

A Typical Rustic Setting
THE BARN DANCE AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

Last night's novel entertainment at the Grenfell Hall amply demonstrated that ideas to provide amusement have by no means been exhausted, and the Strollers are to be congratulated on the ingenuity they showed in arranging a programme that surprised and delighted all those who attended.

Entering the Hall, the dancers were magically transferred from a snow bound city to the centre of a typical home farm with cackling hens and cranting pigs and the pony munching peacefully in his stall. From the ceiling hung wisps of straw, arranged in the most natural manner, while lanterns shed a mellow light over all. The walls were hung with harness and the floor was littered with bundles of hay and farm implements. In all the glorious display typical of the barn, conspicuous by its misapplied notice over the door, was the county jail, and hovering around were the village constables (Messrs. D. Fraser and F. Cornell), on the watch for revellers, who violated any of the precepts of a well-harvested village. Many were the offenders who were halted before the county judge (Mr. Edward Emerson), but he was in a lenient mood, despite his appearance, and the guilty were let go with a warning. Mr. T. Hartnett, the country parson, was very much in evidence, and when called upon by the nurse, Mr. Paddy Keegan, to name the lusty child (Mr. A. Monroe), did so, but the name remains a mystery. The grocery store was conducted by Mr. J. Fulmor, and did a rushing business throughout the evening.

The costumes of the dancers were in keeping with the country revel, and Mrs. W. R. Warren, who acted as judge, had a by no means easy task to decide the winners. Her selection, however, met with the general approval when she awarded the prizes to Mrs. H. Osterbridge, who represented a duck, Mrs. J. H. Fulmor, a coon, Mr. H. LeMessurier, the Scarecrow, and Mr. H. McNeil, the two faced farmer's wife.

The Mount Cashel Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Arthur Bulley, furnished the music for the dancing, and a further treat was sprung on the gathering when Messrs. Foster, Hawkes and Zabriske, of the Star Movie, appeared, and rendered several musical and vocal selections. The committee in charge were the following:—Country Parson, Tim Hartnett, Mayor, Cyril Duley; County Judge, Edward Emerson; Sheriff, William Clonston; County Doctor, Sid Falls; Village Grocer, J. H. Fulmor; Village Cur Up, Ralph Harder; Town Crier, H. S. McDonald; Con-

stable, Dick Fraser, Fred Cornell; Detective, Nelson Duley; County Editor, A. B. Ferlin; Fire Chief, Duke Winter; Laundryman, Jack Armand. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Allardys, with A.D.C. Hon. R. Watson were present during the evening and enjoyed the novel entertainment.

To all of them great praise is due for the trouble they took and the originality they showed in arranging the affair, and for the excellent manner in which the programme was carried out. Mr. E. J. Salt, who was largely responsible for the design and fitting up of the hall, is particularly to be congratulated upon the success which he achieved. The prizes awarded will be presented to-night when the Village Fair takes place.

Say Films Misrepresent Life to Foreigners

Philadelphia, Feb. 22 (A.P.)—American motion pictures abroad are proving a handicap to American missionaries, according to a report read at a meeting of the Department of Christian Social Service and Institutions of the Episcopal Church of this diocese.

American women are portrayed in these films as "dances hall girls" who smoke cigarettes and drink heavily," the report said. "American men are looked upon as barbaric savages who drink whiskey like water; carry two guns and a howie knife and kill their fellow men as a pastime," it declares. Particular difficulty is experienced by missionaries when such pictures are shown to natives of Canton, Shanghai, Calcutta and Jerusalem, the report concluded.

Fight Disease IN ORDER TO SAVE REMAINING ABORIGINES.

Papeete, Tahiti, Jan. 10 (A.P.)—A determined effort is being made by the authorities to clean up Papeete and to stamp out certain diseases which long have been prevalent in Tahiti.

For many years Papeete, on account of its insanitary state, has been the breeding ground of maladies which have spread to all the islands of the colony. The death rate both in the town and the outlying islands from this cause has been very great.

It has been predicted freely by well informed residents that if the conditions were allowed to continue a few more years would see the extinction of the Tahitian race, a fate which already has overtaken the aboriginal inhabitants of the Marquesas archipelago.

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- No. 1 Mussels (1 lb. tin).
- Shredded Cod Fish.
- Boneless Cod Fish.

S.S. Sachem left Halifax 4.30 p.m. yesterday, and is due to-morrow forenoon.

Europe No Longer Gets Excited Over Sensational News.

Berlin, Feb. 23. (A.P.)—Central Europe has become skeptical about burries in Russia and refuses to get excited over reported secret treaties between France and Russia; prospective war between England and Russia over the Afghanistan situation, and the reported row in the Russian Communist party which Russian papers say centers about Trotsky's ambition to become Lenin's successor.

Just before the Afghanistan situation was reported from Moscow to have assumed such alarming proportions, there had been a period of several months in which Soviet Russia had disappeared entirely from news despatches. Reports of commercial agreements and similar news of a more or less routine character failed to attract any attention. Russia was losing the world's attention.

Then came the Russian version of the Afghanistan situation, which was quite unlike the calm statements from the unperturbed British Foreign Office. Reports of negotiations which had led to some arrangement between Russia and France began to filter out from strange sources. But neither the German foreign office nor the other chancelleries of Europe seemed to get excited, and there was little disposition among German business men to be troubled over announcements that Germany's business relations with Russia would be injured by the ascendancy France was reported to have attained by her negotiations with the Bolshevik leaders. German business men have had much experience in trying to do business with Soviet Russia, and have learned a good deal since the Treaty of Rapallo was signed.

To-day the rest of central Europe is tired of rumors. It has been pagandized into a nervous frenzy so often by the agents of various governments that it is acquiring discrimination. People are weary of wandering reformers with axes to grind. Threats of war which caused nations to shudder three years ago now pass unnoticed. Governments change, kings are eclipsed or retired, diplomats of the old school get insulted and try to stir up a row, but the old tricks have lost their punch. Europeans have been told civilization is doomed so often, that now they yawn when the statement is made.

Italians have lived so long at the foot of Vesuvius that they have become calloused to its smoke and roar. Central Europe is becoming similarly calloused to the rumblings of Soviet Russia. It realizes that

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the threatened lava stream from the east may run over Europe some day, but there is no longer any general disposition to lie awake at night and worry over it because the volcano has been unusually noisy.

Absolute Zero

There is a definite limit to the lowest conceivable temperature, science assures us, and this may be placed with conceivable accuracy at 459 degrees below zero on the Fahrenheit scale.

It is held that at all temperatures above this "absolute zero," particles of matter, either solid or gaseous, are in a state of vibration, the more rapid vibration corresponding to the greater degree of heat. All such vibrations would cease entirely at absolute zero and all gases would liquify and even solidify before reaching this absolute zero point.

Many experiments, extending over a long period of years, were necessary to attain this knowledge. Liquid air, with its 312 degrees below zero, was a great advance on previous records, although still over 100 degrees above the absolute zero. Liquid hydrogen, at minus 422 degrees, or 37 absolute, was a still greater advance, and when this was frozen into solid hydrogen, "ice" at 432 degrees below, or 27 degrees absolute, it seemed as if science had gone as far as it could in this direction. But not so long ago the rare gas helium was liquified at minus 451 degrees. When this was boiled under reduced pressure a temperature of minus 454 was reached, or only five degrees above absolute zero. Slightly lower temperatures can undoubtedly be reached but it is said that, even with the most refined methods, there is little likelihood of our ever attaining absolute zero.

New South Wales Successful in Cotton Experiments

Sydney, N.S.W., Jan. 15 (A.P.)—Cotton growing on an extensive scale on the north coast is to be tried as a result of the success attained on two small plots. On one, worked by a farmer and his two sons, the net return was 45 pounds to the acre and the quality was such that a sample took first prize at a cotton show in Sydney. The other plot yielded 70 pounds to the acre. In the first instance the growers had no previous experience.

A Sydney business man is erecting a cotton spinning mill with 12,000 spindles. A number of operatives brought from England have declared the Australian-grown cotton to be of excellent quality.

"Hanging Judges"

It was because they betrayed an indecent ardour to obtain convictions that certain judges were branded as "hanging judges," says Mr. Kingston.

"The first of this unenviable tribe was Mr. Justice Page, who, when very old and feeble, was accosted near the Old Bailey by a friend.

"How are you, Sir John?" he said, solicitously, noting the faltering footsteps of his lordship.

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