

"NAPOLEON'S GUARD" IS INCONSISTENT French Characters Have English Names and Wrong Accent. Tivoli Success.



SCENE FROM "THE BELLS," PART OF THE DOUBLE PROGRAMME PRESENTED AT THE COLUMBIA THEATER, IN WHICH CLAY CLEMENT PORTRAYS WITH GREAT CLEVERNESS THE DIFFICULT CHARACTER OF MATTHIAS.

LAST night at the Columbia Theater Mr. Clement presented a character-raiser (evidently adapted from the French) by Dion Boucicault, entitled, "Napoleon's Guard." The programme announced that the version given was "rearranged by Mr. Clement." Alas! Why did he not leave it alone? In Mr. Clement's version all the characters are absolutely required by the action to be French. How comes it, then, that one of them has a purely English title, being called "Lord Beauville? And would a French "lord" be likely to have an English secretary named Rawson? And, again, if all the characters are French, why do three of them speak English without a foreign accent, one with a French accent and one with a German accent? They should surely all speak correct English or correct French. May we dare stultify the main intention of the author and say that only the French and German accent characters are French, while the English-speaking characters are English? If so, how can a French corporal, Haversac, be the loyal subordinate of a defiant English general, brother to the villain, "Lord Beauville? The brain reels at the contemplation of this racial paradox.

upon an audience, the art of acquiring these arts. Alcazar. The tyro who attempted to write a farce and styled the attempt "A Widow's Husband" has cause to congratulate himself or herself on the fact that the name of the author was not printed on the playbill and that Ada Lewis was in the cast. The farce has many funny things in it, but they are diluted as though the author was paid by the page. The last act would be funny if cut in two and the audience would not be as resentful as it was last night in being compelled to sit up until 11 o'clock for a farce that should be finished at 10. Miss Lewis kept the piece from being "guyed." She has all of her old-time charm and grace of movement and the large clusters of flowers handed to her after her exit, "The Tough Girl," were felt to have been worthily won. "The Bells," that followed, is a compact, well-kept play—and this, too, in spite of its gauze curtain apparatus, its long soliloquies, its absurd mesmerism and its feeble attempts at comedy. The interest, of course, lies chiefly in the dream scene of the third act. This Mr. Clement plays with all necessary fervor, yet without rant. He certainly gets a thrilling effect out of it—if that thrill is mystical rather than spiritual. Well, we cannot all be born Irvings and it is well that there be diversity of gifts. As to the support, it is no unmerciful kindness to remind some of them that correct pronunciation and possible elocution are graces that should be mastered before going upon the stage; it is not fair to praise

valling enthusiasm, his popularity is rather on the increase than otherwise. There is an especially happy cast for the opera in this representation, which, doubtless, accounts for a larger proportion of the enthusiasm. Indeed, it was conceded all around that the opera was given in perhaps more fully satisfactory shape than anything that has yet been put on. Encore after encore greeted the favorite numbers, and kept the play going till long after the usual hour of closing, and each singer seemed at his or her best. Anna Lichter is certainly more happily suited to the role of Marguerite than anything else she has done this season. Her "King of Thule" and the "Jewel Song" were admirably sung and charmingly acted. Frances Graham adds another to her growing list of successes as Sibel. Miss Eleanor Josephs, in a magnificent gown, as Martha, filled the part very satisfactorily. Faust himself has not often received a more gracious rendering than was accorded the part last night in the hands of Barrow Berthold, and a notable feature of his success was the fine blending in tone quality of the voices of Faust and Marguerite. Signor Salassa received an ovation on his appearance as Valentine. Nicolini's Mephisto was very good in places. His voice, however, is hardly of sufficient depth and his work as regards rhythm is often very irregular. Wagner was satisfactorily sustained by Signor Napoleon, and a good word must also be said for the chorus and orchestra.

Orpheum. Jessie Bartlett Davis is still the bright particular star at the Orpheum, and last night she recaptured again and again and smilingly complied. The songs rendered gave full scope to the flexibility and volume of her magnificent voice. The most charming of the five was possibly "Because I Love You So," which was rendered with an archness and sweetness that were irresistible. Her last was the ever-welcome "O, Promise Me." Among the newcomers the Johnston brothers established themselves as favorites. The playing on the xylophone is splendid. McCall and Daniels, the Irish Tourists, are very funny and their boxing exhibition should not be missed. George Delmo, comedy juggler, are good. Those with the rollover, Quetta Vincent, Gertrude Mansfield and Cary Wilbur, the Young American Quintet, Johnson and Dean and the American biograph—make a happy and attractive bill yet seen at the Orpheum.

Alhambra. Ship Ahoy, with its fun and swing of the sea, is on again this week at the Alhambra. New jokes, new jests and new songs augment the libretto and the play-ers work with the enthusiasm of the first night. Of Ferris Hartman but little need be said, as he is known by all theater-goers and his store of humor is inexhaustible. Misses Ladd and Hattie Belle Ladd are well placed and their singing is all that could be desired. The chorus is not the least feature of the farce. The costumes of the dancing girls are as bright as the place they occupy and their singing rounds out the few little vacancies that appear here and there in the gauzy fabric of the plot. If last evening may be taken as an indication, full houses will be the order of the week.

Fischer's Concert House. Fischer's Concert House offers an exceptionally strong bill this week. The solos of Mae Tunison and Olive Vail won hearty encores last night and the songs of J. F. Veago, "Queen of the Earth" and "Anna Mobile" were sung in excellent style. Paul Le Croix, a novelty juggler, performed some surprising feats and Pearl Hanlon sang an immediate hit. Hanlon and Singer and new moving pictures concluded the programme.

Alta. The presentation of the nautical play, "The Bottom of the Sea," pleased a large audience at the Alta Theater last night. The action of the play is mainly on the deck of a ship from one of which a West Indian cable is laid. The bottom of the sea in the fourth act gave opportunity for showing some of the animal life with real divers with electric light at their heads. The characters were well sustained.

Chutes. The Chutes has a good bill this week. The leading features are Williams and Bissell, a clever sketch team; Richard Wild, in imitations of the late J. K. Emmett; Al Hazen, ventriloquist; Baby Ruth, the child wonder, and the great lion act.

Olympia. The Olympia has a good bill this week. Ed Baxter last night gave an exhibition of juggling which has seldom been equalled in San Francisco. The dance of all nations and the living pictures were also well received.

ACHILLES WOULD GO AWAY TO THE WARS His Father Came From Minnesota to Take Him Out of the Army.

George Foley came all the way from St. Paul, Minn., to prevent his 16-year-old son, Achilles E. Foley, from going to the Philippines as a soldier of Uncle Sam. He applied to United States District Judge de Haven yesterday for a writ of habeas corpus commanding Colonel J. E. Reid to produce young Foley in court at 11 o'clock this morning and show cause why his enlistment should not be declared void. The father says the boy enlisted without his consent in St. Paul at the age of 15 years and 11 months.

ADDITIONAL CLASS CREATED IN THE GRANT PRIMARY Solitary Case of Overcrowding All the Directors Can Discover.

Board Makes a Tour of Schools and Mark Says Principals Are Satisfied With Present Status.

The members of the Board of Education made a round of visits to the various schools of the city yesterday to ascertain for themselves whether or not the classes which Superintendent Webster says are overcrowded need reclassification. President Mark said last night that the inspection had resulted in the formation of a new class in the Grant Primary. Principals of other schools visited declared themselves satisfied with the present classification and no further changes were made. In the case of the Grant Primary, Superintendent Webster says are overcrowded need reclassification.

Coast News in Brief. SANTA CRUZ, Sept. 17.—Among the subdivisions of woolen goods for sale for a lot from Mayor Phelan of San Francisco. WOODLAND, Sept. 17.—Benjamin Ely and wife celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage at their home in Buckeye Township on Sunday. Their children, grand-children and great-grandchildren to the number of 124 were present. NAPA, Sept. 17.—The will of Charles Robinson, filed to day, leaves an estate of \$100,000 to be called "Robinson Library." Five hundred each is left to the board and Carneros school districts for the same purposes. SEATTLE, Sept. 17.—A special to the Times from Dawson says: According to the state-ment of reliable miners now returned to Dawson from the Yana district, after having thoroughly prospected the same, the diggings are "no good."

THE CATARRH OF SUMMER. A recent letter says: "I was troubled for five years with a chronic disease. I tried everything I heard of, but nothing did me any good. Some doctors said my trouble was catarrh of the bowels and some said consumption of the bowels. One doctor said he could cure me; I took his medicine two months, but it did me no good. "A friend of mine advised me to try Peruna, and I did so. After I had taken two bottles I found it was helping me, so I took six bottles, and it cured me sound and well. If anyone wants to know what Peruna has done for me, if they will write to me I will answer them promptly." Emma Mankin, Mont Eagle, Tenn. In a recent letter, says: "I have suffered with catarrh of the stomach and bowels for three years. I tried three doctors and several different medicines recommended for troubles similar to mine. Your medicine was recommended to me, and after the use of thirteen bottles I was entirely cured." The exceedingly hot weather of the present summer is producing an alarming amount of catarrh of the stomach and bowels. Every family and person ought to be provided with an effective preventive and cure for these diseases. Peruna never fails, when used in time, to cure the most severe cases of them. Thousands of lives are saved by this unfailing remedy in all acute diseases of the stomach and bowels. If you are not already acquainted with the wonderful virtues of Peruna in summer complaints, send for a free book written by Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio, on diseases peculiar to summer, which contains a description of the causes, symptoms and cure of these dangerous and prevalent diseases. This book sent free any address. The Peruna Medicine Company, Columbus, Ohio.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES. Hitchcock School, FOR YOUNG MEN AND BOYS. Separate Rooms, Gymnasium, Military Drill, CHRISTMAS TERM BEGINS AUGUST 17TH. REV. C. HITCHCOCK, Principal. DRAWING NEAR THE END. of hot weather now, when you will be thinking of resuming your white linen once more for business and social functions, and we wish to remind you that this is the laundry where the work is always done satisfactorily, and the color and finish on shirts, collars and cuffs is without a rival. Domestic finish for full dress shirts, if you order it. No saw edges. UNITED STATES LAUNDRY Office 1004 Market Street Near Powell. Telephone—South 420, Oakland Office—62 San Pablo Ave.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE GIRARD FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY. OF PHILADELPHIA, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1899, and for the year ending on that day, as made in Insurance Commissioner's Office of the State of California, pursuant to the provisions of sections 610 and 611 of the Political Code, condensed as per blank furnished by the Commissioner: CAPITAL. Amount of Capital Stock, paid up in Cash \$200,000 00 ASSETS. Real Estate owned by Company \$402,500 00 Loans on Bonds and Mortgages 724,900 00 Cash in Company's Office 601,301 00 Bonds owned by Company 601,301 00 Amount of Loans secured by Bonds, Stocks and other marketable securities as collateral 114,000 00 Cash in Company's Office 61,835 17 Cash in Banks 1,109 17 Interest due and accrued on all Bonds and Mortgages 1,651 58 Interest due and accrued on Bonds 13,251 44 Premiums in due Course of Collection 18,022 18 Bills receivable, not Maturity, taken for Fire and Marine Insurance 469 50 Due from other Companies 11,210 06 Total Assets \$2,068,426 64 LIABILITIES. Losses in process of Adjustment or in Suspense \$87,227 45 Losses related, including expenses 2,700 00 Gross premiums on Fire Risks run-ning one year or less, \$23,440 28; re-insurance 10 per cent. 114,774 69 Gross more than one year, \$57,335 19; re-insurance pro rata 257,568 00 Amount payable by the insured on perpetual Fire Insurance Policies 624,088 31 All other demands against the Company 56,303 31 Total liabilities \$1,182,892 01 INCOME. Net cash actually received for Fire premiums 440,566 28 Premiums on Marine and Bonds 48,987 47 Received for Return of Premiums on Bonds, Stocks, Loans, and from all other sources 20,067 43 Received for Reinsurances 1,962 31 Total Income \$498,784 32 EXPENDITURES. Net amount paid for Fire Losses (including \$29,612 11, losses of previous years) \$225,328 79 Dividends to Stockholders 75,000 00 Paid for salaries, fees and other charges for officers, clerks, etc., 94,000 00 Paid for Salaries, Fees and other charges for officers, clerks, etc., 55,368 44 Taxes 33,029 28 Premiums 25,311 62 Total Expenditures \$495,126 67 Losses incurred during the year (Fire) \$22,107 13 Risks and Premiums Fire Risks Premiums. Net amount of Risks written during the year \$22,272,275 \$207,213 58 Net amount of Risks expired during the year 43,102,887 439,793 70 Net amount in force December 31, 1899 \$2,596,548 781,882 23

PALACE HOTEL. It is universally acknowledged that these hotels possess the highest standard of luxury and comfort, unsurpassed cuisine and service and superior appointments and location. Connected by a covered passageway and operated under one management on the American and European plans. GRAND HOTEL. UNITED STATES BRANCH. STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE LIVERPOOL and LONDON and GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY. OF LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1899, and for the year ending on that day, as made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, pursuant to the provisions of sections 610 and 611 of the Political Code, condensed as per blank furnished by the Commissioner: CAPITAL. Real Estate owned by Company \$1,888,750 00 Loans on Bonds and Mortgages 2,307,350 00 Cash Market Value of Stocks and Bonds owned by Company 2,678,827 50 Cash in Company's Office 1,878 75 Cash in Banks 67,702 38 Interest due and accrued on all Stocks and Loans 198 03 Mortgages 44,088 40 Premiums 854,785 45 Rents due and accrued 10,000 00 Life Losses 1,400 00 Perpetual Policy premiums due 90 45 Total Assets \$2,225,627 97 LIABILITIES. Losses in process of Adjustment or in Suspense \$234,900 58 Losses related, including expenses 30,000 00 Gross premiums on Fire Risks run-ning one year or less, \$1,222,981 31; re-insurance 10 per cent. 1,711,409 40 Gross more than one year, \$5,813,547 54; re-insurance pro rata 1,821,460 41 Amount receivable by the insured on perpetual fire insurance policies 228,141 23 Taxes 94,192 97 All other demands against the company 274,519 51 Total Liabilities \$4,776,000 60 INCOME. Net cash actually received for Fire premiums \$4,717,490 28 Received for interest on Bonds and Mortgages 129,584 08 Premiums 626,096 11 Paid for Salaries, Fees and other charges for officers, clerks, etc., 327,329 93 Taxes 148,329 93 Total Expenditures \$5,949,081 39 Net amount paid for Fire Losses (in-cluding \$218,087 53, losses of previous years) \$2,472,432 93 Received for Return of Premiums on Bonds, Stocks, Loans and from all other sources 96,534 04 Paid for Reinsurances 7,962 57 Received from all other sources 200 00 Total Income \$5,047,081 09 EXPENDITURES. Net amount paid for Fire Losses (in-cluding \$218,087 53, losses of previous years) \$2,472,432 93 Paid for interest on Bonds and Mortgages 129,584 08 Brokerage 626,096 11 Paid for Salaries, Fees and other charges for officers, clerks, etc., 327,329 93 Taxes 148,329 93 Total Expenditures \$5,047,081 09 LOSSER INCURRED during the year. \$2,225,627 97 Risks and Premiums Fire Risks Premiums. Net amount of Risks written during the year \$718,946 67 \$6,137,948 74 Net amount of Risks expired during the year 691,574,759 6,036,801 93 Net amount in force December 31, 1899 \$24,372,188 75,096,547 58

UNFORTUNATES WHO RETURN Have Prospect of Un-comfortable Trip. Vessel Will Be Crowded in Order to Avoid Second Trip—Colored Infantry Expected Soon.

General Shafter in a letter to the War Department has recommended that the transport Lawton bring from Nome all the indigenous crew, in the estimation of the captain of the vessel, safely carry, irrespective of air space. The general contends that the men can sleep on the decks, as they have been sleeping in the open air in Alaska, and he hopes by crowding the ship to avoid a second trip. The miners will not be brought to San Francisco, but will be landed at Seattle. Lieutenant A. M. Davis, in command of the guard of the Lawton, having reported himself sick, will be relieved of his command at Seattle by Captain C. L. Hodges, Seventeenth Infantry.

Word was received at headquarters yesterday that Companies B and M, Twenty-fourth Infantry (colored), had left Fort Wright that day. Company B consists of two officers and 117 men, and Company M has three officers and 125 men. Accompanying the detachment is an acting assistant surgeon and four hospital corps men.

The battalions of the Fifth and Eighth Infantry, encamped at the Presidio, were engaged yesterday in packing their baggage in order to be ready to break camp this morning at 7 and march to the transport dock. The men came here raw recruits, but incessant drilling has made them a fine appearing and soldierly lot. The officers are particularly proud of the rapid manner in which they acquired a knowledge of the manual of arms and military methods.

Captain Amos Kimball, quartermaster at the Presidio, was taken to the General Hospital yesterday suffering from appendicitis. His many friends hope for an early return of the genial officer to his duties.

COGSWELL ESTATE WORTH UNDER HALF A MILLION William G. Henshaw Places Value on Properties in a Petition for Letters.

William G. Henshaw was appointed special administrator of the estate of the late Henry D. Cogswell by Judge Troutt yesterday. Special letters will ensue in the evening of letters testamentary because of the filing of several contests to decedent's will. With the petition for special letters Mr. Henshaw files the following as a list of decedent's property: In the San Francisco Savings Union, \$102,524 37; cash in the San Francisco Savings and Loan Society, \$62,559 74; thirty-five Oakland Water Company bonds, \$24,000; twenty Oakland Transit Company bonds, \$24,000; 1500 shares Contra Costa Water Company stock, \$105,000; 200 shares Union Savings Bank of Oakland, \$20,000; ten United States Pacific Bond Company bonds, \$10,000; promissory note of F. M. Bond, secured by 700 shares Pacific Bond stock, \$1000; 3000 shares of Bonds Consolidated of London and the 15 by 15 foot lot at Montgomery avenue and Kearney street, \$100,000. The total decedent's property, according to this statement, is \$487,556 31. Mr. Henshaw's bonds were fixed at \$1,019,980.

WANTS SATISFACTION FOR HIS WOUNDED FEELINGS Emil Bruguliere Demands That Chief Sullivan Shall Reprimand Policeman Scott.

Emil Bruguliere, true to his declaration Sunday night, made a formal complaint to Chief Sullivan yesterday afternoon against Policeman Scott for escorting him outside the fire station, on the Van Ness avenue and O'Farrell street Sunday night. Scott was present and after the Chief heard his story, Bruguliere asked that Scott be reprimanded. The Chief told him that Scott had simply done his duty and there was no occasion to reprimand him. Bruguliere, who would lay the matter before the Commissioners and the Chief said he would save that trouble, as it would be done at the meeting to-night.

How Raphael Was Tricked. Charles Raphael, uniform 1362 Greenwich street, swore to a complaint in Judge Fritz's court yesterday for the arrest of "John Doe" Williams, Bert Hall and "John Doe" on the charge of grand larceny. He said the three had entered his store on September 13 and while one of them engaged him in conversation the other two stole his wife's jewelry, consisting of a diamond ring, gold ring and two silver watches, all of the value of \$75.

Fell From a Trapeze. Mrs. Jessie Campbell while doing a trapeze act at Mechanics Pavilion last night fell from the edge of a large crowd of sympathizers of the stricken residents of Galveston, fell a distance of fourteen feet and had both bones of the left forearm broken. She was taken to the Receiving Hospital, where she was treated by Dr. Backlund, after which she was removed to her home at 362 Third street.

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