nibus, and in some of the cars the con

gestion was very severe. The buses seat from fourteen to eighteen, and as many as swenty-five standing passengers were

NC-4 BIG WELCOME

Seaplane Cheered by Thou-

sands and Greeted by Mayor

on Recruiting Trip.

Special Despatch to THE SUN

Three others in the NC-4's crew of

seven were with Commander Read on the transatiantic flight. These are Lieut.

Walter Hinton, pilot; Lieut. Herbert C

Rodd, radio operator, and Eugene C. Rhodes, chief machinist's mate. Others on board to-day were Lloyd R. Moore, chief machinist; Lieut. Peter Taibot, pilot, and Charles J. Kessler, ma-

The NC-4 lay under guard of the

Cape May at the Yacht Club. One of the planes met her at Beach Haven this morning. She will leave to-morrow at

there will go to Portland, Me. To-night a community banquet was given at the Traymore in Commander Read's honor.

He Speaks at State House and

Naval Academy.

Speaking to the people who crowded the assembly chamber of the State House to overflowing. Cardinal Mercier

two prelates and their party went to the Naval Academy. Cardinal Mer-cler spoke briefly to the midshipmen and officers of the institution, and after an inspection of the buildings and

grounds the Belgian prelate and his personal retinue boarded a special elec-

State Reports New High Mark for

Wage Earners.

ALBANY Sept. 22 .- The average weekly

The greatest increase was in the

clothing and women's cloak and suit

The weekly earnings of factory work-

per cent., according to the index number

of the United States Bureau of Labor

Worcester Plants Running.

trie train for Washington.

VISITS ANNAPOLIS

morning. She will leave to-morrow 10 A. M. for Rockaway Point, and fre

CARDINAL MERCIER

gun bullets.

facturers.

cheered her again.

FIX RAISE DEMANDS

Twenty-eight Women Delegates Appear, but the Old Leaders Are Absent.

SOME FEAR HYLAN WRATH

\$420 a Year Advance Asked on Salaries Above \$600; \$150 on Lesser Pay.

An advance of \$420 a year for every man and woman on the city payroll now getting more than \$600 a year and ting \$600 or less will be requested of the Frank. Board of Estimate by the Municipal Employees Association. This was decided upon last night in a meeting in the

Allied Hospitals. Dr. T. Bayard Collins, head of Bellewith the committee, but sent word yea-terday that owing to the attitude of the city administration of which they had not been aware when the Municipal Em-ployees Association was formed, they had decided to withdraw.

In the meeting, which was supposed to be a gathering of two degrates from each city department, there was much talk of "intimidation," and the twentyeight women and twenty-four men who braved the wrath of City Hall by putting in an appearance were described as em-ployees who were not "quitters."

Hugo V. Wittenberg, a clerk in the finance department, who was elected temporary chairman of the association in place of Mr. Stansfield, and Thomas A. Crowe of the law department who was made temporary secretary gave this pledge, voiced by Mr. Witten "Under no conditions or circum stances will either of us quit."

Not Afraid of "Potentate."

Alexander Cooper, chief clerk in the fice of Michael F. Loughman, Superin-ndent of Public Works for Manhattan orough, said to Mr. Wittenberg: "You are the right stuff. You have the true ring and no Mayor or potentate in New York or out of it can get you to quit." Later Mr. Cooper said: "I do not besaid to have been kept away by intimi-dation (Stansfield and Prager) will stay away very long. We mean to show the Mayor of New York that neither he nor any other power can take from us our inalienable rights."

The delegates thought they were to

meet in the assembly room of the Muing. The elevator to been so directed and would not let not been so directed and would not let them go up. Mr. Cooper then invited them up to his own office, where they sat on tables or stood up during the meetsing. Some of the delegates got as far as wish to sing again in the German operas, but I never wish floor corridor, but did not ventongue." the main floor corridor, but did not ven-ture further. They said frankly that while they were as much interested as ever in a "living wage," they were scared by the Mayor's denunciation of

continued to discuss higher wages for

intends to carry out his threat. For Praeger were advised to 'lay low' for a little while to avoid having their official heads decapitated. The rest of us have mittee was in favor of a flat 25 per

cent, increase for all city employees. It was urged, however, that a scale would have a better chance of accept-

Lower Paid Need Raise Most.

"If we sought justice," said Abraham Bafley of the Tax Department, "we westld demand 100 per cent. but we know we can't get it. If you show that your heart is with the man who is on the lower wage, the Board of Estimate will be more attentive."

Mr. Balley referred to the Civil Ser-

vice Forum, the organization which has asked for 10 per cent. for employees now receiving more than \$2,000 and 20 per cent. for those receiving less than \$2,000. He said he had no confidence

There are lots of psychic phenomens attached to this thing," the temporary chairman added.

Eventually the task of deciding how

the appeal could be most inoffensively presented to the Estimate Board was entrusted to a committee made up of Miss Reilly, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Bailey. Toward the end Chairman Wittenberg said he believed the Mayor did not have this association in mind when he in-

Fraeger are puppets: that it is a Republican plot; that it is backed by some administration official. But the truth is that all we are concerned with here is getting a decent living wage. I challenge the Mayor to produce a single taxpayer who will defend the Board of Estimate if it denies us a living wage. The upshot was that a new salary committee was appointed, consisting of Albert Owens of the Department: Of Plant and Structure: Abraham Balley, Thomas Crowe, of the Law Department: Cornelius Murphy, of the Street Cleaning Department, and Miss Catherine is simple that it is a Republicance where they were paid off.

Sokol Hall in East Seventy-first street, where they were paid off.

Raymond Higgsins of Chicago, a second class passenger who was returning to this country with his wife after several months spent in weifare work to this country with his wife after for each vehicle. The Commissioner said to the class passenger who was returning to this country with his wife after several months spent in weifare work to the new transportation system for immediate submission to the Mayor. The upshot was that a new salary committee was appointed, consisting of Albert Owens of the Department of Plant and Structure: Abraham Balley, Thomas Crowe, of the Law Department: Cornelius Murphy, of the Street Cleaning Department, and Miss Catherine gins of 6438 Peoria street, Chicago. Department, and Miss Catherine gins of 6438 Peoria street, Chicago, llly of the Manhattan Borough Presdent's office. This committee made the AUTOMOBILE SWINDLE BARED. recommendation as reported above, and it was unanimously adopted by the del-egates. -Mr. Crowe explained that the gates. Mr. Crowe explained about increases asked for represented about

No Strike Sentiment Applanded.

his Honor the Mayor," he told Mr. Wittenberg. "If he fires you out you are notive enough to get back on your feet again." But Mr. Wittenberg demurred. again." But Mr. Wittenberg demurred. explaining that he had recently approached the Board of Estimate on behalf of 2,000 life savers, "and was told I should be at my deak by one for whom I have wasted time, money and health, whose enmity I incurred from that day on."

Solomon Hecht, editor of the Civil Service Chronicle, was prevented from breaking by an objection that the association was not interested in the quarrels of rival civil service papers, but later the delegates relented and per-

later the delegates relented and per-mited Mr. Hecht to say how hard he had worked for them and that their associawas in danger of dissolution if it idn't watch out. The delegates will meet again on

Thursday evening.

George W. Morton, Jr., a topographical draftsman of Queens Borough, to whose activity in the Technical Men's Union he attributes his recent suspension by Borough President Connolly, appeared before Francis X. Sullivan, Commissioner of Public Works, in Long getting more than \$600 a year and advance of \$150 for those now get-\$600 or less will be requested of the Frank. President Connolly said that the charges against Mr. Morton have no relation to his labor union activities. Most of the department heads found in

cided upon last night in a meeting in the Municipal Building, from which many of the delegates absented themselves be- salary "agitation" among their em-Municipal Building, from which many of the delegates absented themselves because, owing to Mayor Hylan's stand against "agitators" for more pay, they were afraid they might lose their jobs if they went.

Among the absentees were the two original moving spirits in the organization, George Stansfield and Samuel Frager, clerks in the Department of Charities. One of them sent word that he would be there if the comrades insisted, but that it would be at the cost of his place in the city service. The Charities Department, the head of which is Bird S. Coler, was not represented at the meeting. Nor were Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

ing of adding 10 per cent, to salaries between \$1,200 and \$1,800 and 15 per cent.
to salaries below \$1,200, leaving employees above the \$1,800 class subject vue's employment service, was one of to salaries below \$1,200, leaving em-the committee appointed Friday to draw ployees above the \$1,800 class subject up a salary schedule. He met Sunday to the recommendation of their depart-

DESTINN BACK IN U.S. **DESPISING TEUTONS**

Soprano, Prisoner 3 1-2 Years in Bohemian Castle, Would Spurn German Tongue.

Bringing Emmy Destinn, the former Metropolitan soprano; Eugen Ysaye, the Belgian violinist; several other mu sicians and a number of notables among her 252 passengers, the French liner La Lorraine arrived yesterday from Havre.

Miss Destinn said that she had been virtually a prisoner in her castle in Bohemia for three and a half years, as Later Mr. Cooper said: "I do not be-lieve that the two gentlemen who are said to have been kept away by intimi-The only exception granted was when she was permitted to visit Vienna last sumer to sing. She went to Bohemia in May, 1916, and when she began preparations to return she was informed by the Austrian authorities that she could not leave.

The singer will begin a concert tour

nicipal Civil Service Commission on the that includes fifty performances in vari-fourteenth floor of the Municipal Build-ous cities from the Atlantic to the ing. The elevator starter said he had Pacific and will then appear at the The elevator starter said he had Pacific and will then appear at the been so directed and would not let Metropolitan. Asked if she would sing

Ysayes Visited Old Ostend Home. Yeave arrived with his wife and three children from their first visit to their home in Ostend in over five years. He said that many of his old friends were

Metropolitan, who spent the summer in "I believe," he added, "that the chief director of French and Louis Haselmann, director of French operas or the Chicsgo Opera Company, also arrived on the liner. Mr. Haselmann said that he would produce two new French operas, nol," by Ravel, which will be heard in

New York in February. On her way to visit her father, John Scullen of St. Louis, Mme. de Gheest reached here with her son, Lieut. Henri de Gheest of the Fourth French Zouaves. It is Mme, de Gheest's first visit to this country since the beginning of the war

and the Croix de Guerre with two palms and three stars.

Other passengers on the Lorraine included Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kessler, who had been absent for two and a half years working for the Rellet Fund for the Permanently Blind, which was begun by Mr. Kessier three years ago. Mr. Kessier, once well known in the champagne trade here, would not talk about prohibition but said that he and his wife had come over to interest the public in the work of the fund, which has spent

Czecho-Slovak Soldiers Get In.

Three hundred Czecho-Slovak soldiers on their way to their homes in the United States also got in on the French phatically declaring that Riedl had no liner under the command of Lieuts Lada krizek and Jan Itavaic, both of Cleve- of the lines since yesterday morning. veighed against agilators, but those organizations affiliated with the American Pederation of Labor.

"The old organization," he said, "says this one is controlled by some one behind the scenes; that Stansfield and Praeger are puppets: that it is a Republican plot; that it is backed by some

Firm Fraudulently Offers Rebuilt Fords for \$100 Each.

Increases asked for represented about one-half of the advance in the cost of living. Mr. Cooper suggested that Mr. Wittenberg be the one to present the petition, "very humbly," to the Board of facturing concern" which is said to have operated from an office in East Fortysecond street and which the District At-

"This organization," he said, "does not intend to buildoze any one. We have merely organized so we can present our request to the Board of Estimate collectively and thus give it more weight. We are willing to get together with any organization of similar aims, but we will never affiliate with any labor organization, and will not go on strike."

This was much applauded.

The one believe you are afraid of

FAIL TO OPERATE

Contractor Will Lose His City License, Commissioner Whalen Says.

JITNEYS NOT SUFFICIENT

Do Not Carry as Many Persons as Green Cars, P. S. C. Officials Declare.

Jitney buses, operated each by an ndividual driver for his own profit, now are serving the public that used to depend upon the storage battery crosstown lines of the green car system, shut down by order of the Federal court Louis Riedl, who obtained on Friday a gers carried by storage battery cars on

permit to put sixty buses in service on these lines, falled to produce the ve-hicles Grover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, said yester-September 16. The buses on this line had seating ca-pacity of from fourteen to sixteen passengers. Eight buses were in operation, but y. The city therefore will cancel his ermit, Mr. Whalen said. Opinions differ widely as to how good the headway was very irregular; stand-ing passengers were observed on nearly all trips.

"On the routs of the Sixth Avenue

he service is. Mayor Hylan says it is fine. He de-clares the experiment sounds the death knell of the "traction ring." Ferry line the inspectores reported that up to 10 o'clock this morning there had been no bus operation." Job Hedges, receiver of the New York
Railways Company, said: "It can't be
done. They can't run enough buses to
carry the 33,000 fares we used to carry
carry the 33,000 fares we used to carry

Half Service Is Given.

The Public Service Commission's in spectors made counts Sunday which showed that about half service was being given, taking the old car schedule as a standard. Buses ran and were crowded beyond

capacity, particularly in the late after-noon rush hours. The passengers seemed willing to put up with some incon but it was obvious that some ystem better than the makeshift ar-angement of yesterday must speedily instituted.

e instituted.

Riedi was to have had sixty buses in peration Saturday morning on the four ness pecified. What facilities he had to fulfil this provision were never made ablic by the city authorities, and every fort to get information on this feature of the problem got nowhere. was vouchsafed by city officials was that Mr. Riedi had been of great assistance in combating the street car strike in Brooklyn; that he was an experienced bus transportation man and capable of handling the problem. Efforts by the newspapers to locate Mr. Ried, failed.

Whalen Makes Statement.

Last night Commissioner Whalen ised the following formal statement:
"Mr. Riedl was granted a temporar; permit by the Board of Estimate an was to have sixty buses in operation September 20. I found that he had no buses in operation on that day, Mr. Riedl stated on Saturday that he was having difficulty in obtaining buses, but that he already had twenty parked under the Williamsburg Bridge. After a per-sonal investigation I found this statenent to be untrue.

"At the suggestion of Mayor Hylan I took the question up with Mayor Gillen of Newark and succeeded in getting a afficient number of buses from the city of Newark to replace the abandoned su ace car lines in operation. did not put in an appearance until about 11:20 o'clock Sunday night, and at that time he was still without buses, although he stated that he had three in the city and would have 100 on Monday morning from Connecticut. These buses did not materialize.

"I then informed Mr. Riedl that inasuch as he did not fulfil the obligation of his permit the city would direct the of the buses over the abar

"During the strike in Brooklyn Mr. Riedl had no trouble in securing buses Why he did not produce buses on this occasion I am at a less to understand Mr. Wittenberg said that the trouble with the association was that it attained such an impetus that it went too fast "to suit some people" who had now threatened the dismissal of those who continued to discuss histogram between the continued to discuss histogram has lived in Switzerland in the last two years.

Minnie Egener a market of friends were occasion I am at a loss to understand. There are those who do not want bus lines to operate in this city. I do not know whether this had any influence on Mr. Riedl's action. The Corporation Counsel will take steps to annul the per-

Riedl's Lawyer Reticent.

bons, both prelates being the guests of Gov. E. C. Harrington while here. Before leaving Baltimore Cardinal Mercler and Cardinal Gibbons visited the wounded officere at Fort McHenry. Samuel Abrahamson of 116 Nassaustreet, who appeared for Riedl when he where Cardinal Mercier spoke briefly. The cardinals witnessed the decoration of Sergeant J. L. Weish of Philadelphia btained his permit from the Board of Estimate, was equally reticent yesterday when pressed for information about the financial backing of his client. with the Distinguished Service Cross, be stowed upon him for conspicuous cour-age at the battle of Argonne Forest when he continued to lead his battallon despite seven wounds from machine "Mr Ried!" he said "is an American citizen, 5 feet 7 inches tall, with a sandy mustache. He may live in one of the

This information added to the general curiosity concerning the man who was able to obtain such a valuable permit on and she expects to remain for several months. Her son was wounded four times and won the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with two palms and three stars.

Such apparent short notice.

It developed that he had contracted reiterated his message from the people for \$250,000 worth of motor buses from the Begium expressing their gratitude to the people of the United States research and three stars. such apparent short notice.

chase. Eugene Herman, distributor for the Stewart corporation, declined yesterday to give any further information regarding his transactions with Riedl, and while admitting that Riedl got his mail at the Stewart company's offices, said that he knew rothing further of the man. The permit obtained by Riedl provides that his arrangement with the city may be terminated upon ten days' notice to more than \$1,000,000 and needs \$5,- writing from the city. Last night Riedl's counsel, Mr. Abrahamson, said that no notice to that effect had been received. and while he stoutly maintained that the

> phatically declaring that Riedl had nothing whatever to do with the operation

buses were being operated yesterday by Riedl Commissioner Whalen was as em-

that trades.

"The city owns the subway lines, but Augustensed them to the Interborough for enty-orty-nine years for operation. If the than but August. The August twerage is sev-for enty-five cents, or 3 per cent higher the than the July average. The advance at on food prices for the month was I nterborough cannot make a profit at s cents a fare the city will take back the subways any time they are delivered. The city could own and operate its bus lines, giving a transfer in conjunction with the subways, and the people could then ride from one end of the city to the other for a 5 cent fare. The death knell of the traction ring and their agents, whether in public office or outside, has been sounded by the be-ginning of operation of buses over the lines abandoned by the traction com-

pany. It is a great success."

Police Count Passengers. Policemen stationed at various points MIKE SHOWS TRAIL OF HOPE IS PRAYER

ment from the offices of the commission yesterday said:

"Observations were made of the bus service over the Madison street line at Park Row during the rush hours Sunday morning. From 7 to 10 o'clock A. M. the buses carried west bound 1,329 passengers. This is about one-half the number carried by the storage battery cars during the same period on September 16, when 2.577 passengers were carried. In these buses the average seating capacity was sixteen passengers. While many of the buses carried standing passengers, no severe congestion was reported.

"On the Spring street line the observations were made between 7 and 10 o'clock just east of the Bowery. During these hours 1,109 passengers were carried west bound, as against 1,965 passengers carried on the storage battery cars during the same period on September 16. On this line there was an average of pine passengers standing per omnibus, and in some of the cars the congestion was very severe. The buses seat "Y" Tells How He Changed to the Straight Road.

RECEIVES 'HONEST' WATCH WORK OF NEW AUTHORS

Hickey's Seventh Anniversary of Reformation.

Last night was Mike Hickey's night. observed on one car.
"Observations of the bus service over the Avenue C line also were made be-tween 7 and 10 o'clock, during which He sat up on a platform of the Bowery Y. M. C. A., and because it was hot and he was embarrassed he kept a handkerchief busy patrolling the grim oval of his face. In the audience sat a conglomerate assortment of Mike's friends whose pooled knowledge of crime would have covered the subject from A to Z.

Stragglers drifted in and out all evening, coming out of the rain and the larkness from the underworld, that place from which Mike graduated when he "got religion." They heard Mike tell about his nineteen years behind prison walls, how he decided seven years ago to go straight. Some of them felt that Mike must be a trifle "off." Others were back up Mike's theory about being on the "side of the angels."

This was all by way of an anniversary of Mike's reformation, and there was testimony and singing and something more. Mike called it God. So did the other speakers. They used several syzonyms such as Power, or Strength, or Hope. Whatever it was it vibrated in that hall, and lighted up twisted faces. It set Mike's lips in a determined line and fired his eyes and made his words

impassioned.

Whether or not those who came to ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 22.—The naval caplane NC-4. which first flew across pay their respects to Mike believed he Atlantic, arrived here this morning his salvation idea, they knew Mike was "on the level" when he was a master of the technique of the pickpocket, and at 11:30 o'clock from Rockaway Point on the first stretch of a recruiting trip of the technique of the pickpocket, and which will extend the length of the Atherita coast.

Mike was saying, "but people here to Mike was saying, "but people here to-night know it's facts. I prayed to God Shricking whistles and clanging bells greeted the huge seaplane and her com-mander, Lieutenant-Commander A. C. to send me a wife. Five months is quite mander, Lieutenant-Commander A. C. Read, as she circled twice over the city. All business ceased for a time, and when the plane landed off Absecon Inlet thousands on the Boardwalk and bulkheads cheered her again.

cheered her again.

"Atlantic City is proud to bid you and your ship welcome," Mayor Bacharach exclaimed as he gripped Commander Read's hand. "Please consider the city beat of rain against the windows could beat of rain against the windows could beat of rain against the windows could result the windows could beat of rain against the windows could result the windows and result result result result results." and everything we have is yours so be heard, long as it is possible for you to remain Again be be heard. "I asked God for a boy." Again he pointed, this time to a white clad youngster who smiled up at him. "There's the boy." Somebody said "Amen." Gray, tired, stricken heads here and there in the audience went

down into gnaried hands.

When it grew too tense there was singing. Mrs. Hickey sang solo; Dr. Frank Morris, who presided, called upon his son, who sang the never falling "Hundred and One." A mission leader work of salvaging spoke about Mike's work of salvaging human wrecks. Joe McManimen, now a "Y" secretary, told how Mike had found him "a pig headed Irishman" and persuaded him that he had a chance.
At the end of the meeting a gold watch was presented to Mike. He'd handled a good many in his day, he pointed out, but this one was "honest." It was bought by the "Make Good Club" with legitimate money. And every memthat unique organization was convict. It is distinctly Mike's He is president and general man-Headquarters are at the Bowery C. A. No references are re-Y. M. C. A. No references are quired. That is where Mike comes in. In the four years of his mission work onnected with the Bowery Y. M. C. A. Annapolis, Md., Sept. 22 .- Cardinal Mike has had 100 club members.

light, Mike," was the message in He had another letter. It was from Judge Crance of Brooklyn, who once sentenced Mike, "God bless you," t said simply.

BENNETT NOW ASKS TO INSPECT BALLOTS

Secures Court Order - La Guardia Promised Aid.

William M. Bennett who, according to the official count, was defeated for the Republican nomination for President of the Board of Aldermen by Representative La Guardia. At the recent primary election, obtained an order yesterday from Supreme Court Justice Leham, di-After a luncheon to the visiting car-dinals given by Gov. and Mrs. Har-rington at the executive mansion, the recting Representative La Guardia and Leonard J. Obermeier to show cause why he should not be permitted to in-spect the ballots cast. The order is returnable in Part I., Supreme Court, th

Notice of the order was served upo Mr. La Guardia at the Hotel Brevoort last night, and referring to Mr. Bennett's charges that fraud had been perpetrated Member Denies Interference. in the counting of the ballots, he said FACTORY PAY AVERAGE \$23.85. "I will place no obstacle in Mr. Bennett's way if he wishes a full and free examination of the ballots. On the contrary, I will do everything in my power to facilitate such an examination. My only wonder, since Mr. Bennett has raised the cry of fraud again, is that he wage paid factory workers in New York State during August was \$23.85, it was announced to-day by the bureau of statistics of the State Industria Com-

mission. The previous high mark was last December when the average wage was \$23.18. The figures were made up from reports submitted by 1,648 manufacturers. as reported by the ballot clerks and the inspectors of the Board of Elections, and The greatest increase was in the clothing industry. The average earning was 9 per cent. higher in August than in July, and 40 per cent. higher than in August that in August that year. The increase over last year is reported as 50 per cent. more in the weekly earnings of workers in New York city in the men's clothing and women's clock and eath. County Compilies. stubs, the registration, signature and poli books, and asks that the cost of the ex-amination be borne by the Board of

Mr. Obermeler is named in the petition as a representative of the Republican County Committee.

ers gained on food prices from July to EXTENDS ZONES IN OCCIDENTAL THRACE Council Makes Plans Pending

Treaty With Turkey.

Paris, Sept 22—The Supreme Council to-day considered the delimitation of the zones of occupation in Occidental Thrace, the Temps says. It seems to be sgreed already, the newspaper adds, that Greek troops alone will occupy the zone between the Greek frontier of 1914, the new Bulgarian frontier and the Mediter. Worcester, Mass., Sept. 22.— The three Worcester plants of the American Steel and Wire Company, employing about 6,600, and the plants of the Clinton-Wright Wire Company were not affected by the steel strike to-day. The new Bulgarian frontier and the Mediteraffected by the steel strike to-day. The plants are not unionized and there was not the slightest indication of trouble. Instead of men quitting, there were groups of men at the plants seeking region.

along the route kept labs yesterday on the bus system. Their reports are being submitted without delay to Mayor Hylan. Counts made on Sunday by inspectors of the Public Service Commission showed that the bus lines in the first day of their operation were handling only about har of the passengers regularly carried by the old storage battery care. A state-

BLUE RIDGE DRAMA IS TRUE TO NATURE

General Manager of Bowery "Thunder," at the Criterion, Tells Story of a Feud in Highland Life.

Presentation Made Feature of Sylvia Field Plays Heroine With Marked Success-Novelty in Opening.

> "Thunder"-At the Criterion Theatre. Mandy Coulter Leila Bennett
> Jeff Charies McDonaid
> Ma McBirney Marie Day
> Buck Babb Horace James
> Mr. Carson George Wright Mrs. Carson Eva Dennison

The dramatic dark horses of Winchell Smith this season are Peg Franklin and Elia Peattie, headed to follow in the winning tracks of John Hassard and Frank Bacon of yesteryear. There of course is the guiding hand of Mr. Smith mpressed. Still others were there to always in control, and there is every reason to believe that he was directive the course of Miss Franklin when she made a four act play called "Thunder out of the stories of Elia Peattie. The scenes of the new drama are laid in the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is the character of these mountain folk that employs the new playwright just as it has in the past interested authors such as John Fox, Jr., Charles Egbert Craddock and others. The scenes of this highland life are projected against two back-grounds, one a scene from the top of mountain, and the other inside a cabin

A Familiar Theme.

The new authors have approached the study of this primitive folk in much the same manner as their predecessors. The drawling speech, the narrow interests, the feud impending ever, the religion and the maladies, all these familiar traits of the inhabitants of the Blue Ridge were brought into view last night Some of them were humorous, oth interesting mildly and the general p ture agreeable as it moved. It mo slowly. There is nothing kinetic in it dramaturgy of Miss Franklin, and M Smith seems to have added less spe-than is his custom in dealing with h laywrights.

So well done was the picture the uch of its interest came from the maner. Mr. Golden had selected the a tors carefully. So the kindly mounta Samaritan was there well impersonate by Marie Day, and so were the sulle girl of the vendetta so amusingly acte by Liela Bennett that most of th laughter of the evening was caused b her uncouthness and indifference. bearded father grasping his sh irons, ominously portrayed by Charles McDonaid, and the strengous preaches who approached the throne of grace in his shirt sleeves with the aid of a megaphone, which was a part made apable performance by Burr McIntosh. Wilson Day made a picturesque figure of a mountain undertaker, and as bronic invalid with the misery Kerby was amusingly natural. Sam Reed, veteran of so many bucolic dramas, was a fiery sheriff, and Charles Althoff made senility amusing in the incidental figure of a fiddler.

There also were sentimental figures among the mountaineers, with pretty Sylvia Field, once a smiling apparition among the youthful beauties of "The Betrothal," at their head. She played with a girlish charm a heroine who had been a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Propage 1811 Strades here to be a circus girl. Benjamin Kanne War Mercier completed his sojourn in Maryland to-day by a visit to Annapolis and the Naval Academy, speaking to the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property than the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property than the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property than the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property than the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property than the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property than the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property than the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property than the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property than the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property that the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property than the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property that the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property that the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property that the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property that the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons both property that the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons between the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons between the public in the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons between the historic State House. He was accompanied by Cardinal Gibbons between the historic State House. He was acc But this plot was not involved and

nobody became deeply implicated, nor for that matter, deeply interested in it There were in this plot a miser's for-tune, the suspicion of theft and the preacher's lie, in order that good might ome of it. There was not enunderstanding to cloud the figures the mountaineers and obscure their popularities, which is the real object "Thunder." A note of novelty came in the introduction, as a means of increasing their happiness, of the mountain dustries which are just now occupying the efforts of philanthropists. Droll as the folk of the Blue Ridge

were and picturesque as the author made them, they were not nearly so haffling as two New Yorkers who wandered among them and would never have been identified anywhere else as citizen

MAY GIVE BURLESON CHANCE TO EXPLAIN

Washington, Sept. 22.—George R. Wales of the Civil Service Commission told the Senate post office sub-committee considering contested postmaster nominations to-day that the Post Office Department had not endeavored to exert any undue influence upon the commis-"Since I have been a member of th

commission," Mr. Wales said, "I have seen nothing and heard nothing that seen nothing and heard nothing the would prove any foundation for such a

charge."

He said he was a republican, also defended the commission's action in changing ratings given in a civil service examination so that Robert T. Wade, democrat, was allowed a percentage higher than that of Cleveland Willis, republican for the republican, for the postmastership at Moorehead City, N. C. the commissioner declaring there is nothing in this case that "approximates anything wrong."

H. A. Hesse, chief of the commission's examination division and B. W. Kumbler, an examiner employed by the comler, an examiner employed by the com-

mission, told the committee that a mis

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tion and that the change made by commission was warranted.

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