

STRIKE SITUATION CRUCIAL

HALF MILLION MINERS BECOME IDLE TONIGHT

Mine Owners Say Will Close Until Full Protection Is Accorded Them.

INTIMATES TROOPS MAY BE SENT

Coal Situation of Country Considered and Wilson Says Will Act as Necessity Seems to Require—Union Leaders Threaten Disastrous Strike—Mediation Suggested.

President Wilson has taken action with respect to the proposed strike of bituminous miners which is at once decisive and gives some assurance that the great masses of our people are not to become victims of the probable clash between labor and capital. The merits of the proposed coal miners' strike may be judged by every person for himself. Certain it is, however, that when this strike comes, if it does come, and we are told by the union leaders that it will come, there will be some assurance, as a result of the president's action, that the general public will be permitted to suffer only to a minimum degree.

It has been given out by the mine owners that they will not attempt to open their mines until they are assured of full protection against unlawful acts. The president has indicated that men who wish to continue at work will be protected by the soldiery of the United States. This in itself will insure to a certain degree a reasonable output of coal until the matter is finally settled definitely.

The union leaders, under their present working agreement, may annul wage contracts by giving thirty days' notice. They have given that notice and boasted that this strike will be more deadly than the invasion of an army. That threat in itself is sufficient to justify the action of the president in preparing to mobilize such forces as may be necessary to see that law and order are obeyed.

The government takes the position that the strike is "illegal," but does not deny the "general right to strike." At the same time the government view, shared by many others, is that no combination, even if its contention that collective bargaining is correct, has any legal right to enforce its mandates against individuals who do not agree with them. In other words, the government will protect any man in his employment against coercion by associates who would force such men to strike against their will.

There has been a partial demonstration of government action in the steel strike. That strike is not by any means settled, with the exception that most of the men are back at work of their own volition. The miners, already recipients of a wartime wage, are demanding a perpendicular raise of 60 per cent, with possible modifications of their demands. The time has come when economic conditions must again become normal with a return to something like pre-war conditions. If the scale of wages was too low before the war, that condition can be easily adjusted at this time.

There is such a thing as being satisfied. Despite the talk of high cost of living, and nobody denies that condition, it is a wholesome truth that labor of all descriptions is being paid the handsomest wage that has been recorded in the history of the world. Beside that, despite the high cost of living, everybody is making more and saving more money than ever before. The division of worldly goods is nearer equal distribution today than ever before.

It is said that half a million miners are prepared to strike. As we understand the situation that is the number enrolled with the unions. It is also said that nearly or quite half of them are opposed to the strike at this time and are satisfied with present conditions. With this condition, union leaders should look well before they leap. If these leaders call out half a million workmen there is nothing to do but see that both miners and mine owners are protected. For that purpose the government will probably send a large body of federal troops to the various mining districts.

If there has ever been one thing

that gave union labor a black eye it was the forcing of a condition by which the government found itself in duty bound to police the stricken districts. We had one of the first precedents of importance during the A. R. U. strike when the president sent the soldiery to protect life and property. That strike failed utterly. We are now witnessing the result of the steel strike, when a similar condition was witnessed.

"Much learning hath made thee mad," said the old king to Saul, when they had that confab twenty centuries ago. The simile might be applied to some of our labor leaders. The life of a miner is not an easy one—mining is one of the most menial of tasks. In times past there has been much suffering among this class of people. In recent years, however, the miner like every other class of workman, has improved his condition decidedly. Steady employment at the increased wage he recently has been receiving has made thousands of them very prosperous. A continuation of this condition would increase that prosperity.

Some of the labor leaders are rocking the boat. It is bad business. The action of such leaders has often shipwrecked the sturdy crew behind them, with a resultant loss of everything.

This labor difficulty should be settled by mediation and not by a trial of strength, and the sooner both sides recognize that fact the better off they both will be and the great masses of the people will have the greater respect for their having done so.

OMAHA'S BEST HOMES OPEN TO TEACHERS

Teachers of Nebraska who attend the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' association, which convenes in Omaha, November 5, 6 and 7, need have no fear of not being properly cared for. In addition to the hotel accommodations available, the citizens of Omaha will open their homes to the educators of the state.

Former U. S. Senator J. H. Millard, president of the Omaha National bank, one of the largest financial institutions in the state, has opened his home and will care for as many visiting teachers as he can possibly take in—either three or five. This is but one instance of the hospitality that will be extended our teacher guests.

VATICAN CHOIR WILL SING IN OMAHA NOVEMBER 3

The singing of the group of men and boys who comprise the Vatican Choirs, which will appear in Omaha the evening of November 3, is said to be a revelation. The choir is composed of sixty men and boys, including the foremost soloists of the Sistine Chapel, St. John Lateran, and St. Peter's Basilica, under the direction of Monsignor Casimir, head master and director of composition in the Schola Cantorum in Rome.

The personnel of the choir consists of about twenty young boys, some of whom are no more than 6 or 7, young men, men of middle age, and old men.

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THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN By GENE BYRNES



POSITION AS OFFICIAL BLACKMAILER ASKED FOR

Sleek Detective Applies to The Mediator for that Position and Promises to Produce.

The Mediator has been negotiating with an "official" blackmailer, or rather a fellow has been trying to negotiate for that sort of a job with the paper. Our special agents have not yet reported whether he is a Burns d. t. or simply one of Mr. Ringer's bosom roustabouts. It does not matter much, but is indicative of the crude methods employed by some of our "friends."

This spruced-up boy did not confine his endeavors to the editor of the paper but sought advice from some other Omaha people before venturing to accost the editor for a job. He pictured how easy it would be to "get the dope" on some rich Omaha gentlemen and then scare them out of a few hundred simoleons for not printing the matter.

It was very crude but the most unfortunate part of it all was that he would not go far enough to really get acquainted. He dropped in "with some ideas" which he explained minutely, telling how it was being done in other cities, and thought Omaha was "ripe." He then told in detail how such matters could be handled. "Just like 'Town Topics' in New York handles them."

He said he had been soliciting some business for a local daily paper, but was going to quit. The editor of

The Mediator got interested in the story and even attempted to employ him, hoping to get further information about the system he was using. The editor even confided in the visitor how he (the editor) had practiced the system in a small way but was anxious to learn "the big business."

With a view to keeping him sticking around the editor stalled him off three times, but, from all appearances, he smelled a mouse and did not keep his last appointment.

He is a big, fine-looking fellow, with sandy hair. In some respects he gives signs of human intelligence, but his work is very crude.

O'BANNON DROPS IN FROM ALLIANCE VISITING FRIENDS

Oscar O'Bannon, social lion, millionaire and country gentleman, has been in the city visiting some of his old friends. He always calls on George Moore and some of the other boys around the Merchants hotel. He also occupies a suite at that downtown hostelry.

O'Bannon says Alliance is one of Nebraska's real towns, and he knows, too. The editor of The Mediator was there once with Bill Bryan when that loud-lunged cuss was looking for votes. They had just burned down the depot at that time and O'Bannon sent the editor to a box car to rush off his dispatches.

Incidentally, O'Bannon paid up his subscription, which is a good omen, and it also shows what kind of people they have in Alliance.

Interesting Information for Omaha

We are semi-officially informed that the carnival of crime in which the people of Omaha have been victims will continue until May, 1921, that is until after the next city election. Persons who have been victims of serious crimes during the last few weeks should be patient until the voters can elect some responsible men to run our city and especially who can police it.

It has been a very trying situation. The people were led to believe that with the election of the present "reform" administration we would become a city of cleanliness, Godliness and be rid of crime. Unfortunately the result has just been the opposite. Every great city makes mistakes and Omaha has not been an exception. Instead of reorganizing the police force of the city, the men who took charge of it eighteen months ago have thoroughly demoralized it. Nobody can pick up a newspaper without finding reports of heinous crimes committed in the most brazen manner.

Although every effort has been made to keep from the newspapers many of the crimes being committed, enough of them creep out to startle even such a heartless man as the kaiser is reported to be. We hear that the "old gang" is responsible for the condition. If that is true, for God's sake and the sake of our fair city, let us "go out and get the old gang," whoever that is.

It is a reeking shame to witness such a spectacle. Nobody knows how soon we will again be victims of a mob. If the better class of our citizens can do nothing else let us appeal to the government for police protection until an honest change can be made.

If we must bear this condition until another city election, it is better that citizens provide themselves with artillery and undertake the policing of their own homes and business. One of the very serious matters right now is, can we take a chance on waiting another eighteen months.

RAMPANT CRIME DOES NOT SLACKEN IN OMAHA

Robbers and Thieves Ply Their Trade While Ringer Makes Church Speeches

CRIMINALS STAGE CRIME CARNIVAL

Charges Made That "Old Gang" Responsible, But No Explanation Made for Not Bringing in the Criminals—Private Detectives Only Means of Real Protection.

Omaha does not need any more policemen; the city needs an army. If General Wood had stuck around the city a little longer he doubtless would have recommended that the soldiers at the two forts near the city be kept for an indefinite period within the city limits. He probably would have put them at work protecting the homes of our citizens and the women who by force of circumstances are forced to walk the streets of the city after dark without an escort.

Within the last week or ten days new crimes have been committed that would put to shame conditions that were alleged to exist when Mr. Ringer and his associates took charge of the public safety department of the city. Women have been assaulted on the streets and in their own homes. Several of our well known citizens have been robbed with impunity; respect for the law has become a joke among the criminal element that has flocked to the city when they learned how easy it was to commit offenses while the superintendent of police was explaining his inefficiency.

Within the last week the home of five well known business men have been entered and their supply of booze and wines removed by what are known as "high-jackers." It is presumed these men had no right to have liquors at their homes, but the law says different, so far as stocks on hand before the dry law went into effect are concerned. It makes little difference, however, because these robbers have not confined themselves to liquors. They have also taken anything of value they could get away with and not a single arrest of these robbers has been brought about, despite the fact that seventy-five additional police officers are now on the force.

At least five prominent business

men were robbed of liquor last week. One of them was Al Gordon, who lost all of his stock. But Gordon is reputed to be a pretty good fellow. If these booze robbers were to visit Ike Carpenter's home they might find something to interest them. Ike runs the Carpenter Paper company, which for years sold more gambling material than all other dealers in Nebraska combined.

Louis Nash was another victim of these bold booze robbers and, if reports are true, he does not feel very good about it. Mr. Nash's liquors were laid in store long before Nebraska went dry and, according to court interpretations of the law, he had a perfect right to have them in his home. It is reported that he met some of the Ike Carpenters and others at a meeting this week. The subject came up and Carpenter intimated that the "old gang," whatever that is, was responsible for the robberies.

"I don't care who is responsible," Nash is quoted as saying. "If it is the 'old gang' why does not Ringer get out and get them. That sort of talk does not make a hit with me."

And there you are. The people of Omaha are absolutely helpless against rapists, robbers and thieves and every other sort of crime. Ninety per cent of the old efficient patrolmen have either been discharged on trumped up charges or relegated to places on the department where their only business is to draw their salary.

Everybody that gets drunk is arrested; every person that commits a crime of any magnitude is immune, unless some privately employed detective arrests the criminal and turn him or her over to the police.

We say, give the calf more rope; the public knows the rest. But it may be expensive.

DETWEILER STORY RESULTS IN MANY LETTERS AND TELEPHONE MESSAGES

Persons Who Have Had Dealings With Detweiler Firm Have Suggestions to Offer—Paxton Block Family Mobs News Stands—Furniture Includes Couch and Raises Discussion.

The expose in The Mediator last week of the petition in the civil suit filed in the district court by Mrs. Joicy O. Mickey against J. O. Detweiler has had a hundred echoes during the week from persons who hastened to offer their approval to the story. Some of them have come by letter; others have come by telephone. In each instance the person writing or telephoning offered additional spicy suggestions to those already printed.

Charges of usury, tales of financial persecution and, last but not least, letters from women, some of them signed, have come to the office of The Mediator. Each of them was brought out by the story printed last week relative to John's dealings with Mrs. Mickey and a local cafe man.

During the week the case came before Judge Estelle, in whose court a demurrer was filed by Mr. Detweiler's attorneys. The court promptly overruled the demurrer, which caused more publicity in the matter. Detweiler, meanwhile, has been consulting a lot of people with a view to finding out just where he is at, it is said.

Mr. Detweiler, who has had many financial dealings through the German Bank of Millard, and whose brother is the active partner in that

institution, has an ordinarily furnished office in the Paxton block. It varies little from the ordinary business office, except that it had up to last reports a comfortable couch on one side of the room. A couch is always a comfortable piece of office furniture and may be used for many comfortable purposes.

Many people who office in the Paxton block are acquainted with Mr. Detweiler and many others have had financial dealings with him. He is accounted a shrewd financier. He is credited with being a man who has made considerable study of the abstracting business and is well acquainted with what is necessary to make a perfect or "perfect" abstract. It is said he can explain in detail just why commas should not be left out and why a "t" should be crossed. It is said he has been able to give minute information on such subjects, which he has been called upon many times to do. His dealings in real estate has included a number of important transactions, it is reliably stated. Many persons interested in abstracts, both before and after deals were consummated, it is stated have consulted with Mr. Detweiler.

Mr. Detweiler's prominent connection with the First Methodist church (Continued on Page Three.)

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GULLING THE PEOPLE

It has become such a common thing to slip the harpoon into the general public these days that the so-called grand opera promoters have taken a whack at the system. Omaha has recently had its experiences with these grand opera promoters, who come only on a guarantee.

The recent chaff staged at the Auditorium is said to have netted Omaha people who secured this "great" aggregation of musicians a loss of something like \$5,000, because they were forced to make up the deficit under the guarantee. The deficit would not be serious, however, if it were not for the bilking these visitors slip us by so many of them having colds, sore throats and other little ailments which prevent any of the so-called real stars coming along with the chorus girls.

After contracts are made it usually happens that from three to half a dozen of the original cast are unable to appear in leading roles and some chorus girls are put forward to take them up. The cure for this is to make the promoters either produce or refuse to pay them the guaranteed price for their show. If Signor Constanzo Spaghetti or Madame Brokenheart or Gibly De Dizzywise are unable to appear just charge their price off the guarantee.

During the recent grand opera performance it was stated that at least two of the leading canaries were unable to appear because of physical indispositions. The same nights they both appeared in song in other cities. And Omaha music lovers were the goats.

These fellows that have been taking the soft money away from Omaha should in the future be held to contract or permitted to stay away.

GOVERNMENT TAKES CONTROL

Late reports indicate that Uncle Sam will again take charge of the coal supply and the operation of coal mines, under the railroad administration. This action results from threats of half a million miners to walk out tomorrow.

The reduction of hours by miners by 25 per cent, with a corresponding wage increase will not be accepted at this time with much good grace by the general public, even those who stand for union labor. The railroad administration, it is stated, will again take control of the coal supply and this time Uncle Sam will probably operate the mines. There is an apparent intention, also, of the government to force the issue in the federal courts, with an attempt to stop a general walkout through injunction proceedings.

Unfortunate as this condition may be, it appears that such drastic action has become necessary to the actual existence of our people. A coal strike at this time, with the supply already considerably limited, is not an entertaining thought. To menace the actual existence of millions of people is a crime of greater enormity than war.

We suggest that the action of the union miners at this time is not justified. This does not mean, however, that the coal mine owners should be given a clear bill. If Uncle Sam takes over the mines of the country and puts them on the same basis with the postal department, we can see where the miners will be the big losers.

Some means of settling this controversy should have been reached long ago. If it has to be settled by a strike, the outcome of which can only be guessed at, however, the sooner the better. Most anything to be relieved of this continual agitation about coal mine strikes.

MEDIATION

The columns of the Mediator are open for expression of opinion on any of the subjects enumerated below. Communications must be accompanied by name and address of writer. Capital and labor are equally invited to respond to this invitation. Send communications to 512 Brown Block.

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ANSWER "HERE" AT THIRD ROLL CALL SAYS E. K. HARDY

Manager of Central Division Tells Hopes and Needs of American Red Cross.

ASKS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

War Work Not Entirely Completed and Broad Peace Program Outlined Require Members and Funds.

By E. K. HARDY,
Manager Central Division American Red Cross.

The varied forms of war activity, to which the American Red Cross has devoted almost its entire energy are gradually diminishing. Much thought, patience and care have been required to change this organization from a war footing to a peace footing, but a general program has been mapped out, to be adjusted and readjusted as needs require, for chapter, division and national organizations.

Between Nov. 2 and 11 the Red Cross will call its roll for the third time and ask the people to give a vote of confidence in the past performances, and a reaffirmation of the principles which will guide its progress in the future.

The war activities have not all been stopped, and will not be stopped until the last American soldier is home and able once again to take his place in the business or industrial world. The soldier's family also must be cheered and comforted and assisted until he is able to care for them. No program can be laid down by the Red Cross that does not include this unfinished war work as first obligation.

Ever since the organization of the Red Cross there have been responsibilities which now have become traditional. These include service to the standing army and naval forces, mitigation of suffering either at home or abroad from famine, fire, floods or great disasters. The Red Cross also must continue and broaden its work in the field of nursing, maintain its courses in first aid, dietetics and home care of the sick.

New responsibilities have come with the war. Higher standards have been set up by individuals and nations in regard to human life saving, and preventing needless suffering. In connection with the new tasks these responsibilities entail, the Red Cross will assist, stimulate and supplement, but not supplant, local agencies engaged in the same lines of endeavor.

The volunteer spirit which brought such a measure of success during the war, will be carefully nurtured. We will need volunteers to conduct the Third Roll Call and when emergencies arise we will call for volunteers to assist if necessary.

The Third Roll Call in the Central Division will be held to enroll 4,000,000 annual dollar members for 1920 and to raise \$3,000,000 in the five states in the division, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Every membership is a vote of confidence in the Red Cross, each dollar means the lifting of some burden.

The Red Cross needs universal cooperation in carrying out its peace program. It needs the hearts of the millions who enrolled during the second roll call.

It needs YOU.

Drew Around Her Think.

"That's a splendid looking cow you drew on that paper." I said to my little niece. "How did you ever come to make it so real?"

"Well," she answered, "I just thought and thought about a cow and then drew around my think."

PLAN WORLD WAR ON PLAGUE.

Twenty-six national Red Cross societies forming the League of Red Cross societies, have opened a united war on disease, famine and disaster in all parts of the world. The league has started its work in Poland, where typhus is raging and threatening to spread over western Europe. A medical commission has been sent to handle the situation there and to report on methods of checking the plague. The roster of the league includes Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, India, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Roumania, Serbia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the United States and Venezuela.

WANTED

One million volunteers to enlist with the American Red Cross for the Third Roll Call, November 2-11, and enroll annual members.

The Red Cross needs \$15,000,000 to complete its remaining war work and for a comprehensive peace program.

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HOLDING FAST TO RELIGION

Writer Refuses to Believe That the American Nation as a Whole Is Falling Away.

In our universities we find multitudes of young men who claim adherence to the Christian faith. The indifference of their adherence is in marked contrast to what I observed in the University of Cairo, where are thousands of youths, Moslems in name, and also in spirit, Captain Arthur Hunt Chute writes in Leslie's.

In Damascus, in Aleppo, in Broussa, and in many other cities of the near East, I have often been held up in front of a bazaar by a fishnet drawn across the entrance. On inquiry I was told, "The master has gone to pray." Five times a day throughout the Moslem world the mezzin, or call to prayer, echoes from its minarets, and wherever they may be the faithful bow themselves. Before sights like these I bare my head, and I return to our superficial western cities with less of boasting and pride of spirit.

Two generations ago Emerson was writing his famous essays, in which we read the name of God on every page. In these more superficial times we have not gained by our indifference to that which was the heart of Emerson's message.

Some socialist syndicate will exclaim: "If you will only leave out the word 'religion' we won't object." But I shan't leave out the word "religion," for in that word I see America's greatest need today. There are hypocrites all around and the cynic points me to them, but I answer: "I have seen a good man, the secret of his goodness was religion, and a good life is an argument that I cannot answer."

Despite appearances to the contrary, I believe that America even yet is not so far away from Plymouth Rock. In the cabaret shows, amidst the roof garden follies, and in the gayest whirl, there are many in the giddy throng who still bear like a magic talisman the memory of the white spires of New England.

Sabbatier, the French modernist, says: "Man is innately religious." With especial truth I believe we may say the American is innately religious. This nation had its origin in the struggle of faith. The Huguenot, the Covenanter and the Pilgrim have bequeathed to us a national sentiment whose potency is not merely in the love of our country, but also in a allegiance to our God. Therefore, today, our patriotism should express itself, not in flippancy, but in the deepest reverence and devotion. God and the flag are one and inseparable in this land, and the citizen who does not reverence his God can not truly honor his flag.

DEWEILER STORY REFLECTS IN MANY LETTERS AND TELEPHONE MESSAGES

(Continued from Page One) has given him a standing in the community. He is said to be considered a valuable asset to that fine institution.

It does not appear that the letters and other communications made to The Mediator would be of great news value at this time, although they might serve such a purpose later. For that reason they are not printed in detail. It is generally believed, however, that much interest will be taken in the case when Mrs. Mickey offers her testimony. Other persons than she, however, are said to be awaiting the final judgment of a jury.

Ways of Young Sparrows.

After the young sparrows leave the nest, they gather in flocks, which with other flocks return every night to the same roosting place, writes Frank W. Chapman, in "Our Winter Birds." Sometimes this is in a densely-foliaged tree, at others in ivy or other vines. The birds all seem to have much to say as they retire, and chatter together in a chorus which is fortunately hushed by the approach of darkness.

Deliberating.

"You say the jury is deliberating?" Yes, they are," replied the sarcastic lawyer. "The only juror who has a thimbleful of brains is probably telling I numskulls that my client is guilty."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Fellowship.

It is for him that is lonely or in disson to dream of fellowship, but in that is of a fellowship to do an act to dream.—William Morris.



PRIMROSE (Lightnin') SEMON, Sourette with the Burlesque Wonder Show at the popular Gayety twice daily all next week.

SAMUEL MORT REPORTS TO POLICE IN NATIVE LAND

Samuel Mort and Mrs. Mort are visiting Mr. Mort's old home near the town of Leigh, England. Mr. Mort recently sold his Twenty-fifth avenue property, which includes the Leigh apartment, to Hastings & Heyden. Together with Mrs. Mort he is now visiting his old English home and also will visit France. He has been with Morris & Co. for many years and his European trip combines business and pleasure.

European trip combines business and pleasure.

Mrs. Mort writes to friends here as follows: "We are having a fine time. We have to report to the police station every thirty days and have the print of our fingers taken. We go to London the end of the month and then to Paris. Everything is green and stays that way all winter."

LAST CAR LEAVES

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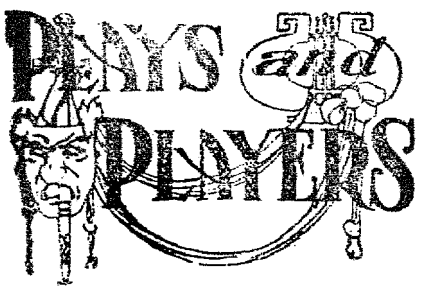
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"Listen Lester." Come from a year's run at the Knickerbocker theater, New York, "Listen Lester," John Cort's musical comedy success by Harry L. Cort, George E. Stoddard and Harold Orlob, comes to the Brandeis theater November 27, 28 and 29. Though to be exact, one should call it a dance instead of a run, for from the moment the curtain rises on the first scene, everything dances to a happy and dancey ending, wherein an important packet of letters, which is in itself the danciest and most elusive thing in the play, is returned to its rightful owner. Meanwhile, the feet, and what is more important, the hearts of the spectators are dancing merrily along in time to the music, and all personal troubles are forgotten. The story is jolly and entertaining, the lyrics are rhythmic and full of swing, the music is tinkly and tuneful, the scenery is artistic, the costuming is effective, and the chorus is the daintiest and danciest that ever took an audience by storm.

"The Rainbow Girl." It is "The Rainbow Girl" which comes intact to the Brandeis soon from the New Amsterdam theater, New York, and the Illinois theater, Chicago. Renold Wolf wrote the book and lyrics, basing his story on Jerome K. Jerome's comedy, "Fannie and the Servant Problem," which made a tremendous hit several years ago.

"A Prince There Was." In "A Prince There Was," the newest comedy by George M. Cohan, billed for the Brandeis soon, one of the principal scenes is that of a cheap New York boarding house, years ago, so long in fact, that only elderly playgoers will recall it. There was a farce produced entitled "Our Boarding House" which was a source of merriment at the time of its production. Boarding houses have changed since that time and the one about which Mr. Cohan writes is thoroughly modern and strictly up to date, so much so in fact that one of the characters is a moving picture actor.

BOYD THEATRE. Oliver Morosco will present Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne at the Boyd Sunday, November 2, 3 and 4, in a new mystery play, "The Master Thief," by Edward Rose. This announcement should prove of unusual interest to the millions of screen fans who have followed Mr. Bushman and Miss Bayne in their motion picture successes. Their return to the spoken drama will be a distinct novelty. Mr. Morosco's way of making pro-

ductions is well known. Among the foremost producers of the day his stage offerings are always of the highest class, the productions are of artistic merit and the companies the best that can be assembled.

"The Master Thief," with the scenes laid in New York and Florida at the present time, calls for an unusually elaborate production. The notable company surrounding Mr. Bushman and Miss Bayne includes Frank E. Camp, Harry E. McKee, Fritz Adams, Grace Peters, Kate Pier Roemer, Florence Joyce, James H. Morrison, Harry English, Harry Lyons, W. D. Wynn, Myron Z. Paulson, Gerald Pring and Louis Frihoff.

In "The Master Thief" Mr. Bushman and Miss Bayne are fitted with roles that afford them exceptional opportunities. The plot of the play is novel and the situations gripping. A delightful love story runs throughout the play. Mr. Bushman is better known as an interpreter of virile, manly roles and long before he went into the pictures he had established an enviable reputation as a dramatic actor.

That Omaha will cordially welcome his and Miss Bayne's return to the speaking stage in an Oliver Morosco production may be readily assumed. A special matinee will be given Tuesday.

ORPHEUM OFFERINGS. Once again Gus Edwards, who has written more popular songs than any composer in the world, is appearing in person at the head of one of his own companies. He brings to the Orpheum next week an attraction that he calls "A Welcome Home Song Revue." His company is to include Vincent O'Donnell, known as Kid McCormack. Others will be Beatrix Curtis, a Gus Edwards find, also Alice Furness, another Edwards find. His newest offering is the one in which he is to appear at the Orpheum. New songs, elaborate settings and clever dances are features of the act.

The lyrical raconteuse, Lydia Barry, is to be a conspicuous feature of the bill. She comes of a famous theatrical family. Her father was recognized as one of the best comedians of his day. The songs she sings have a rare element of distinctive individuality.

With three capable players supporting her, Molly McIntyre is to present the romantic Irish playlet, "The Love Chase." She comes under the direction of Martin Beck, and her vehicle was written for her by Lester Lonergan. Amusing wit and delicacy are the chief elements of her offering.

Five pianos are used in the act to be presented by Will J. Ward and his symphony girls. These maidens are instrumentalists, vocalists, dancers and comediennees. This is the most elaborate musical act he has ever produced.

"Mudtown Vanderville" is the title of the comedy sketch to be contributed by Blanche and Jimmie Creighton. He is a character comedian of the rube type, and is recognized as one of the cleverest ever to appear in vaudeville.

Having won the reputation of being the most expert of jugglers and equilibrist. The Royal Gascoignes have a unique offering. One of the unusual elements of it will be the dog that turns rouble somersaults. Their act is both distinctive and startling. "Fads and Fancies from Danceland"

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A film feature will be bright sayings from the newspapers displayed in "Topics of the Day," and news events will be pictured by Kinograms.

BURLESQUE WONDER SHOW AT THE GAYETY

Neither a collection of descriptive adverbs or superlatives will be able to illustrate the greatness of the Burlesque Wonder Show any better than the mere mentioning of the producer's name and the array of talent he has selected for the exploitation of all the fun and the general merriment, with which this exceptionally clever attraction is fairly overloaded. And so it may be known, that no other than Joe Hurtig, burlesque's most fertile producer, is responsible for the snappy and lively offering, which will crowd the popular Gayety theater at every performance during its forthcoming week's engagement, starting Saturday matinee, November 1.

Indeed, it is necessary to display the roster of the principal members of the company to get a fair idea of the actual quality of the Burlesque Wonder Show, a sprightly review of all that is essential to keep the auditor in real happy humor. George P. Murphy, undoubtedly one of the most magnetic drawing cards in burlesque, heads the male contingent of fun purveyors. To those who have been "regulars" an introduction of George P. Murphy is absolutely superfluous, but the occasional visitor of this form of entertainment may be told, that this very Murphy is the same genius who made millions laugh with his hot d-o-o-g-s. In his support one finds the attractive names of Joe Mitchell, Roy Peck, Arthur Conrad and Frank Martin, all tried entertainers in the breezier style of amusement; while Primrose Semon, that incomparable cyclonic comedienne, holds sway over a galaxy of feminine creators of hilarity of which she, herself, Edna Green, and Bertha Delmont are the most noted members. Ladies' dime matinee daily all week starting Monday. Sunday's matinee starts at 3:00.

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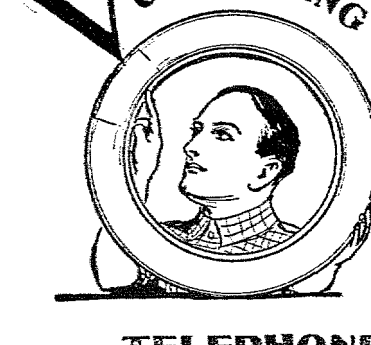
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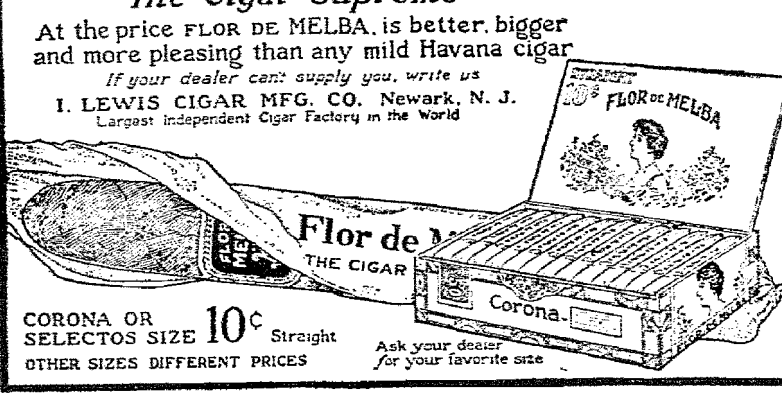
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