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Even the "eleventh hour" buyers will find splendid assortments here, because the Toy Department is a year-around feature of this store. \$1.25 to \$1.75 DOLLS \$1—18-inch dolls dressed in Holland and German costumes of dainty muslin and lace—clothes come off and on—\$1. DOLL BEDS—Strongly made wire doll beds with mattress, pillow and bolster, 35c to \$1.50. MECHANICAL TRAINS with track—some with swinging bridges, some with automatic coupling cars, \$1.00 to \$3.50 a set.

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BABY SHOPLIFTER TAKEN BY POLICE

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD GIRL HAS BAD RECORD

Officers in St. Louis Arrest Child Found Nearly Frozen in Hallway. Three Times Accused of Thefts

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—An 8-year-old girl is being held by the police as "the baby shoplifter." She is Annie Pivlinski, and has been arrested three times for theft. She spent two weeks in the industrial school and escaped, has run away from home dozens of times, and makes a practice of slipping out of bed after her family is asleep, and pilfering money from her father's clothes and from her big brother Tony. She was found asleep in a hallway, scantily clad, and was blue with cold. A policeman took her to the police matron, where it was learned she had run away from home Tuesday after riding her brother's pockets of \$1.50. Annie's first exploit was robbing a notion store of 60 cents' worth of toys. She was arrested, but the proprietor refused to prosecute. Two weeks later she entered a grocery store, concealed herself under a counter and stole \$13 from the grocer's till. Her investments in candy and toys caused suspicion; she was arrested again and sentenced to the industrial school. Fourteen days later she reappeared at her home, having escaped.

DAMAGES CONSULATE TO GO TO BERLIN FOR TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—John A. Dempsey came here from New Orleans in the hope of reaching Berlin easily so as to present a claim for \$100,000 to the Kaiser for business losses sustained during the Boer war. Believing the German consulate in a downtown office building was German territory, Dempsey went there this afternoon and smashed several large plate glass windows, hoping he would be sent to Berlin for trial. Instead, he was sent to Bellevue hospital for examination as to his mental condition.

Grocery Wrecked by Bomb

ROME, Dec. 23.—A bomb exploded in front of a grocery in Palermo last night, wrecking the front of the shop. The outrage was the work of the mafia, which had demanded \$5000 from the groceryman, which he refused to pay.

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HONEYMOON OF BROKAW CLOUDY

QUARRELS BEGAN EARLY IN MARRIED LIFE

HUSBAND BLAMES SPOUSE FOR MARITAL TROUBLES

Millionaire Tells How He and His Wife Called Each Other "Liar" Shortly After Nuptial Knot Was Tied

[Associated Press] NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Principals and attorneys in the Brokaw separation suit were early in the court room at Mineola today. W. Gould Brokaw was obviously nervous, and his wife, Mary Blair Brokaw, who wants a separation, with substantial alimony, again showed evidences of the strain.

Mrs. Brokaw, on taking the witness chair, was led by her attorney back to the time of his marriage with Mary Blair in 1907, and gave his version of incidents on their honeymoon. From his account the troubles between the couple began early and were due to Mrs. Brokaw's actions. While at the Hotel Seville, he testified, he went out and bought some flowers for his wife, and on his return she accused him of having been in the company of another woman. "Did your wife call you a liar?" he was asked. "Yes, and I called her a liar in return," was the reply. Mrs. Brokaw also accused him of drinking when he had not been doing so, he said.

Mrs. Brokaw told of undergoing an operation and of having requested his wife to remain at home and keep him company while he was convalescing. She insisted, however, on going out with the doctor. When she returned there was a quarrel. Mrs. Brokaw's version of the incidents of that quarrel, however, was controverted by her husband. Dinner Episode Slighted Brokaw touched lightly on the episode at the dinner table in which Jimmie Martin was said to have figured. The witness declared he did not leave the table because his wife was flirting with Martin, who at the time was only 25 years old and had been married a year.

Another occasion when Mrs. Brokaw had accused him of visiting another woman was referred to by the witness, who said the epithet "liar" had again passed between them in the resulting quarrel. "Did you ever threaten to leave your wife if she did not stop flirting with Mr. Gould?" he was asked. His answer was an emphatic negative, as was that to a question as to whether he had his clothes packed ready for removal on this alleged occasion. Mr. Brokaw repeatedly denied assertions made by his wife. "Did you tell your wife that her father had threatened to kill you if you did not behave yourself?" Brokaw was asked. "Yes."

He objected to her returning to Atlantic City after that, but she went, he testified, and he followed her "because he was lonesome," as he expressed it. There was another quarrel and a separation at Atlantic City. When he returned to New York he found Mrs. Brokaw at the Savoy. He bought a bunch of violets, and going to the hotel near midnight, placed the flowers in her bed beside his wife.

"This is my coffin," was her remark, Brokaw said, and "she followed it up by saying she did not want any flowers, or me, either. Ask if she made any other remark," Mr. Brokaw replied: "She said she was going to get a divorce and marry another man." That made him so angry that on this occasion he walked by the witness back to his club, ordered his clothes packed and got ready for removal. He finally signed a separation agreement with Mrs. Brokaw on February 21, 1908, he said.

Threatened to Kill Brokaw said that his father-in-law, Joseph A. Blair, had threatened to kill him because he loved his wife too much. When he told Mrs. Brokaw of this she laughed and said: "Don't mind father, Billy; he's crazy."

Brokaw described the night when his wife took poison. In minute details he related the witness's testimony of the years of their married life, with painstaking attention to charges of drunkenness, cruelty and abusive language brought against him in the testimony of his wife.

Brokaw made a good witness. His attitude was easy and his answers were ready and firm. Occasionally he seemed dazed through a fog of examining papers submitted to him.

Mrs. Brokaw was ashly pale and muffled in furs. Her head tossed scornfully when he testified that she had contradicted her own, and she coughed constantly with a nervous little hark. Brokaw said he had never been drunk in his life.

"The times when Mrs. Brokaw said I was drunk," he testified, "my face was flushed from a long walk or drive." "I never struck anyone in my life," he swore. "Mrs. Brokaw knows I could not harm her."

He admitted that he had called his wife a liar. "Yes," he said, "I called her a liar, but not until she had called me a damned liar. I had been out, and when I came back, bringing her flowers, she accused me of meeting some woman. I denied it. She said I lied, and I had to tell her the same."

Smoked Cigarettes Brokaw said his wife had smoked cigarettes before their marriage and that she had promised him to stop it. He had never seen her drink cocktails, but he had understood from the servants that cocktails were taken to her room on the sly.

"Will you tell the court of your drinking agreement with your wife?" asked John F. McIntyre, his counsel. "Yes," answered Brokaw. "We wanted to mix ginger ale with aerated water until we got the exact color of champagne. I wished to appear to drink with my guests, and yet not to drink. This mixture bubbled, and yet was harmless. I have used it for years. I do not drink."

Brokaw did not recall any scene following an incident at the table when a guest had changed his wife's glass so that she got real champagne and not the imitation.

"If Mrs. Brokaw drank champagne she was the only one who knew it," he testified. Shown a list of objectionable names which Mrs. Brokaw said her husband had applied to her when angry, Brokaw scratched them through his forefinger and said: "Of course, I do not use such language."

"Tell us what happened on the so-

FAMOUS ACTRESS WHO APPEARS IN HER OWN DRAMA

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Railroad Officials and Representatives of Switchmen's Union Fail to Agree—Governor May Arbitrate Differences



MME. SARAH BERNHARDT

BERNHARDT'S PLAY GIVEN FAINT PRAISE

ACTRESS APPEARS AT PARIS IN NEW ROLE

Newspaper Critics Say as Artiste She is Sublime, as Manageress, Original, but as Authoress She is Less Happy

PARIS, Dec. 23.—At the Theatre des Arts last evening "Un Coeur d'Homme" ("The Heart of a Man"), a play in four acts by Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, was produced.

Paul Sarnols, an author, about 35 years old, has married a young and delightful person, Sabine. After a few happy months Paul's romantic spirit leads him to fall in love with his wife's own godmother, a person in the forties.

Mme. De Valreil resists the young man's attention until he runs away and conspires himself with a demi-mondaine, who it seems, is her exact counterpart.

Then she sends for Paul, in the secret hope of inducing him to return to his wife. The result is brought about, but not as Mme. De Valreil planned, for the wife discovers her with her husband.

Mme. De Valreil as a result commits suicide, while the young couple become reconciled.

The Petit Journal says: "The audience witnessed without displeasure a series of situations for the most part well known, for this inevitably happens in works of authors who are dramatic artists."

The Petit Journal says: "Mme. Bernhardt resembles Moliere. She is an artiste, a manageress and authoress. As an artiste she is sublime; as a manageress she often presents splendid spectacles; as an authoress she is less happy. The piece was received with smiling deference."

MANY MEN REQUIRED TO MAN AMERICAN FLEET

Bureau of Navigation Shows 76,000 Officers and Seamen Are Necessary for U. S. Vessels

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—To man the entire American fleet in time of war would require 76,000 officers and 72,811 men, and in time of peace 59,622 officers and 69,922 men, according to Captain N. R. Usher, assistant to the chief of the bureau of navigation, in a statement made public today.

These figures do not include officers from shore stations. Four new battleships are to be commissioned, as well as fifteen new large torpedo boat destroyers and seven submarines. It is anticipated that the Ohio, Wisconsin and Missouri will go temporarily out of commission, and that the Denver and three others of her class will be replaced by the new armored cruisers, Cincinnati and Raleigh, which are practically of the same class.

Replying to a suggestion that the navy will put into commission vessels which will require 5000 bluejackets and do away with those which will require only 3800 men, Captain Usher says:

"The number required is to keep the fleet in its present strength of fifteen battleships and not to diminish immediately the force employed on the Pacific coast, which consists of eight armored cruisers. It may be possible to put an end to the strike within a few hours and industrial peace will be assured in the pendency of the arbitration proceedings."

INADEQUATE RATES CAUSE INSURANCE ORDER TO FAIL

National Provident Union of Brooklyn Ordered Taken Over by State Department

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The old story of "inadequate rates" was assigned by the state insurance department as the cause of the failure of the National Provident Union, a fraternal order of Brooklyn, taken over by the department today on an order from the supreme court.

A small percentage probably will be paid to beneficiaries. The union owes to beneficiaries of deceased members about \$100,000 and has approximately \$14,000 in assets.

Forty Injured in Wreck

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 23.—St. Paul passenger train No. 1 running north at thirty-five miles an hour, spread the rails one-half mile east of Good Thunder, Minn., near Mankato, and plunged into the ditch last night. Forty passengers were hurt, none fatally. The mail car rolled down a thirty-foot embankment and caught fire. The injured were taken to Mankato.

Difficult to Select Successor

BUTLER, Mo., Dec. 23.—Determined efforts to break the deadlock in the six congressional district Democratic convention called to name a successor to the late Congressman De Armond met with failure today. Three sessions were held and after the one hundred and eighty-fourth ballot the situation was substantially the same.

YARDMEN TRY TO END STRIKE

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[Associated Press] ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 23.—At a conference today in the office of Governor Eberhart attended by representatives of the railway coasted of the American Federation of Labor and of all Twin City lines affected by the switchmen's strike a proposition was made, both by the railroads and by the switchmen, for a settlement of the strike.

No agreement was reached, and it was agreed to meet again tomorrow morning. The conference was attended by Governor Eberhart, by his secretary, Ralph W. Wheelock, by members of the state railroad commission and by State Labor Commissioner McEwen.

The proposition of the railroads is to employ a number of former employees as they have room for under the present agreement until the termination of the conference now going on between switchmen and railroad officials. The switchmen agree to arbitrate under the arbitration act of 1893, but insist that separate negotiations be conducted with the Twin City lines. The proposition of the railroads to Governor Eberhart follows:

Proposition to Governor "A conference between representatives of the railroads in the Chicago district and representatives of their switchmen is now in progress to determine a scale of wages and the establishment of working conditions for that district here represented by the rates of wages in the Chicago district and in the Minnesota cities for switchmen, have been identical and the working conditions similar. The switchmen of the Twin City lines in conference this date have confirmed by majority vote the report of your excellency that those roads represented will agree to resumption of their former status as employees as the roads may have places for, at the rates of pay and under working conditions in effect November 1, 1908, and that if the union here represented will meet any additions in rates of pay or working conditions that may be granted by the Chicago lines to their switchmen, and that as a result announced, the differential of 2 cents per month in the wages of switchmen will apply in the territory of Billings and west on the Northern Pacific railway and in the territory of Havre and west on the Northern railway."

The switchmen's counter proposition follows:

Counter Proposition "For the employees, we are aware that a conference is being held between the representatives of certain railroads in the Chicago district and representatives of their switchmen. We have no information in relation to the questions between the railroads and their employees in the Chicago district being likely to be submitted to arbitration."

Representatives of the switchmen employed on the Twin City lines are willing that differences between the employees and the employing companies be submitted to arbitration in terms of the arbitration act of 1893, with the stipulation that both sides agree to abide by the award given by the arbitrators. Furthermore, the representatives of the employees and the employing companies without the aid of attorneys, as far as it is possible.

"We are not satisfied to leave our questions to be settled by any faction in Chicago, whether by arbitration or otherwise, claiming that our questions must be settled locally and kept separate and distinct from all other questions, but as we are ready to agree to arbitrate and as the negotiations in Chicago have not reached that stage it seems to us it would be better to arbitrate here and proceed as if there were no negotiations going on in Chicago."

"If these questions and the subsidiary questions as to the men returning to passenger train No. 1 meet the committee after the award is given for the purpose of amending the existing schedules and wage scales in accordance with the award is agreed upon by the contending parties, it may be possible to put an end to the strike within a few hours and industrial peace will be assured in the pendency of the arbitration proceedings."

WALKER THEATER WEEK COMMENCING CHRISTMAS MATINEE, SATURDAY, DEC. 25.

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Through a Window

This important production is made by special arrangement with Kiaw & Erlanger and Joseph Brooks. The Tuesday night performance, Dec. 28, sold to the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West for benefit in aid of the homeless children of California. Regular Palace prices will prevail notwithstanding the importance of the play and the enormous expense attached to the magnificent production.

ST. ELMO

Next Week's Greatest Play Offering Debut of Miss Frances Nordstrom with the Burbank company in "THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST"

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