SENATE TO WORK FOR THE PEOPLE

No Few Men to Control Its Affairs Hereafter.

WILSON MEN ARE IN CONTROL

DEMOCRATS COMPLETE THEIR REORGANIZATION.

Factional Differences Disappear Toward the End—Senator Tillman Makes Last Stand and Graciously Bows to the Inevitable—Caucus to Give Control of Committees to Majority and Not to the Chairmen—Repeal of Panama Canal Free Toll Not Likely.

Washington, March 15.—With the declaration from their leader, Senator Kern, that they proposed to make the Senate "democratic, not only in name, but in practical results," the Democrats today reorganized the committees of the Senate and took actual control of legislative affairs in that body.

Factional differences disappeared in the final processes of organization. Senator Tillman, who carried up to the party caucus earlier in the day his fight for the chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee, voiced the final word of harmony in the Senate when he was given the chairmanship of the Naval Affairs Committee.

"I bow and cheerfully submit to that decision," he said.

In its reorganized form the Senate is apparently entirely in the control of the forces considered most actively in harmony with President Wilson. The fight begun early in the last session, by the so-called Progressive forces, evolved today a change of committees which gives the balance of power on all of the important committees to the forces which selected Senator Kern as party leaders, and which are regarded as active supporters of the policies advocated by the President.

TO DISTRIBUTE POWER.

The Democratic caucus, which began at 10:30 o'clock in the morning accepted without change the work of the "steering committee" as to the assignments of senators to committee places. Another caucus Monday will pass upon the scheme of Senate control that is to distribute power and give a majority of the Democrats on any committee the authority to control its affairs without regard to the wishes of the chairman.

Senator Tillman made a final plea in the caucus to have his own name substituted for that of Senator Martin as chairman of the Appropriations Committee, but he received little support. When the Senate later adopted the committee lists, Snator Tillman made a brief statement.

"Under the rules of seniority, which have always obtained here, I was entitled to the chairmanship of the Committee on Appropriations," he said. "I asked for that committee, but my colleagues in their wisdom—and I recognize that every man on the steering committee that selected the membership of this committee is my friend—thought that I had better retire into the still water for a while, and leave the battleships to go out in the open. I bow and cheerfully submit to that decision."

FREE TOLLS MAY STAND.

The personnel of the Committee on Interoceanic Canals, of which Senator O'Gorman was made chairman, is such as to indicate that any legislation to repeal the Panama Canal free tolls provision will meet strong opposition within the committee. In the last Congress repeated efforts to have the committee approve a repeal bill were defeated, largely through the efforts of Senators O'Gorman and Bristow.

A change by the Republican managers at the last moment took Senator Burton, of Ohio, off the new Committee on Banking and Currency and gave the place to Senator McLean, of Connecticut. Senator Burton was returned to the Committee on Commerce, on which he has been a leading figure.

The determination of the new Banking and Currency Committee to begin work at once was evidenced by the adoption of a resolution in the Senate today, authorizing it to employ a clerk at $3,000 a year. Senator Owen, the chairman, will begin immeniately the work of preparation for currency reform, upon which President Wilson hopes for early action.

The reforms proposed by the Democratic managers in the method of selecting committees and committee chairmen were presented to the caucus by Chairman Kern, with the explanation that they were expected to bring the Senate nearer to the ideal of a Democratic government than it had been.

PLAN OF BIG REFORMS.

"We propose that this great body shall be Democratic not only in name, but in practical reality," said Sentor Kern, "and that the charge so often made that it is controlled by a few men through committee organization and otherwise shall no longer have any basis in fact."

The proposals made by the committee to the caucus provided that a majority of the Democrats on any committee could call it together at any time; that the committee should elect all members of conference committees, and that the committee members should elect their chairmen, and that all appointments by the "steering committee" should be approved by the full Democratic caucus.

"These resolutions, if adopted, will, we believe, enable the Senate to become a more powerful agency for the registration of the public will, and to quickly respond to the desires and demands of the people as expressed at the polls. Speaking for the entire committee, I hope these resolutions may be adopted to the end that the country may know in advance tht the Senate of the United States, under Democratic control, is an active, efficient and sympathetic branch of this great popular government."

MRS. WILSON'S PAINTINGS

Not a Single Offer Made in Philadelphia for Them.

Philadelphia, March 15.—The 26 paintings by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President, which had been on sale in the gallery of the Arts and Crafts Guild in this city for several weeks, were today boxed and sent to Washington, no offers for their purchase having been received.

The paintings were all landscapes and the proceeds from their sale were to have gone toward the maintenance fund of the Martha Barry School for Boys and Girls in Rome, Ga. The original prices set for the canvases by Mrs. Wilson were $100, $300 and $500, according to size, and these were reduced to $75, $150 and $300.

BISHOP MAKES CHARGES

Methodist Conferences Have Been Extravagant, It Is Alleged.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Philadelphia, March 15.—That the conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church have been so "wastefully extravagant" that there is at present not enough money in the treasury to pay next month's salaries of the bishops, both in this country and abroad, was the startling statement this afternoon of Bishop Joseph F. Berry, of Philadelphia, during an attack on that body. The Bishop was explaining to the one hundred and twenty-sixth Philadelphia Conference the reason for the increase in assessment on the local conference, nearly double over last year.

"There was $100,000 in the treasury before the conference last summer," said the Bishop, "but that body paid the traveling expenses of bishops from distant points who just wanted to visit the conference for fun. They gave each bishop a secretary and a stenographer, which no one asked for, and generally spent money like water. Now we face a deficit which the individual conferences must make up."

The Bishop also broke several precedents today by examining candidates for the ministry in public conference and announcing that hereafter all ministers will be told of their appointments in advance. Pottstown, Pa., is practically assured of next year's conference.

HARTIGAN FOUND GUILTY

Whitman Wins First Case Against Gotham Police Grafters.

New York, March 15.—The first conviction in the district attorney's crusade against grafters in the police department was obtained this afternoon. John J. Hartigan, a patrolman, was found guilty of perjury.

Hartigan acted as agent for high police officials to bribe witnesses against them to leave the state.

Hartigan was alluded to by District Attorney Whitman in summing up as a "discarded victim of the 'system;' sacrificed to protect one of its pillars." The prosecutor referred to Dennis Sweeney, the demoted inspector, who awaits trial on 13 graft indictments as the man for whom Hartigan had perjured himself.

"Sweeney is standing like a rock," cried Mr. Whitman, "with the 'system' back of him, declaring to the world that he never took a cent. Sweeney is the man that has put this young policeman where he is. There never was a more perfect picture of the 'system' than you have before you."

Hartigan, according to the prosecution's case, working directly for Sweeney, aided the 'system' in inducing George A. Sipp, an informer, to leave the jurisdiction of the New York courts. The charge of perjury against Hartigan arose from his denial before the grand jury that he carried the bribe money from Sweeney to Police Captain Walsh.

YOUTH HELD FOR FORGERY

Jack Stevens Arrested at Door of Sweetheart's Home.

New York, March 15.—A Jack Stevens, son of Mrs. Mary Stevens, said to be a wealthy widow of Washington, D. C., was arrested late last night just as he was entering the home of the parents of Miss Edith Carlson, an actress, known as Edith Duehl, in Brooklyn, to ask their consent to a marriage with their daughter. Detectives showed to the young man a requisition from the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, charging him with forging his mother's name to a check for $75. The detective said he had seen the couple meet at Brooklyn Bridge, where Stevens gave her a diamond engagement ring, and then both drove to the Carlson home in a taxicab, the detective trailing and making the arrest.

Miss Carlson, who accompanied her fiance to the police station, where he was locked up, is declared by the police to have said that Stevens spent at least $10,000 on her in the last six weeks. Her fingers were covered with diamond rings and she wore another fortune in jewels at her neck. She said she had met Stevens in Washington only six weeks ago, when she was appearing there in a chorus. Stevens is 20 years old.

COULD NOT STAND RIDICULE

Youth, Husband of a Widow Twice His Age, Attempts Suicide.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Huntington, W. Va., March 15.—Ridiculed by all with whom he came in contact until life had become a bore, William Owens, a 17-year-old boy, who figured in an unusual romance a few weeks ago, when he married Mrs. Ida Gregory, a widow of 35 and the mother of four children, the oldest of whom is only a little younger than Owens, this evening put a bullet through his breast and is not expected to live through the night.

Returning to his home from work this evening, Owens talked with his wife about the manner in which he had been ridiculed by his friends and relatives and threatened to end it all with a gun. Picking up a revolver, he asked his wife if she dared him to end his life. She thought that he was joking and paid no attention to his remarks. In an instant young Owens had pulled the trigger, the bullet just missing the heart. He was hurriedly rushed to the hospital, but no hope is entertained for his recovery.

Owens is the scion of a well-known family here and the unfriendly attitude of his relatives since he married Mrs. Gregory is believed to have been responsible for his despondency.

CLEVELAND MEMORIAL

Services Preliminary to Taking Over Ex-President's Birthplace.

Caldwell, N. J., March 15.—The Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association began services here today incident to taking over title to the old manse, President Cleveland's birthplace. Dr. John H. Finley, president of the College of the City of New York, who has been leading in the effort to preserve the Cleveland birthplace, is presiding. To-day's ceremonies were purely preliminary, the chief event being arranged for Tuesday, the seventy-sixth anniversary of Cleveland's birth. On Tuesday it is expected that the governors of several states, members of President Wilson's cabinet, members of President Cleveland's cabinet and representatives of the national and state legislative bodies will be present.

BOSTON STRIKE ENDS

Six Thousand Garment-workers to Resume Work Tomorrow.

Boston, Mass., March 15.—The strike of 6,000 shirtwaist, waist and dress makers, who make up one of the three principal divisions of the garment-workers in this city, was settled tonight by an agreement in which the strikers receive most of their demands. When these operatives return to work next Monday more than 10,000 garment-work strikers will have resumed work under improved conditions. The regular working week is to consist of 50 hours, but will be one hour less during the summer. The agreement provides for joint grievance, arbitration and sanitary control boards and for handling all complaints and appeals, to the end that there shall be no strike or lockouts in the future.

OLD LANDMARK BURNS

Cabin in Missouri Marked Site of Once Flourishing Town.

Kingston, Mo., March 15.—The destruction of a cabin five miles north of here yesterday removed the last building from the site of "Far West," once a flourishing little city which was chosen as the site for the headquarters of the Mormon Church. The plans show that a great city was contemplated.

Preparations were made for the building of a temple and it was actually begun a short time before the Mormons of Missouri decided to go to Utah.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles Dies.

Elmira, N. Y., March 15.—Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, president emeritus of the Elmira College for Women, died in this city today, aged 94 years.

PAINT AND POWDER CLUB FLORODORA "GIRLS"

—Photo by Walter Keyser Bachrach.

MR. W. W. WAGNER.
He will play the part of Cynthia Belmont, one of the English visitors to the Island.

—Photo by Walter Keyser Bachrach.

MR. W. GUY DULANY.
As Lucy Ling, another English visitor to the Island.

—Photo by Walter Keyser Bachrach.

MR. HARRY NOETH.
As he will appear in the role of Angelica Gilfain in Florodora.

DEVECMON FOR FEDERAL BENCH

INDORSED BY THE ALLEGANY BAR ASSOCIATION.

A Cumberland Lawyer Recommended as the Successor of Hon. Nathan Goff in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals—Has Just Returned From Mexico, Where He Has Large Timber Interests.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Cumberland, Md., March 15.—Many friends of William C. Devecmon, of Cumberland, are urging his appointment by the President to fill the vacancy on the bench of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of the United States Court caused by Hon. Nathan Goff's recent election as United States senator from West Virginia. Mr. Devecmon is one of the best-known lawyers in this end of Maryland. He has just returned from Mexico, where he has large timber interests.

The members of the Bar Association of Allegany County at a special meeting held this morning in the courthouse passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, The Bar Association of Allegany County is deeply interested in the appointment of a member of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of the United States as a successor to Hon. Nathan Goff, recently chosen United States senator for the State of West Virginia, and it is many years since the State of Maryland has furnished a member of said court; and,

"Whereas, William C. Devecmon, of this county, is a lawyer of distinguished legal learning and ability and a practicing member of the bar, with a long and varied experience, whose mind and temperament are peculiarly fitted for the investigation and solution of such questions as are considered by said court, and is in the prime of life, with great capacity for labor and service, and is known for his fearless honesty and unimpeachable integrity,

"Resolved, That the Bar Association of Allegany County does hereby indorse Mr. Devecmon for appointment as a member of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of the United States and commends him to the President as well qualified in every way for appointment. Mr. Devecmon's career upon the bench would reflect credit upon himself and his state and would give satisfaction to the bar of the circuit and the people of the United States."

The following committee was appointed to further the desire of the members of the bar association and to take up the matter with the various associations of the State of Maryland: Albert A. Doub (chairman), J. W. Thomas, A. A. Wilson, Clayton Purnell, James A. McHenry, William E. Walsh and D. L. Sloan.

STATE SCHOOL FUNDS

Quarterly Apportionment to City and Counties.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Annapolis, Md., March 15.—Quarterly distributions of the public school tax, the school book fund and the appropriations to approved high schools in Baltimore city and the counties were announced by the State Comptroller this morning. They are as follows:

	Public School Tax.	School Books.	App'd High Schools.
Allegany...	$15,785.93	$1,768.63	$2,475.00
Anne Arundel	9,896.41	1,134.08	600.00
Balto. City.	118,170.53	13,961.18	2,500.00
Baltimore..	28,351.93	3,124.54	2,675.00
Calvert....	2,971.09	389.04	.....
Caroline....	4,915.27	780.78	1,625.00
Carroll.....	7,793.78	1,089.96	1,625.00
Charles....	4,766.43	787.84	.....
Dorchester.	7,567.29	1,065.02	950.00
Frederick..	12,591.96	1,771.58	1,850.00
Garrett....	5,411.29	773.50	925.00
Harford...	6,498.30	945.88	1,625.00
Howard....	4,044.40	473.50	350.00
Kent.....	4,076.14	604.76	925.00
Montgomery	7,790.17	1,034.77	1,625.00
Prince G'ges	9,090.70	1,115.42	1,050.00
Queen Annes	4,273.05	590.57	925.00
St. Marys..	5,047.75	618.05	.....
Somerset...	6,959.95	850.37	700.00
Talbot.....	4,745.51	661.54	1,625.00
Washington	11,567.11	1,606.00	175.00
Wicomico..	6,630.31	967.24	950.00
Worcester..	5,596.66	845.46	1,850.00
Totals....	$300,000.00	$37,500.00	$28,950.00

Whalen for Sheriff.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Rockville, Md., March 15.—Benjamin P. Whalen, for eight years a deputy sheriff and for the last four years chief deputy, has announced himself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for sheriff, to succeed Clifford L. Howard. The primary election, at which the nomination will be made, will be held the first week in September.

FREDERICK COUNTY

Receiver's Report on the Libertytown Savings Bank.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Frederick, Md., March 15.—State Bank Commissioner J. Dukes Downes, who took charge of the affairs of the Libertytown Savings Bank, which was closed last November, today filed for record the first audit in the matter of the receivership. After all expenses in connection with the receivership to date have been allowed there is still remaining $3,358.35, which the receiver says will be held until the further order of the court. This means that there is now on hand for the stockholders, who subscribed for $25,000 worth of stock, this sum. Deputy Commissioner S. D. Hedges, who is now in Frederick, stated there are other assets and notes, not yet due, and upon the collection of these will depend the amount the stockholders will receive. He stated the office expects to pay the stockholders about 70 per cent. of their claims. The report shows that there was collected by the receiver to date $22,450.37.

The Frederick Board of Trade has elected the following officers for the ensuing years: President, S. Lewis Motter; first vice president, C. Thomas Kemp; second vice president, Edwin C. Markell; treasurer, S. Elmer Brown; secretary, Lloyd T. MacGill.

Allegany Progressives.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Cumberland, Md., March 15.—The Roosevelt Progressives met today in Cumberland, with Thomas G. Pownall in the chair and William J. Feaga, secretary. The merger with the Republicans was vigorously opposed, and the following were named delegates to the state convention: George L. Wellington, George A. Pearre, Thomas G. Pownall, Harry T. Mullin, Otto Hohing, George Lewis Eppler, David A. Robb, J. B. Mealing, William J. Feaga, Emery G. Hitchins, Andrew M. Smith, Thomas G. Fisher, Roland Lemmert and Adam E. Hitchins.

G. Lloyd Palmer Named.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Frederick, Md., March 15.—G. Lloyd Palmer, clerk to the board of County School Commissioners, has been appointed intermediate supervisor of the public schools of Frederick county. The salary was fixed at $1,200 per year.

A STRANGE SUGGESTION

Minister Offers to Die in Electric Chair to Save Allen.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Richmond, Va., March 15.—Rev. John M. Kline, of Marshall, Va., a member of the Baltimore Methodist Conference, who is being treated at the Retreat for the Sick for nervous prostration, offers his life to the State of Virginia if clemency is granted Claude Swanson Allen, sentenced to die in the electric chair with his father, Floyd Allen, on March 28, for the part they took in the Hillsville courthouse tragedy of March 14 last year.

The letter was forwarded to Governor Mann, who will not receive it until Monday, as he is spending several days at his farm in Nottaway county. Rev. Mr. Kline writes as follows:

"The day for the electrocution of the Allens is only two weeks off. I have thought much about it. I do not attempt a criticism of Governor Mann's refusal to show mercy. He knows the law; I do not. I always admired the Governor, and do yet. Only I do not want to see a young man's life taken, not even by the law. He will yet make a good citizen. Now, if the law demands a life, I offer mine instead. I am a sick man, but the chances of my recovery are doubtful. I may never be of service to anyone again. I can yet serve the world by showing this act of love to my unfortunate brother. I have a wife and four children awaiting my doubtful recovery. If the law will accept the offering I make, I leave it to Mr. Allen's honor to see that they do not suffer for the necessaries of life. I am afraid that I shall never be able to provide for them. A strong man like Claude Allen can. So, for the love of my family and my brother man and of Him who died for all, I offer my life."

Ellicott City Marriage Licenses.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Ellicott City, Md., March 15.—Marriage licenses were issued here today to the following:

Addison Ford, 24, and Annie Walker, 21, both of Baltimore county.

Harry E. Lewis, 21, and Louisa M. Brundick, 19, both of Baltimore city.

William E. Hatfield, 24, and Margaret A. Wright, 18; both of Howard county.

Edward T. Crowson, 27, and Bertha Foreman, 21; both of Baltimore city.

MISS IRAS HAWLEY

—Photo Clinedinst.

Daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Hawley, of Oregon, who will make her debut next season.

OFFICIALS DON'T EARN SALARIES

HOT SHOT FROM HOWARD COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY.

Joseph L. Donovan Tells How Some of the People's Money Goes to Waste While the Schoolteachers, Who Work Hard, Do Not Receive as Much Pay as a Colored Laborer—Plan Proposed.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Ellicott City, Md., March 15.—Joseph L. Donovan, state's attorney for Howard county, in a vivacious address to the school teachers, who met in the Courthouse here, proposed a plan by which the salaries of the teachers might be increased without raising the tax rate.

"At present," he said, "we are paying out $4,000 a year in pensions, and $1,000 of this could be saved without injuring any persons now drawing pensions. Our elections last year cost us $6,000, which was double what they ought to have cost us. The present State Election Law is a farce. We also borrow money in Ellicott City at 6 per cent., whereas we could get it in Baltimore for 4 per cent., and in this way save the county about $1,000. With this $5,000, the teachers' salaries could be raised without increasing the tax rate.

"I am willing to say that no official of the county earns the salary that he gets, but the school teachers earn every cent they get at present, and more, too. It seems rather strange to me that a big, black negro can come to this state without any educational advantages and get $1.75 per day and board for his work, while our teachers have to spend four years in colleges, dress well, and then they do not get $1.75 per day and board. I am heartily in favor of this increase in salaries, and will do all I can to help them."

As an argument for better pay, the teachers present the following facts: The total amount of money received by the County Commissioners from taxes is $96,545.13, of which only $17,400 is appropriated for the schools and less than $16,000 of this sum is used for school purposes. The total number of pupils in the schools of the county is 2,937, and there are about 74 teachers, which gives an allowance of $5.93 per year for the education of each pupil. The sum of $23,000 is appropriated for the roads. There are 93 pensioners in the county who draw $4,170, or an average of $44.84 for each pauper. Court expenses for two terms of court are $6,000, and the county spends about $1,500 for boarding prisoners in the county jail. The salaries of the officials of the county range from $750 to $3,600 per year, for less time than the teachers devote to their work.

The following teachers were appointed on committees to work for higher salaries: Misses A.M.Roberts, Julia R. Kyne, Mary Shelley, Antoinette Pindell, Minnie Murphy, Annie E. Johnson, Mary V. Rowe, Geraldine Waters, Esther Selby, Nannie Dudley, Eleanor Gaither, Mabel C. Hinton, Emma E. Shipley, Emily Brandenburg, Rosa Lee Johnson, Mary Warburton, Hazel M. Patterson, Elizabeth Harding and Katherine Warfield.

WORSE PLACES THAN JAIL

So Says Julian Hawthorne After First Day in Tombs.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, March 15.—Julian Hawthorne, the son of the famous author, who, with three business confederates, were given a term in the federal prison in Atlanta for using the mails to defraud is the authority for the statement today that there are places much worse than a prison cell.

Hawthorne had just awakened from a sound night's rest in cell No. 320, on the third tier of the Tombs prison, when he voiced the above sentiment, so he knew whereof he spoke.

"Do you know," he said, "it was just like sleeping on a ship. I shuddered when I was ushered into this steel cell, but an open window gave all the fresh air that was necessary and the bunk was like that one expects to find on an ocean liner. After a restful night, I was awakened this morning by a man who brought me a cup of coffee, just like on board a ship, only, of course, it was served somewhat differently."

Hawthorne declines to speak of his conviction or of his future plans until he has conferred with his son, Ralph Hawthorne. His cell mate last night was Albert Freeman, who, with Dr. William J. Morton, was convicted at the same time that Hawthorne was. Freeman was given a sentence of five years and three days, while Hawthorne and Dr. Morton received sentences of a year and a day.

Under the rule that federal convicts are eligible to parole after serving a third of their sentence, Hawthorne will be eligible for such action a week from tomorrow, March 25, provided no appeal is taken. His commitment and that of Dr. Morton was dated back to November 25, the date on which the trial began.

HAZERS FOUND GUILTY

Three North Carolina Students Must Serve for Manslaughter.

Hillsboro, N. C., March 15.—Establishing a precedent in the annals of the state, a verdict of guilty of manslaughter was returned this afternoon by the jury in the trial of Ralph W. Oldham, William L. Merriam and Aubrey C. Hatch, the three University of North Carolina students indicted in connected with the death of Isaac William Rand in a hazing escapade at Chapel Hill, N. C., September 12, 1912.

Judge R. B. Peebles sentenced each of the prisoners the minimum for manslaughter—four months in jail, beginning April 8 next. Each of the defendants was ordered to give $100 bonds for his appearance before the county commissioners, "who shall in their discretion hire them out to whomsoever they please in this state."

As a result of the death of Rand, 26 students in the University of North Carolina were suspended or expelled after a sweeping investigation into the practice of hazing at the institution.

PETERS GETS $25,000

Damages for the Loss of His Wife's Affections.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 15.—After being out just 12 minutes, the jury in the Circuit Court here this afternoon in the suit of William D. Peters against George I. Bunnell, wealthy local oil operator, for $25,000 damages for the alienation of his wife's affections, returned a verdict for the plaintiff, awarding him the full amount of damages asked. Bunnell will appeal the case to the Supreme Court of Appeals of this state.

The verdict came after a day of sensational testimony and arguments on the part of counsel on both sides. This morning the defense introduced Mrs. Carrie Rounds as a witness in rebuttal, who testified that Mrs. Peters, wife of the plaintiff, had told her that "she cared more for Bunnell's little finger than she did for her husband's whole body." Mrs. Peters denied making any statement of this kind.

SEEK A ROYAL HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt Make an Offer for One.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, March 15.—A cablegram to the Sunday World from London, says: "When Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt arrived from the continent, they went to Brighton and made a long visit of inspection to the residence of the Princess Royal, the Duchess of Fife, on Lewes Crescent, for which they made her an offer for the spring and summer months. The letting of her private house at Brighton is strongly disapproved by the King, but the Duchess, whose husband left her a fortune of $10,000,000, has a notion that she is very poor.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt will soon make a flying visit to New York and Baltimore, probably for only a fortnight. Mr. Vanderbilt attended the Shire horse show this week and they had a couple of theater parties. They are now staying again at the Stream, Betchworth.

MRS. WILSON JOINS CLUB

Accepts Honorary Membership in the Congressional.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, March 15.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson does not share the President's compunctions in the matter of membership in Washington clubs, as she has accepted an honorary membership in the Congressional Club.

The Congressional Club is the official women's club of the national capital and both Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Roosevelt were honorary members of it when they were first ladies of the land.

The club ranks high in American clubdom and a reception in honor of the President and his wife is one of the yearly brilliant functions of the institution. Now that Mrs. Wilson has joined the club, it is expected that the custom will be continued.

GERMS NEARLY ESCAPE

Firemen Have Hard Work to Keep Microbes Bottled Up.

New York, March 15.—Millions of germs of typhoid, yellow fever, cholera and other diseases were in momentary prospect of securing their freedom from confinement in jars and bottles in a specialist's laboratory and spreading contagion about the neighborhood during a fire under the roof of a six-story building on Madison avenue, on the edge of the fashionable residence section today.

Dr. Mary Halton, a suffragette leader, warned the firemen of the danger that the heat would burst the jar and let the "bottled death" in the office of Dr. A. Higgins, a bacteriologist, escape. The firefighters bent every effort to keep the flames away from the germ corner and succeeded in heading off the blaze before it reached the laboratory. The fire did about $5,000 damage.

ALVORD TO WED AGAIN

Invites Man Who Eloped With His First Wife to Wedding.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Camden, N. J., March 15.—To prove that he holds no enmity against Paul Werner, who eloped with his wife, paid for her divorce, later married her and repented, George Alvord, of this city, sent a telegram to Werner at Seattle, Wash., today asking him to come to Camden and act as best man at his wedding, which will take place soon.

Alvord's second wife-to-be is as yet Miss Matilda Cress. She is 34 years old and lives at Rose Bud, Minn., where she owns a farm of 140 acres. The Alvords will buy a house and live here.

DR. FRIEDMANN'S WORK

Only Enough Vaccine at London, Ont., for Twelve Patients.

London, Ont., March 15.—Twelve patients at the Public Health Institute were inoculated today by Dr. Friedrich F. Friedmann with his tuberculosis vaccine. Nearly 80 had been gathered for the test, but the physician found there was only enough vaccine for the treatment of a dozen.

Preference was given to those suffering from tuberculosis of the bones. The demonstration was given in the presence of many local medical men. At the conclusion of the test Dr. Friedmann left for New York.

Mr. Morgan's Sojourn in Rome.

Special Cablegram to The American.

Rome, March 15.—This afternoon the weather was fine and J. P. Morgan motored to Tivoli in company with Dr. Dixon. Returning at 4 P. M., they met Charles Moore in the lobby. Mr. Morgan shook hands with him, exchanging a few words. Ridgeley Carter left today for an extended auto trip through Umbria and Tuscany.

Fined for Painting Italian Colors.

Special Cablegram to The American.

Trieste, March 15.—Giuseppe Lusina today was fined $150 for painting his boat red, green and white, in the national colors of Italy. The Italian protested that it was just a coincidence and that he was not thinking of national colors when he painted the craft. Trieste is an Austrian city with a big Italian population and is always a war menace.

FLORODORA "GIRLS" SHOWING FORM

OF COURSE, THIS MEANS IN SONG-AND-DANCE LINE.

"PRIMA DONNA" BIT NERVOUS

Strenuous Days, These, for Stage Director Meehan, of Paint and Powder Club—Howard Hill Loses Combination of Dolores' Negligee. Rehearsals Progress Finely and Give Promise of Creditable Production Easter Week.

"Clear stage! Everybody ready for act 1."

It was the sonorous voice of Edward J. Meehan, coach of the Paint and Powder Club, and the scene was the stand of Albaugh's Treater.

"All right; go ahead. No, no, you don't make your entrance that way!"

To the stage carpenter: "Johnson, can't you key that saw in concert with the piano? That's your cue Mr. Noeth. Where is Mr. Noeth? Stop that hammering for awhile, please. Now get down to business."

So it goes as the boys and girls of the Paint and Powder Club struggle through the intricacies of Florodora, the musical comedy which will be the club's offering Easter Week. It isn't all comedy, either. There are times when the coach assumes a tragic mien as he uses persuasive powers in straightening some difficult situation which doesn't seem to go just right. He is patient, and the members are painstaking, and so the rehearsals are assuming a satisfactory state, and another week of hard work will see all of them letter perfect in lines and business and ready for the opening performance.

Mr. Hill and Lingerie in Tangle.

So far stage fright has not entered into consideration. Everyone feels confident he will get his part over the footlights in great shape—all except one or two who have their misgivings and are slightly nervous. One of these is Howard Hill, the "prima donna," who in taking the part of Dolores, has been exalted from the chorus to a star of the first magnitude. Mr. Hill, although doing splendidly in the role, wears a look of anxiety as he thinks of the ordeal of facing an audience. His rest is disturbed by neighbors, while beads of perspiration break out over his Venuslike form. He is also having trouble in getting acquainted with feminine apparel, and a day or two ago he became so tangled up in lingerie that he was obliged to call for assistance. This is, however, a passing difficulty which is more or less usual with those who have to adopt female attire.

It is expected all the costumes will be in readiness by tomorrow and the cast will begin to wear them so as to become accustomed to them before the first public performance. The sextette is in excellent training and it now "works" without a hitch. Taking part in this number are: "Girls, Charles Gantz, J. E. McFee, William Appold Wood, Geoffrey R. Koefoed, Dr. F. J. Ellison and Walter H. Lamble; men—J. George Parr, Broughton Beacham, Robert Garland, Patterson Pendleton, G. Robert Schumann and Roger W. Bacon.

Dances to Be Big Feature.

Interest attaches to the interpolated dances, among them Booloo-Booloo, My Banyan Maid, sung and danced by J. Hyland Kuhns, assisted by ten members of the company; the Chevy Chase, by Mr. Kuhns and Neil Hughes, the latter impersonating Gaby Deslys, in a fluffy creation of chiffon and pearls, which is a clever piece of terpsichorean art.

The regular numbers of the comedy are showing up well. The trio, I Want to Marry a Man, sung by Charles A. McCann, Joseph W. Swikert and Clapham Murray, Jr., promises to be one of the most popular of the performance. In the Servants' Hall, by Charles Gantz and Walter B. Swindell, Jr., and Gallop, Gallop, by Arunah S. A. Brady and A. S. Noeth, are also taking numbers. Mr. McCann will introduce several local verses in his solo, Tact.

The charleits which will share in the proceeds are: Monday, Country Home for Children at Orange Grove; Tuesday and Wednesday, Society to Protect Children from Cruelty and Immorality; Thursday, Fresh-air Fund.

The cast follows:

Complete Cast.

Cyrus W. Gilfain, proprietor of the island and the perfume of Florodora .....Joseph W. Swikert.
Captain Arthur W. Donegal, Fourth Royal Life Guards, Lady Holyrood's brother.....Arunah S. A. Brady.
Frank Abercord, manager for Mr. Gilfain.....Richard H. Bond.
Leandro, overseer of farms .....Walter B. Swindell, Jr.
Gilfain's Clerks—
Tennyson Syms.....J. George Parr
Ernest Pym.....Robert Garland
Max Aepfelbaum.....Roger W. Bacon
Reginald Langdale.....J. R. Schumann
Paul Grogan.....A. Patterson Pendleton
John Scott.....F. Broughton Beacham
Anthony Tweedlepunch, a showman, phrenologist, hypnotist and palmist .....Clapham Murray, Jr.
Dolores.....Howard Hill
Valleda, a maid to Lady Holyrood .....Charles Gantz.
Florodorean Dancing Girls—
Inez.....W. A. Wood.
Monta.....J. N. McFee
Jose.....Geoffrey R. Koefoed
Juanita.....Dr. F. J. Ellison
Violanta.....Walter H. Lamble
Angela Gilfain.....A. S. Noeth
English Visitors to the Islands—
Daisy Chain.....Penn Lewis
Mamie Rowe....Allen P. S. Hoblitzell
Cynthia Belmont..Wilmer W. Wagner
Dottie Chalmers....Francis S. Beacham
Lucy Ling.....W. Guy Dulany
Lady Holyrood.....Charles A. McCann
Filipino Coolies—J. G. Ridgely, Harold Clark, Charles Hoyner, John M. Barrett, F. Lester Simon, R. Bruce Hamilton, Charles M. May, Jesse S. Whiteford, W. W. White, Irwin H. Locke, Henry R. Gillingham.
Spanish Dancing Girls—George C. Crawford, Jr., J. Raymond Moore, Rowland Loudenslager, F. Morrison Boyd, Junius Millard, P. Hammer Vetter.
Stage director, Edward J. Meehan; musical director, L. Fisher, Jr.

TRIES TO BURN WIFE

Deskawitz Flees as Neighbors Extinguish Burning Clothing.

Butley, N. J., March 15.—Peter Deskawitz and his wife had a quarrel in the kitchen of their home here today. Neighbors heard the woman shriek and, rushing to the house, found her on the floor beneath a blanket of flames. A gallon can which had contained gasolene lay nearby. She told them that her husband had drenched her with gasolene, struck a match and set her afire. Her nine-year-old son corroborated her story. She probably will die.

When the neighbors reached the house they found Deskawitz trying to extinguish a blaze in a tablecloth and wall hangings. He fled and a general alarm for his apprehension has been sent out to the police of neighboring cities and towns.

BRYAN IS GOING WEST

Will Be Guest of Illinois Legislature and Lincoln (Neb.) Citizens.

Springfield, Ill., March 15.—Secretary of State William J. Bryan will be the guest of the Illinois legislature next Tuesday morning. At noon on that day he will be entertained at lunch at the executive mansion by Governor Dunne. In the afternoon he will depart, accompanied by Governor Dunne, for Lincoln, Neb., where he is to be the guest of his fellow-townsmen.

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