

WALDO'S CENSORS CALL UNDERWORLD PLAYS INDECENT

Report on "Lure" and "Fight" Incomplete and Two More Will See Shows.

HE IS READY TO ACT. Police Commissioner Will Not Be Precipitate, but Will Protect Public Morals.

Reports made to Police Commissioner Waldo to-day by Third Deputy Commissioner Newburger and Chief Inspector Schmittberger concerning the play, "The Lure," at Maxine Elliott's Theatre, state that, while the scene in the second act representing the interior of a bawdy house is indecent and suggestive, the investigators were unable to state the exhibition is in violation of the law.

Whether the stage presentations of disorderly houses in "The Lure" and in "The Fight" at the Hudson Theatre constitute a violation of the criminal statutes is a matter Commissioner Waldo intends to leave to the courts.

Fourth Deputy Commissioner Dillon was asked by the Commissioner to-day to attend performances of "The Lure" and "The Fight" and report his impressions. It appears that Deputy Commissioner Newburger was unable to attend the performance of "The Fight" last night, and the Commissioner has no official report on that show.

"The complaints that have reached me relating to these two plays," said the Commissioner, "state that they are filthy and an affront to public decency. These complaints do not come from hysterical persons and they will be investigated."

"I have not seen the plays, but if the reports that have reached me are true I think some action should be taken. To that end I shall ask Chief Magistrate Glendon to attend both plays and see what he thinks of them. If the plays are public nuisances they can, of course, be suppressed. I shall not take any preventive action because I do not intend to violate the rights of the theatrical managers, or on the other hand act as a press agent for their productions."

The Evening World yesterday printed commentary comments from several New York papers and herewith prints more calling for immediate and drastic action of the authorities:

Time for Police Interference. From This Morning's World.

How long is New York going to stand for the two bawdy-house plays which outrage public decency, and which are theatres? How long will it tolerate a form of drama which outdoes in nastiness anything previously attempted by local managers? It has endured "crook plays" and dramas of disease and degeneracy; it is prepared to accept the new Red-Light drama, with its sordid representation of vice for vice's sake, is all its hideousness?

These vicious melodramas degrade the stage as it has not been degraded before. They have nothing to do with dramatic art or dramatic morals. They serve no use other than as an ignoble appeal to a prurient taste. Their performance is an affront to the intelligence of New York playgoers as well as an offense against public morals, and they should be suppressed.

If their producers had attempted to justify the worst thing said about the stage, they could not have succeeded better than by the presentation of these types of disorderly-house drama. It is time the police interfered to prevent their further production, if only to protect the managers from the consequences of their folly.

Progress of the Drama. If there remains an act.

It is a certain result of public good taste and good manners might prove strong enough to check the course of the stage in its progress toward the complete revelation of those subjects of which gentlemen instinctively avoid, the early days of the present season must eventually have quelled his misgivings. Those aspects of degradation which have baffled the efforts of wisdom and experience for their correction and by common consent have been relegated to the police for such control as is possible, attention should be attached to an exploitation that will eventually render them familiar to all.

When last year the theatre supporting portion of the community applauded at a leading playhouse an act so vile in its implication that description of its significance was unattainable, the standard of the succeeding season appears to have been set up, and there is every indication that it will be valorously supported. Nor is there any suggestion that the presentations scheduled for early performance are to be mitigated by the infusion of wit or tainted by any hint of delicate suggestion that would be attained by sheer nastiness. If the prospects now so alluringly held out to us are successfully fulfilled.

In days not remote it was the task of those seeking the defilement of vice in its grossest and most degrading forms to select with some care the material that would yield to their then reprehensible tastes. The situation will soon be reversed. Not these, but persons so currently constituted as to prefer clean-

Extreme Slit Skirt and the High Mousquetaire Boot, Former Reaching to the Hip and Latter to the Knee



Proper Way to Describe the Newest Gown Would Be to Call It a Chasm.

Not of arms and the man we sing, but of—er—limbs and the woman! Way for the new slit gown! But we're safe in predicting that extra traffic squads will be needed to make way for it when it hits Forty-second street. The new slit gown is going up—way up. So far it has reached a mid-air altitude, but it's still climbing. Even at present New York has never seen anything like it—off the burlesque stage. And what is it? Oh, well, if you haven't looked at the pictures, know that the new slit gown is a skirt with two tails, hung separately and tucked up on either side to a point some six inches below the high waistline. Underneath the new slit are worn silk stockings—no observer can have any doubts on this score. Women who are afraid of catching cold are also permitted by fashion to wear high leather boots reaching almost to the knee.

ASSASSINS ATTACK JAPANESE OFFICIAL

Morihiro Abe of Tokio Foreign Office Stabbed by Two Men on His Way Home.

TOKIO, Japan, Sept. 5.—An attempt was made to assassinate Morihiro Abe, Director of the Political Bureau of the Japanese Foreign Office. He was stabbed in the abdomen and is suffering from a severe wound.

The crime was committed while Mr. Abe was walking home from the Foreign Office last evening. He had arrived within a short distance of the American Embassy when two young men ran out of an alley toward him. One of them seized him by the shoulders while the other plunged a short sword into his abdomen. Both of the assailants escaped in the darkness. Doctors say that the wound probably will not prove fatal.

The motive of the crime is not known, but there is a tendency to attribute it to the political excitement growing out of recent attacks on the Japanese Foreign Office and on Mr. Abe, in which their policy in regard to the California land ownership legislation and the Chinese question was condemned.

Store Robbed Through Small Hole. When Manager Harris of the United Clear store at No. 129 Broadway opened the place to-day, he saw there was a hole in the side wall where the door ought to be. The hole was about a foot square. The cash drawer was broken and a little more than \$6 had been taken from it. Several boxes of high priced cigars also were missing.

STRANGER THAN "TARZAN" You remember "Tarzan of the Apes"? Stranger, most fascinating story ever printed in a newspaper.

Well, the same author (Edgar Rice Burroughs) has written a new story even stranger and more fascinating. It is "THE CAVE GIRL." "THE CAVE GIRL" has all the elements of wild jungle life that made "Tarzan" so fascinating. And it is, in addition, a better story.

HUERTA NOW SENDS ENVOY ON SAME MISSION AS LIND

Senor Zamacona Will Continue Peace Negotiations and Seek American Loan.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Manuel De Zamacona y Inclan, former Mexican Ambassador to the United States and until recently financial agent for the Mexican Government in London, will endeavor to carry forward in Washington the negotiations between the Huerta Administration and the United States for a solution of the Revolutionary problem.

WOMAN OUSTED POLICEMAN

Mrs. Laura Brewer, of No. 193 Lexington avenue, was found guilty of disorderly conduct by Magistrate Barlow in Harlem Court to-day.

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HUERTA GENEROUS TO AMERICANS.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 5.—President Huerta announced to-day that, in view of the American Government's inability to provide better than third class or steerage transportation for its citizen refugees he stood ready to provide first class transportation for them and pay the difference between the cost of that and what the Government at Washington can afford to pay.

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TAXICABS HOLD UP MAROONED VICTIMS AFTER THE PLAY

Men Forced to Pay \$10 to Get Women Through Flooded Streets.

POLICE WERE HELPLESS.

Injunctions Forced Inspectors to Stand By and Permit the Extortion.

Taxicab pirates that knew no law or even outward decency hoisted their flag and rode out the storm last night when the theatre crowds were marooned and, under the protection of injunctions granted by Justice Ingraham, presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, laughed at the inspectors from the Bureau of Licenses and extorted outrageous fares from men and women who were forced to submit to the extortion or remain marooned all night.

Victims of the taxi drivers telephoned their complaints to The Evening World to-day. One man declared that he was held up for \$10 when he and his wife were carried only a few blocks from the theatre to their apartment. Not in years has there been such a night of holdups along Broadway. The public had no redress, although the new taxicab ordinance is in effect. It was vain to appeal to the police, for they had no jurisdiction. The hands of the inspectors from the Bureau of Licenses were tied. The court some time next month passes on the merits of the contention that the new ordinance is unconstitutional.

The police who were familiar with the raid by the taxi drivers said that it was about the biggest job pulled off in the White Light district in years, and that the total receipts made the wiretappers' income look like a waiter's tip at a Sullivan showder up the Round.

POLICE WERE HELPLESS TO AID THE VICTIMS. "If it was a case of trimming a bush," explained one policeman, "we could have looked up the driver and taken care of the victim until he was in shape to appear in court and make a complaint on a larceny charge. But the situation was unique last night and early this morning. Women garbed in expensive gowns had come to the theatre in taxis at the usual rates charged for such services, and the men secretly did not hesitate to pay the bill. But when the show was over and the audiences began to seek a conveyance to take them to their homes or to supper in nearby restaurants they found that they were up against a transportation rate that would buy a ticket and sleeper from New York to Buffalo."

The women were in a pitiable predicament and the pirates took advantage of their plight and forced the escorts to ante up or "walk the plank." Women who had gone to the show without escorts submitted to the extortion as they thought of their gowns.

Promoter Dies Suddenly. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 5.—Orford L. Pullen of West Hampton, L. I., died suddenly in his apartment in a prominent hotel here to-day. Acute indigestion complicated by heat was given by a physician as the cause of death. Mr. Pullen was a widely known promoter and was connected with the Yonkers Power Company, with offices in New York. He was about fifty years old.

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LACE TOPS FOR WOMEN'S FALL BOOTS

Another Novelty From the French Fashion Designers.



The pirates failed to show the least civility to men or courtesy to the women. The rain beat down in torrents until 2 o'clock and the victims were caught in the trap, to be released only when they paid the ransom. The plight of the theatre and dining public was increased by the subway flood.

INSPECTORS COULDN'T NEED APPEALS FOR HELP.

At the office of the Bureau of Licenses to-day it was said that the Department was powerless to act in the premises. An effort was made to enforce the new taxi ordinance, and up in the theatre and hotel district there were three squads of twenty-one inspectors each who kept up a patrol watching for violations. When the men and women complained to the city's representatives that they were being robbed and that the drivers paid no attention to the law the inspectors were presented with the information that the highwaymen were going ahead on their work under the protection of a court order.

As the case now stands the Bureau of Licenses has been forbidden to interfere with the business of six automobile companies operating in hotel and theatre districts. The attorneys for the Taxicab and Auto Company secured a copy of the injunction on Chief Wallace to-day. The writ was granted yesterday by Justice Ingraham. The other concerns operating temporarily free of the new taxi ordinance by virtue of court orders are: Mason-Seamon Transportation Company, the Yellow Taxicab Company, the Grevelly Square, Hawk & Wetherbee and the Universal Taximeter Cab Company. All these injunctions were granted by Justice Ingraham and served on the Bureau of Licenses.

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GOES TO JAIL ON GIRL'S ADVICE FOR AN HOUR

"Don't Be Foolish," She Tells Lundgren Started to Pay \$25 Fine for Speeding.

William E. Lundgren, a young student who lives at Sea Cliff, L. I., was arrested for speeding his automobile at thirty miles an hour yesterday afternoon on the Concourse, in the Bronx. He was taken before Magistrate Morris in the Morrisania Court, where he admitted his guilt. A good looking young woman went along with him.

"I have no alternative but to fine you \$25," said the magistrate. "But (pointing at the clock) I can sentence you to one day in jail, and the jail day certainly ends at 4." The hour was then 4. Lundgren reached in his pocket after the money, but the girl whispered: "Don't be foolish. Go and sit in the jail for an hour." So back went the student behind the barred gate.

The girl got him some evening papers to while away his time, and sat waiting for him outside in the automobile. At 4 o'clock he was freed.

"How do you like being a jail-bird?" the girl laughed. "Oh, it's all right so long as you are an accessory," said Lundgren gallantly. The young woman's identity was not revealed.

WIRELESS FROM HALDANE.

Reports that He Officially Announced British Policy. LONDON, Sept. 5 (Tuesday). 639 A. M.—Viscount Haldane, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, who is a passenger on the steamer Lusitania, on his way home, sends a wireless despatch to the Mail confirming the statement of Francis Rowan, Chairman of the committee that received the Lord Chancellor on his arrival at New York, that Lord Haldane's address is New York, that Lord Haldane's address is New York, that Lord Haldane's address is New York.

NOW IS THE TIME

after the summer vacation, look after your complexion. Imperfections are more noticeable in the city than amid the open life of the country. Disfiguring growths of hair on the face, neck or arms are accentuated. They can be made to vanish immediately by the use of El Rado, the absolutely safe liquid hair remover.

A few drops, a simple application, and the hair disappears. El Rado acts instantly wherever applied, leaving the most delicate skin smooth and clear. Its superiority can be demonstrated with a single application. Sold in two sizes at 50c and \$1.00 per bottle, at all drug and department stores, or direct by parcel post in glass wrapper, on receipt of price. Elgin Mfg. Co., 27 East 92nd St., N. Y.

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At Grocers and Delicatessen Stores, 10c. Made by E. PRITCHARD, 131 Spring St., N. Y.

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