

# MUSIC AND DANCE



### "Gay New York" To-night.

It must occur to anyone at all acquainted with the names of foremost members of the theatrical profession, especially with that extremely popular contingent who fill the world with mirth and music, that "Gay New York" which will be the attraction at the Grand to-night, has made a more than usual demand upon them, inasmuch as the long list of entertainers announced is strictly characteristic in this respect. The stupendous aggregation comprises no lesser talent than Harry Emerson, Ada Henry, Virginia Varco, Richard Berkeley, Clara Raymond, George Wood, Will P. Conley, Robert Cunningham, Violet Rio, Jack Fleming and the sprightly comedienne, Hilda Hawthorne, as well as a goodly number of comedians and singers who have attained to the highest ranks of delightful entertainers.

The show at Bennett's this week has met the general approval, and so good are all the acts that it is difficult to pick out the act that is the best. The two most ambitious offerings are the Eight Vassar Girls and the sketch, "Her Friend From Texas." The girls are all talented players on brass instruments, and their numbers are a little better than the cheap clap-trappy music so often imposed upon the audiences by vaudeville musicians. They gave the sextette from "Lucia," Paderewski's "Post and Pessant" and "The Bohemian Girl." Francesca Redding's hit is an exceedingly clever act, "Her Friend From Texas," one of the noteworthy results of the season. The rest of the bill is composed of acts that are well worth seeing. A. C. Duncan, the ventriloquist, comes first. He is the goods, and his witty talk via the dummies is as good as anything heard in this city. Selbini and Grovini are jugglers, acrobats and trick cyclists, and their act is bristling with clever novelties all the way through. The Rialto quartette sing well and their pot pourri of popular songs is helped along by some gentle comedy. Harry Breen is busy at every performance making rhymes on people he sees in the audience, and he does it without hurting anybody's feelings. The motion pictures close this excellent show with first-class films. In the amateur contest last night the winners were:

Dorothy Wilson, singer; J. Cummings sisters, singers; 2. Atwell children; 3. Harry Firth, Scotch singer; 4. Dr. Peter Wood and his talented sons contributed a most enjoyable vocal number, and were well received. They did not compete for the prizes, however.

One of the sensations of the stage is the Moto-Girl, which will be introduced at Bennett's next week. It is described as a mystic marvel, and it is alleged that it is worked by electricity. The Moto-Girl is a doll to all appearances, and it goes through a performance very like Stone as the Scarecrow in "The Wizard of Oz."

### "Madam Butterfly" Orchestra.

The orchestra gathered by Henry W. Savage for his production of Puccini's "Madam Butterfly," which will be presented at the Grand Opera House, matinee and night, Friday, April 3, is a fine body of fifty instruments, and notable for a number of features. Boston music critics pronounce it the best orchestral body Mr. Savage has ever drawn together. The Puccini score calls for much not provided for in old instrumentation, and Mr. Savage has endeavored to reach the impressionistic touch of this David of the modern Italian school of grand opera by employing many new instruments not generally heard in any of the great orchestras of the world. To reproduce much of the Japanese effects the celeste is used. This is an instrument made by Muesel, of London, and consists of a series of bells in two octaves of the chromatic scale, tuned to the diatonic, normal pitch, with an action similar to that of a piano and played like it. Another new instrument—purely Japanese—is a set of four gongs tuned to intone a diminished G. This is used in the accentuated passages of the Buddhist marriage rite and in the harikari scene. There is also a double set of tympani in sets of three tambours—quite unusual. A viola di gamba and a viol d'amore also are introduced; the former registers among stringed instruments between the regular viola and the cello. The viol d'amore was employed not long ago by Charles Loeffler, of Boston Symphony Orchestra fame, in his symphonic poem, "The Death of Tintagiles." He used it in an obligato with the orchestra. Both of these instruments are obsolete so far as general use is concerned, but Puccini has revived them in order to catch a Japanese flavor.

### Anna Abbott "It."

"The Benediction," the clever playlet presented by the Owen-Hoffman Company at the Savoy Theatre this week, scored another hit last night. Full of rare, rich comedy and stirring situations it received and merited the enthusiastic applause with which it was greeted. Francis Owen, in the role of Grandpa, a Grand Army man, gives a portrayal of the character true to life. The bestowal of the old man's benediction before he leaves his son-in-law's home works the act up to a splendid finish. Annie Abbott, the celebrated Georgia Magnet, made her first appearance at the matinee performance yesterday, and took the house by storm. This is one of the most striking novelties in vaudeville, and lends additional strength to what is easily one of the best vaudeville entertainments seen in Hamilton this season. "The Vaudeville Exchange," a screamingly funny comedy sketch presented by the Watson-Hutchings company, before the pictures, is one continual laugh. As a mirror, it is a comedy far seen here this season. The Beardsley Sisters, a pair of dainty little ladies, have a singing act that establishes them in favor at once. They have sweet voices and make a number of costume changes with good effect. Field and Wolley, German comedians, in a comedy skit, "A Trip in an Airship," is another capital laughing number. Hagan and Westcott in a singing and dancing turn, and Billy Barlow, the minstrel comedian, are other clever numbers on a bill that is thoroughly pleasing from the overtures to the pictures.

There are Geisha girls, yachting girls, Japanese dancing girls, society girls and all are pretty girls, in "The Mayor of Tokio." Richard, the Mayor of Tokio, a farcical opera that will be the attraction at the Grand to-morrow night. The story is said to be funny, and the dialogue bright and snappy, and there are a number of very catchy songs: "Tokio," "Pity My Pitiful Flight," "Cheer Up, Everybody," "Craving the Home," "The Silver Sea of Love," "When the Ocean Breezes Blow," "Foolishness," and "I Like You" are all good, and have become popular wherever light, tuneful music is enjoyed. The company is an exceptionally large and well selected one. The chief mirth provoker of "The Mayor of Tokio" is Mr. John L. Kearney.

### Others Shows Coming.

The attraction at the Grand next Tuesday night will be the celebrated musical comedy, "The Vanderbilt Cup," with its great auto racing scene. Eddie Foy, in the New York and London musical comedy success, "The Orchid," is to be seen in Hamilton for the first time at the Grand next week. In the character of Artie Chokey, head gardener and merrit of all work, at Lady Barwick's Horticultural College in England, the comedian is fitted with a role that might have been made to order for his peculiarly droll style of comedy.

### Mrs. Campbell in Topaka.

Topaka, Kan., has fallen in line. Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the interviewers' delight, recently visited Topaka, and her reception was not exactly the sort of an ovation tendered by the Romans to their conquering emperors.

### Drury Lane Burned.

London, March 25.—A fire broke out in the Drury Lane Theatre at 4:30 o'clock this morning. The theatre was gutted.

### Some One Caps Receipts.

Mr. Touhy and Miss Frances Bacon of Boston won the prizes as the best dancers upon the floor. Miss Dorothy Bertrand got a prize as the best looking girl, and Miss Alice Half-Pornum Clifford as the most precocious.

### FAREWELL TO OTTER.

The Toronto Club will tender Brigadier-General W. D. Otter a banquet Monday evening. Some of the Hamilton officers have received invitations. Brigadier-General Otter leaves Toronto on Tuesday to assume his new duties at Ottawa as Chief of Staff for the Canadian militia. Farewell banquets have also been proposed by the officers of No. 2 military district, his own staff in the western command and by the officers of Stanley Barracks, but General Otter has found it impossible to attend any other complimentary farewell functions than the one at the Toronto Club. The other banquets have, therefore, been called off.

### Brids of Lammernoor.

Glasgow, March 25.—A notable event in the theatrical world was the production at King's Theatre last night by J. M. Harvey's company of Stephen Phillips' first dramatic version, "The Bride of Lammernoor." With a view to dramatic effect, Mr. Phillips diverged considerably from the story of Sir Walter Scott, while utilizing its main features. The result was a capital three-act play, which was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Only the declamatory passages had recourse to blank verse.

## CHORUS STARS SHINE BRIGHT.

### EVENT HELD IN NEW YORK TO SWELL HEADACHE FUND.

Grand March is Stunning—Leaders at Ball Win Prizes for Showing Refinement.

New York, March 25.—The Chorus Girls' Protective Association of Greater New York, combined with the Brokers' Beneficial Society and locals 1, 2 and 6 of the Wine Agents' Union, gave a large function at the Amsterdam Opera House for some time this morning to help swell the treasury of the sick and headache fund of the amalgamated organizations. President Kid Betts of the Pearl Button Uppers Club and President Irvin Cobb of the Society of American Playwrights were the guests of honor.

Just a simple hint that an actual gold watch and chain were to be slipped to the most refined couple on the floor was enough to make the ball the most successful of the mid-city set has given since the White Rats' ball of last week or the Mr. Larry Mulligan Association ball of the week before that, or the Joe Weber Alumni dance of a couple of days before that.

### Best Since Saranac Burned.

The first statement that the watch would be awarded for the most refined couple was made by the manager of the largest single group of prominent persons that has gathered since the Saranac hotel burned out. Wherefore the grand march, from the conventional mounted police all the way down to the other citizens on foot, was the most elegant thing of its kind since the last naval review off Oyster Bay.

The grand march proper was led by Mr. Kid Betts of the Pearl Button Uppers Club and Secretary Irvin Cobb of the Author's International Copyright and Athletic League. Hundreds of couples, eager to win the prize gold watch that was offered the most refined couple, fell into line behind the leading couple before they had glimpsed Miss Green'sorgette—or her gentleman friend's wearing apparel.

Mr. Betts wore practically the conventional black, and his cravat was tied in a pretty bow of delicate pink silk, overlaid with a touch of the design of the braid that edged his evening waist. The waist was worn decollete over a box pleated soft bodied evening shirt with a full finish. He carried a silver wine cooler.

### Trainers Rush to Rescuer.

As the leading couple turned about upon reaching the far end of the ballroom and came back via the centre of the floor the entire line of marchers got the complete effect for the first time. Many weakened perceptibly and it was evident that entire groups of couples were ready to give up the contest because of the realization of their last moment.

Their trainers noted their defections quickly and ran out from the side lines with pails and sponges and immediately to stick it out. But the friends of the leaders, especially when the long line of marchers in plaid simply stood right up and cheered.

The noise then wasn't anything, however, to the hysteria that rattled the chandeliers when Mr. Betts turned up his trousers upon coming to the edge of the wine belt and his grand horsehoes. Mr. Betts wore Alice blue half hose, frescoed with box plaits of Scotch plaid.

Perhaps the whole grand march would have been ruined because of a description right at the management didn't begin to circulate a press agent rumor again there was to be a soul kiss contest after the march.

### Popcorn Clothes Get Second.

Of course there was nothing to it in the end. Mr. Betts' management had the majority of the committee well in hand and each got a watch. The second prizes were awarded to a couple arrayed in clothes made of red and white popcorn woven on beads. This girl said she was more than Miss Elsie Wiens and her partner said his name was George H. A.—Double R-I-G-A-N.

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| \$2.25 Cloths  | \$1.69, size 2 x 2 yards     |
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| \$3.00 Napkins | \$1.88, size 20 x 20 inches  |
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## CARNIVAL OF THE SEASONS.

### SUCCESSFUL EVENT IN FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Large Numbers in Attendance Admired the Pretty Scene and Patronized the Booths Liberally.

One of the prettiest and most successful bazaars of the season was given in First Congregational Church yesterday afternoon and last night by the young ladies of that church, in aid of the Y. W. C. A. building fund. The committee in charge spared no pains in decorating the Sunday school room and the large crowd showed appreciation of their efforts.

Six booths were also decorated by the young ladies and several gentlemen of the church, who had charge of them, were costumed in bright and pretty outfits. The bazaar was termed the "Carnival of the Seasons," and four of the booths were decorated to represent the different seasons of the year, and in the vocal music were the first class. "Spring" was a cut flower and seed booth, and did a rushing business. The decorations were green and white, and those in charge were Misses Edith Palmer, Violet Henderson and Nellie Giles. "Winter" was decorated with red and white. Manufactured goods were on sale in this booth, and the proceeds were all that could be wished. The booth was decorated with advertising matter, and was in charge of the following committee: Misses Mabel Reid and Helen Sharp, Messrs. Robert Linklater, Duncan Longmire and F. Brooks. "Autumn" was a pretty showing, with its decorations of home leaves and chrysanthemums. Home-made articles were for sale at this booth and the committee was, Mesdames F. W. Palmer, F. Chadwick, J. K. Unsworth and F. L. Johnson. Miss Jessie Danckert and Harry Stone. "Summer" booth, with pink decorating and red climbing roses, made a beautiful showing, and did a land of refreshments. The committee was Misses Winifred Godard, May Fluke, May Danckert, M. Pascoe, Messrs. Perry Taylor and Albert Brenton.

The centre booth was equipped by E. W. Gillette & Co., of Toronto, and did good business. The booth was in charge of Misses Ruth Godard and Clara Davidson.

The last, and one of the prettiest, of the booths was presided over by Miss Pearl Thompson and Miss Mary Towers. It was a "Jap." booth. The proceeds were very good from the sale of Japanese work. The bazaar will be continued on Thursday afternoon and evening (to-morrow) and another big turnout is expected.

### NO INCREASE TO PASTORS.

### Presbyterian Fund Does Not Warrant Any Advance.

Toronto, March 25.—"Never in the history of the Augmentation Committee of the Presbyterian Church, western division, did so many charges pass from mission stations direct to the self-sustaining stage without asking any aid from the fund." This statement, along with the report that there had been no deficit and no withdrawal upon the rest account, was made to the Augmentation Committee at its meeting yesterday. In spite of the depression and serious loss due to grain crops by frost in the

## GRIMSBY PARK LOSES APPEAL.

### CCTAGERS ENTITLED TO FREE ENTRANCE TO PARK.

Two of the Five Judges Dissented—Motion Made on Behalf of Ontario Pipe Line Company Dismissed.

Judgment was given at Toronto yesterday by Justices Moss, C. J. O., Osler, Garrow, Maclearen, Meredith, J. J. A., in the Grimsby Park case, upon the appeal by the company from judgment of Mulock, C. J., in favor of plaintiff, W. H. Irving, a Toronto barrister, in an action for a declaration of his rights under a lease from defendants of lots in the defendants' park upon which he has a house, a declaration that the defendants imposing upon lessees a fee for entering the park is ultra vires, an injunction restraining defendants from exacting payment of a fee, damages for breach of the covenant for quiet enjoyment, and other relief. The judgment was given against the defendants, and the appeal was dismissed.

### BAD FOR RETAILERS.

### Senator McMullen Opposes Co-operative Societies Bill.

Ottawa, March 24.—On the second reading of the Government bill respecting co-operative societies Senator McMullen opposed the principle of the bill. A number of co-operative societies like the Grangers had proven unsuccessful. The hardest pressed mercantile class in Canada, he said, were the retailers. The departmental mail order stores in general were prospering by the retail stores hard, and it would not be fair to them to legalize this additional competitive system in the form of co-operative stores. The retail merchants of Ontario were opposed to this bill.

Senator Bostock said he had had experience in Britain with co-operative societies, and declared they had been of great benefit to the people and of no injury to the retail merchants.

### SOCIALISM IN COLONIES.

Keir Hardie Says It Has a Good Hold in Canada.

London, March 25.—Mr. Keir Hardie, the leader of the Socialist Labor party in the Commons, has been interviewed by the Daily Chronicle on his return from his world trip. He says that he would not recommend Canada for an emigrant, as the country is being developed too fast, and the land system the curse of the country. He found every encouragement for the future of Socialism in all of the colonies, but especially in Canada. In the west and among the miners it already had a strong grip. In another interview he says that in the Dominion he found little talk for the Empire; there it is always "Canada for the Canadians."

## ITALIANS ACQUITTED.

### Three Men at Montreal Charged With Murder of E. Cassieri.

Montreal, March 24.—After a strong charge in their favor by Mr. Justice Laverge, the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty to the charge of murder against F. Ciavari, G. Mancini, and Maria Arditia. These three Italians were charged with the murder of E. Cassieri, who was found in a dying condition in a house on Amsterdam street last month. The jury only took five minutes to arrive at the verdict of not guilty.

## A MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

### Maner Webb of Winnipeg Believed to Have Swallowed Formalin.

Winnipeg, March 24.—Maner Webb, aged 40, switchman in the C. P. R. yards, died at the hospital here to-night under rather mysterious circumstances. It is believed that he drank a quantity of formalin during the early evening, and death was the result of poisoning. The coroner is making an investigation, as it is not known how the man came to drink the formalin.

## RHODES SCHOLAR DROWNED.

### Washed Off the Rocks at Port Isaac, Cornwall.

Oxford, England, March 24.—Ralph C. Rhodes, a Rhodes scholar, from New Orleans, La., at Oxford, was washed off the rocks and drowned at Port Isaac, Cornwall, to-day. Ralph C. Rhodes secured his appointment to Oxford in 1906. He was a student at Queen's. A peculiar coincidence is the fact that A. K. Treard, the 1904 Rhodes scholar from Louisiana, died in March, 1905, from Meningitis.

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