

TWO AUTO RACERS HURLED TO DEATH

Driver and Mechanic Crushed When Car at Indianapolis Skids and Upsets.

THIRD MAN DIES OF INJURIES.

22,000 People See Bourque and His Aid Thrown Over Fence to Their Doom.

With three lives sacrificed in the speed carnage, the first day of the automobile races at the new Indianapolis speedway closed with two time annihilating records smashed. On the fifty-fourth lap of the 250-mile race for the Frest-Lite trophy, the feature event of the day, death in a terrible form came to William Bourque, daring automobile driver, and his mechanic, Harry Holcomb, when their big racing car suddenly left the track while plunging along at a speed of seventy-five miles an hour, turned a complete somersault and dashed both men against the fence which surrounds the course. Both were almost instantly killed. Their bodies were terribly mangled. Twelve thousand persons, gathered in the grandstand and around the track, witnessed the accident. Scores of women fainted at the sight. Others became hysterical and rushed screaming about the grounds.

Just why the racer left the track is a mystery. Whether Bourque lost control of the steering gear or made a mechanical blunder will never be known. The machine skidded, left the track, and with undiminished speed struck a small ditch which borders the speedway. Both front wheels and the axle gave way, and the car turned completely over. Bourque and Holcomb were sent flying through the air. Bourque was thrown against a post and his skull was fractured and both legs were broken. Holcomb was thrown clear over the fence. His skull was also fractured and his legs broken. The third whose life was forfeited was Clifford Litteral, mechanic, who died from an injury received while on his way to the new speedway for practice. He jumped from his own car and was run down by one behind him. Driver Chevrolet had his eyes seriously injured by dust and tar.

AUTO KILLS THREE AT RACE.

Car Leaps from Track into Crowd When Tire Bursts.

Three persons were killed and three injured by racing automobiles in the motor speedway in Indianapolis, Saturday. This makes a total of six lives sacrificed to the high speed mania since the opening of the tournament which dedicated the new race course recently constructed at a cost of \$400,000 and supposed to have been accident proof. Two of the persons killed Saturday and one of the injured were spectators. The other person killed was a mechanic in the race. The spectators were run down when a big car in the 300 mile race left the track, plunged through a fence and into a crowd gathered near the speedway side.

When the National Six, driven by Charles Mera, a local pilot, burst the tire of the right front wheel while careening through space at a rate of seventy miles an hour, there was a crash and the great machine turned turtle, whirling like a gigantic rocket into the fence around the course. Over the barrier, jumping a bridge and on through space the car traveled like a catapult, leaving a trail of blood behind.

Fifteen minutes after this fatality another car skidded near the same spot, hit a portion of the bridge, and the driver and mechanic were injured. Following this, Referee Stevens stopped the race, which was for the Wheeler and Schuler \$10,000 trophy, and in which the leaders had completed 235 miles. This brought the meeting to an abrupt end just when the prospects for a successful windup were brightest. With such a heavy baptism of blood it is thought the big speedway, representing an expenditure of more than \$400,000, will never again be the scene of motor contests.

TRAINS HELD BY WATERS.

Great Delay and Inconvenience Due to Colorado Floods.

Trains blocked in lonely mountain passes, tracks washed away or in some instances pitched into canyons hundreds of feet below, people driven from their homes to seek safety with their belongings in higher places—these were the scenes revealed along the overflowed Arkansas River in Colorado.

The famous Royal Gorge, walled in by rock 1,000 feet high, was washed by a torrent for about forty-eight hours, and the railroad tracks have been destroyed. Trains on the Colorado Midland, the Denver and Rio Grande and other railroads, most of them carrying eastern tourists, have been detoured over circuitous routes. One road had to detour its trains by way of Alamosa, Colo., in the southern part of the state, a distance out of the regular travel of more than 300 miles. Not only the Arkansas River, but almost all of its tributaries are overflowed.

3,001 WORDS NEED REVISION.

Standard Spelling Board Publishes List of Suggested Reforms. The simplified spelling board, which began its reforms three years ago with an unassuming list of 300 words, now publishes an index of 3,261 words in need of revision. Some of the new ones are: Bed for head, and adding word, health, etc.; words ending "ing" and pronounced "in" as justis, ...

RAIL KING RETURNS.

Harriman Shows Featlessness as He Leaves Linn, but is Optimistic. Ten pounds lighter than when he left America nearly two months ago, but with his spirit unbroken and breathing a sentiment of optimism, E. H. Harriman returned Wednesday to take what he quicly calls the "after care." Though Mr. Harriman cheerfully declared that he was feeling "pretty well," he showed in every movement, every intonation of the voice, that he is a sick, tired man, a dispatch asserts. He is pallid, almost yellow, and his step as he ascended the Kaiser Wilhelm II. at quarantine was noticeably feeble. The best description would be that of a man convalescing from a great and serious illness. At his magnificent summer home at Arden, N. Y., Harriman began the "after care," for which the treatment at Bad Gastein and other European resorts was a preliminary. He is constantly attended by his family and a corps of skilled physicians. How long he will remain in seclusion, how long he will be before he resumes the active direction of his vast railroad interests, depends solely upon his health. He arrived feeble, face gaunt and voice weak.

DROWNS CHILDREN AND SELF.

Fearing Cannibalism After Shipwreck, Mother Ends Five Lives.

A tragic story of the wreck of the Norwegian bark Errol, which struck Middleton Reef, was brought to Victoria, B. C., by the steamer Makura from Australia. Only five of the twenty-two men aboard the Errol were alive when the wreck was discovered by the steamer Tafu. These were taken aboard the Tafu, nearly dead from thirst and starvation. Captain Anderson and the second mate were drowned while building a raft. Anderson's wife and children saw him disappear, and finally, after others had succumbed and the remainder were weak from starvation, the captain's wife drowned her four children under the impression that the five survivors were planning a resort to cannibalism. She followed her children into the waves.

FIGHT FOR THE PENNANTS.

Standing of Clubs in the Principal Baseball Leagues.

Table showing standings of clubs in the National League, American League, and American Association with columns for clubs, wins, losses, and percentages.

"B-CITY SHOW SALOON FOL."

Chicago Building Inspector Says Theaters Hurt Liquor Trade. The 5-cent theater has been declared to be the greatest foe of the saloon by Edward F. Keating, chief building inspector of Chicago, who has direct supervision of this class of amusement. "Saloonkeepers always oppose the establishment of a 5-cent theater in their neighborhood," he said. "Many of them complain that their business has been seriously hurt by the nickel show. Many workmen who otherwise would spend their time drinking beer in the saloon prefer the diversion of this class of show. In many cases the workman takes his wife and children with him, giving the whole family entertainment for what he is accustomed to spend in an evening in the saloon."

ODDS & ENDS OF SPORT.

The Ontario handicap, the feature event at Windsor, was won by Lady Sybil.

Johnny Summers, the English light-weight, defeated Jimmy Britz, of California, in nine rounds in London.

At Saratoga W. Clay's Ocean Bound easily won the \$10,000 Spina-way stakes for fillies 2 years old at five and a half furlongs.

Bonnie Kate captured the Canadian Steeplechase at Fort Erie recently. Bonnie Kate is from the Ferris stables. She defeated the favorite, Waterway, on a heavy track.

At the weekly matinee of the St. Paul Driving Association at Hamilton, Glen, owned by J. H. Bohrer, was the winner of the final event of the free-for-all elimination pace for the silver cup.

Sidney Hatch, of Chicago, set a new world's record for the 100-mile race when he finished that distance in 16:07.43. This is 2:43:14 better than the previous time claimed by Albert Corry.

The United States Golf Association has announced the program and conditions for play for the amateur golf championship of the United States, which will be played at Wheaton, Ill., from Sept. 6 to 11 of this year.

George M. Webb, whom horsemen considered the peer among those exhibiting light harness horses, succumbed after a long illness at Mingoza Stock Farm, Chestnut Hill, Pa. Mr. Webb was employed by Edward T. Stotesbury for the past ten years and had won an international reputation.

The \$16,000 Merchants and Manufacturers' stake at Detroit for 2:24 class winners was carried off by Margie, who took all three heats in easy fashion, making the five heat in 2:06 3/4. Margie is owned by Alonzo McDowell, the Boston reinsman, who last year captured the Roadville handicap.

Eats Five Watermelons. Lucinda Davis, a colored woman of Louisville, Ky., died as the result of eating too much watermelon at a contest.

8 KILLED, MANY HURT IN TROOP-MOB BATTLE.

Pennsylvania Strikers' Attack on Stockade is Repulsed by Constabulary.

MANY OF THE INJURED MAY DIE.

Sheriff Goes to Scene of Fight with Riot Guns to Re-Enforce State Soldiers.

Eight persons are known to have been killed and many wounded, at least ten of them fatally, in a strike riot at McKees Rocks, Pa., Sunday night. Like an eruption of a volcano, 4,000 Pressed Steel car workers let their hatred, pent-up bitterness and lust for blood come to the surface, and, with precaution thrown to the winds, made a battlefield out of the Schoenville district. At least eight were killed—one State trooper, one deputy sheriff and six strikers and strike breakers. Scores were injured by bullets. The battle resulted from an attempt of the strikers to storm the barricade around the Pressed Steel Car Company's plant, where hundreds of strike breakers have been quartered for the last six weeks, during the strike which has been marked by much bloodshed.

Following the battle deputy sheriffs and troopers broke in the doors of many houses suspected of being the retreat of the strikers and wholesale arrests were made. Scores of persons were arrested and placed in box cars in the mill yards. During the early stages of the rioting women were conspicuous. Some of them were armed, others effectively used clubs and stones. These women, all foreigners, insane with rage, were mainly responsible for inciting the men to extreme measures.

The battle was the climax of a series of riots that have been occurring almost daily since the beginning of the walkout more than five weeks ago, at the Pressed Steel Car Company's plant. The conflict between the strikers is the worst in the history of Allegheny County since the bloody Homestead riots, in which over forty were killed.

When Sheriff Gumbert heard of the battle while he was at the county jail he called for fifty men to serve as deputies at the strike zone. Obtaining that number he went in an automobile to the scene of the rioting. He took with him ten riot guns and two boxes of ammunition. By the time the sheriff arrived the constabulary had dispersed the rioters, but the guns were placed in position ready for use in case the battle should be renewed.

BURN GAMBLING LAPYOUT.

Bandra in Made of Paraphernalia Said to Be Worth \$20,000.

A heap of ashes marks the closing scene in the fight between the State of Indiana and the owners of the gambling halls at French Lick and West Baden, respectively. Gambling paraphernalia to the value of \$20,000 was publicly burned in the street at Paoli by officers of the law. There was a crowd of nearly 2,000 persons present when the expensive furnishings went up in smoke. Three years ago deputies raided the two casinos and made a number of arrests. The State confiscated all the furniture, including the gambling apparatus, but the courts held that there must be a conviction before the property could be destroyed. The cases against the arrested persons, who were the alleged agents for the owners, dragged along from term to term. A compromise finally was effected by which two of the indicted men should plead guilty on condition that the State would exempt them from destruction such furniture as was not actually used in gambling. The plea of guilty were entered, and the order to burn the gambling apparatus was issued.

ERROR COSTS DOCTOR \$20,000.

U. S. Court Holds He Must Pay for Leaving Game in a Wound.

Surgeons who overlook instruments and sew them up in patients are liable for damages, according to a decision in the case of Russell Johnson of Iowa, against St. Louis doctor. The decision sustained by the United States Court of Appeals gave Johnson a judgment of \$20,000. Johnson was operated on for appendicitis March 30, 1907. A second operation revealed a piece of gauze twenty-four inches long and nine inches wide in the wound.

SUITOR MAY BORROW.

Judge Says, However, Girl Should Not Lead Her Fiance Money.

According to an opinion rendered by Justice Goff, in the New York Supreme Court, it is not at all the classy thing for a young woman who is engaged to be married to lend money to her fiance. Justice Goff says it cannot be considered a crime for a man who obtains money in this fashion to omit the formality of repaying it, because he may be a trifter and his vow to wed may be a false one—a situation that rests entirely with the conscience of the party of the first part and over which the court has no jurisdiction.

Girl Is Humans Pincushion.

A few days ago a bent and headless pin was taken from the arm of Miss Adeline Wyckoff, 18 years old, of Paterson, N. J., and since then sixteen similar pins have been extracted from the arm. Miss Wyckoff's parents believe that when she was a child she probably swallowed the pin.

Eats Five Watermelons.

Lucinda Davis, a colored woman of Louisville, Ky., died as the result of eating too much watermelon at a contest.

VESSELS CRASH AT MONTVIDEO.

Excursion Steamboat and German Liner Collide in Heavy Sea.

Between 150 and 200 persons were killed or drowned when the Argentine excursion steamboat Columbia and the North German Lloyd steamship Schlesien collided at the entrance of Montevideo harbor. The Columbia was outward bound for Bremen. The Columbia's bow was crushed in and the vessel sank almost immediately. The Schlesien carried about 200 passengers and a crew of forty-eight men. Most of the passengers were asleep, and panic followed the crash. Almost immediately small boats put out to the sinking vessel, but the work of rescue was rendered difficult by the high sea. Most of the dead are women and children.

The Colombia was carrying excursionists from Buenos Ayres to a festival at Montevideo, and the disaster has caused the keenest emotion. The Schlesien was only slightly damaged. Its commander attributes the collision to the wind and the high seas, which made both vessels almost unmanageable.

CRAZED NEGRO SHOOTS 25 MEN.

Runs Amuck with Shotgun in a Louisiana Town.

Shrieking in maniacal frenzy and firing at every person he met, as fast as he could reload the double-barreled shotgun he carried, Bill Way, a negro from Pine Bluff, Ark., wounded twenty-five persons at Monroe, La., before he finally was killed by a policeman. Several of his victims will die and others are seriously wounded that they will be crippled for life. After the negro was slain his body was hung to a pole for an hour and then was dragged to the public square by a mob, which placed it upon a pile of barrels and boxes and poured about ten gallons of kerosene on it. A match then was applied and the body was consumed. Way is believed to have been crazed from overindulgence in whisky and cocaine. For a time after the burning of the body the mob threatened to begin a general warfare on all negroes in Monroe.

FOIL BIG COUNTERFEIT PLOT.

Police and Secret Service Men Unearth Fraud in Kentucky.

Because of the manufacturer's delay in shipping a perforating and numbering machine, \$1,000,000 in counterfeit Mexican money was seized at Louisville and the counterfeiters arrested. So far as is known, only three men were concerned in the bad money plot, which is one of the most extensive ever unearthed by the secret service department. They are John C. Roberts and Marion Roberts, brothers, and a printer. The \$1,000,000, all in 100-pee notes, was contained in a heavy, brass-bound trunk. John Roberts declared that had his numbering and perforating machine arrived when he expected it, he would have been safe in Mexico a week ago, with most of the money disposed of. The 100-pee notes are excellent imitations. They are said to have been made in Louisville.

AUTO ACCIDENT KILLS FIVE.

Hurled into the Water in Night, They Are Drowned.

Four young women and one man, the driver of the car, met death, and two young women narrowly escaped a similar fate at Seattle Thursday night, when a large touring car, going at a high speed, crashed through the railing of the long trestle over the Tide Flats at the point known to auto-mob drivers as "Dead Man's Curve." The tide was at flood when the automobile crashed through the rail and the victims were hurled into several feet of water.

FISH PIRATES GET \$10,000.

Forty Armed Men Laid Salmon Traps in Washington and Escape.

A band of forty armed Frazier river fish pirates, on board eight gasoline fishing boats, swooped down on the Millegan and Jalcet traps of the Pacific-American Fisheries Company at Point Roberts, within a few miles of the international boundary line, held up the trap watchmen at the point of rifles and bled out \$10,000 worth of sockeye salmon. These they loaded into their boats and took back across the boundary line.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

The Bell Telephone Company has purchased the controlling interest in the Chippewa Valley Telephone Company. The line extends from Barron, Wis., to Prentice, Wis., along the Soo line.

The barley crop of Minnesota is uneven this season and the average yield will not be heavy. Rye is better. Wheat will be a very heavy crop and corn was never better than it is at present.

The small grain of the Dakotas and Minnesota is maturing rapidly. Barley claimed the attention of harvesters early and the work was pushed strenuously in anticipation of the ripening of other small grain.

The corn crop of South Dakota is expected to be the largest ever raised in that State. The corn made rapid strides during the hot weather. Farmers in the vicinity of Sioux Falls report that their corn has reached a growth of six feet.

The New York Aerial Manufacturing and Navigation Company, of Brooklyn, has been incorporated to carry on the transportation of freight and of passengers by airship. The capital is \$25,000. It is the first company of its kind to incorporate in New York State.

Reports from all parts of Mexico indicate that the sentiment in favor of a strike in sympathy with that of the train dispatchers, by the engineers and conductors of the merged railroads of Mexico, is rapidly crystallizing. In Missouri there are about 4,000,000 hogs, worth, at market prices, nearly \$45,000,000. Hog cholera costs the growers of that State alone more than a million dollars every year, and the loss is sometimes more than \$5,000,000. A contract has been let by the New York Foundation Company for the sinking of a new mining shaft on the Scranton mine, one-half mile south-west of Hibbing.

\$7,778,000,000 IS VALUE OF '08 CROP.

Secretary Wilson Shows that United States Holds World's Record in Agriculture.

BIG INCREASE IN FARM TRADE.

Agricultural Balance Has Grown Over 75 Per Cent Within the Past Twelve Years.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson thinks those who have been pitying the farmer had better wake up to the fact that during the past year—that is the crop year of 1908—there was a net gain in the value of crops which adds up to the astonishing total of \$7,778,000,000, the biggest in the world's history. The value of farm product this year is \$290,000,000 above the value for 1907 and \$2,061,000,000 above the census output for 1899.

In the last twelve years, the period covering the administration of Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, the agricultural balance of trade in the United States increased from a yearly average of \$234,000,000 to \$411,000,000, or 75.7 per cent, according to the department's year book just made public. This wonderful development is only in keeping with the progress made along the lines of agricultural activity. Conditions affecting the lives of the farmers have advanced in even greater ratio until many undesirable features of farm life have been eliminated. Many innovations have been introduced and developed into potential forces for the betterment of farm life. Never before has the work of state agricultural colleges and experimental stations been so intimately related with the department as now.

There has been a great diversification and geographic extension of products apart from the cultivation of new land. Although there has been a decreasing production per acre of what was only recently virgin soil, there was an increased production per acre of the entire country. Within ten years the production of corn per acre in Ohio increased 17.5 per cent and in Virginia 18.3 per cent. Oats increased 17.9 per cent in Indiana. Wheat increased 16.3 per cent in New York and 45.9 per cent in Nebraska. Similar advancement was made in the yield per acre of other products.

From 1895 to 1906 farm wages increased faster than did prices. It was because the farm laborer has fared better than the workingman employed in manufacturing and mechanical industries.

QUAKE IN ITALY.

Province of Siena Shaken, Causing Panic and Injury.

A heavy earthquake was felt throughout the Province of Siena, Italy, Wednesday. Practically all the houses in San Lorenzo were destroyed or badly damaged. Many persons were injured. The quake was felt most severely within a radius of twenty miles from Siena. Considerable damage was done at Buonconvento. Several houses collapsed and one person was killed. Several persons were injured at Monteroni. A number of houses also were damaged there and masonry fell into the streets. Siena itself escaped with a severe shaking. The people were badly frightened, however, and rushed out of their houses into the streets, where they wandered about in a state of semi-panic until they were assured that the quakes were over.

Siena Province has an area of 1,470 square miles and a population of 233,000. The city of Siena is at an altitude of 1,000 feet and counts 30,000 inhabitants. San Lorenzo, Buonconvento, Monteroni and Piombino are villages with populations ranging from 1,000 to 4,000.

Monthly Expense on the Canal.

Reports from Panama show that the fiscal year which closed June 30 is the record year for expenditures since the United States took possession of the zone. The monthly average was \$2,700,000, and in January, 1909, the record month, more than \$3,250,000 was expended.

The report shows that the actual expenses up to this time reach the total of \$104,177,884, exclusive of the \$50,000,000 paid for the canal.

Stick Was Snake's Tail.

William H. Roeb at Greenwood Lake, N. J., stepped upon what he thought a stick, but it was the tail of a snake, and the reptile wound itself around the calf of his right leg. The snake measured nearly six feet in length and was as big around as a man's wrist.

State Sees for \$65,000,000.

Prosecutor Jeffrey filed suit in the Jackson County Circuit Court at Newport, Ark., against sixty-five insurance companies doing business in the State, asking penalties amounting to \$65,000,000 for alleged violation of the anti-trust laws.

"Fam's" Mouth Drew Bird.

While rooting at the baseball game at Ponce de Leon, Ga., Billy Willis threw back his head and opened his mouth, and a sparrow, evidently seeing a good opening, flew into his kind to incorporate in New York State.

Internal Revenue Increase.

Treasury officials are gratified over the receipts of the Bureau of Internal Revenue for the month of July—the first month of the new fiscal year—which show an increase of \$939,326 over July of last year. The receipts during July, 1909, were \$29,968,642, and during July, 1908, \$22,029,316.

Mooby Meets Guerrillas.

A reunion of Mooby's guerrillas at Luray Caverns, Va., was one of the most remarkable gatherings of Civil War veterans ever held in the South.

THE MYSTERY OF THE VEIL.

A recent explorer, journeying from Tripoli across the great desert of Sahara, gives account of much opposition to his progress offered by the various wandering tribes. Much of the most serious trouble was caused by the Touaregs, a strange band of people supposed by some to have descended from the crusaders. These dwellers of the desert are distinguished by the wearing of a veil, a custom which has caused much discussion. Says Felix Dubois, in "Timbuctoo the Mysterious:"

As you travel an atmosphere of secrecy hovers over the country, and you remember that these mysterious Touaregs are still, momentarily, its oppressors and masters.

These people keep their eyes from the excessive glow of the desert by two veils, one rolled around the temples and falling down in front, the other reaching from the nostrils to the edge of the clothing, covering the lower part of the face. Savants seek all manner of far-fetched origins to explain this custom. Hygiene is obviously the only motive. This is proved by their own statements and by the sobriquet, "mouths for flies," which they give to all who do not wear the veils.

These veils are never removed, even at mealtimes. They are so much a part of their wearers that any one deprived of such a covering is unrecognized by his friends and relatives. If a number of the tribe should be killed in battle, no one could recognize them if they had not on the veils.

Theft is the Touareg's natural form of industry. "This word," says a native proverb, "is like water fallen upon sand, never to be found again." The Sudanese term them as "Thieves, Hyenas and Abandoned of God." Yet to this strange tribe Timbuctoo owes its origin.

RIVERVIEW EXPOSITION.

Chicago's Big Show Breaks All World's Fair Records in Attendance and Splendor.

All world's records in attendance have been broken by Riverview Exposition, Chicago's latest and greatest show.

Although the turning point of one-half the season has not yet arrived more than 5,000,000 persons have passed through the turnstiles. Before the season ends it is estimated 10,000,000 will have revelled in the mystery, splendor and delights of this magnificent exhibition. Allowing the big city on the lake one-half of the past attendance there remain 2,500,000 out of town visitors—more than ever visited any other world's fair in any country.



Col. William F. Goly, Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill with their 'Congress of Nations' recently celebrated the birthday anniversary of the veteran scout on the Exposition grounds.

The accompanying picture of the renowned plainsman was caught by a staff photographer. The two pretty "promoters" mounted on elephants also got within range of the camera. These and six other young women with silver-toned trapezes and their intelligent big mouths which blew great blasts on bell-like trombones were an octette that rang rare melody throughout the Expo forests.

The grand and spectacular beauty of the Exposition is typified by a night scene of the entrance of "Creation" building.

The beautiful facade of "Creation" gleams with thousands of vari-colored



lights. Over the main arch is an iridescent glow of rainbow brilliance, the source of which the antiquated cannot discover. The marbled edifice with its opalescent festoons, flashes and falls of illuminant beauty is reflected in a crystal lake, out of which spouts prismatic sprays and fountains of cooling mist. Cascades rush downward from aerial heights above the angle into the foaming waters. The reverential dramas, "Creation," "Doomsday" or the "End of the World," another great exhibit; "The Passion Play" or "Life of Christ," and "The Temptation of St. Anthony," produced on a grand scale, are but three of the thousands of extraordinary attractions in the buildings of this wonderful exposition. All car lines in Chicago lead to the gates.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATERS.

MVICKER'S THEATER.

Klaw & Erlanger will make their first big production of the year and the first novelty of the season in Chicago, at McVicker's Theater, Saturday, August 28, when Maelyn Arbuckle will be seen as "Fighting" Hime Look in "The Circus Man," a comedy drama evolved from Holman Day's stories by Eugene Presbury, one of the most skilled writers for the stage in America.

With its scene laid in the small town of Palermo, Maine, and its story peopled with denizens of the region, the delightful atmosphere of New England will once again be transferred to the boards of a theater, recalling the triumphs and the charms of "Way Down East." "The Old Homestead," "The County Fair" and other plays of like ilk. The quaint characters of the Maine folk are to some extent indicated by the names assigned to them. "Fighting" Hime Look, "Squire" Phin, Klebe Willard, the Widow Snell, Caje Dunham, "Hard Times" Wharf, "Figger Four" Avery, Cap. Nymph Bodfish, Dow Babb, Wat Mayo, Uncle Buck and Amazeen, being some of the personages.

One of the important features of the production will be the new American Soubrette, Imogene, a Ceylon elephant of unusual intelligence and much power of fascination.

Maelyn Arbuckle's name has gone abroad in the land by reason of his wonderful successes as Jim Hacker in "The County Chairman" and "Slim" in "The Round Up," both of which parts he created in Chicago. Now he comes with a third to make a trilogy of fine roles—that of "Fighting" Hime Look, the circus man, the premier of "The Circus Man" will be the first important event of the year.

At the Majestic theater, Chicago, during the week of August 30, Miss Helena Frederick and a company of excellent soloists will present "The Patriot," which is in reality a one-act grand opera. It is a pretentious and ambitious effort by these skilled writers of verse and music, Stanislaus Stange and Julian Edwards. The plot is based upon a true incident in American history, during the Revolution, when the English general, Lord Howe, offered a reward of \$25,000 for the capture of George Washington. It is intensely dramatic with a patriotic appeal that is charming, and altogether it is one of the most deserving yet available offerings of the year. Another important addition to the bill will be Sewell Collins' comedy, in one act, called "Awake at the Switch." Another sketch dealing with politics will be "A Spotless Reputation," presented by Albert L. Pellaton and William Foran. Harrison Armstrong is responsible for this entertaining bit. The Hopkins Sisters, two attractive charm to the bill with their slinging and dancing features, and Jones & Deely will also sing popular song selections. Martinetti & Sylvester, the boys with the chairs, perform some wonderful acrobatic feats, and there are a number of other excellent features composing the bill.

WAITED ON HIS WIFE.

Dramatic Incident in a Fashionable New York Restaurant.

That was an odd little yarn of Mrs. Burnham of Los Angeles, finding her long-lost son in the waiter who attended her table at the Hotel Astor the other day. But there was an older one at the Knickerbocker not so long ago that didn't get into print, nor was it attended by any killing of the fattened calf, the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star says. One of the waiters at the Knickerbocker had attracted some attention by reason of his evident intelligence and education, as well as by his indisposition to speak of himself. He evidently had gained his knowledge of the waiter's game by sitting at the mahogany while another man waited on him. But that sort makes the best waiters, according to the maitre d'hotel. He ought to know. There are plenty of them.

Later on it developed that the waiter of this story had been a doctor in a town in Europe. He was a man of some standing and making a good income, but when his handsome wife ran away with another man he went to pieces. Eventually he gathered up his last few pence, got a steerage passage to America and started in to make a place for himself here. First, however, he must eat, and so he took this job at the Knickerbocker. One evening the head waiter assigned him to a table at which sat a well-dressed man and a beautiful woman. They were his runaway wife and the man she ran with. Neither paid any attention to the waiter who served them until the woman casually glanced at his face during the service of an entrée. "Jules!" she shrieked.

The man at her side leaped to his feet. Diners at nearby tables glanced about in curiosity. The head waiter, always on the alert, scurried over to quiet the trouble. The woman was pallid and trembling. Her escort was very evidently prepared for defense. Jules the waiter calmly kept on about his business. He removed the entrée and served the next course. "Madam is agitated," he said, deffectually. "Perhaps—a little brandy—yes?" That was all. He served the remainder of the dinner, although the couple made no pretense at eating. And then he offered the bill to the man and pocketed the usual tip. To the head waiter, who learned his story, Jules was quite the philosopher. "Should we let yesterday's shadow cloud to-day's sun?" he asked.