



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

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 en-joyed the production, which will be the bill at the Star Theatre all week. The music is attractice and next weat night for the first time. The audience was enthusiastic and thoroughly en-joyed 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 out 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 Mace, a comedian of splendid ability. He makes

comedian of splendid ability. He makes the most of his part and his interpreta-tion is equal to that of Eddie Foy, who was seen in the same role when the

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"After a fashion, I believe," replied the actor. "Well, sah, bein' as you ain't doin' nothin' I'd like to have you write a let-ter for me. You see, I'm a porter here, but by perfession I'm a coachman, and there was some fine gentlemen here yes-terday, and some travelling men, that told me I ought ter be higher up in the world than this. They give me this gen-tleman's address and told me to write to him; that he would be pleased to have me atop of his coach. Here's his ad-dress."

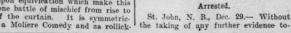
The Rev. John Talbot Smith, D. D., President of the Catholic Summer School of America, at Plattsburg, has invited Marie Gahill to establish a branch of the proposed Mary Anderson Home for Ac-tresses at his school next summer. The actor wrote as he was bidden. Still believing that the negro was joking he handed him the letter and told him

he handed him the letter and cover of mail it. "No, no," th negro insisted, looking superstituinally at his first letter. "I'll just take you over to the post office and you mail it yourself." And so the actor did, gravely mailing the application to Hon. Joseph Chamber-lain, London, England.

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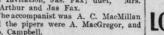
ilitary circles. The sergeants' at-homes on Monday afternoon will be a jolly affair. For several days past the Thirteenth sergeants have been making arangements for their annual ball on

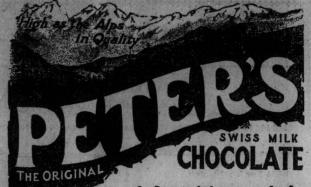
 Russia could raise a regiment composed entirely of generals, who aggregate 1,248. They receive in salaries a total sum of 7,000,000 roubles a year.
 Sir John French attributes the short-comings of the junior officers of the British army to the "cramming" system, whereby educational requirements are judged 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 environ Hichliger from New Year's evening, and they promise that it will be the best yet. The decora ions at the officers' ball have been left in place, and an excellent programme arranged. While several companies, particularly

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. Commit-tees of the different companies are mak-ing arrangements, too, and fixing dates for entertainments. If present plans are carried into effect

last night in the Arcade Hall and

programme was provided and after this





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The Dominion Government has put The Dominion Government has put-chased 320 acres two miles notheast of Brandon, Man., which will be used as a permanent military camping ground, and also for a rifle range. A new \$35,000 armory will be erected next season.

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

Osterman, and her work last night was exceedingly pleasing. This role was formerly played by Miss Alice Fischer, Lisle Bloodgood is seen as Bedeila, and her work is all that could be desired. The company on the whole well de-serves the enthusiastic applause which rang forth after its efforts last night. The pony ballet is a pleasing feature. The song hits are many. Under Our Lovely Umbrellas is the opening num-ber, and it made a hit at the outset. My Unkissed Man was another of the hits. It was sung by Eveleen Dundore in clever style. Lulu McConnell won much applause with her Dolly Dimple. Mr, Mace brought down the house with his song, I'm So Happy. The March of the Flag, the closing number, is a fitting finale.

Miss Viola Allen will be seen as Betty Singleton in Clyde Fitch's play, The Toast of the Town, at the Grand on Jan. 16. Mr. Fitch has provided Miss Allen with what seems to be the best made play that has come from his pen in re-cent years. The character of Betty is one of the great dramatic possibilities, calling for an actress of very varied talents. Miss Allen ras scored a triumph in this role, proving anew her great abil-ity as an actress, which has been demon-strated on many occasions. Her person-ality is one of such rare charm, com-pounded with so many notable qualities, that it is impossible to adequately de-scribe it. It is not often that an actress who is possessed of such sterling drawho is possessed of such sterling dra-natic powers is still one of the daintiest

arribe it. It is not often that an actress who is possessed of such sterling dramatic powers is still one of the daintiest of comediennes.
Trank Campau, the villainous Trampas in The Virginian, and Dustin Farmum, the cowboy hero, have been deadly strated on the feature of the show will be hims she enemies for years. In Arizona, while Farnum was playing the tracherous Mexican, Tony. The Virginian is an early attraction at the Grand.
Among the January attractions at the Grand will be: George Primrose's Min.

-SCENE FROM MRS. TEMPLE'S TELEGRAM.

ing as a Hoyt farce. The acting company includes: William Morris, Harry Conors, Grace Reals, Edward Fowler, Antoinette Perry, Carry Hastings, Frank Oberworth, Agnes March, Alica Durand and Landner Foster. Everybody should see this farce with its humorous complications, amusing twists and tangles, furnishing irresisti ible laughter, and a lesson for every hasband and a lesson for every hasband and a lesson for every tings ever produced will be seen. For next week at the Star Theatre, Mannger Appleton promises to cellipse all former efforts and present the strong.

Work has begun on the new Armory at Stratford, and according to promin-ent contractors it is likely to continue al lwinter. A large staff of men will be employed and it is expected that the new Drill Hall will be ready for habita-tion by early spring.

From private information received from officers of the South African Con-stabulary 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 Stratheona 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 Van-couver, 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 imore important than in the past. A pumerous, properly-equippel, sufficiently-trained, and well-handled cavalry is more than ever the vitality essential part of all armies." Germany has acht million men who