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BALANCING ACT MAKES BIG HIT

Adroit Brothers Give Sensational Performance in the Opera House—Other Acts Are Well Received.

Adroit Brothers scored a hit in the Opera House yesterday afternoon and again at both performances last evening. They are exceptionally clever balancers and their feats were some of the best ever witnessed on a local stage. While sitting on opposite sides of a table one asks the other to light his cigarette from his cigar. Reaching over he lifts his companion up and while balancing him on his hands lowers him until the cigarette and cigar ends meet. Later they perform a unique balancing feat, which they term head to head. One of the members balances the other on his head without any pads and walks from one end of the stage to the other and then lowers him as his feet come in contact with the wall. Rounds of applause greeted this feat.

June Mills and Company have in truth "a riotous act." The former sings and dances and her partner sings a solo most acceptably. There is plenty of life in the act, and, judging from the prolonged applause, it was well received.

Al Jerome gave a highly entertaining demonstration of sleight of hand work. He appears in a pantomimic offering which is cleverly staged. His trick with the eggs and clock were well executed and caused the audience to marvel. He received well merited applause.

Rhoda Chester and Lillian Allen were well received in a dainty vocal and piano offering. They sang solos and duets, which were thoroughly enjoyed.

La Petite Jennie and Company won appreciative applause. One of the Liliputians appeared in character dances and her performance was a treat. She won prolonged applause.

In addition to the vaudeville programme there was another interesting episode of "The Veiled Mystery," a popular motion picture serial, which is featuring Antonio Moreno. This programme will be repeated tonight and again on Thursday afternoon and evening and is expected to attract large audiences.

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BRILLIANT EVENT

The Governor-General and Duchess Hold Reception in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec 8—(By Canadian Press)—His Excellency the Governor General and the Duchess of Devonshire last night held a reception in the Art Gallery here, attended by nearly 1,500 of Montreal's prominent citizens. It was the first state function of the kind here for several years and was one of the most outstanding in brilliance ever seen in the dominion.

The reception and presentations lasted for an hour and a half. Instead of the old time formality of bows and curtecies, the duke and duchess stood during the whole ceremony and shook hands with each presented. Following the levee there was a general gathering of people in the chambers and halls of the Art Gallery.

EXHIBIT PRODUCTS OF NOVA SCOTIA

There has been some slight improvement temporarily made in the office in London of the agent-general for Nova Scotia, John Howard, since that gentleman's visit to Halifax last spring. The offices below those occupied by the agent-general have been acquired and Nova Scotia's representative installed there until something better is obtained. Even this is considerable improvement upon those quarters which were so familiar to thousands of Nova Scotians during the war. Mr. Howard is also to be provided with a complete exhibit of Nova Scotia products. The secretary of industries and immigration at Halifax has recently sent over to Mr. Howard twenty boxes of the highest grade hand-picked Nova Scotia apples.

The musical entertainment, "The New Minister," was repeated last evening in Douglas hall, Murray street, before another crowded hall. The show met with the hearty approval of the large audience, one of the special features being the singing of the male quartette.

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MANY NEW MEMBERS WERE ENROLLED

The Natural History Society enrolled a long list of new members at its monthly meeting held last night in the society rooms in Union street with R. B. Emerson, the president, in the chair, and it also acknowledged with thanks a long list of valuable donations. Among the new members were many Rotarians who had joined the society when the club met in its rooms on the previous night. Rotarian new members included the president, E. J. Terry, Mayor Schofield, George Warwick, Stanley Webb, Robert Reid, H. S. Morton, J. Cecil Mitchell, C. W. McKee, George A. Margetts, Kenneth MacRae, J. H. Marr, H. G. Marr, Charles W. Baillie, Dr. J. H. Barton, E. Clinton Brown, E. A. Everett, F. E. Garrett, Richard Ingleton and H. Mont. Jones. Other new members were Mrs. E. A. Schofield, Dr. F. Gordon Sancton, Mrs. W. P. Bonnell, Mrs. F. A. Dykeman, Mrs. George M. Irvine, Miss M. Louise Stewart and Miss Lillian G. Cameron.

MERRY CHRISTMAS ON THE MELITA

The hands of the time-pieces on the C. P. O. S. liner Melita, the first transAtlantic passenger steamship to reach port this fall, were figuratively moved back last night to enable the jolly ship's company to enjoy a Christmas treat together, as when they reach the other side most of them will be separated at their home for the Yuletide. By permission of the generous commander of the ship, Capt. G. S. Webster, R. D., R. N. R., the festivities were staged in the lounge at 7 p. m., under the supervision of G. D. Fishwick, paymaster commander, R. N. R.

Vocal and instrumental solos, recitations, dances and chorosus filled out a lengthy programme, ably handled by the following: J. C. Outram, E. F. B. Robinson, L. Thornley, G. Davidson, W. H. Oliver, Miss Waring, H. Harrison, Dr. Gallagher and Old King Cole, who gave "The Trimmers' Lament," with all the accessories. It was a rattling good entertainment and was made even more palatable by a speech by Chairman Fishwick.

COLLECTING LUXURY TAX COSTS LOW

Ottawa, Dec. 7—The cost of collecting the luxury and sales taxes is proving pleasingly low, according to a statement made to the Canadian Press, this evening, by Hon. R. W. Wigmore, minister of customs and inland revenue. When the annual statement of the department is issued, covering the operations of the year, Mr. Wigmore states, it will show that the cost of collecting these taxes is well within three-quarters of one per cent. When the estimates of the cost of collection were drawn up it was expected that it would have proved more costly than one per cent. to make the collections.

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OFFICE BOY TELLS OF WEEK'S TRAVEL ON STOLEN MONEY

New York, Dec. 8—Arrested here after he had bought a ticket for San Francisco, Elliott Michner, fifteen-year-old Philadelphia office boy, told the police the story of a week's travel and adventure that followed his disappearance from the Baldwin Locomotive Works November 26 with $4,300 of the company's money. Officers found $3,600 of the money in his suitcase and the rest, he told them, he had spent.

The $700 that was missing had gone, he admitted, in the purchase of new clothes—suits with long trousers—for $8 meals in the best hotels in Philadelphia, New York and Chicago, for $1 tips to waiters and for berths in Pullman cars. There were movies, also, and other entertainment.

He was helping pay off employes in the company's office when he took the money—"just drew a couple of years' salary in advance," he told the police.

"Who wouldn't?" he said, "I was getting $8 a week as an office boy at the Baldwin Works. They hand out $4,000. I had to count it, too, you know, and they tell me to take it to the paymaster. It was more money than I ever had eyes on before. It looked awful big, and it felt awful big. I had the feel of it right in my hand when I saw an open door. Well, I blew. Who wouldn't?"

First he went to Camden, bought clothes there and then came to New York. He intended to "go west and loaf a bit," but he read in the papers he was believed to have gone to Spokane, where his father was reported dying, so he went only as far as Chicago. Life there palled, and he came back to New York and then went to Philadelphia. No one recognized him there, so he returned to New York and decided to chance the west. As he bought his ticket a detective arrested him. After first telling the detective he had been visiting friends here and was going to the Pacific coast to see relatives, he admitted the theft and told his story. He was placed in charge of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

FALL FUR HUNT IN CANADIAN NORTH REPORTED FAILURE

The Pas, Man., Dec. 8—The fall fur hunt in the north has been a dismal failure. Mild weather and low prices contribute to the non-success of the hunt. Hundreds of Indians turned to fishing instead of hunting, and reports from the fishing grounds say the catch outstrips the last few years by a wide margin.

Whitefish are principally caught and for the first time sturgeon fishing is being done in the Churchill River at Puckatawagan.

U. S. MAY LOAN SUM TO ARMENIA

Washington, Dec. 8—A suggestion by President Wilson in his message to congress yesterday that a loan be extended by the United States to the Armenian governbent, brought to light the fact that the United States state department has had the question under consideration and that it has arrived at the conclusion that a credit of $25,000,000 would be necessary.

SAVE TIME AND A HARD JOURNEY

Ottawa, Dec. 8—(Canadian Press)—If plans now under consideration by the dominion air board are matured, Canadian geologists, who every summer make arduous trips to far northern regions to carry on field work, will next summer be taken there in airplanes.

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

At the regular December meeting of St. John Typographical Union, No. 85, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, has called from among us our late brother and fellow workman;

Whereas, our late brother was always and ever a firm union man in all that the name implies, and never shirked a duty or wronged a brother member, and at all times proved himself a worthy member of the craft; therefore be it

Resolved: that in the death of William D. Essington St. John Typographical Union, No. 85, loses one of its oldest members and friends; and be it further

Resolved: that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of St. John Typographical Union, No. 85, and a copy be sent to the daughter of our late brother; and as a further mark of respect that the charter be draped for thirty day and a copy of this resolution be sent the Typographical Journal and published in the press.

Archbishop in Edmonton

Edmonton, Dec. 7—His Grace Archbishop O'Leary, the new head of the Roman Catholic Church in Alberta, arrived in the city this afternoon from Charlottetown (P. E. I.), to take up his residence here. He was welcomed by a large concourse at the station, who greeted his arrival with cheers. There were civic and clerical receptions.

A HAMBURG SERVICE.

Halifax Chronicle: A direct service between Halifax and Hamburg, Germany, is to be established by the American Line, which is one of the units of the International Mercantile Merchant Marine. The steamer Mongolia, 13,639 tons, is scheduled to sail from here on Saturday, December 18th, for Hamburg direct. She will come here from New York. This new service will be carried on by the steamers Mongolia and Manchuria of the International Mercantile Marine fleet.

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