

THAT COMIC OPERA WAR AT ZEIGLER LOOKS LIKE A TIN SOLDIER PICNIC

Joe Leiter's Fortress Full of Men and Guns and Search-Lights and Things, and Nary an Enemy to Make It Interesting.

Jacob Waldeck Visits the Scene of the Mine Strike and Finds the Striking Miners Peacefully in Camp Five Miles Away—Story That the Shooting Is Done for a Purpose—Public Highways Made Dangerous.

Staff Correspondence of the Newspaper Enterprise Association.

DU QUOIN, Ill., Dec. 7.—Fort Zeigler stands and the searchlight still gleams. These glad tidings of the war correspondents are able to give the world today. What the future, even the morrow, will bring none can tell. Perhaps then the besieging hosts will batter down the breastworks, put the brave defenders to the sword and steal all the coal in the Leiter mine.

That there are besieging hosts a look into Zeigler would convince anybody. Soldiers throng its streets. It has all the appearance of an armed camp. Military strategists would make such preparations only to resist a regular Manchurian invasion.

While the means of resistance are plain enough, the opposing force is not so easily found. Search for the besiegers on a sunny afternoon, a few days ago, disclosed only some cows grazing in the meadows and a couple of squirrels frisking in a grove. If these were not the dread invaders, it may be that the defensive measures were taken against the fish in the Big Muddy that might sneak up and bite somebody. No man wants to be bitten by a fish from the Big Muddy.

Another theory is that Joe Leiter, who owns Fort Zeigler, is working in accord with grand strategy evolved by General Bell of Colorado. Bell said that the mining troubles out there might give rise to international complications. In that case, he said, he would fortify Colorado and if the armies of England, Germany and Austria came along he would "chase them all around these here mountains."

Possibly Leiter figures on intercepting those armies in Illinois. It is well known that Missouri and Kansas are not well fortified. By whaling the foreigners here, Leiter would prevent them from tramping down the corn crops in those states while on the way to Colorado. And if he should fail, a thing unlikely in view of his preparations, he would at least so weaken the invaders that Bell would be able to chase them until they laid down in the rarified air and gasped. Then they could be shackled and set to work in the mines. How their cruel rulers would rue the day that they braved the military sagacity of Leiter and Bell!

The fact that the armies have not started, however, is regarded as evidence that the monarchs are in fear and will desist. A number of foreigners have been seen around Zeigler recently and the intelligence department reports that they were probably spies. In that event the foreign despots may have been tipped that their armies will be Port Arthur if they monkey with Leiter's stronghold.

Seriously, there has been shooting and with deplorable results. On November 16 a train conveying men to the plant was fired upon and one of the newcomers, an Austrian, was killed. On November 25 there was an attempted murder when Leiter's attorney, H. R. Platt, and an employee were fired at while driving in the evening from West Frankfort to Zeigler. They returned the fire and about 30 shots were exchanged. There were no casualties.

Citizens hereabouts are unanimous in the opinion that no effort or expense should be spared to run down the criminals. They say, however, that such occurrences mark most big strikes and condemnation of the crimes does not prevent them from criticizing or making fun of the extravagance of the Leiter war preparations.

Zeigler lies in the heart of that section of lower Illinois called Egypt. It is composed wholly of the interests that center about the Leiter mine. There are no inhabitants except employees, and no stores except the big one conducted by the company. The 125 single-story miners' cottages are

owned by the company. It conducts an ice plant, water works system and electric light plant, bakery, hospital and a telephone system. All the buildings, including those needed for the work of getting out the coal, have been erected in a little more than a year.

Leiter declared that it would be a model town. Last summer he disagreed with the miners on the question of wages. He offered them a rate per ton about one-third less than is paid at other Illinois mines and claimed that with new, but untried, machinery they would be able to earn more than miners who were getting a higher rate per ton. He refused to arbitrate when his terms were refused, and ordered the men and their families out of town. Many of them have secured work elsewhere.

The others, numbering 37, and with their wives and children making a population of about 150, are living in tents in a camp at Christopher, five miles from Zeigler. Since last summer the place has grown into a tented village. The tents have floors and are filled with household furniture. They are well heated. To this time the health of the campers has been good, and they have suffered little discomfort from the weather.

Flocks of chickens wander among the trees, and the presence of a goat and a few rabbits indicates that the joys of the children receive attention. The men are typical American workmen, serious in manner, not boastful and of a high order of intelligence. The women and children are cheerful. It is a scene of domestic contentment.

Over at Zeigler all is warlike. Soldiers in khaki and blue are everywhere. Guards armed with rifles escort company officials, who make trips to nearby towns in a double-seated buckboard. The Stars and Stripes displayed in front of a cottage mark the headquarters of the United States deputy marshals. Military headquarters are in the two-story office building, several in number, employed by Leiter, center in occasionally reported conditions in the outskirts and to inquire for orders. There is a small force of deputy sheriffs. Extra rifles are at hand for employees.

A stockade, probably 15 feet high, surrounds the main buildings of the plant. It is studded with blockhouses of the kind that were made familiar by pictures during the Spanish war. These blockhouses have also been erected at other strategic points on Leiter's Egyptian domain, which comprises about 12 square miles. On the main building have been mounted machine guns that fire something like 500 shots a minute. The men that operate them are under the command of an Englishman who served in the Boer war. The water tower, the highest thing in town, is surmounted by a powerful searchlight.

At night sentries, scouts and outposts are on the alert. The searchlight is constantly employed and its days disclose objects for mile around.

A thousand men, armed and trained, could not storm the stronghold. Stray shots at night have been the only sign of an attack.

As to who fired these shots and the number of them no two authorities agree. It is charged by the miners and some others that all, or nearly all, the shooting is done by the soldiers. They say that a sentry, away out in the darkness, sees a shadow or hears a strange sound, or thinks he does, and lets fly. Several other guards are liable to shoot on general principles. That makes an attack on the fort. The searchlight gets exceedingly busy and one of the machine guns releases a few hundred rattling bullets. The result is, so far as reports go, that a determined attack has been made on the town and repulsed.

With all the shooting nobody has been wounded. None of the alleged prowlers has been captured. One night a soldier reported that after firing he heard groans, but even that strong clew did not yield a prisoner.

The miners stoutly affirm that they have done no shooting. Company officials say they will produce evidence to the contrary.

The first call for troops was made by Sheriff Stein November 25, when Attorney Platt and another man reported that they had been shot at while driving toward town in a buggy.

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The second call was made December 4. On that day a soldier came into camp with an armful of frozen dynamite sticks with a partially burned fuse attached. He had found the sticks piled above a water main. It would be contended by some that a miner, accustomed to the use of explosives, would not try to blow up anything with frozen dynamite, and, if he was in the blowing-up business, that he would select some object more important than a water pipe that could be repaired in a few hours, but the authorities did not take that view of the matter. They called on the governor for two more companies of the national guard.

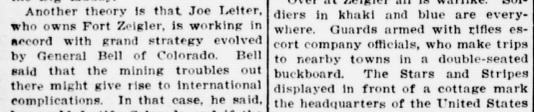
This sending of the soldiers has relieved Leiter of a heavy expense. At one time last summer his force of guards is said to have comprised several hundred men. Then the number of civilian guards was greatly reduced and 62 sheriff's deputies placed in service. The latter were succeeded by 40 deputy United States marshals sworn in to enforce a federal injunction restraining folks from interfering with the operation of the mines. While the soldiers are there the state bears the expense of guarding the property.

Complaint is made by some men who have occasion to use the county roads that run through the Leiter domain. A man in a buggy at dusk was held up by a guard. After having proved his peaceable disposition he was given this cheering advice: "You better whistle as you go along, because if you happen to come on one of the guards unexpectedly he may plug you without stopping to ask questions."

"But this is a public highway," expostulated the halted one.

"Yes, I know," was the answer, "but if I were in your place I'd whistle."

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For the great artist who held the rare audience of music lovers enthralled at the Spokane last night the compliment could be emphasized and enlarged upon. For that peerless voice there can be no comparison.

The delicate transition, the exquisite phrasing and the smoothly rolling notes in the wonderful vocal range give to the Gadski voice a charm indicated to the least cultured in the classic. To the power and volume of a wealth of tone is added a technique the rigidity of which is softened to the finished cantilena by the soulful dramaticity of one who is a poetess as well as an artist. That dramatic power, so often lacking in those of merely cultivated voice, sans the natural, is possessed by Madame Gadski in a plenitude which has much to do with making her the greatest singer of her day.

To those fortunate enough to hear the wondrous German artist last night there was left bare choice of favorites in the renditions, other than the choice of compositions. Each masterpiece rose or fell to the whim of the artist—each bore more triumph as it succeeded the past number in the recital and only the magnificent rendition of the aria of

the finale left to her hearers the distinct recollection of something greater. It was an evening of song unsurpassable since the early triumphs of Madame Patti.

As a classic song event the visit of Madame Gadski was an overwhelming success. As a society function the entertainment was superb. The brilliant costume creations of the artist were fittingly met with the beautiful gowns of Spokane's magnificently dressed society leaders. Wealth and beauty did homage to genius in fashion glorious and dazzling.

Madame Gadski was ably assisted in her recital by Herr Selman Meyrowitz, whose piano solos won applause from a critical audience.

The program was divided into three parts, each of which was lengthened by the gracious response of Madame Gadski to enthusiastic encores. The best received of the numbers, perhaps, were "Aus Meinen Grossen Schmerzen," "The Earl King" and "Die Thure Halle" from Wagner's Tannhauser.

Interspersed for encores were simple songs which demonstrated to her audience the artistic versatility of the artist. To her hearers Madame Gadski will ever live in memory as the greatest of the great artists of the song world.

The financial success of the Gadski visit has won many encores for the managerial ability displayed by Wyn D. S. Conan, whose exceptional work in bringing together a society gathering and a world famous artist is deserving of the highest praise.



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NAN PATTERSON TO BE AN EVANGELIST

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Nan Patterson's father announced today that as soon as his daughter was freed from her present trouble she would devote her life to aiding and helping to uplift chorus girls and other young women she has met during the past two years.

"When she is acquitted she will lead an entirely different life from that which has marked her during the last year or two," he said.

"I don't mean that she will stand on street corners and play the Pharisee. But she will go among women who have erred and will show them the error of their ways. She will help these women.

"I know she now realizes that the life of a chorus girl is not one that a nice, gentle girl should lead.

"The temptations are great and the hours and work that she must undergo are such that no regular habits of life can be formed.

"She had only known the glamour of the white lights of Broadway for a year or two before her present trouble occurred.

"Before that time all her life was spent very far away from such surroundings.

"No matter what the prosecution brings out, I know that at heart my daughter is a thoroughly good and honest girl, and that her heart is true to all that is good."

NEW YORK STATE DAIRYMEN

(Scripps News Association.)

HERKIMER, N. Y., Dec. 13.—The New York State Dairymen's association began its annual convention here today. The sessions will continue until Friday. In addition to the members of the association from all parts of the state there are present a number of dairy experts from Vermont, Wisconsin and other states. The special subject which the convention will discuss is that of bovine tuberculosis and the use of tuberculin. Another subject to receive attention is the proposed repeal of the 10-cent tax per pound on colored oleomargarine.

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