

PEACE FOR POLAND, PADEREWSKI'S PLEA

Eminent Musician Appears at South Side to Boost Polish War Sufferers' Fund.

BIG CROWD HEARS ADDRESS

"May Almighty God protect, and we in neutral land give of our bounty to the poor, starving and suffering people of Poland."

His long, golden hair streaming in the whiteness of the light that spread radiantly from the upper windows of the South High school auditorium in the South Side, Ignace Jan Paderewski, the world's premier pianist, delivered a plea to American-Poles of Omaha that will long be remembered.

The great pianist made a striking figure as he stood on the platform, while the applause of 500 patriotic Poles swept up to greet his concluding words.

His Military Escort.

Paderewski arrived at five minutes after 4 o'clock. He was accompanied by his wife, Private Secretary W. O. Gorski, Father Michael Gluba of the South Side St. Francis church and other members of the local reception committee.

Is Roundly Applauded.

A thunder of applause greeted him as the curtain rolled back, giving a full view of the committee and guests seated on the stage. Father Theobald Kalamaja, priest at the Omaha Church of Immaculate Conception, introduced the speaker, giving at short length a summary of the work accomplished by the Polish Relief fund workers in this country.

"I thank the Almighty that I live today to be able to help and give to the thousands who are starving and dying in Poland."

"The armies of Europe have passed and are still passing over our native soil. The people who for years and years have maintained the peace and religious tolerance of all Europe are today being trodden on by the armies of the very countries which they have helped to protect."

"We cannot blame these countries. We only ask and endeavor to satisfy the wants of those of our countrymen who are still alive. I will do my part, and it is expected that you people will do yours. It is up to us in America to give all that we can spare and send it to those suffering in Poland today."

"Were you, my countrymen, to go to your native land today, you would not recognize your old homes."

"I am satisfied with the support American-Poles have given the cause of the Polish relief fund which I organized in New York City. They have done a great work. With the kindly help of Americans we may be able to prevent much of the starvation raging in our home country today."

"The program, with the exception of the address, was brief. The South High orchestra played several selections, and a troop of Polish children, boys and girls of 8 and 10 years, from St. Francis parish, sang several patriotic songs, two of the most popular being, 'Song of Welcome' and 'Thousand Warriors Leave Warsaw.'"

"The children seemed to please Paderewski immensely, and his spirits were most buoyant as he arose to deliver his address."

"At the close of the meeting Polish souvenirs of all kinds were purchased freely. Madame Paderewski's favorite dolls sold at prices of from \$3 to \$5 each. Postcards of Poland scenes sold by the dozen. The committee reports about \$700 taken in."

"The Paderewski party came to the South Side in two big limousines. They returned to Omaha shortly before 5:30 o'clock. More than three-fourths of all the Polish adults living in Omaha attended the rally."

Six-Year-Old Had Croup.

"I have a little girl 6 years old who has a great deal of trouble with croup," writes W. E. Curry of Evansville, Ind. "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar, obtaining instant relief for her. My wife and I also used it and will say it is the best cure for a bad cold, cough, throat trouble and croup that I ever saw." Those terrible coughs that seem to tear one to pieces yield to Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold everywhere.—Advertisement.

Strong Overcome By Gas and Dies

Awakened by the smell of gas early Sunday morning, Mrs. H. T. Strong, 2824 1/2 South Sixteenth street, found her husband dead from asphyxiation in another room.

At an inquest this morning a verdict of accidental death by gas was returned. Strong, a laborer, 50 years of age, had retired about midnight in good health and spirits. His wife found a gas cock partly opened in the kitchen, the connection being intended for the attachment of rubber tubing. Strong could not be aroused by knocking on the closed door of a bedroom adjoining the kitchen, so Mrs. Strong called Florence Morisarity, a neighbor, and together they entered the room and found him dead.

Besides the widow, one brother and two sisters survive Strong. They are C. F. Strong, Larkspur, Cal.; Mrs. R. E. Clawson, Butte, Mont.; and Miss K. E. Strong, who lived with Mr. and Mrs. Strong here.

The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Crosby chapel. Interment will be in West Lawn cemetery.

Announcement.

The Omaha Merchants Express, although the victims of a colossal fire, are in business on a greater and grander scale than ever before. The same able staff, the same ample equipment, the same efficient service. The head office (Douglas 17) is temporarily at room 7, Union station, 9th and Jackson streets. Other offices and phones unchanged. W. G. Jardine, G. W. Johnson, G. F. West.

The Strange Case of Mary Page

By Frederick Lewis, Author of "What Happened to Mary" :: Pictures by Essanay

(Copyright, 1915, by McClure Publications.) CHAPTER I. The New Star.

The voice of the stage director, shrill with exasperation, became suddenly distant as Mary opened the door of her dressing room, "Old Gek," as they called him, was on his usual "dress rehearsal rampage," and she smiled at the sound as she picked her way lightly through the heterogeneous mass of piled-up props to the wings, for she knew it meant that things were going well and that only one or two persons, the few players, were out of focus in his stage picture.

The raucous voice, now vituperative, now satiric in assumed pleading, came in tonal waves as the director stormed up and down the center aisle amid the shadows, while on the stage the players themselves strove with unconsciously comic grimaces, to shield their eyes efficiently to see over the flaming footlights as they listened to his tirade.

"Take that scene over!" he shouted at last. "Craig, begin your entrance cue. Now—And Nora—where's Nora?"

Mary drew back with a little tremulous sigh of content, and, laying a caressing hand on the canvas battlements of a doorway, gazed in a deep breath of the contemplative odors.

It was all so familiar, so much a part of her life! And yet it seemed only yesterday that she had stood in much the same fashion in the wings, shabby and unknown, her lips dry and her hands like ice, waiting for her rehearsal.

It had not, after all, been so very many years since that day, but they had been long ones, full of disillusionment and hard work. Yet to Mary, looking back at them through the glamour of their fruition, they seemed very happy years, leading up to the happier present; for tonight the great flaring electric letters of the electric sign would proclaim to all the world that Mary Page was a star!

For a moment the players blurred before her eyes, and her lips quivered with an emotion deeper than tears, but the sound of a familiar phrase brought her sharply to herself. Her cue had sounded, and she gave a last little feminine twitch to her costume and tripped lightly out upon the stage.

She had forgotten that she had been in the theater since 9 o'clock in the morning; the endless repetition of scene and act that had set every nerve jangling slipped from her like a dream, and she remembered only that she was Nora, playing the last splendid act of the drama she loved. And at the first sound of her voice, so bravely gay, the tired players were suddenly galvanized into action. Some part of her radiant joy seemed to filter into their own souls, and drooping shoulders were lifted and dull eyes brightened. A new note crept into the witty badinage of the lines, and with a sigh of relief the director took out his huge silk handkerchief and mopped his brow.

"They've got it!" he muttered to the two other men who stood, indistinguishable shadows among the shadows. "She puts the punch into it all right." And shuffling down the aisle he climbed clumsily into one of the boxes and sat down.

"Gek is right," mumbled the shorter of the two onlookers, rolling an unlighted cigar between the thick lips of his weak mouth. "This play is going to get over big! You mark my words, Dave, she's in for a season's run as sure as my name is E. H. Daniels. We"

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

CHARGES BIG LOSS IN HANDLING MAILED

Roper Makes Allegations Against Surety Companies Bidding on Screen Wagon Work.

MAKES A PLEA TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Restrictions placed by surety companies on bidders for screen wagon transfer work in the government postal service is costing the United States a vast amount of money unnecessarily, Daniel C. Roper, first assistant postmaster general, has declared in a plea for establishment of a federal employes' guarantee fund. In New York City alone, it is alleged the government is paying \$50 too much for the transfer work.

So important did Mr. Roper consider the situation that he developed as a result of the investigation by federal agents that he called the postoffice committee in executive session to lay reports of the board before them. His statements were closely guarded, and today an account of the executive session was advertently secluded in a house report.

American Surety Named. The American Surety company of New York, which is dominant in the screen wagon bonding field, was mentioned particularly by Mr. Roper as partly responsible for the limited number of bids received for this class of transfer work. The investigators' report dealt sharply with the company and its Washington agents. Some of the agents' acts in connection with the awarding of contracts and bonds of bidders were termed "unwarranted, unfair and questionable."

Frequent references were made throughout the report in Mr. Roper's remarks to the Cassidy interests, who formerly held screen wagon contracts in several cities, and who were bonded by the American Surety company. Other bidders, according to evidence adduced by the investigators, found the Cassidy firm a hard one with which to compete. Three members of the firm are serving terms in the Atlanta prison for postal law violations.

Some of Charges. These are some of the allegations the investigators' report make against the American Surety company: That they refused to bond certain bidders unless the amounts of their bids were made public, while it bonded others without inquiry.

That it refused to bond bidders on what it considered low estimates, but agreed to furnish bond in higher amount on the same indemnity provided.

That the company's Washington agent acted as personal attorney for J. J. Cassidy, a bidder, who now is serving terms in Atlanta for conspiracy, while he was presumed to be serving the interests of all bidders.

That the agent denied that he was acting as Cassidy's representative, while documentary evidence in the investigators' hands clearly contrarily proved.

That the agent objected to a department seeking to induce low bidders to reduce their figures.

In a San Francisco case the company refused to bond W. J. Gallagher for a

contract of less than \$50,000 and subsequently the contract was let for \$44,000. Its actions on certain New York, Chicago and Des Moines contracts also were criticized.

Pitcher Alexander in Omaha on Way Home

Grover Cleveland Alexander, famous pitcher of the Philadelphia Nationals, arrived in town last night on his way to his home at St. Paul, Neb., for a visit. He will make a stop of a couple days in Omaha. He is staying at the Rome hotel.

Naval Bandmaster Dies.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 17.—Lieutenant Charles A. Zimmerman, bandmaster at the naval academy, died here today. He was 54 years old and was a musical composer and also prominent as an organist.

Eat Big Meals! No Indigestion or Bad Stomach

"Pape's Diapepsin" makes weak stomachs strong and healthy at once.

Instantly stops sourness, gases, heartburn, acidity, dyspepsia.

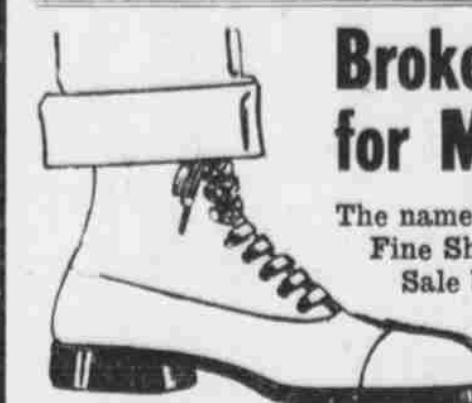
There would not be a case of indigestion or dyspepsia here if readers who are subject to stomach trouble knew the tremendous anti-ferment and digestive virtue contained in Pape's Diapepsin. This harmless preparation will digest a heavy meal without the slightest fuss or discomfort, and relieve the sorest acid stomach in five minutes, besides overcoming all food, nauseous odors from the breath.

Ask your pharmacist to show you the formula plainly printed on each 50-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin, then you will readily understand why this promptly overcomes indigestion and removes each symptom as heartburn, a feeling like a lump of lead in the stomach, belching of gas and eructations of undigested food, water brash, acidity, nausea, headache, biliousness and many other bad symptoms; and, besides, you will not need laxatives to keep your stomach, liver and intestines clean and fresh.

If your stomach is sour and full of gas or your food doesn't digest, and your meals don't seem to fit, why not get a 50-cent case from your druggist and make life worth living? Absolute relief from stomach misery and perfect digestion of anything you eat is sure to follow five minutes after, and besides, one case is sufficient to rid a whole family of such trouble.

Surely, a harmless, inexpensive preparation like Diapepsin, which will always, either at daytime or during night, relieve your stomach misery and digest your meals, is about as handy and valuable a thing as you could have in the house.—Advertisement.

FRY'S Annual Clean-Up Sale STARTS TUESDAY It's a Genuine Sale of Shoes, You Know



Broken Lines of the World's Best Makes of Shoes for Men and Women—at About HALF PRICE

The names and prices tell the whole story. It's a GENUINE Bargain Event—every broken line of Fine Shoes in our store reduced to cost—and less than cost—for quick clearance. This Annual Sale by this old established Family Shoe Store is always a big success—so come early. People know US—know our MERCHANDISE—and know that when we advertise a sale THERE'S A REASON. Sale starts promptly at 8 A. M. Tuesday. Extraordinary bargains this year.

FOR WOMEN

Laird & Schober's \$7.00 Very Dressy, patent and satin evening shoes, at \$5.45

Wright & Peters' Imported French Bronze, \$6.50 grade, lace or button and the newest side lace kid and patent, at \$4.75

15 good lines, \$6 grade, Patents, Kids, Dulls, Suede, Buckskins, made by Laird, Wright & Peters, Cousins, at \$4.45

\$6 and \$5 Shoes, patents, cloth tops, gray, white or fawn tops, black satin, velvets, satin De Laine, tans, champagne, kid, at \$3.75

Misses' and Children's Footwear We Have Clean-Up Prices in Our Children's Dept. You Get the Regular Profit.

BUY GOOD SHOES NOW

\$5.50 and \$5.00 Grades Suedes, Tans, Gun Metal, Patents; all regular stock, in modern patterns, at \$3.45

Two especially good values are Wright & Peters' \$5.50 grade Gun Metal, Lace Fawn or black cloth top, at \$3.45

We have Patents, Dulls, Black and Brown Kid, Brown and Black Suedes, some lace, some button; worth up to \$5.00, at \$2.95

There are Patents, Cloth and Kid Tops, Dulls for real wear, Tan Calf Skins, Lace and Button. We don't mention the former prices, just sell them, at \$2.45



A REAL SHOE SALE

FOR MEN

Johnston & Murphy's \$7 French Calf and Tan Russia, at \$5.45

J. & M., Stacy Adams, and Boyden \$6.50 Calf, Russia and Patents, Button, and Lace, at \$4.75

Slater & Morrill's \$6 French Calf and Tan Russia, double sole to heel, at \$4.45

Our \$5.50 Genuine Kangaroo, Cashion double sole to heel, at \$4.25

Howard & Foster's and other makes; \$5.50 and \$5.00 values. Patents, Tans and Calfskins, at \$3.75

Reynolds, Drake & Gable \$4.50 Tan Russia and Black Calf, Lace and Button, at \$3.45

Twenty-seven lines, \$1.50 and \$4.00 values, all good makes, Patents, Tans and Dulls, at \$2.95

And a lot of short lines, \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.50—all good shoes, in many styles, to clean up, at \$2.45

Boys' and Youths' Footwear

A Good Selection of Boys' and Little Gents' Shoes at 20 Per Cent Off.

For Skins Affected by Winds and Weather

This is the season when she who would have a spotless, lily-white, satiny complexion, should turn her thoughts to mercurized wax, the firm friend of the winter girl. Nothing so effectively overcomes the despoiling effects of piercing winds and biting cold temperatures. The wax literally absorbs the chapped, reddened or coarsened cuticle, bringing forth a brand new skin, clear, soft and girlishly beautiful. An ounce of mercurized wax, obtainable at any drug store, applied nightly like cold cream, and washed off mornings, will gradually improve the worst complexion.

Sloan's Liniment

KILLS PAIN "Keep a bottle in your home." Price 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Clears Complexion

Don't worry about skin troubles. You can have a clear, clean complexion by using a little Zemo, obtained at any drug store for 25c, or extra large bottle at \$1.00.

4 ARTISTS

That's the Size of Our Staff LETTERHEAD DESIGNING

Signatures and drawings of all descriptions. Retouching photographs, rebuilding pictures, and all kinds of art work.

ENGRAVINGS, ELECTROTYPES and STEREOTYPES At Your Service. See Engraving Dept. Phone Tyler 1000 See Bldg., Omaha

Each Omaha Factory Is Working For YOU

Each Omaha factory is your servant--the more factories Omaha has, the more servants you have, the more money, the more facilities to get on in the world.

Each factory is drawing into this city the trade of the surrounding territory. It is converting our raw products into finished articles and using the profits to build up the city, pay our own home workmen their wages and make Omaha a more prosperous city and a better place to live.

The better market our city is, the more money we keep at home and in circulation, the more thousands of workmen we employ--the greater is the individual prosperity of each one of us.

Omaha Goods of the same quality cost less than goods made elsewhere--the selling cost is reduced.

There is no good argument for buying goods made elsewhere; but there are many good reasons why we should buy the Omaha brands.

QUALITY MADE IN OMAHA U.S.A. GUARANTEED We Should Always Talk, Use and Serve Omaha-Made-Goods

THE OLD RELIABLE Met's Beer W. J. SWOBODA RETAIL DEALER PHONE DOUGLAS 222. OMAHA, NEB.