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MARK TWAIN QUILTS BOARD OF THEATRE

New York, July 2.—Mark Twain, president, and Otto H. Kahn, Robert J. Collier and Charles E. Miner, directors, of the Educational Theatre for Children and Young People, No. 217 East Eighteenth street, applied yesterday to the Supreme Court to direct Attorney General O'Malley to help effect a dissolution of the Educational Theatre corporation, which has been upholding the drama among the young folk on the east side since last October.

Miss Alice M. Herts, manager of the theatre in which the young amateurs have played "The Prince and the Pauper," "Ingomar," "Twelfth Night," "The Little Princess" and other dramas, fell ill from nervous prostration while running the theatre and trying to raise a fund large enough to provide a permanent local habitation for the work. After several weeks in the country she went to Europe yesterday to recuperate.

A few hours after her departure, Mark Twain, Mr. Collier and the other directors asked Judge Giegerich to help them dissolve the corporation. Their petition the directors said the Educational Theatre was to have been supported by voluntary contributions, and that to carry it on successfully required a fund which did not exist. Judge Giegerich appointed August 19, as the day on which Attorney General O'Malley is to show cause why this dissolution should not occur.

According to a man who has been in close touch with the work since its inception the dissolution of the corporation will be to teach the young idea on the east side how to act in a theatre. Miss Herts will return to New York in the fall and thereafter the work will go on in a building which has been leased for the purpose by Mr. Collier, and the other directors have pledged their intention of continuing to support the project with money, although each of the directors has found he has not the time to give to the business affairs of the corporation.

Miss Herts was the subject of a petition signed by thirty-five members of the company of the Educational Theatre last February, when the young actors and actresses rebelled against the resignation of Mrs. Emma Sheridan Fry, dramatic director. The thirty-five petitioners declared Mrs. Fry had done so much for the theatre that they regarded it as unwise to let her resign, because of a difference over a question of discipline on the stage. This slight disagreement was smoothed over and Miss Herts kept on trying to raise a fund which would be sufficient to guarantee the maintenance of a permanent theatre in which the work might be carried on most advantageously. The nervous strain of this work coupled with that which fell to her lot in the routine of the theatre resulted in her illness. During this illness the directors of the theatre were not allowed to communicate with her. She gave up her house at No. 29 West End avenue May 1, and went to the country in an effort to regain her health.

Although those interested in the Educational Theatre regret that it has become necessary for Mark Twain and the others to withdraw from the directorate they hope to continue the work in the fall. Denial that was very emphatic was made yesterday of a report that it was intended to drop the work.

GENERAL BINGHAM IS REMOVED

New York, N. Y., July 1.—One of the most drastic upheavals in New York city's police history came today when Mayor McClellan summarily removed Commissioner Theodore A. Bingham for insubordination, after the latter's refusal to comply with certain revolutionary orders issued by the mayor yesterday.

The mayor's orders came at the conclusion of his investigation into the alleged police persecution of Geo. B. Duffey, an inconspicuous and almost friendless Brooklyn lad, who, it was claimed, had been repeatedly arrested without cause and whose photograph was retained in the rogues' gallery, despite the failure of the police to obtain conviction against him.

The mayor held that at least two of General Bingham's lieutenants had been guilty of misconduct in this affair and accordingly demanded their removal.

With General Bingham's retirement today, went several of his closest advisers and the leading supporters of his regime. As the head of the new regime, the mayor at once appointed William F. Baker, hitherto deputy commissioner, who indicated that a considerable change in the policy of the department was to be expected.

Bingham and his friends tonight were outspokenly bitter in their declaration that the principal reasons for the mayor's act were political.

IN THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday morning the criminal docket was rather small, as the holiday was a "dry" one. George Jones, Fred McKenzie and William Baxter were fined \$8 each for drunkenness, and James Taylor was remanded on a similar charge. "Gus" Gibson, who was arrested early on Thursday morning for wandering about and not being able to give a satisfactory account of himself, was before the court, and explained that he came from Fredericton on Wednesday, and was lost in the city. Officer Lucas swore that the man was under the influence of liquor and seemed to be walking about aimlessly. "Gloomy Gus" was remanded.

In the afternoon Isaac Webber appeared before the Magistrate on a charge of peddling bananas on Sheffield street, which is contrary to law. Webber has often tried to take out a license, but the right to sell was denied him. However, he once more promised to give up business.

MANY GREEKS IN CANADA AND UNITED STATES ARE PREPARING TO GO HOME TO FIGHT IN WAR WITH TURKEY, WHICH THEY THINK IS COMING

The statement is made by a Greek citizen residing in St. John that a great proportion of the Greek population of the United States and Canada is so arranging its affairs that it will be able to bid goodbye to America at a moment's notice, and flock back to the home country to assist in defending Greece from an invasion by the Turks which is believed to be now imminent.

Society Sends Money Home.

A society has been formed in the United States which numbers in its membership the entire Greek population of the Republic, and which has affiliated branches in all the leading cities of Canada. This society's object is to collect funds to be forwarded home to Greece for the purpose of aiding in the conduct of the war. Greek citizens in America are immensely wealthy. The Greek is more noted than the Jew for his success as a money gatherer and many of those who have made America their home conduct establishments among the country in their particular branches of enterprise. The assistance in money alone which the Greeks abroad can lend to their compatriots at home will therefore form a huge asset in the conduct of the war.

Local Greeks Contribute.

In St. John, the Greek residents, who number between twenty and thirty, have already subscribed to the war fund, and their contribution has been forwarded to the officers of the society in the United States.

Thousands Ready To Return.

Not only are the emigrated Greeks assisting in a pecuniary way, but great numbers of them are preparing to dispose of their businesses, and leave immediately for home on the outbreak of war.

Letter Received Here From Athens.

A Standard reporter who dropped in to see Michael Mercunon, on Mill street, last evening, found that usually beaming dispenser of fruit in a smileless mood. This led to an inquiry if it was a case of the blues. Michael explained that he had just received a letter from his brother telling him that the preparations for war with Turkey were already well advanced, and that his presence was needed at home.

Fleet And Drilling In Full Force.

For weeks, the letter stated, the killed soldiers had been drilling in the hills at full force, and the fleet was manoeuvring every day in the harbor of Athens. At the name of Athens, Michael explained that he had just received a letter from his brother telling him that the preparations for war with Turkey were already well advanced, and that his presence was needed at home.

Crete The Cause Of Trouble.

The trouble, Michael explained, had arisen over the island of Crete, the inhabitants of which are practically all orthodox members of the Greek Catholic Church, and their sympathies are entirely governed by a protectorate of four European powers—England, Germany, France and Italy. The Turkish flag still flies on a small island in the splendid port of Suda, the chief Cretan city. Not contented with this the Turks have been intriguing for complete control of the island until

200,000 Greeks In America.

There are two hundred thousand Greeks in America. Of this number, according to Michael Mercunon's statement, forty thousand are Cretons, the exodus from the island being proportionally large on account of the oppression of the Turk.

Michael Will Answer Country's Call.

Michael Mercunon says that he will have to go home should war break out, and gives it as his opinion that such an event is practically certain. The tone of his brother's letter leads him to believe that there is immense excitement in Greece, and that the preparations for war are advancing with feverish haste in view of the declaration of war at any moment.

His Family In Athens.

Michael did not leave behind a wife in Athens, but is anxious for the safety of his mother, brothers and sisters. He himself has served his country before. He fought in the Turkish war of 1897 when the plucky stand of Greece in the mountains of the frontier excited the sympathy of the world.

Fought Through War Of 1897.

The local Greek was in several of the most important engagements of the war. One of his fellow soldiers was Peter Patterson, of Petrapoli, of King street. Michael himself has conducted a very successful business here for some years, and is as cheery an individual as the city holds.

Athens, July 2.—In accordance with the latest dispositions taken by the government of the island being well aware that the least outbreak of disorder would set the whole of Europe against it.

In reply to questions from their governments the consuls at Crete stated that contrary to the erroneous affirmations of the Turkish press, Creton Mussulmans will be in no danger after the evacuation of the provisional government of the island being well aware that the least outbreak of disorder would set the whole of Europe against it.

The news is now confirmed that Germany and Austria-Hungary in reply to the Turkish note expressed their intention of approving the decision of the four protecting powers, although they would not participate in the negotiations.

The news has produced an excellent impression in Greek official spheres, for it was feared that Germany and Austria-Hungary, following out the policy of the island being well favorably influenced toward Turkey. The continuation of the detente leads to the hope that all danger of a conflict has passed.

The Greek government has ceased its precautionary measures on the frontier. New complications could only arise if the decision of the powers, which it is known will end this week, should cause discontent among the Cretons, who, to reply, are sending their deputies here. This possibility, however, has been foreseen by the wise policy of M. Theotokis and of M. Balazzi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who would promptly postpone

the inhabitants are on the point of rebellion, and Greece is fully prepared to assist them.

the convocation of the Greek Parliament so as to avoid the admission of the Creton deputies, thus depriving Turkey of any pretext for seeking a quarrel with Greece.

POLICEMAN IS SENT TO SING SING

New York, July 2.—Policeman James Dillon, of the Adams street station, who was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree for killing of Louis Prober, nineteen years old, a grocery clerk, was sentenced to Sing Sing prison yesterday for not less than seven years nor more than fourteen years by Judge Maddox in the criminal term of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn.

Dillon showed no emotion when sentence was pronounced upon him, and he remained composed when his wife and two children cried loudly and tried to reach his side. Mrs. Dillon and the children were led from the court room and taken to the Sheriff's office, where there was an affecting scene when they bade good-bye to the convicted man. Less than three hours after he was sentenced, Dillon was taken to Sing Sing.

In a plea to have the verdict set aside Dillon's lawyer made the novel contention that the policeman was guilty of no crime. Dillon, he said, had been told that he should use his revolver in case of emergency and it was left to "his unintelligent and incapable mind to judge what an emergency was." Before imposing sentence Judge Maddox questioned Dillon and learned that twice the prisoner had been accused of wife beating.

Three men who were Dillon's associates in the police department in Brooklyn are now in Sing Sing. They are George Dawkins, convicted of burglary and grand larceny; James Mannix, convicted of assault, and William Hughes, who pleaded guilty to abduction. They were sent to the State prison within the last sixteen months and were put to work in the prison bakery.

THOSE AMERICAN AIRS.

To the Editor of The Standard: Sir,—Has Patriot been dead for the last hundred years, I would inquire? One can hardly think it possible for him to have lived in these years, and remain so narrow as his letter indicates in the Standard of July 1st. I am very glad that the general feeling of our St. John people is not his, so that we need not be limited to Canadian music only.

Surely a broad mind does not injure either the living or the dead, nor will our feeling of loyalty be less when the band plays "Yankee Doodle" next Monday night.

Yours very truly, MAPLE LEAF. July 2nd.



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