

Butterfly, 'Tis a Butterfly
Macomber, the Butterfly is a Butterfly

WHY ABSORB
DIVORCE PIFFLE
IN AN AUDIENCE

Again: Why Ask Clever Actresses and Actors to Wade In Such a Puddle?

By WALTER ANTHONY

If you ask me to account for the success of "The Butterfly on the Wheel" I answer that it is due to the third act, where a trial scene is enacted on the stage that would be held behind closed doors even in Reno. I need not say that it is a divorce trial. No other impulse is evident as animating the pens of the authors than a desire to depict the manner in which they hang over divorce trials and drools with delight at salacious suggestions.

I do not even consider that the extreme brutality of the first act has much to do with the interest that the play is reported to have excited, although its lurid episodes supply the basis of the evil gross examination which follows in the third act.

They took a short cut to attention by collecting questions they doubtless had heard in their professional experience and propounding them to a girl—a young married woman—whom they called, for the only poetical purposes exhibited in the play, "the butterfly." They placed this character in a creative frenzy upon the witness stand and then turned loose intimate interrogations, which, fortunately, are not often propounded in public. No doubt they argued that if folks would crowd a courtroom to leer at the woman and gloat over the questions they would also crowd the theater where incidentally, the playwrights could lure them on the false pretenses of witnessing something highly moral.

BRAINS ELIMINATED
This latter object was accomplished, easily enough, by making the lady moral. However, in order to give an ultimate decency they had to rob her of brains, and that incident works, it seems to me, a distressing disadvantage to the play, for who wants to see a fool peruse?

I have seen some brainless ingenuities in my life, but never one whose mental displacement was so grotesque as Peggy's of this play. Besides her, there is the slithering simper of the Billie Burke repertoire are Antigone and Portia. She permits herself to be enmeshed in the most extraordinary web of accident without ever dreaming that she is to be victimized to Collingwood's passion and Lady Atwell's ambition.

THE BOARDING OF THE WRONG TRAIN
Paris instead of Switzerland; the coincidental switching of the baggage of half the party to Paris and the other half to Switzerland; the singular fact that the right luggage went with part of the party towards Geneva and with Peggy and her admirer to Paris; the coincidence of the adjoining room engaged for Peggy and Collingwood in the same hotel; the incidence of the unlocked door; the passionate avowal of his love the moment they are alone; his kisses and his forced caresses—all these little incidents call forth from Peggy on the stand no suggestion of plot nor design. It is not a butterfly on the wheel. It is a butternut.

WHY PUT IT ON STAGE?
It is not pertinent to discuss how a man of the Right Honorable George Adamson's caliber could be so easily swayed of character ever came to marry Peggy, for we know that all kinds of men marry all kinds of women (the reverse of that being true, likewise); but it is pertinent to inquire the reason for exhibiting such a painful messallance on the stage.

Of course, in the last act the husband finds out that the reply was no significance to the chain of circumstances which seemed to compass his wife's faithlessness, and he takes her in his arms and asks to be forgiven, which is the real note of humor struck in the play; for men invariably do that when they are right, and stay mad when they're wrong. Whether Peggy is cured of her habit of sitting up late at night, clad in lingerie and discussing love with ardent admirers, the play does not divulge. If she is cured the moral may be found there.

The company presenting the play deserves better consideration than the play. Miss Dorothy Lane struggles with the role of the brainless butterfly and does all that she can with it under the difficult conditions imposed by the plot. Much of vivacity is brought out, and coquetry, too, and in the third act scene where she is finally put to the test of her own character, she is either an awful fool or an awful liar, she slumps into hysteria with an excellent impression of reality. She goes at this scene with much temperamental fervor, and makes the most of her emotional appeals to the jury and her ineffectuals. Chief among the latter is Sir Robert Fyfe, who is the attorney for the husband, Mr. Fyfe, the Right Honorable Adamson, M. P.

GOOD CHARACTERIZATIONS
Sir Robert is played with a lawyer's insistence and a prosecutor's craftiness by Stanley Warrington. His manner to his assistants, his aids, his learned glances at his manuscript are all admirably legal and genuine.



A bit of alleged romance in the plot of "A Butterfly on the Wheel." Peggy is being made violent love to by Collingwood—without her husband handy to attend to him in the approved manner.

BLACK'S WRECK
MAY BE SAVED

Plan Proposed to Rehabilitate Palo Alto Building and Loan Association

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

PALO ALTO, Nov. 18.—The fate of the Palo Alto Building and Loan association, victimized to the extent of \$141,235.38 by its former secretary, Marshall Black, was placed today in the hands of the depositors and stock holders, who must decide for themselves whether the concern is to live or to go through liquidation.

In a detailed statement sent out today, the committees of depositors and stock holders outlined a plan for rehabilitation, which will make up the shortage and give a margin of \$12,476.48 over and above the deficit.

STATE OFFERS REWARD FOR FUGITIVE BANDIT

LABOR COUNCIL IS PURE FOOD FREE AT BIG EXHIBIT

Formal objection to the charter amendment which provides for indeterminate and resettlement franchise was presented to the board of supervisors yesterday by the San Francisco Labor council. This amendment, which will be submitted to the voters December 10 as No. 34, means a revolution of conditions and terms under which franchises to public service corporations, and especially street railways, shall be granted, and the objection of the Labor council gave Mayor Rolph and the board considerable concern.

The amendment was prepared by Blon J. Arnold and Dr. Delos F. Wilcox, traction and fraction experts respectively. By resolution the Labor council sets forth that the amendment is both complex and novel and that it was prepared and approved so hastily that the public had insufficient opportunity to study its various innovations and provisions.

Certain defects exist in it from the standpoint of labor, declared the council, and there are sections of it at variance with public policy. The project of the people, which the amendment may find it more difficult to obtain ownership of public utilities gradually, under present conditions, the labor organization. Another objection was that the amendment fails to provide that the question of granting each franchise should be submitted by referendum to the people, and that it allows only "time and a half" for employees who now receive in some cases double pay for overtime.

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DETECTIVES SHOT DOWN BY FUGITIVES

Two Dead and Four Probably Fatally Wounded as Result of Battle in Hotel

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taking effect. Fay and Mondscheln both received probably fatal wounds in the abdomen. Gerada was shot in the leg and back and Butler received a bad wound in the hip.

Stolen Jewels Not Found
At a late hour two trunks and two suitcases, which the couple had taken to the hotel, were removed to a police station, but the stolen jewelry was not found.

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MISSION STREETCAR LINE TO 1915 GROUNDS
Recommendation Made in Letter to Mayor

Charles P. Gibbons, 884 Capp street, urged Mayor Rolph in a letter yesterday to take steps for the establishment of a direct streetcar line from the Mission and outlying district to the Panama-Pacific exposition grounds. The supervisors' public utilities committee will consider the petition.

Local union No. 527, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, filed with the supervisors a protest against the proposed ordinance which would permit public service corporations to open manholes for repair and connection work only at night. The protestants say this would turn into day for several hundred men.

HERE'S WHERE THE HORSECAR WILL JOIN THE DODO TODAY

The Horsecar (Soft Music, Professor) Will Join the Dodo Today

"Farewell to the horsecars. To quote Gavin McNab, the wheels will be taken from the heads of the people and put under their feet."

So said Mayor Rolph yesterday, commenting on the fact that the compromise agreement between the city and the United Railroads would be cemented today.

After years of litigation the controversy over the tracks in lower Market street promises to end today in an amicable settlement by which the Geary street municipal cars and the cars of the Sutter Street Railway company may jointly use the tracks from Sansome street to the ferry loops and the city line transfer at Fillmore, Divisadero, Leavenworth and Kearny streets.

Assistant City Attorney Thomas Haven announced to the board yesterday that the supreme court would grant the order affirming Judge Seawell's decision this morning. Aside from unforeseen obstacles there is nothing to prevent the agreement going into effect today.

At the special session this afternoon the board will finally pass the ordinance which gives the Sutter Street Railway company permission to operate the Sutter street and the Jackson street cars to the city front. This ordinance also contains all the provisions of the agreement that was passed by the board at its meeting on the 11th of this month. It could not be finally passed until today, as the charter provides that a bill must be officially advertised five successive days.

DECISION MODIFIED
Assistant City Attorney Haven appeared before the board yesterday afternoon and said that he had waited upon the supreme court and requested that the Seawell decision be affirmed. By this decision the Sutter Street Railway company is denied the use of the tracks in lower Market street, but the decision is so modified as to permit the Sutter street cars to go to the ferry under the conditions of the compromise agreement.

Haven explained to the board that the supreme court had not had him that it was ready to grant the order, but desired that it be prepared in the city attorney's office. Assurance was given by the court that the order would be signed this afternoon.

TODAY WILL SETTLE IT
"Two resolutions have been adopted by your board," said Haven. "One authorized the city attorney to obtain an affirmation of the Seawell decision. The other authorized the city attorney to execute the agreement. As already stated, the supreme court will grant the order tomorrow morning. Mayor Rolph may then sign the agreement. The board will then pass the ordinance tomorrow afternoon, and the agreement will be in effect."

"I will sign the agreement at 9:30 tomorrow morning," said Mayor Rolph last night. "It will be signed by the Sutter Street Railway company and the United Railroads. Attorney Haven assures me that the supreme court will grant the order tomorrow morning. When the board passes the ordinance tomorrow afternoon the agreement will be in force. There will be nothing then to prevent the Sutter street cars going to the ferry. The horsecars should be off the street by Wednesday and the electric cars running in their stead."

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CARNOT DEBATE PLANS—Stanford University, Nov. 18. C. S. Owen and F. B. Becher, members of the Stanford intercollegiate debating committee, and the faculty committee have decided to arrange with the University of California to have the Carnot debate held at Stanford on Friday evening of the week previous to the intercollegiate track meet. December 6 is the date set by the committee for the debate, which will be held at Stanford, the winner of which will receive a cash reward of \$100.

Under the name of the Y. M. A. Herald the Young Men's Hebrew association of San Francisco has begun the publication of a biweekly bulletin designed to bring to the attention of the public the work that is being done by the association. The bulletin is edited by Miss Gertrude H. Loventhal as editor in chief. The other positions are as follows: Manager, Henry I. Woolf; local editor, Samuel H. Jacobs; society editor, Miss Anne Silverberg; foreign editor, Dr. A. J. Gottlieb.

Announcement is made in the Herald of the first annual ball of the association to be given next Sunday, November 24, at Golden Gate Commandery hall. The committees in charge are as follows:

Arrangements—Louis Zwerin, Henry I. Woolf, Joseph Gissman and A. J. Gottlieb.
Floor—Samuel Rhine, J. D. Coan, S. Fichel and H. E. Jacobs.
Reception—Joseph Gissman, L. Saxe, S. S. Jacobs, L. Dubinsky and H. Bernan.

TEXAS GOVERNOR IS NO PERPETUAL FIRE EATER
AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 18.—"I would rather resign the governor's office of Texas," declared Governor Colquitt, in a statement issued today, "than to have my children studying a textbook without Abraham Lincoln's picture in it—and I am the son of a Confederate soldier, too."

The state textbook board has been accused of attempting to eliminate Lincoln's picture from a history book. Governor Colquitt denied absolutely the charge that the board had made any suggestion.

ROMANCE OF ACTOR FOLK TERMINATED

Gaiety Is Divorced From Benedict MacQuarrie of Grand Opera House Fame

A romance that budded behind the curtain of the old Grand Opera house in stock company days before the fire and ripened into a marriage in the strenuous April days of 1906, has ended in the filing of a suit for divorce by Myrtle Gaiety MacQuarrie against Benedict MacQuarrie, known on the local radio as "Ben" MacQuarrie.

Mrs. MacQuarrie, who lives at 1934A Union street, was leading woman last year with comedian Wilfred Clarke, while her husband appeared here in "Baby Mine" under the management of W. A. Brady. The marriage took place on April 24, 1906. MacQuarrie and his fiancée having become engaged at the Grand Opera house.

Mrs. MacQuarrie laughingly denied that the filing of her suit yesterday was a novel theatrical engagement. She said she had not seen her husband for more than a year and that he had not contributed a cent toward her support.

Judge J. J. Van Nostrand yesterday annulled the marriage of Jessie E. and David Dunlop upon the wife's showing that her husband had one wife when he married her on September 15 of this year. Mrs. Dunlop, who lived in Michigan, corresponded with Dunlop through a matrimonial bureau with Kuntz, a novel theatrical engagement. The husband pleaded an agreement made by his wife and himself to the effect that neither should present a claim against the property of the other in case of separation or divorce.

The following complaints were filed yesterday:

Margaret A. against Richard F. MacKenzia, cruelty; Theodora against Engvald Austad, cruelty; Amanda against August Stetting, desertion; Caroline against Frank Fisher, cruelty; Eugene C. against Mrs. W. Crocker, desertion; Clara A. against J. E. Z. Fowle, desertion.

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EXPRESS COMPANY HEAD LOOKS FOR NAMESAKE

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

PLACERVILLE, Nov. 18.—"Does any one know Wendell Burns? I was named him and have come down to see him because I heard he was poor and thought I might leave him some money."

This was the question with which Burns B. Caldwell, president of the Wells Fargo Express company, greeted a delegation of Placerville business men on alighting here this morning from the special train provided for him by the Southern Pacific. Burns died some time ago.

Caldwell said on leaving that this visit to this city, where he was born in 1858, was one of the brightest incidents of a long, busy life. He was taken on an auto trip over the city by a delegation consisting of prominent citizens.

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