

DOROTHY VERNON  
LAWTON TRIUMPH

Alcazar's Best Play Gives Leading Woman Opportunity of Her Career Here

Drama Itself Surpasses Most of Predecessors at the Belasco Theater

Cast of Characters in the romantic drama, "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall"

- Sir John Manners.....Bertram Lytell
Sir Malcolm Vernon.....Walter Belmont
Sir George Vernon.....A. Burt Wesner
The Earl of Rutland.....Howard Hickman
Perkins.....John B. Maher
William Cecil, Lord Burleigh.....Walter Whipple
Sir William St. Lee.....Ernest Glendinning
Will Dawson.....Edward Coxen
Mark, the butler.....Walter Belmont
Gregory, a servant.....Ray Nell
Elizabeth Tudor, Queen of England.....Adole Belgarde
Mary Stuart, Queen of Scotland.....Louise Brownell
Lady Vernon.....Adah Sherman
Miss Faxton.....Daisy Lovinger
Dorothy Vernon.....Thais Lawton

By Walter Anthony "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall" is the best show I have seen on the New Alcazar stage.

Dorothy Vernon is played by Thais Lawton. Dorothy is a madcap, whose affection for Sir John Manners leads the plot into an intrigue involving Elizabeth Tudor, queen of England, and Mary, queen of Scots.

Miss Lawton rises to altitudinous melodramatic heights in "Dorothy Vernon" which many visiting artists in theaters devoted to traveling players do not achieve.

BIGGY SWITCHES MEN OF DETECTIVE BUREAU

Wren, Dinan's Friend, Off Bank Detail and McMahon Goes to Chinatown

Chief Biggy transferred from the bank detail yesterday Detective Ed Wren, a close friend of former Chief Dinan, who had been given the place by the deceased police official.

On Monday Detectives Ed Byram, Gus Harper and E. J. Whitaker were advised by the chief to send in their applications for retirement on a pension, otherwise a change would be made, as he desired to have younger and more active men.

HUSBAND TELLS POLICE OF RIVAL'S REVOLVER

Arrest Reveals Beating With a Feather Duster in Wife's Millinery Store

Clarence Ackerman, a contractor, appeared in Police Judge Conlan's court yesterday on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He was arrested Monday night at Twentieth and Mission streets by Policeman Curtis on complaint of Frank Witzman of 224 Desisladero street, who accused him of alienating his wife's affections and with carrying a concealed weapon.

Effective January 27 dining service will be operated between Mexico 3 and Bakerfield on Southern Pacific's 10:20 a. m. train from San Francisco for Los Angeles and intermediate San Joaquin points.

Sketches of Miss Thais Lawton and other Belasco players in "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," in which the leading woman of the Alcazar achieved a triumph last night.

DOROTHY VERNON (THAIS LAWTON) MAKE SIF JOHNNY MANNERS (BERTRAM LYTELL) TAKE TO COVER IN ACT 2



ADOLE BELGARDE AS QUEEN 'LIZ BILLY WALLING AS SIR MALCOLM VERNON BURT WESNER WITH THE REAL VERNON FROM

SAILORS HELP TO PLAN FOR FLEET

Enlisted Men Favor Giving a Series of Dances for Evans' Jackies

Two meetings of subsidiary committees of the general reception committee for the fleet were held yesterday afternoon. That on the entertainment of enlisted men met in the rooms of the California Promotion committee in Union Square and the other—the finance committee—in the rooms of the chamber of commerce in the Merchants' Exchange building.

Five enlisted men, chief petty officers from the naval station at Mare Island, made suggestions and aided the committee in its plans for holding out its first rough plan for amusing the sailors of the fleet on their arrival in San Francisco.

A series of dances to extend over the entire period of the fleet's stay in the bay was practically decided upon, although this, together with the rest of the program arranged by the committee, of which Walter MacArthur is the chairman, will have to be submitted to Admiral Evans on his arrival in Magdalena bay. The feasibility of a monster water carnival, to be held at night, was discussed by the entertainment committee and a suggestion to this effect will be made to the admiral.

That the men may have some headquarters while ashore, the entertainment committee proposes to build a big pavilion to be used as a dormitory, reading and writing room and general gathering place for the enlisted men of Uncle Sam's warships. The committee also planned for a parade, a series of vaudeville entertainments by the minstrel troupes from the various ships, together with athletic events between representatives of all the ships in the armada.

At the meeting of the finance committee several business interests were contacted, calling for assistance in raising at least \$250,000 by a voluntary contribution. A large proportion of the money contributed, so this circular will state, is to be spent exclusively for the entertainment and pleasure of the enlisted men, it being the aim of the committee to make the occasion of this visit one that will always be pleasantly remembered by the officers and men of the American fleet.

Many of the speakers before the finance committee approved of the general plans which the committee has formulated. Representative men of the several business interests in town are to be called upon to act as collectors of this fund. These men are to deal only with their friends in the same business or calling.

Ex-Mayor James D. Phelan, who acted as chairman of the committee, stated that the town would receive from the fleet far more than it would expend in the entertainment of the sailors. The impression that San Francisco is a recorder's office, "holding" to keep up its courage," held by the rest of the country and Europe would be obliterated by the impartial reports of outside correspondents, who would cover the arrival of the fleet and the reception given to it. Mayor Taylor, who was present, said that he would enter into official communication with the mayors of the bay cities to secure their co-operation in the task of receiving Admiral Evans and his men.

CROCKER'S MORTGAGE HOTEL

The Mercantile trust company and the Equitable life assurance society will furnish the money required by the Crocker hotel company to complete the St. Francis and the Shreve building at Grant avenue and Post street. A mortgage covering the two properties, executed by the Crocker company, was filed late yesterday afternoon in the recorder's office. Under its terms the lending companies are to advance \$1,000,000 at 5 1/2 per cent in four payments. The first payment of \$250,000 was made when the mortgage was executed. \$250,000 will be paid March 2, \$250,000 May 2, and \$250,000 35 days after the completion of the structures.

CITIZENS URGED TO WAR AGAINST RATS

Governor, Mayor, Health Officials and Businessmen Confer on Sanitation

Each Resident of San Francisco Asked to Lend Aid to the Authorities

At a largely attended meeting held yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the commercial organizations on the floor of the merchants' association, speakers were made by Governor Gillett, Mayor Taylor, the federal, state and local health officials and others urging the people of San Francisco to take added precautions against the spread of bubonic plague.

The speakers for the most part directed attention to the increased dangers which the warmer months of spring and summer would bring and called upon the public to co-operate with the health officials in exterminating rats as expeditiously as possible.

An appeal was made to the individual house holder to place his premises in sanitary condition and a resolution was adopted regarding the supervisors, chief of police and police judges to enforce strictly all sanitary regulations.

G. X. Wendling, a trustee of the chamber of commerce, presided at the meeting. He suggested the gathering together 300 businessmen had collected.

DR. BLUE GIVES WARNING

Dr. Blue, the federal expert in charge of the situation, was the first speaker. Dr. Blue pointed out that while no new case of plague had developed since the appearance of infected rats had increased threefold. He advanced the theory that the disease was carried from the rats to human beings through the medium of the flea.

Dr. William Ophuls, president of the San Francisco board of health, said that the greatest menace came from unsanitary stables, restaurants, warehouses and markets. He told of the work carried on to place the stables in sanitary condition. Dr. Ophuls made a plea for municipal removal of garbage.

Dr. Hobdy of the quarantine service spoke forcefully on the necessity of immediate action. He said that even at the present time the shipment of flour from this port was attended by great difficulties.

COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS

Before entering into a discussion of the situation Mayor Taylor announced that he had appointed the following 25 citizens to act with the health authorities: Homer S. King, chairman; E. H. Risford, Gustave Brenner, T. C. Fieldlander, H. H. Sherwood, Frank J. Swayne, C. C. Moore, R. H. Swayne, Captain H. W. Goodall, James McNab, A. W. Scott, L. M. King, Walter MacArthur, Dr. N. K. Power, Dr. H. M. Sherman, Dr. John Galloway, Dr. John M. Williamson, Dr. James H. Parkinson, Dr. George H. Evans, Dr. Charles G. Levison, Dr. Martin Regensburger, Dr. Langley Porter, Dr. H. C. Moffitt, Dr. P. M. Joyce, Dr. E. N. Ewar.

Mayor Taylor deprecated the tendency to declare that there was no plague when the experts stated that it existed. He called upon the press to inaugurate a campaign of education to the people as to the best method of handling the garbage. He added that most of it could be burned in the range. Continuing, the mayor said in part:

The citizen should destroy vermin of all kinds—not only the rat but every similar pest, including the house fly. The rat is now the chief enemy, but in his train are thousands, millions of other enemies.

WOMAN HELD FOR DEATH OF GIRL IS ARRAIGNED

Youth Also Accused in Needham Case an Unwilling Witness Against Mrs. Wagner

The preliminary hearing of Mrs. Wilhelm Wagner, the midwife who is charged with murder in connection with the death of Edna Needham at her hospital December 31, was begun before Police Judge Canibus yesterday afternoon.

George Beckett proved an unwilling witness, as he was evidently afraid of incriminating himself. He testified that the girl was first treated by Dr. O'Donnell and as Dr. O'Donnell could not do anything for her he went to Mrs. Wagner on the night of December 28 and arranged to take the girl to the woman's place to be treated morning.

Dr. C. A. Glover testified that Miss Needham's death was caused by peritonitis and Dr. B. H. Baumeister testified to having attended her at Mrs. Wagner's hospital. The case was continued till Friday.

SHERIFF SUSPENDS DEPUTY John O'Neil, a deputy, was suspended yesterday afternoon pending an investigation of the charge that he had permitted the notorious George D. Collins to visit a saloon while in his custody.

COMMITTEES FOR LABOR DAY NAMED

Annual Event of University Students Is Scheduled for February 29

General Chairman Arranges for Games and Freak Races Near Nightfall

BERKELEY, Jan. 28.—Committees in charge of the university labor day, February 29, at the University of California, were appointed today by Sam Hume, general chairman. The chairman of the committee for each college will have charge of the work done by that college, and act in the capacity as "section boss" for the men students working on the campus.

The section bosses for each college are: Natural sciences, A. L. Kloesberger; commerce, P. K. Yost; agriculture, Russell Stephens; mining, Jack Barnicoat; letters, Phil Thatcher; social sciences, Harry Jenkins; graduates, Joseph Bingham; mechanics, A. Balzani; civil engineering, F. Johnson; architecture, Ed Klein.

The women's committee is: Elsie Cole, general chairman; Lucretia Weir, Annie Biddle, Maude Cleveland, Maja McCabe, Beattie Goodwin, Edith Carew, Pearl Chase, Clara Hudson, Belle Gluckham and Helen Pinkham.

According to the plans of Chairman Hume, games will be held after the work of the day is finished. These will be in the nature of freak races for fried eggs and other trophies. Walter Christie will have charge of this feature.

ARRESTED FOR PRAYING

"I'm praying for the United States"

L. G. Salomon, president of the retail clerks' association, which will give three benefit performances to increase its sick and relief fund.



because I love it so," Robert Benegrie, a well dressed man of 35 years, told Policeman Thomas Collier in broken English last night when the officer arrested him for praying on the sidewalk at the corner of Hayes and Gough streets.

Collier took him to the central emergency hospital, where Benegrie said that he had come only recently from Lima, Peru, and that he was working for the local shipping firm of W. B. Grace & Co. Pending an examination as to his sanity today, Benegrie is held in the detention ward at the hospital.

CLERKS SELL MANY BENEFIT TICKETS

Retail Association's Members Actively Preparing for Performances

Administrator Hynes to Aid in Raising Money for Relief Fund

Arrangements have been completed by President L. G. Salomon of the retail clerks' association of San Francisco for the three big benefit performances at the Sixteenth street theater tomorrow afternoon and evening to raise money for the sick and relief fund of the association. For several days 300 members of the association and Financial Secretary Max G. Licht have been selling tickets. They have disposed of almost 2,000 "Billy" Hynes, public administrator, has promised to assist with his "Laughing Song." The program will include several vaudeville acts and a sketch by the Emory stock company.

For the special benefit of the children and their mothers the curtain will rise for the first show at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The evening performances begin at 7:15 and 9:15 o'clock. The committee on arrangements follows: President L. G. Salomon, Financial Secretary Max G. Licht, W. T. Krigbaum, G. Snee, Sam Fox, C. J. Williams, E. Solomon, Gus Bonn, S. Mackay and G. George.

SAVOY HOTEL SUEED Ada M. Smith, lessee of the Savoy hotel at Van Ness avenue and Ellis street, and the subtenants of the establishment were made defendants in a suit filed yesterday by Lydia H. Barney and Minnie B. Stanley, owners of the place, for damages and the recovery of three months' rent, amounting to \$4,500.

Advertisement for NEW VICTOR RECORDS. Features a dog listening to a gramophone. Text includes: "His Master's Voice", "NEW VICTOR RECORDS For February, on sale TO-DAY", and a list of records such as "Arthur Pryor's Band", "Hymn by Frederic C. Freemantel", "Baritone Solos by Alan Turner", etc.

SENIORS TO ELECT OFFICERS TODAY

Man to Be Selected President in Permanent Choice of the Class for Life

BERKELEY, Jan. 28.—Interest on the university campus today centered in the election of the senior class tomorrow. The aspirants for the honor of president of the class—Harry Jenkins, M. E. Harrison and John Newman—are well known and prominent in college affairs, and a close vote is expected. The man elected tomorrow will be the permanent choice of the class for life.

All the electioneering on the campus today was concerned with the presidency, as no campaign managers have been appointed for contests for the remaining offices. The candidates for these offices are: First vice president, Miss Frieda Waters; second vice president, Miss Carrie Parsons; secretary, J. F. Johnson; Fred Johnson and F. M. Smith; treasurer, I. P. Aten; auditing committee, B. R. Bates, John Tyssowski and L. A. MacArthur; sergeant at arms, Bob Blake, E. Crane; class orator, Dale Tyrrell; poet, A. E. Anderson, S. Cheney and E. Fish; class grafter, Frank Bloomer; dramatist, Harry Einsteint; chaplain, Sam Hume; medalist, A. L. North; undertaker, H. E. Casey; goat, Harold Ramsden, C. G. Zachcock; Harold Baxter and Tom Steerk; chaperson, E. L. Adams and Savvy MacNell; class teddy bear, W. M. Hollister; class skeleton, Harry Hall; class quenser, S. L. Towle and John Tyssowski; keeper, R. E. Sudden; pugilist, Fred Thomas, H. J. Schaufele and L. K. Underhill.

The men's voting booth will be in Senior hall, with the following committee in charge: Jack Barnicoat, chairman; A. S. Peake, Ivan Ball, Frank Buck and Russell Stephens. The women will vote in the Blue and Gold office, under the supervision of the following committee: Miss Jane Hawk, chairman; Miss Nora Evans, Miss Maud Scott, Miss Helen Watson and Miss Viola Ahlers.

EDWARDS LECTURES ON HIS FAVORITE THEME

Nature's Beauty in California and State's Varied Resources His Subject

One of the largest assemblies yet held in the California club rooms took place yesterday afternoon, when more than 200 of the members and their guests gathered to listen to Dr. Clarence E. Edwards of the California Promotion committee, who gave an illustrated talk about California. The colored slides used were exceptionally fine and Dr. Edwards, who was enthusiastic about his subject, was interrupted several times with applause. He dwelt upon the natural beauties of the state as well as the great industrial plants, the vineyards, orchards and orange groves.

A reception committee met the guests when they arrived, composed of Miss Florence Kustel, Mrs. Orlo Eastwood, Mrs. A. M. Flood, Mrs. J. W. Keanan and Mrs. J. W. Orr. Mrs. Orr in the little business meeting which preceded the lecture, spoke of the recent Examiner story of what took place at the Oakland club's luncheon 10 days ago. She said: "There was no hissing that I heard, nor did the president hear any, and the occasion was in every way a delightful one. The erroneous report that was published has caused me a great deal of annoyance, and I want to do all in my power to check it."

WITTMAN GETS SETBACK

The police commissioners at their meeting yesterday afternoon denied the petition of former Mayor George W. Wittman for a copy of the record of his trial and dismissal. The denial was made on the ground that the superior court had already reviewed the case in denying Wittman's petition for a restraining order. Wittman is anxious to be reinstated in the rank of captain.