

Amusements

POLI'S

"Bill of All Nations"
Half a dozen nations, of the New World and the Old World, send representative vaudeville artists to help make the "Bill of All Nations," at Poli's, the last half of the week, one of the biggest attractions ever staged here.

America contributes two big features. In the vaudeville bill, this country will be represented by the typically American entertainers, Rawls & Kaufman, in their typically American nonsense skit called "Mush" in the photoplay program, pretty Violet Horner's American dramatic film star will be seen in the five-part drama, "The Marble Heart," a made-in-America film production based on a truly American story.

Westland will contribute the favorites of her music halls, Cahill, Clifton & Goss, in a potpourri of songs and dances, while Germany will send the Continental favorites, Salma Bratz & Co. in a juggling novelty. China has a rare contribution in the Chung Wha Four, the only Chinese quartet on the stage, and one of the most entertaining troupes ever seen here.

William Sisto, "The Italian Statesman," in his humorous monologue, will represent Italy in the bill, while France will be pleased to present the French Brothers, a clever trio in their Parisian musical novelty.

The theatre will be especially decorated for the occasion, and Prof. William Devoe's orchestra will have an appropriate program of orchestral music.

PLAZA

Based upon one of the most absorbing questions of the times and probably the most delicate and grave question with which our legislators have to deal in many years, "The Flying Torpedo," a Triangle masterpiece in five stirring parts will be one of the many extraordinary features to be seen at the Plaza, the latter part of the week. "The Flying Torpedo" comes as a result of Secretary Daniels' appointment of a naval reserve board with Thomas A. Edison, Hudson Maxim and a score more of scientists and inventors as members. "What would America do if a foreign power invaded it at any one of its many weak spots? What is the real meaning of "Preparedness" coming such a time? Many more questions such as these are first asked and then answered as the great plot is woven and unraveled respectively in this play.

The vaudeville program has several headlining attractions so will not feature any one. Bell and Caron, a most popular pair in the realm of variety will offer comedy talk and acrobatic feats that has made them favorites of Stoddard and Hynes introducing their singing and musical fantasy entitled "The Absent Minded Professor," are assured of success.

The Four Pals, a quartet of young song birds in a repertoire of tuneful popular numbers are to appear.

"Hector," the sensation of both hemispheres will complete the vaudeville. Hector, although a most unimposing looking fellow, understands the meaning of fifty words, adds, subtracts, multiples and can find the square foot of a given number among other minor tricks.

"The Village Blacksmith," a two part Keystone comedy will be shown.

EMPIRE

Fannie Ward, the distinguished American actress, who recently scored such a triumph in the Lasky production of "The Cheat," will be seen at the Empire theatre today, tomorrow and Saturday, in a thrilling detective story by the same author, entitled, "For the Defense." It is a Paramount picture. The story of "For the Defense" has to do with the adventures of Fannie Rogot, a little French novice, who is sent by the Sisters to a convent in Montreal. Arriving in New York she is persuaded by a rumormonger of a disreputable house to go with him. Fannie is taken to the house but escapes by climbing out of the window and down the fire escape, where she finds herself in a network of backyards.

Jim Webster and his friend, Richard Madison, are too drunk to open the front door of the Webster home and, finally, a maid slips down and lets them in. Richard tries to kiss the maid and Henri, the butler, her sweetheart, rushes to her protection. During the fight that follows Henri kills Richard against the androns, killing him instantly. Henri and the maid decide to lay the murder onto Jim who is lying on the lounge in a drunken stupor. Jim is aroused and induced to see for his life.

In the cast supporting Miss Ward are James Dean, Horace B. Carpenter, James Neill, Camille Astor, and other members of the Lasky all-star company.

An all-star Universal program will also be shown, rounding out an all-day picture and entertaining photoplay program.

LYRIC

Next Monday night, at the Lyric, will mark what will perhaps be an event in Bridgeport theatrical history, when Cecil Spooner and her company will, for the first time on any stage, present Eleanor Maudie Crane's wonderfully written human play, "Ashes," a story of realistic New York life which embraces various sections and phases of the great metropolis actual life of the slums and fashionable districts. The part of "Ashes" which is to be created by Miss Spooner is that of a founding of the tenement denizens of the lower East Side, who is "discovered" by a part of "slummers," headed by a spoiled young "uptowner," "Holly Shepard" by name, and which part will be played by Bell Trenton. After being "discovered," "Ashes" is brought to the realms of a society, and "Ashes" is found to be a wonderful dancer, and at a "swell affair" is engaged to replace a famous dancing star who has been engaged for the occasion, but has disappointed. The deep interest which "Holly" has placed in "Ashes" meets with the strong disapproval of his mother, who is an advocate of high society. However, young "Holly" is loyal, and as the play develops love proves supreme to social aspiration. "Ashes" is going to create a sensation, and Mr. T. Daniel Frawley, who is especially responsible for the success of "Peg-O' My Heart," will supervise the

production of "Ashes" here, also for the Broadway production which will occur shortly after its premier here at the Lyric. The part of "Ashes" was specially written for Miss Spooner, and as the little star states, it is "the finest part I ever played, and the best play I ever produced." In addition to the regular cast of Cecil Spooner stock favorites there will be a number of special members as "Ashes" is a big play and calls for a big company of players.

WEST END



Florence Rockwell DALLAS PICTURES

To-night the West End Theatre presents the 5 act Pallas-Paramount feature, "He Fell in Love With His Wife" from the well known book by E. P. Roe. To-morrow: Julia Dean in "Matrimony," a 5 act Triangle feature. Ford Sterling in "Following Father's Footsteps," 2 act Triangle-Keystone comedy. Phone 2322-13.-Adv.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated Friday night at the Colonial ball room, 271 Fairfield avenue, by the annual ball given for the pupils of Quilly's School of Dancing and their friends as well as the general public, and a series of novelty races will add to the pleasure of the event. This is an annual affair and has always proved a very jolly one. Prizes are offered for the winners and both ladies and gentlemen will compete. Music will be furnished by Murray's orchestra and will be excellent, while the admission has been placed at a popular figure. There is sure to be a good time and you are invited to attend. Next Monday evening the McEnellys will come again.-Adv.

SCHOOL CHILDREN MISSION SERVICE AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

On Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. Frank H. Bigelow, who is conducting the mission this week at St. George's church, will preach at a special mission-service for school children. The singing at this service will be led by a choir of 20 school-girls, who have been trained into a tenor choir.

Friday is the last day of the mission at St. George's. The services that day, besides the children's service at 4, will be celebration of holy communion at 6 a. m. and the closing mission service at 8 p. m.

The attendance at this mission has been very large and steady. Bad weather has seemed to make no difference.

The bishop of the diocese is to follow up the missions in the Bridgeport parishes by a series of united services and sermons in St. John's church on the remaining Tuesdays in Lent.

FOREIGN MISSION WORK TO BE THEME OF MEETING

There will be a very interesting missionary meeting held in the chapel of the North church on Friday, at 8:30, to which all ladies are invited. Mrs. Frank Gaylord Cook, of Boston, first vice president of the Woman's work of that organization in different countries for 50 years with special reference to the coming "Golden Anniversary" of the board. The talk will be illustrated with fine slides. A

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The officials of the United States Government have co-operated with the Blue Bird Photoplays, Inc., in producing a film which exposes the traffic in Opium by smugglers and their agents in American chinatowns. Hop the Devil's Brew constitutes a part of the publicity campaign which is being promoted to the end that the use of habit forming drugs may be restricted in this country. Those who see this production will find much to amuse as well as many exciting scenes that will prove new to the average show goer. We will also show today excellent comedy reels.

TO-MORROW The Strange Case of Mary Page

We will feature tomorrow the 6th episode of the Essanay serial The Strange Case of Mary Page and a Mutual Masterpiece styled

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BOTH PARTIES ARE ASKED FOR PEACE PLATFORMS

New York, March 16—The League to Enforce Peace, of which former President William H. Taft is the head, announced today that it has begun a movement to induce the Democratic and Republican conventions to insert platforms in the national, state and county platforms indorsing the proposal that a league of nations be formed after the war to maintain the peace of the world.

The league members include Alton B. Parker, Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, Myron T. Herrick, formerly governor of Ohio, and ambassador David R. Francis, recently appointed ambassador to Russia, and U. S. Senator Albert B. Cummings of Iowa.

Harbor Muses, fresh herrings, ciscoes, round clams in shell, fresh salmon, whole fish, steaks and boiling pieces, opened round clams, canned shad, steak fish, Blue Points in shell, opened oysters, large shell oysters, Long Island steamed, canned pink salmon, green blue fish, Spanish mackerel, flatfish, eels, sea trout, salmon, shrimp and scallops, salt, pickled and canned fish of all kinds. Legs of genuine spring lamb, legs of yearling lamb, small lean fresh shoulders, small native fresh hams, all the fresh pork products, pork loins, pork tenderloins, hocks, heads, feet, tails, rib bones, and leaf lard, home made sausage meat, potato salad, all kinds of sausage put up in packages. Rib roasts of beef, chuck roasts of beef. Stewing fowl, choice fowl, fancy roasting chickens, large yellow fowl, fresh killed ducks, fancy Philadelphia capons, turkeys, broilers, native squab, sugar cured bacon, bean salt pork, Armour Star bacon, boneless hams, corned neck bones, plate corned beef, Indian River sweet oranges, grape fruit, Bridgeport Public Market and Branch, State and Bank streets, East Main street. Phones.

French troops occupied the Greek Island of Mourto.

Advertisement for Matrimony featuring a triangle society drama by Ford Sterling, "Following Father's Footsteps".

Advertisement for Lyric featuring Cecil Spooner and "7 Keys-to-Baldpate".

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