

ACTORS' FUND FAIR CLOSES

MISS FREDERICK VOTED THE MOST POPULAR ACTRESS.

Young clowns Amid Great Excitement and Crowds Clustering to Put in Dollars—Tells a \$2,000 Diamond Necklace—Billie Burke Comes Out Second.

The pistol crack at 11:30 o'clock last night at the Actors' Fund Fair which announced the closing of the week long contest for "your most popular actress," and which almost was the real end of the fair, was scarcely heard.

At the blackboard and in the arm of a gallery a hysterical riot of voting was going on, with hatpins stabbing other hats, evening clothes men yelling to be allowed near enough to hand over a hat, and with volunteer actors ushers passing through the gallery mobs and veiling down or making signs with their fingers to let the scorers know that more votes had been collected.

When the few minutes preceding the pistol shot almost \$1,000 worth of votes as to who was to be awarded upon Miss Pauline Frederick, Miss Frederick won, with a vote of 19,990. Her only real competitor, Miss Billie Burke, was ahead of Miss Frederick during a part of the evening and made a good sport toward the stretch, especially when Daniel Frohman, Miss Burke's manager, began to take an interest in his star's chances. But Miss Burke ran second, with a vote of 16,000.

The prize was a diamond necklace valued at \$2,000. And while the hysteria of the voting contest was on one night notice on the edge of the mob a small group of women gathered about a platform on which were Alice Fischer, Clay Green and Alf Hayman.

This group were more interested in another necklace which Miss Fischer held and which, by the way, is valued at \$300 more than the one voted to Miss Frederick. The group gathered about it had taken chances on the second necklace all week. Some were show girls who have a superfluity of such baubles, and others in the group that stood tense as the winning clack was given forth and announced by Mr. Hayman looked as if their sole ambition was to get that necklace and beat it toward a jeweler's to sell it and buy something more useful.

A girl in the "profession," Miss Margery (Gleason), almost wept when she saw as she held the second of the three tickets drawn from the box. But it went to Miss Agnes Wilson of 305 West Eighty-third street. She had spent 25 cents for a chance on it and thought so little of winning it that she wasn't even on hand when her name was read out as the lucky girl.

The fair went with a bang last night and the Seventy-first Regiment Armory held the biggest crowd of any night session the fair has had. A large part of the crowd had come under the expectation that many valuable were to be auctioned off at any old cost. But, as Mr. Frohman explained last night, so many books of changes were still in the hands of the collectors that there were so many things to be raffled that there was little chance for auctioning. Mr. Frohman says that the auction of the left over stock will be announced within a few days.

In the numbers which are for the favor of the fifty-seven different varieties, male and female, seeking popularity by way of the ballot, the contest for "the most popular queen of burlesque" quite outdid any of the other voting contests. Only the rival candidates of the Eastern and the Western burlesque "queens," however, seemed wrought up over the numbers on the burlesque bulletin board.

But when the pistol ended all the votes of the "most popular burlesque queen," Lida Dexter, Dinkins of the Western wheel, had come across with 30,500 votes, and her nearest rival, Florence Bennett of the Eastern wheel, had 22,221. Whereupon the burlesque queens, even if they merely also ran, went right over and sneered at Miss Frederick's score down at the nineteen thousands.

"So, we're not actresses, eh?" said the third girl from the end, who says she says her line "Are they any better in this shack?" in the hotel scene of May Howard's show as well as any skirt that ever hit the marquee on a "show" or Delmonico's. "Why, it's perfectly paltry!"

Nobody, after a glance over the crowd last night would mistake the fair for a church fair. Now that it's over, it may be remarked, Mrs. De Wolf Hopper, Louise Fowler and many of the girls may be indicted at any time for running tin horses around miniature racetracks and taking—demanding—oral, written, or any other kind of bets every minute in the day. And the girls spinning the wheel in the basement cared naught for the Pinkertons.

The voting contests were the thing last night, but they were not for the actor men when E. H. Sothern bid highest, by telegraph, for the case that Edmund Kean had carried and which Kean presented to the elder Wallace. Sothern won the case, which was presented to the fair by Arthur Wallace for Kean. Also members of the Lambs yelled excitedly when the lamb presented by Neddie McElroy was won by the holder of ticket 2961, which happened to have been bought by the late Mrs. Lillian Russell.

William Harris ("Pop") nearest rival in the vote for the most popular theatrical manager was his son, Henry B. "Pop" Harris ran away from the child, Joe Harris, who had only one vote, ticket 2,400. But then A. L. Erlanger had only 100. And while the market wasn't watching some variety wiped out the first two figures in Mr. Erlanger's life and divided the case between Bill Brady and Len Stewart. The prize was a diamond necklace, but all the unsuccessful managers said they have a surfeit of diamond anyway.

"I can't give you our profits tonight," said Mr. Frohman, "but with the exception of the first fair, held in Madison Square Garden eighteen years ago, this is the most successful we've had. This fair, however, has been better attended than the first fair, the exhibits have been more valuable and we have made larger sales."

But at the first fair we received large cash donations, which sent the total receipts away up. This year we surely received \$125,000, and perhaps more than that. It has been but another instance of the charity of New York."

USED FROM THEIR CHURCH.

St. Clement's Episcopal Congregation Has No Home Because Building Is Unsafe.

St. Clement's Episcopal Church on West Third street made a hasty removal last Sunday because the city condemned its edifice as unsafe. The rector is the Rev. Maurice W. Britton, who had come to it after the death of the late H. Van Winkle. Services were held in the Potter Memorial Chapel of the city.

The congregation is well to do in endowment and it has long debated its future. The services were held yesterday between the authorities and members of the church as to fixing up the church. It was last night that a decision would be made to-morrow.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

The interest of pedestrians on upper Fifth avenue yesterday afternoon was concentrated on the new parklike construction on the southeast corner of Eighty-seventh street. There has been constructed within such a short time that the iron railings were only put into place on Saturday what is practically a small park covering the space of one city lot. Here have been planted magnolias, evergreens and other shrubs in addition to the flower beds laid out in the center of the grass covered plot. One real estate specialist who saw the new park yesterday estimated that the value of the lot alone must exceed \$150,000. Its purpose is to form a permanent protection to the residence on the opposite side, which was put up a short time ago by a Pittsburgh millionaire. In order that no residence may ever be put up there and interfere with the light this park has been laid out. He will not be the only person to benefit by such a condition, as the lucky purchaser of the adjoining lot on the south will find himself on what is practically a city corner.

One of the newest methods of curing the habit of tipping has been invented by a New York physician, who has found that it has so far met with success among those patients who have tried it.

"I tell them," he said, "whenever the desire for a drink gets strong to get an orange. It is just about as easy nowadays in this city to buy an orange as it is to get a cocktail and there are very few parts of the city in which they will not find it possible to get the fruit at short notice."

"My patients who have tried this remedy tell me that it worked very well. One of the scientific grounds for its existence is the aversion which most regular drinkers feel for fruit. When the prospect of an orange instead of a drink suggests itself to them they decide they had rather do without either than eat an orange. To those who are not so opposed to fruit there is a certain refreshment in the taste of an orange and if the patient really is trying to quit drinking there is a certain compensation for him in the fruit."

Just to please his wife a Staten Island man consented to go to a matinee on a day when the only seats they could get in the part of the house she preferred were single seats in different rows. When he went in the man promised the usher a quarter if he could get them seats together. At the end of the first act he noticed that the woman sitting beside him appeared detached. His wife looked lonely, so he said:

"Pardon me, are you here alone?"

"Just then the usher passed. The woman halted him.

"You must get me another seat," she said. "I cannot sit here any longer. The man had indicated."

"Sure," said the usher. "We'll fix that all right. Come with me."

The woman said "Brute," and followed the usher to the seat occupied by the Staten Island man's wife.

"This lady will change seats with you," said the usher.

"I'd advise you not to sit by that brute," said the indignant stranger. "He will insult you. He insulted me."

"He insulted me," said the wife.

"He asked me if I was here alone."

The Staten Island man and his wife saw the play out. Between the acts and most of the time during acts he tried to explain.

"It was to get you nearer me," he said. He has been saying the same thing most of his waking moments for the last six weeks, but he hasn't been able to make her believe it.

"What interests me most about women's false hair is the odd places where it can be bought," said the man who markets.

"When I have gone shopping with my wife it was no surprise to see her buy wigs of hair at the hairdresser's, the milliner's and at all kinds of dry goods stores from the ten cent places up. I expected that, but I was not prepared to find a truckload of hair standing between a fish cart and a vegetable stand in an outdoor market where I bought some carrots the other day. My wife did not buy from the truckman, she was not there, but many other women did buy. They bought rats, puffa, curls, switches and braids. One brand as thick as a wicker sold for 50 cents. Again I saw a pedler for the shadow of Queensboro Bridge, and he was peddling on a tray which was suspended from his neck by a chain. On the streets leading to the ferries men sell hair 50 for 1 have not traded at a grocery, where they have been told that if I do find a grocery that has a hair department I shall not be surprised."

There is a little shop on Third avenue at which you may buy a current \$2.50 gold piece for \$2.75 or a British half sovereign worth \$2.45 for \$2.75, as well as all the current gold coin of small denominations.

Immigrants buy them as gifts for new-born children in Europe or in Pennsylvania, believing it to be lucky that a child's first gift should be a piece of gold money.

Some of the pieces are of small value, which just about suffice to pay him for keeping them in his window for months waiting a purchaser.

An expressman dropped a case containing twenty down eggs. Before he began to investigate the damages he hurried to the nearest telephone and called up a Mrs. Brunk.

"Send somebody up to 109d street and Amsterdam avenue within ten or fifteen minutes and you can get some eggs," he said.

Out of the mess eight dozen sound eggs were saved and five dozen that were only cracked. Those that had withstood the crash were packed for delivery; the cracked eggs were sold for nine cents a dozen to the agent from Mrs. Brunk, who arrived before the sidewalk had been swept.

"Mrs. Brunk," said the expressman, "runs a boarding house and a small home bakery. She uses great quantities of eggs. A lot of us fellows who handle eggs know her. There is always the chance of an accident where dozens of eggs will go to smash. She can use those that are cracked, so unless we're too far away we telephone for her to come and gather up the remains."

12 INCH GUN TEST.

Old Navy Gun Ketchikan Found to Be Heavy Projectile.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Rear Admiral Newton E. Mason, U. S. N., chief of the bureau of ordnance, and a party of navy officers went to the proving grounds at Indian Head to-day to witness an important gunnery test. An armor plate target had been erected on the old naval range. Several shots were fired from a 12 inch gun and guns of smaller caliber at the target on the Ketchikan. Projectiles were also discharged against the curved deck of the gun.

The purpose of the experiment was to determine the angle of impact and penetration of armor piercing projectiles at battle range.

Mrs. L. P. Longenecker Comes Home.

Mrs. Alice Dixon Le Longenecker, widow of Dr. Augustus Le Longenecker, arrived yesterday from Liverpool by the White Star Celtic to find that her friends removed her in an ambulance to a private hospital. With her husband, who was South American explorer and writer on the ancient peoples of Peru and Yucatan, she published a number of books, including "How and Where to Travel in Yucatan."

She has been a resident of Brooklyn.

British Sunday School Delegates.

A party of 120 British delegates to the World's Sunday School Convention, which will be held in Washington for six days, beginning on Thursday, arrived yesterday by the White Star Celtic.

The party consists of young men and women from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. George W. Pennington, representing the American committee, will visit the delegates and meet them at the pier and took them to the Broadway Central Hotel, where they will stay while they are in New York city.

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HEADS AND HORNS OF BIG GAME

NOTABLE COLLECTION SHOWN AT THE BRONX ZOO.

Opening of the Administration Building Reveals Many Record Specimens—Zoology and Geography Illustrated by Groups—More Than 1,000 Specimens.

Formal opening of the new administration building in the Bronx Zoological Park was celebrated yesterday by the exhibition to scientists and sportsmen of 1,000 specimens of the heads and horns of big game from all parts of the world, installed in the two story museum, which has been completed recently at a cost of \$50,000. The collection of the heads and tusks of large game is one of the largest known, and is said to be rivaled only by the collection in the Kensington Museum, London. All of the specimens displayed are from private collections and the gifts of well known hunters and explorers.

The exhibits are divided into two sections, the zoological and the geographical species. Among the many species gathered are record exhibits from the wilds of Africa, from the Rocky Mountains and Alaska which cannot be duplicated in any other collection.

Notable in the zoological series on the second floor of the new building is an immense pair of elephant tusks from a Sudan African elephant measuring 11 feet and 8 1/2 inches in length and weighing 285 pounds, the largest on record ever coming from Africa and a gift from the late Charles T. Barney. Another record head is the only known specimen of interlocked moose antlers from Alaska, the gift of Charles H. Senn. Other records in the series include the Newfoundland caribou, mule deer horns, Kamal caribou, big horn (American), and the dudu stand and warthog from Africa.

The largest pair of dudu horns are from Africa. A peculiar specimen is the tusk shaped horns of the Loeche antelope.

There are steinbock horns from South Africa, the largest known. Two pairs of bongo horns from Togoland, the Gold Coast of West Africa, are among other rare specimens. A Greenland caribou head is a gift from William T. Hornaday, director of the Zoological Park.

In the geographical series may be seen the John W. Norton collection of personal trophies from British East Africa, including the specimens of the water buck, eland, Grant's gazelle and sable antelope. An enormous elephant's head with tusks, captured in British East Africa by Richard T. J. in 1908, is a gift from Samuel Thorne. The head was mounted by Herbert Lang.

One of the finest specimens of Rocky Mountain mule deer known to sportsmen has been contributed by the Lawyers Club of New York. On one of the horns are several points and on the other twenty.

The largest collection of Alaskan animals ever gathered is in the Reed-McMillin group, presented by Emerson McMillin, including two record species of Grant and Oshorn caribou and the second largest and finest specimen of Alaskan moose. These trophies were captured by A. S. Reed, an Englishman, who made frequent hunting expeditions to Alaska and northern British Columbia.

There is a remarkable specimen of Pacific walrus horns and a monster brown bear gathered in Alaska. Among other specimens is a white fronted muskox taken from Ellesmere Land, given by the hunter and doctor, Harry Baker, the well known sportsman of New Haven. An unusually fine specimen of buffalo head is from R. Casimir de Khan, and a record pair of Pacific walrus tusks from George See, is a gift from Madison Grant.

Distinctive in the exhibit is the A. Donahue Smith collection of African animal heads, the gift of George J. Gould. It contains large African elephants, tusks and other specimens of big game in the African country.

Among the donors of personal trophies are Edward J. House, who contributes a large specimen of a lion's head, Percy C. Madeira, who contributes from his own collection samples of big game captured in African wilds, and George L. Harrison, Jr., who made several trips to Africa, and put up a large collection of trophies, including a lion's head and a large specimen of a lion's head.

The new administration building is two stories tall and is built of brick and limestone. On the first floor is a general assembly room, which will be used by the members of the club, and lectures. It is finished in American walnut. The directors room and a reception room are also on this floor. Upstairs, besides the two exhibition halls, are a library and a reading room and a smoking room for sportsmen.

President Henry Fairfield Osborn, Director of the Zoological Society received visiting members at the private view and reception, which was largely attended. The new building is situated at the northern end of the Zoological Park and will not be open to the public until late in the summer.

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