

TALE OF MODERN JAPAN
If Production Succeeds in This City, It Will Soon Be on Boards in New York

Frederic Belasco is about to stage a new Japanese play at the Alcazar which, it is believed, will be one of the greatest hits of the season. The new production is entitled "The Heart of a Geisha" and is founded on beggar life in the realm of the Mikado as it exists in the present day. The play is laid on entirely new lines than those which characterize the usual Japanese productions and was written by Colgate Baker at the suggestion of Mr. Belasco.

Julius Crosby, the Alcazar favorite, will play the leading role, representing Kohama San, the Geisha girl whose romantic love experience and tragic death will afford Miss Crosby an ample opportunity to display her talents. The story of the life and death of the Japanese girl carries with it all the love, pathos and romance that could befall a woman in any walk of life. The play is the story of modern Japan. The author makes it a point to bring out all the features that attended the recent victory of the Mikado over the army and navy of the Czar. The story fully illustrates the true beggar life of Japan who walks the highways and byways and begs from door to door for the purpose of raising funds for the relief of the Japanese soldiers maimed and crippled in the recent war. The performance will open at the Alcazar on next Monday night. Mr. Belasco and other eminent authorities who have carefully perused the play have declared it the most wonderful illustration of Japan to-day ever put on any stage and it is not unlikely the production will soon be placed upon the boards of New York and European cities.

MAKES A DEMAND FOR THE LICENSE ON STREET CARS

Tax Collector Scott yesterday made formal demand on the United Railroads that it pay license taxes on 800 street cars, but the officials of the big corporation are expressing a disinclination to comply.

Heretofore under ex-Tax Collector Smith's regime the company has paid license taxes on but 550 cars. When Scott assumed the office he set a deputy to work counting the actual number of street cars used to carry passengers. The deputy reported that he had counted a number slightly in excess of 800, but Scott, after making inquiry, decided to compel the corporation to pay on an even number of 800, in view of the fact that some of the cars are temporarily out of commission during the time they are being repaired.

The increase of 250 cars will net the city an additional revenue of \$7500 yearly from that source, making \$12,500 in all, as licenses on the cars, the annual tax being \$15.00 per car. The new ordinance requiring the attachment of metal tags to vehicles and wagons to show that the license thereon are paid is now in effect and is causing some uneasiness among wagon owners who do not understand it. Scott has had circulars printed explaining the ordinance for distribution at the license office.

ACCUSED OF STEALING MANY PACKAGES FROM EMPLOYERS

Ray Asbury, Oakland Teamster for the Emporium, Arrested and His Plunder is Recovered. Roy Asbury, who has been employed by the Emporium to deliver packages to customers in Oakland, Berkeley and Richmond, is charged with stealing from his employers. He failed to deliver a number of packages of silverware, silk and other articles and investigation developed that he had sold them.

Monday night he came to this city from Oakland, where he lives, with two sacks filled with packages. At the ferry he employed Frank Laermans, an expressman, to take the sacks to a house on Pacific street. The expressman became suspicious and the packages were taken to the stables and taken possession of by the police and detectives. The packages were valued at \$200.

Later the detectives arrested Asbury on Pacific street. He will be booked on three charges of misdemeanor embezzlement. The articles were identified by George B. Crawford, superintendent of the delivery department of the Emporium, who said that Asbury had also collected money for packages to be paid on delivery and appropriated it.

CITY NOW OWNS GREATER PART OF LIBRARY SITE

Mrs. Eleanor Martin Receives \$146,000 for Lot at Van Ness Avenue and Fell Street. City Attorney Long yesterday submitted to the Board of Supervisors the offer of Charles Stromstrom to sell to the city for \$23,000 a lot with improvements on Fell street, near Franklin, forming part of the new public library site. Long also submitted the offer of G. Lippman to sell a lot on Fourteenth street, near Van Ness, for \$750. The offers will be accepted by the board.

Mrs. Eleanor Martin yesterday received the sum of \$146,000 in payment for a lot at the corner of Peter street and Van Ness avenue. The purchase gives the city the entire frontage of the new library site on Van Ness avenue and also the frontage on Fell street, with the exception of two parcels owned by Ella Gough and Margaret Feehan.

The Argonaut's Educational Number. The Argonaut for July 11, which is to be a copiously illustrated "educational number," is especially welcome to old-time Californians, since it contains many interesting reminiscences of early school days at the University of California, the once popular Young Ladies' Seminary at Benicia and the fashionable Zetate Institute, which in the seventies and early eighties ranked as the best finishing schools of California. Among the other notable features will be "Alpine Hail-travel letter by Jerome Hart; "How Spotty Entered the Fold," an amusing story of the San Francisco water front, by Adam Gannett; "Autumn on Long Island," a letter from Gertrude; "Henry James on the Elusive old-time Bonner," and a criticism of Florence



POPULAR AND TALENTED ACTRESS WHO WILL PLAY THE LEADING ROLE IN THE NEW JAPANESE DRAMA THAT WILL BE PRODUCED AT THE ALCAZAR THEATER NEXT MONDAY NIGHT.

WAR DECLARED ON BEEF TRUST

Rival Company in New York Will Open Its Doors for Business This Morning. NEW YORK, July 11.—War in earnest will be declared in this city to-morrow against the beef trust when the new plant of the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Company at Thirty-ninth street and Eleventh avenue is opened. Great interest is being taken by local dealers in the new plant and there is a rush to withdraw patronage from the wholesale dealers in the combination and place their trade with the local company.

On the way to the new abattoir are 900 head of cattle and an equal number of small stock, which when they arrive to-morrow will be handled as the first business of the new house. There are already a few cattle in the pens, but not sufficient to make a day's supply. Hundreds of butchers are in the new company, which was organized as a protest against the beef trust. The building, which represents an outlay of almost \$1,000,000, is nearly completed and is elaborately fitted. Its great mass, rising to a height of nine stories, stands out in bold relief to persons passing along the water front. This building will soon be added another of similar dimensions, which will make the plant the largest in the world.

The new enterprise will sell only to butchers who are members of the company. These include most of the large retailers in the city, who, while unwilling to force their smaller competitors out of business, will sell their meat as cheap as possible. Should the demand for membership in the new company continue to grow, it will not be long before all the local butchers will desert the beef trust and become their own wholesalers.

MURDER AND SUICIDE INSTEAD OF DIVORCE

Mitchell Tragedy in Mormon City Follows Wife's Threat of Separation. SALT LAKE, July 11.—The coroner's investigation to-day of the Mitchell tragedy developed the fact that Mrs. Mitchell was about to begin proceedings for a divorce and division of the small property which they owned. The jury's verdict ignored the insanity theory, the finding being that Edward H. Mitchell killed his wife before committing suicide.

The testimony of the neighbors developed the fact that the woman had displayed wonderful nerve in remaining in the house with Mitchell. Mrs. Mitchell, according to the testimony of a neighbor, on Wednesday last told her husband that she intended to seek a separation. In a frenzy Mitchell seized her around the waist, threw her to the floor and then reached to a table near at hand and took up a carving knife. He told her he was going to cut her throat, but after fifteen minutes' pleading she induced him to release her. The skin of the woman's cheek and neck was burned by coals which fell from a pipe that Mitchell held in his teeth while they were struggling.

MEN GUILTY OF ELECTION FRAUDS ARE RELEASED

But Two Still Held in Denver of the Fifty-Seven Who Were DENVER, July 11.—Seven prisoners who were serving sentences in the Denver County Jail for election frauds in this city last fall were released to-day by order of the Supreme Court. Peter Miller and Michael Dowd, convicted of ballot-box stuffing, were taken to the State penitentiary to-day to serve the remainder of their two-year terms. Fifty-seven persons in all were punished for violations of the election laws or of the injunction issued by the Supreme Court prior to the election last fall, but all of them except Miller and Dowd have now been released.

NEW BATTLESHIP SOON TO BE LAUNCHED

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The Navy Department is informed that the 16,000-ton battleship Kansas will be launched at the yard of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J., August 8.

PRECEDENT CALLS FOR AN INQUIRY

Rebuc Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Orders a Full Investigation of Crop Reports Scandal

"GO TO THE BOTTOM," SAYS MR. ROOSEVELT

Displeased by Seeming Attempt to Hush Up the Holmes Affair and Allow Culprits to Get Off Lightly

Special Dispatch to The Call. CALL BUREAU, POST BUILDING, WASHINGTON, July 11.—"Go to the bottom. Find out all the facts and send the culprits; then let the facts be known and the culprits be prosecuted."

These are in effect the instructions under which a new investigation of the Bureau of Statistics of the Agricultural Department, with its attendant scandals over the sale of advance information as to cotton, corn, wheat and tobacco was begun to-day. The instructions were given by President Roosevelt.

The man who is to conduct the investigation is Henry M. Hoyt, Solicitor General of the United States and acting Attorney General. This sudden change in policy was, in a measure, anticipated by news from Oyster Bay showing that the President was dissatisfied with the policy of "smoothing" over which had been pursued in the Department of Agriculture and that he wanted the truth to be known even if it threatened the very existence of the Department of Agriculture.

WILSON'S PECULIAR COURSE.

It is understood the President desires a complete overhauling of the Bureau of Statistics. He is not pleased with the action of Secretary Wilson in suspending Holmes, in the first instance, "in his own request," and, in the second instance, in dismissing him from the department after getting the opinion of District Attorney Beach that, on the testimony presented, a prosecution would not lie. The President would have been much better satisfied if, as soon as he became reasonably convinced of Holmes' guilt the Secretary had promptly had him arrested on any one of several charges which could have been maintained under the United States statutes and bound over to the Federal Grand Jury.

The patent facts surrounding the situation are these: That Holmes could not maintain his innocence; that he had been utilizing crop reports notoriously and continuing to do so for many years for personal gain; that he had been altering figures to suit the wishes of credit or bullish operators and throwing discredit not only on the Bureau of Statistics in the Department of Agriculture, but upon the entire statistical system of the United States.

LOSERS PRESIDENT'S CONFIDENCE.

Added to this was Secretary Wilson's evident intention, in defiance of public feeling throughout the country to hush up the scandal, to retain John Hyde, chief statistician, and to have no further investigation of the bureau. All this shook the confidence of the President in his Secretary of Agriculture. Impressed with the reports that there was more back of the crop scandal than appeared on the surface, the President decided that the Department of Justice should "go to the bottom."

In consequence of this decision of the President, Secretary Wilson transmitted to the Department of Justice the evidence in the possession of the Agricultural Department. The new system of preparing the monthly crop reports was put into force to-day. Early in the day Assistant Secretary Hays, Chief Statistician Hyde and several experts of the department were placed in a room under lock and key and they were not permitted to come out until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The telephone in the room was disconnected and a careful scrutiny was kept of the windows to avoid the possibility of a leak through private signals.

OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC COAST

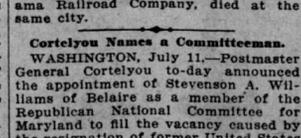
Several Patents for Various Devices Granted to Residents of the Golden State. WASHINGTON, July 11.—The following patents were issued to Californians to-day: Joseph G. Anson, San Francisco, steam separator; David M. Kallio, Coronado, manufacturing fuel from seaweeds; Walter J. Bell, Los Angeles, driving mechanism and means for starting gas engines; Matthias Farrell, San Francisco, door securer; Fergus Perkins and William C. Lane to the effect that all of the other railroads in the United States should be put in charge of the first named three men as trustees for voting purposes until 1912. Swift demands that the voting agreement be terminated by the court. It is further declared in the bill that the business of the International Harvester Company is of an extremely profitable character. He asserts that harvesting machines can be produced and delivered by the company for \$57. The company receives \$95 for them from agents, who in turn sell them for \$125. Swift says that all his demands for an examination of the company's books have been refused.

ARMY ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Army orders: Major J. Walker Benet, ordnance department, will make one visit to the California Powder Works at Pinole, Cal., and two visits to the works of the California Ordnance, San Francisco, during the month of July, for the inspection of powder.

DISPEPSA

"Having taken your wonderful 'Cascarets' for three months and being entirely cured of stomach catarrh and dyspepsia, I think a word of praise is due to 'Cascarets' for their wonderful composition. I have taken numerous other so-called remedies but without avail and I find that Cascarets relieve me in a day, and all the others I have taken would in a year."



Advertisements for various fabrics: Dotted Swiss (36 inches wide; all sizes of dots, figures and open-work stripes; regularly 15c a yard. Sale price, yard... 10c), Danish Cloth (Half wool; will wash and positively will not shrink; in cream color only. Yard 15c), Veils (Tuxedo, Chiffon and Grenadine Printed Veils—Odd lots of our original 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Colors black, blue, brown, white, black on white, white on black, lavender, purple, red, etc. Each 29c).

Advertisements for Kimona Handkerchiefs (Navy and red. Special. 61c) and Walking and Dress Skirts (A limited number of pretty, stylish Etamine Skirts in both walking and dress lengths will be placed on sale this morning at tremendous reductions. They are shown in Black, Blue and Brown and in a number of different styles. Some have strapped seams, and a few are trimmed with clusters of pleats from the knee down and a few are trimmed with applique satin figures. They are marked from \$7.50 to \$15.00. Special sale price \$5.98).

Advertisements for Groceries: Bacon—Best Eastern Cured, lb. 16c; Olive Oil—Crosse & Blackwell's Lucca; qt.; bot. 60c; Firkin Creamer; Butter—lb. 22c; Cheese—Best new mild California, lb. 12c; Flour—Our extra quality Tower Brand; 10-lb. sack; regularly 35c. Sale price 29c; Mammoth Queen Olives—Extra selected; quart 22c; Family Roast—Our special quality; regularly 30c lb. 15c; New Home Made Jams, Jellies or Marmalade—Glycerine 10c; 6 for 55c.

Advertisements for Towels (Main Aisle): Damask Towels with Red Borders—Eg 4c; Heavy Honeycomb Towels at 7c; Large Huck Towels—Red borders; size 18x38 inches; each 12c; White Bath Towels—Large size, each 15c.

WILL LOOK INTO ASPHALT CASE

William Calhoun of Chicago to Be Sent to Venezuela by President Roosevelt

CHICAGO, July 11.—William J. Calhoun of Chicago has been selected by President Roosevelt to act as a special commissioner to visit Venezuela and determine the equity of the asphalt company's claims and other vexed questions. Calhoun, aside from being a lawyer of distinction, is not without experience in tasks of diplomatic delicacy such as the present one must be. He went to Cuba for President McKinley on a mission of somewhat similar import before the Spanish-American war. When the report of the appointment was brought to Calhoun he refused to discuss the matter.

Calhoun was a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission from 1898 to 1900. He will leave for Washington early next week. He has just returned to Chicago from Oyster Bay, where he was in conference with President Roosevelt.

CARACAS, July 11.—The Venezuelan Congress has accepted the contract signed on June 7 in London by the representatives of Venezuela and the Disconto Gesellschaft, representing the German bondholders and the council of foreign bondholders for the settlement of the outstanding obligations of Venezuela.

SAYS CALIFORNIA BARBERS SOULS OF ITS CHILDREN

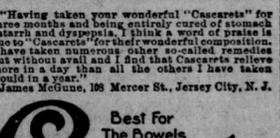
General Superintendent Sherrard Makes the Statement Before National Society in St. Paul. ST. PAUL, July 11.—The interesting statement that there are "no really bad boys" but that "some boys are misunderstood," was made by Dr. Ames Barlow of the National Children's Home Society to-day. General Superintendent Sherrard, speaking of California, said: "The conditions are deplorable; they are bartering children's souls for State revenue. The State society devotes more time to State finances than to child-saving. Conditions are improving, however, and at the next session of the California Legislature, the national society will seek legislative rectification of existing errors."

LETTER FROM A PATIENT.

"During an illness with which I have suffered from heart and stomach trouble for nearly eight years I have treated with prominent physicians in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. They failed to cure or even diagnose my case. My condition gradually became worse, until I was pronounced incurable by them. I was in a low state, scarcely able to stand, when I decided as a last resort to try Chinese treatment and consulted with Dr. Wong Him of 907 Geary street. He diagnosed my case by the simple feeling of the pulse, describing every symptom of my affliction. I took his Herb medicine, when I immediately began to improve. After continuing his treatment for five months I became a well woman."

Dr. Wong Him, Herb Doctor.

667 GEARY STREET, Between Jones and Leavenworth sts., S. F. Chinese Legation, Washington, D. C. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.



Advertisements for Cream Lining Silk (19 inches wide; guaranteed to wear; for drop skirts, waist lining or plaiting. Always sold at 50c a yard. Sale price, 29c) and Black Peau de Cygne (20 inches wide—a soft silk used for suits or linings; a rich black. Worth 75c a yard. 49c Sale price, yard...).

Advertisements for Silk Gloves (Women's Opera Length Gloves—Black; 16-button length; all sizes from 8 to 8 1/2; sells regularly at \$1.00. For sale at \$2.25 price, pair... 48c) and Women's Bathing Suits (Made of alpaca; large white sailor collar. This suit is neatly trimmed in a variety of blue and all sizes. Regular price \$12.00. Sale price \$8.25).

Advertisements for Groceries: Yellowstone Whiskey—Either rye or bourbon; full quart; bottle... \$1.05; Hires Root Beer—Quart bottles; bottle... 85c; Imported Port or Dug Gordon Sherry—Both finest imported; bottle, 75c. Regularly \$1.00. Gallon regularly \$1.00. Sale price, bottle... \$1.00; Royal Club Imported Halls—Bottle... 85c; Royal Lime Juice—Imported; bottle... 42c; Zinfandel and Riesling—Good 6-year-old wines; worth \$1.00 gallon. Sale price, gallon... 65c; Vichy Celestines—French Water; dozen... \$2.75; Good Bourbon—Highly palatable; bottle... 60c.

Advertisements for Sanitary Cotton Diaper (Of Sanitary Cotton Birds-Eye (Diaper)—the absorbent kind, free from dressing, at the following low prices: 18 inches, 50c; 20 inches, 55c; 22 inches, 60c; 24 inches, 65c; 27 inches, 75c) and Prayers (ALWAYS RELIABLE MARKET AND JONES STS).

Advertisements for OCEAN TRAVEL: Steamers leave Piers 9 and 11, San Francisco: For Seattle, Wrangell, Juneau, Treadwell, Haines, Skagway, etc., Alaska—11 P. M. For Seattle, San Francisco, 10 P. M. For Seattle, San Francisco, 10 P. M. For Seattle, San Francisco, 10 P. M.

Advertisements for RATIONAL TREATMENT OF Stomach Diseases (MEANS: Discard Injurious Drugs USE Glycozone A Harmless Powerful Germicide Endorsed by Leading Physicians. Send twenty-five cents to pay postage on Free Trial Bottle. Sold by leading druggists. NOT Genuine WITHOUT MY SIGNATURE. Prof. Charles H. Barrett 610 PRINCE ST., NEW YORK. GET THE FREE BOOK ON RATIONAL TREATMENT OF DYSPEPSIA).

Advertisements for FOR SEATTLE Steamer VALENCIA (Will Leave Pier 3, SAN FRANCISCO, MONDAY, JULY 17, 11 A. M. TICKET OFFICES—New Montgomery st. (Palace Hotel), 10 Market st., and Broadway wharves. Freight Office, 10 Market st. C. D. DUNNAN, General Passenger Agent, 10 Market st., San Francisco.

Advertisements for oceania's s. co. (GENERAL, BARRA, STEAMERS, S. SIERRA, for Honolulu, Samoa, Auckland and Sydney, Thursday, July 20, 2 P. M. S. ALAMEDA, for Honolulu, July 23, 11 A. M. S. MARIPOSA, for San Francisco, Aug. 6, 11 A. M. J. D. SPRECKELS & BROS. CO. AGENTS, TICKET OFFICES: Market Street, Freight Office 327 Market St., Pier 7, Pacific St.

Advertisements for KOSMOS LINE (PASSENGER SERVICE. S. THREBEN, 200 California St., San Francisco, July 29, for Europe, via ports on west coast of Mexico. Central and American Lines. For rates and conditions apply to LENDAL M. GRAY, Manager, 323 Market Street.

Advertisements for COMPAGNIE GENERALE TRANSATLANTIQUE (DIRECT LINE TO HAVRE—Paris. Sailing every Thursday instead of once a week. First class to Havre, \$70 and upward. Second class to Havre, \$40 and upward. General Agency FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA, 33 Broadway (Hudson Building), New York. Agents: J. P. FUSAJAZI & CO., 425 Montgomery street, San Francisco. Tickets sold by all Railroad Ticket Agents.

Advertisements for NAPA VALLEY ROUTE (MONTICELLO STEAMSHIP COMPANY. VALLEJO AND NAPA VALLEY INTER-URBAN ELECTRIC R. R. CO. Close connections at Vallejo with all round trip daily for Napa. Mare Island Navy Yard, Napa, Napa Ayatim and all way points. Boats leave San Francisco 7:00 a. m., 9:00 a. m., 8:30 p. m. 8:15 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 4:30 local, 8:30 a. m., 9:30 p. m. local. San Francisco landing and office, 700 Market Street. Phone Main 1518. HATCH BROS., General Agents. Lands Navy Yard direct.

Advertisements for PENNYROYAL PILLS (Original and Best Genuine. SAFE, PAINLESS, LAXATIVE. Sold by all druggists. Take as directed. Refreshing. Day of your druggist, or send for "Relief For Ladies" in letter, by return mail, 10c. Druggists: Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Gibbon's Dispensary, 629 HEBART ST. Established in 1854 for the treatment of Private Diseases, Lost Manhood, Debility of disease wearing on body and mind. Guaranteed to cure or your money back. Others fail. Try him. Charges low. Cures guaranteed. Call or write Dr. J. P. GIBSON, San Francisco, Cal.