Caughy's condition is not alarming, but that because of other ailments the broken hip will be slow in mending, which will cause his confinement to be prolonged.

Mrs. Caughy, who accompanied her husband to Richmond, is the guest of her sisters, the Misses Higgins, on Governor street.

Dr. Mead Not Talking About Call.

Rev. Charles L. Mead, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, returned late Monday afternoon from Wesleyan University, at Delaware, O., where he has been conducting evangelistic services. Regarding his call from Calvary Church, New York, Dr. Mead would have nothing to say. He said everything would be given out at the proper time. There was an informal meeting in his home Monday night. A member of the church said: "We are afraid he will accept the call." Dr. Mead left yesterday for Pittsburgh.

Delayed by Report.

Several weeks will probably elapse before the Public Service Commission sets a date for the investigation of either the telephone or railways cases. Announcement was made yesterday at the offices of the commission that the investigations would be held back until the annual report of the body is completed and published. The work connected with this report is voluminous, and the clerks of the office are deep in the midst of an intricacy of figures. The telephone-rate case, when the other work is completed, will probably be the first case taken up.

Mr. G. E. Kirwan to Wed.

Deputy City Librarian G. E. Kirwan will be married this evening to Miss Ethel N. Cranmer, 2029 East Pratt street, at the latter's home. Mr. Kirwan recently celebrated his twenty-seventh birthday, and up to three years ago resided in East Baltimore. He lives at present at 2205 Chelsea Terrace. Rev. C. Little, of Alnutt Memorial Church, will perform the ceremony. After the wedding the couple will spend a brief vacation in New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

STAGE FOLK

Miss Lowell as a Farmer.

Miss Helen Lowell, the star of The Red Petticoat, would never be known to the average theatergoer in propria persona, for she is a pretty young woman, with a pleasant, intelligent face lighted by a pair of dark, bright eyes, with nothing about her to suggest the bizarre or unusual. It may surprise many to know that before her appearance as Mis' Hazy, Miss Lowell had never played an eccentric comedy role, her principal work having been done in emotional parts. Her success in the line which the public principally associate with her is due largely to the fact that beneath the abounding humor which she infuses into them, there is always the suggestion of pathos, exactly as it inevitably accompanies all humor in real life.

"To live in the memory and affection of people, a character must be human," said Miss Lowell, speaking of this point. "Without this touch, the character is not consistent nor natural, for people feel when a part is human, and this feeling makes it real to them. It may seem odd, but the continual playing of a part of any decided character finally impresses an actor mentally. I played Mis' Hazy for four seasons, and then I found it began in a way to obsess me. I caught myself hanging my head and drooping my shoulders and answering questions pessimistically; in fact, Mis' Hazy was obtruding herself upon my own personality. So I was glad to drop her and get rid of her grip on my own feelings. My present part is a very congenial one to me. It has more variety and action, and then the company is so harmonious and the music helps to lighten everything. I think people are inclined to be more cheerful in musical comedy than in straight drama. There is a livelier air about it. I liked my part, too, in The Lottery Man, but I believe I like this one even better. Some, by the way, did not like the bit of pathos I let creep into my impersonations, but I did not want to play comedy caricatures, but real women, ridiculous, odd, eccentric and foolish, but still human."

Miss Lowell, by way of recreation in her busy life from her stage work, is a farmer. "I have a farm of 48 acres on Long Island," she said, "and apropos of that farm, where do you suppose we have been this evening? Why, attending a grocery auction here in Baltimore, where we bought everything from brooms to spices. Miss Armstrong, here, is my partner in crime on the farm, and we employ a number of people there, of course, but both of us have been astonished at the way the provisions have been going. So we stocked up here in your city and have sent the consignment to Long Island. Sounds ridiculous, now, doesn't it? Our farm is not a plaything, for we raise real things on it. We have a peach orchard, from which we sold this year about $600 or $700 worth of peaches, and we have a lot of corn stored to sell, besides other articles. We have blooded stock, too, and two trotters of the Wilkes strain, from which we expect great things. We raise cows and pigs and chickens, and we have small dogs and Persian cats, but we disposed of the cats, and will do the same with the dogs. We found that they required personal attention, which they were not apt to receive from the people on the farm as we would give them ourselves. But I think here is a charming industry which many women could take up with profit and build up a nice business for themselves. It is true that raising such rare cats as Persians would be expensive at the start, for good stock would have to be purchased, and then they require much care, as they are rather difficult to raise. But, like everything else, it is largely a matter of knowing how, and of giving careful personal attention. We had Persian kittens, to which we gave free range, and they were exceptionally healthy. But for the reasons I gave we decided not to attempt cat culture in a business way."

If she did, it is safe to predict that Miss Lowell would succeed, for she has that air of quiet and gentle determination about her which impresses one with the idea that she succeeds in whatever she undertakes—an idea amply supported by her stage successes.

Was One of Lillian's Many.

Signor Perugini, who plays the Chorus in the Yellow Jacket this week at Ford' Grand Opera House, was Lillian Russell's third husband. Tomorrow he will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his stage career. Signor Perugini is now very deaf and can only understand what is said to him by the movements of the lips of the person speaking. He has had an interesting career on the stage. It is strange that he should celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his stage career while playing in Ford's Grand Opera House, for at one time, and that was a great many years ago, he played in a stock company managed by John T. Ford, father of the Messrs. Ford, who now own the theater. Signor Perugini did not play in a stock company at Ford's Grand Opera House, but in one that was playing at the old Holliday Street Theater when it was under Mr. Ford's management. Signor Perugini's deafness does not interfere with the part he is playing in the Yellow Jacket, for as the chorus he makes announcements. He will spend the anniversary of his stage career quietly among friends and the members of the Yellow Jacket Company.

Signor Perugini's real name is John Chatterton and he was born in New York city. He sang in Italy, where he studied, in Paris and in London, as well as in this country. At one time he was with the McCaul Opera Company. Colonel McCaul was a native of Baltimore. He has also sung in grand opera with Patti at the Metropolitan Opera House, in New York. He sang the part of Christopher Columbus in 1492 in Boston and on the road.

Lillian Russell was married four times. She was a mere chorus girl at the beginning of her career, when she married David Braham, a musical conductor and composer. In 1884 she eloped to Hoboken with Edward Solomon, a composer of rag time music. They lived together about 10 years, when Lillian Russell secured a divorce from Solomon. In the same year in which her divorce was granted from Solomon she was married to Chatterton or Signor Perugini, as he was known on the stage. She was divorced from Signor Perugini in 1898. After her divorce from Signor Perugini she obtained judicial sanction for the name of Lillian Russell, which heretofore had only been her stage name. In her proceedings she alleged that she had always been known as Lillian Russell, except for a period of seven weeks in 1895, when she was called Helen Louise Chatterton. She claimed she acquired a valuable trademark in the name of Lillian Russell.

Musical Cuttys Are Baltimoreans.

The Musical Cuttys, who were part of Harry Lauder's vaudeville entertainment, are Baltimoreans. Their home is on Aisquith street. Yesterday morning they arrived in Baltimore from Washington at an early hour. They had made arrangements to visit the graves of their parents in Oaklawn Cemetery as soon as they reached the city. Mrs. William Morris, whose husband was Harry Lauder's manager when he first visited this country, travels with Mr. Lauder. She heard that the Cuttys were to visit the cemetery and wired ahead to the management of the Auditorium and had a handsome wreath of white carnations sent to the cemetery. When the Cuttys visited the cemetery they were much surprised to find the wreath and no one yet has told them where it came from, as Mrs. Morris had requested that her name should not be used.

Manager Robert W. MacBride, of the Auditorium Theater, as his name implies, comes from a good old Scotch family. Naturally, he looked forward to the visit of Harry Lauder with much pleasure. Lauder came over to Baltimore from Washington in his private car, Manager MacBride was invited to breakfast with him, which he did. As soon as he got back to the theater there was much curiosity among his friends as to what Harry Lauder had given him for breakfast.

"Did he order any Scotch dishes?" was the first question asked him by the entire staff of the Auditorium in one breath. "Only one," said Manager MacBride; "oatmeal porridge. For the rest of the breakfast we had fried bacon, eggs, hot cakes, coffee and a few other dishes."

Lauder's salary is only $5,000 a week for 10 performances, and then his manager has to provide a private car. After the matinee yesterday afternoon he left on a special train for Harrisburg, Pa., where he gave a performance last night. A few days ago he played in Philadelphia. President Taft attended the performance. Lauder sang a song at the request of the President, who joined in the chorus.

Won Game Easily.

Ina Claire, who is making a hit this week in The Quaker Girl, at the New Academy of Music, was never a chorus girl, having been fortunate enough to jump into fame from the vaudeville stage in the course of a few years. She has always taken a great interest in chorus girls and during the early rehearsals of The Quaker Girl she talked with the girls and noticed that quite a few of them came fresh from the country, and had never been on the stage before. She invited the entire 60 girls to her apartments on one occasion and formed a No-Flirting Club, with every girl in the company enrolled as a member. The idea was mainly to uphold the character of the chorus girls as a class. It is not known how many of the girls have been backsliders.

Now Advance Agent.

Frank Reid, who at one time was night editor of the old Baltimore Herald, is in town ahead of one of Klaw & Erlanger's star attractions. Mr. Reid, when he left Baltimore a number of years ago, went to New York and was connected with the dramatic department of the New York Herald. He soon drifted into the theatrical profession and now he is in advance of a show. When Mr. Reid was night editor on the Herald Max Ways was city editor and Colonel Cunningham, now Judge Cunningham, was managing editor. He has made a success in the theatrical profession. Yesterday he was hunting up old friends.

Maryland Trust's Good Report.

Stockholders of the Maryland Trust Company at their annual meeting yesterday re-elected the following directors: George W. Fleming, Joseph I. France, Robert Garrett, Rufus M. Gibbs, B. Howell Griswold, Jr., George Garr Henry, A. Barton Hepburn, John T. Hill, George C. Jenkins, J. V. McNeal, J. Barry Mahool, Henry C. Matthews, C. Wilbur Miller, Oscar G. Murray, James L. Sellman, John T. Stone, Theodore E. Straus, Arthur C. Wellington, Henry B. Wilcox, Douglas M. Wylie and L. S. Zimmerman.

Following the meeting of stockholders the directors of the company organized by electing the following officers: L. S. Zimmerman, president; Oscar G. Murray, first vice president; Carroll Van Ness, second vice president; Jervis Spencer, Jr., secretary-treasurer, and Ivan Skinner, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer. The following executive committee was also elected: Robert Garrett, B. Howell Griswold, Jr., George C. Jenkins, J. V. McNeal, Oscar G. Murray, John T. Stone and Henry B. Wilcox.

The report of this company showing its condition at the close of business, December 31, 1912, is also made known today. The total assets are $3,586,315.55. The deposits include: Individual, $1,054,923.02; banks, $110,141.64; savings, $21,151.58; trust accounts, $454,837.93, or a total of $1,164,074.17. The certified checks equal $125.18. In the excess of assets over liabilities are included: Undivided profits, $445,116.20; preferred capital stock, $500,000, common capital stock, $1,000,000.

After German Embezzlers.

Captain of Detectives McGovern has been askekd by the Royal Police of Berlin to watch all the incoming steamers for three embezzlers wanted in various parts of Germany. The letter containing descriptions and photographs of the men was received yesterday.

Eugene Weber is charged by the Berlin authorities with having absconded with 12,000 marks from Offenbach-on-the-Main. No details are given. He is described as being about five feet one inch in height, slim build, longish face, florid complexion, with black hair and a thin, brown mustache. He has distinguished manners and is a fluent linguist. When he left Offenbach-on-the-Main he wore a gray striped ulster, dark succo suit, soft brown felt hat, standing up collar and black scarf. He squints in the left eye. A warrant for his arrest, according to the circular, is in the hands of the Grand Ducal Court.

Ernest Leoper, of Rugenwalde, is wanted on the charge of embezzlement of 24,000 marks from that city. This report is very meager in details. Leoper is described as follows: Height five feet three inches, brown hair, dark eyebrows, brown mustache, gray eyes. He wore a brown jacket suit, black overcoat and brown hat.

The other man, Kark Diebold, of Offenbourg, is charged with absconding with 10,000 marks. His description is: Height five feet three inches, strong build, gray hair, short, stubby mustache, dark complexion. He wore a gray suit, gray overcoat and soft felt hat.

First Donation for St. Luke's.

St. Luke's Hospital has received the first donation toward the $3,000 fund which it is trying to raise. This was made known to the finance committee when Dr. B. C. Catlin, chairman of the committee, came to the hospital yesterday morning and said:

"I came out of my home and found a small purse lying directly in front of my steps, and upon examining it I found that it was full of pennies."

Dr. Catlin proudly exhibted his prize(and after telling the circumstances, hung the purse above the mantle in his office of St. Luke's as the first donation received to help pay off their debt.

Dr. Catlin made it plain that while he regarded the purse as a really, truly gift from Providence, and all that sort of thing, he would be glad to turn it over to the owner upon proving claim. "Only I think they ought to let us have half anyhow," added the Doctor, as he stroked his luxurious beard thoughtfully.

Gould Railroad Rumor.

Rumors to the effect that the Goulds were increasing their holdings in the Western Maryland Railroad were revived yesterday, when late in the afternoon it was announced at the offices of the road that Jerome D. Greene, who was only recently elected a member of the board of directors, will be elected to fill the vacancy on the executive committee caused by the resignation of Winslow Pierce, who has tendered his resignation both as a member of the board and executive committee. Mr. Greene will be elected to the executive committee at the next full meeting of the board to be held February 4. President Fitzgerald is reported to be favorably inclined toward the Goulds, while it is said that Mr. Pierce has been antagonistic. Mr. Greene is supposed to represent the Rockefeller interests.

Correspondent's Red Book.

The German Correspondent, one of the daily morning papers of Baltimore published in the German language, has issued its Red Book, which is annually circulated among its readers. The book contains many things worth knowing. Besides the regular calander for the year 1913, it has a number of terse German sayings and stories from the olden times of the Fatherland, many pages of good humor, pictures of war times in Germany and a life-like portrait of Col. Frederick Raine, the founder of the paper, as well as of Edward Raine, his brother and successor, both now deceased.

THE COUNTY

Celebrate Feast of St. Agnes.

The students of Mount St. Agnes' College, Mount Washington, celebrated yesterday with special ceremonies the feast of their patroness, St. Agnes, virgin and martyr. The annual retreat, which began last Friday, was concluded by mass and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Rev. George Fargis, S. J., of New York city, who directed the students' retreat, officiated at both ceremonies, and terminated the exercises by giving the Papal blessing. The chapel of the college was appropriately decorated for the festival, the shrine of St. Agnes being almost hidden by tall palms. The music for the ceremonies was furnished by the convent choir.

The 21st of January is prominent in the Roman calendar, commemorating as it does the martyrdom of the child saint, who, at the age of 12 years, a shining example of heroic faith and fortitude, gave up her life in the cause of Christianity. The feast is marked by unique ceremonies in the Church of St. Agnese, just outside of Rome, when the pair of lambs from which archbishops' palliums are obtained are blessed on the altar, which is erected over the tomb in which the young martyr's body lies at rest. From this church they are carried in baskets to the Vatican, where they are presented for the blessing of the Pope, and are then given into the care of the Sisters of St. Cecelia in Trastevere. At Easter the lambs are shorn and their wool is made into palliums for the use of archbishops all over the world. The palliums are deposited until needed in a golden urn, which is placed upon the tomb of St. Peter, in his great patronal cathedral. People of all religious sects, of all ages and conditions, swarm out of Rome to St. Agnese on January 21 to witness the blessing of the lambs.

New Teacher for Savage School.

The overcrowded condition at the Savage Public School classes of Howard county, which was followed by the Child-labor Law enforcement, has been remedied by the appointment of an additional teacher. Miss Mildred Carpenter, of Baltimore, will teach the first-grade pupils and will use the manual training room for a classroom, and after January 27 the manual training department will be discontinued at the Savage school, and Mr. Lawson, who has had charge of that department in connection with the same at the Ellicott City High School, will give his entire time at the latter school in that course.

Louis P. Haslup has been appointed a trustee of School No. 6, Sixth district of Howard county, in place of Frederick W. Rowe, who has resigned.

Caveat Is Withdrawn.

The caveat filed to the will of Dr. George C. Worthington, who died on October 23, 1910, by his daughter, Margaret Russell Worthington, was withdrawn yesterday in the Orphans' Court, at Towson. By the will of Dr. Worthington the caveator was only bequeathed $5, and the residue of the estate was bequeathed to his other daughter, Ellnor T. Rodgers.

Mrs. Rodgers was represented by William Pinkney Whyte, Jr., and Miss Worthington by John S. Eusor. Dr. Worthington's estate is said to consist of valuable real estate holdings.

No Trace of Mr. Johnson's Assailant

The Baltimore county police are still searching for the negro who threatened the life of William Fell Johnson, of Rockland, near Brooklandville, in the Green Spring Valley, Monday afternoon, after brutally beating Mr. Johnson's colored servant. The negro was last seen on Green Spring avenue traveling in the direction of Arlington. Patrolmen Patrick Scott and Martin Maguire made several inquiries yesterday, but his whereabouts could not be learned. Mr. Johnson said yesterday that his assailant also used an ax in an effort to kill his colored housekeeper.

DEATHS

Nathaniel Mules.

Nathaniel Mules, 81 years old, a former policeman and for years a prominent dealer in Lexington Market, died yesterday at his home, 513 West Thirty-seventh street. Death was due to the infirmities of age.

He was born in Baltimore and spent most of his life in and around the city. In 1872 he moved to Hampden, where he made his home until he died. At an early age he entered the commission business, and was employed by several firms in the city. He was made a policeman under the administration of the late Mayor Thomas Swan. Later he resigned from the police force and opened a stall in Lexington Market, where he did business for 40 years.

Mr. Mules is survived his widow (Mrs. Mary P. Mules) and five daughters (Mrs. Samuel McCauley, Mrs. Charles R. Heartman, of Danville, Pa.; Mrs. John H. Eppers, Mrs. Alonzo Anderson and Miss Florence Mules). Four sons (Joseph H., John T., Charles N. and Frank B. Mules). Thirty-eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the Hampden Presbyterian Church.

William H. Ryninger.

William Hoffman Ryninger, 93 years old, a veteran of the Mexican War, and also of the Civil War, died at his home, 1019 North Gay street, yesterday morning after an illness of nine weeks. Death was due to the infirmities of age. Mr. Ryninger was a native of Philadelphia, where he lived until 65 years ago, when he came to Baltimore and took up his residence at the house in which he died. During the Mexican War he served in a cavalry regiment and until his death bore the scars of battle. During the Civil War he filled an important position with the quartermasters' corps in Washington. He is survived by a widow (Mrs. Mary Ryninger), two daughters (Mrs. William Rietdorf and Mrs. Charles Kaspar, both of this city); four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The funeral will take place from the home tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be in Baltimore Cemetery.

Henry R. Seippel.

Succumbing to Bright's disease, Henry R. Seippel, 64 years old, for 39 years a member of the Baltimore Fire Department, died early yesterday morning at his home 103 South Ann street. Mr. Seippel was born in Baltimore. When a young man he was appointed to the fire department and was stationed for many years at No. 5 Engine House, on South Anne street. He was a member of the Masons, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Shield of Honor and Firemen's Relief. Besides his widow (Mrs. Emma Seippel) he is survived by three daughters (Misses Mary E., Barbara W. and Rose C. Seippel) and two sons (William Oster and Conrad Rudolph Seippel), all of this city. The funeral will take place from his home on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

To Be Buried in New York.

Accompanied by members of his family, the body of Robert Harris, 2408 St. Paul street, one of the oldest employes of the United States Revenue Cutter Service, who died Monday night in St. Luke's Hospital, was taken to New York yesterday at noon for burial today in Greenwood Cemetery.

To Increase Capital.

The Chesapeake Bank of Walbrook yesterday filed with J. D. Downes, state bank commissioner, amended articles of incorporation by which the capital stock is increased from $25,000 to $50,000. The increase in capital, which is due to growing business, was approved by the commissioner.

Woman's Philharmonic Concert.

The Woman's Philharmonic Chorus of Baltimore, under the able direction of Joseph Pache gave a splendid concert last evening at the Concert Hall of the Academy of Music. The many honors of the evening fell largely to native-born Baltimore talent both in musical compositions and the execution of the music.

The soloists were Mrs. Charles Morton, soprano; Barrington Branch, pianist, and Charles A. Bright, of Washington, baritone. Miss Else Busch, also of this city, was the piano accompanist.

In composition the place of honor for the evening was given to Mr. Franz C. Bornschein for his composition for female voices and piano accompaniment called The Elve, and to Mr. Harry P. Hopkins for his beautiful work entitled Over the Shadows of the Silent Lake.

Of the soloists, Mrs. Morton did fine, artistic work in the love scene, with recitative and the two arias, Ah fors'e lue and sempra libera, with their several cadenzas. She received several enthusiastic recalls and finally sang an encore.

Mr. Barrington Branch, who has been abroad for a couple of years since graduating at the Peabody, gave an excellent rendition of the great Chopin Sonata in B flat minor, celebrated now as containing the Chopin idea of sepulture music. It has come to be regarded almost side by side with the Beethoven funeral march in his sonata opus 26. Mr. Branch's greatest triumph was in the trio of the Chopin march, which he gave with genuine spirit and tenderness. He was also recalled for his artistic performance of Liszt's Sixth Hungarian Rhapsody, which is by no means among the easiest.

The women gave a good rendition of The Dreamy Lake by Max Fiedler, also of the Crucifixus, by Palestrina, from the Pope Marallo Mass, and they had a fine triumph in the novelty by Nowowiejski, Inquietum cor nostrum est. With the assistance of Mr. Bright they also sang Ein Ton by Comilus, and Das Konigskind by Kaun.

Miss Wilson and Mr. Fisher Wed.

A pretty wedding took place last evening at the Stafford when Miss Lucille Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelso Wilson, was married to Frank Fisher, Jr., son of Mrs. Fisher and the late Frank Fisher. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lynn Harold Hough, of the Mount Vernon Place Church, in the presence of relatives. The rooms were decorated with palms and roses and azaleas and after the ceremony supper was served from a long table banked with pink roses, ferns and azaleas. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of soft white satin embroidered in pearls and trimmed with duchess and point lace, and carried a shower bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley. Her tulle veil fell from a lace cap held in place by orange blossoms. Mrs. Charles K. Hann, of Sudbrook Park, was her sister's matron of honor and only attendant, and wore an American beauty gown, trimmed with silver lace and carried American Beauty roses.

Mr. Charles Fisher was his brother's best man and the ushers were Mr. Henry M. Wilson, of Raleigh, N. C., and Mr. Harry Taylor Poor. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher left later for a wedding trip and on their return will live at the Mount Royal.

Reserves May Visit Canal.

A special dispatch to The American received last night from its Washington bureau states:

"Officers and enlisted men of the Maryland Naval Militia will probably have an opportunity to serve on board the ships of the Atlantic fleet when they are sent through the Panama Canal for the first time, in case a naval pageant is decided upon in connection with the official opening of the canal. Officers of the Navy Department have already expressed themselves favorably on the proposal, and it is believed beyond question that the incoming administration will yield to the popular demand for some naval celebration in connection with the completion of the canal.

"The present plan is to place the men of the naval militia on board the battleships and cruisers of the reserve fleet instead of having them man the naval militia ships. This plan was followed in connection with the mobilization in New York last fall. The naval militiamen were regularly enlisted in the service of the United States, and then were discharged immediately upon the conclusion of the mobilization."

Rotary Club Banquets.

Variety, good fellowship and keen enjoyment were the features of the first annual banquet of the Rotary Club, held last night at the Hotel Rennert. The variety was furnished alone in the fact that no two members of the club are engaged in the same line of business. Other than this feature being expressed, however, business cares were forgotten entirely for at least three hours, to which time the 85 members of the club present gave themselves over to a full realization of the enjoyment offered.

Gen. William D. Gill was toastmaster. There was no set program of toasts for the evening, but a number of impromptu addresses were delivered. Besides the local members about 15 representatives of the Washington, D. C., branch of the club were present. A special musical program was rendered by a stringed orchestra.

The Baltimore organization, which meets every Tuesday at the Rennert, is affiliated with the International Association of Rotary Clubs, organized in Chicago in February, 1905. The local chapter was organized last January with but five members and has since increased to 110.

Elected Eastern Provincial.

The faculty and students of the Notre Dame Convent on Aisquith street, are elated at the selection of Sister Mary Agnes as the provincial of the eastern province of the order in this country. The election of Mother Mary Agnes, as she will be known, marks the first time that such an honor has been conferred on a resident of this city. Before her entrance into the order her name was Mary Feldhaus and she is a daughter of the late Bernard and Katherine Feldhaus, both of whom attended St. Alphonsus' Catholic Church.

Mother Mary Agnes will be located at the Aisquith street convent and from that place will direct the work of the order throughout the eastern province. Over 2,000 sisters will be under her jurisdiction, as well as the many convents in the Maryland province, and which are located in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland and New Jersey.

Dance Given for St. Monica's.

An entertainment and dance for the benefit of St. Monica's Catholic Church, under the auspices of the St. Joseph's Holy Name Society, was held Monday night in Holy Cross Hall, West and William streets. The entertainment was divided into two parts—Yours in Rags and Real Clothes and Around the World. The Linsenmeyer Orchestra played the music for the entertainment and dance. Those in charge of the affair were James F. Brandy, chairman, and Matthew McEnemy, John McCuen, F. A. Krause, Frederick J. Carle and Nicholas Kunkel. Rev. Dennis M. McCormick, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, is also pastor of St. Monica's.

To Sail on the Main.

The following passengers will sail today on the steamship Main for Bremen: Hugo Fromann, of Cincinnati, O.; Edgar Kohnert, of Baltimore, and about 50 third-cabin and steerage passengers.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Herman E. Bosler has sent out cards for an auction bridge party to be given on Saturday, February 1, at her home, 1033 St. Paul street.

Mrs. Henry P. Oudesluys has issued invitations for a bridge party to be given on Monday, February 3, at her home, 1409 Eutaw Place.

Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Lawrence have left for a visit to Old Point Comfort, Va.

Mrs. Ralph H. Thomas, of New York, is spending a few days at the Belvedere.

Mrs. David H. Stitt, of Wilmington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Pendleton, on West Franklin street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray are spending some time at the Imperial, New York.

Mrs. William McLemore Richardson has returned to her home in Philadelphia after a visit to her father, Mr. William C. Rouse, on St. Paul street.

Mrs. William H. Wight, of Cockeysville, will sail today for Panama, where she will spend several weeks.

Mrs. Philemon Dickinson, of Philadelphia, spent several days with friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pearce Campbell have returned from a short visit to friends in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood will give the last of two at-homes this afternoon at their home, on West North avenue.

Mrs. Edward Shoemaker and Miss Olivia Turnbull will sail shortly for Panama.

Miss Rose Wood is visiting friends in Chicago, with whom she will remain until August.

Ensign Davison Shields, U. S. N., of the ship Kansas, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Hubner, at her home in Catonsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax Landstreet have retur