

"BLUE MOUSE" A DAINY ROMP Tries on a Certain Thin Ice

PLAY HARMLESS TO MORALS BUT HARD ON RIBS

Whoever Comes to Be Shocked Discovers That "It's to Laugh"

By WALTER ANTHONY I hate a mixed metaphor as much as you do, but "The Blue Mouse" is a delicious scamper over the thin ice of propriety. Just how a mouse, blue or gray, can romp over ice, thick or thin, I do not feel competent to explain, but recommend you to see Miss Florence Stone accomplish the feat at the Alcazar. She does it in the risqué farce adapted by Clyde Fitch from the German. She is a dainty bit of witchery with a charm and a "temperament" which do not incline, but compel. She does various stunts which in other hands were vulgar, but which have not been achieved elsewhere. In this city since Elsie Ryan played the role at the American theater four or five seasons ago. Miss Stone has made the "blue mouse" a proper inhabitant of the Alcazar and tonight she is to color to a modest shade, yet not lacking in sheen. Her Paulette Devine, which is the real name of the "blue mouse," is a most delightful combination of the dancer and enough of the naughtiness to be engaging, but she tempers the impersonation with a deft touch and fits it to the Alcazar. Her Paulette Devine makes a delicate and delightful role at the Alcazar this week. There is more farce than comedy in the piece. That is to say there is more laughing than thought. One does not think of the ultimate of "The Blue Mouse" ethics, because there aren't any. It is made for a frank laugh and it is harmless to the morals, though it is risqué. The company at the Alcazar is excellent. Burt Wesner, as the aged railroad magnate with a penchant for pretty faces, is admirable. He acts with farcical sincerity and seems to mean everything he says. When he becomes involved in the ludicrous which has been set for his feet by the wiles of the snarer, he is a ludicrously solemn personage, irresistibly funny. Adele Belgrade, as his wife, with a pretty part, is likewise elementally funny. One must say that she knows her business. Wilson Melrose plays the role of the husband of Mrs. Rollett with unctious and succeeds in a part which, one would say, he does not play. He is a dainty bit of comedy vein in broad and bright and he makes the chief conspirator in the plot against the aged railroad president a convincing character.



FIERCE BEASTS ATTACK TRAINER

Shriner's Big Circus Thronged; Illustrious Potentate Has a Narrow Escape

OAKLAND, April 2.—The afternoon and evening performances of the Shriner circus on the shores of Lake Merritt at the foot of Twelfth street, to close Thursday night, April 4, are supplying many thrilling acts not on the program. Crowds fill the big tent and indications are that the show will be remarkably successful. Captain Ricardo, lion tamer of the Al G. Barnes circus, which was leased by Ahimes temple, Noble of the Mystic Shrine, under whose auspices the show is given, was injured twice in the two opening performances and narrowly escaped accident today. The animals, especially the lions, tigers and bears, were in ugly mood and required strenuous discipline. Ricardo wore a white uniform instead of his usual blue one and when he started the performance one of the lions struck savagely at him, ripping a coat sleeve from his arm and tearing the back of his hand. Ricardo, undaunted, slashed at the brute with his leading whip and finished the performance. At the evening performance Ricardo was hurt while assisting Major Thornton, who puts on a trained bear act. A huge grizzly struck at Thornton just before the close of the act but he used the butt of his whip and compelled the surly beast to perform. Another mishap was narrowly averted when a great white charger ridden by Frank W. Bilger, illustrious potentate of Ahimes temple, shied at a high hurdle. Alameda will celebrate tomorrow night and Thursday night, 400 members of Islam temple, San Francisco, will attend.

MYSTICISM CAUSES MAN TO SEEK DEATH

Napa Rancher Tries to Commit Suicide After Escaping From Sanatorium

OAKLAND, April 2.—With his hopes of being a successful inventor shattered and his mind unbalanced through overstudy of religious literature, A. H. Mitchell, a wealthy rancher of Napa, attempted to commit suicide last night in a rooming house at 138 Telegraph avenue after escaping from the Napa sanatorium, 470 Twenty-eighth street, where he had been undergoing treatment for neurasthenia. Mitchell had made elaborate preparations for ending his life, but at the last minute failed to get drugs for the purpose, and so turned on the gas. At 8 o'clock this morning other roomers in the house detected the odor and called the police. The would-be suicide was taken to the receiving hospital, where oxygen was administered. He has a fair chance for recovery. Before leaving the hospital Mitchell wrote farewell letters to his brother, W. L. Mitchell of Napa, and to Mrs. E. J. Bray of this city and several random dissertations on religion. "The dream of death is quitting life," reads one of them. "It is losing its joys, its actions, its aspirations, relieving mistakes and planning new achievements. When crippled and distressed bodies only remain, there is not much to leave. For me, no man facing the unknown sees more infinite sadness in what he leaves." "But why complain? Tens of thousands have stood facing the same horror, the same infinite sadness."

BANK MESSENGER HED AS FOOTPAD

Gun in Youth's Pocket Strengthens Charge of Milkman; Bail Is Accepted

ALAMEDA, April 2.—Wallace R. Boarman, the young bank messenger arrested last Thursday night and charged with having held up Harry Richardson, a milk wagon driver, at the point of a pistol, was held to answer to the superior court by Justice Aarea Turner. No defense was made by Boarman. Immediately following the holdup, Richardson found Policeman Deuser at Santa Clara avenue and Webster street, and driving back near the scene pointed out Boarman. Deuser arrested Boarman and found a revolver on him. Boarman denied the charge and said he was taking a walk. He said he worked for the Wells Fargo Nevada National Bank in San Francisco and always carried a pistol for his protection. Boarman is out on bail.

PRIEST IN SOLOMON ISLANDS WANTS A DOG

In a roundabout way there has come from the Solomon Islands of the South Pacific to the local society for the prevention of cruelty to animals a request for a dog to be the companion of Father Garton, a missionary in the islands.

DOCTORS SCORED FOR RECEIVING PATIENT

Effort Made to Allay Fear of Rabies Victim

A verdict criticizing the treatment of Frank Anders, of 214 Canal street, who died from rabies at the German hospital March 9, was returned by the coroner's jury last night. The verdict reads: "The report that the said Frank Anders came to his death on March 9 from hydrophobia, due to the bite of a dog. Further, this being the first victim of hydrophobia in this city, that there are existing circumstances in the absence of proper treatment by the doctors of the German hospital. That the deceased was ridiculed when he reported the case there is no doubt, but that the doctors did it to allay his fears has been shown by the state advisory board. It is rabies here has been proven by the testimony of Doctor Broderick, health officer, and Doctor Kellogg, director of laboratories for the board of health, and we wish to commend the doctors for the very effective measures adopted to check and stamp out this disease."

ROSECRANS TO COME NORTH FOR REPAIRS

SANTA BARBARA, April 2.—The tanker steamer Rosecrans, wrecked several weeks ago on the rocks off Gaviota, will be started to San Francisco for repairs tomorrow.

LENENT DEVOTIONS TERMINATE SATURDAY

Announcement has been made of the services at St. Patrick's church during holy week. The services will be celebrated at the noon hour, followed by the blessed sacrament. Rev. Father Ramm will preach in the evening. On Good Friday the mass of the prescient will be said at noon and immediately afterward there will be the devotion of the three hours' agony. The triple sermon proper to this devotion will be preached by Rev. M. Walsh. A select choir under the direction of Mrs. Thomas J. O'Brien, supported by a string orchestra, will render Mercadante's celebrated oratorio of the "Seven Last Words."

BETROTHED JUST WANT THE LICENSE ON HAND

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAN RAFAEL, April 2.—Three weeks before the date set for their wedding, Eldridge C. Green, 28 years old, of San Mateo, and Marie Louise Gordon Foster, 21 years old, of Halesanta, Ross, obtained a marriage license yesterday. Miss Foster is the daughter of C. J. Foster. The young woman's family last night denied that the marriage would be celebrated prior to the date originally set, April 20. The young folks just wanted the marriage license on hand.

ITALIANS ARREST BRITISH STEAMER

PERIM, Red Sea, April 2.—The British steamer Woodcock has been arrested by the Italians in the vicinity of Leohela because it was transporting contraband. The captain of the Italian cruiser Piemonte today proclaimed a blockade of the ports of Leohela and Saif, on the Yemen coast of the Red sea. Kamaran Island, the cable station which connects various cities on the Arabian shore with Egypt, also has been blockaded. The Italian war vessel severed the cable between Kamaran and the Arabian mainland.

SUSPECT IN PORTLAND AUTO MURDERS JAILED

PORTLAND, Ore., April 2.—Positive that he has the man in custody who shot Donald M. Stewart and George Hastings on the Riverside drive near this city Friday night, Sheriff Robert L. Stevens returned here tonight from the mountains east of Woodburn, Ore., with H. E. Roberts, alias "Jack" Roberts, alias "Jungling Jack," an ex-convict of the Oregon and Washington penitentiaries, under arrest.

WAREHOUSE CHARGES CAN NOT BE INCREASED

The railroad commission has directed its attention to warehouse charges. Shortly after the public utilities act was passed many warehouses raised rates. The commission has sent out notices that such advances are illegal. The commission also defined its attitude as to extension of stock and bond issues. Many corporations have acted on the assumption that by voting their bonds they had issued them and had thus avoided the new law.

BELOVED "BROTHER JOE" OF SANTA CLARA DIES

SANTA CLARA, April 2.—The late Brother Coadjutor Alexander McKenzie of the Society of Jesus, who died yesterday, was laid to rest today in the Jesuit plot at the Santa Clara cemetery.

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TYPO FOREMAN QUILTS STATE PRINTING JOB

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, April 2.—Andy Smith, general foreman of the state printing office for five years at \$225 a month, has resigned, effective April 15. Smith's resignation was expected. Smith was for years general foreman for the Call at San Francisco before taking the state job. State Printer Richardson has not decided upon his successor.

OAKLAND'S PHONE SUIT IS ORDERED

OAKLAND, April 2.—Action was taken by the city council today which will lead to the filing of suits against the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and the Bay Cities Home Telephone company for a dissolution of the recent merger of the two corporations and the recovery of a \$100,000 bond given the city by the Home company when the franchise was granted five years ago.

RECALL CAMPAIGN BEGUN IN BERKELEY

BERKELEY, April 2.—The recall campaign to take control of the school department from the majority directors, John A. Wilson, Herman L. Stern and Mrs. Elmer Carls, began tonight. Three meetings were held in eastern precincts in support of the candidacy of Samuel C. Haight and Mrs. Annie Little Barry for school director, and B. J. Bither for councilman.

LEGION OF HONOR OPENS GATES TO PONIATOWSKI

[Special Dispatch to The Call] PARIS, April 2.—Prince Poniatowski, was today made a Knight of the Legion of Honor. Princess Poniatowski was formerly Miss Helen Sperry of California. The prince is well known in New York. His bank here deals largely in American securities.

RAILROAD STOCK TO PAY BANK DIVIDENDS

The Depositors' Mutual Aid and No Fee Association of the California Safe Deposit and Trust company went on record at a meeting last night in favor of the petition to the police, Frank Symmes to allow the receiver to sell the shares of Western Pacific railroad stock held by the company to the depositors at an agreed price and bond issues. Many corporations have acted on the assumption that by voting their bonds they had issued them and had thus avoided the new law.

THERE'S NO RISK If This Medicine Does Not Benefit, You Pay Nothing

A physician who made a specialty of stomach troubles, particularly dyspepsia, after years of study perfected the formula from which Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets are made. Our experience with Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets leads us to believe them to be the greatest remedy known for relief of acute indigestion and chronic dyspepsia. Their ingredients are soothing and healing to the inflamed membrane of the stomach. They are rich in pepsin, one of the greatest digestive aids known to medicine. The relief they afford is almost immediate. Their use with persistency and regularity for a short time brings about a cessation of the pains caused by stomach disorders. Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets will insure healthy appetite, aid digestion and promote nutrition. As evidence of our sincere faith in Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets we ask you to try them at our risk. If they do not give you entire satisfaction we will return you the money you paid us for them, without question or formality. They come in three sizes, prices 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00. Sold only by The Owl Drug Co. stores in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Seattle, Portland and Spokane.

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CREW OF OIL COMPANY'S STEAMER GOES ON STRIKE

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MONTEREY, April 2.—The crew of the Associated Oil company's steamship W. E. Porter struck when the boiler reached this port this morning. The sailors said that the trouble was caused by the food served the men. A hurry-up call for sailors was sent to San Francisco and until they arrive the Porter will remain in this port.

BURLINGAME POSTMASTER INDORSED BY HAYES

[Special Dispatch to The Call] BURLINGAME, April 2.—It was announced here tonight that Congressman E. A. Hayes this morning recommended J. E. Beard for the position of postmaster of this city to succeed George W. Gates.

FORMER PRIZE FIGHTER CONFESSES TO FORGERY

OAKLAND, April 2.—George Stewart, who once fought a draw with champion Jack Johnson, confessed to Superior Judge Ellsworth today that he forged a check for \$21 on the West Oakland bank, and also that he had served time for passing bad paper in Placer county. He will be sentenced Friday.

FEAST OF PASSOVER FITTINGLY OBSERVED

The Jewish feast of the Passover was fittingly commemorated last evening by a "Seder" program of 25 speeches and musical numbers by 25 members of the congregation Ohabai Shalom in the Scottish Rite temple, Sutter street, and Van Ness avenue, under the auspices of the Progress committee of Bush street temple.