

Bernhardt Expires in Arms of Son

End Comes Quietly in Sharp Contrast to Realism and Pathos Shown in Acting Death Scenes.

Hundreds Call at Home

Paris, March 26.—Sarah Bernhardt died peacefully in the arms of her son, Maurice, at 1 minute before 8 to night. In life she had had an amazing power of emotion, of marvelous realism and pathos in her acting of death scenes. At the end of her days she quietly drifted away into eternity, tired after her long fight against death, which she did not wish, but never feared.

Hope for the life of the great actress had long since been abandoned and half an hour before she died those in attendance found her sinking beyond recovery, though, knowing her recuperative powers, it was thought she might live throughout the night.

Mme. Bernhardt died in a large room on the second floor of her home with windows wide open on the Boulevard Pereire, the noise of truck and railroad keeping up a low roar to which she was long accustomed. It was the sudden closing of these windows, opened on the first day of spring, that gave the signal to those waiting and watching without that Bernhardt was dead.

Extreme Unction Administered.

Death was due to a renewed attack of uraemic poisoning, which began Friday, but the actress astonished her physicians by her repeated rallying and her will to live, just as she did last December when she had several times been abandoned. A priest was summoned hurriedly in the middle of the afternoon when symptoms of the gravest nature supervened, but Bernhardt rallied and regained composure. The priest administered extreme unction, which she acknowledged with faint movements of the hands and head, to weak to speak. The widow of Edmond Rostand, whose fame is linked with that of Bernhardt, and the poet's son, Maurice Rostand, were at the bedside. Bernhardt's grandson, M. Grosse, brought the first flowers into the death chamber—mauve and white lilies. Flowers came from many friends quickly and soon the room was heaped with them, those from the family and dearest friends being placed on the bed.

Hundreds Call at Home.

The actress' son, aided by the family physician, Dr. Marot, arranged the mother's hair and clothing and adjusted her position on the large bed on which she died, facing the windows. This room is filled with antique furniture, chosen by the actress herself, with the walls covered with tapestries, except where hang many autographed photographs of great personages who were her friends.

Many hundreds of friends—persons prominent in the world of life and letters, little known, but quite as dear to Bernhardt, called during the three days of her last illness, but few of whom were permitted to see her. Aside from the members of the household and her closest intimates only Dr. Marot and the other physicians visited the sick room.

Messages of sympathy came from all over the world. Carriages and automobiles filed past the entrance from morning until night; the whole world seemed to be within the group of six doctors hoping for recovery, but regretfully realizing that a great career was ending.

Notified of Death.

Arthur Mayer, editor of La Goutelle, who had known Mme. Bernhardt for many years, was the last caller; he arrived five minutes before her death, but realizing what was happening, left without seeing her. Just as he departed the windows of the bed chamber closed, and a moment later Dr. Marot appeared and informed the newspaper men who had been keeping watch day and night.

"Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has just expired in the arms of her son. With her were Maurice Rostand, Mrs. Edmond Rostand and her grandson, Monsieur Grosse."

Three score and one years on the stage did not fill her life; she found time to be painter, sculptor and sculptor, yet seemed never too busy to see her many friends and always seeking something more to do.

Madam Sarah Bernhardt, who at 70 years of age was still a girl, was known to every land as the world's greatest actress. What dissent there might have been to this estimate, and how ever far her detractors ventured in their attempts to minimize her right to that distinction, the numerous admirers of the "Divine Sarah" never failed to convince that never before had the stage produced an actress capable of soaring to such heights in the realm of emotional drama.

The work of Mme. Bernhardt was best where a theme afforded the greatest opportunity for a display of her powerful emotions. At the height of her career this form of acting, based principally on love, hate and jealousy, held the predominant place now dedicated to character delineations and Bernhardt never was surpassed, her critics say, in this emotional school. Hundreds of parts she either prepared or created to suit herself, seldom being content to act them as interpreted by others.

Three generations have praised and even worshipped the art of Bernhardt, and hundreds upon thousands of people around the world have thronged to see and marvel at her acting without understanding the French language, which she invariably employed upon the stage. Once, in Rio de Janeiro, she was called to (Turn to Page Four, Column One.)

Bernhardt Always Liked to Visit Omaha on Tour

Snapshotted in Cab on Street Here After Refusal to Pose—Always Visited the Bee Office.

Sarah Bernhardt, in all her tours of this country, always liked to come to Omaha, where she played in the old Boyd theater on Harney street a number of times. She had been a friend of Edward Rosewater, founder of The Omaha Bee, for years. When he was in Paris, he had been a guest at her home.

In the latter '80s and early '90s, the "Divine Sarah," when in this city, never failed to accept Mr. Rosewater's invitation to come to The Omaha Bee building after her performance and let the editorial, reportorial and composing room forces look upon her admiringly.

She had acquired some command of the English tongue before that, but she always shunningly avoided being led into using it. She had an early dream of playing Lady Macbeth in English, but she never did, though she did appear in the tragic part a few times in England, but used the French text.

Her Visits Enjoyed.

All the employees of The Omaha Bee those days liked to see her on her visits to the office, albeit there was about them at no time more of awe than cheerful camaraderie. They gazed at her with full measure of both interest and admiration, when Mr. Rosewater piloted her through the rooms. She smiled back enjoying it. She was then in fullest possession of her marvellous powers in than cheerful camaraderie. They



Mme. Sarah Bernhardt.

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Women Voters to Meet in April at Des Moines

Many Notables Are Expected to Take Part in Program Next Month.

By International News Service.

Washington, March 26.—Many distinguished men and women are on the program for the fourth annual convention of the National League of Women Voters, which meets April 9, 10, 11 and 12 at Des Moines, Ia. Mrs. Maud Wood Park, national president, announces.

Included in the list invited are Lord Robert Cecil of London; Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, wife of Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania; Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover; Justice Florence Allen of the Ohio supreme court; Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany of New York; Miss Grace Abbott, director of the federal children's bureau; Huston Thompson of the federal trade commission; Miss Ruth Morgan, noted woman's worker of New York, and others.

The convention sentiment will be: "The most powerful factors in the world today are clear ideas in the minds of energetic men and women of good will."

Among the subjects for discussion are: Efficiency in Government; "Women in Industry"; "Prevention of Traffic in Women and Children"; "International Co-operation to Prevent War"; "Political Status of Women"; "The Direct Primary"; and "How Can the League Secure Better Candidates for Offices?"

The annual election will take place on the third day of the session. Attendance of several thousand women from all states is indicated by information received at national headquarters here.

Many Attend Funeral of Orrin Cooper in Humboldt

Humboldt, Neb., March 26.—The funeral of Orrin A. Cooper was held today in the First Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Cooper was one of the trustees. Friends and business acquaintances from Falls City, Table Rock and other towns were present. There were 15 of the regular force of employees of the Cooper Milling company attended in a body.

Hope Abandoned for Lenine's Return to Politics

Copenhagen, March 26.—Hope has been abandoned that Nicolai Lenine can ever return to active political life, said a Moscow dispatch in the newspaper Politiken today. It is understood that, at the next meeting of the communist congress, leaders of the Russian communist party will propose that either Leo Kamenoff or M. Ronfeld be elected successor to Lenine in the soviet government.

Oklahoma Bandit Killed: 3 Surrounded by Posse

Tulsa, Okl., March 26.—An unidentified bank robber was shot and killed and three members of his party are surrounded by a posse, 20 miles west of here, following the robbery of the Mansford State bank late today. Capture of the three is expected soon. No estimate of the amount of the bandit's loot has been made.

"Today," the daily editorial feature of Arthur Brisbane, appears in The Omaha Morning Bee each day in the first column on page 2.

Play Trade Control Dope Evil

Drug Firms to Confer With Federal Officials in Attempt to Regulate Importation of Narcotics.

Estimates Are Prepared

By Universal Service. Washington, March 26.—As a practical step toward combatting the growing drug evil, representatives of the big American drug and chemical manufacturers will meet here Tuesday with the federal narcotics control board to fix the quantities of crude opium and coca leaves to be imported into this country during the next fiscal year.

Every one of the seven firms known to the government as engaged in this line of manufacture will be represented at the conference. These are: Maywood Chemical company, Maywood, N. J., which imports and decarboxylates the coca leaves in the manufacture of coca kola syrup; Merck & Co., New York; McKesson and Robbins, New York; Powers, Wightman and Rosengarten, Philadelphia; Eli Lilly & Co., Indianapolis; Parke, Davis & Co., St. Louis; and Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, St. Louis, who convert the raw material into drug form for the pharmaceutical trade.

Estimates of Needs Prepared.

Preliminary to Tuesday's conference the federal narcotics control board was in session today, preparing an estimate of the country's needs. This will be compared with estimates submitted by the drug manufacturers, and between the two the government will reach an agreement on what imports will be permitted next year.

It is the purpose of the government and the manufacturers to cut off surplus by holding imports down to actual requirements in this country, plus such legitimate export trade as the manufacturers may have.

This step toward drug regulation is being taken under the authority of the narcotic drugs import and export act of May 26, 1931.

Tuesday's conference, however, is expected to be a preliminary step also toward putting into effect the recently enacted Porter narcotic control act, which seeks, through diplomatic negotiations, to restrict production of crude drug plants to actual medicinal needs of the world.

Will Ask Co-operation.

When the conference fixes what is needed in this country it will give the State department the basis for negotiations with other nations. Producing countries probably will be asked to restrict exports to the United States to an amount not to exceed the estimated total legitimate requirements here and to see that those exports reach only those concerns that the American government recognizes as proper agencies to receive the supplies.

Such restrictions would tend to put a close check on American supplies at both ends of the line so far as legitimate trade is concerned, leaving this government then only the illegitimate smuggler to deal with until such time as the producing countries should enter treaty agreements to hold production down to actual world needs.

Thirty Years in Pen for Admitted Murder

Clarinda, Ia., March 26.—When Clyde Ridenour admitted he shot Sidney Pfander, deputy sheriff, the trial of Ridenour, Lloyd Heller and Arthur Fisher came to an abrupt ending here this afternoon.

Ridenour, who shot Pfander in the lungs, was sentenced to 30 years in penitentiary. Heller, whose bullet grazed Pfander's face, drew 10 years and Fisher got five.

Wife of Former Kaiser Goes to Germany on Visit

London, March 26.—Princess Hermine, wife of the former German emperor, has gone to Germany, says a dispatch to The Times from the Hague. She will remain in that country for two months.

"Home Sweet Home" Is Still a Popular Song

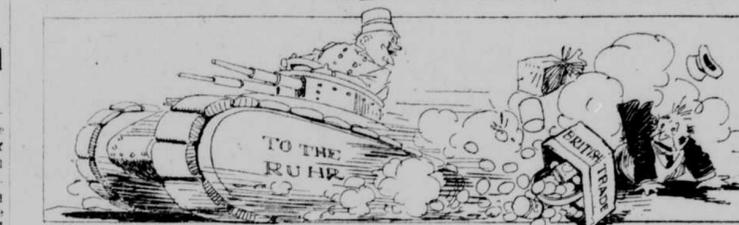
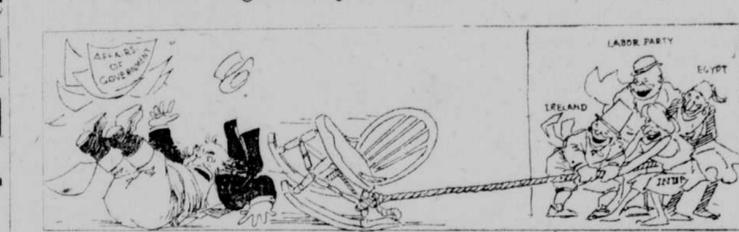
Its refrain runs through the heads of hundreds of Omaha people who watch The Omaha Bee "Want" Ad columns each day.

And when they catch sight of the little ad that seems meant for them, the song changes to "I hear you calling me."

Mrs. A. G. Johnson, 4340 Binney, had a house which certainly corresponded with some one's idea of a home for she called it "after it appeared in last Sunday's Omaha Bee. This is what she said:

"Please cancel my ad. People started calling at 7 o'clock in the morning. Could have rented fifty houses.

It's a Good Thing Cousin Jonathan Knows How to Take a Joke



Reavis to Lead in Prosecution of Fraud Cases

Former Congressman and Another Nebraskan to Represent U. S. in Trial of Two War Suits.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Washington, March 26.—Former Congressman Frank Reavis of Nebraska, appointed special assistant to the attorney general in the prosecution of war fraud cases, took the spot light today when it was announced the government charged two with war frauds. The case is the first fruit of the intensive investigation which Mr. Reavis and his assistants, one of whom is Don M. Enfield, also of Nebraska, have been making.

It appears that the government leased the Newbury building in Boston in December, 1918. A claim was presented for reimbursement for money spent in fitting it for the government's purposes with the result that it is now claimed the government was defrauded out of \$28,219.24.

It is claimed Colonel O'Brien was assigned to duty in Secretary of War Baker's office and that the then secretary of war relied upon Colonel O'Brien for information in settling claims growing out of the act of March 2, 1919.

It is alleged by the government that Colonel O'Brien had the claim allotted after a claim board had said it did not come under the provisions of the act.

Former Congressman Reavis will have charge of the prosecution of this case.

Rich Sentenced to Life Imprisonment in Ohio

Cleveland, O., March 26.—William Albert Rich, alias Dewey Mallory, 21-year-old burglar, holdup and gunman, who sought to escape trial in Cleveland by "confessing" a double murder in Omaha, Neb., recently, was today sentenced to life imprisonment by Common Pleas Judge Walther after pleading guilty to a charge of burglary and larceny. Omaha police proved that his "confession" was a fake, and he was returned here for trial.

Harding Scorns Full Dress on Hot Night at Fashionable Hotel

St. Augustine, Fla., March 26.—Jas. President Harding delt a death blow to the hard and fast custom in Florida hotels of "dressing" for evening.

That is being discussed here following the executive's appearance in a suit of very light weight white flannels at the fashionable Hotel Ponce de Leon Saturday night.

It was a decidedly warm night and practically without exception the men wore in conventional, not to say uncomfortable, attire.

Heretofore the president has adhered strictly to custom in the matter of attire, but he is understood to have told intimates that the custom of dressing warmly and uncomfortably on hot nights "is a foolish one."

Doctor on Trial for Murder

San Diego, Cal., March 27.—Dr. Lewis Jacobs, dashing young army physician, went on trial here today in the superior court of Judge Spencer M. Marsh for the murder of Miss Fritze Mann, beautiful interpreter of Oriental dances.

Jury Blames Knihal for Boy's Death

Testimony Given at Inquest That Youth Went to Man's Home on Request of His Son.

Five Witnesses Testify

Stephen Knihal, 3519 Jefferson street, was recommended to be held for trial in the district court for the fatal shooting of James Holecek, 15, 3622 Polk street, Saturday night, by a coroner's jury that held an inquest yesterday afternoon at Korjako Funeral Home.

Lloyd Anderson, 12, Thirty-eighth and Harrison James Holecek, streets, testified he was with young Holecek just before the latter was killed and that there had been complaint of prowlers in the neighborhood for some time.

Mike Obad, 3622 Polk, stepfather of young Holecek, testified the boy had told him shortly before the shooting that he was going out to trade for some pigeons.

St. Michael's, coroner's physician, testified that Holecek was probably killed instantly, a bullet having entered the back of his head, severing the spinal column.

Stella Zager, 12, 2507 Jefferson street, told of prowlers around the Knihal home several weeks ago.

Martin Martijezic, 12, stepson of Knihal, denied that he had an engagement with Holecek and Anderson to trade pigeons.

Alleged Slayer on Stand. Stephen Knihal, alleged to have fired the fatal shot, was put on the stand by his attorney, William Jamieson. He said that about 8 Saturday evening his son, Steve, Jr., was looking out of the rear window and told him there were some men in the back yard.

Knihal testified on my hat and coat said Knihal, "and my wife handed me my revolver. I ran around the garage and stumbled and the pistol went off. I fired two more shots. I went back into the house and later came out with a flashlight and saw Holecek lying on the ground. I ran back into the house and called up the police. If I had known the two children had been boys I would not have shot, but several weeks ago two men tried to break into my garage and at various times there have been prowlers around my home."

Knihal will be arraigned for a preliminary hearing before Judge William J. Wappich in the municipal court tomorrow morning.

Archbishop Sentenced to Death by Soviet

Moscow, March 26.—Archbishop Zepiaki, head of the Roman Catholic church in Russia, and all the 16 priests on trial with him, charged with opposing the soviet government, were found guilty today. Archbishop Zepiaki and Vicar General Butchavitch were sentenced to death. The central executive committee ordered a stay of execution of the death sentences. Five of the prisoners were sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment—the priests Kazavets, Elsmund, Yunavetich, Kodavitch and Frolovitch. Eight others received three-year sentences, while two were given a six-month term, the latter including one choir boy, whose sentence was commuted.

U. S. Red Party Persecuted to Cover, Says Witness

By Associated Press. St. Joseph, Mich., March 26.—The third international of Moscow advised American communists to form a legal party, Charles E. Ruthenberg, co-defendant with William Z. Foster on charges of criminal syndicalism, testified today on Foster's trial.

Reading from the theses and resolutions of the third world congress of the communist international, held at Moscow in 1921, Ruthenberg found a section which the state had not read when the document was presented in evidence for the prosecution, and from this he gave the jury the communist international's explanation that the illegal, underground organization in the United States was the outgrowth of persecution.

The state made an unsuccessful effort today to bar Ruthenberg from the stand and expunge his testimony of last week from the record.

Blimp Makes Flight

Akron, O., March 26.—The C-1, the government's newest and biggest non-rigid dirigible, made its second successful flight over this city today. It remained in the air more than three hours, encircling the city several times, after which it made a safe landing.

Lieutenant in Coma 54 Months Likely to Recover

San Francisco, March 26.—Army physicians were puzzled by the remarkable recovery of consciousness by Lieut. Harry R. Dyson, who had been given up to die after 54 months of coma. Lieut. Dyson, four and a half years ago, suffered a severe concussion of the brain in an accident in Hawaii. An operation to remove the pressure left him in a coma from which he never recovered until yesterday when to the surprise of his attendants, he roused himself as if from sleep and spoke normally. He is now held for his recovery.

The Weather

Forecast. Tuesday fair and warmer. Hourly Temperatures.