

AT THE THEATERS LAST NIGHT

NATIONAL

"What's Wrong."
The new comedy by Frederick Ballard, which was given its initial presentation at the New National Theater last night by David Belasco, has the evasive title, "What's Wrong," which resolves itself into an interrogatory phrase before the conclusion of the play, turning, however, into a possible answer, for the little play is a blithely exaggerated, stoney comedy whose dreary repetition of subject matter goes round in a circle with infinite tedium.

The story told is of one George Smith, a New York business man, suffering from acute "Americantitis" (the author's coinage, meaning an exaggerated attack of overwork), who drives every one to his employ to the point of rebellion, ignoring the friendly appeal of his friend, Perry Dodge, to take a little time for social intercourse and bringing himself to the point of nervous prostration before Jennie Brown, his self-appointed guardian, brings him to a simultaneous realization of his condition, whereupon his mad and futile rush and his love for her.

Two acts ended.
Act three finds George Smith and Jennie Brown married, comfortably settled in a home of their own in the suburbs, with the acquisition of a baby and the birth of a normal life for Brown. Enter friend Perry and his young wife, who are living a while in Seattle, where the erstwhile champion of the simple life has acquired "Americantitis," whereupon the tables are turned, and with the aid of a metronome, Brown teaches Perry to slow down.

Doesn't sound very exciting, does it? Well, it isn't. Just a drab little story, beautifully staged, with the effect of a play presented by a cast which lends genuine capability to a futile effort to make the play ring true.
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POLYS.

"Bought and Paid For."
It is the comedy in "Bought and Paid For" that has made it the popular drama. It is its claim as a serious drama, however, appealed so strongly to a Hebrew clergyman in New York that he delivered a sermon upon it, and certain it seems that George Broadhurst in writing it must have drawn some ideas from two of the big plays by the great French social dramatist, who in "The Three Daughters of Monsieur Dupont" discussed the gross immorality of marriage without love as a solution for a girl's financial problems, and in "Maternity" denied the husband's right to possession of his wife against her will, even though she were "bought and paid for."

Virginia Blaine, in the Broadway play, was overpersuaded to marry Robert Stafford and his millions. She drew to love him in spite of his occasional intolerance, but found herself at length revolting from him and unable to protest herself against him, nearly all the time, in the matter of a fast pluck in leaving him, to face poverty and hard work after three years of luxury, have a strong moral and social element in the public's liking for the play as the excellent comedy furnished by Jimmy Gilley, which gives to the play a new interest and importance. It should be said, however, is a very legitimately funny character, who creates laughs and amuses the audience by his stage without becoming extraneous to the situation, and it is, in fact, to one of his "great ideas" that Virginia owes the character of her troubles.

It was a foregone conclusion that the Polys Players would give a good performance of "Bought and Paid For," and, in fact, they have apparently lost upon a somewhat rabid audience last night, in deserving of great admiration and praise. Dudley Hawley, too, as Jimmy Gilley, has given to the play a new interest and importance. It should be said, however, is a very legitimately funny character, who creates laughs and amuses the audience by his stage without becoming extraneous to the situation, and it is, in fact, to one of his "great ideas" that Virginia owes the character of her troubles.

BELASCO.

Maak and Wig Club in "The Royal Arms."
The most gorgeous and brilliant of the Maak and Wig Club's annual musical entertainments, "Royal Arms," opened at the Belasco Theater last night and received the enthusiastic endorsement of a distinguished audience with society largely represented. None of the University of Pennsylvania boys' previous twenty-five productions have contained such a lot of delightful features, tuneful airs, and sprightly dances, and there wasn't a dull or idle moment from start to finish.

For a while there seemed to be imminent danger of a plot, but the narrative got so wound up in its own back-braided that it finally disappeared from view in dizzy desperation. It related the incidents of a trip abroad taken by a comedy Chicago merchant (J. B. French) with a beautiful daughter and adopted niece, who has quite a romantic history.

R. G. Morris, the long-time leading lady of the club, made the maximum and danced with grace and spirit. W. M. Wright was a convincing Russian adventurer, in search of a rich husband to support his family. The 300 young "girls" and dashing young men in the chorus, as always, rightfully received the greatest applause. They displayed nearly all the attributes of an ideal professional aggregation, were comely, well trained, fresh toned, and were their many ravishing gowns as if the master hand of a designer. Dance was a most delightful club affair, introducing colored wigs of the latest fashion, a "Land Where the Cotton Grows" which showed the maximum and a colorful carnival dance divinely.

JEWISH WOMEN HOLD ELECTION

Mrs. Adolph Kahn Chosen President of Washington Alliance.
The annual business meeting of the Washington Alliance of Jewish Women was held in the vestry of the Eighth Street Temple last night. After the reports of officers and chairmen, the election of officers was held, with the following result: Mrs. Adolph Kahn, president; Mrs. Alexander Wolf, first vice president; Mrs. Isaac Neuman, treasurer; Mrs. Rudolf Behrend, recording secretary; Mrs. Samuel B. Pack, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Joseph Abel, auditor. Directors for the alliance were elected as follows: Mrs. Leon Adler, Mrs. Sam Ganas, Mrs. Sidney Guggenheimer, Mrs. Max E. Kahn, Mrs. Simon Oppenheimer, Mrs. Abram Simon, Mrs. Myra Steiner, Mrs. Milton Straubinger, and Mrs. David Straus.

NEWARK POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Newark, N. J., May 4.—The outer and inner doors of the vault in the new \$5,000 postoffice were forced with \$5,000 during the night by yegmen and \$1,300 worth of stamps taken.

\$45,000,000 DEFICIT FACING JOHN BULL

Chancellor Lloyd-George Tells Commons Income Tax Must Be Raised to Meet Sum.
LABOR WILL NOT SUFFER
London, May 4.—A deficit of \$45,000,000 faces the British government, according to an announcement made by David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, when he introduced the annual budget in the House of Commons this afternoon. One of the means suggested to make up the deficit was an increase in the income tax. The tax on incomes up to £5,000 shall remain unchanged, according to the chancellor's scheme, with the following accounts imposed on larger accounts: £5,000 to £7,500, 21 cents on every \$; £7,500 to \$10,000, 24 cents; \$10,000 to \$12,500, 28 cents; \$12,500 to \$15,000, 32 cents. Taxation on unearned income, such as dividends, was placed at 32 cents on every \$.

MISS DOROTHY PEAKE, who will entertain shoppers in music room of Hecht & Co. this morning and afternoon.



FAMOUS DANCERS WILL PERFORM AT HECHT'S

Miss Dorothy Peake, Pupil of Maurice, and Charles Morgan to Give Shoppers Treat Today.
Miss Dorothy Peake, a pupil of the famed Maurice and Charles Morgan, will give a special exhibition of modern dances today at the establishment of Hecht & Co. There will be two exhibitions—at 11 o'clock and at 3:30 o'clock.

PRESIDENT MAPS OUT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Mr. Wilson and Underwood Believe Session May End June 1 Unless Mexican Crisis Prohibits.

FOUR IMPORTANT BILLS YET

Under a conference with Majority Leader Underwood at the White House yesterday, President Wilson fixed upon the administration's legislative program for the remainder of the present session of Congress. Both he and Mr. Underwood are confident that unless the Mexican situation monopolizes the attention of Congress too greatly, adjournment will be practicable by July.

WOMAN ADVOCATES MEN'S CLUBS

The need of men's clubs in Alaska was emphasized last night by Miss Florence Landon, a visitor from that country, in an address at St. John's Parish Hall. The speaker said saloons with poolrooms are so thick in the green rooms, that they have come to men men establish clubs where they can do their drinking and pool playing on a more moderate plan, if they are to be able to enjoy the pleasures of the apices of Bishop Alfred Harding.

\$300 FOR G. W. U. ATHLETES.

Benefit at Columbia Theater Wipes Out Debt at University.
The faculty, student body and friends of George Washington University turned out en masse last night at the benefit given at the Columbia Theater in the interests of athletics at the institution. "Bunty Pulls the Strings" was presented by the Columbia Players.

TOLLS DEBATE LIMIT UNDECIDED IN SENATE

Optimistic Members Believe May 16 Will End Speeches—Others Think Time Will Be Later.

MANY ADDRESSES SCHEDULED

There is a wide divergence of opinion among the Senate leaders as to how long will be required for debate on the Panama Canal tolls repeal bill. The more optimistic predict that the debate will end by May 16. Others predict that it will run along for most of the month. Senator Townsend, of Michigan, was the only speaker yesterday, but other speeches are scheduled for the rest of the week. Senator Bradley, Senator Stone, and others have given notice of speeches. Senator Bristow will speak Wednesday, and Senator O'Grorman Thursday.

ADDRESS GRADUATING CLASS

Faculty Speaks at Reception of Washington College of Law.
Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, honorary dean of the Washington College of Law, Miss Emma M. Gillet, dean, and M. I. Weller, delivered addresses at a reception Saturday evening to the graduating class of the school at the home of Miss Florence Etheridge, 29 A street southeast.

Ever Hear of Such Things?

Lantern, N. Y., May 4.—Hearing groans in a wood, Albert Knoulet investigated. A highwayman knocked him down and stole \$17.

Chicago, May 4.—After making every prisoner promise to be good and not get into mischief, Judge J. M. Edwards at the county jail locked the cell doors, turned out the lights and attended a banquet to Sheriff Michael Zimmer in the Congress Hotel.

In the west end of London there are scores of hard workers whose incomes range from £200 to £400 a year from tips alone.

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MARYLAND ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

Mayors Chosen in Hyattsville, Md., Rainier, and Capitol Heights—Commissioners in Bladensburg.
Hyattsville, Md., May 4.—Mayors were elected in Hyattsville, Mount Rainier, and Capitol Heights, and commissioners in Bladensburg today. Capt. O. A. Greager was elected mayor of Hyattsville without opposition, receiving 56 votes; Dr. Guy W. Latimer, councilman from First ward, Edward Devin, councilman from Second ward, and John J. Holden from the Third ward. Mayor Greager serves one year and the councilmen two years each.

Councilmen Latimer and Holden were re-elected and Councilman Devin took the place of Councilman Albert H. Clark. W. A. Shepherd, the incumbent, was elected town treasurer for two years. He had no opposition in Mount Rainier.

William H. Venneman, the present mayor of Capitol Heights, was defeated by Fred E. Weber, a book binder at the Government Printing Office, by a vote of 14 to 10. J. M. Ernest was elected councilman from the Second ward, defeating D. M. Biddle, and David Laine was elected in the Third ward.

Albert L. Emore defeated Michael Lightbown by 5 votes in Capitol Heights. Luman J. Lauchon was elected mayor, and succeeds Charles Steiner, who resigned re-nomination. Rufus P. Gibbs, Morris N. Eacker, and John Cahill were elected councilmen-at-large in Bladensburg.

The following commissioners were elected: Milton Dunbar, Milton J. Payne, Marion Constantine, J. M. Haynes, and A. H. Dabier. This is the old board, with the exception of Francis Gosh, who has served continuously for over forty years. Mr. Gosh's health precluded the possibility of his continuing in office.

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CASINO.

Polo teams representing Ireland and Scotland, furnished by the International Polo Players, are thrilling Casino audiences this week with genuine and exciting polo on bicycles. The contest is waged in earnest and develops considerable skill and fine playing as the bicycle wheels alone are used in forcing the ball to the goals.
The bill opens with the noted "Roundup" Johnson in his remarkable feat of posing and rebelling from tight wire and web netting. Burns and Acker keep the audience laughing heartily with "A Raw Recruit," which offers opportunity for the introduction of some good songs, notably "Salute the Flag."
Friedlander and Clark make much merriment as the actresses and the "Tutch" Johnnie, and wind up with a laughable tangle of the eccentric type. The Perry Sisters, with stereopticon pictures, present a spickeen plot race with laughable features and a thrilling finish.
Last night the surprise party, an added feature, had its friends in large numbers. Footlight and toner, and conclude with what will take its place. Film features are shown at every performance.

CRANDALL'S.

The lovers of good photoplays were well pleased yesterday when "Between Beans and Tines" was presented as the main feature at Crandall's Theater. Coming from the pen of George Klein this photo-drama tells a dramatic story of jungle life, in which Mr. Klein has combined natural history with dramatic situations, presenting one of the greatest wild animal productions ever shown. The scenes are laid in Rome, Italy, and California, the cast being ably supported by soldiers, sailors, and natives.
Anthony Novak and Marie Hesperia have the title roles. This feature again will be the principal attraction at Crandall's today. Wednesday and Thursday the main photoplay will be "The Riders of Peterham," a Vitagraph masterpiece which tells the story of a young hero thwarting the plan of his guardian to rob him of his inheritance. Friday and Saturday the feature will be "Goodness Gracious," or "Movies as they shouldn't be," direct from a run of 250 times at the Vitagraph Theater, New York City.

COSMOS.

"Joe Maxwell's Players," in their tense dramatic playlet, "The Stool Pigeon," by Carrington Phelps, have a thrilling story of the underworld that bears a strong likeness to a tense incident in a big play at the Cosmos Theater this week. The story tells of how a Bovey girl, employed by the police to trap a lover into confessing a murder and then aided him to escape the clutches of the law, later, after she has committed the lesser crime which established a perfect alibi. The sketch is well put together, and the company of five players, headed by Elizabeth Hays, and George G. Roberts, as her cool lover, cleverly impersonate their roles and evoke the incidents.
Campbell, in "Almost a Soldier," got the audience laughing when they came on the stage and had to respond to several curtain calls after they had finished with their amusing comedy, new and clever songs and laughable backtalk. The Baldwin, dance exponent in the latest variations of the society dancing fads, are exceptionally clever, while the Primrose Four, a quartet from Primrose and Dockstader's Minstrels, are well and conclude with their famous "country band imitation. Other numbers include Calvin Clarke in "Blackface songs" and Clark and Roberts, in pleasing musical selections. The Path pictures show some of the warships starting for Mexico and photoplays conclude the bill.

VIRGINIA.

The Hearst-Selig War Pictorial played to crowded houses at the Virginia Theater yesterday. Today "The Masked Mystery," a thrilling detective story of the underworld, and "The Child Redeemer," a spectacular film, featuring the beasts of the jungle, on Wednesday. "Sissy" Loftus in "A Lady of Quality," Thursday and Friday; "Zingoy War in the Clouds," Sunday, are some other excellent up-to-the-minute pictures for a discriminating public.

A German economist, Prof. Wolf, estimates that by 1920, if the present tendency continues, Germany's birth rate will be the lowest in Europe. The Supreme Court of Panama has sustained a recent law whereby the government reserves ownership in metal mines and deposits of coal and oil.