

Plays and Players

The Unchastened Woman. with Emily Stevens and Christine Norman in important roles, will be the first of the Oliver Morosco productions this fall.

W. A. Brady is to make a production of a play by Charles Wadsworth Camp called "Scandal," in Atlantic City. The cast will include Walter Hampden.

A complete company to play "Kick In" at the Vaudeville Theatre, London, will be shipped from New York by A. H. Woods. Prominent among the cast will be Harry Mestayer and Helen Holmes.

Margaret Dale has been engaged as leading woman for E. H. Sothorn during his engagement. In modern plays next season, previous to the farewell tour of Southern and Marlowe, which is expected to take place in 1917.

Cyril Maude is to pose "Peer Gynt," Mrs. Fiske, "Becky Sharp," and William Faversham, "The Right of Way," for the movies.

Florence Moien has been engaged by Selwyn and Company to play the part of Ethel Cartwright in "Under Cover" next season.

James Montgomery has written a play called "Irene O'Dare," which Coban & Harris will produce. Irene is a little Irish salesgirl in a big department store.

Victor Moore, who was booked over the Keith circuit in vaudeville, has had his time cancelled because of his appearance in the "movies."

A new play by Edward Pele is scheduled for early production by H. H. Frazee. It is called "Friend Martha."

Once more the films have scored a triumph, and this time a notable one. Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, the distinguished English actor, has been induced by the Knickerbocker Star Features Company to play "Hamlet" before the camera. It is said that the picturization of the production was at a cost exceeding \$80,000.

Marie Tempest, Graham Brown, Francis Wilson and Ann Murdock, will appear in a revival of "The Duke of Killarney," in the New York Lyceum, beginning Sept. 6th. With this piece will be given a new Barrie sketch.

"Pater Noster," from the celebrated poem, is to be done as a motion picture with Hilda England in the part in which she won high praise in the play.

Rosamond Carpentier has been engaged as the leading woman for "Home Again," the domestic comedy in which James J. Corbett will return to the stage.

The Edison Company has made arrangements with Mrs. Fiske to star in a picturization of the immortal "Vanity Fair."

Weber and Fields are reunited again, this time for a vaudeville engagement. The comedians of this hall memory will appear in the Palace Theatre, New York, next week in some of the most popular of their old scenes. It is said they are to receive the highest salary ever paid a team on the "two-a-day" stage.

The new play by James M. Barrie which Maudie Adams will do this season is expected to be "Rosalind," which appears in the latest book of plays by Mr. Barrie. Next in importance will be her revival of "What Every Woman Knows," with Dallas Anderson as John Shand.

Herbert Keiley and Effie Shannon have been engaged by Klaw and Erlanger and George C. Tyler for "Polyanna," the new play by Catharine Christolm Cutting, based on Eleanor H. Porter's book of the same title. The play was gone into rehearsal and will have its premiere in Chicago this month. Mr. Keiley and Miss Shannon appeared in the \$10,000 prize play, "The Children of Earth," under the direction of Wintrop Ames last season.

The first moving stairway in use in any theatre has been installed in the winter garden and is now in operation from the stage floor to the highest tier of dressing rooms. Transgressing all the accepted bounds of discipline and regulations which have always called for a quick dash to dressing rooms after every musical number the chorus girls of "The Passing Show of 1915" now nonchalantly depend on the moving stairway to transport them from the stage to their quarters with little delay and no exertion on their part. There is every evidence that this latest innovation will prove the most popular ever introduced by a management that always does things on a large and complete scale. If the manufacturers of the stairway are able to supply them rapidly enough, all the Shubert theatres in New York will be equipped with it when the coming season is inaugurated.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local application, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous lining.

Letters to the Editor

A Libel on the Church.

Napanee, Ont., Aug. 13 (To the Editor): I read your article in yesterday's Whig under the head of "A Call to the Church," with a great deal of surprise, and I confess with some indignation. I regard the whole article from beginning to end as a libel on the Methodist Church. I know of no Methodist court except the Toronto Conference that said anything against sending tobacco to the troops. Why hold the whole Methodist Church, composed of twelve annual conferences and some 300,000 members, responsible for the action of perhaps less than a hundred men? Whether it is wise or not to send tobacco to the troops I am convinced that ninety-nine members of the church out of every hundred would be willing to grant the troops this indulgence. Take the following sentence: "From a letter in the Christian Guardian last week it appears that the Methodist ministers and laymen who made the objection have no other end in view than to add to the hardships of the Empire's defenders from Canada." Could a more unkind or uncharitable sentence be written or one more unworthy of a respectable paper? You know perfectly well that no Methodist minister in the Dominion would add one iota to the hardship of the men from Canada, who are defending the Empire. All through the article reference is made over and over again to the Methodist Church as if the whole church were responsible for the actions of a few individuals who happen to belong to that denomination.

I claim that the members of the Methodist Church are just as loyal to the Empire as the members of any other church in the Dominion, and that they are doing just as much for the comfort of the soldiers. We are not working for the Empire or for the comfort of the soldiers as churches, but as citizens, and the citizens who happen to be Methodists are doing their full share. There are four Methodist churches in Kingston, and I venture to say that the members of these churches have done as much for the comfort of the soldiers, in helping the Red Cross work, and in every other way as the members of other churches. This is not the first time that the Whig has reflected on the Methodist Church during the past few months in relation to this war. What it hopes to gain by speaking unkindly and ungenerously of one of the great churches of the country, especially in this time of stress and strain and struggle, I am at a loss to know.—S. SELLERY.

THE SPORT REVIEW

The Pirates and Giants played to 57,000 people in three days in New York city.

Boston Braves contemplate recalling Larry Gilbert from the Toronto Leafs for the final dash for the National League pennant.

Scouts from Montreal and Pittsburgh teams have been watching Catcher Cooper of the Brantford Canadian League, and he will probably move up.

Manager Herzog of the Cincinnati Club of the National League announced that he had purchased pitcher Ralph Comstock from the Providence Club of the International League.

A Boston despatch says: The release of Herbert Pennock, the Boston American pitcher, formerly of the Athletics, to the Providence Club of the International League, is announced by President Lannin of the Red Sox.

Argonauts was not represented at the National Regatta yesterday for the first time in twenty-five years. The reason is that three out of four of every crew had to return to Niagara after the Canadian Henley to resume their military training.

It is interesting to note that in the United States athlete championships at Frisco Hannis Kolehmainen was first in the modified Marathon of fifteen miles, with Willie Kyronen second and Nick Gianakopoulos third—all good American names! Nit!

Walter G. Hapgood, who has been sporting editor of The Boston Herald, has been made business manager of the Boston Braves, thus adding to the many newspaper men honored with responsible positions by major league ball clubs.

Three major league clubs are trying to buy "Home Run" Baker from Connie Mack. According to the decision of Judge Bissell of Buffalo in the Hal, Chase case, Baker will become a free agent if not sold before the end of the present season. It is predicted that a sale will be consummated within three weeks.

Three Canadian League teams travelled on the same train from the west to Toronto the other night. They were Ottawa, Brantford and Hamilton. A Hamilton player remarked:

"Well, a pretty fair ball club could be gathered from this bunch."

"Yes, I guess so," said Shaughnessy, of Ottawa, "but after my bunch is selected, there isn't anything worth while left."

Khaki and the War Office.

Apparently there are people in this country who have never heard of khaki. These are the people who write official army communications, and who always refer to it as "drab clothing" or "neutral-tinted uniform." The other day a company officer made a bet that he would get the word used by officialdom. So, seizing his next opportunity, he replied to an official letter saying that his men had no drab uniform, "only khaki." Back came the reply: "The uniform referred to in your letter is that officially designated 'drab.'"

THE BATTALION FUND

THE AID GIVEN BY CITIZENS OF KINGSTON.

The Contributions Were Quite Generous and Shows the Kindly Spirit Towards the 59th Battalion.

The sum of \$1,355 has been subscribed by the wholesale dealers and manufacturers of Kingston to furnish one or more Field Kitchens for the 59th Battalion. This large contribution to the equipment of Col. Dawson's regiment is a marked tribute to the sacrifices made and the convenience entailed on the part of the many officers and men from this city who have enlisted for overseas service in the 59th. The contributors to this fund certainly are of the opinion that an army "fights on its stomach" and they have gone a long way towards making sure that the boys of the 59th will be well fed when at the front, and if well fed they can be relied upon to do "their bit" to the utmost. The names of subscribers and amounts are:

- \$100—S. Anglin & Co., James Richardson & Sons, Ltd., Canadian Locomotive Co., Ltd., Wormwith Piano Co., Ltd., \$50—W. J. Crothers Co., Ltd., Geo. Robertson & Son, Ltd., Fenwick Hendry & Co., Montreal Transportation Co., Ltd., W. R. Givens, British Whig Publishing Co., Ltd., W. G. Craig & Co. Ltd. \$30—Macnee & Minnes. \$25—C. Polson & Co., C. de Carteret, W. F. Kelly Oil Co., J. M. Hughes, McGowan Cigar Co., Wilson, Lyle Badgerow Co., Ltd., R. H. Toye & Co., N. E. O'Connor, D. S. Robertson & Sons, W. B. Dalton & Sons, Ltd., Maple Leaf Milling Co., Ltd., Kingston Milling Co., Ltd., Edwin Chown & Son, A. Chown & Co., R. Crawford, Kingston Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., R. J. Carson, J. A. Hendry, Forwarders Ltd., Jas. Swift & Co. Angrove Bros, Atlantic Sugar Refineries, per W. R. Dabry agent. \$10—Rees Bros., H. A. Calvin. \$5—C. Donoghue.

The Professional men of the city have very generously subscribed for a machine gun. The demands are certainly great upon the public at present but the men of the gown recognize that the needs are also great and they have responded nobly. The doctors of the city have recently subscribed very liberally towards equipping Queen's Stationary Hospital. The contributors and amounts are:

- \$100—Dr. James Thirld. \$50—Dr. J. F. Sparks, J. L. Whitting. \$25—Doctors Keyes, D. E. Mundell, J. W. Campbell, G. W. Mylks, I. G. Bogart, J. C. Connell, Messrs. King & Smythe, A. B. Cunningham, Nickle & Farrell, T. J. Rigney. \$15—D. Givens, G. M. MacDonnell, W. Mundell, Walkem & Walkem, C. R. Webster, J. H. Macnee, R. Easton Burns. \$10—Doctors Fred Cays, A. B. R. Williamson, William Gibson, A. P. Chown, C. E. O'Connor, D. A. Black, C. C. Nash, Sparks & Sparks, Professors, E. F. Scott, W. L. Goodwin, W. E. McNeill, A. S. Ferguson. \$5—John Strange, Doctors H. A. Boyce, C. A. Morrison, McCallum, Stewart, T. H. Renton, A. E. Knapp, Prof. MacGillivray.

Other needs of the regiment such as telescopic sights for rifles, supplies and equipment for bands, extra socks, boots and sweaters, tobacco and food have also to be provided, and toward these needs as well as to help provide machine guns and field kitchens many citizens are subscribing liberally. To date the list is as follows:

- \$50—Dr. E. W. Wright (New York), Smith Brothers. \$25—Lt.-Col. R. Kent, J. H. Sutherland & Bro., Geo. W. Mahood, R. N. F. McFarlane, Hon. William Hart, Dr. Dupuis. \$20—T. F. Harrison, Co. \$10—James Reid, E. A. Turner, H. C. Nickle, McKeivley & Birch, Robinson Bros., W. P. Peters, Robert Meek, R. Uglow, H. W. Newman, W. J. Fair. \$5—J. O. Hutton, J. B. McLeod, J. B. McCall, James Halliday.

Contributions are invited from citizens to this fund and may be sent to Major W. H. Craig, Treasurer, or to this office.

Danish Shipping Loses Heavily. London, Aug. 14.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co., from Copenhagen says:

"The losses sustained by the Danish mercantile marine through mines and torpedoes amount to 4,500,000 kroner (about \$1,125,000), according to an official statement issued in Copenhagen. The statement says the losses through the detention of goods in England are estimated at over 4,000,000 kroner."

Civilians Advised to Leave Belgium. London, Aug. 14.—The correspondent at Amsterdam of the Central News says the German authorities in Belgium have advised all German civilians to return immediately to their country, presumably to avoid hardships during the winter in Belgium.



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