NEW AUDIENCE FOR MR. HOPP

SOCIALIST DRAMATIST CALLS ON THE TABLE D'HOTE,

And With It Sets Out to Build Up a Whole Theatre Full of Listeners to the Drama of Ideas—Willing Workers, Including an Editor and a Violinist.

The fecund and inventive Julius Hopp, as is well known to readers of this newspaper, holds that all things that are may be made to contribute to the advancement of the socialistic drama if only you know how to make them. Mr. Hopp's socialistic dramas have in the past dealt with such closely related subjects as toil, blood, wage slavery, buttonholes, cooperative commonwealths, sweat and wealth (predatory), and it is only fair to expect that in the future they will go on doing it. The only thing that has been seriously bothering Mr. Hopp is how to get an audience.

This problem he thinks he has now successfully solved, and he has done it by means of an institution originally foreign, to wit, the table d'hôte. Think not that Mr. Hopp would stoop to the utilization of any such exponent of plutocracy as the 60 cent table d'hôte, not even "with." No, sir; Mr. Hopp's weapon is the 30 cent table d'hôte—"without." He explained all about it last evening at the restaurant at 46 West Twenty-second street.

When the dramatic season came to an end last spring things looked pretty dark to Mr. Hopp. The last audience that assembled in the Socialist Theatre in Third street to see the play called "The Pioneers"—need we say that this work was written by Mr. Hopp?—left its umbrella under its seat and couldn't find it when it came back the next day to get it. Naturally the audience was pretty sore, because it was raining hard that day, and went away breathing dire threats that it would never again darken the doorway of the Socialist Theatre. It was a bitter moment for Mr. Hopp. But he consoled himself with the reflection that his cause was just.

Now comes around a new dramatic season with much seed to be sown by means of the socialistic drama. But last season's audience having been hopelessly alienated in the manner described, how get another? That was the problem which Mr. Hopp thinks he has solved with the thirty cent table d'hôte. He wrote to everybody several days ago to come around and join the Pioneers and eat his thirty cent table d'hôte. And pretty nearly everybody must have come because there were more than 100 persons in the second floor dining room last evening. Here's what they got for 30 cents: Soup, not too thick, but soup; fish, sausage couchant on a field of mashed potato, roast beef, rice pudding, coffee. If that isn't a table d'hôte, what is?

Up to the present time Mr. Hopp is president, all three vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer and executive committee of the Pioneers. Six days ago he was the entire membership, too, but it's different since last night and all the members are expected to put their shoulders to the wheel and boost the socialistic drama. After the dinner had been eaten—it really was eaten, too—Mr. Hopp spoke at length outlining the purposes of the club. Then a comrade named Miss Levy played the piano. Then Mr. Hopp spoke at some lenght. Then a young Russian played the violin, and you run no risk in saying that no thirty cent table d'hôte hereabout has been succeeded by better violin playing.

Then Mr. Hopp spoke at some length. Then he introduced Leonard Abbott, who associate edits *Current Literature*. It will not surprise anybody to learn that Mr. Abbott is a Socialist, and he spoke about "The Beginning of the Socialist Drama," dealing in some detail with such prominent dramatists as Gorky, Shaw, Kennedy (he of "The Winterfeast" and "The Servant in the House") and Julius Hopp. He wandered a bit from his subject, did Mr. Abbott, touching on Ibsen and such disciples of his as Clyde Fitch. Mr. Abbott called Fitch a disciple of Ibsen, anyhow, though he didn't instance "Girls" as an example of what the influence of Ibsen will do for a dramatic author or "The Blue Mouse" either.

Mr. Hopp then spoke at some length. He said in part: "Anybody wishing to do so on going out will please place some money on the table the door beside for the waiters. We must not forget the waiters." The Brooklyn Philosophical Society would also meet at the usual hour on Sunday. Moreover, the next meeting of the Sunrise Club at the Café Boulevard would be an unusually interesting, in addition to there being very uplifting times at 206 East Broadway when the Liberal Arts Society got busy every Friday evening. After that other comrades spoke and Mr. Hopp also spoke at some length. And among those present were Ryan Walker, the cartoonist; Courtenay Lemon, who lectures; Warner Oland, who used to act with Nazimova; Mrs. Inez Haynes Gillmore, who writes fiction; Platon Brounoff, who is on intimate terms with the piano and many other comrades and near comrades, and, oh, yes, the young man with the thirst assuaging name of Thomas Seltzer, who has translated some of Gorky's novels into something like English.

And out of the whole assemblage Mr. Hopp is very favorable of getting an audience for his next socialistic play. Only he hopes to goodness it won't rain on the night of the performance, because if the next audience should lose its umbrella too, well Mr. Hopp hates to think of the blow that would thus be dealt to the Cause.

THAW AND EVELYN NESBIT.

Mrs. George Thornton Warren, Now Divorced, Says She Introduced Them.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Elba C. Kenney-Warren of New York, who got a divorce from George Thornton Warren the day following the completion of her six months residence this week, has departed for the East. To-day a friend of hers quotes her as having said:

"It was I who introduced Evelyn Nesbit to Harry K. Thaw and she in turn made me acquainted with Stanford White. I was a member of the 'Florodora' sextet and Harry, White and others were always hovering about. I knew Thaw as Harry Morgan until Evelyn Nesbit told me his real name.

"She was so insistent for an introduction that against my wish I introduced them. She told me herself that she didn't like the man afterward, but that he was a good thing and she wasn't going to lose him."

Mrs. Warren married her husband while she was a chorus girl in "It Happened in Nordland."

ROW OVER THE DIAMOND R.

Attempt of Mine Creditors to Collect Leads to Injunction Proceedings.

HELENA, Mon., Dec. 5.—Creditors of the Diamond R Mining Company are endeavoring to collect under Federal and State authority, with the result that United States Judge Hunt to-day ordered the Sheriff of Cascade county, the Great Falls National Bank and the American Engineering Works to show cause on January 11 why an injunction should not be issued restraining them from taking further steps in the matter.

C. D. McLure of St. Louis obtained judgment for $87,000 against the mining company and the Federal marshal levied an attachment. Montana creditors proceeded in the district court and the Sheriff made a seizure of certain properties.

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SHE SCARED HIM ALL RIGHT

HOW HIS WIFE PUNISHED THE NEGLIGENT MR. WEISS.

He Found Her Bound and Gagged and House in Disorder, as Though Thieves Had Been There—Police Solve the Mystery—Her Idea From a Magazine.

When George H. Weiss of 471 Schenck avenue, Brooklyn, returned from business yesterday afternoon at 2:30 he found his wife, Emma Carolyn Weiss, gagged and bound to a chair in the dining room. Strands of rope were drawn tightly about her arms and legs. A long bath towel was twisted about her neck, holding her head to the back of the chair, and one end of the towel was in her mouth, a very effectual gag.

The rooms were in disorder, as if thieves had made a quick job and a hasty getaway. Bric-à-brac and other articles were gone from their usual places. The young woman's wedding band and solitaire diamond ring were missing from her hand.

With a carving knife the husband cut the strands that bound her. She fell into his arms. He put her on a sofa and dashing out of the house called in the neighbors and phoned for the police and an ambulance.

From the Liberty avenue station came Capt. Reimels with half a dozen plain clothes men. From the Bradford Street Hospital came an ambulance with Dr. Termoty. And from police headquarters down town came racing to the house in an automobile Inspector James McCafferty, head of the Manhattan detective bureau; Capt. John Kuhne of the Brooklyn detective bureau and two or three subordinates.

The police arrived to find Dr. Termoty working over the young woman. Neighbors were talking of the outrage. They had noticed suspicious looking men in the neighborhood. At last the surgeon, using stimulants liberally, revived the victim.

"I had just returned from a grocery store," she said, "when as I opened the door of the dining room an ugly looking man grasped me by the throat. He choked me terribly when I struggled and he forced a handkerchief with sweet smelling stuff on it against my nose and I became unconscious. I remember nothing more till now."

Detectives were hurriedly scattered through the neighborhood on a search for a man in dark clothes and slouch hat and wearing a face that showed the want of a shave. A general alarm was sent out for such a man.

It was 3:5 o'clock when the surgeon revived the woman. An hour and a quarter later Detective Frank Dougherty of the Liberty avenue station got a damaging admission from her. She had said that she was unconscious until revived by the doctor. Now she said she had felt the rings being drawn from her hands. There were other inconsistencies too. A detective found the rings and a pocketbook with $15 secreted in a corner of a dish closet in the kitchen on the top shelf. The rings were wrapped in two pages of a novelette cut from a magazine.

The story was "A Chance Adventure." The hero and heroine were the victims of thieves. The heroine, bound hand and foot and gagged and left to die, was liberated by her lover. They had quarreled, but now lived happily ever afterward.

Confronted with the rings, money and pages of the novelette, Mrs. Weiss wept. Yes, she had fibbed all along. She had bound herself and gagged herself and awaited her husband's return from the offices of a Brooklyn real estate firm. She had obtained her idea from the magazine.

She feared her husband did not love her as much as he used to, she said. He stayed out nights with men friends instead of at home with her. She had often warned him that thieves would get in and kill her some time. Again, he had not kissed her when he went to business yesterday morning. Nor had he said good-by or anything. He had not spoken to her since Friday evening, when he returned home in a grouchy mood and complained about his dinner not being prepared as well as his mother used to have it. She was heartbroken and at first thought of suicide. But the idea in the novel came to her and she determined to make the place look as if it had been visited by thieves and, tying and gagging herself, give George a scare.

She wept anew and George did too and promised to be good and not to neglect his wife any more.

The detectives grumbled and went away, their work finished, at 7:30 last night.

BATTLESHIPS TO BURN OIL.

Texas Company Says U. S. Has Agreed to Try Its Fuel.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 5.—John W. Gates, as an official and agent of the Texas Oil Company, has received the consent of the United States Government to try Texas crude oil on American warships. One of the battleships now building will be equipped to burn oil. Several torpedo boats and destroyers already are equipped to burn either oil or coal.

Two years ago the Texas Company took up the matter of supplying the United States Government with oil for warships. The matter has dragged, the Government not being willing to equip its vessels until assured of a practically unlimited supply of oil. This, so Judge R. E. Brooks of the Texas company says, is practically assured now.

Judge Brooks says it is planned to develop the huge gas field at Henrietta and to supply the larger Texas cities with natural gas.

Indiana Educator Asks for Divorce.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 5.—Lawrence McTurnan, candidate on the Republican State ticket at the recent election for Superintendent of Public Instruction, applied for a divorce to-day. The complaint was taken from court as soon as a record was made of it and the allegations were not made public. Mrs. McTurnan is in California.

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M'CARREN AND TAMMANY.

No Truce Expected Between Them—Leader Warns His Defeated Foes.

Through his reelection as chairman of the Democratic executive committee in Brooklyn on Friday night by a vote of 22 to 6 Senator McCarren will be commander in chief of the Kings County Democracy for another year at least. Although the leaders in the five Assembly districts which won out against him at the September primaries made most persistent efforts to have some of the leaders in the other eighteen districts join them in their kick at the executive committee meeting they succeeded in capturing only Michael J. Butler of the Twelfth district, who voted against McCarren's reelection in accordance with the instructions of his election district captains. It is now assumed that with the exception of the Second, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Twenty-second and Twenty-third Assembly districts all the districts will remain faithful to McCarren, and it is confidently expected that long before the next primaries come around in September, 1909, two or three of the districts in revolt will be lined up with him.

Mr. Butler, the Twelfth district leader, has become so disgusted with the factional minds that he has decided to quit the political game for good and it is expected that Justice George J. O'Keefe of the Court of Special Sessions will succeed him as the executive member.

Senator McCarren, it was learned yesterday, sharply rebuked the revolting district leaders for their alleged alliance with Charles F. Murphy with a view to the capture of the Kings county organization by Tammany.

"I know what I am talking about," he said, "and every one of you knows that what I say is true. I know every move that has been made since your conference at the Astor House in the spring, just before you fellows and Melody and McGuire and Doyle went out. I know that Tammany has financed your primary campaigns. I know the men who contributed to the fund and I know who handled the doughballs over here. Now I know this also, that Tammany won't help you any more; Tammany has troubles of its own."

All Senator McCarren's close friends in Brooklyn are confident that there will be no truce in the war between Murphy and McCarren and that it will go to a finish.

Resentenced to Die.

Sabino Mallillo, the Italian who chased a fellow countryman around the Mary Benson memorial fountain in Berry Benson Park, Jersey City, and chopped him to death with an axe last spring, was resentenced by County Judge Fitzgerald in that city yesterday to be executed at Trenton in the week of January 4. The upper courts recently affirmed his conviction. He was originally sentenced to die in the week of August 10.

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TAFT TO THE MINING MEN.

Industry "Deserves All the Assistance Which This Government Can Render It."

PITTSBURG, Dec. 5.—The following message from President-elect W. H. Taft was received by the American Mining Congress in session here to-day:

"I am glad of an opportunity to express my interest in the important work which the American Mining Congress is doing in behalf of the mining industry and my desire to encourage and cooperate in this work in every possible way.

"The mining industry of this country, which is second only to agriculture in its contribution to the national wealth, which furnishes more than 66 per cent. of the total freight traffic of the country and which employs more than a million men in its difficult and dangerous tasks, deserves all the assistance which this Government can render it.

"No country is so rich in those resources which make for great and permanent wealth as is the United States; but this condition of itself has helped develop a national habit of waste in the use of our forests, our soils, our minerals and other resources. Fortunately, however, the public conscience of the country is awakening to both the loss of life and waste of materials in all our industries and we must see to it that the movement is guided wisely and carried forward to success."

E. A. Schubert of Roanoke, Va., made an address on the mining resources of his State and said that Virginia has an untouched iron ore reserve that is equal to the present entire output of the nation but that poor railroad facilities keep the State from expanding.

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