

CAPITAL THEATRE TO OPEN FRIDAY

New Playhouse at Broadway and 51st Street Has Fine Programme.

MOVIES, MUSIC AND GIRLS

Morris Gest Finally Induces Fokine to Come to U. S. to Stage Dances.

The glad tidings spread through New York town yesterday that the Capitol Theatre, the huge new movie house at Broadway and Fifty-first street, will open on this coming Friday night, and Ben H. Atwell, secretary of the department of publicity, who held back the date of the first night as long as he could, has been given satisfaction from the fact that the news comes as a distinct blow to Broadway.

Edward J. Bowers, managing director, announced that the first feature picture will be Douglas Fairbanks in "His Majesty, the American," and that in addition to the usual scenic, scientific and comedy reels, and music by Fyror's Band on the roof, there will be many other features, with girls bearing the Wayburn stamp of beauty, since the stage director recruited them himself.

In the company of this girl with magnificent attraction, which will be a permanent feature of the undertaking, are Pearl Gray, Mae West, Lucille Chaffee, Marie de Forrest, Paul Frawley, James Foye, and many others, with whom Mr. Wayburn labored patiently. Performances will start at 12:30 P. M., and run continuously until 11:15, with a break for a fifteen-minute intermission. The theatre, as well as the stage, will be given over to clean and ventilate the theatre, as well as evacuate the all day sleepers.

Capital Lacks Enterprise.

The directors of the owning company, the Moredal Realty Corporation, are headed by Messrs. Kendall, lawyer and copper financier, and include William Bowers, large copper operator; George Arnsby, vice-president of the California Packing Corporation and a member of the War Industries Board; Robert W. Chambers, writer; Gen. T. Coleman du Pont, capitalist; George H. Doran, publisher; Frank H. Hitchcock, former Attorney-General, and Edward B. Kane, capitalist. These marriages to Margaret Hingston swept him into the theatre.

The Century Theatre bubbled over with the news yesterday that Morris Gest had just used his best cable persuasion to induce Michael Fokine, creator of the modern Russian ballet, to stage the dances and choreographic scenes for "Aphrodite," and incidentally make his debut in an American custom house. Fokine, a favorite with the late Caesar, and generally regarded as the greatest dancing master in the world, fled to Christiania during the revolution, and has since been teaching the citizens there a new form of Spanish exercise.

Though Fokine trained the Diaghileff ballets which set audiences here on their toes and created "Scheherazade," "Coppelia," "Petrouchka," "Le Cocu de St. Pierre" and other choreographic spectacles, he has refused several offers to come here, until two years of persistent cabling by Mr. Gest finally undermined his will. He will sail with his wife and child from Copenhagen on Sunday next and arrive here ten days later in order to have the copyrights properly agitated in time for the opening of "Aphrodite" on November 24.

Debating societies need no longer discuss that burning question "What is to become of Ed Wynn?" when it is announced, as it is to be, that "Ed Wynn's Carnival of 1920" by B. C. Whitney, who will return with Fred C. Whitney this season to producing for the great American people, Mr. Wynn's musical revue is to be written entirely by the comedian—who has an interest in it—and will pass its first crisis out of the hands of the "Ed Wynn" committee. D. C. on November 3 F. C. Whitney will bid goodnight to a three act comedy which starts one laughing immediately with its title, "Suite 16."

Marjorie to Open Here.

Marjorie Rambeau, announced through an error as opening on Monday in Washington with "The Unknown Woman," will instead, it is solemnly asserted, open there on Sunday next—but one's faith in press agents is now gone forever.

A. H. Woods, having grown tired of staging imaginary farces amid hospital costs, is now back in his office preparing the production of "Ready to Occupy," a new comedy by Edgar Franklin and Ed Harbach, and "The Pearl of Great Price," an allegorical play by Robert McLaughlin, besides trying on new titles for several others.

Edward Locke, author of "The Dancer" at the Harris Theatre, has returned from a week's visit to Gary, Ind., with new material, which will probably be used for a play as soon as he sees how the steel strike ends.

When "The Passing Show of 1919" kicks up its heels for the first time at the Winter Garden to-morrow night it will mean that five Winter Garden productions are at present at large and enjoying their health over this fair land, according to vital statistics furnished by the Shubert archives.

The title of the new Augustus Thomas play, in which Arthur Hopkins will star Wilton Lackaye here next week, had been changed from "Kentuck" to "Palmy Days" before it was too late to change. Sophie Tucker, in accordance with her contract to introduce a new song every week in the McInyre and Heath extravaganza, "Hello Alexander," at the Forty-fourth Street Theatre, has decided this week to put "The End of a Perfect Day" Revised" into the running.

George C. Tyler, asserting that "Clarissa" broke all records last week at the Hudson Theatre or anywhere else for this type of play with a gross return of \$19,248, challenges the world to a catch as catch can contradiction of this statement at any time.

Bessie McCoy Davis, who injured herself through a fall in the "Cameo Song" in the "Greenwich Village Follies" at the Nora Bayes Theatre, will be released from the stage by her ankle not later than Wednesday night, according to the latest time table.

Harry Housford, playing the principal part in "Boys Will Be Boys" at the Belmont Theatre, has been placed under a long term contract by the producers, but insisted on not being starred—which distinguishes him among actors more than being starred would.

NEW WINDSOR IN DISTRESS.

Shipping Board Steamer Loses All but One Propeller Blade.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 21.—The United States Shipping Board steamer New Windsor, operated by the Franco-American Steamship Company of New York, reported by wireless to-day that she was in distress in latitude 47.65 north, longitude 41.20 west, and that the Shipping Board steamer Alicia was proceeding to her assistance.

The New Windsor's propeller has been stripped of all but one blade. She is a twin screw steamer, 4,200 tons gross register, and is bound from Plymouth, England, for New York in ballast.

FANNING'S RECITAL PLEASES AUDIENCE

Barytone Shows Fine Interpretative Ability.

Cecil Fanning, barytone, gave a song recital last evening in Aeolian Hall. This singer is known here, though he has been heard more frequently in Boston and the Middle West. His recitals offer artistic interest.

Mr. Fanning's programme was well designed to give variety of moods and styles. His first song, "The Song of the Sea," was followed by modern French songs. In the list were Loewe's ballad, "Archibald Douglas," and two groups of American songs, including four by Cadman, Beach, Vanderpool and O'Hara, to poems by Mr. Fanning.

The barytone's singing again gave pleasure. In the whole range of his interpretative ability and skill in vocal art, his French group was much liked and a response to the applause he finally added a number. A large audience heard the recital.

EPISCOPALIANS IN ROW OVER PRAYERS

Former Ambassador Page Wins Fight Against Blessing of Graves.

DENVER, Oct. 21.—Possibility of a division in the Protestant Episcopal Church was brought to the attention of the triennial general convention here again to-day during a fight on the floor of the House of Deputies against the acceptance of a prayer for the blessing of graves.

Thomas Nelson Page, former United States Ambassador to Italy, denouncing the adoption of prayers for the dead, swayed the delegates to such an extent that the prayer was rejected. "Before you know it you will find your church divided," he said. "Better be divided than that we be led into paths we know not. The gentlemen of the prayer book revision commission requested no authority to consider anything touching the doctrines of this church."

Mr. Page introduced a resolution questioning the commission as to its authority to touch the church doctrines in its work of revision and asking whether such changes had been made. Outlining a social policy for the church Bishop Brewster of Connecticut, who stood a stand for right and justice everywhere, living wages, the principle of collective bargaining, freedom of the individual worker in the internal management of industry, a weekly rest day, stopping of exploitation of labor of women and children, placing economic on a broader human basis, reorganization of industry which must be an end to autocratic mastership, an end to paternalistic relations of partnership between capital and labor.

The speaker voiced belief that although the industrial conference in Washington might not accomplish that for which it was called, "the trained minds of capital and labor will yet work out a just solution of their problems." In line with this attitude was the adoption of resolutions by the House of Deputies urging capital and labor to accept "the principle of partnership as the business aspect of brotherhood"; and submit all differences to arbitration, and recognize service to the general community rather than individual gain as the primary motive in all endeavor. Another resolution condemned mob violence.

The House of Bishops adopted resolutions asking for an amendment to the national constitution permitting the divorce laws and the appointment of a Congressional committee to inquire into the alleged evil influence of certain types of motion pictures. Bishop E. V. Shaylor of Nebraska made the claim that the Omaha race riots were caused in part by improper motion pictures. The convention nominated as trustees of the General Theological Seminary in New York the following: Bishops A. French Harding of Washington, Anderson of Chicago, Israel of Erie, Davies of western Massachusetts, Benjamin Brewster of Maine and Whitehead of Pittsburgh.

WALES GETS HOLIDAY FOR CO-ED COLLEGE

Knocks Curriculum Topsy-Turvy at Guelph, Ont.

GUELPH, Ont., Oct. 21.—The Prince of Wales knocked the curriculum at Ontario Agricultural College topsy-turvy to-day by obtaining a holiday for the entire student body, who turned out to welcome him to Guelph.

When the royal visitor entered the main building to the chorus of "Johnnie in Town" by and girl students raised a shout of "We want a holiday." They got it, for after the Prince had conferred with the college head he called out: "I've fixed it."

When the reception began. After inspecting products of the college farm the Prince fraternized with students and instructors, posing to be "snapped" with them. He then attended a luncheon in the girls' dining hall.

A crowded itinerary prevented the Prince from paying a formal visit to Kitchener, but he received a royal welcome when he appeared on the rear platform of his train. He was received with a roar of factory whistles and cheers from thousands, who climbed to the roofs of freight cars to catch sight of him.

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NEW SOCIETY TO AID BLACKBALLED ART

40 Artists Unite to Give Chance to 13 Rejected by Academy of Design.

RADICAL? NO, SAYS LIE

But It Will Let Loose Full Force of Discovery in Pen Crayon Progress.

Forty-nine artists who thought the National Academy of Design was getting too clubby have formed the Society of American Painters, Sculptors and "Gravers in order to give thirteen young artists an opportunity to attract some public notice. The academy refused membership to the thirteen because they were "progressive." Jonas Lie, who announced the formation of the new society, is in good standing in the academy and was careful to say that no actual split has taken place. No resignations from the academy are contemplated, although most of the members of the new organization are academicians.

The society is going to hammer home its views on art by a public exhibition of every member's work at a Fifth avenue gallery November 1, afterward sending the exhibition on tour. Mr. Lie, when asked whether the new organization might be termed radical, raised his hands in horror at the suggestion. He insisted that these artists could not be called radicals in art or in any other respect. The point was that they represented shades of new thought, and the academy fathers had not approved of the shades, that was all there was to it. Mr. Lie did not hesitate to invoke the word conservative to refer to the academicians who threw out the thirteen brethren.

While on the subject of shades Mr. Lie stated that allied with the cause of the blackballed thirteen was the vital matter of pastel and black and white drawings. The old heads of the academy have been negligent in recognizing the worth of crayon and pen work, he said, and in the coming exhibition this prejudice will be put under the skin of the shoe. One thing the new society will stand for is independence and tolerance, and every worthy artist, whether he prefers pastel or even the much stigmatized watercolor, will have free rein in the new circle of friends.

According to Mr. Lie among the thirteen hounded at the academy gates were Rockwell Kent, Guy Pene du Bois, Samuel Halpert, George Laise, Boardman Robinson and Maurice Prendergast. Mrs. H. P. Whitney, although not a member of the academy, has cast her lot with the new society, and the academicians who have joined include among others Paul Bartlett, James E. Fraser, Childs Hasaam, Paul Manship, Ernest Lawson, Joseph Pennell, Elmer Scofield, Eugene Speicher, Edmund Tarbell, Emil Carlsen, Paul Dougherty, Charles Grafey, Gilford Beal, Bryson Burroughs, Timothy Cole, A. Stirling Calder, Andrew O'Connor, George Bellows and John Flannagan.

Traditions and red tape are to go by the board in the new society the boards of the academicians notwithstanding. In fact it intends to let loose the full force of its discoveries in art and build a reputation with a new school.

SARGENT PORTRAIT FOR \$500.

Study by Great Painter in Wendell Collection Is Sold.

A portrait study of Sir Henry Irving by John Singer Sargent led the prices in the sale of portraits and prints yesterday from the Evert Jansen Wendell collection at the American Art Association. It was sold to a buyer represented by A. Swann, agent, for \$500. Sir Henry, whose head only figured in the sketch, posed in the character of "Friar John."

N. J. Kain gave \$400 for a painting of Susan Johnston, an English actress. This portrait belonged to Lester Wallack for many years. G. F. Hartmann paid \$100 for No. 4815, a painting of Abraham Lincoln's death scene; F. A. Lauer bought No. 4838, a portrait of Edwin Forrest, for \$105, and No. 4883, a set of

small sketches, for \$115; G. D. Smith paid \$130 for No. 4853, a portrait of Edmund Keen, signed J. Opie. No. 4855, a portrait of Fanny Kemble, went to G. F. Hartmann. The total for the sale now amounts to \$28,632.75. The auction continues to-day.

CORNELL GETS \$500,000.

First Day of Drive Brings in Tenth of Total.

More than \$500,000, or one-tenth of the sum Cornell alumni are seeking as an endowment fund to increase professors' salaries, was pledged on the first day of the drive, it was announced last night by J. Du Pratt White, chairman of the campaign committee. Pledges were received from Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburg, St. Louis and Youngstown. The campaign in New York city and vicinity will get under way to-morrow.

Jacob Gould Schurman, president of the university, yesterday notified the alumni that a similar sum is urgently required for plant and equipment.

HARVARD FUND \$7,000,000.

Boston Leads New York by Nearly \$300,000.

The Harvard endowment fund drive reached \$7,256,434 last night, with Boston leading this city by nearly \$300,000. The late reports gave Boston a total of \$2,922,768, New York \$2,638,946 and the rest of the country \$1,693,720. Eliot Wadsworth, joint chairman of the drive, will meet the Crimson Squadron to-morrow at the Harvard Club to outline the plans for the remainder of the campaign. The squadron has accounted for \$2,021,771 of New York's total.

Among the subscribers yesterday were Richard Whitney, \$5,000; Owen Winston, \$2,500; Edward Robinson, \$1,000; Max L. Sand, \$500; Lawrence B. Roestbach, \$500; L. F. Jacobs, \$375, and Robert Wheelwright, \$300.

N. Y. Man Buys Tiffany Estate.

Special Despatch to Tax Sec.

GREENWICH, Conn., Oct. 21.—The Henry D. Tiffany estate in Portchester, N. Y., held at \$15,000, has been sold to David Grafz, a member of the firm of Grafz, Baer & Grafz, East Twenty-sixth street, New York, who will soon occupy it.

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