

NEWS OF THE STAGE

INTERESTING ITEMS FOR ALL FOLLOWERS OF THE DRAMA, SPOKEN AND SCREENED

"BRINGING UP FATHER"
A musical comedy based upon Geo. McManus' cartoons now running in over five hundred daily and Sunday newspapers throughout the United States and Canada, will be the next attraction at the Grand Opera House, Sat. March 3rd, for an engagement of one matinee and one night.

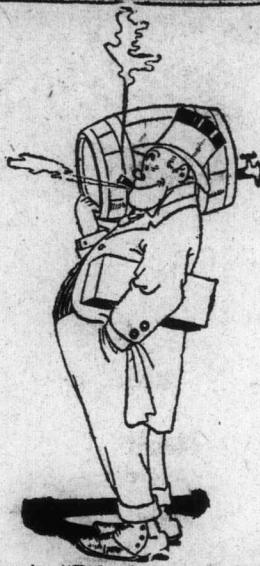
The best recommendation that can possibly be given "Bringing Up Father in Politics" is the fact that Mr. Gus Hill is the producer. If the cartoons did not show pronounced assurance of success as a play, Mr. Hill would not have considered the proposition to produce it for the stage. Theatrical history gives reason for the assertion that a first play is a success before the first curtain rises. So much for experience and judgment as to what the public demands in the shape of musical entertainment. Mr. Hill is the first producer to introduce a vaudeville cast in a musical comedy, in fact "Bringing Up Father in Politics" is a high class vaudeville show with a comedy plot. It is interspersed with specialties and a chorus of pretty girls who sing and prance about to connect the various vaudeville acts. "Bringing Up Father in Politics" is a new incentive for hilarious comedy, a laugh from start to finish and never was intended for any other purpose. There is magnificent scenic equipment with mechanical and electrical effects and almost an endless variety of pretty costumes. A new one to each musical number for the twenty-five choristers. If the cartoons have ever made you laugh, it is quite probable that the same characters

in flesh and blood will make you roar. Opportunities offered for good comedy by the cartoon creations have been taken advantage of to the fullest extent.

THE REX
In full accordance with the high standard of excellence set by the Rex Theatre in its offerings to the public is the motion picture bill now showing there, headed by a five-reel Bluebird feature production featuring Franklin Farnum and Agnes Vernon in "The Man Who Took a Chance," a drama of compelling power and heart interest. The thrilling serial "Liberty" in its fifth episode gains in popularity with all spectators, while it is a long time since a Brantford audience has laughed over a funnier comedy than "Cops and Cussedness," a big mirth producer made notable by the presence of the illustrious fun-maker Hughie Mack.

"INTOLERANCE"
D. W. Griffith's colossal spectacle, "Intolerance," will be the attraction at the Grand Opera House, March 5, 6, 7, and 8, with matinees daily. This is the first and only production Mr. Griffith has made since "The Birth of a Nation."

In his offering Mr. Griffith shows four parallel narratives of four ages of the world's history. It tells a modern story of local color and stirring detail which depicts the sufferings and adventures of a young couple who happen to be caught in the whirlpool of so-called social reform. In joining his modern story to ancient events Griffith has made a wide departure from all stage construction of the past. He elaborates



Father, in "Bringing up Father," at the Grand, Saturday, March 3rd.

upon his original invention of the switchback to flash parallel narratives of the fall of Babylon, the advent of the Nazarene into Judea and the massacre of St. Bartholomew in Paris in 1572. In each locale he introduces analogous characters to the protagonists of his modern story and shows them swept into the same vortex of intolerant opinions which are the negative force in his main theme. The historic surroundings of these various periods are presented in elaborate and accurate detail. The work of research to give authority to these scenes was carried by a corps of experts over a period of three years. These writers furnished Mr. Griffith with over six volumes of the latest condensations upon the different subjects and it was this data that he worked upon.

Babylonia is brought up to the very latest discoveries and histories of the leading university expeditions to the ruins that are still giving up their secrets. His scenes in Jerusalem and other parts of Judea give a pictorial color to the Holy Land that surpasses the work of Tissot.

Atmosphere
A complete "small town" theatre stage has been built on the high stage for the newest picture in which Charley Murray and Louise Fazenda are being starred. They even have a pianola to furnish the orchestra music.

Preparedness
A rainy day has no terrors for the Keystone directors. A late December downpour found three companies hard at work in the light studio and the rain pattering on the corrugated iron roof furnished music for the entertainment of the actors between "shots."

Good Times
Chester Conklin says the world need not worry any more about a food famine. He has just been out to his bean farm, Conklin has 400 acres north of Los Angeles with a big tract

tion engine that eats up 40 gallons of "gas" daily. Conklin says that starving Europe needn't bother any more. His beans are coming.

Too Sincere
There is an "extra" horse working at the Keystone who is too sincere in his work. Vivian Edwards had a run-away scene out on location the other day. A spirited horse attached to a small buggy was started off down the street. After passing the camera, Miss Edwards tried to pull up the nag, but he had taken a contract job of running away. After nearly yanking her arms out, Miss Edwards made a flying leap and managed to get to her place. The horse kept on until the buggy was reduced to kindling wood.

Comedy
Carl Sawyer, the baseball comedian sprang a funny idea on the other day. Director Griffin was waiting for the right light and the company was likewise waiting. Sawyer, being full of pep and vinegar, found it difficult to restrain himself.

"Say," he said to Charlie Murray, "what does a guy do while the director is waiting for light?" "Stay on your set," quoth Chas. "Well, by gosh, I've stayed on my set until I'm tired and now I'm going to stand up whether I'm supposed to be or not," came back Sawyer.

GERMANY'S BLIND
(Associated Press)
Marburg, Germany, March 1.—So great and recognized have the needs of the blind academicians of Germany become, that there has been established, in connection with the University of Marburg, an institute for their special benefit. In it there are made welcome both those who have lost their sight through the war, and those who for other reasons and for longer periods have been blind.

With the co-operation of all the various organizations throughout Germany that care for the blind, the institute has been enabled to erect quarters that include club and social rooms, living rooms for unfortunate students who may come to Marburg, and extensive library and literary rooms. The institute will be, in fact, a sort of central organization for the blind of Germany. In it anyone will be able to procure literature in German or other language specially prepared for the sightless or will be able to find out whether any desired book or work can be gotten. It will, in addition offer courses for the blind, beginning with lessons in reading for those who have just met misfortune and continuing so as to comprise extended and advanced study.

PRIVATE ROSE TO BE GENERAL

Brig.-Gen. Hilliam, Veteran of Boer War, Receives Promotion

London, March 1.—Colonel E. Hilliam, who has been promoted to brigadier general of the Canadian forces, has risen from a private. He joined the British army in 1883, and saw active service in the Boer war, during which he was wounded three times. He secured his captaincy, and after serving in the Cape Mounted Police went to Canada, where he settled down to farming. At the outbreak of the war he joined the Canadian contingent, and became captain, rising thence through the various grades.

NO MATCHES.
London, Mar. 1.—(Associated Press) King George left his spurs gold cigarette case, cigarettes and matches outside a munition plant during a recent inspection as a precaution against everything that might cause an explosion. This example of the monarch was cited during the prosecution of a number of munition workers for carrying spurs into a plant where explosives were made.

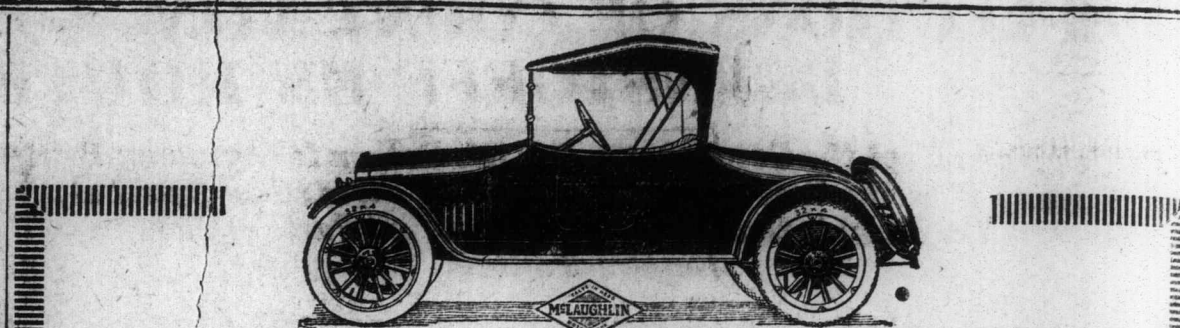
In calling attention to the fact that the workmen had endangered the lives of 7,000 others in the plant, the prosecuting attorney referred to King George's act. "His Majesty," he added "did it cheerfully and willingly, and if our monarch did it, surely the men working there might follow his example by complying with the regulations made for their own safety."

Not fines but prison sentences of a month were meted out to the offenders.

INDIA TO ENGLAND BY AIR
Associated Press
Delhi, India, Mar. 1.—From India to England by air within the next ten years was prophesied by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, in an address on the future of aviation as revealed to him through his connection with the air board in England. Lord Montagu said he expected to see mails and passengers carried over this route of from 3,600 to 5,000 miles in from three to five days time.

CAT TAX FAILS
Associated Press
Amsterdam, Mar. 1.—The tax on cats in certain parts of Germany has proved a disappointment. In Striegan, Silesia, according to the Berlin papers, the cat population diminished to seventy-seven when the tax gatherer made his rounds. On the other hand, there has been an alarming increase in rats and mice, so alarming that several towns have decided to abolish the cat tax.

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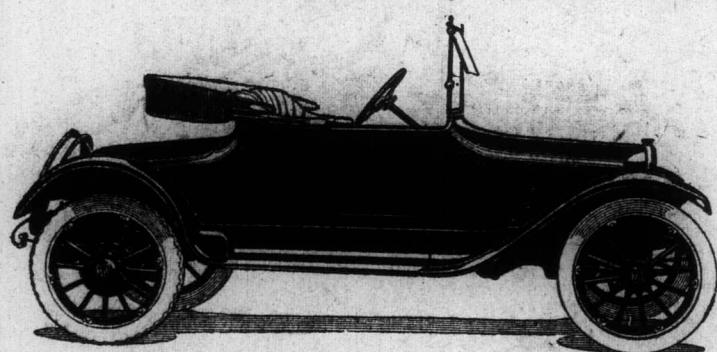
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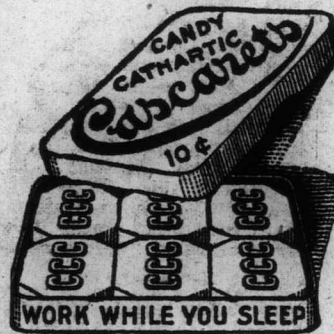
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JOURNALS SUSPENDED
(Associated Press)
Berlin, March 1.—It has required a 32-page booklet for the Imperial post-office to enumerate the list of newspapers and periodical publications in Germany of recognized standing which "temporarily" will not appear during the course of the war. The list includes 1,430 publications, but of course does not include the hundreds if not thousands of "fly-by-night" papers and magazines which, in many instances, have come into being since the beginning of the war and have died a natural death within a short time.

The 1,430 which are enumerated constitute just about one-eighth of the publications that flourished before the war but that have had to cease issue since then because of the increased shortage of paper, high prices, scarcity of labor, dropping circulation and other things. The post office cites them all as having suspended "temporarily" but their more fortunate contemporaries insist on enclosing the word temporary in quotation marks.

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