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**PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.**  
Geo. M. Cohan, the Playwright, a Visitor to Toronto—Good List of Attractions for the Week.

Geo. M. Cohan, who at the present time occupies a unique position in the recent history of the American stage, arrived in Toronto yesterday morning at the King Edward Hotel. Cohan celebrated his twenty-seventh birthday on July 4 last, which probably accounts for his manager, Mr. Cohan, in addition to being a playwright and a composer, is an actor as well, and at the present time is playing a successful star engagement at the Herald Square Theatre, New York. His early career was passing in the vaudeville, where he, his father and mother, Josephine,

ed his thanks in a suitable manner and retired to the inner recesses of the stage door, he was confronted by a little tot with a demand to show the gift he had received. Mr. Wilson held it up and said, "There is a beautiful case." The child gazed at it in contempt and blurted out, "It's an umbrella about my clothes."

From other cities come echoes of the phenomenal success of his new melodrama, "Custer's Last Fight." Patrons of the Majestic Theatre this week will have an opportunity of seeing this production. Many books have been written on the subject, but this is the first time it has ever been staged. This company carries forty people, a carload of special scenery and horses, dogs and wolves. In the company is a band of full-blooded Indians, cowboys and scouts. The star of the organization is Montgomery Irving, who will impersonate the hero of Buffalo Bill, and the heroine is a young girl, who will impersonate the Indian girl, and finally to the grand reproduction of Custer's desperate "last stand." The finale is Buffalo Bill's "last stand" with his own hand, chief of the Cheyenne nation.

The show provided for Shea's Yonkers Theatre this week cannot fall to please the big patronage of that house. The headline attraction is one of the finest organizations of women players in the world, and is always a welcome attraction to the theatre. The extra attraction is Harry Tate's Company in "Motoring," which is a screamingly funny play, which is being toured across the country. All Pierce will also be seen in her impersonation of the famous stage beauty, Mrs. Duff Asselton, in the play "The Girl Who Came to Stay," by Duane and Mortimer, Reif Brothers, Hoey and Lee, and the Fitzgibbons-McCoy Trio.

One of the cleverest burlesque attractions of the season may be anticipated by the patrons of the Star Theatre, the "Yankee Doodle" problem. The first week's business of this attraction is said to have exceeded a gross of \$10,000. Cohan was seven years of age when he composed his first song and wrote the words for it. It became popular, and young George commenced to get royalties when he was ten years of age. He wrote a sketch, in which the "Four Cohans" were successful, he wrote sketches for vaudeville performers and soon had all the comedians.

The number of great pianists who have been in America this season has been very limited, and the most notable of them has been engaged to appear at Massey Hall on Friday evening next in Arthur Rubinstein, who is a remarkable musical genius. By special request he will play Liszt's famous "Mephisto Waltz" for his last number, which has created a great sensation wherever he has played it. The sale of seats begins to-morrow, Tuesday, morning.

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**PARISIANS HOOT LOUBET**  
Collisions in Paris Streets Between Police and Crowd of Manifestants.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The famous cathedral of Notre Dame was the centre of much excitement to-day, which later took the form of a disorderly manifestation against former President Loubet, who came to the Place Notre Dame expecting the authorities to come and take an inventory of the chapter house. A force of 100 policemen patrolled the surrounding streets expecting trouble with the edifice, but the authorities did not attempt an inventory this day.

The crowds outside gradually increased in numbers, however, and finally several hundred persons marched to the Rue Dauphine, where M. Loubet has taken up his residence. The manifestants passed before the house of the former president uttering insulting cries against him. The police then drove off the crowd, and the manifestants as the latter sought to return once more, and a dozen arrests were made. The explanation of the movement against M. Loubet is that will for the separation of the church and state became a law during his administration.

Ten arrests were made at several churches to-day. At the church of St. Thomas Aquinas, the church of St. Germain l'Auxerrois, and a group of men had to force his way through a long passage into the sacristy owing to the refusal of the sacristan to open the door. The sacristan then refused to hand over the keys and the prefect ordered the sacristan to be broken open. An inventory of the property then was made.

Ten arrests were made, General Kiemer being among those taken into custody.

**CARS GO DOWN EMBANKMENT**  
32 ARE INJURED; 3 WILL DIE

Two Accidents on Pittsburg Street Railway Within Twenty Minutes.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 24.—Thirty-two people were injured in three fatal, this evening in two street car wrecks on the Pittsburg Railway Co. The first accident occurred near Bennett, Pa., a few miles above this city, when an electric car carrying 20 passengers, jumped the track and went over a foot embankment, painfully injuring the passengers.

The second accident occurred on the same division just a mile below the first accident, and only 20 minutes later. There were 20 passengers on the second car, which also jumped the tracks, going over a fifteen foot embankment, badly cutting and bruising the occupants.

Nearly all the passengers on both cars were hurt, and 22 are known to have sustained severe injuries, while three are expected to die. Spreading rumors are supposed to have caused this accident.

**TRAIN RUSS INTO DITCH**  
TWENTY PASSENGERS HURT

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 24.—A Toledo, Peoria and Western train without a pilot engine, ran into a ditch east of Crescent City, Ill., killing Engineer J. E. Welch of Peoria. The locomotive, the baggage car and the smoking car went into a ditch, and the day coach overturned. Twenty passengers in the day coach were bruised. The wreck was caused by the breaking of a wheel on the tender. The train was running 35 miles an hour when the accident occurred.

**WALSH TO RESUME BANKING**  
Will Have \$5,000,000 Left After Affairs Are Settled Up.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—John R. Walsh is to return to the banking business and resume control of the affairs of the Chicago National Bank, whose business was recently terminated by the federal authorities according to a report current in La Salle-street today.

"I neither confirm nor deny the report," said Walsh. "I have nothing to say at this time that the sale of the railways, coal fields and stone quarries turned over to the clearing house committee of Chicago bankers as a result of the recent panic, and the sets is about to be consummated, and that a figure greatly in excess of the value of the assets of the bank will be realized."

A residue of more than \$5,000,000, it is declared by friends of Walsh, will be turned over to him after the affairs of the Chicago National Bank have been finally adjusted. Deprived of his banking and political operations have been intertwined, it is said, that Walsh will be seeking to regain his prestige and wealth.

**REVENUE OFFICERS RAID**  
**FAKE BUTTER FACTORY**  
Ten Thousand Pounds of Oleomargarine Seized and Five Men Arrested.

Detroit, Feb. 24.—Ten thousand pounds of oleomargarine were seized and five men arrested in connection with a revenue frauds growing out of the manufacture of a vast amount of fictitious creamy butter out of oleomargarine, which is sold as butter by government revenue officers. The men arrested are Alonzo L. Hart, George Hart, Arthur Jewell, the latter three being, it is alleged, employees of the Haris in the counterfeit butter factory.

The officers raided a butter and egg store on Michigan-avenue conducted by Alonzo L. Hart, and in the rooms over the store found a door leading to a room in an adjoining building in which they found a large quantity of thousands of pounds of counterfeit creamy butter ready for market.

The same time another crowd of officers raided the residence on Trumbull-avenue of George Hart, who is the father of A. L. Hart. In Mrs. Hart's bedroom, in the apartments over the store where she lay sick, was found a quantity of the alleged counterfeit, but after, and in the stable behind the store 800 pounds of uncolored oleomargarine was found.

Alonzo Hart was arrested on two charges of selling oleomargarine as butter, and for manufacturing colored oleomargarine. His father is charged with aiding in the manufacture of the counterfeit oleomargarine. The two employees also charged with aiding in the manufacture of the counterfeit.

The men were admitted to bail by United States Commissioner Davidson, and their examination set for next Friday.

**STATION AGENT ARRESTED.**  
Charged With Opening Switches to Wreck Train.

Burlington, Vt., Feb. 24.—A despatch was received here to-night from Bedford, Que., stating that P. F. McCabe, formerly a station agent of the Central Vermont Railroad at Bolton, Vermont, state, and who is wanted on charges of wrecking the New England train Limited on Jan. 26, and subsequent perjury in testimony before the railroad commissioners, had been arrested and would be held to await extradition.

The train ran into an open switch, but no one was injured. The engineer claimed that the switch lights showed a clear track, and he denied that he knew anything about the lights. He was a witness before the railroad commissioners that Wednesday, but disappeared that day.

**TROUBLE IN BALKANS.**  
Montenegro Refuses Passports to Incoming Emigrants.

Vienna, Feb. 24.—A despatch received here from Cetinje says that the Montenegrin government is refusing passports to persons intending to emigrate to the United States, owing to the possibility of trouble in the Balkans.

**NEW MEMBER WEDNESDAY.**  
Mr. McNaught, M. L. A. For North Toronto, Took Seat Then.

The new member for North Toronto, Mr. McNaught, will not take his seat in the legislature until Wednesday. The writ will probably be returned to the speaker to-day, and as soon as the announcement is made to the legislature will be ready to receive the introduction of the new member.

Mr. McNaught will attend the annual meeting of the exhibition on Tuesday, so that he will have to delay his entry into the house until Wednesday. He will be met at the house by Mr. Aubin in the last row of West Toronto. This is the seat given up by Mr. LaSalle, who has been vacated by Dr. Neill.

There will be very little business this afternoon. There is a great deal of questions for the ministers to answer, but none is likely to embarrass the government. Mr. Smith of the Soo will enquire for that two million loan for the Soo industries. Has the government received any intimation that the province is to be relieved by the federal government? Then Mr. McDougall of Ottawa wants to know what business the license inspectors of the city are engaged in before his appointment. Does he still continue in the same business? Does he hire laborers for employment on the Temiskaming Railway? Has he supplied any beef or other commodities to the government or the commissioners of the railway?

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Kenyon Military Academy at Gambier, Ohio, Destroyed.

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