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TEALE WAS BLOWN TO ATOMS

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CONCUSSION WAS MOST TERRIFIC.

Windows Broken All Around the Neighborhood—Fire Started, But Was Soon Put Out.

Hamilton, March 26.—(Special.)—Walter Teale, partner with Prof. Hand, manufacturer of fireworks, was blown to atoms this afternoon about 4 o'clock. Just what caused the explosion, which wrecked three buildings in connection with the big manufactory, will never be known. Teale was in the mixing building when the explosion occurred. The concussion caused an explosion in another building, and the second explosion upset a stove in a magazine, and started a fire. The first building was blown to pieces no bigger than a lath; nothing is standing but the posts. Parts of Teale's body were found 200 yards away, and windows in every house in the block were broken. The fire which started in the magazine was soon extinguished by the fire department.

Teale was a prominent Mason. He was a member of Doric Lodge and Godfrey de Bouillon Encampment, and was also connected with the A. O. F. He was about 35 years old. Coroner White ordered an inquest on the remains, which were removed in a small box to Dodsworth's morgue. The inquest will be opened at 8.30 to-morrow morning.

It is supposed that Teale was experimenting. Prof. Hand says there was no position in the building in which the first explosion took place.

A workman named Frederick Buskard was injured by flying timbers. The factory is on King-street, west of Locke-street.

Cash Received Concerning Bought Up.

Today Manager T. J. Carroll of the Hamilton Brass Manufacturing Company puts his name to the papers that will leave the big American National Register Co. of Dayton, Ohio, alone in the field. The American institution had swallowed all other rival firms one after another, but the Hamilton concern stood out for a figure which the Yankees refused. It was said that this was in the neighborhood of $250,000. The Canadian firm will not divulge the present price, but it includes all the patents and good will. The National Company will now use some of the millions behind it in erecting a factory in the east end of Hamilton, where are clustered a number of the hustling factories brought to the city by the foresight of John Patterson and the Cataract Power Company. The new building will be 150 feet by 50 and three storeys high. Some 200 hands are to be employed.

New Cotton Company.

Application has been made for letters patent by the Imperial Cotton Company of Hamilton. Among the directors of the new concern, which is to have a capital of $750,000, are W. D. Long, J. M. Young and Alfred Morgan of this city, and C. T. Grantham of Yarmouth, N.S., besides a number of Toronto capitalists.

Late R. M. Wanzer.

At the request of the Mayor, arrangements have been made to have the body of the late R. M. Wanzer lie in state in the City Council chamber from 10 o'clock to-morrow morning till the time of the funeral at 3 o'clock. The City Hall flag is flying at half-mast-to-day in respect to the memory of the deceased.

Police Points.

Frank Beverly, Hess-street, a pocket edition of Brigham Young, according to Officer McMenemy of the Children's Aid Society, has been summoned on a charge of being a person unfit to have charge of his child. The child has been taken charge of by the society.

Joe Mulholland, a small boy, has been summoned on a charge of stealing from Arthur Weir.

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Robbery in New York.

New York, March 26.—A bold daylight robbery occurred to-day in a restaurant at the corner of Sixty-sixth-street and Columbus-avenue. Five well-dressed men entered the place, and while one of them engaged the cashier in conversation one of his companions went to the safe and got away with $3100. The other men then quietly withdrew, and the robbery was not discovered for fully five minutes afterward.

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LEGISLATURE IS AT WORK.

It Looks as if Attorney-General Gibson Intended to Knife Toronto's Legislation.

NOW GRABBING FOR MORE POWER

Ross Government Wants to Control the Reprieve of Inmates of the Reformatory.

Yesterday the Legislature put thru a considerable pile of municipal business. A bad time was indicated for the Toronto bills in committee. Mr. Gibson's speech meant more than it said.

Mr. Stratton introduced a bill to amend the Charities Aid Act. It proposes to make the old per diem allowance for each patient harmonize with the lump sum now granted by the Legislature for the purposes of charity, and is virtually a contraction of the aid given by the province.

Mr. Foy moved to introduce a bill to supplement the revenues of the Crown in Ontario, but was reminded that notice had not been given.

Toronto's Bill.

Mr. Foy's bill is in the interest of the City of Toronto. It proposes to complete the abolition of what is known as the "scrap iron" assessment under the Revenue Act of 1896. Under that act the companies contributing to the revenues of the province could not have their assessment for municipal purposes increased beyond the amount for which they were respectively assessed on Feb. 1, 1890. Mr. Foy's bill would abolish this unreasonable provision.

Those West Elgin Ballots.

Mr. Whitney asked: "Into whose custody were the ballots in the last bye-elections in North Waterloo and West Elgin handed? Are these ballots now in existence, or have they been destroyed?"

Attorney-General Gibson replied that the ballots in question in the first place all went into the custody of the Clerk of the Crown-in-Chancery, who is the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. In the second place they passed to the custody of the court, where the North Waterloo ballots still are. The West Elgin ballots were returned to the custody of the Clerk of the Crown-in-Chancery, but are not now in existence.

Reformatory Inmates Reprieved.

Mr. Foy moved for a return showing names, or the official numbers, of boys reprieved from the Penetanguishene Reformatory and of girls reprieved from the Industrial Refuge for Girls, Toronto, during the two years previous to Feb. 1, 1900. The date when the reprieve was recommended by the warden or superintendent. The date when the reprieve was finally granted.

Mr. Foy said his object in moving for the return was to find out what time was allowed to elapse between the recommendation for a reprieve and the actual discharge. This subject had come under the attention of people who take an interest in the Ontario Reformatory. He understood that in most cases the interval was as long as three or four months. No doubt many of the boys would hear of the recommendation almost as soon as it had been made, and in those cases it was not difficult to imagine what the effect would be. In one instance a boy had run away two days before the reprieve was actually made. There ought to be some reasonable course of procedure. There was no reason why the order of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council should not be acted upon promptly.

Attorney-General Gibson had no objection to the return asked for being made. The delay referred to had long been a subject of remark by the warden of the reformatory, and had been discussed in his annual reports. When he (Mr. Gibson) was Provincial Secretary he took a great deal of interest in the reformatory, and had then become aware of the great dissatisfaction occasioned by the delay in discharging inmates. But he did not think the Provincial Government could be held responsible. Boys were committed to the reformatory for crimes under Dominion jurisdiction, and in those cases the reprieve could not be carried out directly by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. The petition had to go to the Department of Justice at Ottawa, and it was there the delay occurred. When the late Sir John Thompson was Minister of Justice he had communications with Mr. Mowat on the subject. Sir John Thompson refused to assent to the proposition that boys who were not ordinary criminals should be subject, in this particular, solely to the provincial authority, with the view of doing away with the delay complained of.

One good, however, has come from the correspondence. Instead of the formal communications passing, it was agreed that a telegram from the Minister of Justice would be sufficient authority. Perhaps, owing to the change in the Department of Justice at Ottawa, there had been a relapse into the old ways of circumlocution. He was not aware.

Wants More Provincial Power.

"My own view," said Mr. Gibson, "is that the power should be vested in the Provincial authority. It is an authority that can be relied upon. I am bound to say that Mr. McCrossen, in dealing with all applications, shows that he is not a man susceptible to influences that do not harmonize with his own opinions for the ultimate benefit of the boy. I have known him to stand out against all sorts of representations and remonstrances. The subject is one of importance. I don't know that public attention and the attention of this House could be more profitably devoted to any other question for a short time than the consideration of this matter. I have no doubt as to the correctness of the hon. gentleman's (Mr. Foy's) remark as to the influence of the indefinite delay upon the boy, who might be discouraged, and even permanently damaged by it. I quite concur in his observations."

The return was ordered.

Local Improvements.

Mr. Pattullo moved the second reading of bill 128, to amend the Municipal Act, by providing that, where the local improvement system has not been adopted in any city, town village or township, the Council may, nevertheless, pass local improvement bye-laws; that the corporation shall contribute a proportion, not less than 30 per cent. and not more than 60 per cent., of the cost of the works, and may issue debentures and provide for the assessment of the remainder.

Attorney-General Gibson confessed that he was not able to throw much light on the advisability of either accepting or rejecting the amendment.

Mr. Stratton said the Municipal Committee had last year considered a similar amendment, and, many members being opposed, it was decided there was no necessity for adopting it in the absence of some public demand. He did not see the utility of reintroducing these amendments year after year.

The bill was allowed to go to the committee.

Regarding Municipal Bonuses.

Mr. Pardee moved the second reading of bill 150, to amend the Municipal Act with regard to bonuses. The bill practically gives municipalities the right to do what they like with their own money; or, in other words, it restores the law to the condition in which it stood previous to 1888, restricting the bonus limit to 10 per cent. of the local tax rate.

The Attorney-General discussed the bill without any intention of obstructing it. With regard to the two-thirds vote required in favor of a bonus, he said it had been suggested that where two-thirds of the voters do not come out others come to the work for them. That was, no doubt, a slander on some municipalities. There had been a suggestion made at the Private Bills Committee that where the vote polled did not reach the required two-thirds of the total vote, a certain majority, say nineteen-twentieths, should carry the bylaw.

Mr. Whitney was glad that the Legislature had become clothed in its right mind with regard to bonuses. He alluded to the method by which the old bonus law had been changed. Day after day petitions by twos and threes had been dribbled into the House from municipalities all over the Province. He declared that those petitions in no way expressed public opinion. They had all been turned out by the same printing press.

He opposed the clause limiting the bonus power to 10 per cent. of the tax rate. If that clause should pass it would cut the throat of the bill.

Mr. Stratton: Bow?

Mr. Whitney: In this way: Take the virgin municipality giving its first bonus. It would necessarily amount to more than 10 per cent. of the tax rate. I would rather see it 25 per cent. I say this limitation will destroy the usefulness of the bill.

Col. Matheson discussed the bill, favoring liberty of municipal bodies.

Attorney-General Gibson reminded the House that municipalities were not constituted to carry on industrial enterprises. This bonusing business was quite recent. They would be going wild if they were to extend the limit to 20 or 25 per cent. of the tax rate.

After further discussion the bill went on to the committee.

Municipal Financial Year.

Mr. Mutrie moved the second reading of his much-discussed bill to amend the Municipal Act by making the financial year end with November, and having the annual report of the auditor ready for the municipal elections.

Mr. Stratton: This amendment was fully discussed before the Municipal Committee last year. The opinion of the committee was that the financial year should end with the calendar year and with the term of the council. The view of the committee was so unanimously opposed to this amendment that I can see no reason why it should be discussed year after year, unless the House should change the calendar year for municipal councils, the term of the council, the time for making the audit, and so on. Then the bill would not be necessary.

Mr. Pattullo made a speech favoring Feb. 1 instead of Jan. 1 for the holding of municipal elections.

Mr. Whitney: I don't believe anyone in this province would suffer if the municipal law was not tampered with for six years. The assault of this constant tinkering will be that the Municipal Act will have to be destroyed and a new one built up by experts under the direction of the House. The idea of holding the elections in February is perhaps a good one, but I would not be in favor of any amendments that are not absolutely necessary.

Attorney-General Gibson made a speech on the same lines. There would always, he said, be ingenious originators of new ideas. But there had been too much of that sort of thing.

The effect of the speech was that propositions to amend the Municipal Act would probably be good, indifferent and bad, but the Legislature should reject all that were not absolutely necessary. He did not like the bill under consideration.

The bill went to the Municipal Committee under a cloud.

Mr. Tucker moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Public Schools Act, with regard to union sections; but Mr. Harcourt said it was the intention next year to revise and consolidate the Public school law, and Mr. Tucker was advised to salt his bill away until then.

Mr. Fox's bill to regulate the width of wagon tires went to the Municipal Committee loaded down with disfavor.

Mr. Foy Moves Toronto Bill.

Mr. Foy moved the Toronto bill, 148, to amend the Municipal Act. He explained that sections 1 and 5 of the bill dealt with the constitution of the Council and Board of Control. At present the Council consists of the Mayor and four aldermen from each of the six wards. The Board of Control was elected at the first meeting of the Council and was composed of three aldermen with the Mayor. The amendment proposed to have three aldermen from each of the six wards and four controllers to be elected, like the Mayor, by the general vote. At present, rightly or wrongly, it is said that the Board of Control assumes some local or ward feature. This year's board is representative of the eastern side of the city as last year's board was of the western side. The amendment looked to a board that would be representative of the citizens as a whole. As to the four controllers forming the board with the Mayor, this amendment would provide majority rule. At present when the board divides two against two the decision rests practically upon the Mayor's vote alone. The present Mayor, in his inaugural address, had advocated a change, and the citizens had elected him, knowing that he was in favor of altering the constitution of the Board of Control.

The bill also contained provisions for abolishing the property qualification of candidates for the positions of Mayor and aldermen. The Municipal Act provided a freehold qualification of $600 and $2000 leasehold. Mr. Foy showed that the leasehold might be encumbered almost to its value, and he cited one case of sub-letting to the full value. The bill, in a word, provided that the only qualification necessary for the position of Mayor or alderman should be the simple qualification of a vote and the election at the hands of the people.

A further provision in the bill brought down the qualification of electors, under section 87 of the Act, from $400 to $300, which was considered advisable in view of falling values.

It was proposed to have the date of municipal nominations on the third Monday of December, and the election on the 1st of January, except when the 1st of January falls on Sunday, when the election shall be held on the 2nd of January.

Mr. Foy quoted statistics to show that the people come out in greater numbers to the polls on New Year's Day on account of the holiday.

He explained at length clause 10 of the bill, the object of which is to exempt Toronto from the Connee Act, which provides that where a municipality intends to establish an electric lighting plant it shall buy out all existing companies. Clause 11 of the bill had relation to the same subject, and the effect of it was that an existing gas or electric light company should be in the same position as the city if it were supplying its own light and could not neglect or refuse any part of the municipality. There was a saving clause that gave the company the right to demand security for supplying any individual with water, electric light or gas on the line of supply.

Gibson Attacks It.

Attorney-General Gibson made an onslaught on the bill. He was particularly critical of the clauses amending the Connee Act, and spoke of the concern which this matter had already given the Municipal Committee. He then turned his attention to the proposed abolition of the property qualification for Mayor and aldermen. He hoped the committee would not endorse such a proposal. [Government applause.] If any changes ought to be made they should be in the direction of increasing the qualifications. [Hear, hear.] He believed the Legislature had already gone too far. The municipal voter was as a unit in the position of a shareholder in a joint stock company. He should not be entitled to a vote unless he had some interest at stake, and no one should be eligible for the office of Mayor or alderman unless qualified to vote on a money bylaw. [Government applause.] At present too many of those elected to municipal positions were not entitled to vote on a money bylaw. This was his individual view. He approved of the proposed change in the constitution of the Board of Control. Several other provisions of the bill he had no liking for, and he hoped when they came before the committee they would be the subject of very careful scrutiny.

Mr. Foy moved the second reading of the Toronto bill to amend the Assessment Act by providing for the exemption of societies bringing in children from the Old Country.

The attorney approved of this, and that the bill should also include local children's aid societies, which might not be exempt under the law at present.

Building Societies.

Mr. Carscallen moved the second reading of bill 151, respecting building societies and loan corporations.

Attorney-General Gibson pointed out that the bill provided for the amount unpaid on stock not to be considered in fixing borrowing powers. In assenting that the bill go to the Legal Committee he did not desire to be understood as assenting to the bill.

Mr. Brown moved the second reading of bill 152, to abolish Board of Commissioners of Police in cities.

The bill was opposed by the Government, and was allowed to stand.

Other bills got a second reading, and the House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Assembly Notes.

The Toronto private bills will be considered before the Private Bills Committee on Friday.

Mr. German's bill to amend the Liquor License Act excepts from the Saturday closing penalty "bona fide travelers, or persons lodging in the place." The same exception is provided with respect to the penalty after closing hours on other days. A municipal bye-election is made an exception to the closing of bars on polling days. A breathing spell of three years is provided between the submission of local option bylaws.

The report for 1899 of the Ontario Department of Agriculture claims an increase of 20 per cent. in the steerage arrivals in the province as compared with 1898. The total number was 4015.

John Waldie, H. H. Cook and Joseph Beck, lumbermen, will interview the Government, to propose improvements in the Wahnapitae River.

A million and a quarter acres is the modest extent of the land grant asked by the promoters of the Algoma Central Railway. F. H. McClergue is the head of the enterprise.

The following license commissioners have been appointed:

Rainy River North—William Lyon, Angus Carmichael, Frank Gardner.

Rainy River South—Louis Hamel, Daniel Bideon, Robert Watson.

Fort William—A. D. Sutherland, James Murphy, Hugh Piper.

East Simcoe—John McDermott, Walter William Carter, Edward B. Alport.

Ottawa—Robert E. Jamieson, J. Madone Lavoie, Thomas Smith.

FOOD RULES COMPLEXION.

Medicines of No Avail When Improper Food is Persisted in.

A young lady, whose first name is Blossom, and who was for many years misnamed, but is now properly named, tells some interesting facts about her efforts to clear up her complexion, which, in spite of all sorts of medicines and washes, face bleaches, etc., etc., were ineffective, because the root of the difficulty was not removed.

Her own story is interesting: "From childhood up, I, with my sisters and brothers, have been allowed the use of both tea and coffee. After I became a young lady of course it was no more than human that I should wish for a beautiful complexion like several of my companions, but which I did not have. Many different courses were taken to accomplish my end, such as applying face bleach, taking bottles and bottles of cleansing medicines, etc., all to no purpose.

"My older sister had learned before me that coffee was the root of the difficulty, and urged me to begin taking hot water. I tried it, but could find little satisfaction in so weak and unpalatable a beverage. While visiting a friend one day, I accepted a cup of coffee (as I supposed), when I noticed that this particular coffee had a hundred per cent. better taste than the coffee we had been in the habit of using. Upon inquiring for the receipt of this very pleasing beverage, I learned that I had partaken of the noted Postum Cereal Food Coffee.

"I had struck the goal at last. This was the morning beverage that I wanted, and this, it turned out, was the secret of the beautiful complexion of my friend. Of course we immediately commenced using it in our home, and I want to say that today not a more healthy, robust family is to be found in the United States, and the fact is attributable to our abandonment of coffee and the use of Postum Cereal Food Coffee. We do not feel disposed to publish the full name of Miss Blossom, but the name can be given to those interested by letter to the Postum Cereal Co., Limited, Battle Creek, Mich. The young lady lives in Traverse City, Mich.

It may be of interest to know that many of the young ladies' seminaries throughout the country have discontinued the use of coffee and are using Postum Food Coffee. A letter from Rev. Alex. Burr, secretary of the Seattle, Wash., Young Ladies' Seminary, recites: "We are using Postum Cereal Food Coffee on the table, greatly to the satisfaction of the faculty and a large number of boarding students.

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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

The Hambourg Recital.

Mark Hambourg appeared before a large and cultured audience in Massey Hall last evening, this being the second appearance of the young star pianist in Toronto within two months. The good impression made on his first appearance was accentuated last evening, and Hambourg has established himself in Toronto as a compeer of Paderewski, De Pachmann, Friedheim and the other leading displays. Last evening's program opened with Beethoven's Sonata Apassionata, of which he played the allegro, adagio and presto movements. Friedheim having played from the same work last week, an opportunity was offered for comparison, by those who heard both. The distinguishing feature was his wonderful rapidity in fingering in the presto movement. His second group included a minuet by Sgambati, a pastoral and caprice by Scarlatti, and four excerpts from Chopin. Taking the applause as a guide, it was a Chopin audience, the doubtless the poetic music of Beethoven was in favor with many. The rapid manual work, both right and left, was again apparent in the Scarlatti Caprice, and also in the Chopin study in G flat. The same composer's ballad in A flat was beautifully interpreted, and at its conclusion the applause was continued until a response was vouchsafed. In fact, it was an ovation. Hambourg's concluding series comprised selections from Leschetizky and Rubinstein, a moreceau of his own composition and the Mendelssohn-Liszt "Midsummer Night's Dream." All were played with a complete mastery of details, and the latter especially was enjoyed, because of the ease with which the heavy work demanded was got thru.

Miss Grace Preston of New York, contralto, was the vocalist of the evening, and showed a voice of remarkable range, reaching well into the soprano, and with the soprano quality in the upper notes. The Massenet aria, "Ne Me Refuse Pas," failed to arouse enthusiasm, but she was more successful in the ballads, "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," and "I Know a Bank." Miss Preston's voice is true and pleasing, but a failure to strike notes on their level was apparent, as well as a lack of distinctness in enunciation. Mrs. Haskett was the accompanist.

"Superba" is a Great Show.

One would have to deal in superlatives, and very strong superlatives at that, to fittingly describe Hanlons' pantomimic, spectacle, "Superba," which received it initial production this season at the Toronto Opera House last night. The audience, which thronged the house from pit to dome, was a thoroly satisfied one, and no wonder, for the play appeals to all sorts and conditions of people. The extremely laughable and ludicrous situations, the clever and ingenious mechanical devices and the gorgeous stage settings have attractions alike for children and grown-up people.

"Superba" this year has been revised and improved beyond recognition. Many new features have been introduced, but it would be a difficult task to pick out those which stand forth pre-eminently. They are all good; the choruses, in which a galaxy of pretty girls participate, have had a great deal of care bestowed upon them, and the result attained is pleasing in the full sense of the word.

As a mirth provoker "Superba" stands alone. It is nothing if not amusing, and there is a plot which just serves to carry things along with a swing. It is rather incoherent, tho, but affords heaps of opportunities for introducing the specialties upon which the success of the piece depends.

The grotesque make-up of the giants is particularly worthy of notice, and the troupe of trained dogs, including the high-diving dog, "Dink," and the monkey, "Stubs," make one marvel at their intelligence. They afford an entertainment in themselves, and the world of care and trouble that must have been taken in their education may readily be imagined.

For the balance of the week "Superba" will be presented, with the usual matinees on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and all who want a good wholesome laugh should not fail to see it.

Shea's Theatre.

The bill at Shea's for this week is fully up to the high standard established in that house. Arthur Nelston and Minnie Abbey, from the Palace Theatre, London, give a dancing exhibition equal, if not superior, to anything in the line given heretofore. Maude Meredith has a true and rangy soprano voice, marred only by a continuous tremolo. Lizzie Evans and Harry Mills give a funny sketch, in which Miss Evans assumes a double role with much cleverness. Mills is a capable actor and helps to make the farce laughable.

Smith and Campbell in dialog and skit keep the audience in roars. They talk and sing, perpetrate puns and pungent repartee, and give fifteen minutes of real fun.

The three Rosebuds and Phil Ott make up a clever quartet, ridiculous in the first half of their turn, with a bit of elegance and grotesqueness combined at the conclusion. The young ladies sing and dance well and their music on lyres is very pretty. Ott proves himself an expert dancer, and the performance of the four is thoroly enjoyable.

The great Holloway Trio may well claim the appellation "great." There are two young men and a young woman, and their marvelous balancing feats on the invisible wire and on a ladder keep the audience breathless. Some of their acts are so thrilling as to put the Japanese balancing artists seen here in the shade.

George Fuller Golden, monologist, and his imaginary friend Casey cause the utmost merriment. Golden is humorous in a superlative degree; his mimicry is perfect and very amusing.

The bill concludes with a biograph exhibition, showing some laughable and some grand moving pictures. The trip on a railway train leading to Windsor Castle is most realistic; the marching of the Leinster Regiment at Halifax and the departure of the second contingent for South Africa are magnificent spectacles, while the review of troops by the Queen is specially interesting at the present time.

"Niobe" at the Princess.

"Niobe," the statue play, is the offering of the Cummings Stock Company for their thirteenth week at the Princess. Following as it does the series of more or less serious attractions at this theatre, and being in itself one of the funniest of farce comedies, it should attract good audiences. Nowadays, too, such attractions, without numerous specialties to help along the fun, are somewhat of a rarity, consequently "Niobe" should be all the more appreciated, as it is a genuine laugh-producer from start to finish. It is an exemplification of the old saying relating to the tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive. Niobe, a young and beautiful maiden, after 3000 years' petrification, is accidentally restored to life in the home of Peter Dunn, while he is alone in the house. In her wordless attempt to tell the truth, he resorts to falsehood. One leads to more, there are complications and counter-complications, while Peter is constantly found in compromising situations. Of course, things turn out happily enough in the end, but not until one is just about tired out with laughing.

Mr. Donergan appears as the much-troubled Mr. Dunn with his customary success, while Miss Stone makes a charming "Niobe," both in appearance and manner. The other characters are all very suitably placed, and share in the general appreciation.

There will be the usual two performances daily.

A Fine Military Spectacle.

The dress rehearsal of the military spectacle, which the Independent Order of Foresters have arranged at the Grand Opera House, to aid the National Patriotic Fund, was witnessed last night by a very large and fashionable audience, who were there on invitation. The entertainment proper will be given at the Grand Opera House to-morrow night, with a special matinee to-morrow afternoon. The program, as shown at the rehearsal, will achieve a great success. The Temple Encampment of the Royal Foresters at drill, with their trumpet band, opens the entertainment, and it is followed with an inspiring patriotic song, "For Queen, Flag and Country," by the composer, Mr. Morgan, D.S.C.R. A novel feature is a physical drill to unaccompanied vocal chorus by a squad from the Queen's Own Rifles.

The next big feature is a patriotic sketch, including a solo, "Who Carries the Gun," by Mr. H. M. Blight; "The Sons of the Empire," by W. J. A. Carnahan, and "After the Fray," a duet, by Messrs. Blight and Carnahan.

The program concludes with a grand tableau, with representatives of all the "Soldiers of the Queen," and the surrender of Gen. Cronje. Appropriately, "The Maple Leaf" and then the Empire's anthem, "God Save the Queen."

The band of the 48th Highlanders did splendid work in filling in the waits last night at the rehearsal. Their somewhat varied selection of "The Beggar and Beggar," with the unaccompanied vocal chorus, was one of the features of the program.

The theatre is beautifully decorated—far better than it ever was before. The decorations were arranged for last Friday's entertainment for the benefit of the Theatrical Mechanical Association, and they are in admirable taste and splendid taste. The theatre never looked prettier than it does now. The Foresters' entertainment is well put on, and it will doubtless satisfy the large audiences who will see it to-night and Wednesday afternoon and evening. The proceeds are for the Patriotic Fund, and the sale of seats has been large.

British Knight Going on the Stage.

London, March 26.—Sir Robert Peel has definitely decided to go on the stage. He will join the "Bootle's Baby" Company as Bootles, and play in London and the provinces.

Sir Robert Peel is a grandson of the famous Prime Minister of England, who died in 1850. The young man succeeded to the title of the fourth baronet May 8, 1895, on the death of his father, who was a former Lord of the Admiralty and Chief Secretary for Ireland. Young Sir Robert was born in 1867. He married the daughter of Baroness Graffenried, to whom a son was born in April, 1898.

Sir Robert was reported to have an income of over $115,000 a year, but it was understood that during his father's life he lost a good deal of money at Monte Carlo. In Bankruptcy Court, London, June 15, 1898, a statement of Sir Robert Peel was presented showing that the liabilities amounted to $1,583,050 and that the assets were nil. Judgment was given July 15, 1898, on the long-pending application of Sir Robert to sell his family heirlooms for the support of himself and family. The court directed the sale of plate valued at $100,000, but refused to denude Drayton Manor of historical heirlooms valued at $500,000.

Sir Robert is the author of "A Bit of a Fool."

De Wolf Hopper.

De Wolf Hopper, whom "Amy Leslie" of The Chicago News called "the unchallenged prince of opera burlesque joys," comes to the Grand, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week. He brings with him the same company of principals and chorus that supported him in London. The opera to be presented is Sousa and Klein's latest comic opera success, "The Charlatan," an opera which the Londoners considered vastly superior to "El Capitan." In it Hopper has one of the best parts, that of a fakir and charlatan, that have ever fallen to his lot. The box office opens this morning at 9 o'clock, and those wishing to secure good seats had better get them early.

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It is reported that a British missionary has been killed.

Grand Entertainment.

The young men of Miss Fisher's Bible Class, Queen-street Methodist Church, have arranged to give an entertainment, consisting of F. B. Whittemore's lime-light views of the Transvaal, organ recital, solos, duets and readings, this (Tuesday) evening. Admission 10 cents.

Cardinal Mazzela Dead.

Rome, March 26.—Cardinal Camilo Mazzela, bishop of Palestrina, and Prefect of the Congregation of Sacred Rites, is dead. He was born in Italy in 1833, and was created a cardinal in 1886.

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