

NIGHT AND DAY

Work on the New Opera House Is Being Rushed.

Sixty Men Are Busy as Can Be, But Theatre Cannot Be Finished On Time.

Sixty men are working from dawn till dark, and many are working by electric light at night hurrying the Colonial Opera House forward to completion. Work is being pushed with a big P. The interior of the building is noisy as a boiler shop as men hustle their tasks along. But still it will be impossible to finish the new theatre on schedule time—Feb. 12. Various things have conspired to defeat the completion by that date. It has been hard to secure material and hard to secure men. The weather has been bad, also, a considerable part of the time, but the present open weather is being improved to the limit. In a few days the building will be under roof. It will require but a few days to build the fancy entrance which has been scarcely touched, and nearly all the interior decorations are ready to be put in place. Much of the interior work is all ready for the plasterers. As the work of construction nears completion, the excellence of the new opera house becomes more apparent. "There will be no finer theater in Ohio," said Contractor Horn, Thursday. Manager Kerr is expected in Akron by Feb. 1. The house will probably be opened in March. The initial attraction has not yet been booked.

Said He Could Fly, and Broke Up a Revival Meeting.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 9.—At a meeting of Free Methodists at Verona, one of the brethren declared he could fly, and proceeded to demonstrate his power. He launched in space and his head came in contact with a large coal oil lamp. The lamp fell to the floor and the oil ignited. At one time five men and three women were on fire, and five of the eight were seriously burned. The flames caused a panic. Many were injured in the stampede.

READY

For Buchtel Oratorical Contest Friday Night.

Everything is in readiness for the college oratorical contest, which will be held tomorrow evening in Crouse gymnasium, instead of in the Universalist church, as previously announced. The contestants have been practicing long and diligently, and are in fine fettle for a hard contest. There are six contestants.

REAL MAD.

British Call Germans to Time.

Von Buelow Called a "Swaggering Pharisee."

His Speech Strains Relations Between Nations.

London, Jan. 9.—The rebuke administered to Mr. Chamberlain, the British Colonial Secretary, by Chancellor Von Buelow, in the Reichstag at Berlin, yesterday, for the references in Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Edinburgh, Oct. 25, to the conduct of the German army in the war with France, 1870-71, has caused intense and wide spread irritation here and has markedly increased the bitterness of the Anglo-German discord. The St. James Gazette which calls Count Von Buelow a swaggering "Pharisee," says:

"His offensive speech has brought the growing irritation between the two countries into a dangerous sphere, and the Kaiser's telegram of six years ago was not more disastrous to mutual good relations than the studied attack on a British statesman who is trusted by his country. It is offensive to the whole British Empire." The Westminster Gazette alone appreciates the regarding of Count Von Buelow's speech as a cause for further disturbing the relations between Great Britain and Germany. Such comments as these quoted above, it is thought, may further inflame the public, already angered in consequence of the snub administered by Emperor William a few days ago, in the North German Gazette. This paper is the chief mouthpiece of the government, and in the note which appeared is the statement that the report that the German Emperor had pressed the Prince of Wales to attend his birthday celebration was untrue and explaining that King Edward had suggested the visit and that Emperor William had then sent an invitation.

LETTER.

Woman Wrote It, Saying She Would Drown Herself.

Pittsburg, Jan. 9.—A letter was received by the Pittsburg police last night signed Mrs. A. Koldorf, of Cleveland, in which she stated that she intended to drown herself and her infant child in Lake Erie, on Jan. 3. The woman seemed to be in distress, and claimed that she was driven to do so by hunger.

She claims that she has a husband living on Shady avenue, this city, and also a friend, Miss Maggie Rich. Her last request in the letter was that she wanted her child buried in the Allegheny cemetery with her other children. The police made an investigation, but could not find her alleged husband.

The Cleveland police know nothing of the identity of Mrs. A. Koldorf.

CASHIER

Of Citizens' National Bank.

Mr. C. I. Bruner Elected Wednesday Evening.

At a meeting of the directors of the Citizens' National Bank, Wednesday evening, Mr. C. I. Bruner, president of the Bruner-Goodhue-Cooke Co., was elected cashier to succeed Mr. D. P. Wheeler, whose death occurred Christmas day. The new cashier will take charge of his position Friday morning. Mr. Bruner is well known in business circles of Akron.

REAL SPORTSMEN

Placed on the Fish and Game Commission.

Columbus, O., Jan. 9.—Governor Nash has reorganized the State Fish and Game Commission by the appointment of the three new members, to succeed A. J. Hazlett, of Bucyrus; Albert Brewer, of Tiffin, and Charles Bureker, of Urbana, whose resignations were requested by the Chief Executive several weeks ago. The new members are Paul North, of Cleveland; T. B. Paxton, of Cincinnati, and Edwin Kennedy, of McConelsville. Mr. North, who succeeds Mr. Brewer, and whose term expires in May, 1903, is president of the Ohio Sportsmen's Protective Association, and one of the best-known lovers of sport in Ohio. He is one of the crack shots of the United States. Mr. Kennedy, whose term expires in May, 1904, and Mr. Paxton, who will serve one year longer, are well known sportsmen. Both are prominent Democrats.

MORGAN'S MILLIONS CANNOT BUY THIS FAMOUS PAINTING.



Titian's Celebrated "Sacred and Profane Love."

J. Pierpont Morgan has never offered \$1,000,000, or anything, for Titian's "Sacred and Profane Love." Mr. Morgan does not make offers that are to be refused, nor give orders that are not to be executed. But the London newspapers insist that he offered \$1,000,000 for Titian's "Sacred and Profane Love."

It is, in the judgment of many great artists, critics and art lovers, the greatest painting in the world, even as the Venus of Milo is regarded by them as the greatest statue in the world.

The work, faultless in lines, colors and harmony of composition, is in the Villa Borghese at Rome. The villa, with its canvas and marbles, and the park, are Italian national property.

It is Italian national property by proscription, even if it were not in the way of becoming so by payment of money, for its owner could not sell it to foreigners—the law forbids this—and his fellow countrymen are not wealthy enough to pay more for it than the government.

Prince Borghese and all his relatives are poor. He is too poor even to take care of the park around the villa. The municipality takes care of the park, the villa, the art collections, and the expense of all this is practically a mortgage on the Prince's property.

He has said to Parliament, "Let me sell Titian's Sacred and Profane Love to a foreigner and I will give you the villa, its treasures and the park for nothing." But Parliament will not accept that proposition. Parliament forces him to sell the property that has made the artistic celebrity of the Borghese family to the government for \$500,000.

He told the writer of this, in June, that Baron de Rothschild, of Paris, had offered \$1,000,000 to him for Titian's "Sacred and Profane Love." The Prince added, "Baron de Rothschild is economical."

"If Mr. Morgan were not aware that it is useless to make me an offer for the work, since I cannot sell it, he would give me \$2,000,000 for it. But he has not made an offer. He knows that it would be vain. Italy would die of hunger rather than sell that painting. It is Italy's pride."

RANSOM

Is Awaiting Brigands' Acceptance.

Spencer Eddy to Go on Leave of Absence.

Washington, Jan. 9.—It is understood that Mr. Spencer Eddy, who has been acting as United States Charge d'Affairs at Constantinople during the leave of absence of Minister Leishman, is about himself to go on leave, now that the minister has returned to his post. The officials here speak in terms of highest praise of the manner in which Mr. Eddy has discharged his duties, and especially those pertaining to the case of Miss Stone. It is understood there are no recent developments in the matter, but the ransom money has been posted and it is believed that it will be only a question of a short time before the kidnapers concede to accept it.

LYNCHING PARTY

Is Looking For a Young Negro In Tennessee.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 9.—A party of men from Marion county are here looking for Oscar Stansberry, about 20 years of age, who is charged with committing an assault on the 13-year-old daughter of Thomas McNamee, a highly respected farmer residing near the Marion-Hamilton county line. The members of the searching party assert that if Stansberry is caught and proven guilty he will be lynched.

NEW DEPARTMENT.

Senate Committee Has Recommended It.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Senate Committee on Commerce today authorized a favorable report on Senator Nelson's bill for the creation of an executive department of the government to be known as the Department of Commerce.

VIOLET RAY

May Cure a Man of Cancer.

Brooklyn Physician Is Undergoing the Treatment.

New York, Jan. 9.—As a last resort, Dr. John E. Richardson, of Brooklyn, who has been a sufferer from cancer for many years, and whose life is despaired of, is submitting to a test of the newly discovered violet ray treatment. The physician had informed him that his case was hopeless and that he might die at any moment. He then determined to try the new treatment. A violet machine was installed in the house and every fair day the rays are concentrated and projected down Dr. Richardson's throat. After several months of treatment it is declared that his condition is so much improved that hope is entertained for his recovery.

GIVEN UP

For Lost, They Have Been Found.

Nine Missing Fishermen Are Safe and Sound.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 9.—A dispatch received in this city today states that the crew of nine men of the fishing steamer Sparta, which disappeared off this port on Thursday, Jan. 2, were landed at Algiers, La., this morning. The men were picked up by a passenger steamer. The Sparta sank. The steamer had gone to the fishing banks about 12 miles out to sea and a vain search has been in progress for them for a week. Their relatives and friends had given them up for lost.

GOOD HAUL.

Burglars Got \$1,800 in a Post Office Safe.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 9.—The safe in the postoffice at Greensburg, Ind., was blown last night and \$1,800 worth of postage stamps stolen. There is no clue.

Her Father's Death.

Mrs. John W. Harter, of Straw st., has received information of the death of her father, Mr. William Aston, at his home, in Wednesbury, Staffordshire, England. His death, due to paralysis, occurred Dec. 29.

Women Went Daft and Vainly Tried to Kiss Young Kubelik.

Boy Violinist Spurned His Feminine Admirers and Struggled His Way to His Carriage.

New York, Jan. 9.—"Please go away; you worry me," pleaded young Jan Kubelik, the famous boy violinist, to the swarming women who pressed about him as he tried to reach his carriage after his concert at the Brooklyn Academy of Music yesterday.

"Oh, you angel!" "Oh, you darling!" "Please give me just one hair from your head!"

These and similar expressions struggled out from the dense mass of women and girls in the center of which was the hapless violinist.

"No, I won't let you kiss me!" came the high voice of the worried boy. "Ladies, please let me pass!" This appeal brought him a foot or so nearer his carriage, but his admirers still hung about him. The coachman who had the best place from which to view the extraordinary performance,

enjoyed it thoroughly. He exchanged delighted grins with a policeman who hovered on the edge of the skirted mob.

"Shall I help him out?" called the policeman.

"Naw," said the cabman, "he's doing all right."

"I don't want to be rude, ladies," came the appealing voice from the heart of the trouble, "but I must ask you to let me through. I appreciate your kindness and all that—kindly let go of my coat, madam; I have no pictures with me; I do not give autographs. Will you please allow me to get to the carriage?"

There was a surging of the mass; Kubelik had realized that words would not help him, and was forcing his way through the press, gently disengaging the hands that clung to his coat, and dodging the caresses that were aimed at him in transit.

A final heave, a rush, a jump, the sound of ripping cloth and Kubelik had gained his carriage and slammed the door. When he had recovered his breath and replaced his disturbed tie, his instinct to be gracious overcame him, and he reached his arm out of the window and waved his hand to his admirers.

Fatal gesture! In an instant it had been seized and the women were kissing it deliriously. He had to snatch his hand from them by main force to escape.

"Go on," he cried to the coachman, and the brougham whirled away, the wheels smearing with mud the handsome gown of those nearest.

The women stood gazing as long as they could see the carriage.

"I've got his handkerchief," gurgled one girl, almost hysterical with delight. The others looked at her enviously.

DIAMONDS AND LACES STOLEN.

Pretty Colored Girl Alleged to Have Worn Them at Her Wedding.

Wife of a Pugilist Is Under Arrest On a Charge of Theft.

Sheriff Kelly went to Alliance, Wednesday, and arrested Alice Coleman on a warrant from Squire Hoffman's court, charging her with the theft of diamonds, rings, laces, rare old coins and other things from the home of A. E. Heintzelman, on Union st., where she was formerly employed as a domestic.

The Sheriff recovered two rings, laces, and some other articles, but failed to find the coins, some of which are very rare, and valuable. Sheriff Kelly returned to Akron, Wednesday night with the prisoner, who is the wife of Johnny Whittaker, the pugilist. She is a colored woman, young and quite handsome.

The prisoner will probably be arraigned late Thursday afternoon in Justice Hoffman's court on the charge of grand larceny.

The diamonds, lace, etc., are alleged to have been stolen just before Christmas, and on Christmas eve the girl, whose maiden name was Della Rowe, was married to Coleman, alias Whittaker, the pugilist. She is alleged to have worn the stolen finery as a part of her bridal outfit.

Mr. A. E. Heintzelman said Thursday that he had reported the matter originally to the Akron police, but they had failed to do anything more than to declare, after an investigation, he states, that the girl had gone to Omaha and could not be reached. He then put the case in Sheriff Kelly's hands.

Among the missing coins are a dollar dated 1799; a dollar dated 1875, showing an eagle with eight tall feathers; thereby placing a premium on the coin; a 5-franc piece; a half dollar of 1812 and others of different dates. Mr. Heintzelman will pay face value for any of the coins which are returned to him.

The Demonstration Over Mr. Bryan at Wooster.

"There is no other man in the United States who could have attracted such attention and held the people so with his addresses," said Mr. J. K. Simmons, referring to the visit of Hon. W. J. Bryan to Wooster, Monday night. Mr. Simmons went to Wooster to attend the Jackson day banquet and joined Mr. Bryan and Hon. L. P. Ohliger, upon their invitation, at Orrville, on the way to Wooster. "There were people on the hill tops and at all the windows. I never saw so great a popular demonstration," said Mr.

Simmons. "And Mr. Bryan was so persistently called upon for a speech that he was obliged to agree to speak in public during the afternoon. In the evening he gave two long addresses, but still the people cried 'go on, go on.' As he himself said, Mr. Bryan is the liveliest corpse one ever saw. I remarked to him in our conversation that David B. Hill had been talked of as a man who might win in 1904. 'If all the people want is to win, why not vote the Republican ticket,' said Mr. Bryan. But still he denied that he was a candidate for the 1904 nomination."

NEW QUARTERS.

Camera Club to Have a Fine New Home.

The Camera club has leased the third floor of the Hall block, corner of Howard and Market sts. and it will at once be remodelled for its occupancy. The new quarters will be fitted up most comfortably and with all the equipment the club requires.

INCREASE

In Price For Keeping Prisoners.

The City Commissioners have not yet taken up the matter of the increase in price for keeping prisoners in the Cauton workhouse, announced to take place March 1. The attitude of the Board toward this increase has not yet been stated. According to the announcement the price of keeping prisoners will be advanced from 22 cents a day to 40 cents for prisoners for 30 days, and 30 cents a day thereafter if the sentence is for longer time.

CONFIRMED

Appointments of Messrs. Shaw and Payne.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The President has sent the following nominations to the Senate: L. M. Shaw, Iowa, Secretary of the Treasury; Henry C. Payne, Washington, Postmaster General; Conrad N. Jordan, assistant treasurer of the United States, at New York; Elmer J. Miller, surveyor of customs for the port of Columbus, Ohio; postmasters, Ohio: Henry D. Weaver, Leetonia; Chas. Burroughs, Collinwood. The Senate today confirmed the Cabinet appointments.

The Weather:

FAIR TONIGHT AND FRIDAY, EXCEPT GENERALLY CLOUDY; NEAR LAKES, PROBABLY SNOW NORTHEASTERN PORTION.

FEATURES

Of Poultry Show Numerous.

Points of Interest Pop Up Everywhere.

Attendance Large and Exhibition Great Success.

Affairs at the exhibition of the Akron Pet Stock and Poultry club progress noisily and steadily toward success, both financially and from the standpoint of the fanciers and breeders of the various kinds of specimens of fine stock and poultry which are on exhibition. The attendance at the show Wednesday night was especially large, and the interest as told by the comments of the visitors, is great. Wonder at the many kinds and the fine points of the stock that are on exhibition was heard, praise for the management and the plan of the show, and warm commendation for exhibitors and club members, told the feeling of those who



Annoyed by a Small Boy.

came to see the biggest exhibition that was ever given by the local organization. The scoring and awarding of the prizes

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