



A bunch of blue eyed vampires with the season's newest musical comedy success, 'Miss Blue Eyes,' at the Arcade Theater, Saturday matinee and night, January 3rd.

GERMAN WOMEN SMUGGLERS

Unusual Activity Reported Between Occupied and Unoccupied Zones.

MAYENCE, Germany, Dec. 30.—Smuggling is on the increase between unoccupied Germany and the occupied zones, according to recent information received by the intelligence officers of the French army occupied. French army officers say that women have been particularly active of late, and that there are nearly as many women smugglers as men. An Alsatian woman smuggler claims to have made 60,000 marks on one deal.

The woman, when discovered, said that she had gone from Strasbourg to Solingen, in unoccupied Germany, where she purchased 100 dozen knives over the Alsatian border without paying duty, and afterward sold the knives to a French dealer for twenty francs each. Returning to Germany, the woman said she exchanged the French money for marks, at 280 marks for 100 francs, the of exchange at that time.

CROKERS AT LAW AGAIN.

Former Tammany Chieftain Appeals From Judgments in Son's Favor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The legal warfare between Richard Croker, formerly chieftain of Tammany Hall, and his son Richard Croker, Jr., which has raged intermittently for some years, will be resumed in court Friday. The elder Croker obtained three orders today calling on his son to show cause in the state Supreme Court why three judgments obtained against his father should not be set aside.

One judgment is for \$125,836 which Richard, Jr., claims he advanced and disbursed for his father out of his own funds. The other judgments are in respect to monies paid out of the estate of the elder Croker's first wife.

BARS SPEECH BY BERGER.

Buffalo Refuses Use of Auditorium for Socialist Meeting.

BUFFALO, Dec. 30.—An application by Socialists here to use a city

auditorium for a meeting on New Year's night at which Victor L. Berger of Wisconsin was to have been a speaker, was rejected today by Commissioner John F. Malone, and his stand was approved by Mayor George S. Buck.

The Socialists wanted to celebrate the victory of Frank C. Perkins, their candidate for Councilman at the November election. The application for a hall stated that Perkins and Berger would be the speakers.

Commissioner Malone's refusal to grant the permit was based solely upon the appearance of Berger's name on the program.

SINGER SUFFERS TRIALS IN ITALY

Miss McVane Was Victim of Many Persecutions During the War.

SCOFFED AT IN STREET

American Ambassador Puts Wheels in Motion and Her Blackmailer Is Sent to Prison—Puccini Planned an Opera for Her.

New York.—"If there was lack of artistic temperament in the original composition of Miss Dorothea Alstair McVane, her experiences as a professional singer in Italy would have made good the defect, for she so impressed the great Puccini that, at his instance, she made her operatic debut as Mimi, in his "La Boheme," carrying through the part with success when she was in the first stages of typhoid fever; she fell under official suspicion as a spy in Taranto, where there is an Italian naval station; she underwent a siege of blackmail that resulted in sending two oppressors to prison, and she became the betrothed of a young noble, who was killed in the war.

In addition, her progress toward a career was hampered by the stern opposition of her father, Silas Marcus McVane, formerly professor of history and international law in Harvard, retiring as emeritus professor. Afterward the family became so proud of the young singer that they established a home in Rome, where Professor McVane died at about the beginning of the war.

Scoffed and Hissed.

In connection with the spy and blackmail episodes it seems that Miss McVane unwittingly snapped her camera when the lens was pointed in the direction of masked batteries. Soon she became the object of scoffing in the street, she was hissed at the opera, she found herself unable to get letters to her friends or to hear from them. She became so nervous and dispirited that she wished to go away, regardless of her operatic contract, and was threatened with arrest if she tried to go. When, at last, men annoyed her with threats of publishing the spy story and thus ruining her career unless she paid money to them, she contrived to get word to the American ambassador in Rome, who put the wheels in motion for a blackmail trial, whereby Miss McVane was cleared and the men were punished. She was led to adopt singing as a

profession on the advice of artists and others who heard her voice in Paris, where she had gone merely to perfect her French. When her French instructors sent her to Milan, with letters to the composer Puccini, she knew the leading roles in 20 operas. It was reported that Puccini intended to write an opera for her, but the war absorbed him in other affairs.

Something of a Psychic.

Miss McVane is something of a psychic. The story is that both she and her titled lover believed firmly in the survival of personality after death and the ability of the disembodied spirit to communicate with the living; and that they exchanged vows that the one dying first would visit the survivor on earth. Ever since the lover died she is said to have been expecting such

Miss McVane's sisters are Miss Edith McVane, managing writer and novelist, and the Baroness Dodeman de Placy, whose husband is a French cavalry officer. The McVane home in Rome was long a favorite meeting place for social, literary and artistic celebrities.

OWNERS OF FLORIDA BARRED

Copy of Ponce de Leon's Grant Fails to Qualify Colombian Women for Admission.

New York.—A copy of Ponce de Leon's grant of Florida, signed by the king of Spain, was shown to immigration officials by four Colombian women, but it failed to qualify them for admission to the United States.

Evidence of possible ownership of an entire commonwealth of the United States, acquired by inheritance from the seeker of the fountain of youth, was not sufficient for immigration inspectors, who ruled that the women and thirty-one other passengers must stay aboard the steamship La Touraine because they had not filled out "form 228."

An appeal has been made to the state department. The Colombians include Senora Teresa de Tanco, wife of the former Colombian minister to Peru and sister of the minister to England.

Volcano in Lake Kills Fish.

Klamath Falls, Ore.—Residents of Klamath county are at a loss to account for the unprecedented eruption which occurred last week in Diamond lake. Thousands of fish were killed and waters of the entire lake were discolored. Diamond lake is located about nine miles from Crater lake and is a favorite haunt of fishermen. News of the disturbance was brought to Klamath Falls by R. E. Clanton, state master fish warden, and H. D. Stout, deputy game warden. Mr. Clanton and Mr. Stout believe the destruction of the fish was caused by an under-water volcanic eruption.

Pigeons Are Speedy.

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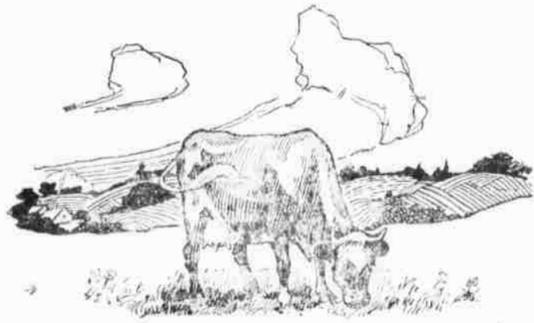
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