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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 Hotel Edward Hotel. Mr. Cohan celebrated his twenty-seventh birthday on July 4 last, which probably accounts for his manager, styling him the "Yankee Doodle" comedian, playwright and a composer, to be as well, and at the present time is the Herald Square Theatre, New York, in his most recent play, "Geo. Washington, Jr." His early career was passed in the vaudeville, where he, his father and mother and sister, Josephine,

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Mr. Cohan is here to personally see the performance of "Little Johnny Jones" at the Princess Theatre this week, and to congratulate his successor in the principal role, Gus Thomas, upon the success he has achieved.

That clever singer and jolly German dialect comedian who opens at the Grand Opera House this week, tells an excellent story on the little girl who plays the gipsy child in his new, rollicking comedy, "The German Gipsy." During his recent engagement in New York he was called in front of the time and presented with a handsome gold-mounted cane by a number of admirers—and when he has expressed his thanks in a suitable manner and retired to the inner recesses of the stage door, he was confronted by the little tot with a demand to show the gift he had received. Mr. Wilson held it up and said: "There it is, a beautiful cane." The child gazed at it in contempt and blurted out, "It's an umbrella without any ribs."

From other cities come echoes of the phenomenal success of Hal Reid's 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 load 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 "Buffalo Bill." The play opens scenes change during the action to the Indian stronghold and finally to the grand reproduction of Custer's desperate "last stand." The finale is Buffalo Bill's historical duel with Yellow Hand, chief of the Cheyenne nation.

The show provided for Shea's Youngster Theatre this week cannot fail to please the big patronage of that house. The headline act, the Faded, is one of the finest organizations of women players in the world, and is always a welcome attraction to Toronto. The extra attraction is Harry Tate's Company in "Motoring," which is a screamingly funny musical comedy, now touring across Canada. Alice Pierce will also be seen in her impersonations of famous stage beauties. Others are Durey 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, which has created a great sensation wherever he has played it. The sale of seats begins to-morrow, Tuesday morning.

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Two Accidents on Pittsburg Street Railway Within Twenty Minutes.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 24.—Thirty-two people were injured and three fatally, 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 32 passengers, jumped the track and went over a 45 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 17 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 injured, and 32 are known to have sustained severe injuries, while three are expected to die. Spreading of rails is supposed to have caused the accident.

**TRAIN RUNS INTO DITCH**  
TWENTY PASSENGERS HURT

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 24.—A Toledo, Peoria and Western passenger train, en route to Chicago, ran into a ditch east of Crescent City, Ill., killing Engineer J. E. Welch and Peoria locomotive, the baggage car and the smoking car went into a ditch, and one day coach was turned over. Twenty passengers in the day coaches were injured. 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. The sale of the bank, coal fields and stone quarries turned over to the clearing house committee of Chicago bankers as a result of the failure of the bank, is about to be consummated, and that a figure greatly in excess of the value placed by the committee 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 liquidated and the property of the bank and banking and political operations have been intertwined, it is said, that Walsh will again turn to banking in an effort to regain his prestige and wealth.

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**TIED DOWN.**  
20 Years' Slavery—How She Got Free.

A dyspepsia veteran who writes from one of England's chambering houses, to tell how she won victory in her 20 years' fight, naturally exults in her triumph. "I feel it a duty to tell you," she says, "how much good Postum Food Coffee has done me. I am not only grateful, but also desire to let others who may be suffering as I did, know of the delightful method by which I was relieved."

**PARISIANS HOOT LOUBET**  
Battered for Church Law  
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 today, which later took the form of a disorderly manifestation against former President Loubet. Crowds assembled in the Place Notre Dame expecting the authorities to come and take an inventory of the chapter house and a force of 100 policemen paraded the surrounding streets expecting trouble within the edifice, but as the authorities did not attempt an inventory this did not occur.

The crowds outside gradually increased in numbers, however, and finally about hundred persons massed in front of the cathedral. The police then drove off the crowd, which was reassembled and returned only to be dispersed again. A slight affray occurred between the police 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 the police for the separation of the church and state became a law during his administration.

Ten arrests were made at several churches today, at the cathedral of St. Thomas Aquinas, the church of St. Germain l'Auxerrois, and a long passage into the sacristy owing to the resistance offered by a number of the parishioners. The priests then refused to hand over the keys and the prefect caused the sacristy to be broken open. An inventory of the property then was made.

Mr. Loubet was made, General Ricamar being among those taken into custody.

## NEW MEMBER WEDNESDAY.

Mr. McNaught, M. L. A. for North Toronto, to Take 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 today, and as soon as the announcement is made to the legislature all will be ready for 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 probably sit with Mr. Aubin in the last row of West.

This is the seat given by Mr. La Roche to Mr. McNaught by Mr. La Roche, Mr. McNaught has the seat next to Mr. Gurney, vacated by Dr. Bennett.

There will be very little business this afternoon. There is a great deal of questions for the minister to answer, but none is likely to be asked. The government will probably be asked to answer a question on the National Industries. Has the government received any intimation that the province is to be relieved by the federal government of the railway?

**URQUHART TO McNAUGHT.**  
Extends Congratulations and Offers Any Assistance Possible.

Mr. McNaught received a cordial letter on Saturday from his opponent in the recent North Toronto election, congratulating him on his disposal of all the municipal information of which he is possessed. The new member, warmly thanked Mr. Urquhart, and said he would certainly avail himself of his good offices if anything concerning the affairs of the city.

Mr. McNaught was also treated to a congratulatory demonstration on Friday by the members of the National Club, of which he is a past president, in his entering the dining room, for lunch, every gentleman, Grit and ally, and there were more of the former than of the latter, rose and applauded the new member, and in front of his plate at the table.

**ELIMINATING U. S. COIN.**  
Beginning March 1, Banks Will Send It to Washington.

During the last session of parliament the government announced that it was an expedient to place a check upon the growing circulation of the old one-cent United States silver coinage. Accordingly a scheme was propounded whereby the banks of the Dominion would be paid for collecting this coinage and shipping it out of the country, thus creating a wider circulation of Canadian silver money. On the 1st of March therefore, the sweep of American silver from Canada will begin.

The department of finance has completed the collection of the foreign circulation (through the Dominion). Such money will be sent to Washington and exchanged for gold.

It is roughly estimated that nearly 1,000,000 of United States silver is in circulation in Canada. When this is removed, Canadian coin will take its place. The seigniorage, or difference in value between the bullion in a coin and its face value will represent a profit to the government of Canada of over \$500,000.

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**LIE NEARLY COST FOUR LIVES**  
Woman Confesses That She, and Not "a Negro," Cut Her Throat.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Nina May Dupree, the young woman whose throat was cut several weeks ago and who told a harrowing story of how she was assaulted by a negro, has confessed that her wounds were self-inflicted, and that the story she related of a negro having knocked her down and cut her throat was without foundation.

Mrs. Dupree was found in the dining room of her home with her throat cut and near death. When she became conscious she said she had been assaulted by a negro. Her husband was raised and four negroes narrowly escaped lynching.

After a few days Mrs. Dupree went to the home of her mother in Alabama. The mother in a letter says that her daughter is miserable and has confessed that, having been angered by her husband, she cut her throat in his absence, and then told the negro story as she was afraid to admit she had attempted suicide.

Mrs. Dupree is a handsome young woman, and has been married only six months.

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**THREE DIE IN COLLEGE FIRE**  
Kenyon Military Academy at Gambier, Ohio, Destroyed.

Gambier, O., Feb. 24.—Three persons are dead, nine seriously injured and several others more or less hurt, as a result of the fire which destroyed Kenyon Military Academy at Gambier, Ohio, and North Hall and North annex today. The fire broke out at 4 a. m., while the students and college authorities were asleep, and quickly spread thru the buildings, which were consumed.

The falling walls this afternoon barely missed Dr. Pierce, president of Kenyon, and Regents Wyatt and Williams, who were leading a party of recruits thru the ruins. The dead and injured are all students of the military academy and Kenyon.

The property loss by the destruction of the buildings is estimated at \$100,000, with 90 per cent. insurance.

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