About Plays and Players

By BIDE DUDLEY

THE War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities has appointed managers of the Liberty Theatres at the various camps, as follows: E. A. Braden, Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.; W. O. Wheeler, Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J.; Charles E. Barton, Camp Meade, Annapolis Junction, Md.; George H. Miller, Camp Upton, Yaphank, L. I.; H. H. Winchell, Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark.; Maurice Greet, Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.; H. M. Cook, Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.; Charles Scott, Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky. The appointments were made on the recommendation of Marc Klaw, head of the Military Entertainment Service.

BY WAY OF DIVERSION.

"War ain't so bad," said Tommy Brown, "so fur as I kin see. It really has advantages fer little boys like me. My mother went down town to-day an' brought me home a suit. It only cost her seven bones, but, golly, it's a beaut. It used to be I had to wear the clothes Dad throwed away. Them awful things 'ud make me feel jest like a doggone jay. My mother used to chop 'em off an' make 'em small enough. I never got a brand new suit. My life wus pretty tough. But since the war began my Dad has had to save his dough an' so he's wore his clothes until they weren't no good, by Joe! They gotta get me new suits now an' you kin bet I'm glad. That's why I say, fer boys like me, war really ain't so bad."

"LAND OF JOY" REVISED.

"The Land of Joy," Valverde's Spanish review at the Park Theatre, has undergone another revision of its libretto and on Monday night it will be seen with the major portion of its American story eliminated. Only Julius Tannen and John Daly Murphy of the American cast will be retained. There will be no change in the line-up of Spanish principals.

JACK HAD THE RIGHT IDEA.

A friend of ours named Jack Callahan went to a ball the other night. It was given by a lodge and before the fun began he was appointed sergeant-at-arms and given a badge denoting his office. Jack pinned the badge on his coat and went forth to maintain order. About midnight a rough-looking youth got mad and drew a knife. Jack took one glance and slipped his badge into his pocket. Then he substituted another for it. The new badge read: "Recording Secretary."

COHAN AT A BENEFIT.

George M. Cohan will sing "Over There" at the Militia of Mercy benefit at the Belasco Theatre Monday afternoon, Jan. 14. Mme. Carrie Bridewell of the Metropolitan Opera Company will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Our Boys."

AN ALL-AROUND MAN.

George Williams, master carpenter at the Hippodrome, has received a unique application for work from a Hoboken genius named McKenna. The letter says:

"I would be glad to get a job in the scenery line. I have driven a truck for the last eight years, but am a singer, dancer and a good swimmer. Can rope a steer and ride a balking broncho. Some bear, I am! Better take me while I'm avoidable."

F. C. TOWNE DIES.

Fenimore Cooper Towne, writer of stage material and a popular players' agent, died yesterday at St. James Court, No. 214 West 92d Street, of heart disease. Funeral services will be held at the foregoing address to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Towne frequently contributed jokes and stories to this column.

GOSSIP.

Pauline Frederick's next Paramount picture will be "Madame Jealousy," by George V. Hobart.

Eugene and Willie Howard will be the headliners at the Winter Garden concert to-morrow night.

The "Maytime" tenor, Charles Purcell, and Mrs. Purcell have been frozen out of Flatbush. They're at a Manhattan hotel.

Dixie Girard has been engaged by Albert De Courville for his new London Hippodrome review now in rehearsal.

Ben Riley has returned from Alabama where he spent three weeks with friends. He says the party wore out eighteen decks of cards.

Carrie Reynolds, who has gone into vaudeville, will display a new singing act at Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theatre the first half of next week.

Sidney Rosenfeld is writing another play which will be produced by the Criterion Production Company, Inc., of which he is President.

William Faversham has found it necessary, owing to a demand for tickets, to arrange an extra matinee of "Lord and Lady Algy" at the Broadhurst Theatre for Tuesday afternoon.

HE'LL CHANGE HIS PLAN.

The press agent of "Words and Music," at the Fulton Theatre, has managed to get pictures of so many of the chorus girls in the papers that several of the principals are jealous. As a matter of self-preservation he intends to use the photographs of the wardrobe woman and the ushers for a while.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

A ton of coal crushed the life out of a man in the Bronx yesterday. There was a smile on his face when they found him.

FOOLISHMENT.

Little Willie took a gun,
Shot his Grandma just for fun.
Grandma ran and jumped a fence.
"Gosh!" said Willie, "that's immense!"

FROM THE CHESTNUT TREE.

"When Arthur's at college his letters are always so short."

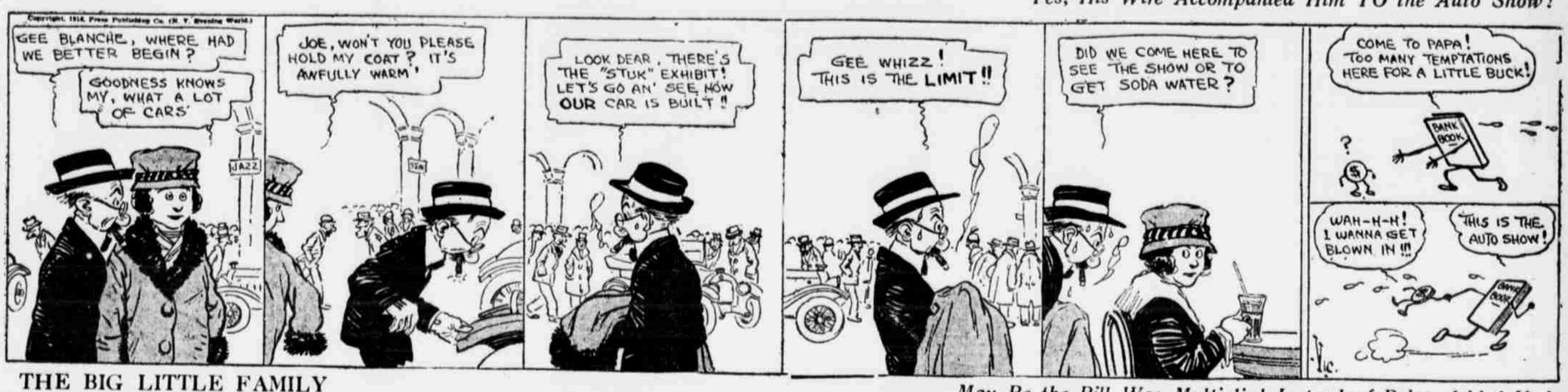
"So is Arthur."

LITTLE "MARY MIXUP"

She Strengthened Her Appeal With Cold Facts!

JOE'S CAR

Yes, His Wife Accompanied Him TO the Auto Show!

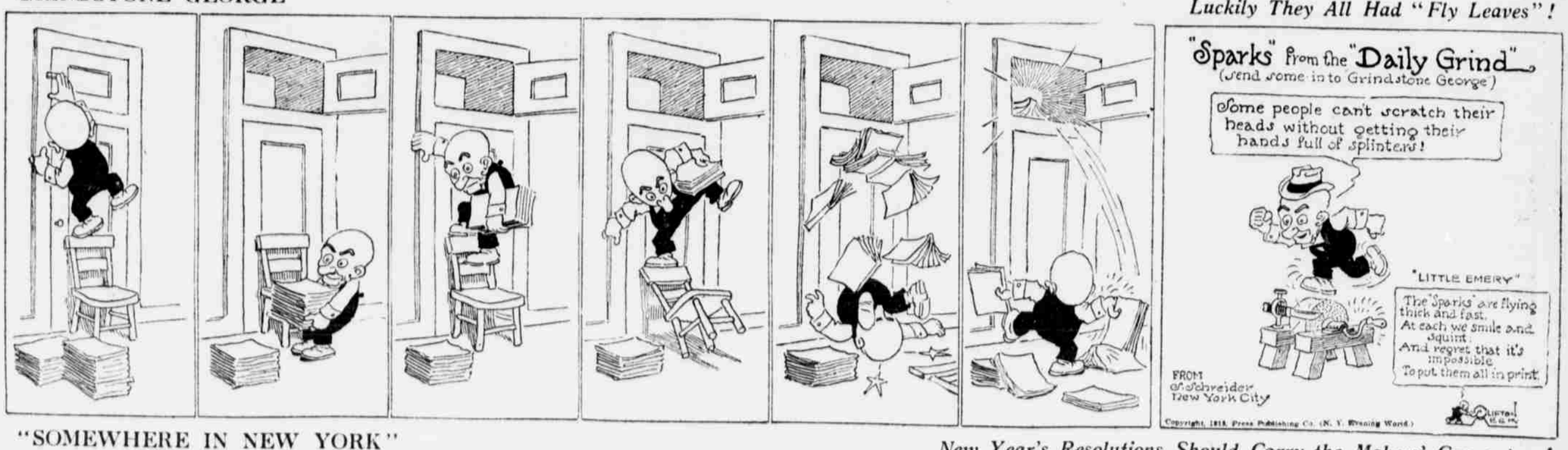


THE BIG LITTLE FAMILY

May Be the Bill Was Multiplied Instead of Being Added Up!

GRINDSTONE GEORGE

Luckily They All Had "Fly Leaves"!



"SOMEWHERE IN NEW YORK"

New Year's Resolutions Should Carry the Makers' Guarantees!