

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS

AT THE ROYAL.

Gertrude Hoffmann.
That the Royal Alexandra will experience to-night a real society opening is evidenced by the fact that the sale for the first night of the Gertrude Hoffmann "La Saison Russe" is very heavy in the downstairs section and for the boxes. In fact, the most fashionable Monday night turnout of the season is looked for. The appeal of the mimosas, "Cleopatra" and "Sheherazade," contrasted with the grotesqueness of the Gertrude Hoffmann revue and the idyllic beauty of "Les Sylphides" comprise a program. It is said, which is pleasing to various sorts of theatrical tastes. The mimosas represent the Russian art of interpretation in its highest form, and, set in scenes of barbaric luxury, are claimed to be wonderful spectacles. The revue is the amplified vaudeville act which, by many did in the varieties and which, a season ago, was the highest priced act on the vaudeville stage. A 25-foot tank is used in the Annette Kellermann act, with 12 "Hoffmann girls" doing the diving.

AT THE PRINCESS.

"Fascinating Widow."
It is not very long ago that an audience felt quite compensated for going to the theatre if it was able to get a few hearty laughs out of some comedy. But nowadays the playgoers will not accept a comedy without embellishment and demand, in addition to the story, a number of musical selections, an augmented orchestra and scenery and costumes. Such a combination of merri- ment and melody is promised in the clever musical comedy, "The Fascinating Widow," which is the attraction at the Princess Theatre this week, beginning to-night with the effervescent Julian Eltinge as the star, assisted by a clever collection of singers, dancers and comedians.

AT SHEA'S THIS WEEK.

Irene Franklin.
At Shea's Theatre this week the patrons will see a bill of all-star acts, one of the most evenly balanced bills of the season. Miss Irene Franklin will head the list of entertainers. She is one of America's cleverest comedienne and versatile character artists. The special attraction for the week will be that character comedian, Ray L. Royce, late feature of "New York State Polka." Included in this week's bill are Ashley and Lee Middleton, Spelmeyer and Co., Max Witt's Melody Lane Girls, Three Escardos, Snyder and Buskley, and the kinetograph.

AT THE GRAND.

"The Traveling Salesman."
The attraction at the Grand this week is Henry B. Harris' production of the breezy comedy, "The Traveling Salesman," by James Forbes, who wrote "The Chorus Lady," recently seen here with Ross Stahl, and "The Commuters." "The Traveling Salesman" has played here the last four seasons and needs no introduction to most theatregoers, and this time it will be given at less than dollar-fifty prices. It tells the story of a good-natured commercial traveler stranded on Christmas Day in a small town in the middle west. The story is told, however, with almost constant laughter, one of the funniest scenes being a poker game in the second act.

AT THE GAYETY.

"The World of Pleasure."
At the Gayety Theatre this week will be presented Gordon and North's big



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With "The World of Pleasure" at the Gayety Theatre.

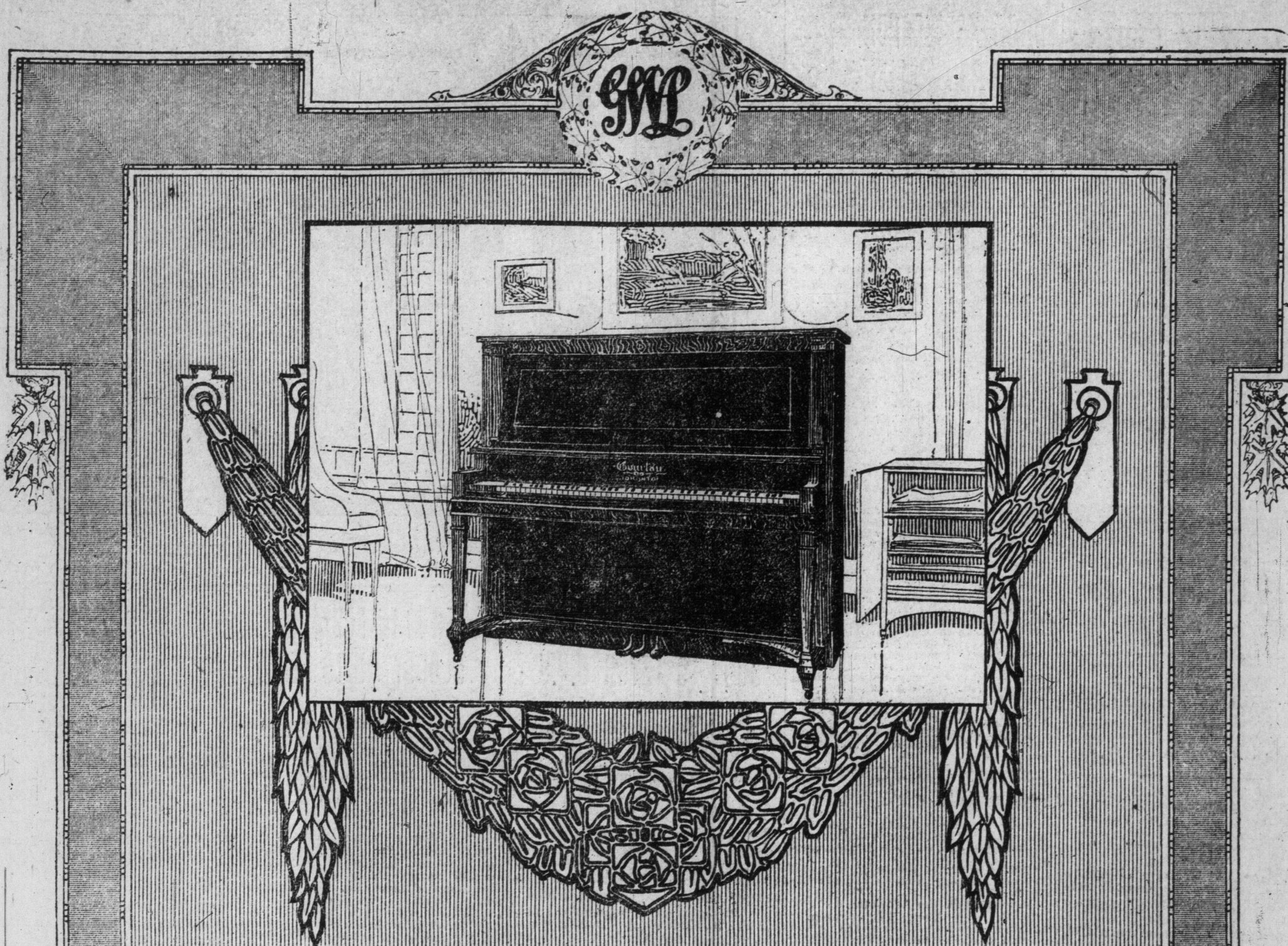
spectacular production, entitled "The World of Pleasure." The cast of 45 people is the well-known and highly-trained troupe of the famous producer, Harry Marks Stewart, who portray Hebrew characters, and Phyllisette Ogden, Ed- die Foley.

AT THE STAR.

"The Whirl of Mirth."
The "Whirl of Mirth" company, one of the most prominent successes in the field of burlesque this season, is to be this week's attraction at the Star, presenting one of the most varied and altogether refreshing performances of modern times. The organization, which numbers nearly 20 people, includes what is claimed to be the handsomest bevy of singing girls ever connected with an attraction of this class. A musical farce in two acts entitled "Doo- ley's Reception," is an affair of brilliant, exhilarating song and genuine fun of recent issue.

AT MASSEY HALL.

Eames and Gogorza.
To-night Miss Emma Eames and Emilio de Gogorza, either of whom would constitute an exceptionally pa- tient attraction, will to-night make their appearance in a joint concert at Mas- sey Hall.
To-night's program will open with two Mendelssohn duets, "Would That My Love" and "Maybells and Flow- ers," which will be followed by the aria from "Le Roi de Lahore," by de Go- gorza. Miss Eames will then sing a couple of old English ballads, including "Sally in Our Alley," "Cherry Ripe" and "My Mother bids Me Bind My Hair." Henri Gilles will play Chopin's G minor nocturne and the A flat polo-



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LEO SLEZAK
Tenor soloist, with Toronto Symphony Orchestra on Jan. 24.

MESSIAH AND ELIJAH.

The Toronto Festival Chorus, under the direction of Dr. F. H. Torrington, is now putting in extra rehearsals on "The Messiah" and "Elijah," to be given on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12 and 13. Rehearsals are held at the "Toronto College of Music," for "Elijah" on Tuesday evening, and for "The Messiah" on Thursday evening. The rehearsals are being well attended, but it is necessary that all who intend taking part in these works should be present at every rehearsal.

Mendelssohn Seat Sale.

The plan for subscribers to the Men- delssohn Chorus concerts will open at Massey Hall next Thursday morning at 9 o'clock for subscribers to \$2.50 seats. Subscribers for \$2 seats will begin on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock and to \$1.50 seats on Monday, Jan. 29, at 1 o'clock. The plan will open to non-subscribers on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 9 a.m., and by this arrangement the com- mittee hopes to accommodate a large number of those who overlooked being entered among the subscribers.
By arranging for five distinct pro- grams this year, instead of four, the committee had in view the fact that each year there are many who desire to hear the concerts who fail to sub-

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Leo Slezak—Only One Appearance.
After two years' effort, the Sym- phony Orchestra have secured this great dramatic tenor for Wednesday night. Seats at Massey Hall, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2.

Mr. Blaikie Grateful.
George Blaikie, 127 Glen Road, has added \$25 to the Firemen's Benefit Fund, as an appreciation of the fire-

men's prompt and efficient work at the blaze in his house a few days ago.

ON EARLY ROBINS.

The natural history section of the Canadian Institute will meet at the Institute, 198 College-street, this even- ing, at 8 o'clock. C. W. Nash, biolog- ist of the provincial museum, will lec- ture on "Our Winter Birds, Their Var- ieties and Habits," with lantern illus- trations. The public are cordially invit-

COLOMBIA MAKES TREATY WITH ARGENTINA.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(Can. Press).—World peace was strengthened by the signing in Washington to-day of a general arbitration treaty be- tween the Argentine Republic and the United States of Colombia. The treaty, which is almost exactly like those ne- gotiated by the United States with Great Britain and France, was signed by Romulo S. Nao for Argentina and Gen. Pedro Nel Ospina for Colombia, ministers from those countries to the United States.

KING MEETS GERMAN AMBAS- SADOR.

ROME, Jan. 20.—(Can. Press).—The court dinner to-night in honor of Her- von Kiderlen-Waechter was preceded by a long audience granted by the King to the German foreign secretary. The exchanges between the King and

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Prince Edward Agriculturalists.

TRENTON, Jan. 20.—(Special).—At the annual meeting of the Prince Ed- ward Agricultural Society the following officers were elected: President, Dr. E. M. Herrington, Picton; Vice-pres- dents, W. J. Carter, Picton, and Mer- don Gilbert, Gilbert's Mills; directors, David Burlington, Wellington; T. O. Wright, Picton; W. B. Leavens, Chis- bourn; H. B. Breston, Frank Powers, Picton; Asa Fisher, Bethel; E. J. Fos- ter, W. G. Gough, Bloomfield.

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