

CHORUS GIRLS FACE HUNGER BECAUSE OF SLUMP AT THEATERS

Pretty Feet Shifted from Stage to Street in British Capital

London—There are thousands of actresses and chorus girls in London who a few months ago, in gay raiment, glittering jewels, danced in the bright glare of the stage, receiving the rapturous approbation of delighted audiences, and who now are face to face with starvation and dishonor—all due to the theatrical slump. Some already have starved to death, others have chosen the "easy way," and instead of the bright lights of the theater illuminating their beauty it is the sordid glare of the night club or the faint flicker of the street lamp.

The pavements of the West End of London are now trampled by the same pretty feet that a few months ago tripped along the joy planks of the revue theaters. Others, perhaps more courageous, are fighting the battle in dingy lodging houses, trying to eke out an honest living doing cheap needlework. The sweat shops of the East End have claimed a few, but shops with more ignominious prefix have claimed the majority.

Many are the heartbreaking cases. In the ordinary way they would never have come to light, for the sufferers are too proud to reveal their desperate plight. Many of them have starred in shows on "the road," but now they starve in the metropolis.

They hope against hope for engagements. "Shows" do come their way, generally in the provincial towns. But the large provincial towns are no better than London, and many a hope-breeding tour has fizzled out. The treasury goes "bust," and the end is the dreary journey back to London and desolation.

Relates Experiences

Here is the experience of one charming and talented young actress, Miss Ethel Ramsden, who was a topline in most of the first-class touring theaters:

"I have had fifteen weeks' work in

two years," she said, "and most of that was for pay too small to permit any savings. I have played in the theater in all its branches. Now I am starving, desperate. I have tried every way to earn a living—except the 'easiest way.' I am now earning a pound (\$4.50) a week doing plain needlework.

"I still am trying to find theatrical work. But all the impresarios now ask three questions, which generally settles it for me. They are:

"Have you private means?
"Have you any titled relatives?
"Are you backed by anyone with money?"

"My answer to all is in the negative, and their reply to my request for work is also in the negative. Actresses who have spent their lives perfecting themselves in their profession never have such qualifications. In fact, we didn't need them until now."

There are thousands of such examples. Every day it is getting worse. There is no new musical show being put on in London. The beauty chorus of a hundred which used to cheer the crowded audiences at the Hippodrome, the Pavilion, the Oxford and the old Empire no longer exists. All these amusement houses are giving another type of entertainment.

HOSPITAL SCHOOL HAS RECORD ROLL

Thirty Seek Training in Evanston Institution

The Evanston Hospital School for Nurses will have its opening classes on September 1 and 15, with a larger enrollment than ever before, according to Miss R. B. Smith, Director of Nurses at the Evanston Hospital.

The courses are for three and five year periods. About thirty have enrolled, says Miss Smith, seven of whom are enrolling for the five year course. The three year course is preceded by a preliminary course lasting three months.

Miss E. W. O'Dell and Miss E. B. Bennett, and several of the doctors in the hospital will be the instructors.

Classes will be conducted both at the hospital and at the university. The practical work will be given entirely at

the hospital and the theoretical work will be given both at the hospital and at the university.

Several well equipped classrooms are maintained at the hospital which are used during the ordinary college semesters. The hospital also has provided a number of tennis courts for the use of the nurses.

Rooster Hatches Out Brood of Three Chicks

Rutland, Ohio.—The game rooster which recently took charge of a nest of eggs belonging to a member of his harem has hatched out three chicks.

Emory Ralph, owner of the rooster, declared that the little fellow was so awkward on the nest that he broke most of the eggs.

Folks hereabouts are wondering what kind of a mother the rooster will make.

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