

WILL RUSH WORK ON WANAMAKER'S FLIER

Royal Aero Club Told Airship Will Start Over Ocean Early in Summer.

WRIGHT IS SCEPTICAL. Curtiss Answers Criticism—Says Engines Can Carry Machine Across Sea.

The board of governors of the Aero Club of America officially notified the Royal Aero Club by cable yesterday that the Hon. Wanamaker transatlantic expedition attempt to win the Lord Northcliffe prize of \$50,000 with a flight from Newfoundland to Ireland this summer.

The Aero Club's sanction of the around the world flight proposed by the Pan-American Expedition was held over by the board. The exposition authorities were asked to prepare a set of rules for the contest.

This was the cablegram sent to England last night:

"Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom. Hon. Wanamaker building transatlantic aeroplanes. Will make flight during summer and wants to make entry for Daily Mail prize. Pilot not yet selected. Can you accept entry now, name of pilot to be given later. If you can, will immediately make formal entry and cable hundred pounds. Asso. Club."

Curtiss Will Hurry Work. Glenn H. Curtiss, who is building the flying boat for Mr. Wanamaker, left for Hammondport, N. Y., last night to superintend its construction. The engine is practically completed, Mr. Curtiss said, and work on the boat will be hurried as far as possible. Mr. Curtiss was asked if the flight would be attempted if the cooperation of the Navy Department could not be had in patrolling the course.

"Certainly will," he said. "I want Government cooperation, of course, and we will try to get it, but when the time comes we will start it, even if it is a boat on the ocean."

The date of the flight may be brought down, Mr. Curtiss said, if other serious customers for the Lord Northcliffe prize are ready to start. The conditions under which the Lord Northcliffe prize is offered provide that the craft shall not alight between the two countries, save on the water. In the Wanamaker flying boat, Mr. Curtiss said, everything has been designed to fuel and carrying capacity is it is double that of the best aeroplane from the ocean if it is compelled to alight. The plan is to make the Irish coast in a single flight without alighting even on the water.

Replies to Orville Wright. Orville Wright was quoted yesterday as saying in criticism of the Wanamaker-Curtiss attempt that it was impracticable without the aid of Mr. Curtiss's engine. The following statement last night in answer to Mr. Wright:

"I do not agree with Mr. Wright regarding the merits of the present motor. To stand the strain of the transatlantic flight, on the contrary, we know absolutely that present motors could be used. We are devoting months to the development of a motor which we want more power to carry more weight."

Mr. Hawley in a letter to the Pacific Aero Club yesterday said that the preliminary rules of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, which should be closely followed in the organization of the race. "We are considering the matter as a whole and will shortly send you our suggestions as to details in arrangements, as requested in your letter. We beg to repeat our expressions of hearty cooperation in making the contest a success."

WRIGHT CALLS OCEAN FLIGHT IMPOSSIBLE

Airship Builder Declares No Experienced Aviator Would Try It.

MASSACHUSETTS, Feb. 11.—A transatlantic flight will not be attempted by Orville Wright, it was announced yesterday by the flying machine builder. He said today that such an undertaking is foolhardy and that he would not think of trying it until aeroplanes have become more nearly perfect. "I am not a man who is easily discouraged," he said, "but the conditions for such a trip, and no engine could possibly hold up under the strain of such a long flight," he continued. "Any motor who knows the game will not attempt such a trip."

The Wright company has announced recently several new types of aeroplanes. It has announced, however, that after the most careful consideration, it has decided in favor of the Wrights a greatly increased activity was evident at the Wright factory.

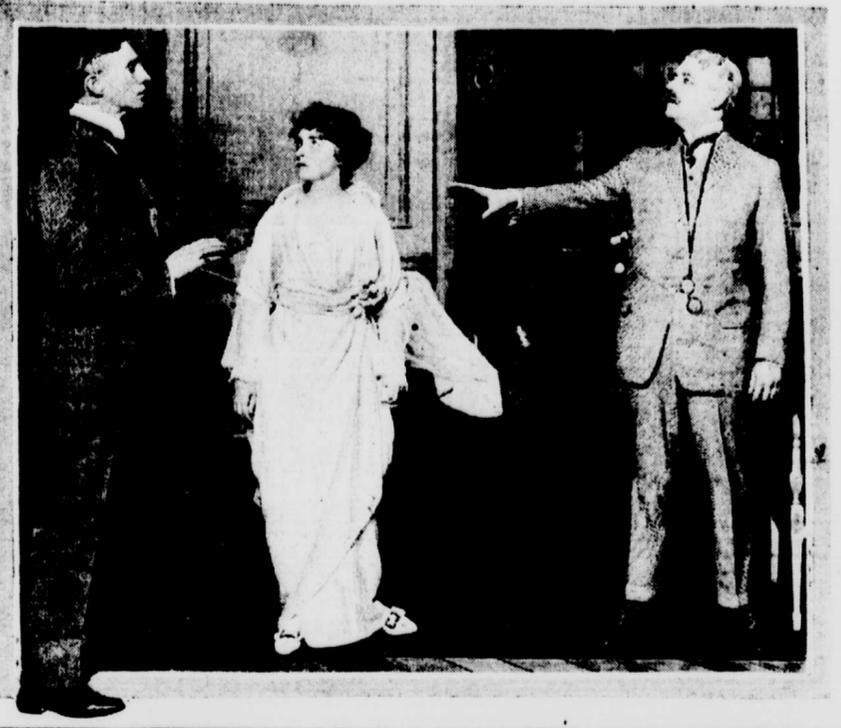
Mr. Wright is not only working on the automatic stabilizer, which was announced some time ago, and for which he was awarded the Collier trophy by the Aero Club of America, but he is also engaged in the development of a motor for use for aeroplane control and in the design and construction of new types of machines for both land and water flying. The new six cylinder Wright motor is reaching a state of perfection and the construction details of machines are being carefully studied with a view to realizing the combination of lightness and strength. Ever since 1903, when the first flights were made in detail, the most important developments in America were made at Washington by Orville Wright. The Wright machines had remained very much the same type, though they have been improved in detail. The first design for the nearly every kind of flying, but the low power required for flight; but now that the company has developed a motor with many features that could not be included on aeroplanes formerly are being taken up.

Several new aeroplanes are nearing completion and show many improvements. They are the most important developments of the aeroplane invented about three years ago by Orville C. Loening of New York, who was with the Wright company. This was considered any other American flying machine. The control levers of the Wright machine have been changed, a new incidence has been put on the wing, and various other improvements for precise flying have been developed. The first degree of precision in expert flying. It has been found that the result of years of experience is being incorporated in the new Wright machines.

It is announced by the Wright company that details of the new machines and instruments will be available in a short time.

Charles Mittern, Lorraine Huling and Charles Richman

In the new play "Help Wanted" at the Maxine Elliott Theatre.



"HELP WANTED" IS OF UNEVEN MERIT

Crude in Style, but Has Some Scenes That Are Amusing.

MELODRAMA OF OLD TYPE

Good Acting by Most of the Characters—A Demure Heroine.

"Help Wanted" at Maxine Elliott's Theatre.

Crane, a bookkeeper, Charles A. Abbe, Jack Scott, Charles Burgess, Gertrude Meyer, Lois Meredith, Josephine Scott, Charles Richman, Sarah Smith, Rosamond O'Keefe, Katherine Williams, Desmond Kelly, Dorothy Williams, Edna Mayo, George Stuart, attorney, John Mittern, Mrs. Smalley, Vivian, Bushmore, Mrs. Meyer, Jessie, Billie, Hollis, a waiter, M. S. Goudine, Mrs. Jerome H. Scott, Katherine Emmet, Josephine Scott, Lorraine Huling.

The play acted last night at the Maxine Elliott Theatre is the work of Jack Lait, a Chicago playwright, and the drama is said to have met with success there. "Help Wanted" is in title the particular kind of help needed was a typewriter, and she was to bring more than one kind of aid and comfort to her wealthy employer. He was a captain of industry, located in New York, according to the programme. He might well be suspected, however, of having close Chicago affiliations. The same quality was noticeable in most of the other characters.

Mr. Lait's play—we really don't feel like calling him Jack any oftener than is necessary—has a villain, a persecuted heroine and a brave young lover. The villain is the successful commercial gentleman who advertises for his typewriters and investigates them comfortably in his own office. The spectators last night saw the process of selecting them. No body was surprised when he picked out the demure little person represented by Lois Meredith. There were various others whom he did not select. It was easy to see why not. The rejected candidates understood just as well why they were not suitable, whether it happened to the one who had always been unlucky in love, or the one who had been unlucky in business. According to the view of "Help Wanted" to stalk their helpless game, to continue what might be more commonly supposed in melodramas in the events. With a wife at home, however, it may be that this man of financial importance had to resort to office hours. At all events he was tolerably adroit in his next selection, as he did to her predecessor; drives her to tears and has to be called off by his quary by the protests of his stepson, who is by way of loving it as well as the father and son are opposed over the girl of their hearts; just as they were in "The Family Cupboard."

Virtue Triumphs, All Right.

Virtue triumphs in the theatre of Theodore Kremer and Jack Lait. So the youthful lover and partner in the business gets the girl. In the first place, her elderly admirer was determinedly opposed, threatened expulsion from the firm and other tragedies. The girl found no sympathy at home, where her mother rebuffed against her voluntary abandonment of a paying guest, when the first opportunity presented itself. The stepson had kept his mouth shut about what he saw. So his mother at home learned nothing of her husband's habits during business hours. It was the magnanimous recognition of this innate nobility of character that made Romeo—elderly—allow the marriage. One of Mr. Kremer's characters could have done no more. There was no settled damage done from his certain fell for the last time, and it was her betrothed, not his father, who had his arm about the waist of the much loved typewriter.

Mr. Lait's fable in slang—all the characters speak a lingo more appalling than their ree-fined conversation—began briskly with a certain freshness of manner that was not too vulgar to be tolerated. The one most impressive scene was so recognized as a no more human figure than the giant in the pantomime, and Mr. Reichman's disheartening artificiality made the good natured ogre who is one hand and distributed alms with the other seem even a little more impossible than he might have been. The action was brisk in the opening act, however, and occasionally the slang hit the bullseye. But of truth to nature or any genuine observation of character,

there was not a trace here, or for that matter anywhere else in the play. The dramatic encounter between the father and son gained some force from the sudden revelation by Mr. Richman of a note of power which was a grateful relief from the half comic, half serious play. None to life than any other part of "Help Wanted" was the view of the hard working mother, who could see no reason why her daughter should give up \$10 a week just because an old man kissed her. Ralph's intelligent acting was here of invaluable assistance to the clever sketch of character—the only real characterization—that the author has provided.

NEW PLAN TO DOWN TICKET AGENCIES

Klaw & Erlanger Believe It Would Put an End to Speculation.

ASK ALL THEATRES' HELP

Require Each Agency to Get Separate License for Every Playhouse.

Klaw & Erlanger, the theatrical managers and producers, who have evinced a lively interest in any legislation or scheme that promised to do away with ticket speculators and agencies, have worked out a new plan which they believe will eliminate speculators, confine the sale of tickets to the box office, and give the public seats at the regular prices. Their counsel, David Gerber of Dittenhofer, Gerber & James, has approved the plan.

The plan is to require every place where tickets are sold to take out a license, not a general license, but a license for each theatre for which the place is licensed. The fact that Klaw & Erlanger manage more than one theatre does not permit them to escape taking out a license for each theatre. They would have the agencies do the same. Speaking of the matter yesterday Marc Klaw said:

"We are advised that the taxing power of the State has authority to license any business, the nature of the license and amount being in the discretion of the Legislature. Every theatre we operate pays a license. Why not have the Legislature direct that any agency selling tickets be licensed for each theatre for each performance? The Legislature could invest the power in the License Bureau of the city.

"We are advised that this could be done legally, and if a license of \$250 were provided for each agency in this town, it would be a license for the city. Each hotel would have to take out forty licenses if it wanted to handle the tickets of forty first class theatres, and you can imagine the public at increased prices. The talk about the price of tickets being now on every ticket, I don't believe that we could pass any law to prevent a man from selling a ticket at an increased price, but license him in the way herein indicated, and it will end the whole trouble.

"Now let us have a showing of hands and see how much sincerity there is in all this effort to abolish ticket speculation. I don't believe there is a first class manager in New York who would not be in favor of this thing, and if he is not sincere let him tell us so."

Klaw & Erlanger have written a letter to Mayor Mitchell embodying this plan. A representative of Lord & Taylor telephoned to the Standard last night that the firm had made arrangements to sell all their tickets at their store. The tickets will be sold at box office prices as a convenience to their patrons. Several managers, it was explained, have signified their willingness to see that Lord & Taylor get good seats to sell. The proposed theatre ticket stand will be a feature in Lord & Taylor's Fifth Avenue store.

William A. Brady, the theatre agent, sent an open letter yesterday to Sylvester Hynes, general manager of R. H. Macy & Co., in which he took exception to the firm's proposal to establish and maintain a ticket agency at its own expense. Mr. Brady warned Mr. Hynes that the ticket traffic was "black with corruption" and would remain that way "if tinkered with upon the basis of a central agency."

Mr. Brady wrote that he was in favor of any plan which would cause the sale of theatre tickets at the theatre box office at box office prices. He pointed out the suggestions that have ever been made toward getting at the bottom of the ticket speculation abuse: the only one promising an actual solution and correction was contained in the proposition that the Board of Aldermen conduct a series of hearings on the subject.

"In this way alone," wrote Mr. Brady, "the public ever learns the inside of what has been going on in the juggling of their amusements and the rottenness and graft that have been rampant in this field of operation. The true story has never been told, and never will be told except under the compulsion of a public inquiry with the power to examine witnesses and punish any who may commit perjury."

NEW BURLESQUE WHEEL IN THEATRICAL WORLD

Columbia Company to Start Second Circuit of 30 Theatres.

The Columbia Amusement Company has arranged to form a second burlesque circuit, consisting of theatres in thirty cities, to be known as Columbia Circuit No. 2, and operated in conjunction with the parent organization.

Theatres have already been acquired for the new circuit as follows: The Murray Hill and Miner's Eighth Avenue in Manhattan; the Star and the Gayety in Brooklyn; Walden's in Newark; the Gayety and a new theatre in Philadelphia, the Halliday Street in Baltimore, the Standard in Cincinnati, the Buckingham in Louisville, the Columbia in Indianapolis, the Standard in St. Louis, the Poly and a new theatre at Sixty-third and Halstead streets in Chicago and theatres which cannot yet be announced in Trenton, Hoboken, Pittsburg, Detroit, Toronto, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Albany, Holyoke, Worcester, Springfield, Bridgeport and Hartford.

The new circuit, or "wheel," as it is known in burlesque circles, which is in operation next season and will be governed by the present officers and board of directors of the major Columbia circuit. Last summer the Columbia circuit acquired its only formidable rival in the burlesque field—the Empire—and the two were merged. By elimination the united circuit was reduced to forty-three theatres. The directors find that even this number is cumbersome, and they have reduced it to thirty-six. Some of the theatres left out in the merger were formed into an independent circuit, known as the "Progressive Wheel."

The reduction in the Columbia wheel will be accomplished by transferring seven of the present Columbia circuit houses, such as the Murray Hill and Miner's Eighth Avenue Theatre in New York, to the newer wheel.

Each theatre of the new circuit means a new burlesque production, since the system of the wheel requires the various acts, burlesques and vaudeville to be played in rotation. Thus next season the Columbia Amusement Company and its members will control sixty-six theatres and sixty-six attractions in the two circuits. The prices at theatres in the new circuit will be less than those in the parent organization, ranging from 10 to 50 cents. In the older circuit the prices are from 10 cents to \$1. The attractions, best adapted to either circuit will be determined upon their respective merits. The Columbia Amusement Company has a board of censorship which inspects all productions and reports upon their fitness. In the future when an attraction in the larger circuit is found to be wanting it will be relegated to the No. 2 circuit and the best production of the latter promoted to its place.

The officers of the Columbia Amusement Company, who have entire charge of the organization of the new circuit, are J. Herbert Mack, president; R. K. Hynick, treasurer; Sam Scribner, secretary and general manager; and Jules Hurlig vice-president.

The company now owns outright its theatres in New York, Baltimore, Chicago, Toronto, Washington, Kansas City, Louisville, Cincinnati and Buffalo.

Edward Levy, who while learning to operate an automobile struck and killed Abraham Frahm, 6 years old, and was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree, was sentenced yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Crane in Brooklyn to ten days imprisonment and a fine of \$250.

INCOME TAX RIDDLES EXPLAINED BY "SUN"

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Trustees. 14—A. H. Am I liable for any income tax on the dividends of which receive as much as \$2,000 annually? Answer—No.

Profits on Stocks. 15—B. D. How much tax should be paid to Government on the following transactions: 1. A man purchased 100 shares of stock in 1912 at \$20 per share. In 1913, he sold it at \$25 and made \$2,000 on the deal. Answer—As United States Steel common was selling just a little above 60 on March 1, 1912, you need not include any of this profit in your income return. In fact, you could deduct a slight amount from your income, representing the difference between the market value of the stock as of March 1 and the price at which you sold it.

Depreciation. 16—F. J. M. What amount can be deducted from the gross return of rentable real estate (tenement property) for depreciation? Answer—No amount is specified. The statute says that a reasonable amount may be deducted. You should make your own estimate, and if not satisfactory it will be reviewed by the collector.

Deductions. 17—J. C. A. My salary and commissions amount to \$2,000. I have to spend \$2,000 amount in making returns. Answer—Yes.

Gifts. 18—H. B. If an income is derived wholly from gifts is it taxable if over \$2,000? Answer—No.

Tax Free Coupons. 19—J. W. Kindly inform officers of railroad bonds whose bonds are free from coupons, how spelled in mortgage and coupons prior to November 1, 1913. Answer—The bonds should be spelled such and such railroad and other corporations assumed the value to bondholders by paying the full face of the normal tax on the income from their bonds. If you are a holder of such bonds, the government or will they consider their bonds as being free from coupons? Answer—No.

Return by Married Men. 20—R. M. A married man's income in 1912 was \$3,000. He asks what he must make the return. In the case above, the income is at the rate of 10 per cent. If he does not make the return, either way he has no tax to pay, but he wants to do the right thing, and return his report. Answer—He should make a return.

Foreign Residents—Dividends. 21—J. H. K. (1) As a foreign resident in this country am I liable to pay the tax on interest I receive from bonds due and invested at 5 per cent in an industrial estate in the United States? (2) As all railroad and other securities to the tax can amount of dividends received be deducted from net income? Answer—(1) You will have to pay the tax if your income is in excess of the legal exemption. (2) Dividends should be included in your gross income if it is necessary for you to make a return, but they may be deducted in figuring your net taxable income.

Accrued Income—Dividends. 22—A. H. F. (1) From what date should one declare one's income from bonds? (2) In the case of coupons, is such income declared the whole amount received as of the date of the coupon, or the date of the coupon received as of the date of the coupon? Answer—(1) The income tax law applies to every person residing in the United States, and is not a citizen thereof. If the person referred to has an income in excess of \$2,000 per annum he should make a return. (2) Yes. Her income being over \$2,500 for 1913 she may make a separate report.

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IDEALLY MATED, SAYS SOTHERN.

Denies Rumor of Infidelity and Shows Wife's Loving Message. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.—E. H. Sothern made public the following telegram today when there was shown to him a clipping from a newspaper intimating that Mrs. Sothern and Mrs. Marlowe, his wife, might part:

"New York, N. Y., Feb. 8. 'E. H. SOTHERN, Helig Theatre, Portland, Ore.—Dear Father: Don't mind that you forgot the telegram. Understand only too well how rushed you are on matinee days. Hope you will not feel too much that long ride to Portland. Best well; you can't. We have never parted half enough in our lives. We must begin now. Love, JULIA.'"

Mr. Sothern said: "I don't care to dignify such unfounded gossip by disputing it. I know, and my wife knows, and our world of personal friends know that it isn't true. Mrs. Sothern and I are ideally mated and marvellously happy. Our minds are perfectly attuned, our life work has been one work, and now that she has been forced to take a rest it is only a question of a year or so until I too shall retire."

Is a Return Required? 24—S. C. P. I am married. My income is \$2,500. Do I render a return? Answer—No.

Income From Dividends. 25—E. P. A. My income is \$1,000 from the 1st of January to the 31st of December. I have received dividends on stocks and bonds. I understand, of such dividends, I should include in my return the amount of such dividends. Is that correct? Answer—(1) For 1912, income which is due and payable within the taxable year should be included as income for that year.

Income Due and Payable. 26—H. B. (1) Interest on notes due January 1, 1914, on which the interest was paid after January 1, 1913, is the interest due for 1913 or 1914? Answer—(1) For 1913, income which is due and payable within the taxable year should be included as income for that year.

Where Return Should Be Filed. 27—H. T. I live in Newark, N. J., but my income is derived from property in New York City. Should I make my return in Newark or in New York City? Answer—You may make a return in either place. The statute states a return shall be made to the collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which such person resides or has his principal place of business."

Income From Dividends Only. 28—C. M. T. Will you inform me if one subject to the normal income tax only need report dividends derived from stock and bonds? Answer—No. If you are a holder of such securities, you should report such dividends as income whatever, need he make any tax return?

Coupons Not Yet Due. 29—E. P. (1) I have arrived at my income tax return for 1913. Some of the bonds I have not yet received. Some of them from a provider that all taxes will be paid. Should I deduct such coupons from my income? Answer—No. If you are a holder of such securities, you should report such dividends as income whatever, need he make any tax return?

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