

PLAYS, PICTURES AND MUSIC

"Oh, What a Girl."
Messrs. Shubert will present one of the most musical comedies ever staged in this city at the Shubert Theatre, commencing Monday evening, with a special matinee on Wednesday.

The book and lyrics of this highly diverting musical piece, which has been on view at the Shubert Theatre for six months, are by Edgar Smith and Edward Clarke. The music is by Charles Jones and Jacques Prentiss. The piece has been staged by Edward Clarke with all the resources of the Shubert scenic and costume studios at command.

The story of the play is based on the pleasure expeditions of Deacon Timothee, a hypocrite hailing from Cemetery Corners, N. J. While Timothee is a pillar of the church in his home town, he is known as a high flier among his Broadway acquaintances. During one of his visits to the great white way the deacon meets and falls in love with Margot, a cabaret singer. Margot, however, is engaged to Jack Rushton, a nephew of the deacon, whose fortune is so controlled by the old hypocrite that he has to marry without his consent. Complications ensue when Jack and his friends learn of his uncle's "leanings."

An hilariously funny scene is at Cemetery Corners, in which Aunt Amanda, Timothee's wife, contributes a great share of the comedy which follows. For the presentation of this highly diverting musical piece, the Shubert have brought together a fine company of comedians, comedienne, singers and dancers as well as a chorus of charming young girls. The leading comedian of the company is Frank Fay, then there is that delightfully droll person, Harry Kelly and Sam Ash, Patsy De Forrest and many others. The usual Saturday matinee will be given.

"Fiddlers Three" at Princess.
One of the most remarkable women in the theatrical world is Miss Tavia Belge, who comes to the Princess Theatre this week commencing Monday night, with Christmas and Saturday matinees. In John Cort's sparkling production, Miss Belge, whose work as prima donna of the Antwerp Opera House ended with the coming of the German army, is but a year in this country. Forced out of Belgium by the Hun, she traveled thru Canada and gave her voice for the suffering millions she had left behind. Coming to New York, she performed her penitential, and thru the generosity of Mr. Cort she was placed in the leading role of "Fiddlers Three." The sensation created by her voice, her beauty, and her dramatic talent, and theatrical history, and it is something out of the ordinary for a new singer to make theatrical history in these swift flying days of jazz. The cast is a large one, and includes Tom Conkey, whose baritone voice has been a feature of the New York Hippodrome; Tom Dingle, whose essential dancing has made him one of the most popular of dancers; Gilbert Clayton, who, as Tavi, the staid violinist, presents a startling picture; Horace Sinclair, the vivacious Edna Morn, who plays the role of the beautiful dancer, and one of the most beautiful choruses of vocalists.

"Little Red Riding Hood."
"Little Red Riding Hood," the fourth of a series of English pantomimes imported to this country by F. Stuart Whyte, the noted British author-manager, will be the offering at the Grand Opera House for the Christmas holidays, commencing Monday evening. By his previous productions, "Aldin," "Robinson Crusoe," and last year's "Cinderella," Mr. Whyte has established a reputation for gorgeous entertainments that has placed his offerings in a class by themselves. The reception which has been accorded this latest effort amply indicates the fact that "Little Red Riding Hood" is destined to prove an even greater success than any of his preceding importations. This has been made possible largely by the demobilization of the imperial troops and women workers this summer in London. A desire on the part of many former pantomime artists to return to the country which sent such wonderful fighting men overseas, helped greatly in getting their signatures on the contracts for an extended tour of Canada and for the contracts they should have gained quite a knowledge of the new world, as their itinerant city between Halifax and Victoria and Portland, Oregon, to Portland, Maine.

At the Star.
Miss Ethel Seligson's America's foremost comedienne, is with Frank Lalor's "Aviator Girls," who are playing at the Star next week. Miss Shutta is artistic, delicate and graceful, she can do a little bit of everything quite well. There is an extensive and capable cast. The girls are pretty and the production has a possible pleasing factor of burlesque as we know it and like it in these days.

Gaiety Next Week.
In its laugh ingredients no burlesque show of the present season's shows has more to offer than Joe Hurlie's "Bovary Burlesques," who are playing next week at the Gaiety Theatre. Billy Foster and Frank Harcourt, who serve up most of the comedy material, and their efforts find fine expression in the vehicle which has been written for the company by Lottie Haskell. It is in ten scenes and is entitled "Going Up and Coming Down." It offers the two comedians in the roles of two comic artists, who as initiators who attempt a record trip around the world in an airship, have many amusing adventures and experiences.

Christmas Week at Loew's.
Charles Ray will pleasantly surprise even his most ardent admirers in his latest picture, "The Egg-crate Wall-paper" at Loew's Yonge Street Theatre and Winter Garden next week. The picture is filled with the delightful charm and wholesomeness that is characteristic of a Ray vehicle. Travato, the humorist and eccentric, who is making his first appearance at popular prices, and Torelli's Animal Circus, will share the vaudeville honors. Travato's mannerisms, eccentricities and idiosyncrasies have endeared him to theatregoers on both sides of the Atlantic. Torelli's Circus will prove a treat for the kiddies as well as their elders. The comedy of the act being furnished by "Mike," the wonderfully funny undecidable mule, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall & Co. have a delightful domestic farce called

"Poor Old Jim," and the Royal Four are just "rubes" who know how to sing and put over some original dialog the bulk of which deals with small town life. Mildred Rogers, described as "The Goddess of Terpsichore," offering exclusive songs; The Arnolds, presenting unique balancing feats; Loew's new edition of Timely Topic pictures, and the "Mutt and Jeff" animated cartoons, round off a splendid combination of Christmas attractions.

Special Regent Program.
Unusual attention has been paid to the Christmas week at the Regent Theatre not only in the selection of a bright and catchy feature picture, but also in the presentation of a musical skit entitled "An Olde Tyme Christmas." The famous Regent Orchestra will be assisted by Miss Evelyn O'Donoghue and the Regent Trio and a special stage setting will give it the real old-fashioned Christmas flavor. "The Veiled Adventure" is the feature picture, a story of constancy and devotion, seen as the son of Talmadge. The story is decidedly fascinating and very original. Harrison Ford plays opposite Miss Talmadge, and gives an excellent characterization of the man from Texas who didn't have much faith in women. This play seems to further establish the versatility of Miss Talmadge and should prove very acceptable to Toronto audiences. The Regent will appear in Christmas garb.

Bryant Washburn at Strand.
The Strand Theatre has a big laugh-out-loud treat in store for its patrons next week—a merry bill for Christmas time. The feature picture will be the Paramount-Afterdark screen version of the internationally famous comedy, "It Pays to Advertise," one of the biggest successes ever seen on the stage of this continent. Bryant, breezy Bryant Washburn, the unrivaled star of farce comedy, is setting in the soap king, who when turned out as worthless by his father pulls off a marvelous advertising campaign, outwits his dad and wins the girl of his dreams. Mr. Washburn, droll and dashing comedian that he is, has the greatest chance of his career in this role. "It Pays to Advertise" is one continuous snarl of laughter.

Reck's "Vengeance of Durand."
Starring Alice Joyce, has its last showings today at the Strand.

At the Allen.
Mabel Normand, the screen's most delightful comedienne, comes to the Allen next week in her latest production, "The Jinx." The Jinx is a rollicking, strolling comedy of circus life, in which Mabel Normand plays the part of a vivacious slavey, whose mischievous pranks bring about the downfall of the circus. The picture is a happy picture story all rolled into one. It's a real treat. Bring the children.

Will Rogers in "Jubilo."
Adapted from the popular Saturday Evening Post story of the same name, registers joy, sorrow, pleasure and anger and all the emotions that stir the soul as they are registered by the fellow who washes the dishes at home or by the chap who brings the bon-bons every Saturday night.

Will Rogers is the soldier of misfortune.
You'll sympathize with him, laugh with him and find more entertainment in his misadventures than you ever found in one picture before.

Bert Lytell at Alhambra.
Today Bert Lytell is featured in the fascinating fashion play, "Lombard Limited," at the Alhambra Theatre. For next week, attention is directed particularly to the Christmas matinee, when the musical comedy, "The Jinx," will be an added attraction for the folk. The chief feature will be May Allison, in that remarkably funny play, "Fair and Farmer." Santa Claus is going to visit the Alhambra on Christmas, and there will be special music by the Alhambra Concert Orchestra. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday a fine program will be presented.

Hayakawa at Madison.
Full of scenes of the most exquisite pathos is Hayakawa's latest picture, "The Dragon Painter," distributed by Exhibitors Mutual, which will be presented at the Madison Theatre the first half of next week. In addition to its pathetic appeal, the wonderful photography of this picture makes it the artistic triumph of the year.

Owen Davis, author of "At 945."
Which William A. Brady, Limited, will present at the Royal Alexandra for a week's engagement commencing Monday, Dec. 23, is one of the most successful as well as profitable of American playwrights. Mr. Davis is also the author of "Forever After," one of the great successes of the past New York season, in which Alice Brady starred at the Playhouse, where "At 945" recently completed a long and notably successful run. Coming Wednesday.

"Listen, Lester" Coming.
"Listen, Lester" will come to the Princess for the week of Jan. 5, and will no doubt inject a new brilliancy into the theatrical season. "Listen, Lester" is said to be possessed of more than the usual amount of variety, spice and action. That it is brim full of sparkling lines as mirth-provoking as any author's output now on the boards. John Cort has given the play an unusually well-balanced cast, that is headed by the winsome Ada Mae Weeks. Others are Fred Heider, Marguerite Francisco, Joe E. Brown, Emma O'Neill, Earl Heigley, Harry Paul, Rene Brown, Evelyn Francisco, Dorothy Esterbrook, the Four Entertainers, and a chorus of unusual attractiveness.

Mrs. Fiske to Appear Here.
Seats go on sale Wednesday for one of the season's notable fine offerings from the week of Dec. 19 at the Princess Theatre when John and Harris present Mrs. Fiske in her delightful new comedy, "Miss Nelly of Orleans." Steeped with moonshine, madness and make-believe, the play is one of the most novel and enchanting that Mrs. Fiske has ever handled with her magic artist hands. The original New York cast will support Mrs. Fiske, including such excellent players as Hamilton Revelle, Georges Renavent, Gertrude Chase, Dorothy, Joseph Greene, Eva Benton, Ezra Walck and Clarissa Stem. There will be a special New Year's matinee.

CHARGED WITH BOOTLEGGING.
John Graff, 190 Simcoe street, was last night arrested by Plainclothesmen Sullivan and Knight, charged with selling whiskey. Graff is alleged to have sold two bottles at \$6 apiece.



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EUROPE CANNOT AFFORD TO GIVE UP HELP BY U. S.

Bankrupt Nations Adopt Slogan of "Nothing Without America," Refuting Report of Abandonment of League by Allied Powers.

By Clinton W. Gilbert.
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Washington, Dec. 19.—"Nothing without the United States," according to the usually inspired Temps of Paris, was the policy of the big conference of allied premiers just concluded in London.

That is a sufficient answer to the stories that this conference was a revival of the entente, that it was an abandonment of the league of nations, that it settled France agreeably to Italy and disagreeably to Mr. Wilson. The truth probably is that more consideration for the United States was shown in London than in any time in the peace conference at Paris.

As the uncertainty of American participation in world affairs has grown the anxiety to have America participate has increased.

The Temps puts financial and economic questions first on the list of problems discussed by the premiers with American delegates sitting in unofficially. The financial situation alone is sufficient reason why Europe will do nothing to displease either the Democratic president of the United States or the political controversy that is raging here over the league of nations.

It is vital to Europe that it shall have the friendship of the United States while it lasts, and that it shall equally enjoy the friendship of the Republican administration if such an administration succeeds the present one. It is for this reason that no allied government will express in advance its views upon reservations. To do so would be sure to displease one side or the other in the controversy. And by merely insisting upon the payment of interest upon its loans to the allies during the war, America would force Europe to ruin.

The question of the interest on these loans was one taken up by the London conference. There is no doubt that Europe cannot pay interest on these loans, and there is no doubt also that if she is forced to pay it she will not pay it, long and even the principal will be imperiled.

The question of the interest comes up because this country has lent the allies almost all of the \$10,000,000,000 authorized by congress. The allies cannot borrow from the United States without borrowing from the United States by the sale of goods in this country. They can only pay it by the shipping of gold to this country. And the shipping of \$500,000,000 of gold to this country in the next year would bring about the final smash in the foreign exchange situation.

Europe of a large part of its remaining gold, leaving Europe's vast issues of paper with still less basis than it has now. And the collection of debt of \$500,000,000 from Europe would add just that much to the strain upon foreign exchange. The combined influence of inflation and an adverse balance of trade have sent the British pound, once the standard measure of value in the world, down to \$3.73 in our money. Its normal value before the war in our money was \$4.86. And the French franc more inflated than the British pound, which was once worth 20c in our money, is now worth about 9c. The decline in the value of all money measured in our own has been steady, and experts believe it will go on until much lower levels than now prevail have been reached. If Europe has to send us \$500,000,000 a year, the decline will be great as to precipitate a smash.

Europe Needs More Credit.
As it is, Europe is finding difficulties in buying goods in America. What is needed is not increasing of the demands upon Europe, but increasing of Europe's credit here. Europe needs to be able to buy American goods with American money loaned to her here. Otherwise she cannot pay for them. Europe is in the position of a debtor who may be pressed into bankruptcy by his creditors, or who by a little leniency on the part of his creditors, may be lifted over.

United States treasury views it, it is good business to defer collection of the interest. The chances of ultimately collecting the principal are improved.

Fortunately the authority to defer collecting the interest on the European war loans is in the hands of the secretary of the treasury. He need not go to congress for additional authority. Since there is no reason why this question should get into politics, Congress authorized only the loan of \$10,000,000,000, but in effect left it to the secretary of the treasury to decide whether to place all the terms and conditions of the loans in the hands of the secretary of the treasury. Mr. Glass cannot forego the interest on these loans, but he may defer collection of such interest as long as he likes. He might put off collection ten years if he chose.

It is unfortunate that the whole question of helping Europe back on its feet, except so far as deferring interest collection is concerned, is now in the hands of the treasury, and that in party politics, for our own financial stability is dependent upon that of Europe. A great smash cannot come on that side of the water without our ruin.

All Europe can do is wait until the party political issue is settled or until events force us to act. The fact that we cannot collect more than \$10,000,000,000 being nearly exhausted, and that we cannot collect interest in the shape of money held in Europe without smashing foreign exchange, all of which is a disaster beyond the dance point Europe's already scant gold supply, is one of those events that is forcing our hand. It is the first. There will be others.

Europe can do nothing but wait their coming, meanwhile clinging to the policy of "nothing without America," and avoiding the possibility of giving information regarding them to which political party. A debtor world as Europe is cannot do otherwise.

WANTS CHILDREN BACK

Mrs. Minnie Wright Issues Writ of Habeas Corpus Against Children's Aid Society.

Mrs. Minnie Wright, represented by Robbette and Co., yesterday issued a writ of habeas corpus at Osgoode Hall for her three children against the Children's Aid Society. In her affidavit the applicant stated that she and her husband came to Toronto in 1906, and her three youngest children, Ralph, aged 9; Percy, aged 7, and Irene, aged 5, were made wards of the Children's Aid Society. Mrs. Wright stated that she understood that she was to be able to see the children when she pleased, and that they would be returned to her custody at the age of 14 or earlier.

The society, however, according to applicant's deposition, have refused to allow her to see the children or to give her information regarding them. The other seven children are living, and three have married. Her second husband, who is not the father of the children, is working and earning \$40 per week.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS

London, Dec. 19.—The negotiations between James O'Grady, representing Great Britain, and Maxim Litvinoff, on behalf of Soviet Russia, which have been going on at Copenhagen have been brought to a temporary suspension, according to official announcement today.

The negotiations, the announcement says, were merely postponed to permit the two representatives to return to their respective countries and confer with their governments.

In a judgment handed down at Osgoode Hall yesterday the appeal court allowed the appeal of J. T. Loftus, a Toronto solicitor, who some time ago was found guilty of stealing \$400 from Mrs. Elsie McGinn, one of his clients. In delivering judgment of the court Chief Justice Sir William Meredith said: "There was no ground on which the accused could have been convicted of theft, although he acted improperly in making investments."

BARRISTERS LOSE NOTED CONFRERE

James Scott Fullerton, K.C., Dies After Years of Ill-Health.

James Scott Fullerton, K.C., corporation counsel for the city during the period between 1894 and 1909, died yesterday, after many years of ill-health, at his country home near Duncan, third concession, York township. The late Mr. Fullerton was born in Elgin county on April 8, 1848. He was educated at the West Collegiate and the University of Toronto. He was called to the bar in 1877 and was created K.C. in 1889. He achieved a reputation in both criminal and civil law.

Corporation Counsel.
He succeeded Chief Justice Sir Wm. Meredith as corporation counsel, had to deal with many matters in dispute between the city and the G.T.R.C. P.R. Toronto Railway, Bell Telephone and T. E. L. His last important case was to compel the railways to go on with the esplanade viaduct, but after many days of successful trial work he found himself so completely exhausted that he accepted the offer of the late Mr. Shubert of leaving the matter to the late Mr. Mabey without argument. A year prior to this Mr. Fullerton had been seized with an attack of angina pectoris, which was followed by almost daily attacks of blood pressure. The city council granted him six months' holiday, at the end of which time he resigned. Since then he had confined his activity to consultation and arbitration work.

He had been a member of a number of clubs, and of St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge.

DOMINION'S POWER IS INEXHAUSTIBLE

Hydro Electrician Reads Illuminating Paper, on Waters of Canada, to Electric Club.

At the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Toronto branch of the Electric Institute of American Engineers, held last night in the Engineers' Club, West King street, H. Harvey, assistant to the hydraulic engineer of design of the Hydro Electric, read an illuminating paper on the waterpower of Canada. Chairman A. E. Cooper of the Canadian General Electric Company, in introducing Mr. Harvey, remarked that the facts given should be all the more appreciated as the present rate of exchange between Canada and the United States costs the country an extra \$500,000 on the coal that is brought in—an excellent reason for developing Canada's water resources.

Millions of Horsepower.
Mr. Harvey's lecture covered all the waterfalls in Canada from coast to coast. He gave a general estimate of the amount of electricity. When fully developed, he said, they will provide 17,500,000 horsepower of electricity, which would be inexhaustible. British Columbia has sufficient waterpower to produce 3,000,000 horsepower. The Ontario Hydro Electric, he said, is the greatest waterpower source, taking in the world. Ontario's waterpower produced electricity per capita is 276 horsepower per 1,000 population.

LIBERTY LEAGUERS ACCEPT CHALLENGE

County Essex Branch Defy W. E. Raney to Run for Riding.

In reply to the public challenge from Attorney-General Raney, the County of Essex branch of the Citizens' Liberty League have sent him the following letter: "The Citizens' Liberty League of the County of Essex accepts your challenge, as it appears in The London Free Press, dated Dec. 18. We understand the riding of North Essex is now represented by Mr. Tisdale, has been offered to Mr. Drury as a seat for one of his cabinet. In accordance with the challenge, we designate the riding of North Essex for you to run in, and we will run a candidate against you. We are not opposed to the United Farmers of Ontario, but we are opposed to intolerant individuals, such as you have proved yourself to be by your public statements. The expressions used by you in your speech in Toronto on Wednesday, prove that you are not a fit man for the position of attorney-general of the province of Ontario." (Signed) "W. H. Adams, Secretary."

Nurses' Registries Amalgamated Under Central Registry's Name

Statements in the press of yesterday left the situation regarding the outcome of the recent meeting of nurses in a somewhat vague condition. Enquiry by The World led to the authoritative information that the result of the conference was that the Central Registry and the Toronto Nursing Registry have amalgamated under the first name, the amalgamated institution to have not alone nurses, but representatives of hospital and the Academy of Medicine on its council.

The question of shorter hours was also settled on a compromise. The graduate nurse who goes into a hospital with a patient was acting for a 10-hour day, where formerly she had 12. The point was settled by the agreement of an 11-hour day, the first four hours from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., the patients in the interim to be looked after by the hospital.

SOLICITOR HELD GUILTYLESS.

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UNIVERSITY NOTES

At the last meeting of the Dental Society, held during the week in the assembly room of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons on College street, a new branch of the Dental Society was formed, the members of which had been on active service. Membership was eligible to those who had served in the C.A.D.C., the C.E.F. or other units. The following officers were elected to carry on the work until the next general meeting in the spring: President, Dr. G. Hume; first vice-president, Dr. V. E. Cummer; second vice-president, Dr. E. Grant; secretary, Dr. H. Reid; treasurer, Dr. W. Wilmore. Messrs. W. Byrne, L. M. Martin, E. M. Lett, K. Hall and K. E. Harris were chosen as executive to assist the officers and to represent the various branches of the service with which they had been connected.

Next week at Hart House theatre there will be a series of Christmas plays, selected from the Chester or Corpus Christi Cycle presented. The plays which will be presented are selected from twenty-five plays by anonymous authors, which have been collected from five different manuscripts. Prof. Wallace, who delivered a lecture on these plays to the Dramatic Society, recently, will take a personal interest in their production.

Up to the present the following amounts have been turned in to the financial secretary in charge of the Des Moines Convention in the respective years in medicine: Fifth year \$68.75; registration \$4; fourth year \$50; registration \$4; third year \$38.50; registration \$3; second year \$116.65; registration \$4; first year \$141.06; registration \$3 (combined). This money will be used to cover part of the expenses of the students who will represent the faculty of medicine at this convention.

An oratorical contest will be held at Newman Hall shortly after Christmas. This contest will be open to all club members. The subject is left to each member, but the time is limited to ten minutes. The prize will be a gold medal which will be awarded to the best speaker.

The University is a very deserted spot this morning and only a few belated students outline around to secure their graduation certificates. The only students that yesterday the halls were filled with pushing and scrambling students endeavoring to dig in and secure their share of the annual apple scramble which is given to the poor fresh by the senate seniors. Exams are all over and the majority of the students have already taken their departure to their homes. The last day of the year will be a holiday for the students and the holidays will be main open during the vacation.

His Majesty's A. and N. Veterans Support Veterans' League

Endorsement of the Veterans' League municipal slate was made at a meeting of His Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans, held in the Sons of England Hall last night. Col. James Wright, candidate for the board of control,

addressed the meeting and an unanimous vote in support of his candidature was passed. Joseph Gibbons, running for the board of control, also addressed the meeting and was well received.

ONE YEAR FOR MOTOR THIEF.

Arthur Johnston was yesterday sentenced to one year at the Jail by Judge Coatsworth on charge of stealing a motor car from W. Bowden. Harold Newton, an alleged accomplice, was found not guilty and discharged.



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