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MOONLIGHT MAIDS IS A SNAPPY SHOW

Burlesque Attraction at Ma-
jestic Makes Hit With
Peppy Songs.

DANCER PLEASES

Billy Hagen and Anna Toebe are the chief entertainers with the Moonlight Maids, billed as a pot-pourri of nonsense and a conglomerated mixture of comedy and music, at the Majestic Theatre the first three days of this week.

The fun centers around Mr. Hagen and Miss Toebe. The former handles most of the comedy, and the latter has a saucy smile and a number of songs that the boys like. There are 25 numbers on the musical program. Of these the hits are "You'll Like Me," "Take It Easy," and "What Do You Say" in the first act, and "Oriental Love Dreams," "Hula Lu" and "Can't I Get What I Want."

In the song numbers, Miss Toebe carries off the honors with the possible exception of one song, "The Oriental Love Dream," sung by Diana Morgan.

The settings for many of the songs are well staged, and assist greatly in making for their popularity. The latter company had, as we have mentioned, more than the usual number of comedians seen with burlesque shows and they gave a performance that was snappy.

The Moonlight Maids' production does not rely on speed, but it is well planned and carefully worked out. If more speed were put into some of the scenes they would lose their charm. The "Wax Doll" was one case in point. To have hurried that bit of fun would have robbed it of all its drollery.

There is a young chap with the company who is a born dancer. He is at home on roller skates, and gave a real good exhibition of dancing. His value as an entertainer was not lost on the audience, though his name does not appear on the program as a dancer.

As with all burlesques, the ladies are garbed attractively. The audience was not disappointed in the Moonlight chorus maids. In one number, "Take It Easy," they were recalled at least six times at the matinee performance. It is an average show.

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INVITATIONS SENT

Secondary School Accommo-
dation Causes Frowns at
Meeting Yesterday.

London's secondary school accommodation problem persists. It cropped up again yesterday at the postponed meeting of the board of education. It came before the board chiefly to make its presence felt. Recommendations to clear the decks for next year's board were offered and a request was made to have several legal points cleared up.

Reports of ever increasing enrollment in the secondary schools were heard. Principal E. A. Miller gave a revised report at collegiate enrollment to date, showing an increase of 223 students over the enrollment of this date in 1923. This was in spite of the fact that 199 additional registrations had been made at the Technical High School and a fourth year class has been added at De La Salle R. C. High School. This year's collegiate enrollment has fully reached figures held in prospect earlier in the year. Mr. Miller had forecast 1,550 to 1,600 for the complete enrollment. After less than a week of school the enrollment has reached 1,543. Of these students between 175 and 200 are county pupils, placed in the various school units.

Chairman Bryden Campbell, after reports had been filed and just before the meeting was adjourned, asked that the decks be cleared so that the 1925 board could go ahead without impediment in getting action on the accommodation problem. Various legal points must be cleared up, and while trustees showed that they were against declaring high school separate districts, a move in that direction is not unlikely with the possibilities of another election day.

Matters left unfinished at last Thursday's session were taken up again by the board. Chairman Campbell, Trustees Warner, Udy, Copeland, Mess, Willmott, Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Hunt were present, just sufficient to form a quorum, according to latest legal advice on that point.

Staff changes, already announced, recommended by Inspector V. K. Greer, were upheld. Mr. Greer recommended, in addition to his yearly report, that the salary of Miss Muriel E. Letch, English exchange teacher, be \$1,400, and also that desks and chairs be purchased for one room at St. George's school.

Principal E. A. Miller of Central Collegiate reported as follows on enrollment: Central unit, present enrollment 810, last September 773; south unit, present enrollment 432, last September 319; east unit, present enrollment 301, last September 238. Last September 1,320 pupils were registered. Now there are 1,543. "Roughly speaking there are between 175 and 200 county pupils registered," Mr. Miller explained in answer to a query by Chairman Campbell. "We reserve the right to place them where we can." Those from immediate districts adjoining the city's bounds were placed in the school nearest them if possible.

Enrollment at the East Collegiate has exceeded the original estimate for this term by nearly 50 pupils, and the other schools were coming well up to the most optimistic estimates.

Matters heard from only No. 2 committee and the advisory technical committee. The board passed No. 2 committee's recommendation that Colborne street school be rented to the Victoria Hospital Trust for a monthly rental of \$50. The board would not consent to rent the building for more than a period of two years.

On the recommendation of Trustee Mess and Trustee Mrs. Rose an invitation will be sent forth to the members of the board of health, Inspector Greer, Dr. Hill and Dr. McNally to attend a round-table conference on the matter of medical inspection in public schools. The question has come before the provincial board of health and board of education, and need has been felt to clear up the situation of medical work in the schools.

The last payment to Hyde brothers, a bill of some \$350, on the contract for the construction of the new Trafalgar School, was ordered paid.

On the recommendation of Trustee Mess and Trustee Copeland it was decided to build a ten-foot concrete walk on the north and south sides of Tecumseh School. The heavy clay ground around the school makes the footing unsafe on wet days, and also causes muddy boots on the students. The new walk is expected to cut down this.

**GERMAN CABINET MEETS
TO PASS ON WAR GUILT**

Advisability of Retracting
Statement Made in Versailles
Treaty To Be Considered.

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Sept. 8.—Chancellor Marx and Foreign Minister Stresemann will decide at a cabinet meeting next week whether the proclamation retracting Germany's admission of war guilt, contained in the treaty of Versailles, shall be sent to the world powers, and if so, when the step shall be taken.

An official statement given out today announces that the government attaches such importance to the question that Dr. Marx and Dr. Stresemann will interrupt their holidays in order to decide it at the cabinet meeting.

GRAIN MOVEMENTS NIL.
Canadian Despatch.
Fort William, Sept. 8.—Not a pound of grain moved down the lakes from the harbors of Fort William and Port Arthur over the week-end. Prospects are better for the next two days.



CAPT. WILLIAM STEPHENSON,
formerly of Winnipeg, who has in-
vented what he claims is a new
method of transmitting photos by
wireless telegraph and radio. He is
employed as a wireless engineer in
London, England.

FAIR WEEK SHOW EXCELS AT LOEW'S

Alma Rubens and Conrad Nagel
Star in Drama 'Replete
With Thrills.'

FILMED IN CANADA

Large Fair Week houses were attracted at Loew's Theatre yesterday afternoon and evening, and a well-balanced program of films and vaudeville was their reward. A Goldwyn-Cosmopolitan feature photoplay starring Alma Rubens and Conrad Nagel, "The Rejected Woman," was filmed in the Canadian wilds, with a French-Canadian atmosphere, plenty of snow and good winter scenes.

Part of "The Rejected Woman" was filmed in the Canadian wilds, with a French-Canadian atmosphere, plenty of snow and good winter scenes. Conrad Nagel, already a much-talked-of star in motion picture circles, is seen to advantage with Alma Rubens.

A Hal Roach comedy, "The Mystery Man," features Snub Pollard as the greatest sleuth hound of all time, out-Hawking Sherlock, the greatest gum shoe experts of fiction. He disguises everything but his outstanding ability in the way of bright, snappy comedy.

The visit of the British round-the-world fleet to Canada is pictured thoroughly by the Pathe News, the Canadian National Exhibition pictures being particularly good.

Murray and Gerish have a bright offering to start off the program of vaudeville. They team well in a singing, talking and dancing number. Cottrell and Dowd inject some refreshing Neapolitan color into their singing and talking eccentricities.

The Mae Long Trio developed appreciable novelties in their dancing and singing offering. An extra, with songs, "June Night" and "Doodle-doo-doo," was offered in good voice.

Loyalists Unveil Cabin Memorial

Lieutenant-Governor Cockshutt
at Belleville Ceremony.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Belleville, Sept. 8.—The log cabin memorial to the United Empire Loyalists was unveiled this afternoon by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Cockshutt in the presence of thousands of the citizenry and school children. Descendants of the loyalists subscribed for its erection. J. Arnold Thompson was the architect. Col. Lazier, military officer in the district, and Chairman of the U. E. L. committee in charge, presided at the ceremonies. Rain interfered with the complete arrangements at the site of the memorial, and the speechmaking took place in the armories.

POINCARÉ SCORES GERMANY'S CLAIM

Former Premier Aroused at
Berlin's Disavowal of
Blame For War.

Associated Press Despatch.
Montfaucon in the Argonne, France, Sept. 8.—Former Premier Poincaré, who since he relinquished office has been chary of political references in his public speeches, is moved to break his silence by the German attempt to disavow the blame for starting the great war. Speaking yesterday at the opening of a new school-house here to replace one wrecked during the war, M. Poincaré said: "Before the traces of war were effaced here is Germany trying to evade her responsibility. Only yesterday she repudiated the advances made her by repudiating the formal admissions of her leaders. She ardently hopes that the Treaty of Versailles will collapse if but one of its pillars is shaken, but it shall not be touched by pleading innocence."

"Today Germany adds in 1924 to the cynicism of which she gave proof in 1914. Everybody will understand that we have the right to be suspicious and to be upon our guard."

FRACTURES ANKLE.
Canadian Despatch.
Bothwell, Sept. 8.—Emma, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emerick, fractured her ankle while playing about the yard. Dr. Stewart attended the injury.

DUMBELLS REVUE PROVES BEST YET

Grand Opera House Opens
With Captain Plunkett's
New Show, "Ace High."

LARGE AUDIENCE

The Dumbells are here again and with them they bring new songs, new scenery, new costumes, new talent, and a show with more real distinction than any revue that has yet been produced by that company of artists.

The theatrical season at the Grand Theatre opened last night, and what better show than that which the Dumbells offer could be desired for the occasion? London bears a soft spot for Capt. Plunkett and his original war-time entertainers, and they turned out in hundreds last night. Their unstinted applause testified to their appreciation of an all-Canadian show of the highest calibre.

"Ace High" is the name of Capt. Plunkett's sixth annual revue, and "Ace High" won hands down with last night's audience. Al Plunkett with old-time beauty and charm, "Red" Newman with his reckless, carefree, lulling songs, are, of course, the stars, but other female impersonators, dancers and entertainers complete a diversified show which holds a unique place in the favor of Londoners.

The opening scene of "Ace High," entitled "An Unexpected Arrival," is set in the interior of a room in an old chateau in France, used as a dressing-room for the Dumbells. The men are preparing for a show which they are about to put on for the troops when an aeroplane crashes through the wall, and Stan Bennett of Vere de Vere fame, makes his entry. The first scene is something of a form, a dashing opening which heralds a show full of paprika and ginger throughout.

Jack Hand furnishes the opening number with a song and dance, "Oh La La." Ben Allen and Morley Plunkett follow with a clever bit of acrobatics, and then the inevitable "Red" Newman commences his ever-popular song, "The Photo of the Girl I Left Behind Me."

"On the Line" is a scene introduced by Ross Hamilton, as Marjorie, one of the original and pleasing bits of the first act.

Truly amusing are Albert Plunkett's two sons, "Shall I Have It Bobbed or Shingled" and "Yum Yum Yum." They are sung with the same freshness and irresistibility which characterizes almost all of his songs.

These numbers should prove as popular as "I Know Where the Boys Go," which made such a hit in the Dumbells' earlier productions. The first act was run off in the Dumbell style, Bing Crosby style, with no delay in the change of scenery.

The second act commenced with Capt. Plunkett's jazz orchestra, which is composed of nine clever musicians, who captivated last night's audience with a medley of popular songs, "The Lime House Blues," sung and played by Ben Allen at the piano, accompanied by a pantomime act at the rear of the stage, formed a feature of the orchestra's presentation.

Capt. Plunkett's sixth revue is probably the best he has presented. The Dumbells, although naturally talented, have gained a certain amount of business since their earlier productions.

If you have enjoyed their former revues, "Ace High" will not prove disappointing.

ADMITTS WRITING LETTER TO PRINCE

Man Arrested in N. Y. Town
Charged With Sending
Threatening Note.

Associated Press Despatch.
Williamstown, N. Y., Sept. 8.—

Marcus J. Gero was arrested in his home here today, charged with sending the Prince of Wales an alleged threatening letter, received by the British here last Thursday. Sheriff Vincent, who made the arrest, said Gero admitted writing the missive. Sheriff Vincent added that Gero denied threatening to kill the royal visitor, but said he "had no use for the British Empire, and would just as soon see it wiped out."

Gero was arrested as he was leaving his home to take up residence in Northern Michigan.

Later Gero was taken to Pulaaki for examination by physicians, and upon their decisions that the man was mentally unbalanced, he was committed to the state hospital at Ogdensburg.

Sheriff Vincent said authorities had been seeking Gero for some time, but only today as he was about to board a train for Michigan were they able to approach him. They had watched his home, but he had eluded them. Gero had managed to elude capture.

Gero was born at Boylston, Oswego county, about 24 years ago, and since early youth had been roaming the world. In 1914 he enlisted in the Canadian army and served overseas, returning to take up life in his woodland hut at the close of the world war. Since that time he has been occupied with odd jobs about the countryside or simply in roaming the woods.

DAUGHTER OF PIONEER DIES IN HER 78TH YEAR

Canadian Press Despatch.
Galt, Ont., Sept. 8.—Miss Florence Dickson, of Niagara, who with Absarher 78th year. She was a daughter of the late Hon. Walter Hamilton Dickson, of Niagara, who with Absalom Shade founded Galt, owning all of the land in this district at one time. Miss Dickson suffered an accident two years ago, since when she had been in failing health.

REVENUES OF DOMINION DECREASE IN FIVE MONTHS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Ordinary revenues of the Dominion of Canada for the five months of the present fiscal year ending August 31 last, show a decrease of approximately \$20,000,000, when compared with the revenue figures for the five-month period of last year. Ordinary expenditures for the five months show an increase of over \$2,000,000 when the periods are compared.

The net debt of the Dominion, which stood at \$2,391,451,850 at the end of July, dropped to \$2,387,517,638 at the end of August, or a decrease of \$3,934,051.

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