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DUMBELLS AT THE GRAND

DREW A FULL HOUSE ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

These Overseas Artists Gave a Splendid Performance — At The Grand Again This Afternoon and Evening.

A packed house saw the Dumbbells at the Grand Opera House, Friday night, in their original overseas revue, "Biff, Bing, Bang," a series of delightfully humorous comedies, and every moment was full of mirth and laughter. The entire company is composed of men who served in the trenches in the late war, and while all are first-rate actors, those who personated actresses in the roles of ballet dancers, chorus girls and prima donnas, showed exceptional ability. The singing was splendid throughout. Arthur Holland scored a hit in "Take a Look at Me Now," and Ross Hamilton as Marjorie, in "A Little Cosy Corner," and "Some Day I'll Make You Love Me," brought down the house. Bertram Langley and Will Tennant sang "Watchman, What of the Night?" most effectively. Langley possesses a voice of exceptional quality and tone, and his singing in the "Floral Dance," was highly appreciated. Allen Murray and Albert Plunkett captivated the audience in the "Italian Song and Dance," which was a very fine performance. The quartette, by Messrs. Langley, Plunkett, Hall and Tennant, was loudly endorsed. The skit, "Commandered," and the "Duchess Entertains," sent the audience into fits of laughter. Both pieces were capital performances.

The Dumbbells will be seen Saturday matinee and evening, and one of the treats of the season is in store for the patrons of the Grand.

Theatrical

"Friendly Enemies" Coming.

Few plays in theatrical history have created so great and wide a stir as "Friendly Enemies," the famous comedy success which A. H. Woods will present at the Grand Opera House, on New Year's Day, for an engagement of matinee and night, direct from a year's run in New York City. "Friendly Enemies" is undoubtedly the most emphatic popular success of the last decade. It has been an overwhelming hit, not only throughout the United States, but in London and the British provinces. The number of people who have seen it runs into millions, and there is no doubt that millions more will see it before its extraordinary career comes to a close. The play is the work of Samuel Shipman and Aaron Hoffman, both of them among the foremost American playwrights. The story is too familiar to need recounting here. It concerns the relations of two German Americans—one of them intensely loyal to America; the other still harboring a passionate affection for Germany. Both of them are human, humorous, delightful characters. During the play the clash of these two characters such close friends in everything but the matter of patriotism, furnishes the brightest, cleverest entertainment since the palmy days of Weber and Fields. But "Friendly Enemies" has also a timeliness and vigor of theme, a pathos, a romantic interest and a humanness which the Weber and Fields shows never attained. The play has become so vital a part of contemporary dramatic history that no playgoer can afford to miss it. The production is said to be a splendid one.—Adv.

At The Strand.

Jack Pickford, taking the role of Johnny Spivens in "In Wrong," which will be shown beginning Monday, at the Strand Theatre, has a most romantic love experience and a most depressing vocation as the day-and-night delivery system for the village grocer.

The only way Jack can keep out of hot water is to go in swimming, something his mother has laid down the law against. To add to his misfortune a city youth blows into the village to spend the summer there. Johnny Spivens' love, business and family exploits combine to offer one of the most interesting pictures seen at the Strand Theatre in many months.—Adv.

"Sunnyside," in which Charlie Chaplin is the star, and which will be seen at the Strand Theatre, starting Monday, is the third of the million dollar comedies which Mr. Chaplin has made since the organization of the Charlie Chaplin company, his own producing enterprise. The first one was "A Dog's Life," and the second "Shoulder Arms."—Adv.

CHLOROFORMED TURKEY.

Which Came to Life and Frightened Girl Workers.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Four girl workers bought a live turkey for Christmas and took him home to their apartment. But no one "had the heart to kill the poor thing."

A bottle of chloroform was found. It had originally been used for cleaning clothes. Mr. Turkey, by the combined efforts of the four, was put to sleep—the last long sleep of a painless death—they thought. Then he was plucked, and tucked away in a clothes press to await cooking time.

Christmas morning, when the door was opened, out he walked, full of life, but minus feathers, to the accompaniment of screams and amid much scrambling. The janitor found an axe.

Stirred Into Action.

(Canadian Press Despatch) New York, Dec. 27.—Federal agents, health authorities and police in many cities in the East were stirred into action against the traffic in whiskey made from wood alcohol, following the wave of death and blindness from these cases in Massachusetts and Connecticut. The death list victims of Christmas cheer in these states totalled more than forty-one early on Saturday.

Snow and ice, caked on the rails at the corner of King and Barrie streets put two street cars off the track on Friday, but in each case the delay was not very long.

Letters to the Editor

Citizens' Platform Explained. Kingston, Dec. 27.—(To the Editor): With the municipal campaign now well under way, and all the candidates qualified, it has been anticipated by scores interested that an explanation of the attitude of the business men and citizens' unioned at their meetings would be timely and should be clearly set forth before the electorate generally.

The unusual move on the part of the merchants and others was prompted by the very serious danger that group or organization candidates might dominate the incoming council, and I was asked to preside at the meetings held, attended by both business and professional men, because of my position as president of the Kingston Merchants' Association.

Their unanimous opinion clearly interpreted was that we faced a rather dangerous situation regarding civic matters, and that it was a matter of regret that citizens should seek civic honors under the particular labor of any group or body, whose membership is necessarily limited, and who in the one case are more concerned in the interests of organized labor, and in the other case in the interests of war veterans. Labor follows the lead of other cities in urging the necessity of a fair representation, and this is as it should be, but nowhere else to my knowledge has any other organization singly or collectively endeavored to elect two-thirds of a city council leaving in the minority the representatives of by far the largest class numerically, made up of those who pay the bulk of the taxes, under our system of civic government.

The meetings held were public, wide open to all who disapproved of the group representation. The representatives of the press were present, and the candidates whose names appeared to-day in the columns of our local papers were selected because it was felt they were out to serve the general public first, with no sign or trace of serving any particular group of interests.

The meetings very generously endorsed the platform of the veterans, enlarging it with a number of clauses; dealing with subjects also set forth in this paper, that are of vital interest to our city.

That both labor and veterans should have representation in our civic government is, I am sure, the wish of every citizen, especially the business man, but that either or both should control our city council will, no doubt, be best decided by the ratifiers on January 1st.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, and the generous support of your paper, I am,

Yours truly,
—M. S. GRACE,
Pres. Kingston Merchants' Assoc.

ORPHANS ENTERTAINED

They Had a Merry Christmas at St. Mary's Orphanage.

Careful were the preparations made at St. Mary's-of-the-Lake Orphanage for the great festival of Christmas and never was the occasion excelled by the Ladies of the Orphan's Guild and kind benefactors of the institution. At early morn, the children's voices echoed through the beautiful chapel as they sang their sweet Christmas hymns during the three masses. At the noon hour ninety-eight children—not one child—did justice to a bountiful dinner of turkey and plum pudding with all that accompanies each. During the afternoon the ladies of the Orphan's Guild and benefactors shared their precious hours with the little ones whose parents were missing. A pretty little programme of recitations and choruses, during which the tots heard "Santa's Bells Ringing," was heartily enjoyed. Santa did come and right to his tree from which baskets of stockings were distributed.

To all who contributed towards making it a Merry Christmas, the Sister Superior and Sisters are most grateful.

Canadian Grain Exported.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, Dec. 27.—About two-thirds of the exportable surplus of the Canadian wheat crop has already been sold and exported through the medium of the Canada Wheat Board, the sole purchasing agency of the government. The total is variously calculated from 75 to 100 million bushels.

Two cases of sleeping sickness, one serious, has been discovered, being the first cases reported in Ottawa.

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DAILY MEMORANDUM.

"Dumbbells," Grand, 8.15. See top of Page Three, right hand corner for probabilities. Musicians meeting, Sunday, at Labor Hall, 2 p.m. Election of officers.

MARRIED.

DECKER—MOYES—In Kingston, on Dec. 24th, 1919, by the Rev. J. De Pencier Wright, Lillian L. Moyes to Thomas S. Decker, both of Kingston.

IZZARD—FOUND—At the bride's residence in Kingston, on Dec. 25th, 1919, by Rev. W. T. G. Brown, Viola May, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Found, to William Harold Izzard, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Izzard, Belleville.

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