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JESSIE BONSTELLE,  
COMPANY MANAGER;  
CAPITAL \$100,000Former St. John Favorite In  
Big Scheme in Detroit

## NOTES OF THE THEATRE

Caruso Coming Back — English  
Managers, Hampered by War,  
Seeking Business in States—  
Newspaperman's Play — Local  
Stock OpeningWith a capitalisation of \$100,000 a  
new producing firm for New York  
has been incorporated under the name of  
the Garrick Company. Jessie Bonstelle will  
be the manager of the organization. Miss  
Bonstelle is a former St. John favorite,  
and friends here wish her success  
in her venture.The Shuberts are said to be back of  
the enterprise. It is understood that  
they will turn over to Miss Bonstelle the  
play which are submitted to them.  
Should these plays prove meritorious  
when produced by her company, they  
will be sent on tour or taken to New  
York. The first play to be selected for  
production is by Mrs. Katherine Big-  
ham Goodale, wife of George P. Good-  
ale of the Detroit Free Press.Selwyn and Company are putting  
"Back Home" into rehearsal. This is  
the joint work of Bayard Veller (as-  
tutor of "Within the Law") and Levin  
Cobb, some of whose stories have been  
collected, with Judge Priest as the cen-  
tral figure. New characters and inci-  
dents, however, have been introduced.  
The Charles Frohman Company has  
accepted a new play by Henry Catoe  
called "The Prime Minister." This is Mr.  
Catoe's first contribution to the theatre  
since "The Christian" and "The Eternal  
Question." "The Prime Minister" will  
be the first Hall Caine play since "The  
Christian" to have its first production  
in America.Signor Enrico Caruso was to sail from  
Italy for New York this week. He has  
arrived in Milan to take part in the sea-  
son of opera at the Dal Verme Theatre.  
English Managers in New YorkIt is currently reported in New York  
and said to have been admitted by Dr.  
Hammerstein, that negotiations for the  
contract of the Manhattan Opera House  
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by the war. Arthur Collins, of Drury  
Lane, came and Alfred Butt, the musical  
revue producer, are the managers who  
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been hampered to a considerable extent  
by the war.The Shuberts are at present in control  
operating under a lease which terminates  
on April 1, 1916. In connection with  
the Shubert lease a suit was filed this  
week by the Maple Realty Company, to  
whom the Shubert lease was assigned by  
the Hammerstein Opera Company, own-  
ers of the building, to recover rent al-  
leged to be due. The complaint says  
that of the \$16,380 quarterly rent due  
on September 1, only \$1,200 of the  
amount has been paid.The latest announcement of Miss  
Bernhardt's American manager runs  
that she will begin her tour of the United  
States in December. The Parisian  
journalists are by no means so sanguine.  
The manager affirms that she has dif-  
ficulties in the gathering of her com-  
pany. They assert that she is unable to  
walk freely.Mr. Sheldon's play, "Romance," is to  
be acted in London next month—the  
first of his plays, if recollection does not  
fail, to be seen on the English stage.  
Three of the players in the original cast  
on this side of the sea are to resume  
their parts on the other—Miss Kenna,  
the amorous and hectic prima donna;  
Miss Vares, the gabbling old duenna;  
and Mr. Anson, the banker of the jeal-  
ous memories. The monkey is to cross  
the Atlantic also.When Cyril Maude discards the halli-  
cans and wrinkles of "Grumpy,"  
which, of course, he does not mean to  
do for some time yet, he will be seen  
as a cockney barber settled in Canada in  
a new play by Michael Morton.Hit of the Season  
As not a few of the managers be-  
lieve "the play of the year" came into  
being the other day in Cleveland. A  
newspaper man, R. H. McLaughlin,  
wrote it and an humble stock company  
acted it, but no sooner had the report  
of it reached New York than the man-  
agers outbid each other for it. For the  
moment the piece is named "The Eternal  
Magdalen," and here follows a sum-  
mary of it.A rich man of religion  
brings to his town an evangelist who  
is to clean up morally and especially get  
rid of the women who dwell in a cer-  
tain part of the city. He is so satisfied  
with the success of his crusade that he  
is about to write to one of the news-  
papers an account of its fruits when he  
falls asleep. His dream is the play. A  
woman appears to him. She is the Et-  
ernal Magdalen. The good man recognizes  
in her the woman whom he betrayed  
and deserted years before. The son re-  
cognizes in this servant in his father's  
house a woman that he is stealing money  
from. A third man, who although mar-  
ried, is seeking to ruin the rich man's  
daughter, recognizes her in the stranger.  
The other men in the play all recognise  
her. Some are not certain when they  
hear she comes but all remember her.  
She even looks to the rich man as if  
times like his own daughter after he has  
taken her into his arms. His daughter  
is a thief, tries to win him and is  
thrust out of his father's home. His  
daughter runs away and dies deserted  
by the man who misled her. Then the  
rich man's wife dies and her letters re-  
veal that he had been deceived even in  
her.Next the evangelist comes to tell him  
that he must drive this strange woman  
out of the house. He refuses and tellsScene From "The Man On The Box"  
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to headquarters of the 14th Canadian  
Brigade, and Colonel Burdall were en-  
countered, as well as Colonel Marshall,  
and in another place Major McComb,  
who had recovered from his wounds, re-  
ceived at Tynes. Colonel Loomis was  
on leave in England at the time of our  
visit, but we saw his battalion in billets  
and chatted with Major Buchanan and  
other officers. While we were doing so,  
a number of the men were playing foot-  
ball in the courtyard.Our visit to these trenches was made  
on a Sunday morning when conditions  
were said to be unusually quiet. This,  
however, did not exempt us from the  
usual dangers of sniping and it was very  
necessary to keep well under cover and  
occasionally to make a dart forward at  
some dangerous spot.

With 2nd Brigade.

The following day we were in the  
trenches of the 2nd Brigade. Brigadier-  
General Currie received us very courte-  
ously, and made enquiries as to why no  
western newspaper representative was in-  
cluded in the party. Our tour of these  
trenches was not quite so extensive as  
the previous day owing to limitations of  
time. Nevertheless, we walked about  
four miles and saw a little more activity  
than the previous day. One of the most  
interesting sights was when an officer  
invited us to go into his dugout, where  
we obtained an excellent view of the  
enemy's trenches at a very strategic  
point. At several other points both  
on this day and the day previous we  
were also allowed an opportunity of see-  
ing the enemy's trenches through peris-  
copes. One great difficulty met with  
in the trenches is that of the water sup-  
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