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## Amusements

## POLI THEATRE

Hardeen, the mystery sensation of two hemispheres and justly termed "the handout king" opens a special week's engagement at Poli's this afternoon as the headliner on an all-featured bill. Hardeen's performance is one that can be seen repeatedly for it is ever new. Accepting as he does challenges to free himself from all sorts of restraining devices, his audience bring to him daily the ground-work for new acts. In addition to the presentation of his own repertoire of death-defying deeds, Hardeen will free himself from any handcuffs, shackles, straight-jackets or other instrument of torture that the audience may present.

Supporting Hardeen for the first half of the week—the show with the exception of Hardeen's closing "Thursday" will be the following features: Frances Nordstrom, formerly leading lady with the Poli Players here and the author of many successful vaudeville plays, in a new comedy written by herself, called "All Wrong." Brown, Delmar and Brown in the popular skit "On the Docks;" Chas. and Adelaide Wilson, the messenger boy and the scab, in a witty offering; Hazel Kirke and company, presenting a new brand of the popular "rathskeller" offerings; and the marvellous Sherons, presenting a highly entertaining comedy acrobatic offering.

The feature photoplay is a five-part filmation of the great dramatic success "The Walls of Jericho." The picturization is said to be fully as interesting as the stage production, and features in one of the stellar roles that eminent actor, Edmund Brosses. Mr. Brosses is the last of "The Master Mind" and is supported in "The Walls of Jericho" by a most adequate cast.

## PLAZA THEATRE

"Dough and Dynamite," the screamingly funny two reel Keystone comedy with Charles Chaplin, the funny, imitable "drunk" of Keystone fame in the leading role and supported by Chester Conklin, another pioneer laugh-creator, has been booked for a return engagement as a special added attraction for the first half of the current week. "Dough and Dynamite" will surely be delighted for they have sent in many requests for this picture during the past two months. Charlie and Chester undertake to do the baking of the dough, while the regular bakers had gone on strike and when it is borne in mind that neither has ever before handled a kneading board, the incidents that follow their efforts to prepare the dough for the ovens, one might imagine it likely to sour his or her appetite for their morning repast of rolls and coffee, but such is not the case, for Charlie and Chester are purely farcical. There is no time for anything but continuous laughter.

George Chase's latest and most pretentious musical comedy in condensed form, "Miss U. S. A." has been secured to head the vaudeville end of the bill and a real big headliner it is. "Miss U. S. A." is staged in two scenes, contains a cast of nine people and put over with a snap and dash that brands it as one of the finest abbreviated musical comedies of the theatrical season. Pretty, shapely witty girls in gaudy costumes and elaborate settings. The act is an ideal one from every viewpoint and should prove a big drawing card at the Plaza this week.

The Bison City Four, recognized as one of the cleverest comedy singing acts in polite vaudeville to-day will have an important spot to fill. Ed. Lindeman, late of "Honey Boy Evans" and who has been heard singing, singing and talking offering in "Burnt Cork;" Fennell & Tyson in a refined and highly entertaining singing, talking and dancing fantasy of the first water and "The Musical Remains in a novel musical skit complete the vaudeville numbers.

"Hoogan's Musky Job," another Keystone comedy, "The Saving" is a two reel drama and "Check No. 30," compose the photoplays.

## LYRIC THEATRE

The "World and His Wife," Chas. F. Nirdlinger's most famous play, will open at the Lyric tonight. Manager Calahan is giving his patrons only the best Broadway productions. This wonderful play is presented at the Lyric Theatre in New York for an entire season. Mr. Sherman has appeared in Mr. Faversham's part in New York, Washington and Baltimore and received the greatest praise from both press and public. Miss Jackson and the entire company will be seen in the cast. The public is assured of a beautiful production.

The fact that Manager Calahan has been able to secure the acting rights for this play for Bridgeport speaks well for his enterprise in striving to give the patrons of the Lyric the finest plays obtainable in the New York market.

## MARIE DORO IN PICTURES.

Marie Doro, one of America's most versatile actresses, will be seen at the Empire theatre today and tomorrow in a film version of her greatest success, "The Morals of Marcus" produced by the Famous Player company in five acts.

This excellent play which met with such success in New York, Boston and Chicago was written by William J. Locke and reports state that the film version is even better than the legitimate production due to the fact that the details that could only be spoken of on the stage are shown in the pictures.

The story is one that will entertain the most fastidious, dealing with the escape of Carlotta from a Persian Harem where she has been placed by Turkish soldiers after taking her captive upon the death of her father, a former vice-consul from England. The story is replete with thrilling situations that are highly entertaining.

Miss Doro is supported by an all star cast of players including Eugene Ormonde, Ida Darling, Julian L. Elmer, George E. Stone, and others. The production has been staged in an elaborate manner. Together with the excellent photography throughout, the superb acting of the principals and the elaborate scenic effects introduced, the photoplay goes with all agree that this feature is truly a masterpiece of the Silent Drama. A number of other multiple and single reel subjects will round out an altogether

## BRYAN, DEFENDING POLICY OF UNITED STATES, DENIES UNFAIRNESS TO GERMANS

Remarkable Letter to Senator Stone Answers Criticisms That Government Has Shown Favoritism Toward Allies Since War Began.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The most unusual document yet issued by this Government as a result of the war was made public yesterday by Secretary Bryan.

It is in the form of a 6,000 word letter to Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and is a detailed defence of the Administration against charges repeatedly made by Germans and other sympathizers that this Government is favoring the Allies.

The letter amounts to a statement of this Government's policy on virtually all issues growing out of the war and involving the United States. The action of the Administration at every point of contact with the war has been construed by German sympathizers as unfriendly to their cause and the letter is an attempt to answer specifically all the charges of unfairness.

All the controversies regarding shipping questions, purchase of war supplies, control of communications and other features are discussed in the document and statements are made to prove the absolute neutrality and impartiality of this Government under the accepted rules of International law.

Answers Many Charges.

After answering nineteen separate and specific charges and calling attention to the fact that the United States has promptly taken to task Great Britain as well as Germany and every government which in any way has infringed upon the rights of this country the letter concludes with the following declaration on the much discussed question of exportation of war materials:

"If any American citizens, partisans of Germany and Austria-Hungary, feel that this administration is acting in a way injurious to the cause of those countries, this feeling results from the fact that on the high seas the German and Austro-Hungarian naval power is thus far inferior to the British. It is the business of a belligerent operating on the high seas, not the duty of a neutral, to prevent contraband from reaching an enemy. Those in this country who sympathize with Germany and Austria-Hungary, appear to assume that some obligation rests upon this government in the performance of its neutral duty, to prevent all trade in contraband and thus to equalize the difference due to the relative naval strength of the belligerents. No such obligation exists. It would be an unneutral act, an act of partiality on the part of this government, to adopt such a policy. If the executive had the power to do so.

"Germany and Austria-Hungary cannot import contraband from this country, it is not because of this fact, the duty of the United States to close its markets to the Allies. The markets of this country are open upon equal terms to all the world, to every nation, belligerent or neutral."

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The letter reveals, also, that the United States has taken the position that it cannot permit belligerent vessels to remove from American ships on the high seas any passengers even though they be Germans or Austrians nor can promises be exacted from them not to participate in the war. Such a promise, the letter states, would be a violation of the laws of France as a result of the search

pleasing and entertaining photoplay program.

## BAUERN BALL

The much talked of Bauern or German peasant ball, given by the German American Alliance, takes place at the Casino on State street, this evening, and is sure to prove as big a success as the one given by the Alliance a year ago. The opening march will start promptly at 8:15, this being one of the features of the evening. The American ships on the tall participate and visitors be on time.

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION GET FULL NAVY HONORS.

On Board U. S. S. San Diego. By wireless to San Diego, Cal., Jan. 25.—Funeral services with full naval honors were held today aboard the U. S. S. San Diego over the five victims of the explosion on Thursday when boiler tubes of the cruiser blew out just after the completion of a steaming trial.

The bodies were transferred to the U. S. S. Saturn which sailed for San Francisco, via La Paz and San Diego.

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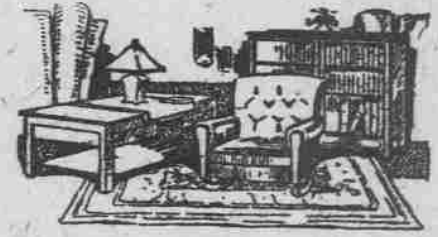
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## DAILY DOINGS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

As soon as the mid-year exams are out of the way, the inter-class debates will be started. Last year a cup was bought by money appropriated by the three upper classes and was the prize for which the class teams debated. The debates were not started in time and after the seniors and juniors had held one debate the time for June examinations was around and as the seniors had both school and college exams to take, the debates were postponed from day to day until they were never held at all. Consequently enough debates were not held to award the cup and last year's graduating class gave its share of the cup to the 1917 class. In order not to have such a situation arise this year, the officers of the debating society have decided to start the ball rolling early this year and will have class debates going in about a month's time. The classes will hold competitive debates to select their representatives.

Miss Bullock, the newly appointed French teacher, will take charge of Miss Darling's classes next week.

At the junior class meeting Friday it was decided to let the class advisors of the faculty select the members of the debating team by competition. Harold Molloy was selected one of the class representatives on the sub-committee to succeed Lennie Reynolds, who has removed to New Jersey.

Miss Helen Rockwell, a-16, was the week-end visitor of Miss Delana Lyford at her home on Park street. Miss Rockwell was secretary of her class last year but now lives in New Haven where she attends New Haven High school.

The High school orchestra has been engaged to furnish music at the Boys' Exposition to be held in the State armory on February 12th and 13th. Many High school fellows have entered various collections and works in the exhibit. Miss Peits has entered many mechanical and free-hand drawings done by the students.

## CHARITIES HEAD SAYS HIS SYSTEM FAILS TO BRING EFFICIENT RESULTS

How municipal relief work for Bridgeport's worthy poor may be more efficiently handled than at present was the topic of an address by Superintendent Spencer R. Gordon of the Charities Department before the Epworth League of the Summerfield Methodist church last night. He said that the present system is about as effective as shoveling coal into a volcano, also, that in order to effectively handle this important question and reduce poverty to a minimum, it is necessary to remove the cause. He showed how a family visitor would be of much value and result in money being saved for the city.

## AMERICAN ART ACADEMY TO GET FINE PROPERTY.

New York, Jan. 25.—A plot valued at \$77,000 adjoining the group of buildings now occupied by the Hispanic Society of America, the American Geographical Society and the American Museum of Natural History, on the block between Riverside Drive and Broadway in 156th street, has been offered to the American Academy of Arts and Letters by Archer-M. Huntington provided a suitable building as a home for the society be erected within five years.

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