

With the Leading Ladies At the Theatres This Week



MADAME ABARBANELL.

"I would certainly advise girls to go on the stage, providing they possess sufficient talent to make a success of this difficult profession."

By these words Madame Lina Abarbanel, leading lady of the "Merry Widow Opera Company," showed herself to be one who has confidence in her sex and does not hesitate to say so.

As she sat in a large arm chair in her apartments in the King Edward Hotel, plainly but neatly attired in an ordinary black dress trimmed with white lace, she appeared to be more of a quiet domesticated woman, than the celebrated actress who has created such a furore in Vienna and New York.

"Many young girls become enamored of the theatrical life from what they observe from their seats in the auditorium and depart with the impression that the vocation is one grand round of gaiety and pleasure."

"They are the girls who never make a success, if they manage to obtain a position in a company. The disappointments and hard work that face them from the first soon deaden their enthusiasm and ambition, so they are a drudge on the stage, staying practically in the same old place all the time when they would make good wives and housekeepers if they had remained at home."

"But what a different future is open to the girl who has sufficient ability and goes on with an idea of work hard! The public is not slow to credit her work and talent, so she soon climbs the ladder and has a brilliant future before her."

"Oh, yes, I know that a great many people rail and say the moral atmosphere of the stage is not what it should be, but I have always found, and have a large chorus of very attractive young girls with me at present."

A Charming Young Actress.

Miss Edith Luckett of the James K. Hackett company is an exceedingly pretty and clever young actress, who has been very successful in her performance of Puss Russell in "The Crisis." It is not a very long part, but while this little lady's first year on the stage, she holds her audience. Her comedy talent is evident and she

that if a girl, no matter what sphere of life she is in, respects herself, she will always command respect from others. So it is on the stage.

"Regarding training for operatic singing, the prevailing idea both here and in the United States is that it is necessary to finish in Europe, but that is not essential, altho it is well to travel and study the various customs of the continental races."

"There are so few people who go to the foundation of things in their vocal work. They do not realize that the building up of a voice is of as great importance as the technique of the violin, and yet this technique is given a great deal more attention."

"A girl has just as many opportunities for the cultivation of her voice in this country as abroad. In fact, the man under whom I am at present teaching to sing in English (I am a German by birth and have only been over here a couple of years) is a Canadian, born in London, altho he resides in New York, and to my surprise I found he was as good as any European master. In addition the student has a great many more chances of keeping her health, both moral and physical, in her natural surroundings."

Madame Abarbanel is married to an eminent political writer in Germany and is the mother of a little girl of six years. To converse with her, one would never doubt but that she was a native of America, but yet this little woman is not satisfied with her mastery of the English language, and is diligently studying every day.

When in Vienna Madame was a personal friend of Franz Lehár, who composed "The Merry Widow," and he wrote many light operas for her, including "The Women of Vienna," "Rustel Binder," "When in New York she sang with the well-known Metropolitan Opera Company." F. D. McD.

companies who had engagements at her brother's theatre.

She has had considerable experience that falls to the lot of few actresses. Her brother was part owner with Macklyn Arbuckle in "The County Chairman" during the past few seasons and the clever comedian starred in that play. The young woman who was playing the leading role had to leave the company, and the then inexperienced Miss Luckett played the part for the rest of the season under the name of the better-known actress who had left. It was not until this year that her family consented to her following a professional career.

Miss Luckett has unquestionable versatility in addition to her other merits, for she plays the part of the boy in "Don Caesar's Return," and it is said she will be cast for the role of a dark boy in Mr. Hackett's new play, "A Son of the South."

SHE LEFT HER HUSBAND

New Sues for Alimony on Basis of Agreement Made.

Domestic troubles in the home of Robert D. Cowie and his wife have given rise to an alimony suit in the non-jury session of the Ontario court. The Cowies were married in 1885. In 1906 she left him, but returned on an agreement, she claimed that if ill-treated she would leave and receive sufficient money regularly for her support. Last March she left and now sues for specific performance.

Defendant is a farmer in Pickering Township.

Mrs. Cowie alleges such ill-treatment that she feared for her life, saying she was threatened with a revolver. She was almost hysterical when in the witness box. Cowie attributed her troubles to her own waywardness and denied any ill-treatment.

During the re-examination of plaintiff, Geo. Wilkie, Cowie's counsel, fell foul of his lordship, who rebuked him for breaking in while she was testifying.

Mrs. Fred Cowie, a daughter, swore that the revolver had been loaded for a number of years.

Robert Whitson, a neighbor, told of the plaintiff coming to his house while she left her husband the last time. She had no hat and had crossed through fields of snow and water. He also stated that he heard Mr. Cowie making charges against her.

RETAIL MERCHANTS' DEMANDS

Deputation Wait on Provincial Secretary With Suggestions.

A deputation of the Retail Merchants of Ontario waited on the provincial secretary yesterday. They urged co-operation to secure amendments in the criminal code against combined efforts of the law on pedlars revised; fees reduced for the collection of small debts; bailiffs to be paid by a court of enquiry; debtors' hours of work for female labor to be defined, so that work after 6 o'clock may be arranged; no special concessions to co-operative societies; and liberty to sell articles left for repair and uncalled for after three months.

WATCHED DOCTORS CUT OUT

APPENDIX SURGEON GENERAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Dr. Edward J. Robbins, a veterinary surgeon, Bayshore, Long Island, refused to take either when he had his appendix removed last week. He remained quiet throughout the operation and just after it he drove five miles to his home.

The following day he was attending to his practice. The case is believed to be without a parallel.

The Way to Montreal is Over the

Excellent double day and night service over the only double-track line, viz., leaving Toronto 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., including Sunday. The 9 a.m. train carries parlor-car, Pullman (also sleeper for Ottawa), Pullman (also sleeper for Toronto), and Pullman (also sleeper for Montreal). Returning you have choice of the International Limited (Canada's finest train), leaving Montreal 9 a.m., reaching Toronto 4:30 p.m., or 10:30 p.m., the Business Man's Train, arriving Toronto 7:30 a.m. Always remember: A double-track contributes to safety, and also that it is necessary to secure reservations in advance. The Toronto City Office, northwest corner King and Yonge-streets, will do the rest. Phone Main 4209.

Across to Superdude Autos.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—There is prospect of a line of airships between Montreal and Ottawa. Mr. Day Baldwin, contractor and builder of this city, is willing to start the line, but there are certain cash difficulties yet to be overcome.

He may start a manufactory in a short time for the purpose of building aeroplanes, which he says should supersede automobiles.

Skin Diseases.

A diseased or disfigured skin will always leave its stamp on the mind of the individual. Many people suffering from disfiguring skin diseases avoid society and lose all pride in their personal appearance. When the skin breaks out eruptions and sores it is due entirely to an impure condition of the blood.

In all such cases Burdock Blood Bitters will quickly purify the blood and drive all the impurities out of the system.

Mrs. J. J. Magee, Jr., Kimmont, Ont., writes: "Intense itching of 1906 I was troubled with a Rash that broke out all over me. It was the worst on my face and head, had a dry, scaly top, and when I would get warm it would become very itchy. I tried the doctor's medicine but it did me no good, so I then got a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters and before it was all used the Rash was entirely gone."

Mrs. Harvey Barkhouse, Gold River, N.S., writes: "I was greatly troubled with Sores on my face and finally became so bad I had to go to the doctor about it, but he could do nothing to help me."

"I thought about Burdock Blood Bitters and decided to try a bottle. I cannot recommend it enough, as I had not taken all the bottle before my face was cured."

For sale by all druggists and dealers.

Public Amusements

Mr. Hackett's production of "The Crisis," dramatized by Winston Churchill, from his own novel, has met with remarkable success. The play has strong human interest, as has been sufficiently evidenced by the large audience that have been attracted. Mr. Hackett as Stephen Brice has a role that enables him to display his finest artistic qualities, and he is admirably supported by his company. Special mention is due to Miss Madeline Carroll, who takes the part of Virginia Carvel, and to Miss Edith Luckett, who plays the ingenue role of Puss Russell with a charm that evokes the ready response of the audience. Mr. Hackett has every reason to be gratified with the reception he has had in Toronto, even more marked this week than in the first week of his engagement.

Frederic Thompson's production of "Ply of the Circus," with Mabel Taliaferro in the name part, has been delighting large audiences in Chicago. Philadelphia, and New York. From a technical standpoint the machines themselves have made similar headway; principally in the direction of simplicity and quietness.

Over thirty different firms will be represented and something like sixty cars will be on show. A good share of the large floor space, running into 30,000 square feet, will be given up to the motor-boats, which while comparatively newcomers in this country, are spreading to popularity.

The exhibition will be opened this evening by His Worship Mayor Oliver at 8 o'clock. It will include, as already indicated, the product of every manufacturer in Canada, as well as many from other countries. Every variety of car will be shown, and among the novelties will be Canada's first auto-bugies, and of interest to all just now will be the taxicabs, shown for the first time in Canada.

The decorations of the arena are on a magnificent scale, the canopy ceiling being relieved by festooning in rose pink and Corinthian columns, headed by numerous lights will adorn the arcade leading to the enclosure.

The G.T.R. have taken one side of the arcade for a sporting exhibit, while on the other side will be a tea-room, conducted by the ladies of the Toronto for the benefit of the Humane Society.

The following ladies have consented to act as patronesses on the various days below indicated:

18th: Mrs. Oliver, Lady Pollitt, Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. Gerhard Heintz, Mrs. Albert Austin, Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. Cavitha Mackenzie, Mrs. Buntin, Mrs. David Alexander, Mrs. Victor Williams, Mrs. Albert Dunnett, Mrs. Edward, Mrs. W. F. Liddell, Mrs. P. M. Harris, Mrs. C. J. James, Mrs. George P. Reed.

The exhibition will open daily from 10 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. and Marsden's full orchestra will play every afternoon and evening. Visitors will find much to interest and entertain them, as well as improve their education, motoring. At 10 o'clock p.m. each day of the seven days pictures will be projected on a 2000 screen depicting the famous Vanderbilt cup race and other notable sporting events of 1908.

MORSE FREE DURING DAY.

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But he will have to sleep in the Tombs Prison every night.

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Cures Catarrh

For the past century physicians have been sending patients suffering with bronchitis, catarrh and weak throat to Colorado, Australia, Southern France and other regions where piny air is abundant. But of the thousands who were sick only a few could under take such expensive treatment and many have had to stay at home and suffer in misery.

Stomach dosing was found ineffective and the principle of inhalation was finally perfected. Even the Romans and ancient Greeks used it, but not in the scientific manner that the physician prescribes to-day. The most wonderful results have been secured with a new treatment known as "Catarrh-Rhizone," which sends germ-destroying vapors directly into the air passages of the nose, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs.

Rich, Pure Essences are Breathed Right to the Spots That are Sick. Cure Follows.

Catarrh proves especially good in those chronic cases where mucus drips down the throat, sickens the stomach and betrays the breath. When the nostrils are stuffed, only a few breaths through the inhaler are needed to clear the passages, and when the coughing and sore bronchial tubes, the soothing, healing properties of Catarrh-Rhizone act almost as magic.

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AUTO SHOW OPEN TO-NIGHT EXHIBITS THE BEST EVER

All the Latest in Motor Vehicles and Boats Will Be on View for the Next Week.

This evening the Automobile, Motor-Boat and Sportsmen's Exhibition opens at the St. Lawrence arena. This is the third year that the show has been held in this city. Previous to 1907 the exhibition had been held for three years at Montreal. This year the exhibition will excel even the splendid show of last year.

The motor industry has made very rapid progress in Canada during the past five years. No so long ago there was only one firm in Canada engaged in the class of business. To-day there are probably half a dozen. From a technical standpoint the machines themselves have made similar headway; principally in the direction of simplicity and quietness.

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London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company, Limited

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Company was held at the Head Office, 103 Bay Street, Toronto, on Wednesday, 17th February, 1909, at 12 o'clock noon. The President, Mr. Thomas Long, occupied the chair, and the Secretary, Mr. W. Wedd, Jr., acted as Secretary of the meeting. The following report was unanimously adopted:

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders the thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Company and the statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908, the result being as follows:

The gross earnings, including the balance (\$4388.64) brought forward from last year, amounted to \$222,627.13. After deducting the cost of management, interest on Debentures, and other charges, amounting in all to \$133,440.61.

There remains a net profit of \$89,186.52. Out of which two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 6 per cent per annum and the usual Tax on Capital and Business Tax have been paid, together with sundry special expenses in connection with the fitting up of new offices in Toronto, Winnipeg and Saskatoon, amounting in all to \$65,004.07.

Leaving a balance of \$23,583.05. Of which \$20,000 has been added to the Company's "Reserve Account" and \$3583.05 is carried forward at the credit of "Revenue Account" to next year. The total assets of the Company are now \$3,692,445 and the "Reserve Account" amounts to \$285,000.

During the year applications for loans on mortgage were accepted and renewed to the amount of \$219,025 on real estate valued at \$247,000. The Company has been enabled to invest its available funds very profitably during the year, and the excellent crops produced and high prices prevailing rendered the accompanying statements of "Assets and Liabilities" and "Revenue Account" for the past financial year.

New office premises in central positions have been leased for a term of years in Toronto, Winnipeg and Saskatoon, and as shown in the accounts the cost of fitting up and furnishing same has been paid out of the profits of the past year.

The various Officers of the Company have performed their duties faithfully, and to the satisfaction of the Directors. The books, accounts, vouchers and securities have been carefully examined by the Auditors, and their certificate of audit is hereto appended.

Toronto, 4th February, 1909.

THOMAS LONG, President.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

To the President and Directors of the London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company, Limited.

Gentlemen.—We have completed the audit of the books and accounts of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1908. We have also examined the Mortgage and Debenture and other Securities for Loans, together with the various statements thereof, and find that they agree with their respective entries in the Ledger, and we hereby certify to the correctness of the accompanying statements of "Assets and Liabilities" and "Revenue Account" for the past financial year.

We are, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

G. H. G. McVIE, J. GEORGE, F.C.A. (Can.) Auditors.

Toronto, 4th February, 1909.

Assets and Liabilities, 31st December, 1908.

ASSETS.

Loans on Mortgages and Interest \$3,066,247.52

Properties Account—

Company's Offices and Buildings in Toronto \$15,000.00

Other Real Estate Owned by the Company 8,350.59

\$23,390.59

Municipal and Other Negotiable Debentures 330,769.21

Owned—

Loans on Mortgages 141,160.59

Stocks and other Securities 471,929.80

Cash in hand—

With Company's Bankers in Canada 68,905.10

With Company's Bankers in Britain 1,571.99

\$70,477.09

\$3,692,445.00

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock Fully Paid Up \$1,000,000.00

Reserve Account 285,000.00

Contingent Fund 478,526.57

Debentures and Certificates payable at fixed dates 1,787,137.29

Reserved for interest accrued on Debentures 37,312.44

Special Expense Account 1908, Pledge of New Offices, Toronto, Winnipeg and Saskatoon 4,430.07

Sundry Creditors (principally outstanding cheques) 30,000.00

Dividend No. 17, payable 2nd January, 1909 5,883.05

Balance at Credit of Revenue Account carried to next year 3,692,445.00

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Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st December, 1908.

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Cost of Management, including Head Office Expenses, Inspection 17,744.34

Charges and Expenses incurred during the year 26,591.65

Commission on Debentures Issued and Loans effected during the year 89,504.02

Agency Charges in Edinburgh, Winnipeg and the Northwest 89,504.02

Debenture and Certificate Interest paid and accrued to 31st December, 1908 222,627.13

Balance Available for Distribution 31st December, 1908 222,627.13

Appropriated as follows:

Dividend No. 16, 5 per cent, paid 2nd July, 1908 30,000.00

Dividend No. 17, 5 per cent, payable 2nd January, 1909 5,883.05

Tax on Capital and Business Tax 4,430.07

Special Expense Account 1908, Pledge of New Offices, Toronto, Winnipeg and Saskatoon 4,430.07

Transferred to Reserve Account carried to next year 5,883.05

Balance at Credit of Revenue Account carried to next year 3,692,445.00

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Balance at Credit of Revenue Account, 31st December, 1907 4,430.64

Net Interest, etc., received and accrued to 31st December, 1908 218,228.49

\$222,627.13

1908.

December 31st—By Balance carried to next year 3,692,445.00

V. B. WADSWORTH, Manager.

The Securities reported the following gentlemen elected for the ensuing year: Thomas Long, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, C. S. Gowaski, Bartow Cumberland, A. H. Campbell, Jr., D. B. Hanna, C. G. Dalton, and Goldwin Larratt Smith.

At a subsequent meeting of the newly-elected Board, Mr. Thomas Long was elected President, and Mr. C. S. Gowaski, Vice-President.