

# Popular Operatic Revivals Bid Against Summer Park Allurements

## STARS AT CAPITAL THEATERS THIS WEEK

## HEARD IN THE FOYERS

### Elinor Henry Returns in "Mlle. Modiste," "Erminie" Brings Most of "Robin Hood" Cast Back, and With "Divorce Question" Form Theater's Line-up For the Week.

The first of the big summer holidays brings the full forces of the summer amusement competitors into the field with the formal inauguration of the season by the parks and river resorts. In the theater an exceptional list of attractions is offered in the revival of "Erminie" at the National, the production of "Mlle. Modiste" at the Columbia and the presentation of "The Divorce Question" by the Poli Players. "Erminie" is being produced under special arrangement with Francis Wilson and it brings back to the National most of the popular singers who appeared in the "Robin Hood" cast a few weeks ago.

The return of Elinor Henry to the Columbia company after two weeks of rest is to be celebrated with an especially elaborate production of Fritz Schuff's most popular production, "Mlle. Modiste" to the cast of which William Pruette, sr., has been added as a special attraction. The Poli Players have made special preparations for the production of the tensity dramatic "Divorce Question," while at Keith's, Elizabeth Brice is to appear at the head of a big vaudeville bill. The smaller houses have holiday programs of vaudeville and pictures.

### COLUMBIA.

"Mlle. Modiste," by Victor Herbert and Henry Blossom, will be given an unusual production at the Columbia Theater this week, beginning with a holiday matinee tomorrow afternoon at 2:35 o'clock.

William Pruette, sr., the well-known American baritone, has been specially engaged to appear in the role of Count Henri De Bouvray, a part he originated. The count is the great laugh-maker of "Mlle. Modiste." Mr. Pruette was induced to cancel a vaudeville tour in order to take part in this notable revival of a popular comic opera.

### B. F. KEITH'S.

Elizabeth Brice and Charles King, among the stars of "Watch Your Step," the musical comedy hit of the New York season, will be seen this week at the B. F. Keith Theater, as it was found possible to bring them to Washington. Mr. Brice will appear in the role of Bernard Granville in order to open the way for the only week Brice and King would have available before returning to musical comedy with Lew Fields in "Hands Up." Their present feature includes their big topical song hit, "A Little Cottage in a One-Horse Town."

Another star new to local audiences will be Claire Rochester, former prima donna of "All Aboard" company. Miss Rochester is credited with a dual voice, being able to sing the baritone register as well as a high soprano range. Third among the features of the week will be Johnny Hyams and Leila McIntyre, who will appear in "The Quakeress." "The Girl of My Dreams" which was later elaborated to form a starring vehicle in the dramatic theaters. They will offer their little musical comedy, "The Quakeress."

### COSMOS.

Lady Betty, the famous ape, adopted daughter of Consul, will be one of the big attractions at the Cosmos Theater this week. While Consul reflected the highest training, Lady Betty is said to add to all his accomplishments an intelligence peculiarly her own, especially in monkey lines.

### Hobart's New Allegory.

Among the features of the Lamb's public gambol this week will be an allegorical play by George W. Hobart called "Why," which will be produced in five scenes, with Robert Mantell, William Farnum, James O'Neil, and Arthur Byron in the leading roles. It will be remembered that Hobart's Lamb's gambol sketch last year was "Experience," which was afterward produced and reworked through the regular theatrical season.

### NATIONAL.

"Erminie," that operatic paragon of delightful memory, will be the sixth offering of the Aborn Company's season at the New National Theater.

"Erminie" is another splendid specimen of real comic opera of the better sort, with the accent on both the words, "comic" and "opera." In both the score and the libretto, it possesses qualities that have given it a long and prosperous life; original music by Edouard Jakobowski; clean-cut comedy by Harry Paulton.

### POLI'S.

The Poli Players are to be seen this week in a drama which has created wide discussion throughout the country, William Anthony McGuire's "The Divorce Question," written as a reply to Edith Patterson's "Rebellion." "The Divorce Question" tells of the carelessness which certain types of individuals look upon their social obligations.

### CRANDALL'S.

This week's program of photoplays includes the most varied offering of pictures that has been presented at Crandall's Theater for some time, the bill including scientific and dramatic features, as well as dramas and comedies. Two big features will be presented to-day in the seventh of "The Foxes," the Pathé series, "Blue Blood and Yellow," and Weber and Fields in "Two of Three."

### MOORE'S STRAND.

At Moore's Strand Theater this week from Sunday to Wednesday the program will be the production of "The Carpet Bag," adapted from the story by Harold McGrath, and featuring Kathryn Williams, and featuring Kathryn Williams, and featuring Kathryn Williams.



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ing a sandstorm in the desert, being especially effective.

### GARDEN.

William S. Hart, will be the screen star at Moore's Garden Theater today and tomorrow in his latest Mutual picture success, "The Darkening Trail." It is a story of the Yukon, and vividly contrasts the East with its veneer of polish and refinement with the West, where strong, rugged manhood is reckoned supreme.

### GLEN ECHO.

Glen Echo Park is all ready to extend a welcome to one of the largest Sunday crowds of the season today, and provide the thousands who care for it a pleasant way to spend the afternoon or evening.

Tomorrow the big celebration of the three-day Memorial Day observance will take place, and Glen Echo will make a strong bid for favor among the holiday amusement seekers.

### MARSHALL HALL.

Decoration Day will be celebrated and the 1915 summer season of this popular resort inaugurated tomorrow at Marshall Hall.



WILLIAM PRUETTE - Columbia -

The motion picture adaptation of Edward Sheldon's play, "The Nigger," with William Farnum in the leading part, will be exhibited at the Poli Theater this afternoon and evening from 2 o'clock until 10:30.

### TODAY'S PROGRAMS.

Two concerts will be given today at the B. F. Keith Theater at 3 and 8:15 p. m., and at both the bill will offer all the popular hits and novelties seen last week.

At Moore's Garden Theater the principal attraction today will be William S. Hart in the latest Mutual Masterpiece picture entitled "The Darkening Trail." The program will also include a Charles Chaplin comedy and special music.

### COLONIAL BEACH.

Bathing, boating, crabbing and fishing are among the attractions at Colonial Beach, and music and dancing is a feature of the trips of the big steamer St. Johns to the Atlantic City of Washington.

### Louise Kent in Sketch.

Louise Kent, one of the best known character women on the stage, and formerly connected with the Poli Players, is to appear as a headliner in a sketch at Keith's shortly.

Victor Herbert's popular opera, "The Serenade," is to be produced by the Aborn Company week after next instead of "Patience," as was originally intended.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle are among the celebrities expected to visit Glen Echo and demonstrate modern dance steps this summer.

Granville Barker is reported to have cleared \$20,000 on his New York season.

George Broadhurst, the playwright, who has been living abroad for some time past, returned to New York last week and expects to spend the summer at one of the Atlantic coast resorts.

Jennie Dunn, the widow of the late Aborn Company star, last week to a Mr. Calkins.

"Ruggles Red Gap," Harry Leon Wilson's latest story, is to be dramatized by Harrison Rhodes.

Julian Mitchell and Leon Erroll are charged with the staging of the "Follies of 1915," which is now being rehearsed.

Dr. and Mrs. Florenz Zeigfeld, the parents of Florenz Zeigfeld, Jr., celebrated their golden wedding in Chicago last week. Dr. Zeigfeld is the president of one of the most famous colleges of music in the country.

Robert LaSueur and Hardie Meakin, both former members of the Poli Players, are members of the Oily Logsdon stock company at White Plains, N. Y.

Albert Roscoe and Gavin Harris, of the Poli Players, have become farmers. They have leased a house and farm just outside of Anacostia and make the trip to and from the theater in Roscoe's car.

"The Dragon's Claw," the elaborate war drama produced by Henry Miller for Klaw & Erlanger at the National Theater here at the beginning of last season, is to be rewritten by its author, Austin Strong, and will be given another production next season.

"The Three of Hearts," a new comedy by Martha Morton, was produced in Philadelphia last week with George Nash in the principal part, and was pronounced a success. The play is based upon Harold McGrath's story, "Hearts and Hands."

The 30th performance of "Chin Chin" will be given in New York Tuesday night, and Montgomery and Stone will celebrate the occasion by singing a medley of negro melodies.

Charles W. Meyers, the Ko-Ko of the Aborn "Mikado" last week, made his first appearance on the stage in this city at Ford's Opera House, Louisiana avenue and Ninth street. Meyers refuses to say how long ago that was.

Tody Hamilton, the man who is credited with having invented most of the press agent yarns, and who was the best of the publicists of Barnum & Bailey for many years, is in charge of the press department of Luna Park, Coney Island.

Lew Fields' new revue, "Hands Up," will open in New York next Monday night, June 7.

At the Park Theater, in St. Louis, Mo., a novel production was made, called "Encore of 1915," which contained the best liked features of most of the musical comedies and light operas of the past season.

The New York Times was the victor in the first round of its legal battle with the Shuberts, who sought to prevent the dramatic editor of the Times from being admitted to their theaters. The court decided the case in favor of the Times, and the Shuberts have appealed to a higher court.

Maude Adams was given a hearty welcome to Salt Lake City last week, her birthplace. Miss Adams was presented with the freedom of the city and other honors by her fellow-townsmen.

Fritz Schuff and Clifton Crawford are among the legitimate stars the B. F. Keith Theater expects to introduce to vaudeville audiences in the near future.

There is to be a regular style show in connection with the production of "Mlle. Modiste" by the Columbia Musical Stock Company this week.

Edith Bradford expects to appear in Washington several times before the end of the Aborn season, she declares. She has already appeared in three productions, and comes again next week for "The Fortune Teller."

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Sarah C. Howe, who is to have a part in Miss Cora Shreve's production of "The Runaway Princess," is said to be the youngest top dancer in the business.

Rose Macdonald, of the Poli Players, is slowly building for herself a reputation for versatility that is attracting attention to her from the theatrical world. She appears to be capable of giving a good account of herself in almost any sort of a part from a simple maid to an eccentric type such as she portrayed last week in "Folly of the Circus."

Henry Taylor, who appeared here as Nanki Poo in "The Mikado," was heard in Washington as Pinkerton in "Madame Butterfly" with the Aborn company last year.

The Keith program for next week contains an item of interest for the music lovers of Washington in the form of the announcement of the forthcoming appearance of "Elisabeth of Russia," the grand opera singer, who is daughter of Howard S. Resciss, president of the Washington Gaiety Club.

The out of town dates that were to be given by the all-star cast with "A Celebrated Case," have been canceled and the engagement at New York has been prolonged for a week.

Announcement is made that William Pruette, sr., the well known baritone who plays a special engagement at the Columbia this week, has also been engaged to take the baritone lead in "The Gingerbread Man" next week.

Little Genevieve Pyle, who is to sing and dance in the title role of "The Runaway Princess," which Miss Cora Shreve will produce shortly, is a first cousin of Mary Pickford, the motion picture actress.

Russell Filmore's character work with the Poli Players and his part in the part of Deacon Elverson, is not only regarded as the best thing the young actor has done here, but it is thought to be one of the best bits of character acting that has been done at Poli's.

Zelda Sears used to be a newspaper woman before she became an actor and every little while she joins the squad on some daily paper as a vacation from her dramatic efforts.

Cyrl Maude is meeting with such success with "Grumps" in Chicago that by reason has been extended indefinitely engagements in Cincinnati and St. Louis having been canceled.

A balcony is to be added to the Little Theater, in New York, which will increase its seating capacity and take it out of the class of "little" theaters.

Mary Boland, seen here last in the fanciful drama, "My Lady's Dress," is to be the heroine of a Denver stock company this summer.

Kob and Bill appear to have struck a winner in their new vaudeville "This Way Out," which has just been produced at the Alcazar Theater in San Francisco.

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