

SARAH BERNHARDT'S IMMORTAL GENIUS

A Study in Personality of the World's Greatest Actress.

"MOTHERS OF FRANCE"

Famous Film, Dealing With History of the War, Coming to Strand.

The fact that the leading role in the marvelous motion picture, "Mothers of France," which is to be presented at the Strand Theatre, in conjunction with The Toronto World, for the entire week commencing May 7th, is played by the greatest tragedienne of the age, Sarah Bernhardt, the supreme actress who, while still living, and herself ranged with the immortals, cannot fail to arouse intense and wide-spread interest among all theatre-goers in Toronto. Her part in "Mothers of France" is that of an elderly French gentlewoman, whose husband and son both make the supreme sacrifice for the France they love. The silent heroism with which she invests a role such as this can be fully appreciated only by those who have actually seen her in it. Suffice it to say that, in her astounding capacity for emotional acting, in realism, in depth of poignancy, in power of pathos, the work she does in "Mothers of France" will stand comparison with any to her credit on the spoken stage.

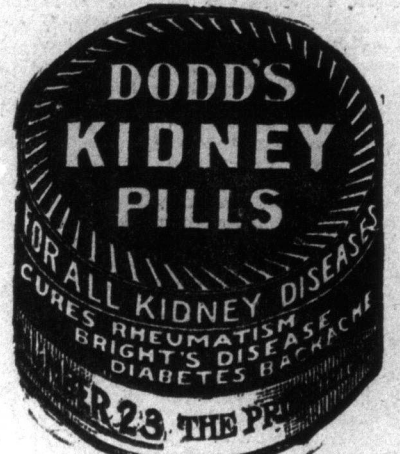
It was Mark Twain who made this epigrammatic comment on the uniqueness of Sarah Bernhardt: "There are five kinds of actresses—bad actresses, fair actresses, good actresses, great actresses, and Sarah Bernhardt." The comment was as shrewd as it was significant. Her genius stands alone. There has been none like her before, nor is the world likely to see her peer hereafter.

What a marvelous career has been hers. Born in Paris 73 years ago, of mixed French and Dutch parentage, and, the of Jewish descent, she was baptized at the age of twelve and brought up in a convent. When only thirteen she entered the Conservatoire as a student, and within three years made her debut at the Comedie Francaise. By the time she was thirty-four she had securely established her position as the greatest actress of the day. By the year 1894 she had played no fewer than 112 leading parts, and of these she had created herself 88. In the same year the most elaborate fête ever held in Paris was given in her honor in Paris, and the value of this public recognition of her undisputed position as the head of the stage was enhanced by the homage she received from every quarter of the world. The Torontoites were disappointed of her expected visit recently, she has played more than once in this city, and among those who will be most anxious to witness "Mothers of France" during the week of the 7th May will be many who retain cherished recollections of her visit in person to this city. She has all the eccentricities of genius. Her quarrels with various theatres, the faces she has given to swans into which she has fallen, the emotions she has experienced—whole volumes have been written (and one of these volumes has been based on these and like topics. At one time two lions were her favorite pets, and her photographs taken with these two "kings of beasts" have been scattered all over the world. At one period, too, she had her coffin made and slept in it every night.

Yet wild and wilful genius as is this greatest actress of them all, she is the most industrious of her time, sex and profession. She has toiled terribly, committing a thousand follies, she has yet won a million triumphs. And she has deserved to win them if hard work counts for anything. In her early days she failed again and again, but made of each failure a stepping stone to ultimate success.

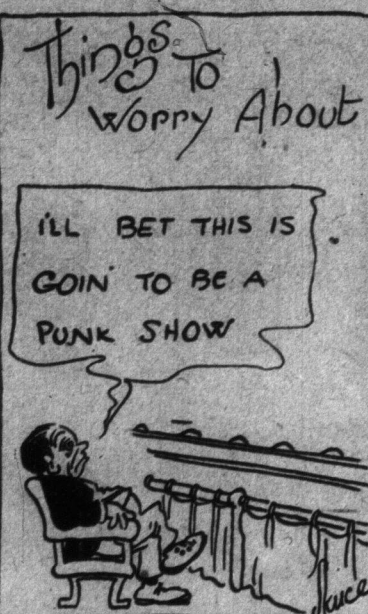
LOAN CORPORATIONS.

Hon. I. B. Lucas said yesterday that legislation is likely at the next session to enable the loan corporations to purchase government bonds and consider them as cash.



That Son-in-Law of Pa's

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VOLUNTEER TO AID FARM PRODUCTION

City Men Will Give Time to Organize Work in Various Counties.

To organize the work of greater crop production in the various counties of the province the following business men have been assigned to the counties indicated, and have promised to go. They will organize branches of the organization of resources committee, where necessary, and in other places will arrange for the co-ordination of the various patriotic associations already in existence. The names are: Huron County, W. H. Shapley; Lincoln, W. H. Shapley; Elgin, W. H. Shapley; Waterloo, R. B. Henderson; Peel, Oak, W. O. C. Lines; Dufferin, B. L. Anderson; Hamilton, G. R. Gundy; Wellington, D. B. Kilsour. Counties still to be assigned are: Bruce, North Simcoe, Essex, Ontario, Peterboro, Northumberland, Durham, Prince Edward, Hastings, Haldimand, Victoria. Optimistic reports are being received by the committee here as to the work in other parts of the province. In Collingwood, where for farm labor, on account of his ship-building and munition industries, 60 men from the main staff have promised to give three days every week during the entire summer to work on the farms. J. W. Woods reports that the board of trade has received applications for plowing by motor-traction of 80 acres within a radius of three miles on North Yonge street. In Brantford 25 men have volunteered to go on the farm during the summer. In Windsor 20 men have expressed their willingness to put in three weeks at farm labor without remuneration. Yesterday, Hamilton and Brantford announced that they would combine to look after the needs of farm labor. In Brantford, Oxford and Westview, London, Norfolk, and Middlesex, Kingston after Frontenac and Ottawa after the other towns in the valley.

"MUNICIPAL ADVISER" NEW HIGHWAYS OFFICE

S. L. Squire, Waterford, Appointed to Help Road Improvement.

S. L. Squire of Waterford has been appointed to the position of municipal adviser to the highways department, according to an announcement from Hon. Philip Macdonald yesterday. Mr. Squire's duties more particularly will cover the work of explaining the provincial policy on highway improvement to counties and other municipalities which have been hitherto somewhat backward in taking advantage of the results of provincial legislation in this regard. Mr. Squire is a former president of the Ontario Good Roads Association, and is well conversant with the needs of the situation. He is a merchant of Waterford, and has been active in municipal matters for some time.

EXONERATES T. S. R.

Company in No Way Responsible for Injuries to Joseph Sebastian.

A jury in the assize court yesterday exonerated the Toronto Railway Company in an action brought by Joseph Sebastian for damages for injuries received by him on Dec. 5 at the corner of Gerrard and Parliament streets thru being struck by a wagon which had been struck by a street car. The jury, however, found that the co-defendants, Mulloy and Bryan, owners of the car, were responsible for the lack of precaution of their employe in proceeding in front of the car. The plaintiff was awarded \$1250, and he is also entitled to recover from the Toronto Railway Company costs from Mulloy and Bryan.

BISHOP'S SECRETARY RESIGNS.

Rev. James Lewis, D.D., for many years secretary to Bishop Sweeney, has resigned his position. His future plans he would not discuss.

MUST FILE ARGUMENTS IN MOND NICKEL CASE

Judge Orders Council to Present Their Side of it in Writing.

After listening to argument by counsel for two days in the case of J. H. Clary and others against the Mond Nickel Company for an injunction restraining the corporation from operations which it is alleged are destroying crops and vegetation in the vicinity of Sudbury, Justice Middleton yesterday decided he would not hear anything further, and instructed the plaintiffs to file their argument in writing within a week.

NO FARM LOANS YET.

"The amount to be set aside by the government for farm loans has not yet been decided upon," said Hon. I. B. Lucas yesterday. It is improbable that any action will be taken in this connection until after the notation of the \$17,000,000 necessary to redeem Ontario bonds held in Great Britain.

WILLS PROBATED

By his will, dated February 15, Walter Chatterley left his gold watch to his grandson, William E. Baker, a gold seal to his brother John, and a life interest in the remainder of his property to his wife, Mrs. Hannah Chatterley of Elgin Mills. He died in Vaughan Township on April 8, leaving an estate valued at \$5,175.

HOLD MASS MEETING.

Returned Soldiers' Grievance Committee to Call Conference in Massey Hall.

A special conference of the Returned Soldiers' Grievance Committee was held at 5.30 last evening in Mayor Church's office, city hall. It was decided to hold a mass meeting in Massey Hall within a week. At this meeting resolutions proposed by the committee will be endorsed for the betterment of conditions for returned and A. R. men. The date of the meeting will be announced in the press.

BOARD DELAYS ACTION ON WIDENING HIGHWAY

Wants More Information Regarding System of Assessing Costs.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board yesterday postponed action for two weeks on the application of the Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission for permission to widen the highway from the west limit of O'Connor's road to the western limit of the City of Toronto. In view of the large amount of money involved the commission thought that they should have fuller details as to the commission's plan of assessment.

FIRE MARSHAL BUSY.

Eleven fires at present are under investigation by Fire Marshal Heston.

WAGON STRUCK CAR.

The rear vestibule of a Bathurst car was badly smashed yesterday when a horse and wagon belonging to the Dominion Express Company

COLLIDED WITH IT AT THE CORNER OF SIMCOE AND FRONT STREETS.

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WHAT? Y' MEAN? TELL ME YA LET TH' TWINS OUT FER THEIR AIRIN' WITH NOBODY BUT THEIR NURSE? PERFECT 'EM FROM KIDNAPPERS?

OH, Y' MEAN? THEY'AH APP'LY PROTECTED, FANTHAW, YOU SEE.

THE NEW NURSE IS EXTREMELY GOOD-LOOKING!

AN' WHAT'S THAT GOT Y' DO WITH IT? IS A PURTY FACE ANY PROTECTION FROM KIDNAPPERS?

LOOKS LIKE THAT WAS HER, JUST TURNIN' INTO TH' PARK—A'AN' BY JINKS, THERE'S SOME FELLERS TRAILIN' 'EM AHEAD!

By G. H. Wellington