

### BRADY BACK WITH MANY NEW PLAYS

Obtained American Rights to European Successes for Most of His Stars.

### HAS TWO FOR GRACE GEORGE

Will Bring Robert Lorraine to Star—Shubert Successes to Be Repeated in London.

New York, August 1.—William A. Brady and wife, Grace George, arrived yesterday on their return from London. Mr. Brady has been gone only a month, but in that time he has managed to accomplish much. Miss George, it is announced, may return to London immediately to play an autumn engagement in that city. This will depend upon whether the two plays which are to be ready for reading upon her arrival prove satisfactory for production in New York.

If they are, Mr. Brady said, Miss George will play two engagements in New York this season, one in October and the other at the opening of his new theatre, the Playhouse, in Forty-eighth Street, which will be ready early next year. It is his purpose to revive an old comedy for the opening of this theatre, in which Miss George will head a star cast.

While Mr. Mantell was abroad he obtained from Mr. Forster the rights of "The Flynn," by Justin H. McCarthy, said Mr. Brady. "In the title role Mr. Mantell will play the part of an Irish scold of fortune of long ago. Mr. McCarthy also has agreed to bring over a new tragedy for Mr. Mantell, based on a historical character. Both plays will be presented in Mr. Mantell's New York engagement, with others from his repertoire.

Before the end of the season I expect to bring over Robert Lorraine, who will appear in "The Super-Man," and a new romantic play by George H. Smart. Miss Ellis Jeffreys has consented to return to America in a play now being written for her by a well-known English dramatist. For my production of "The Princess" I have engaged two members of the original London cast, James Blakely and Bertam Wallis.

Henry E. Dixey will play the principal part in "The Naked Truth," a comedy by George Easton and W. B. Maxwell, in which Charles Hawtree is now playing in London. Arnold Daly will play his Bernard Shaw repertoire and produce several new plays, one called "The Love of Eustace Ede," by George Playdell, in which I have an option for Mr. Daly or Virginia Harned. I consider it a remarkably strong play. It is to be done in London next season by Henry Irving. Mr. Daly probably will be seen first in Thomas Gallon's "The King," by Leonore Harris I have a play by Rose O'Neill, entitled "The Game."

From George H. Jessop I have bought an Irish drama called "Shan Hagan" for Andrew Mack, and have arranged with Sir Sayre Barron for the exclusive American rights to "Diplomacy," which has been rewritten and brought up to date by George Leydell, and which I purpose reviving next season with a star cast. I have brought back a large number of manuscripts for romantic plays for James K. Hackett to choose from, among them Mr. McCarthy's "The Illustrious O'Hagen."

Mr. Brady said he had contracted with Greet & Englebach for the immediate production in London, probably at the Criterion Theatre, of Margaret Mayo's face, "Baby Mine," and with Herbert Sleath for an English production of "Mother," by Hayden Talbot, which is for Burr McIntosh and Terry, he said, has been offered the part created by Emma Dunn in this country.

"In the interest of Lee and J. J. Shubert," Mr. Brady continued, "I have made an arrangement with Mr. Englebach and Herbert Sleath for the

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production of their American successes in London. Three theatres will be placed at their disposal for productions of "The City," "The Lottery Man," "Going Some" and "The Wolf."  
"Three American successes are playing in London—'The Dawn of a To-Morrow' and 'The Squaw Man.' The foreign musicals are all of American acts, and American musical numbers are used in all the English musical comedies. The English managers are anxious to know what is going on theatrically here, and I venture to predict that England soon will be a valuable market for our dramatists."

"I am under contract to produce many plays by American authors next season. I will leave at once for Chicago to see the first performance of George Broadhurst's musical play, 'The Girl and the Drummer.' I have a contract with Mr. Broadhurst whereby I have the exclusive rights to his new works for a term of years. This season I will produce for him 'The Price,' 'Thought' and 'The For,' a play for Arnold Daly, and a musical piece founded on 'The Ladies' Battle.'

"For Jules Eckert Goodman I will produce 'Mother' in New York early in September. Another Goodman play 'The Right to Live,' which will be given by the 'Theobalds' in this city. Louis Mann will produce Mr. Goodman's 'The Dreamer,' until which time he will continue to play 'The Man Who Stood Still' and 'The Cheater.' Lipman will star in 'Marjory's Mother,' adapted from the French 'Marriage d'Elite,' which she acted with a few performances last season."

"Besides producing Margaret Mayo's 'Baby Mine,' I am under contract to stage two new plays for her, one for Grace George and another for a popular novel, 'The Girl in the White Dress,' by Harrison Rhodes and himself. Mr. Wise will also act in 'Merry Wives of Windsor,' for which I hope to enlist the services of Virginia Harned and Amelia Bingham. Miss Bingham will tour in an extensive repertoire of old successes, including one or two Sardou plays."

"Thomas Buchanan has written a play called 'The Club,' in which Douglas Fairbank is to star, and he is working on a comedy for Grace George, 'Frank Worthing,' which has recovered his health, is to be featured in a play by T. G. Woodhouse and John Stapleton, called 'A Gentleman of Leisure.' Mr. Worthing will play in 'Jim the Penman,' with the all-star company, until his play is ready."

"Other plays by American authors, which I am under contract to produce, are 'In God's Country,' by Hayden Talbot, which is for Burr McIntosh and 'Husband,' by John Corbin.

"The best serious play which I saw while abroad was 'The Speckled Band,' the American rights for which are held by Charles Frohman. 'The Count of Luxembourg,' which is a new opera, ought to be another 'Merry Widow.'"

### WILL CLAIM SELF-DEFENSE.

Negro Slayer of Country Merchant Surrender to Authorities. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Suffolk, August 1.—Following a long conference to-day with the father of John Myrick, the negro slayer of Benjamin Berman, a country merchant, Suffolk, Va., Myrick announced that he would voluntarily surrender to-morrow. Myrick, who fled after the shooting in his hiding, but is in communication with relatives.

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### RESPITE GRANTED NEGRO MURDERERS

Henry County Men Will Live Until November to Await Trial of Penn.

### NO SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT

Coast Artillery Trouble in Status Quo—Cause of Delay in Paying Troops.

Nearly three months longer of life was granted yesterday by Governor Mann to John Eccles, James Hairton and Thomas Bailey, the condemned Henry county murderers. These men were to have been electrocuted on August 17, the respite being given to November 11.

This stay of execution is for the purpose of awaiting the result of the trial of Piggle Penn, one of the men under indictment for the crime. Penn, who escaped just after the murder, was recently located at Winston-Salem, N. C., and was apprehended and brought to Virginia. He is now in jail in Danville, and will be tried at the October term of the Circuit Court of Henry county.

Walter Joyce, who, according to the confession of John Eccles, struck the fatal blow which ended the life of another negro on an excursion train, is still at large. Eccles says that he and Joyce alone took part in the killing, and that the other negroes are innocent.

It is with the hope that Penn's trial may reveal additional circumstances in connection with the offense that the respite is granted.

It is stated that all the men, who had gone on an excursion to Roanoke and were returning to their homes, were intoxicated. A general quarrel ensued, in which one of the party was stabbed to death.

### COAST ARTILLERY TANGLE

#### No Settlement of Dispute Over Election of Major in Sight.

There is nothing in sight, at the office of the Adjutant-General to indicate an early settlement of the dispute over the election of a major for the First Battalion of Coast Artillery. A deadlock has existed for some time. The board of directors of the four companies have voted repeatedly for Captain Charles A. McLean, commander of the First Battery, of Norfolk, while the other half have as persistently cast their ballots for Charles Parker Breeze. The latter is not now in the service, but was an officer during the Spanish-American War. He is an electrical engineer.

Captain McLean recently tendered his resignation from the service. It was held up temporarily awaiting the usual settlement of the property account on behalf of the Pennsylvania directors, and President McCrea accepted the gift for the road. It is expected that the tunnels from Long Island under the East River to the new terminal will be placed in operation on September 8, a representative of the road said, but no date has yet been designated for the opening of the system under both rivers. There is considerable work still to be done in the way of detail in finishing up the interior of the station.

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### NOT CONSOLVO'S FAULT

Major Wright Gives Reasons for Delay in Payment of Troops. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Because of the many complaints from officers and men of the Virginia Volunteers, over the delay in the payment of the troops participating in the Gettysburg encampment, Major Clinton L. Wright, adjutant on the

staff of General C. C. Vaughan, has investigated the matter. He has just made a report to Adjutant-General Sale, at the latter's request.

Major Wright finds that no blame should be attached to the official conduct of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles H. Consolvo, paymaster-general of the Virginia militia. He states that many of the pay rolls were badly prepared, necessitating a number of changes. Also there was lack of definite information as to the method of payment desired from the Auditor of the War Department. Delay in the arrival at their home stations of some of the troops, with lack of knowledge on the part of Lieutenant-Colonel Consolvo as to just which commands were entitled to an extra day's pay, complicated the situation. There was also failure on the part of responsible officers, in one case of a regimental commander, to sign the rolls.

The Fourth Regiment, with the field artillery, has been paid off. The news, most interesting to the Richmond troops, is given that the checks for the First Regiment, and probably those for the Second, will be ready for Lieutenant-Colonel Consolvo's signature when he returns to Norfolk this morning.

Speaks at Fair. Under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture, Professor S. B. Heiges will deliver a series of lectures this week at the Accomac County Fair at Tasley. Professor Heiges will speak on corn and small fruits.

Company All Right. The Virginia and Pennsylvania Departments of Insurance, which recently made a joint inspection of the books of the People's National Fire Insurance Company, report that the concern is on a sound financial basis. The inspection was made at the company's fiscal office in Philadelphia. The concern is a Delaware corporation. It recently took over a portion of the business of the Virginia State Insurance Company.

Attended Funeral. Governor Mann yesterday afternoon attended the funeral of Mrs. C. D. Epps at his office to-day.

### RECEPTION GIVEN TO RAILWAY OFFICIALS

New York, August 1.—Representatives of the Pennsylvania Railroad were given an official reception this afternoon in the new Pennsylvania terminal station, following the arrival through the new tunnel under the Hudson River of the President McCrea, the chief of the Pennsylvania officials in two private cars, which left Philadelphia at 1:30 P. M. The reception was arranged for the purpose of declaring the terminal practically completed, though it will not be thrown open to the public for some time yet, and to present to the Pennsylvania road a bronze statue of the late President A. J. Cassatt, whose efforts had so much to do with the inception of the great terminals system. C. De Witt Cuyler presented the statue on behalf of the Pennsylvania directors, and President McCrea accepted the gift for the road.

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### ANOTHER THREAT BY BLACK HAND

Tells Dr. Scimeca Boy Will Be Cut to Pieces Unless \$5,000 Is Paid.

### ALL HE CAN RAISE IS \$700

None of the Threatening Letters Bears Usual Directions of Blackmailers.

New York, August 1.—As a result of a preemptory Black Hand letter which he received last Friday, stating that if he did not pay \$5,000 within two days, his kidnapped child would be cut to pieces and the dismembered body returned to him in a box, Dr. Mariano Scimeca, of 2 Prince Street, whose four-year-old son, Michael, was kidnapped five weeks ago, broke down completely last night.

Practically ever since his son was carried off while playing on the second floor landing of the house in which he lived, Dr. Scimeca has kept stolidly silent about any attempt he might be making to get his boy back. To those who called every few days to ask what hopes he had of getting the boy, Dr. Scimeca has always, up to last night, intimated that he preferred to be let alone, and that he believed that the less the police and the newspapers meddled with his attempts to recover his son the better.

The reporters who called on him last night, however, found him almost beside himself with grief and terror.

"I have been receiving letters from the Black Hand practically ever since my boy was carried away on June 21," Dr. Scimeca said. "On Friday I received a final letter. I have not got \$5,000 in the world. Otherwise I would gladly pay the money. I have already pawned all my wife's trinkets and everything of value that I have. But all I can raise is \$700. If I do not raise the money I believe that not only the kidnapped boy will be killed, but that my wife, my other baby, and myself will be killed also. Two weeks ago one of my neighbors, who was going out, found a bomb in front of my door with a fuse attached to it. I know that it was left there to frighten me by the Black Hand men who have my son."

Dr. Scimeca exhibited pawn tickets for various articles of jewelry aggregating \$700 in value to prove his statements. Then he arraigned the police.

"The police have done nothing to help me find my boy," he said. "They came the first few days and asked me some questions. Since then they have done nothing. They have not helped me a bit."

According to Dr. Scimeca, the Black Hand letter of last Friday does not state where he is to hand over the \$5,000. Many of the other letters he

has received have also seemed to take it for granted that he knew where the money was to be sent.

It was said at police headquarters last night that the detectives who were assigned to the case were not in the building, and no one seemed to know where they were or what they had been doing recently to trace the kidnappers.

At the time that the boy was kidnapped, five weeks ago, the detectives laid emphasis on the fact that most of the letters demanding ransom, which Dr. Scimeca received, did not state any method by which the money was to be paid, and seemed to take it for granted that Dr. Scimeca knew more than he said he did about his son's kidnappers.

### New Minister Will Be Ordained.

St. Albans, Vt., August 1.—The First Presbyterian meets at the First Church here Wednesday, to ordain Rev. J. C. Mann, recently called to the pastorate of the Tinkling Spring Church, Augusta



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### AROUND THE HOTELS

Occasional citizens of Radford who drop into Richmond say that all is not serene in the little city over the selection of a site for the new State Normal and Industrial School for Women.

There is much tendency to kick, particularly on the part of those who reside in the West Ward.

Radford has its East End and its West End. It is all one town with two post-offices. When the legislative committee of three years ago made its tour of the State looking into suitable locations for the establishment of normal schools, Radford was the first choice of a majority. At that time, it is stated, what is known as the Adams site, situated about midway between

the wards, was the choice of the committee.

### Approved Adams Site.

In the act passed by the last Legislature, establishing the school, this site is mentioned as that upon which the school should be placed, with the proviso, however, that some other site might be selected by the board of trustees. An election has been held since the Legislature adjourned, in which bonds were voted for the purchase of a suitable location.

The board met last week for the first time. Radford people in Richmond yesterday say that only six members were present. Objection was made to the Adams site because of reservation of four acres, which the owner desired to retain. Thereupon, it is said, citizens of the West End offered to buy the proprietor out and present the reserved plot to the State. But the board decided to take the Adams site, in the East End.

Members of the board say they got the best location, all things considered. The matter has been reported to the Governor, who, of course, has no power in the premises. It is understood that those who are dissatisfied will content themselves with registering the kick, without going into the courts or taking any further action. But they are talking in the hotel lobbies.

An excursion will be run to-day from Goldsboro, N. C., to Richmond, the visitors remaining until to-morrow evening. The hotels expect to be well filled with Old North State people to-night, who will also throng the places of public interest throughout the city and its suburbs.

John P. Leigh, of Portsmouth, and J. C. Leigh, of Hamlet, N. C., were in the city yesterday, the guests of their brother, George H. Leigh, clerk at the Lexington Hotel.

S. Wilkins Mathews, secretary to the State Commission of Fisheries, spent yesterday in Richmond.

### Virginians at the Hotels.

Lexington—A. G. Lewis, Jr., Norfolk; J. D. Carpenter, Cumberland; W. F. Snead, Virginia; J. R. P. Moss, Virginia; James P. Taylor, Clarksville; C. E. Berry, Virginia; William H. Ransom, Bremen; J. G. Powell, Woodview; A. K. Monteiro, Goochland; D. F. Shanahan, Virginia.

Davis—Mr. and Mrs. Gus W. Dorris and baby, Scottsville.

Murphy's—A. J. Desmond, Lynchburg; H. N. Ewing, Virginia; R. L. Johnston, Radford; F. Hough, Virginia; Thomas J. Watkins, Charlotte Courthouse; J. M. H. Fitzgerald, Blackstone; T. F. Fry, South Boston; H. H. Hunt, Farmville; Joe Berman, South Boston; W. G. Kable, Staunton; A. Wallace, Lynchburg; John L. Kable, Staunton; Thomas H. Russell, Staunton; J. E. Askew, Portsmouth.

Richmond—W. G. Peterson, Danville; Mrs. F. V. N. Painter, Salem; M. V. Painter, Marion; W. B. Livezey, Newport News; A. B. Shreve, Leesburg; D. F. Hawkins, Houston; B. F. Batchelder, Norfolk; Mrs. D. F. Gill, Norfolk; Miss L. E. Batchelder, Norfolk; C. O. Wren, Jr., Norfolk; M. W. Baker, Shenandoah.

Park—C. M. Johnson, Norfolk; I. Hooker, Clifton Forge; K. Monch, Lynchburg.

Clifton—R. R. Eldridge, Dillwyn; Bruce Phelps, Norge; John A. Moss, Newport News; D. M. Anderson, Chase City; Ben F. Foster, Chase City; W. H. Macon, Virginia; Miss A. E. Bowhouse, Virginia; Mrs. Dr. Eggleston, Virginia; George M. Saunders, Roanoke.

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VIRGINIA IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, THE 18TH DAY OF JULY, 1916:

W. W. Talley, T. F. Green and W. P. Redd, trustees and T. F. Green, executor of William D. Gibson, deceased  
Plaintiffs  
vs.  
Unknown heirs and successors in title of David B. Reynolds and Catherine F. Reynolds, if any there be, under the general description of parties unknown  
Defendants

The object of this suit is to establish and quiet the title of W. W. Talley, T. F. Green and W. P. Redd, trustees and T. F. Green, executor of William D. Gibson, deceased, to certain lot or parcel of land in the city of Richmond, Va., fronting sixty-nine (69) feet on Grace Street, at the southwest corner of said Grace and Monroe Streets, and extending back southwardly from said front about one hundred and twenty-one (121) feet nine (9) inches.

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