

SEA POWER VAGARIES

Popular Frenzy for New Edgars and Boadiceas.

London, January 15. The failure of the Hague congress as an instrument for repressing military and naval expenditures has been complete. Germany has not ceased to be the strongest military nation, with six millions of men who can be brought into the field in an emergency, and while her supremacy is unchallenged there is no sign that her system of universal training will be relaxed or her resources for making war on a stupendous scale impaired.

The passion for new construction now takes the form of frenzy for cruisers, big, intermediate and little. A year ago it was announced that the Admiralty, with Sir John Fisher as chief mentor, considered its position respecting battle-ships and armored cruisers so satisfactory that it could devote its attention to improved Edgars and Boadiceas.

The cruiser controversies illustrate the whimsical nature of international competition in sea power. The Edgars were designed nearly twenty years ago because France and Russia were laying down cruisers of over five thousand tons as an intermediate class between unarmored and armored craft now classed as thirds or fifths.

The improved Boadiceas, which the experts contend must be built in response to naval construction in other countries, can be more readily justified than the Edgars, improved or unimproved. These are unarmored third class cruisers of 3,500 tons, or even less, and costing between a half and a third as much.

The late Francis Murphy, well known as a temperance advocate, had many an adventure in the course of his very useful life. He once told of a case in which a man got a little the better of him in an argument.

Amusements. SYMPHONY SOCIETY OF NEW YORK. ORCHESTRA OF 100. WALTER DAMROSCH, Conductor. This Afternoon at 3.

"LES DEUX HOMMES."

A New French Comedy Soon To Be Seen in London and New York.

Paris, January 21, 1908. "Les Deux Hommes," the comedy, in four acts, produced with marked success last night at the Théâtre Français, and which will be long to be seen in English attire in New York and London, is a new departure, indicating a somewhat unlooked for ripeness and maturity in the work of the most boulevardier of dramatists, and places M. Alfred Capus foremost among the future candidates for the French Academy.

"The Two Men" portrayed in the new play are absolutely irreconcilable types, to be met with in the everyday, up to date strenuous life. We have on the one hand the active, hustling, ambitious, unscrupulous struggler, the "climber" after money and material success, and on the other hand an honest, sentimental man of rigid integrity, very much like Thackeray's Colonel Newcome, but young, handsome and essentially modernized.

Marcel is in love with Thérèse. He is a man of honor, refinement and limited means. Thérèse is irreproachable in her conduct. She does not allow Marcel to suspect that she returns his love. Moreover, Thérèse does not suspect that Marcel has also made a deep impression upon Jacqueline, who, divining that Thérèse is her rival and anxious to forestall her, tells Marcel that she loves him.

Amusements. METROPOLITAN TO-NIGHT. Popular Prices at 8.50. GRAND SUNDAY COAST MAT. ROSSINI'S STABAT MATER.

Amusements. NEW CIRCLE. Broadway and 60th Street. Even. 8.15. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2.15. "A FLASHING INSTANT SUCCESS."-PRESS.

Amusements. Carnegie Hall, Feb. 12, at 3. Seats 1.50, 1.00, 75 & 50c. FANNE BOOMFIELD ZEISLER.

Amusements. KETH & PROCTOR'S

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Amusements. COLONIAL. CONCERTS TO-DAY, 2:15, TO-NIGHT, 8:15. BETTY KING, GRACE VAN LINDFORD.

Amusements. MANHATTAN OPERA HOUSE. TO-NIGHT. Prices, 50c-\$1.50. GRAND POPULAR CONCERT.

Amusements. ASTOR VIOLA ALLEN. "Irene Wycherley." "Miss Allen at Her Best."

Amusements. GARDEN THEATRE. TUESDAY, FEB. 11. MRS. PATRICK CAMPBELL.

Amusements. SAFONOFF. PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY. SEAN GERARDY Violoncello.

Amusements. HIPPODROME

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Amusements. ALHAMBRA. CONCERTS TO-DAY, 2:15; TO-NIGHT, 8:15. VESTA VICTORIA AVERY & HART.

Amusements. BROADWAY. "THE LIGHT OPERA HIT OF A DECADE." OSCAR STRAUS' ENTRANCING VIENNESE OPERETTA.

Amusements. NEW YORK THEATRE. SPECIAL MAT. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12. "GENEE?"

Amusements. THE WARRENS OF VIRGINIA. A New American Play by Wm. C. Miller.

Amusements. WEBER'S MUSIC HALL. WEDNESDAY MATINEE. "THE GIRL OF GOLDEN WEST."

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