

Music and the Drama

The *Serie Comic Girl* has been strengthened and revised since it was seen here a few weeks ago and the Ottawa press said it was a hundred per cent. better when presented there Christmas Day than when seen there first, earlier in the season. Its stars are Miss Nellie Beaumont and Richard F. Carroll, two of the most popular entertainers on the American stage. Miss Beaumont is a talented dancer, vocalist and comedienne, while Mr. Carroll by reason of his association with "The Maid and the Mummy" and other successes, is too well-known to need any further introduction than the mere mention of his name. The staging of the play is on a fine scale. There is a poney ballet, which serves to lighten the various climaxes, and a large number of tuneful melodies that render it truly delightful. It should prove an enjoyable attraction at the Grand on New Year's afternoon and evening.

One of the brightest and most musical comedies on the road will be seen here on Jan. 8 and 9 at the Grand in Piff, Paff, Puff. It played in Buffalo last week, and the press loudly acclaimed it. The Courier said:

Offering a diversity of amusement, including mirth and music, Piff, Paff, Puff, the musical comedy which enjoyed a season's run in New York, came



KATHRYN OSTERMAN,
In B. C. Whitney's Piff, Paff, Puff.

to Buffalo and was presented before a large audience at the Star Theatre last night for the first time. The audience was enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed the production, which will be the bill at the Star Theatre all week. The music is attractive and pretty and catches the ear. All the melodies are tuneful, and the fun is fast and furious. The plot is just enough to hold the piece together, making a thread on which to run the numerous and pleasing specialties.

From the time the curtain rises until it goes down on the last act there is never a dull moment, and the fun and mirth is centred around Fred Mac, a comedian of splendid ability. He makes the most of his part and his interpretation is equal to that of Eddie Foy, who was seen in the same role when the play first made its appearance.

The role of Miss Lillian Montague, the central figure among the ladies who adorn the stage is taken by Kathryn Osterman, and her work last night was exceedingly pleasing. This role was formerly played by Miss Alice Fischer, Lillian Bloodgood is seen as Bedelia, and her work is all that could be desired.

The company on the whole well deserves the enthusiastic applause which rang forth after its efforts last night. The poney ballet is a pleasing feature. The song hits are many. Under "Our Lovely Umbrellas" is the opening number, and it made a hit at the outset. My Unkissed Man was another of the hits. It was sung by Evelyn Dundore in clever style. Lulu McConnell won much applause with her Dolly Dimple. Mr. Mac brought down the house with his song, I'm So Happy. The March of the Flag, the closing number, is a fitting finale.

Among the January attractions at the Grand will be George Primrose's Min-

Wilton Lackaye in *The Pit* will be at the Grand shortly.

Another melodrama from the prolific pen of Hal Reid will be the attraction at the Grand on Friday and Saturday next.

The story of the play is not new, but it is well treated. A white girl being loved by a band of gypsies has a fortune coming to her, and the efforts of her villainous stepfather and his paramour to get the money, form the nucleus of the plot. An effort is made to kill the brother of the girl in the first act, but the gypsy girl saves him by throwing her jumping rope over the man's arm, and so on throughout the action of the play she wins the hearts of her audience by heroic deeds until finally virtue triumphs and she comes to her own.

Mr. Kough has given his play a fine setting, the gypsy camp and the summer garden scene being especially good. A strong company of players also interprets the numerous characters.

"Rufus Rastus," a real con show, with Ernest Hogan as the particular star, will be presented at the Grand on January 2 and 3. It is bound to create more than an ordinary sensation, the many features of the production being tremendous hits all over the country. Ernest Hogan's ability as a comedian, singer, eccentric entertainer, is too well known to require any special comment. In "Rufus Rastus" he is depicted as a Southern con, who tries to get into trouble in every possible way. This offers endless opportunities for amusing scenes, which are carried into the extremes and create side-splitting laughter. In the play Hogan arises from a low-type negro to a fashionable con in the metropolis, where he becomes a prominent figure in Darktown society. At the annual Pullman porters' ball, he is the leading feature. It is there he finds his greatest chance to display his versatility and he knows how to keep the laughing muscles of his audience in continuous operation. That the supporting company of sixty-five is not excess baggage will be noticed throughout the performance, negro dances, cakewalks, jubilee singers and dandies who do almost any kind of funny acts add greatly to the attraction, which is beautifully mounted, and gowned and staged.

It is rumored that Richard Strauss will probably resign the directorship of the orchestra at the Berlin Opera, Strauss has run afoul of the Kaiser, who objected to such a purulent work as Salome being set to music by the leader of a state institution. It is said that there was a heated discussion, which ended in a temporary cessation of hostilities.

The Shuberts and William F. Connor have arranged for Sarah Bernhardt to appear in the City Hall at Portland, Me. All of the theatres in Portland are allied with the syndicate, and there is no public hall large enough to use as a theatre. In spite of an attempt upon the part of the syndicate to prevent the use of the city building as a theatre, the Mayor and Council of Portland have passed formal resolutions permitting the Shuberts to book Bernhardt there. The hall has been used by James E. Moore as a vaudeville theatre.

The Rev. John Talbot Smith, D. D., President of the Catholic Summer School of America at Flatfishburg, has invited Marie Cahill to establish a branch of the proposed Mary Anderson Home for Actresses at his school next summer.

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram," which will be the attraction at the Grand on Thursday next, is said to be without doubt the most emphatic comedy success of the season.

It is described as a farce wholly clean and free from suggestiveness, having a bright and entertaining plot which must be seen to be appreciated. There are stories within stories and equivocations upon equivocations which make this play one battle of mischief from rise to fall of the curtain. It is symmetrical as a Moliere Comedy and as rollicking as a Hoyt farce. The acting company includes: William Morris, Harry Conors, Grace Reals, Edward Fowler, Antoinette Perry, Cary Hastings, Frank Oberworth, Agnes March, Alice Durand and Landner Foster.

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day, D. A. McLeod, who is associated with J. W. McCarthy, the Dock street liquor merchant, sent for trial on Thursday, charged with inflicting the James Buchanan trade mark by attaching a very similar mark to his "Senate" whiskey, was also committed for trial by Magistrate Ritchie. The information against Mr. McLeod was sworn out on Thursday by D. O. Roblin, of Toronto, Canadian representative of the Buchanan company. McLeod and McCarthy's trial takes place on Tuesday, Jan. 2. McLeod pleaded not guilty, and was admitted to bail in \$1,000.

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MILITARY MATTERS

After the lull caused by the holiday season, the first month of the new year will witness renewed activity in local military circles. The sergeants-at-homes on Monday afternoon will be a jolly affair. For several days past the Thirteenth sergeants have been making arrangements for their annual ball on New Year's evening, and they promise that it will be the best yet. The decorations at the officers' hall have been left in place, and an excellent programme arranged.

While several companies, particularly of the Highlanders, have already held their annual meetings, many company annuals are on the programme for the first two months of the year. Committees of the different companies are making arrangements, too, and fixing dates for entertainments.

If present plans are carried into effect a start will be made on the new drill hall and improvements to the old one, early in the spring.

Canada seems awakening to the fact that she has a history by no means contemptible, and heroes worthy of a niche in the temple of fame, says the Canadian Military Gazette. The growth of historical and antiquarian societies is doing much to encourage a true appreciation of the great deeds of the past, and the monuments and memorial stones which spring up the country over to commemorate and perpetuate our early history are a credit to those through whose perseverance and patriotism the various Governments, Dominion and Provincial, have been induced to afford the necessary financial aid.

On November 14, at Shrivem, England, there passed away the inventor of the famous submarine torpedo—Robert Whitehead. So excellently identified with an invention that directly or indirectly affected the whole world, the name Robert Whitehead will long be remembered. The Whitehead torpedo is now used in all the navies of the world, to the exclusion of nearly every other type, and it is safe to say that no other invention of the century more markedly influenced the design and construction of warships; indeed, at certain periods it almost dominated naval design and tactics. The first crude model was the first Whitehead torpedo, the Austrian Government quickly perceived its great value, and in 1869 adopted it. Thus encouraged, Whitehead devoted himself energetically to its development, until perseverance and tenacity he brought it to its present high state of efficiency. His first torpedo had a speed of about ten knots an hour and but very limited range; the latest type travels at about thirty-five knots an hour, automatically regulates its depth and course, and is effective at several thousand yards.

The Dominion Government has purchased 320 acres two miles north of Brampton, Ont., which will be used as a permanent military training ground, and also for a rifle range. A new \$35,000 armory will be erected next season.

The rector of Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk, has received a letter from Canada, promising that to mark the Trafalgar centenary a tenor bell will be given by the Dominion, providing the six remaining bells are given by the other British colonies, says an exchange. Lord Nelson's father was formerly rector of this parish. As no one in authority seems to have made any such offer on behalf of the Dominion, it would be interesting to know just who did write the letter.

The plamor of The Charge of the Light Brigade has not passed away, if we may judge by the fact that no less a sum than \$5,000 was refused for the trumpet of Trumpeter William Britain, Lord Cardigan's bugle, which was used at the battle of Balaclava, Oct. 25, 1854. "When shall their glory fade?" Not yet, it seems, at least in the mind of the relic hunter.

A military use has been discovered for asbestos, a mineral largely found in Canada. The Austrians have decided to use it in the manufacture of army boots, experiments having proved to their satisfaction that its use greatly increases the marching power of soldiers, preventing as it does sore feet.

It is highly probable that a new cavalry regiment will be formed in Hamilton, Ontario, in the near future. Lord Aymer, during his recent visit there, when he inspected the Ninety-first Regiment, spoke of this matter and regretted that one had not been recruited at an earlier date. At present Hamilton is bidding fair to have a whole cavalry division in its city limits. It is to be hoped that its city limits will not only a cavalry regiment will be recruited, but a company of the A. S. C. and Canadian Engineers, so that a whole brigade may come into action at this point.—C. M. G.

Work has begun on the new armory at Stratford, and according to prominent contractors it is likely to continue all winter. A large staff of men will be employed and it is expected that the new Drill Hall will be ready for habitation by early spring.

From private information received from officers of the South African Contingent it is stated that quite a large number of men who are now serving in the S. A. C. will likely join the new Mounted Rifles and Strathcona Horse on their formation.

Prince Arthur of Connaught will be the next Royal visitor to Canada. He is proceeding to Japan as the deputy of his brother, King Edward VII, to invest the Mikado with the high distinction of the Order of the Garter. It is planned for him to return to England via Vancouver, early next April.

The London Army and Navy Gazette says: "No one can be found to deny that the role of cavalry in future wars will be far more important than in the past. A numerous, properly-equipped, sufficiently-trained, and well-handled cavalry is more than ever the vital essential part of all armies."

Brief, Breezy Gossip of Interest to the Fighting Men

have been through the ranks, or who are at present serving in the German army.

Russia could raise a regiment composed entirely of generals, who aggregate 1,248. They receive in salaries a total sum of 7,000,000 roubles a year.

Sir John French attributes the shortcomings of the junior officers of the British army to the "cramping" system, whereby educational requirements are judged by examinations, rather than by the aptitude of the students in dealing with the special work to which they are devoting their lives.

The British cruiser *Highflyer*, from 5,522 a. m. to 140 p. m., with an interval of thirty minutes for breakfast and three-quarters of an hour for dinner, took 565 tons of coal (eighty-five tons an hour) on board from a collier alongside with the cruiser's own appliances and without help from the collier. Only 170 men were available for coaling.

Only the sanction of the Minister of Public Works, Hon. C. S. Hyman, is required to finally settle the plans now completed for the new buildings for the permanent military corps at Toronto. The site of the new barracks will be on the high east bank of the Humber, south of Dundas street, just west of Toronto Junction. The estimated cost is \$400,000.

It has been decided by the military authorities to form a brigade of the four regiments, the Victoria Rifles, the Prince of Wales Fusiliers, the Royal Scots, and the 60th. This will be the first brigade established in Montreal and will be known as the 18th. This is to be done very shortly.

For the first time, so far as the Canadian militia is concerned, a school of instruction for infantry officers and N. C. O.'s will be opened at Halifax in connection with the Royal Canadian Regiment, on Tuesday, January 2, 1906.

A certain volunteer officer, when his men were at rifle practice, became exasperated at their clumsiness. "Here," he said to one of them, "give me your gun."

He shot at the target, but the bullet went wide. The men grinned. "There," said the officer to the man who had lent him the rifle, "that's the way you shoot."

Then he tried again with the same ill result. But he was undaunted. "And that," he remarked to another man, "is the way you shoot."

In a third attempt the bullet hit the bullseye. "And that," he concluded calmly, "is the way I shoot."

THE HOGMANAY.

SONS OF SCOTLAND SPEND PLEASANT EVENING IN ARCADE HALL.

The annual Hogmanay of Camp Hamilton, No. 21, Sons of Scotland, was held last night in the Arcade Hall and a large audience was present. An excellent programme was provided and after this had been heard the rest of the evening was spent in dancing for which music was supplied by Anderson's orchestra.

Scotch delicacies were served as refreshments. The programme was as follows: Bagpipe selection, Pipe Major MacGregor and Sergeant Geo. Campbell; song, My Ain Folk, Vernon Carey; Angus Macdonald, Flora Melvor Craig; humorous, Podgy Roddy, Jas. Fax; dance, Highland Fling, Master Gordon Flett; song, My Hame is Where the Heather Grows, Miss Marie McArthur; duet, Crookit Bawbee, Flora Melvor Craig and Vernon Carey; song, Jessie's Dream, Mrs. McArthur; piano, Scotch selection, A. C. MacMillan; humorous, Has Anybody Seen Ma Brother Charlie, Jas. Fax; song, Bonnie Prince Charlie, Flora Melvor Craig; song, Mary, Vernon Carey; dance, Master Gordon Flett; song, Miss Marie McArthur; song, Annie Lawrie, Mrs. McArthur; humorous, The Invitation, Jas. Fax; duet, Mrs. McArthur and Jas. Fax.

The accompanist was A. C. MacMillan and the pipers were A. MacGregor, and Geo. Campbell.

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