

"MERELY MARY ANN" ATTRACTION AT POLI'S NEXT WEEK



DRAMATIC SCENE FROM "MERELY MARY ANN"

"Merely Mary Ann," Israel Zangwell's most famous play will undoubtedly cause a furore when it is presented at Poli's next week. Mr. Zangwell's famous comedy-drama had a most phenomenal run in New York and was seen for five consecutive months at the Duke of York's theatre, in London.

CHILDREN WHO WORK

A Year's Progress Recorded by the National Child Labor Committee.

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A year's work in dealing with children who work for a livelihood has just been rounded out by the spring meeting of the trustees of the National Child Labor Committee.

It has been a year of legislative struggle with Federal, State and local authorities, and a year of persistent effort to secure laws to protect them from mines and factories.

For several years these efforts have met with failure, or when laws have been enacted they have proven defective in certain technical features as to meet their death at the hands of the courts.

This year the general child labor law and the mining law were radically changed, the most important gain being a provision requiring adequate proof of age of children seeking employment and the issuance of certificates by the school authorities.

A vigorous effort was made to eliminate night work among children, but this was again defeated through the influence of the glass manufacturers who defeated bills to the same effect in Indiana, West Virginia and New Jersey.

This influence of special industries appeared also in other legislative campaigns. In Michigan the law restricting night work permits the exemption of canning factories, telegraph companies and as messengers in the United States Postal Service.

Delaware exempts from the prohibition of night work factories engaged in canning fruits and vegetables and basket factories, presumably because of the perishable nature of their product.

In New York it was hoped that the revelations made two years ago of conditions in many canning factories and schools would result in legislation protecting little children from such exploitation. It was found impossible, however, to combat successfully the powerful influence of the canners, and for another year children of very tender years will continue under the unsanitary and excessively exacting conditions prevailing in their establishments.

But in New York two important laws were enacted, one incorporating the law of Massachusetts which forbids to children under sixteen years of age, the other strengthening the hands of the Commissioner of Labor in appointing inspectors of the mercantile employees' law.

To the list of States forbidding employment at night of children under sixteen years of age, the new laws add Delaware, Kansas, North Dakota and Oklahoma.

Michigan extends protection against night work to girls under eighteen years of age, and limits the hours of work to fifty-four in a week for all women and for males under eighteen, requires more rigid proof of age of children seeking employment, and ability to read and write English.

Experience is teaching us, insisting on efficient factory inspection and patching up weak laws to make them enforceable is quite as important as securing higher age limits and stricter limitation of hours. It was upon the effort to correct fatal defects as to proof of age in the Pennsylvania law that general interest centered. The same was true in Iowa, where experience has shown the impossibility of enforcing the law in default of age proof, and the new law has set up the standard provisions for proof of age. In South Carolina the law which has been practically a dead letter, given promise of becoming effective through an amendment providing for the employment of two factory inspectors.

Already the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries has issued a series of blank forms for the use of these inspectors and announces his determination to see that the law is enforced. He interprets the law as authorizing his inspectors to report all children under the legal age found in factories during their hours of operation, unless prima facie evidence of illegal employment.

In Delaware quite as important as the limitation of hours is the abolition of night work already noted, are sections giving the factory inspector authority to enter and inspect the establishments under his supervision and the provision requiring ability to read and write English before applicants may receive employment certificates.

and was seen for five consecutive months at the Duke of York's theatre, in London. Miss Alice Fleming will have the title role. Miss Fleming is thoroughly conversant with the part. The play will be especially staged and

PEOPLE'S FORUM

RELATIVE TO CATS, DOGS AND BREAD

To the Editor of the Farmer: Sir—Having been a constant reader of your valuable paper for 10 years and knowing your kind and unselfish any communication which in your judgment seems reasonable, I appeal to the public through your paper for the abolition of the pernicious practice of leaving bread stuffs in doorways of stores in the early morning hours, by bakers or storekeepers, without covering of any kind whatsoever, and no protection from the weather, nor from cats or dogs.

I am a great lover of good old-fashioned home made bread, but there are times nevertheless when I am compelled to buy baker's bread and such being the case I can scarcely resist it under the circumstances.

Now in this age of germs, bacteria, anti-typhoid and anti-typhoid, it must appeal to all fair minded people as being a filthy practice and should be abolished, and again it shows but small consideration for those whose constant efforts are for the well-being of their fellowman.

Trusting I have not encroached too much on your valuable time and hoping to see this matter agitated, I sign myself

"CONSTANT READER."

CALL FOR HELP FOR VICTIMS OF TURKISH MISRULE

To the Editor of the Farmer: Sir—For the sake of the thousands of suffering people in Armenia, the Bridgeport Pastors' Association wishes to invite, through the columns of the Farmer, all the good people of Bridgeport, whether belonging to any of the churches or not, to gather in the mass meeting to be held at 3:30 Sunday afternoon in the First Methodist church.

Advices received this week show that the losses and suffering resulting from the recent horrible massacre of Christian people by the Turks are worse in some respects than previous reports had stated. The need of relief is great and urgent. Many men are left alive at Missis, Humidieh, Osmanieh, and other towns in the province of Cilicia. All Christian homes in Adana have been burned, while those who are still alive are afraid to leave their places of refuge.

Hundreds are sleeping out in the fields. Twenty-five thousand refugees are in dire want in other districts. Hon. Edward W. Marsh, president of the People's Savings Bank, has consented to act as treasurer of the relief fund, and contributions may be sent to him. All monies received will be placed in his hands and forwarded direct to the Armenian sufferers through Dr. C. C. Cregan of New York, secretary of the American board.

The meeting is to be held in the spacious and centrally located building of the First Methodist church, as this has been generously donated for the purpose, and the committee wish to avoid using any part of the relief fund for even such expenses as are incident to meeting in a theatre. The program will begin promptly at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. Music will be furnished by a quartette consisting of Miss Thuck, Mrs. Mertens, Mr. Curries and Mr. Hubbard, under the direction of Harry H. Whitaker. Frederick Brown, cornetist, will play.

Rev. M. G. Papazian, minister of the Armenian church in New York city, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Papazian is a very interesting speaker, and a man of much ability. He is a Yale graduate, and uses excellent English. For several years he was pastor of a church of 2,000 members in Antab, Turkey, and knows thoroughly both the people and their condition.

HENRY A. DAVENPORT, W. SEYMOUR LACY, GERALD H. BEARD, Committee.

COMPROMISE OVER EXPRESS BUSINESS

(Special from United Press.) New Haven, June 5.—Negotiations looking toward a compromise were begun to-day by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company in connection with the recent break in the Adams Express Company over a question involving several million dollars claimed by the railroad to be overdue and unpaid on transportation contracts. Recently officials of the New Haven railroad incorporated the Consolidated Express Company and it was predicted that the Adams Company would be ousted from the road. However, action by the railroad officials to-day indicates that an amicable settlement is desired on both sides.

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LIVED IN NEW BRITAIN. (Special from United Press.) New Britain, June 5.—William Parker Bonbright, who was drowned yesterday at Atlantic City while bathing, was a graduate of Harvard and was well known here where he was connected with the firm of Russell & Irwin. He was a resident of Haverford, Pa., and was a member of the class of '04, Harvard.

STRIKING MATTERS

REJECT PROPOSITION. Danbury, June 5.—The executive council of the United Hatters by its decision to reject the proposition submitted by Rev. J. D. Kennedy of St. Joseph's Catholic Church that the strikers return to work for period of ninety days pending arbitration of the points in dispute has to-day left the prospect of a settlement more distant than ever. The proposal was to allow the factories to run an open shop during the period of arbitration and to this the strikers refused to consent.

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Big loose Automobile Coats are of heavy ribbed Bengaline, ecru in color, with huge buttons of the same cloth. Very stylish and serviceable.

There are Knitted Slippers for boudoir use, made of mercerized cotton, as lustrous as silk. In fact they are mistaken for silk. Pale pink or blue are the favorite shades, and the inside sole is of quilted satin to match. Fine for warm weather, these pretty slippers. Found at the Art Section, third floor.

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