

# PLAYS, PICTURES AND MUSIC

**"Parlor, Bedroom and Bath."**  
 "Parlor, Bedroom and Bath," the sensational New York farce hit, which A. H. Woods will present at the Royal Alexandra all next week, commencing Monday evening, comes to Toronto directly from a run of seven months in New York City. The comedy is described as a new tale of a wayside inn, and is a fresh flippant farce comedy in three acts by the Canadian author, C. W. Bell, in collaboration with Mark Swan, has enjoyed distinguished runs in both New York and Chicago. The company is headed by Florence Moore, Beth Merrill, Carolyn Lilla, Dorothy Morrison, Grace Fielding, John Arthur, James Spotswood, Roy Gordon, Tommy Meade, Dan Baker and Nick Judels. Matinee days for "Parlor, Bedroom and Bath" will be Wednesday and Saturday.

**Bookings at Princess.**  
 The Princess will be dark next week owing to the cancellation of the attraction that was to appear, and the impossibility of securing another one on such short notice. For New Year's week will be offered the New York and London success, "The Better 'Ole," and from then on the following attractions will be seen: "Penrod," Cyril Maude in "The Saving Grace," Laurette Taylor in "Happiness," "The Rainbow Girl," "Fiddlers Three," "Flo Flo," Mary Ryan in "The Little Teacher," "Folly With a Fast," "Zeigfeld Follies," "The Riviera Girl," "Miles in 'Head Over Heels,'" "The Boomerang," "Tiger Rose," Maude Adams and David Beascochee's new play, "Cinderella" at the Grand.

**Next Week at Shea's.**  
 Ruth St. Denis, in classical and modern dances, will head the bill at Shea's Theatre next week. She will present an entirely new repertoire of dances. Jean Adair, the special attraction, offers that classic of the vaudeville stage, "Maggie Taylor, Waitress." The Four Haley Sisters are described as America's greatest girl quartet. They will present a medley of popular songs. Jack Clifford and Miriam Willis will offer their comedy pastiche playlet, "At Jasper Junction." Fred Allen, a monologist with new material; the four sensational Boises; the Human Airplanes; Burley and Burley, "The Dude and the Scot"; Marty and Florenz; "At the Tennis Court," and the Offi-

cial War Revue are also included in the bill.  
**Loew's Theatre.**  
 For Christmas week the management of Loew's Theatre and Winter Garden offer a varied array of vaudeville and film features. Yardi and Clark and Clara Kimball Young will be seen, the latter in her latest sensational film creation, "The Savage Woman," in which she appears in a dual role. The second instalment of "Famous Canadian Battalions in France" presents the Princess Pats, the 102nd Battalion of British Columbia and the 14th Battalion, Royal Regiment of Montreal. Anna Vivian and six pretty girls sing, whistle and sharpshoot. Tom Davies and players will present a domestic farce, "Checkmated," and William Dick will offer popular and classic airs, accompanying himself on the guitar. The Three Burke Girls present an exclusive song revue; Donahue and Fletcher, entertainers of merit, Loew's Weekly Travel Pictures, the "Mutt and Jeff" animated cartoons, and several film comedies complete the bill.

**At the Hippodrome.**  
 Theda Bara will be featured at Shea's Hippodrome next week in her newest release, "When a Woman Sins." The vaudeville headliner will be the Mystic Hanson Trio in feats of magic and illusion. "The Girl in the Air" is an aerial novelty. Claude and Marlon, Cleveland, a clever boy and a pretty girl, in songs and dances; Mertens and Arena, in a laugh-provoking comedy; Doveddah De Rajah and company in a Hindoo mind-reading offering; and the Pathé News and comedy complete the bill.

**"The Girls of the U. S. A."**  
 "The Girls of the U. S. A.," with Lew Hilton and Ina Haywood, two of the biggest favorites in burlesque, assisted by Aurelia Clark, John Bohman, Tenny Hilton, Mlle. Babette, Clara Evans, Roy Peck, Charles Figg and a singing and dancing chorus of prize beauties, an entire new show from start to finish, and its greatness will be seen at the Gayety Theatre next week. For years the Burlesque Producing Company have strived to give the public the best obtainable, and in this production they have outdone themselves. The music is catchy and will send you home in that happy state of mind.

**Three Features at Regent.**  
 For Christmas week at the Regent there are three features—Martin Johnson's famous "Cannibals of the South Seas," Hale Hamilton in a bounding story, "5000 an Hour," and Miss Josephine Hodgson in her beautiful ballet, "A Toy Shop." The splendor of the music, the amusement afforded by the pictures, the exceptional stage production in the form of a ballet, and the Christmas spirit will be found at the Regent next week.

**At the Strand.**  
 For the first half of next week, including Christmas Day, there will be a special matinee at the Strand, when the feature will be "Peggy," starring Billie Burke, supported by William H. Thompson, William Des-

mond and Charles Ray. This photoplay is one with a charming and poignant plot. It has a story of great fascination, told with delightful delicacy, and it affords Billie Burke one of the most captivating roles in which she has ever been seen. The photoplay is in eight acts.

**Earle Williams at Madison.**  
 The great popular screen favorite, Earle Williams, will be the attraction at the Madison Theatre for the first half of next week in his latest Vitagraph Blue Ribbon triumph, "The Man Who Wouldn't Tell." In this play he takes the part of an international detective.

**"The Wanderer" at Royal.**  
 The play of "The Wanderer," which returns to the Royal Alexandra for an engagement of one week, commencing Monday evening, Dec. 30, is based on the story of the "Prodigal Son." Matinee days will be Wednesday (New Year's), and Saturday. Seats will be placed on sale Thursday morning.

**Another famous stage success is to be presented at the Grand New Year's week in Winchell Smith and John L. Shea's home play, "Turn to the Right,"** acknowledged by critics to be the outstanding play of the generation. The sale of seats opens Monday morning.

## THRILLING PHOTOPLAY COMING TO ALLEN

One of the most thrilling scenes ever photographed in a motion picture is the battle fought by Henry, Earl of Keshill, with a great lion, in which the Englishman is slain, and which is graphically pictured in Cecil De Mille's superb picturization of Edwin Milton Royle's "The Squaw Man." This photoplay, which is the best ever produced by this director, will be the attraction at the Allen all next week.

The battle scene is laid in an African jungle. The Earl of Keshill is an embezzler whose crime has been shouldered by his cousin, Jim Wynne, who is now in the hands of the law. Jim loves Henry's wife, Diana, and suffering from her husband's death in the jungle, Diana traces Jim to Wyoming, where he is living on a ranch with his squaw, and after some exceptionally tragic scenes, they are reunited in their mutual love.

The lion scene in the picture is perfectly harmless except in the film scene. Assistant Director Sam Wood played hide and seek with the big cat at rehearsals, but Thurston Hall, taking the role of Sir Henry, who battles with the lion, entered into the contest with no little misgivings. The lion was lazy and preferred dozing to the animal was there with both feet, mauling by the king of beasts.

An all-star cast is seen in this wonderful production, including Elliott Dexter, Ann Little, Theodore Roberts, Jack Holt, Tully Marshall, Thurston Hall, Edwin Stevens and Katherine MacDonald.

## WOMEN TAKE PART IN RECONSTRUCTION

Representative Committee for All Provinces to Aid Government.

A women's committee has been formed to advise with regard to reconstruction work to be undertaken by the women's department of the Canadian Reconstruction Association. The names of those who will act on the women's committee are Mrs. Arthur Vankoughnet, Mrs. H. S. Strathy, Mrs. Alexander McPhedran, Mrs. George Smith of St. Catharines, Miss Cartwright, Miss Chapman, Miss Church, Miss Gunn, Miss Marie Macdonell, Miss McMahon, Dr. Helen McMurphy, Miss Laura Powell and Miss Marjory McMurphy in charge of the women's department, who is convenor of the women's committee. When the organization is complete there will be representatives on the women's committee from each of the provinces, and from Ontario, other cities. The members of the committee represent many varied activities and interests of Canadian women, and are competent to advise with regard to the welfare of returned soldiers and their families, child welfare, housing employment, the interests of organized labor among women, educational work among aliens and immigrants, the education of girls, the interests of women in the country, business women, nurses and teachers, and regarding the paramount importance to the nation of the home.

At the first meeting of the women's committee "A Unity Program for Canadian Women" was read and approved as an outline of the policies of the women's department in Reconstruction. Sir John Willison, president of the Canadian Reconstruction Association, was present during the first part of the inaugural meeting.

## Federated Association Letter Carriers Hold Annual Election

Branch No. 1, Federated Association of Letter Carriers, held their annual election of officers for 1919 under the Hare-Spence system. Ald. Gibbons demonstrated the system with the following results: President, J. W. Fullerton; vice-president, E. V. Browning; recording secretary, R. H. Coor; financial secretary, F. Secor; treasurer, W. O'Neil; directors of ceremonies, H. A. Crocker, Mr. Tyler, John Simmons; auditors, J. Buck, J. North, C. Only; trustees, J. J. Reeves, J. Miller.

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## SOCIETY

Conducted by Mrs. Edmund Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Macdonald gave a box party at the Royal Alexandra, when Sir John Eaton also gave a theatre party.

Col. Lord George Wellesley and the officers of the Royal Air Force at Leaside Camp gave a farewell dance last night. The officers' mess for 150, the last to be given in Canada. The mess rooms and anteroom were lavishly decorated with flags, bunting and holly, the buffet supper table with orchids, and Lady George Wellesley wearing a handsome black gown received the guests. The patronesses included Lady Hendrie, Mrs. C. W. Beatty, Mrs. James Snydman, Mrs. E. S. Duggan, who were nearly all present. Lady Hendrie was absent thru indisposition. Miss Hendrie looked very pretty in her turquoise and gold brocade with a rope of pearls. Other present were: Gen. Hoar, Major Rukic, Capt. and Mrs. Coats, Capt. Mitchell, Miss Hoar, Soames, Misses Ince, the Misses Langmuir, Miss Margaret McCuaig, Capt. G. Alexander, Miss Wilmet, Mr. and Mrs. Bridgeman, Major Brough, Miss Rathbone, Major Rickard.

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Parish House, are increasing in popularity. The one on Thursday night by Mr. William Reeve, on "The Birth of a Nation," being exceedingly well attended.

## Santa Claus Peeps in at Preventorium of I.O.D.E.

Santa Claus was busy yesterday, but he found time to visit the Preventorium of the Daughters of the Empire, where 50 little kiddies waited his coming in a large room all draped with bells and Christmas greenery. Best of all there was a beautiful tree lit up with red, green and gold lights, which twinkled like so many happy eyes at the little children, who sang carols and danced about the ring, ring, ring of the bells told Santa had come. Then they all frolicked with Santa in a circle, after which he then gave everyone something of the tree, and three hearty cheers were given for the old friend with the long white beard in the funny red suit, who comes every year to the big houses among the balloons, where the kiddies get strong and are so kindly treated. The order and cleanliness of the building were much admired by the

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notices of future events, not intended to raise money, 2c per word, minimum 50c; if held to raise money solely for Patriotic, Church or Charitable purposes 1c per word, minimum \$1.00; if held to raise money for any other than these purposes 6c per word, minimum 25c.

**THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.** Wants a place on your Christmas list. If you cannot send a cheque to help the women's work for women's need, can you send some fruit for the ladies, or a donation towards the furnishing of the new nurses' residence? Treasurer, Miss Sade Warner, 125 Rusholme road.

**THE OPEN FORUM at Foresters' Hall,** 22 Colborne street, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m. Ten-minute addresses on "The League of Nations," by Walter Barr, George C. Campbell, K. J. Dunstan, James G. Gunn, Gordon Waldron, Sir John Willison. Admission free.

**THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN** of comrades who have made the supreme sacrifice, the children of members, and whether members of, not including children of British returned soldiers and discharged imperial soldiers, are invited to an invitation to the Children's Christmas Party to be held by the Central Branch, Great War Veterans' Association, at Columbus Hall, Linda and Shaubourne streets, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on January 8, 1919. The foregoing applies to those residing in Central Branch district, i.e., from the Don west to Simcoe, University avenue and north. The children of soldiers overseas, who may, through error, fail to receive invitation to the Massey Hall Christmas Tree, are also invited. This notice is to be accepted as an invitation, but names and ages of children are to be forwarded to the secretary, G.W.V.A., Central Branch, 705 Yonge street, by the 24th December. James Thomson, president. Geo. Murrell, secretary.

**THE RELIGION OF THE FIREWORKS.** Address for the Theosophical Society, by Mr. H. R. Tallman, Sunday, seven-fifteen, Canadian Foresters' Concert Hall. Weekly classes suspended till January 6.

**CANADIAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S Club** at home Saturday, Dec. 21, 430 to 6.30. Mrs. Hayes, hostess. Mrs. John Garvin (Katharine Hale) will speak on the effect of war upon verse.

visitors, among whom were Mrs. A. E. Gooderham, president of the I. O. E. Mrs. John Bruce and Mrs. E. F. E. Johnston, president of the board of the preventorium, to whose untiring attention these children owe so much of their happiness and comfort.

The new building, which is to be used for infants and which will accommodate 50, is well under way. The brick work has been completed by Christmas Day. Col. Dinicoff played the part of Santa Claus.



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