

Criticism Naively Challenged "The Right Princess" Bats Evil

IBSEN OUTDOVE BY PLAY WITH AN HYPOTHESIS

Dramatization of Clara Burnham's Book Discursive, Then Melodramatic

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"The Right Princess" naively challenges criticism. The play stands on the hypothesis that "good is the only power" and that evil doesn't exist. This makes the critic's task difficult, if not impossible, because critics and criticism are generally evil. At least fault finding, which is a part of a critic's thankless job, is esteemed an evil occupation.

Last night at the Alcazar when the dramatization of Clara Louise Burnham's book (it isn't called a novel) was being played, a portly gentleman with a mouthful of gum sat immediately behind me and chewed audibly in my ear during the most impressive passages in the play. If this story meets his languid gaze he will recognize me because my wife, with a blue feather in her hat, went with me after the second act and took a seat in the rear of the theater.

SOMEWHAT IMPRESSIVE

I do not mean to make fun of the play, which was, in the second act, somewhat impressive; in the first act, very discursive and in the third act very melodramatic with its American girl, its English peer and a designing cousin who wanted the estates. I mean merely to say that the play, as a structure, is not. It is a brief. Luckily for it, last night, it encountered credulous ears, and its success elsewhere will be in proportion to ears attuned to its ethics and deaf to its esthetics. The latter are (or should I say) very false.

In the second act a young man with the brain of a baby, who has been disclosed stringing colored beads before his imbecile grin, is urged by his cousin to make a physical assault on the pretty little normal school and "new thought" miss, who is trying to lead the incompetent into the light.

IBSEN OUTDOVE

Ibsen's close to his immortally awful "Ghosts" has nothing "on" this scene, if one takes either of them seriously. The boy was thrown from a horse in his extreme youth. His mentality, but his physical frame, was never strong in its development. His cousin hopes to acquire the estates and the peerage if the patient remains stunted. This remarkable young woman, Frances Rogers, daughter of the housekeeper, seems to have power over the strangely dwarfed mind of the imbecile. Guy (that's the cousin's name) fears that she will restore "Bill" to his normal state and interfere with his (Guy's) ambitions to ascend to a seat in the house of lords. Hence the disgusting scene of the second act, when Guy, in a fanciful romance to the doddering boy about a princess and describes her hair and her arms and her kisses. The half-lustre eyes bulge with excitement and when Guy intimates how strong the prince is to carry the princess off, the bulk with the baby's brain chuckles at the thought. Then the princess appears. The boy with naturally imbecile mentality picks her up and the audience shudders unnecessarily. The girl has only to say to his unwitting mind, "good is the only power," and the lad of 24 puts her back on her feet and the twin sit down to a table to renew their head stringing.

PRESCRIPTION EPISODE

The first act introduces Carson, who was on the ground years before when the boy was thrown from his horse. Carson knows that Cousin Guy did a trick by whipping the brute on the haunches. The horse, it seems, was a wild animal, as everybody knew around the place and naturally kicked the boy over a parabola of extensive dimensions. This circumstance is developed in the first act between Guy and Carson. The latter is wretchedly never to tell the secret because only he knows it. Incidentally Guy tears up in the obvious presence of the audience and Carson a prescription that the new doctor has just ordered for the lad. Carson, the principal conspirator in the plot, after Guy, is never again seen in the play. Whatever becomes of him is known only to the stage manager. The episode of the destroyed prescription is merely introduced to show Guy's animosity and to develop the fact that the new doctor is opposed to Guy's regime of keeping the boy's apartments closed to the sunlight.

HORSE HEARD CLATTERING

She arrives in the first act. A horse is heard clattering outside. A scream is emitted and the heroine makes her entrance. It seems that she, too, was thrown off a horse. Her aunt wants to put a bandage on her wrist, but she says, she'd rather hear the ninety-first psalm. This the aunt, in an agitated way, attempts to read, but the niece doesn't approve of the aunt's haste and recites the psalm very slowly and with much elocutionary effect. The bandages and the liniment are forgotten by auntie and Guy, while Frances goes to her room none the worse for her accident, like Aeneas after his encounter with a gentleman from Latinus, who couldn't hurt him. The esthetic fault with the scene arises from the fact that one doesn't know whether Frances was hurt or not. If she was, she should have held the bible with her left hand while her aunt bandaged her right wrist. If she wasn't, there was no point to the episode.

TEN MONTHS—AND PRESTO

The second act discloses the stunted mentality being coaxed to blossom by the right princess. The exact process is not shown, but a glint of returning, or rather unspringing, reason is given as the curtain falls. Ten months elapse before the curtain rises again on the third act. Like Marie Corelli, Miss Burnham reveals no secrets. Billy has now become Sir William. The mind that stopped growing at five the student has assumed the dignity and purpose of 25.

However, there's no use bothering you further about the play. The creditors will like it, but the skeptical latter if the play has it by reason of the charm of Miss Maude Fealy, who is the princess, James Durkin, who is the Prince "Bill," and the fact that they marry in the last act.



Maude Fealy and James Durkin in a scene in "The Right Princess" at the Alcazar theater.

HEALTH BOARD AX IS MADE TO STICK BURNS IS SCORED IN LABOR REPORT

Members Stand By Original Action in Dismissal of Five Employees Has to Do With Detective and McNamaras

After dismissing five employees from the main office of the board of health to keep within its financial limit, the board decided last night to stick by its original decision and not heed the request of Mayor Rolph to withhold the order of dismissal of two of these employees.

The two about whom the mayor's request was made were Mrs. Hannah A. Nolan, an industrial inspector, and Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, a bond clerk. By the dismissal of the five a saving of \$7,000 a year is expected.

The dismissal of two civil service employees, Dairy Inspectors W. E. Lendrum and E. B. O'Connor, and the retention of two noncivil service veterinarians, George Melody and Joseph S. Walsh, prompted an order by the civil service commission citing the board of health to appear tomorrow evening and explain its action. Declaring that he could not afford to risk his being in a tuberculosis hospital for \$125 a month, Dr. Joseph B. Blackshaw, resident physician of the tuberculosis hospital, tendered his resignation effective November 14. In his place Dr. John M. Rose was appointed.

NO FLIES TO BE FOUND ON HONOLULU BANANAS

And Still They Aren't Supposed to Be Sold

Chief Deputy State Quarantine Officer Frederick Maskevsky issued a statement yesterday to the effect that no Mediterranean fly pest has been found in bananas or banana wrappings from Honolulu. The bananas secured by Italian fishermen, after having been condemned and thrown overboard Saturday, and then taken by the fishermen to Fishermen's cove and transferred to peddlers and sold throughout the city, were spoiled bananas and not infested with Mediterranean fly, explains Maskevsky. The spoiled bananas were from the Ventura, having suffered through overheating of the cargo. The federal inspectors tagged the spoiled bananas, and the state officials had nothing to do with the dumping of them.

CZAR FREES SOLDIER TO EXPRESS THANKS

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 12.—"As an expression of my thanks for the grace of God, to which is due the recovery of the heir to the throne, I pardon private Dachurin his grave offense." This is the language of an imperial decree granting pardon to a soldier who, October 22, was sentenced to penal servitude for life for leaving the ranks at a review in order to hand a petition to the czar.

Much of Executive Document Has to Do With Detective and McNamaras

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 12.—The second day's session of the thirty-second convention of the American Federation of Labor was occupied almost entirely with the reading of the report of the executive council, in which the federation was arraigned as an example of his own characterization of private detectives and the investigation of the federation since the McNamaras trial was declared to be a concerted attempt by employers' associations and subsidized newspapers to destroy the federation and bring its officers into disrepute.

Other parts of the report recommended that the convention take measures to aid in the movement to abolish home work and referred to the conservation of natural resources as a measure in which labor should participate. Part of the report dealt with the Boy Scouts movement. At the Atlanta convention of the federation a resolution was presented denouncing the Boy Scouts of America as breeders of militarism and antagonistic to labor. The report reviewed attempts by leaders of the scout to eliminate the features that were objectionable to labor, and recommended that the convention this year refrain from denouncing the movement.

Of the McNamaras report said: "The McNamaras offense was a social crime. Thinking people, who were made to realize the poisonous, mischievous influence corrupting the atmosphere of industrial life, were well nigh overwhelmed by the weight of collective responsibility devolving upon them as a result of the existence of such conditions."

"The McNamaras either were criminally insane or insanely criminal—either condition due to imperfect education, incomplete education or defective mentality."

"In any case society is responsible for not remedying the conditions."

Of Burns' connection with the McNamaras case the report said in part: "Burns has not produced and could not produce a scintilla of evidence to substantiate his oft misstated statement: 'Gompers knew.'"

The report charges that Burns made it appear that officers of the federation were the "higher ups," and that when Gompers made reply, "this turned upon him the brunt of the attack."

HOME INDUSTRY EXHIBIT TO BE OPENED TONIGHT

Ten Days' Exhibition Will Start in Auditorium

The 10 days' exhibition of the Home Industry League of California will open this evening in the Auditorium Page and Fillmore streets, at 8 o'clock. The speeches will be educational in nature and, in fact, throughout the entire time of the exhibit, the petitions of various lines of manufacture exhibited will talk of California and of the advantages to the general public from patronizing home products.

SEATTLE RECALL MOVE APPARENTLY BLOWS UP

SEATTLE, Nov. 12.—The recall movement against Mayor George F. Catterlin apparently has collapsed. The clerks checking the names on the petitions filed in the city comptroller's office have found 12,000 of the 30,000 signatures invalid, leaving only 8,000 good names on the petitions, where 16,500 are necessary to insure a recall election.

ROOSEVELT'S LEAD REDUCED TO 24 FOR HIGHER COURT

Wilson Makes Gradual Gains Throughout State; Five Precincts Yet Missing

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missing yesterday morning. Roosevelt had an apparent lead of 600 over Wilson. Official returns and the announcement of the unofficial returns from remote precincts received during the early afternoon steadily reduced the Roosevelt plurality until at 3 o'clock The Call's tables showed the progressive lead to be 62 votes. The Associated Press credited him with a lead of 68 votes, and the compilations made by the Progressive Republican Wilson league gave Roosevelt a plurality of only 56.

At 5 o'clock last night the Associated Press had received additional returns reducing the Roosevelt lead to 20 votes, and an hour later further returns that wiped out the Roosevelt plurality and gave Wilson a lead of 15. Then a correction in the Sierra county returns resulted in a gain of 25 for Roosevelt and gave him a net lead of 10 votes.

Unofficial advices from Sonoma county indicated that the announcement of the official canvass of that county which would not be available until morning, would show a gain of 100 for Wilson over the totals unofficially announced last week. If the Sonoma county advices are verified, Wilson will start today with a lead of 90 or more.

The official and unofficial returns received up to midnight included all the precincts in the state, except one in Humboldt county and four in San Diego. The missing Humboldt county precinct is expected to show a Roosevelt plurality and the four San Diego precincts are counted as probably for Wilson.

The greatest changes made yesterday were the result of corrections made by official canvassers rather than by the returns from the precincts missing until yesterday.

There were no substantial variations in the reports received by the several agencies endeavoring to clear up the mystery of the California vote by direct appeals to the clerks of the several counties. Almost without exception the reports were identical.

The biggest change in the figures announced yesterday resulted from the completion of the official canvass of the Butte county vote. The official canvass almost exactly verified The Call's figures for Butte county published last Friday. It gave Wilson a plurality of 659 and a net gain of 323 over the figures generally accepted yesterday.

The announcement of the official canvass in Colusa county resulted in another gain of 170 for Wilson and showed his plurality in that county to be 850.

In El Dorado county the official count resulted in a gain of 6 for Wilson; Del Norte, 8 for Wilson; Mendocino, 2 for Roosevelt; Plumas, 4 for Wilson; Sacramento, 34 for Roosevelt; Shasta, 6 for Wilson; Solano, 15 for Roosevelt; Stanislaus, 20 for Wilson; Tehama, 28 for Wilson; Tuolumne, 3 for Wilson; Yuba, 7 for Roosevelt.

The official canvass in a majority of the counties will be completed today. The completion of the canvass in Los Angeles may be delayed by demands for corrections or for recounts, which, while they will not delay the actual completion of the canvass, may delay and change the results.

Progressive leaders declared last night that while their returns were far from complete their compilations convinced them that Roosevelt would carry the state by from 300 to 400. The democratic campaign managers were equally confident that the completed returns would show a safe, if small, plurality for Wilson.

Pluralities by counties, as indicated by the official and unofficial returns available at 1 o'clock this morning, are:

ROOSEVELT	WILSON
Alameda	7,128
Alameda	683
Alameda	897
Alameda	1,110
Alameda	850
Alameda	847
Alameda	487
Alameda	861
Alameda	481
Alameda	797
Alameda	120
Alameda	972
Alameda	1,228
Alameda	470
Alameda	48
Alameda	20,861
Alameda	888
Alameda	988
Alameda	830
Alameda	78
Alameda	895
Alameda	230
Alameda	470
Alameda	726
Alameda	99
Alameda	2,266
Alameda	103
Alameda	861
Alameda	1,738
Alameda	10,897
Alameda	8,656
Alameda	419
Alameda	104
Alameda	1,695
Alameda	154
Alameda	33
Alameda	728
Alameda	270
Alameda	615
Alameda	821
Alameda	113
Alameda	75
Alameda	46
Alameda	908
Alameda	107
Alameda	84,658
Alameda	84,610

PROTEST COUNT IN LOS ANGELES

[By Federal Wireless]

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 12.—Disregarding vigorous protests made by H. H. Cotton, Joseph H. Call, Jeff P. Chandler and other prominent members of the democratic committee, the board of supervisors today entered upon the correction of the tally books and the election returns in 75 of Los Angeles county's precincts. Formal protest against this proposed correction was filed yesterday by H. H. Cotton and his committee. This morning the demonstrators strenuously demanded that the board wait until the district attorney had given his opinion concerning the legality of making changes. The board refused.

CANVASS SHOWS SLIGHT CHANGES

Unless some interested person demands that the election officers in the fifty-fourth precinct of the twenty-fifth assembly district be compelled to complete their returns, Wilson will suffer a net loss of five votes through the rejection of the entire presidential vote of the precinct.

Mrs. Charles L. Parks Ordered to Trial on Charge of Obtaining Goods by Fraud

Mrs. Charles L. Parks, 924 Page street, prominent in social circles and wife of the former vice president of the grocery firm of Parks Bros. & Co., was held yesterday for the superior court by Police Judge Weller on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses. "Jeanette Parker" is the alias of Mrs. Parks and under that name she will appear before the higher court. Her confession in court last week, relating her identity and pleading guilty to the serious offense, was told exclusively in The Call.

Using the name of Mrs. William F. H. Parks of 711 Scott street, who ran an account with the White House, Mrs. Parks obtained hundreds of dollars' worth of goods from the department store, and it was only after several weeks' investigation that the detectives arrested her. She gave the fictitious name of Jeanette Parker when taken in custody by Detectives Murphy and Driscoll.

At each appearance in court Mrs. Parks concealed her identity by means of a heavy veil and the assumed name. On the ground that she was a kleptomaniac, and for no other reason, obtained the goods from the White House, Mrs. Parks, through her attorney, Louis Ward, asked Judge Weller for probation.

Obtaining goods under false pretenses when the amount totals more than \$50, is a felony, outside the jurisdiction of the police court. When the case was called yesterday morning, Judge Weller called the name of Jeanette Parker.

Without any further proceedings after Mrs. Parks stepped before the court, Judge Weller proceeded to hold her to answer to the superior court, setting bonds at \$1,000, or \$500 cash. Mrs. Parks was at liberty on \$500 cash, and she was allowed to leave the courtroom after the cash had been deposited with the bond and warrant clerk.

It is probable that Mrs. Parks will again plead guilty when the case is called before the superior court and ask for probation.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIVE CONCERT AND BALL

Enjoyable Event in the Nature of a Housewarming

San Francisco council No. 615, Knights of Columbus, gave a big promenade concert and ball last night as a housewarming in the auditorium of the new Knights of Columbus building, just completed, in Golden Gate avenue between Leavenworth and Jones streets. Several hundred couples attended the affair which proved a big success.

It was an invitational function and proved one of the most successful ever given by local members of the order.

The reception committee, headed by Chairman George A. Connolly, consisted of the following: F. Anderson, D. A. Barry, R. F. Behan, L. R. Doyle, N. J. Brady, H. P. Bush, James Byrne, Daniel Carey, R. Chisholm, F. C. Cleary, J. J. Clifford, D. Coyne, Thomas J. Curtin, D. J. Danahy, N. A. Denver, James P. Devine, John J. Dillon, F. J. Dougherty, G. W. Ebner, F. E. Palmer, R. E. Paskaerly, J. B. Feehan, H. W. Gantner, B. F. Hanlon, James C. Hayburn, Thomas Higgins, Joseph J. Fagan, M. H. Hayes, W. H. Jones, F. Jung, G. P. Kane, J. R. Kelly Jr., C. J. Keyer, Dr. A. J. Knox, Thomas Lundy, J. P. McGuire, Charles Mayer, T. F. Mulshay, J. W. Mullin, George V. Mulligan, Dr. E. M. Mulrenin, John L. Murphy, L. A. McChrystie, A. F. McGinty, D. J. McElroy, F. J. O'Connell, P. H. Pape, E. F. Reilly, William Smellie, C. P. Staley, R. J. Staley, G. W. Welch, G. M. Sears, Edward C. Curtis, George J. Redmond and S. W. Dracovich.

WOMAN IS ARRESTED IN RAID ON "BLIND PIGS"

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MERCED, Nov. 12.—Sheriff Cornell today conducted a raid on "blind pigs" which Merced city went dry last July, with the result that in five places raided eight persons were arrested and charged with violating the Wyo local option law. One of those arrested was Mrs. Annie Horstmann, proprietor of an apartment house.

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