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# POPULARITY OF SHAKESPEAREAN PLAYS IN U. S. IS NOTICEABLE

New York, March 25 (AP)—Two of America's foremost Shakespearean actors—John Barrymore and Walter Hampden—see no decline of interest in plays of the poet in this country and believe they always will be popular.  
Their statements were prompted by the announcement of Henry Ainley, London producer, that he was taking of "Much Ado About Nothing," because of non-support, and substituting a modern play.  
In his message from California, where he is working in motion pictures, Barrymore revealed he had made more money playing "Hamlet" than in any other of his many theatrical ventures.  
"E. H. Sothern and Miss Marlowe played to enormous business when they were doing Shakespeare in New York and on the road," he said. "Walter Hampden started his 'Hamlet' morning performances at the Plymouth theater while I was playing there in 'The Jew.' His production became so popular that he moved to another theater for regular performances and did a magnificent business."  
"I do not see any reason why Shakespeare's plays should lose in popularity in this country and I don't believe they ever will."  
Barrymore has no intention of doing any of the Bard of Avon's plays on the screen because the "splendor and beauty of the poetry, which itself is drama of the highest type," is not transmittable to his medium. "Hamlet" and "Shylock" both have been played by Hampden this season and he now is in the title role of Rosalind's "Cyrano de Bergerac," a modern classic.  
"Whatever may be the case in London," he commented, "there is no doubt there is greater interest in Shakespeare's plays in the United States than ever before."  
"I do not base this opinion entirely upon my own experience. The splendid reception given Mr. Sothern and Miss Marlowe throughout the country over a long period of years, Mr. Mantell's consistent success for a third of a century, and more latterly John Barrymore's record in 'Hamlet' and Jane Cowles in 'Romeo and Juliet' are proof enough of the appeal and vitality of the greatest dramas in the English language."  
Booth's Income  
"Edwin Booth never played to such large receipts as have been common with those whom I have mentioned. In fact, Shakespearean productions today could not survive on the largest amount that Mr. Booth ever grossed weekly. The productions now are so much more

complete and elaborate and the casts are so much better rounded. No longer is everything subordinated to the eminence of the star as in the old days.  
"There always will be a larger public for 'Hamlet' and 'Othello,' but the number of persons interested in serious drama is growing year by year so that even now, when the cost of producing and touring is double what it was 25 years ago, there is no difficulty in presenting the classics at a reasonable profit."  
The actor pointed to "Cyrano de Bergerac" as an illustration of the public's attitude. This classic has been as successful financially as if it were a good musical comedy.  
"If it had been written by Shakespeare, perhaps it would not be so popular," he said, "because Shakespeare has come to be regarded as forbidding by the public type which constitutes a large part of the public. This class has patronized 'Cyrano' in great numbers and found it enthralling despite the fact it is written in verse and has an unhappy ending."  
"Any one who approaches 'Cyrano' without a feeling against it is bound to fall under its spell. The same thing is true of 'Hamlet,' 'Othello' and 'Macbeth,' but unfortunately many persons are frightened merely because they were Shakespearean."  
"Lucky for American culture, however, this number is growing less each year."

# FAMOUS STARS GO ON ETHER TONIGHT

**WBZ Will Be in Link Broadcasting Jeritza**  
New York, March 25 (AP)—Maria Jeritza, Austrian soprano of the Metropolitan Opera company, will make her radio debut tonight. Emilio De Gogorza, baritone, and Efron Zimbalist, violinist, also go on the air tonight in the same program.  
Beginning at 9 p. m. eastern time, the concert will be broadcast through stations WJZ, New York; KFYA, Chicago; KDKA, Pittsburgh; WBZ, Springfield, Mass.; WGY, Schenectady, and WRC, Washington, D. C.  
Each of the artists will present two groups of numbers. The con-

# Expressing Opinions Is But to Ask Expulsion

Rome, March 25 (AP)—Members of the Chamber of Deputies who try expressing their individualities against the dictates of the Party Directorate are either suspended from the party for indeterminate periods or expelled outright, a punishment which usually means the end of their political careers.  
No fewer than seven deputies have been expelled and three suspended as a result of Secretary Farinacci's campaign to weed out party members who insist on having opinions of their own. They are: Expelled, Edoardo Torre, Massimo Rocca, Gio Battista Rebera, Battista Boito, Tommaso Bernasconi, Aldo Ortolano and Michele Terraghi; suspended, Pietro Belmonte, Pietro Pisanti and Amadeo Belloni.

cert opens with the Offenbach "Orpheus in Hades" overture by the orchestra, under the direction of Rosario Bourdon.  
Mr. De Gogorza will sing a group of three Spanish songs, "La Golondrina," "Juanita," and "La Sevillana."  
Mr. Zimbalist's first group will be Drola's "Souvenir," "The Swan," by Saint-Saens and a Chopin waltz. (Opus 64.)  
Madame Jeritza has chosen the aria "Il Est Doux, Il Est Bon" from Massenet's "Herodias" and "The Song of The Lute" from "The Dead City" by Korogold for her debut before the radio audience.  
Following "The Dance of the Hours" from "La Gioconda" by the orchestra, Mr. De Gogorza will present his second group, the aria from Massenet's "King of Lahore" and "In Old Madrid," by Bingham-Trotter.  
"Old Black Joe" and "Drigo's Harlequin's Serenade" will complete Mr. Zimbalist's program, and Madame Jeritza's final group will consist of "Vol Lo Sapete," from Cavalleria Rusticana, and an aria from Massenet's "Le Cid."

# IRVIN COBB HAS LITTLE TO TELL

Professes Not to Have Seen Much at Carroll Party  
New York, March 25 (AP)—Irvin S. Cobb, who was a guest at the recent Earl Carroll "bath tub party" in which Joyce Hawley, a chorus girl is alleged to have appeared nude in a tub of wine, went before the federal grand jury yesterday and told his version of the evening's entertainment.  
Mr. Cobb told newspaper men that he "arrived early and left early" at the party. He said that he, himself, was not a drinking man "because you're not sure of what you get these days." For that reason, he did not know of any intoxicating liquor having been used at the party.  
"I saw a bathtub filled with a pink liquid," he said, "and I saw a half barrel of what was said to be near beer, but that is all I saw at the party."  
Mr. Cobb said he supposed the only reason he had been subpoenaed as a witness was that his face was one not easily forgotten.

# ITALIAN AVIATORS NOW PLAN 30,000 MILE FLIGHT

Going From Rome To Buenos Aires And Will Return By Way Of New York.  
New York, March 25 (AP)—A 30,000 mile flight from Rome to Buenos Aires and return by way of New York, will be attempted next month by Marquis Centurione and another Italian aviator. It was announced today at the New York office of the Cosulich line of Trieste.  
From the eternal city the aviators will fly to the Cape Verde Islands and across the Atlantic to Pernambuco, Brazil. They will proceed down the Brazilian coast to Casagrande and Rio de Janeiro and thence to Buenos Aires.  
Returning their route will be across the Andes to Valparaiso, Chile. They will then fly up the Pacific coast to Panama, across the Isthmus and to Havana, Florida and up the north Atlantic coast to New York.  
The return journey across the Atlantic will be made via Newfoundland, the Azores islands, Portugal and Spain.  
The plane in which the flight will be made is now under construction at the Cosulich line's shipyards in Italy. It will carry three powerful motors and a radio which will keep the aviators in touch with land at all times.

# Find Rarefied Air Is Good Insect Killer

Washington, March 25 (AP)—Mountain climbers and aviators are familiar enough with the disabling and even deadly effect of rarefied air, but it has remained for scientists to utilize this air in beneficial ways.  
E. A. Back and R. T. Cotton, of the department of agriculture, have first reported on the work they and others have done using rarefied air to kill insects in stored articles subject to their depredations. They have found that moths and other insects inside a locked trunk may be killed by exposure for a few days to atmosphere from one-fifth to one-third of normal.  
A trunk was placed in a vault from which almost all the air was

# College Men Make Best Officers, Vet Declares

Honolulu, March 25 (AP)—College men make the best army officers when it is necessary to take officers from civil life, says Col. H. J. Koehler, for more than forty years drill master at West Point. It is because the collegian is by training more receptive to intensive study, he declares.  
Another of Colonel Koehler's views is that "the American soldier does not fight so much for the flag as because he doesn't intend to be flogged by anybody once trouble has been started." The Colonel was the originator of the mass-command system of giving instructions to troops.

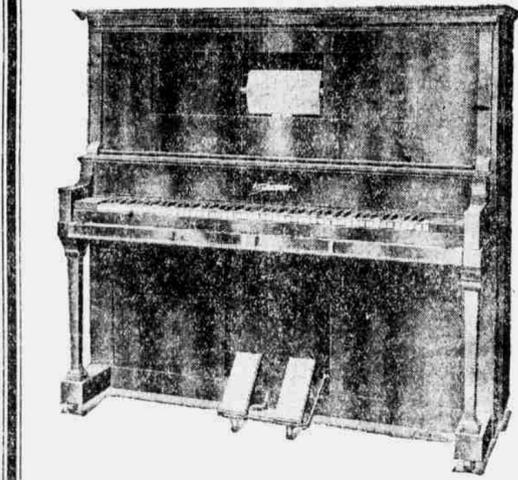
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