### PLAYS, PICTURES AND MUSIC

# PLENTY OF ACTION IS FEATURE AT SHEA'S

Clever Company at the Grand Opera House.

Theatregoers who are contemplating a visit to the Grand Opera House this week, where "Kick In" is being presented, can prepare themselves for an evening of perfect enjoyment. No play has ever been produced with so peculiar a title, and yet, when one has seen the plece he is ready to admit that no other title would be so applicable. The words "Kick in" occur only once in the dialos but when they come at the climax of a stirring scene, then their fitness as a title for this play is realized insuardy. The interpretation of the various characters is an artistic treat. John Sharkey as Garvie, the pollee inspector, is exceptionally well cast. He gives to the vole a natural and official presentation that stands out prominently. Mr. Tillen as Chick Howes, gives a clever portugal of the reformed crook, and in the tense scenes shows himself to be a finished actor. The female roles are all well portrayed by Miss Maryot Williams. Ms Beatrice Noyes and Miss Lou Ripley The production is well staged, and the performance in its entirety a meritorous one.

KICHENER COULD NOT FRIGHTEN FELCE LYNE

Boston Opera Prima Donna Soprano Conquered the British

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Felice Lyne, the charming young American prima donna soprano, who is to sing "Nedda" in the Boston Opera. Company's production of "Pagliacci" at the Royal Alexandra tonight, arrived in Toronto yesterday, being the first member of the Boston organization, and the Pavlowa Ballet Russe, to arrive in Toron.o.

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Miss Lyne related a little experience she had with the great British general. Lord Kitchener, at a house party held at the residence of Lord and Lady Arthur. I was just about to sing for the little group present, when Lady Arthur called me aside and told me that Kitchener was not fond of music, and also that he was a 'woman-hater.' The efore, she said, if he gets up and and also that he was a 'woman-heter.'
The efore, she said, if he gets up and walks out of the room while you are singing, do not mind it. Well, anyway, I sang.
"When I saw Lady Arthur alone, I went up to her and said that she must e entirely mistaken about him, and tat instead of finding him a regular rough.' I found him a very at man, I was a coon shouter. Florence mental songs, are a pair of good entertainers. Minerva Clark scores in one or two numbers.

\*\*EDWARD ABELES SEEN IN

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ore taken the liberty of writing and are westewing more praise upon my art." were

#### "LITTLE MARY" MINTER HIPPODROME ATTRACTION

The Hippodrome continues to play to capacity houses, and the big sen-sational Metro film features are the greatest attractions on the bills. Mary Miles Minter, a charming and popular young star, is cast in the leading role of "Always in the Way." a fascinating film version of the well-known by that name. Olga Cook uses a rare soprano voice to fascinate her audienses, and is also the possessor of a captivating personality, one number, "Un Peu D'Amour," being received

with great applause.

A company of four, assisted by a very well trained chorus of six voices, put on a very acceptable miniature musical comedy which gained impetus under the title of "Fascinating Flora."

A novelty musical offering, sprinkled monds and Farrell combined songs, dances and sparkling dialog in a neat presented by Mr. and Mrs. Harry MacDonald was a riot of side-splitting situations. Several film comedies completed a bill well above the aver-

#### WHIRL OF MIRTH" AT STAR IS LIVELY SHOW

Without a dull moment the "Whirl of Mirth," staged at the Star Theatre this week, hits a high standard of burlesque entertainment. Ben Small and Ed Johnson, tramp comedians. look after the funny side of the show, and the large chorus is led by Jeanette Buckley and Ruth Desmond in

Highy Bernard, colored comedian, figures in a very laughable comedy sketch with Small and Johnson. The sketch with Small and Johnson. The second act closes with the singing of a number of patriotic features, an unusual treat for burlesque patrons. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it falls to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

# PASSION PLAY SKETCH

New Crook Play Presented by a Several Acts on This Week's Bill Each Worth Price of

#### BEN WELCH IS WHOLE SHOW AT THE GAYETY

acter to that of the Italian in five seconds is the clever stunt accomplished by the inimitable comedian Ben Welch, at the Gayety this week. Welch is a show himself, but supporting him is a large cast of 50 shining lights of buriesqueland including 25 lively chorus girls.

Minnie Harrison, a dainty singing comedienne, in addition to her ragtime songs, gives a good impersonation of a coon shouter. Florence Rother and Arthur Gordon in sentimental songs, are a pair of good en-

that instead of finding him a regular grouch. I found him a very nice gentleman. I was again surprised, a few dilemma in the afternoon, the majordays later, when I received a note from Kitchener's personal aide to the effect that he thought he had not complimented me enough and had there-plimented me enough and had there-plimented me enough and had there-plimented the management of Loew's Theatre in a dilemma in the afternoon, the majordity of the acts failing to turn up as a result of the disorganized traffic. Edward Abeles, former star of "Brewster's Millions," and his company, who are the headline attraction this week. were snowbound on the other side of Rochester, and many of the others were in the same predicament. As it was, only three acts were staged during the afternoon, with a number of pictures to fill in.

Mr. Abeles and company appear in a thrilling gantomine player entitled.

thrilling pantomime playlet entitled "Sel-Defence."

Weston and Leon are two accomplished comediennes and the Five Martells have a good cycling turn. The others on the bill are Frances Renault. Fisk, McDenough and Boulden and Hurst and Hurst.

#### "NEW GOVERNOR" DRAMA IS SHOWN AT THE STRAND

"The New Governor," shown at the Strand yesterday, is one of the best Fox productions seen at this popular playhouse in mny weeks.

The film will appeal highly to the prolibition element, it depicting the downfall of men thru the use of li-

with mirthful sayings, was given its full value by Silver and Duval. Edmonds and Farrell combined songs, and a comedy film were also shown.

#### "PROS" NIGHT.

A Gigantic Show of Mirth and Melody.

The most pretentious musical review ever attempted is being staged by the Toronto professionals next Saturday at Massey Hall. When the pros. set their brains working you can depend upon results And their fantastic entertainment will surpass all. Everything will be seen and heard, from a ten-minute organ redital to solo and ensemble-numbers by a strong company of operatic vocalists, intermingled by fourteen clever singing and dancing comedians. There are the plano fiends, violin virtuosos, and the famous Lyceum Chorus is now to be augmented by the wonderful St. Andrew's Masonic Glee Singers. The program is made up of thirty-two singing, dancing and novelty numbers. Plan at Massey Hall Thursday.

## : WAR SUMMARY:

Today's Events Reviewed

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this work is left do not do their duty efficiently. Mesopotamia, on the other hand, abounds in petroleum and naphtha deposits and is worth the plucking.

While the Turks admitted suffering a reverse in the Caucasus yesterday, the Russians merely report the repulse of two Turkish attempts to cross to the right bank of the Arkhava River and the taking of 167 prisoners. West of Khorassan, the Russians captured a Turkish artillery depot containing a million rifle cartridges and a thousand shells. Constantinople is frank about a retreat because the German high command desires to educate Teutonic public opinion in the desirability of sending troops to the cate Teutonic public opinion in the desirability of sending troops to the assistance of Turkey.

The landing of British troops at Phalaron, six miles from Athens, Greece, is reported in Berlin, and seeing the source of the news, it must be accepted with reserve until confirmed. But it is likely to be true from the po rage which it excites in Germany. But by treaty with Greece, Great Briand France have full liberty to land their forces anywhere in Greece.

The Austrians break the news of their loss of the trenches on Onslavia heights to the Italians by stating that these were evacuated owing to the terrific Italian artillery fire. The Italians report that their vigorous counter-offensive regained their positions. The enemy employed large forces

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## CONSCRIPTION IS NOT NEEDED, SAYS BORDEN

urier Rather Doubtful Whether Half Million Men Can Be Raised.

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the eastern frontier and in the Balkans the alies could beast of a stubborn resistance, but not of victories. Still he believed that the so-called triumphs of the enemy were illusionary. The great victory renewed day by day was the victory achieved by the British ravy. Not only were the seas kept clear for the commerce of the allies and the movement of their troops, but the German neet was impotent, isolat-ed and a prisoner in its own waters. might as well be sunk in the bottom

might as well be sunk in the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean.

Rebuked Nationalists.

Sir Wilfrid, having reterred to the unanimity with which the Canadian pe-ple had rained to the cause of the allies, went on to say that there was a minority, a small minority, who thought Canada should not participate in the war. That minority, he said, was represented by the Nationalist party in the Province of Quenec. They pretended that Canada had gone into pretended that Canada had gone into tion from the British Government. That was not the case. Speaking for bimse.f, Sir Wilfrid desired to say that nemer the King of England nor the parliament of England could compel parliament of England could compel a single Canadian so dier to go to the front or take a single dollar from the Canadian treasury. Whatever had been done by Canada on behalf of the empire had been the spontaneous expression of the people's will ratified by a free parliament.

Moral Obligation Alone.

"There is a line of cleavage," Sir Wilfrid Laurier went on to say, "between the leader of the government and myself. He believes that when

tween the leader of the government and myself. He believes that when England is at war, automatically go too and take part in per boundaries, with Belgium again that war. I say that whether Can-ada takes part in that war or not spare neither blood nor treasure, but do all we can to overthrow German tyranny and secure a victory for the empire and the nations allied with it."

The Nationalists, he said, were opspare neither blood nor treasure, but do all we can to overthrow German tyranny and secure a victory for the The Nationalists he said, were opposed to our going to the protection
of France and the relief of Belgium,
Great Britain had already authorized

an interest in this war, and many now standing aloof will some day regret their supineness and indifference."

preliminary to conscription. If Canada adopted conscription she would discourage immigration."

He read from The New York American to show that American settlers were leaving the west fearing comwere leaving the west, fearing con-The Liberal leader then criticized

the large expenditure in public works and urged economy in the building of drill halls, postoffices and other of drill halls, postoffices and other public buildings. He also wanted information as to the commandeering of wheat. The government, he said, had commandered 17.000.000 bushels of wheat in the elevators at the head of navigation and in eastern Canada. We know now he said that it was not commandeered for the British Government. Certainly it was not done for the Russian Government. Neither could it have been done for the French Government because most of the wheat thus seized was already

After quoting from Harry Richardson of Kingston and others, who at the time nad criticized the government in this regard, Sir Wilfrid Laurier sald it was up to the minister of trade and commerce to make some explanation. That gentleman had written an indignant letter to The Ottawa Citizen because that journal had intimated that the transaction appeared suspicious. The minister should make a complete explanation. It was entirely his own fault if a good many people thought that a large-sized African was concealed in that wheat bin. (Laughter).

In conclusion, Sir Wilfrid expressed his hope for the success of the allies with British prestige greater than ever, with France restored to her prohappy and prosperous and a renovated Germany in which democracy should

te triumphant Sir Robert Borden in opening said that at an early stage of the war he had anounced that the government did not propose to resort to conscription, not because they hated France or Belgium, but because we could not help France or Belgium without helping England. They further argued that Canada had no interest in the war.

Great Brian had already authorized mention 250,000 men in the navy works. As to the complaint about expenditure on public works, the prime minister said that no new works had been undertaken since the commence-"I deny that Canada has no interest | ment of the war and that if necesin this war," Sir Wilfrid said vehem- sary expenditure would be stopped

"Every civilized nation has even upon those public works already

Light on Wheat Seizure.

As to the commandeering of As to the commandeering of the wheat, he had only to say that the Warning Against Conscription.

Referring to the prime m.nister's call for 500,000 men. Sir Wilfrid thought it was a large order. "We must be careful," he said. "not to let a market, but to provide transportation is call is the idea get abroad that this call is to to that market for the producers of Canada. He promised that the tion to that market for the producers of Canada. He promised that the minister of trade and commerce (Sir George E. Foster) would give all the information that might be required by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his follow-

ers.
Sir Wilfrid, the premier said a trifle testily, has disclaimed any intention of making a charge. If he had no charge to make he would have been well advised to say nothing at all on the subject.

War Outlook Encouraging.

After referring to the deaths of Messrs. Barker. Lancaster, Reid and Richards during the parliamentary recess and paying brief tribute to their memories, Sir Robert said: "If we look at the surface of things we seem to be in a worse position so far as the war in a worse position so far as the war is concerned than when parliament prorogued last April, but since we last met a great deal has been accomplished. We have held the enemy in the ed. We have held the enemy in the east and given Russia time to prepare. Italy has joined the allies. We have acquired and maintained unchallenged mastery of the seas. We have more men and more resources than the enemy, and we have every diventage on our side not only from

advantage on our side, not only from an eco...omic standpoint, but from the moral standpoint as well."

Should Raise 500,000 Men.

After describing in some detail the great preparations for the successful prosecution of the war made by the present preparations for the successful prosecution of the war made by the United Kingdom, Sir Robert briefly traced the growth of Canada's army. Eight thousand men had joined the colors since New Years Day, 1916, and 220,000 men had enlisted, of which 120,000 had been sent overseas.

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