PURITY IN THE ELECTION IS THEME OF PULPITS.

PATRIOTISM AT BALLOT BOX CLERGYMEN'S HOPE

Denounce Civic Conditions

The approach of the election furnished a theme yesterday for many services in leading pulpits. Well-known clergymen of divers denominations pleaded with eloquence and force for the patriotic observance of the duties of good citizenship and inveighed against bribery and other crimes against the ballot.

The Rev. Francis M. Larkin, Ph.D., spoke at the Grace Methodist Church last night on "A National Civic Crime." He said in part:

The battlefield to-day of Christian civilization is in the cities of our land. A few generations ago it was in the country and on the frontier. But the little red schoolhouse and the church have won the victory in the rural districts. Changed industrial conditions have made the modern city, with its great wealth and great poverty; they have produced the idle classes in the slum and in the suburb. The criminal, the vicious and the unfortunate flee no more to the frontier, but to the city. Here every crime seeks to flourish, in secret or with the connivance of the officials.

The enemies of righteousness find their greatest ally in bribery. This is no ordinary crime. It is treason more vicious than the treason of Benedict Arnold. He betrayed one government to another. But this civic crime barters everything dear to home and country in the interest of vice and crime. It means a regime of infamy and threatens the destruction of our democracy. This crime is prevalent in all the city governments of our land. Minneapolis and St. Louis have been stirred to action by the revelations of the last two years. San Francisco has had one revelation after another, yet our shame is so great that there has been no general uprising of the people to purge our city. Scandal after scandal has come to light, but the people sleep on, and no one is sent to San Quentin. This is not so much the fault of those in politics as those out of politics.

The spirit of bribery influences us in our business and social relations. We are bribed by business success to leave politics alone. We are bribed by our desire for social peace to let things run. We say, "Hush!" "What's the use?" "We can't do anything." And our interests are bartered away by the worst elements of the city. The ancients hired men to play the fool for them; we play the fool ourselves. It is time for San Francisco to awake to the enormity of the situation. When a Mayor seeks the election of Superior Judges, apparently in the interest of his own administration, it is time for the people to arouse themselves.

A SACRED DUTY.

"The American Voter and His Relation to the Saloon on Election Day" was the subject of a sermon preached by the Rev. A. C. Bane at Howard-street Methodist Episcopal Church last night. Among other things he said:

It is a great privilege to live in a republic and to have a voice in the affairs of government. It is a sacred duty for every American citizen to be registered and to vote. The best people should take the deepest interest in politics from the caucus to the polls, and not leave it to the corrupt forces. The well being of the people and the will of God should mold your political opinions. Moral questions should be held to be of the first importance. You should never neglet at the ballot to honor God and to hit sin. God observes your ballot.

The greatest moral issue before the American people to-day is the legalized liquor traffic. It is an outlawed business, but it has more power in politics than the church has. What have we come to, when the worst business has the most power? It has intimidated the pulpit, the press, the politician and the people. It is such a demoralizing business that it is forced to close on election day. If the saloon should close while we vote it ought to close while we worship.

I call on you to vote for Judges and legislators who are not dominated by the saloon nor by the political boss who is allied with the saloon.

There is but one political party that has dared to oppose the liquor traffic—the Prohibition party. It has a national ticket in the field, giving each Christian a chance to vote according to a Christian conscience. Christians often pray, talk, resolve and wish against the saloon and then when they have an opportunity to vote against the saloon, Be consistent. The saloon makes the most important issue in American politics. Don't be afraid of throwing away your vote. Lincoln said, "An honest vote is never thrown away, even if your man is not elected."

I would not say a word against our splendid President, who is a candidate for re-election, nor against that other splendid man who is his chief opponent, but I would advise Christian men to cast their votes in the way that will strike the hardest blow to that most corrupt, debauching and destructive institution in America—the organized liquor traffic—for so they will most glorify God.

THE BETTER CITY.

The Rev. E. L. Walz, pastor of the Fourth Congregational Church, spoke last night on "The Better City." He said in part:

Too long have we been patiently submissive to evil and to men who are not willing to fight against that which disgraces a city and harms its inhabitants of all ages and conditions. The time is ripe for aggressive action. The right sort of men are volunteering. The church is awakening. Practical reforms are certain to come soon. Men, and women, too, can do their part in this grand movement. Nothing is impossible if it ought to be done. Strength is promised to all who shall dare and do. Let us remember that the Builder and Maker of every "better city" is God, who, filling men's hearts with goodness, sincerity and zeal, is even now working in the midst of us. Every vote cast for the best men and measures is a stone in the foundation of the "better city."

The Rev. George A. Hough, pastor of the California Street Methodist Episcopal Church, speaking of the duty of citizenship, last night, said:

The need of the hour is not more agitation, but a deepening sense of the dignity of citizenship and of the importance of an honest and intelligent exercise of its privilege. The ballot should not be a mere means for the obtaining of a job for ourselves or for some friend, but should be the deliberate declaration of a conviction as to the policy of government. It should be an honest and fearless expression of an opinion.

The salvation of the country is not in party fealty, but in honest and independent voting. Truth is often with the minority. We should never endorse a pernicious principle, though it be the watchword of our favorite party. We should never vote for a man for public office whom we would not be willing to trust with our own private affairs.

THE CHURCH IN POLITICS.

The Rev. F. A. Keast, in his sermon to a large congregation at Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church last night, said among other things:

It is not the province of the church to tell you to what party you should belong, or for whom you should vote. But the Christian voter should be actuated by certain principles. As the ballot touches the life threads of the republic, the Christian should by all means exercise his powers of citizenship. Because of the prevalence of corruption in politics many good people have washed their hands of all things political.

This is what the saloonkeeper and corrupt politician desire. When the churches threatened to use their influence against those Supervisors who voted for the opening of Ingleside one of them said: "The ministers would not influence their people politically." They would have us washing our hands of these things and leave the government to them. When they do what is right we will applaud them. When they do what is wrong we will condemn them. The church must become a terror to evil doers.

"Political Parties and Their Policies" was the subject of the sermon given at Simpson Memorial Methodist Church last night by the Rev. James H. N. Williams, who said in part:

In the early days of party growth, while campaigns were bitterly fought out, and sometimes on the lines of prejudice, accusation and abuse, patriotism still had a prominent place, exerting its strong and beneficent influence.

The "boss" was not yet born—it would have been a good thing for the country had he, as the Scotch say, "died a-bornin'," and the spoils system had not yet come into being. The country's good was the highest actuating motive. There were no grafters in office such as control San Francisco to-day.

Had our Mayor lived in those times he would never have dropped his musical baton nor been invited to assume the executive headship of a city.

On Tuesday the American ballot-box will be open. Every American citizen should take his place there with his conscience untrammeled and his purpose firmly set to serve his country, guided by his best judgment without regard to other considerations. The man who does that may not vote my ticket, but he is a true man. Swallow and Carroll are my party candidates, but doubtless Theodore Roosevelt will be our next President, and may God bless him with health, strength and wisdom.

FENNELL HOME TO BE OPENED FOR CHARITY

In these days of early winter philanthropy is in the air. The latest bid for the kindly disposed comes in behalf of the Girls' Home of the Catholic Ladies' Aid Society—a very worthy phase of philanthropy—and Mrs. James S. Fennell has graciously tendered the use of her artistic new home to the cause.

On Wednesday evening, November 9, Mrs. Fennell, assisted by many earnest women who find time to do that which lies at their hands, will give a reception, with a high-class entertainment, at 330 Frederick street for the raising of funds to furnish the new Girls' Home.

The new institution is located at 1205 Gough street. It is hoped that the receipts from Mrs. Fennell's reception will materially aid the splendid charity. That all who care to contribute to the cause may do so Mrs. Fennell has fixed the price of admission at 50 cents.

The following programme will be presented during what promises to be a most delightful evening: Mrs. F. F. Shea, soprano solo; Miss Lenor Burke, whistling aria; Miss Julia Sullivan, contralto solo; George Clark, specialties; Mr. and Mrs. Will D. Shea, cornet solo; Occidental Quartet; Miss Lillian Byrnes, soprano solo; S. Riley, recitation; Mrs. M. McGlade, soprano solo; Frank M. McAleer, violin solo.

PERSONAL.

J. Craig, cashier of the Woodland Bank, is at the Grand.

G. W. Phelps, a mining man of Tucson, is at the St. Francis.

W. L. Carter, a merchant of Santa Rosa, is at the Occidental.

D. S. Dollar, a wealthy lumber man of Mendocino County, is at the Lick.

Arthur A. Govan of Bridge of Allan, Scotland, who is touring the country, is at the St. Francis.

R. A. Grigsby, who is interested in quicksilver properties near Calistoga, is staying at the Occidental.

John H. Wholly, military instructor of the Mount Tamalpais Military Academy, is a guest at the Occidental.

Judge and Mrs. John F. Finn of this city, who have been abroad for a year, returned yesterday and are registered at the Palace.

Judge James E. Fenton of the United States District Court of Alaska arrived from the north yesterday and is staying at the Occidental.

DIES IN THE ATTEMPT TO SAVE WIFE FROM FIRE

CHAUNCEY, N. Y., Nov. 6.—After saving the lives of his three little children and his aged father and mother in a fire that destroyed his hotel here this morning, Joseph Capple was burned to death while trying to rescue his wife. Their bodies were afterward found lying side by side in the cellar.

Kills a Man With a Hoe.

DECORAH, Iowa, Nov. 6.—Professor T. I. Gifford is under arrest here and a charge of murder in the first degree has been filed against him on account of the death of H. A. Bigelow. The men quarreled over a piece of property and Gifford struck Bigelow on the head with a hoe, crushing his skull. Bigelow was a pioneer Iowan.

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DISORDERS RENEWED BY INNSBRUCK MOBS

Student Riots Give Much Trouble.

Italian Faculty Will Not Be Molested.

VIENNA, Nov. 6.—Prime Minister von Koeber this afternoon had a stormy interview with Herr Erler, vice burgomaster of Innsbruck, and Herr Denschatte, leader of the People's party. The Premier firmly declined to close the Italian faculty of the University of Innsbruck.

INNSBRUCK,, Nov. 6.—Disorders were renewed late this evening. A mob paraded the streets, whistling and catcalling and throwing fireworks under the feet of the horses of the gendarmes, who were attempting to disperse them. Reinforcements for the gendarmes finally arrived, scattered the rioters and closed the road to the Imperial Palace to all traffic.

The body of the artist, Prezzey, who was stabbed through the heart with a bayonet during the rioting here the night of November 3, was buried this afternoon. Perfect order was maintained. A strong force of gendarmes kept the route clear and large detachments of troops were held in reserve.

The City Council had decided that the funeral should be at the public expense and black flags were hung on all public buildings. The coffin was followed to the cemetery by the burgomaster, members of the City Council, the rector of the university, members of the Academic Senate and students' clubs carrying flags. After the funeral crowds promenaded the streets singing German patriotic songs.

ROME BLAMES GERMANS.

ROME, Nov. 6.—When Premier Giolitti came into power a year ago he found the relations between Italy and Austria in a very disturbed condition in consequence of the fact that anti-Austrian demonstrations had been tolerated by Signor Zanardellu, his predecessor, who it is alleged winked at the propaganda for the union with Italy of the Italian provinces that are still subject to Austria.

Signor Giolitti changed all this and assured Austria she had nothing to fear from Italy. This was publicly emphasized by the meeting at Abazzia in April last of Signor Tittoni, the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Count Goluchowski, the Austrian Chancellor. However, Austria's denial of the request of her Italian subjects for a national university at Trieste led up to the troubles at Innsbruck, which have endangered the good relations between the two governments.

AUSTRIAN PRIME MINISTER WHO IS DEALING WITH THE DISORDERS AT INNSBRUCK.

Behind all other explanations of the Innsbruck affair there is the racial hatred between Italians and Austro-Germans in the Italian provinces subject to Austria, the latter element having vainly tried for five centuries to Germanize the provinces. Austria's refusal to establish an Italian faculty in the University of Trieste has been attributed to the fear that it would result in the university becoming the center of an anti-Austrian propaganda. The disturbances, it is alleged here, were provoked by aggressions on the part of the Germans.

The Cabinets of Vienna and Rome are doing what they can to smooth over the difficulty.

MILAN SCENE OF CLASH.

MILAN, Nov. 6.—About 500 students to-day gathered in the center of the city crying "Down with Austria!" and called to the balcony of his hotel the Innsbruck correspondent of Il Corriere Della Sera, who had just arrived from that place after having been severely maltreated by Germans. Subsequently four Germans who were sitting in a cafe began singing "The Watch on the Rhine." Requests that they cease met with further insults and further declarations that the Italians were cowards. A fight with sticks ensued and a number were injured. The police restored order.

SICK WIFE ROBBED, DESERTED AND NOW WITH STRANGERS.

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ings and was told by the landlady that my husband had left, taking with him all of our personal property, leaving only a few pieces of soiled linen that belonged to me behind. He had carefully separated his own clothing from mine, but several expensive dresses and all of my jewelry and trinkets were gone. Even my little purse with $5 40 in it had been appropriated. I was left without clothing or a dollar to my name. Had it not been for the extreme kindness of the people of this Fell street house I don't known what I should have done for food and shelter.

"I have been suffering from heart failure for nearly two years and one reason that I desired to come to California was to better my health. I was advised to do so by my physician in Chicago and it was not altogether Harley's idea that we followed when we came West. We were going to try Los Angeles or Seattle if San Francisco did not suit us.

"The police say that after leaving the Kearny-street lodging-house my husband and his brother purchased a dress suit case from a Kearny street store and when last seen were going down Kearny toward California.

"I have always found my husband to be a good hearted man, although his ideas were extravagant and he was always on the move. He never liked to stay long in one place. He and his brother were together a great deal and they always dressed alike. Harley is thirty-five years of age and Robert is thirty-nine. They look much alike and are fond of putting on style. My husband, during the eleven years of our married life, has never been unkind to me except on one occasion and that was soon forgotten. Of course, I am inclined to believe that I have been cruelly deserted, but I still think that there is a possibility that something may have happened to him. We are strangers here and we did not know the city or the people. Something may have happened to both of them when designing men discovered that they had money on their person—but at the same time the circumstances do not seem to point strongly to this."

STORY BY POLICE.

Mrs. Bowers, it is told by the police, had some trouble with her husband about four years ago. He fell in love with a woman named Eloise Parker of Chicago, but his wife persuaded him to give her up. He was proprietor of a machinery plant and was a successful workman. The wife says Bowers was a money-maker and always commanded a good salary. She thinks that if he has really left her he has gone to Portland, where he is acquainted.

There is a chance of there being a woman in the case. The disappearance of Mrs. Bowers' new clothing seems to bear out this theory. Detective Coleman, however, says he sees in the developments a conspiracy that had its birth in Chicago. The relatives of Mrs. Bowers were opposed to Harley Bowers and urged his wife to leave him. They were the custodians of a few thousands that remained of her fortune, and refused to allow the husband to handle the money.

"I think that it is another Soeder case," said Coleman. "When Bowers found that he could not get the money by peaceful means it was his intention to kill her. Her kinsmen had her money when she was in Chicago and they would not give it to him, so he put up a job to get her to come to California. I think the brothers are on their way to Portland and will be captured."

The brothers are each about five feet seven inches tall, and are dressed in dark suits of the same pattern and make. Harley weighs about 150 pounds; Robert weighs about 165 pounds.

CUT IN TWAIN BY FLYING LOG

Logger Meets With an Awful Fate While Cutting Timber in a Washington Forest

Special Dispatch to The Call.

TACOMA, Nov. 6.—Edward Shields was killed yesterday at Barneston by a peculiar accident while felling trees with A. Kelle. A tree on a hillside had been cut, and when it was about to fall Kelle and Shields ran to a place of safety. They were well out of the way of the falling tree when it struck the ground. They did not notice, however, that in falling the tree had started another small tree, and that it in turn had dislodged a log on the hillside.

The log started down the hill directly toward the spot where Kelle and Shields had run. Kelle shouted to Shields to jump. Shields made an attempt to get out of the way of the log, but only jumped in its path. He was struck by the log and cut completely in two.

IDENTIFY BODY FOUND IN GULCH

Remains of Man Killed by Fall in South Are Those of Former San Franciscan

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 6.—A merchant to-day positively identified the body of the man found in Rose Canyon Friday as that of Lawrence O'Brien, formerly of Santa Ana and a one time business man in San Francisco, where he conducted a drygoods store. The matron of the Helping Hand Home identified the remains as those of a man who had stopped at the home for two or three weeks and who had worked for Dr. Maria B. Averill, putting in lawns and doing odd chores. He was 60 years of age.

Bowman, a workman at the Rose Canyon brick yards, testified, and his testimony was corroborated, that there were three shots heard from the direction of the canyon on the night preceding the finding of the body.

An examination of the ground showed that O'Brien had not walked over the cliff, but had fallen over the edge. The fall probably broke his neck and fractured the skull. The Coroner's theory is that somebody mistook O'Brien for a footpad and shot at him and that O'Brien, running away, stumbled at the edge of the canyon and fell to his death.

Coroner Morgan received to-day the following telegram:

"Coroner San Diego County—Send description and particulars about body found in Rose Canyon, with Wells-Fargo receipt for package shipped by L. O'Brien to J. R. Kelley, Arcade depot, Los Angeles, on body. Signed,

"GEORGE WITTMAN,
"Chief of Police."

QUIET IN ITALY AT THE POLLS

Results Indicate Defeat of the Extremists and Also of the Present Premier

CONSERVATIVES GAIN

Further Returns and the Second Balloting, However, May Change the Result

ROME, Nov. 6.—The general election for members of the Chamber of Deputies took place to-day, and up to midnight no serious incident had been reported. Results ascertained from about three-fifths of the constituencies show that the power of the extreme parties has been diminished without, however, materially augmenting the number of Ministerial followers, as most of the new recruits are Conservatives, who may be expected to soon abandon Premier Giolitti, a Liberal.

Sonnino, the leader of the constitutional opposition, has lost some of his followers, owing to the fact that Milan, which formerly was represented by Extremists, has elected two Conservatives, one Clerical and two Socialist Economists, one of whom, Turati, was supported even by non-Socialists. As Turati, though a leader of the Social Economists, condemned the general strike, his election is regarded as a reply to that strike.

Genoa, where the strike was most violent, overthrew the extremists.

Ferri, the Socialist leader, in most of the forty constituencies gathered only a few votes. The Clericals voted almost everywhere for Conservative candidates. Further returns and second ballotings next Sunday may considerably change the situation.

AIRSHIPS WILL COMPETE TO-DAY

First Flight to Take Place for the Grand Prize of a Hundred Thousand Dollars

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 6.—Unless weather conditions prevent the greatest demonstration of its kind in the history of the world will take place at the World's Fair beginning to-morrow. Housed in the aerodrome are five flying machines, embodying as many different principles and varying in size from the monster airship invented and built by Hippolyte Francois of Paris, with its immense gas bag, containing 65,000 cubic feet of hydrogen gas, to the comparatively small balloon belonging to A. L. Reynolds of Los Angeles, which when fully inflated has a capacity of only 3000 cubic feet.

In principle of propulsion the airships vary as widely as they do in size. Two of them come to the World's Fair with records of successful flights; one, the Baldwin "California Arrow," has demonstrated on two occasions that it is dirigible and not dependent upon currents of air for its momentum.

To-morrow the first flight is scheduled for the contest for the grand prize of $100,000 offered by the exposition company.

The course is to be an L shape, the start to be made at the angle of the L and the length of the full course to be not less than ten miles nor more than fifteen. The number of trials allowed is unlimited, but each competitor must make the full course at least three times. The winning time shall be the average of the three best trips, provided that this average time be at least twenty miles an hour.

Captain Baldwin will make a flight to-morrow or Tuesday. While his machine will not cover the prescribed course as a contestant for the grand prize, Captain Baldwin will instruct Knabenshue, his navigator, to sail over an arranged course for a test of the speed. Upon the outcome of this trial will rest Captain Baldwin's entry for the grand prize.

SON KILLS FATHER, WHO HAD ATTACKED MOTHER

Shoots Drunken Parent and Afterward Makes Assertion That It Was Accidental.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 6.—Edward Howard, a pattern maker, was shot and killed at his home here to-day by his son Arthur, aged 21. The elder Howard, who had been drinking, attacked his wife because she refused to give him money for more liquor. The daughter came to the mother's rescue. Howard pinned them both to the floor and was choking them when the son entered. The son and mother assert that the shooting was accidental.

Iowa's Republican Majority.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 6.—The Iowa campaign is practically closed, with the exception of a few speeches of Secretary Shaw in Crawford County. The Republican managers await the issue with all confidence. The estimate of Chairman Spence of the Republican State Committee of 115,000 majority is the one most generally accepted over the State.

Explorers Return From North.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 6.—Mylius Ericksen's expedition, after two and a half years' exploring in Greenland, returned to-day with valuable ethnological and scientific records, the explorers having lived with the natives studying their language and customs.

Jealous Husband Kills Wife.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 6.—"Bill" Hatfield shot and killed his wife, Maud, and then blew out his brains at Meeteetse, Wyo., to-day. Jealousy was the cause of the tragedy.

KIDNAPED BABE RETURNS GROWN

Little Girl, Taken From Her Home in Maine Years Ago, Goes Back Married Woman

IS FROM THIS CITY

Mrs. Frank Cranford Given Joyful Welcome by Parent She Last Saw in Sixties

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BANGOR, Me., Nov. 6.—There was joy in the home of Richard S. Davis, in the town of Brewer last night when his daughter, Stella, now Mrs. Frank Cranford of San Francisco, crossed her father's threshold for the first time since she was mysteriously kidnaped in 1869, then a 3-year-old girl.

At the time she disappeared the Davis family lived in Bangor. The kidnaping created great excitement at the time. Mrs. Cranford was so young when she was stolen that she has no recollection of the circumstance. She grew up with a family on the Pacific Coast, with which she was left.

A long time after she was taken from her home, a relative of the family accidentally discovered a clew which eventually led to the identification of the lost child then grown up. She married Frank Cranford of San Francisco, who came East with his wife to visit her home and relatives.

Frank H. Cranford and his wife lived at 335 Tenth avenue and left for the East ten days ago. As they had only resided in that locality a short time the neighbors knew very little about them. Cranford was a carpenter by occupation.

BABES THRIVE ON RAW FOOD

New York Infants Who Turn Up Their Noses at Cookery Hold a Reunion

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—A birthday party for 150 "raw food babies" was given in Harlem yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Carroll to celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the birth of their daughter Irene, who was reared on the physical culture plan.

There was no cake at this birthday party—only raw wheat, raw vegetables, nuts and a smack of apple juice to let the little ones know the joys of life.

There were no frivolous pastimes, such as clap in and clap out, postoffice and drop the handkerchief. Instead, the children amused one another with feats of strength and exhibitions of muscular skill. There were "jiu jitsu babies" and "natural system babies" and "apparatus system babies," babies representing all of the dozen other systems of physical culture. Not one had ever tasted of cooked food and all turned up their noses at candy.

Eight-year-old Odin Thomas, in trunks and jersey, in "strong baby" exhibitions, proved he was as strong as a 14-year-old boy who had just started in physical culture.

MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE IS THE VERDICT OF JURY

Twelve Men of Redding Find Waiter Guilty of Killing Fellow Employe in Keswick.

REDDING, Nov. 6.—Thomas Waysman, who killed Patrick Philbin at Keswick on July 16 last, was found guilty this morning of murder in the second degree. The jury made a recommendation for mercy.

Philbin was a cook at a company boarding-house in Keswick. Waysman was employed there as a waiter. The two quarreled repeatedly and finally as the result of a quarrel the cook was killed by Waysman. The prisoner claimed the cook approached him with some rags in his hand that he believed concealed a revolver and that he shot to save his life.

Gang of Mail-Box Thieves.

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 6.—A gang of mail-box thieves is operating in this city. Thursday night or early Friday morning three boxes on Florence Heights were broken open and rifled. This morning the same boxes and two others were robbed. At present there is no way of forming an idea as to what the thieves secured.

MARIE TEMPEST IN A NEW PLAY

She Appears in a Drama of Domestic Life, in Which Divorce Court Figures

PARIS ENJOYS DICKENS

Paderewski Finds Demand for Autograph So Great That He Now Retails It

LONDON, Nov. 6.—Marie Tempest is still under the management of Charles Frohman, and if London likes "The Freedom of Suzanne," as her new piece is called, Americans will see it as soon as the English run is over. This play is in three acts and tells the story of a young wife, who has just obtained a divorce from her husband. Not for any reason of great seriousness, mainly, in fact, for the sake of "liberty." Hardly, however, has her complaisant husband been got rid of and the "freedom of Suzanne" obtained than that lady begins to sigh for the yoke again. And, needless to say, the end of the play finds her back in it, but only after happenings that should provide considerable amusement.

This, by the way, is Marie Tempest's fourth venture since she said good-by to light opera and blossomed out as a comedy actress. She made her debut in "English Nell," the Nell Gwynne play which Anthony Hope made out of his novel, "Simon Dale." Then she appeared as Becky Sharp in the dramatization of "Vanity Fair" made by Robert Hichins, and with so much success that she needed no new piece for a year or more, when she scored again in "The Marriage of Kitty," which ran for 350 nights in London before being taken to the United States.

Since he gave us that brightly written musical comedy, "Three Little Maids," Paul Rubens has been heard from only as the author of certain "additional numbers" for works from other pens. In collaboration with Colonel Newnham-Davis, however, he has been working on a new piece, which is now finished and about to be produced by George Edwardes. It is called "The Mischief Maker," and will be given at the Prince of Wales Theater. Colonel Newnham-Davis, known heretofore chiefly as an amusing writer about restaurants and their patrons, is the latest son of Mars to turn his attention to the stage, thus following in the footsteps of Captain Marshall and Captain Basil Hood.

MORE GLOOM FROM GORKI.

Maxim Gorki's new play, "Summer Visitors," which the Russian dramatist has just been reading to his friends, may be given in London eventually by some courageous soul, but it is not likely. For although across the North Sea they seem to enjoy somber plays, English folk do not and Gorki's newest piece is even gloomier than his other works. The "Summer Visitors" are the better classes of Russian society, who, says the playwright, are like holiday makers in the country, always on the lookout for fresh fields and new excitements. Gorki declares that the life lived in these circles is like a bog which smothers all the living strength of the rising generation.

Unlike those in Gorki's other pieces, the people of this one are all society folk. The heroine is a young girl who tries to reform her friends, but who succumbs in the struggle which she has undertaken. There is a typical Gorki scene, in which, from her dying bed, this girl gives a sort of lecture to her relatives on the "canker gnawing at Russian society," and implores them to renounce their fast life. The piece will be given at the St. Petersburg Dramatic Theater. Gorki's friends are said to have been much impressed with its power.

CHARGES FOR AUTOGRAPH.

Paderewski has begun to charge money for his autograph. The pianist is now in Australia, but he writes to a friend here that "the percentage of autograph hunters is larger in the Antipodes than in any other part of the world." So, not long ago, he determined to charge his Australian admirers half a crown, or sixty cents, apiece for his autograph and he says that he means to devote the proceeds to the Chopin memorial fund at Warsaw.

"Le Grillon du Foyer" is a long way from suggesting Dickens to the nonlinguistic Anglo-Saxon, but that is the title under which an adaptation of "The Cricket On the Hearth" is being given at the Paris Odeon. This Dickens play, in which Toole made one of his greatest successes and which Arthur Bourchier revived in London last winter, is at this writing delighting crowded houses at the Latin quarter theater. Janvier plays Caleb Plummer and Mlle. Sylvie is little Dot. Both are capital, and incidental music by Massenet adds greatly to the success of the piece.

One of Arthur Paterson's novels, "The King's Agent," has just been dramatized by Edward Rose, whose play will be given in London soon after Christmas.

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