

LONDON DRAMA.

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pressions of discontent from the gallery. These discordant notes enabled Mrs. Craigie's friends to rally to her support, and to obtain for her a cordial reception when she was brought forward by Mr. Alexander.

Boeing marks the revival of an old heartrending custom, of which Charles Lamb has given a pathetic as well as humorous account.

The third month of Miss Henrietta Crossman's engagement at the Savoy Theatre in "The Girl in the Blue Velvet" is as popular as ever.

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NOTES OF THE STAGE.

"Arizona" passed its one hundredth performance at the Herald Square Theatre last Tuesday and enters on the fourteenth week of its run to-morrow.

The one hundredth performance of Miss Annie Russell in "The Family" at the Lyceum Theatre, will take place to-morrow evening.

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There are no provisions for the purchase of the remainder of the bonds before they become due, the last installment running until 1910, but there is no doubt that the income of the State, unless unlooked for expenses are incurred, will be more than sufficient to clear off the debt, after running expenses are paid, within the next five years, if that could be done.

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Two industrial consolidations of interest have been put under way or accomplished this week. The first, of particular interest to Hartford, is the acquisition of the Riker Motor Vehicle Company by the Electric Vehicle Company.

The suit of the State against the Travelers' Insurance Company, which has been decided against the company by the Supreme Court, has been taken to the United States Supreme Court on the ground that the State statute under which the tax against the company was sought to be collected is unconstitutional.

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GEORGE E. FOSS, THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS.

Washington, Dec. 8 (Special).—George Edmund Foss, who has been unanimously elected chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, has practically held that position since Representative Boutelle's enforced absence from Congress over a year ago, and as he has been re-elected to the LIVth Congress, the Navy will be fortunate in having his effective championship for at least two years longer.

On the day before Mr. Caldwell left Paris M. Leygues, Minister of Fine Arts for France, accompanied by M. Bénédite, the conservator of the Luxembourg, visited the American section.

The young men have entered enthusiastically into the fascinations of warship creation, studying the subject with exhaustive detail, familiarizing himself with the red tape of the Department, and fitting himself to help the Navy to expand in personnel and material.

The annual festival and bazaar for the benefit of the Memorial Hospital for Women and Children will be held in the Pough Kitchen, in Clinton-st., Brooklyn, on Friday and Saturday, from noon until 10 p. m. A hot dinner will be served from 6 to 8 p. m. On Saturday afternoon, from 2 to 6 o'clock, there will be a children's entertainment.