

LONDON THEATERS CROWDED

People Are Back from the Country and Seeking Amusement at Home.

GILBERT'S NEW OPERA AT THE LYRIC

Refusal of a Drinking License to the Empire Music Hall Packed that House from Floor to Roof—Vigilance Committee Hissed.

(Copyrighted 1894 by the Associated Press.) LONDON, Oct. 27.—After a period of wintry weather London has been enjoying a few springlike days. This, coupled with the fact that people are nearly all back from the country, has served to crowd the leading theaters. At the Criterion, for instance, it has been impossible to buy seats except in advance, and the same may be said of the Comedy theater, the Court theater, the Adelphi theater and a few others. In fact, in some of these places of entertainment it has been impossible to buy seats a few days ahead.

On the other hand, the continued crusade against granting a "drinking auditorium" license to the Empire theater has served to draw the biggest crowds to that place of entertainment that ever gathered in a theater. The London county council has sustained the licensing committee in its refusal to grant a license, and to the satisfaction of the religious bodies, which have been holding special prayer meetings on the subject.

The principal dramatic event of the week is tonight's premiere of "His Excellency" at the Lyric theater, and it may be added that Mr. W. S. Gilbert has provided plenty of stimulating advertisement for this comic opera, which he has written in conjunction with Mr. Oswald Carter.

The week opened with Mr. Gilbert sending to the press a letter stating that a certain Comtesse de Bremond had applied to St. Paul, for an interview with the author of "His Excellency." He added that he was unwilling to put himself at the mercy of the good taste and discretion of the lady, and that the terms for an interview are 20 guineas.

The Comtesse de Bremond, treating this letter as a specimen of Gilbert's humor, writing your anticipations of the pleasure of writing your anticipations for nothing." It is understood that the Comtesse de Bremond has from Cincinnati, O., and she doubtless will be here about in her own right. She has placed Mr. Gilbert's letter in the hands of her solicitors.

The de Bremond incident had hardly settled before Messrs. Gilbert and Edwards made an application for an injunction to restrain the Star from continuing to publish an account of the plot of "His Excellency," which it appears had been given to the Lyric newspaper men by an employee of the Lyric theater.

The ground on which this application was made was that the publication of the opera would ruin the rights of the play in the United States. The court of chancery granted an ad interim injunction.

WHAT IS HIS EXCELLENCY? The production of "His Excellency" has been awaited with considerable interest on the part of those who are desirous of knowing how well W. S. Gilbert and his collaborators will work in the event of a failure of the production of "His Excellency" may be immediately preceded to a reconciliation between Gilbert and Edwards. However the surface there is much moving in this direction.

The action of the story passes at Elsinore, Denmark, and who passes himself off as a strolling player, and in that disguise plays many a prank upon the people over whom he ruled, naturally and in due season. The laws of the country lying within the domain of comic opera. The romantic interest which is detailed in the satire of the piece is concerned with the love of a young sculptor for a ballad singer. Of the sculptor's handiwork an example will be presented on the stage, which is said to have been in the Lyric theater two-act form, the scene of the first being the market place, Elsinore, that of the second Danish town. For historical reasons, the period of the play is fixed in 1807, and it has been prophesied about London that the play was to be a great success.

R. J. A. Dam's "The Shopgirl" is in rehearsal at the Gaiety theater. Mr. Dam described it as a "burlesque comedy" which is around the army and navy headquarters. Grace Hawthorne has gone with a company to India for a tour which may continue around the world. She opened "The Shopgirl" at Calcutta on November 10, and will follow the Russian story with Sardou's later work, "Theodora."

The Carl Rosa Opera company proposes to produce at Christmas time Humperdick's fairy opera, "Hansel and Gretel," the German "Dances in the Woods," which has proven such a success in Germany. The libretto will be put into English by Constance Page.

PATTI FINDS A PRODIGY. The next promised musical prodigy is a 14-year-old girl, John W. Williams, who has been discovered by Patti, and who will be brought out by her at the diva's November concert at Albert hall. Patti says Williams has a wonderful voice.

Mr. Harris repeats the Garrick theater tonight with "Money and Love," practically the same cast as before except that Maud Millet and Arthur Boucher will appear in it.

When the "Queen of the Brilliants" is seen at Abbey theater, New York, it will practically be a new piece, as far as the libretto is concerned, and there will be some new numbers by Jakobowski. When Mr. Abbey found, upon presentation of the piece here, that the book was practically a flat failure, he commissioned H. J. Dam to rewrite it. In this connection Mr. Dam says: "Correcting another's work is a delicate matter and I have no desire to make capital out of it. I have reconstructed the 'Queen of the Brilliants' putting in a strong dramatic plot, such as the spectacle needed. The new numbers include two songs for Miss Russell, one of them being a humorous song to which she is to sleep before the show. There are also two new solos for Hubert Wilke and a duet for himself and Miss Russell. My changes have not interfered with the spectacular groupings and ensemble movements, which will be given in New York just as they were first seen in London. The piece looks well in its present shape. If I may say so, Miss Russell and Jakobowski are delighted with it. It only needed some dramatic interest and some comedy, and it has these now. In its present shape it should give New York plenty to talk about."

The action of the London county council in regard to the Empire theater, and the decision of Manager Edwards to close that establishment, eclipses all other topics in interest in London today, even including the German crisis and the reports regarding the health of the emperor. The newspaper city devotees pages to the Empire theater question, and all of them have editorials upon the subject.

At the end of the performance at the Empire theater last night there was a most exciting scene. The vast audience assembled continued standing for half an hour, singing and cheering. The Lyric theater, and the London county council and Mrs. Ormsland Chant of the Vigilance association.

Mr. Beerbohm Tree's next production at the Haymarket theater will be "The Lionel Lincoln" new play, which the London press has announced as "Two Men and a Woman," but which Mr. Tree writes the Associated press will be called, when produced on November 8 or 10, "The Dream." "The Lionel Lincoln" particularly strong part," says Mr. Tree, "for myself, and an equally good one for Mrs. Patrick Campbell, who will, with this production, make her first appearance in the Haymarket. If it is a success—you never know—I shall include it in my American repertoire. Although I have not decided, I think it is improbable that I will play 'The Lionel Lincoln' and the 'Red Lamp,' as played before her majesty. Later in the engagement I shall be seen as Hamlet and Falstaff, as well as in several other parts. My family, which is not going to America simply for dollars. I want to conquer the good opinion of American players."

Mrs. Langtry and her company left for

IN OMAHA'S SANCTUARIES

Another Statement of Troubles in St. Paul's Church by a Committee.

CLAIMS TO REPRESENT A MAJORITY

What the Laist Fathers Have Accomplished in Omaha in Two Weeks—Theatricals by Young Women's Christian Association—Fulpat Announcements.

OMAHA, Oct. 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: The rumors have been and are constantly spreading about the St. Paul's church lawsuit, and people perhaps think that it's the whole congregation that harmonizes with the suit. Not so, for there are only thirty-five ignorant—and especially one ignorant—persons who try to get everything their own way and the property under their personal management. We are and always have been of 155 parishioners who have always supported the church, while they are trying to run everything consist of about thirty-five people who never paid anything, and not as they quoted on July 25, 1894, "Our side is composed of about 100 parishioners, who have always supported the church, while the other side consists of about twenty-five." We simply throw defiance at them for this statement. They claim that they have been elected. Who ever respects and honors that know them? It is simply the contrary. How can any sensible person believe that these thirty-five people are on the right path and the wrong? These thirty-five people managed, when they saw they could not swindle the congregation any more through deceitfulness, to get rid of the lawful priests that led their piety and happiness and welfare, and secured an unknown man by the name of Stanislaus Kamim, who knows nothing about our church, and calling themselves independent. They deem themselves independent from the pope, the bishops and all authorities of the Roman Catholic church.

Should we, by far the majority, as said before, support the church in which we have worshipped in the faith of our fathers? Emphatically, no! We shall try to have an injunction on the church until all these troubles are settled. We give them certain time to remove from the premises, and if not we shall force them by law. If there is any law at all. Should this majority yield to these thirty-five people? For July 25, 1894, these thirty-five people stated in the World-Herald: "The church property was purchased and the building erected and paid for by the parishioners before we ever had a priest." This, we say, is untrue, and from this one must judge that everything was in readiness for the church. Some have services held. First of all three lots were purchased, but not entirely paid for, and as there was no church on them the congregation had to hold services in the room of Metz Bros., and only then secured a priest. This pastor was selected by the congregation as their guardian of all things, and only then the erection of the church building was begun. We, the undersigned, uphold all the above statements.

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Young Women's Christian Association. The comedietta, "For Half a Million," was staged at the Woman's club rooms last Monday evening. The actors, Mrs. J. H. Wheeler, Miss Margaret McKell and Mr. Herbert Cook, entered the stage with a certain manner that brought out the fun and fancy of the comedy to the fullest extent. The electionary recital which was advertised to be given on Monday evening, October 30, has been postponed. Notice will be given later as to the time.

Gospel service Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Subject: "Conquer Thyself." All young women of the young people's societies of every church are invited to come and take part in the service.

Waldau High Methodist—Subject of morning sermon, "The Interdependence and Sympathy of Church Members." Evening: "The Bible a Plain Book to the Masses."

People's Church—Sermons at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Charles W. Savage. Subject in the morning, "What Do You Read?" Subject in the evening, "The Overcomers."

Grace Evangelical Lutheran—The pastor, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, will preach at 7:45 p. m. on "The World Gone Wrong." In the morning at 11 o'clock the festival of reformation, the anniversary of Luther's revolt against the church of Rome, will be observed.

First Church of Christ (Scientist)—A. O. U. W. hall, Fetterman building, Mrs. A. F. DeLongue, pastor. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. Sunday school immediately following. Reading rooms, in same building, open during the week, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. All are welcome.

Marriage Licenses. The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday: John Yampola, Omaha, and Anna Ladvik Svoboda, Omaha, \$2.00; Anna Merz, Omaha, and John J. H. DeLongue, Omaha, \$2.00; Nellie D. Garner, Omaha, and Emma Harrison, Omaha, \$2.00; John E. Stille, South Omaha, and Ellen M. Shepard, South Omaha, \$2.00; Robert C. Vincent, Omaha, and Eleanor C. Clayton, Omaha, \$2.00.

Mice in His Garret. A complaint, charging Thomas Roth with being insane, has been filed with the clerk of the district court. The mother of the young man avers that he develops a greater portion of his time to chasing about the house after mice, imagining that he is a cat, and has taken a content to rid the premises of the little animals.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT. Cases that Are Demanding the Attention of Judges and Jurors. The case of William O. Chute has found its way into the courts, where the plaintiff is demanding the sum of \$1,000 from J. H. McDonald, alleging that on July 2, of the present year, he was assaulted by the defendant and seriously injured.

Judge Ferguson's court a deficiency judgment was rendered in favor of John A. Harbach and against the Goodrich Hall association for the sum of \$10,690.13, together with interest. The suit arose from the reason of the association failing to pay some debts which were against the Goodrich hall building at Twenty-fourth and Hamilton streets.

Mary Place has asked for a restraining order to prevent her husband, George H. Place, from interfering with the control and management of the children, the fruits of an unsatisfactory union.

The alleged contempt case against E. Rosewater, editor of The Bee, was called for trial yesterday, but owing to the fact that the attorneys were not ready to proceed, a continuance was granted until next Thursday morning.

Judge Baxter's court the jury has rendered a verdict in the will case of the heirs of Frederick Schnell against Robert Preis, holding that at the time when Schnell executed his property to Preis he was in his right mind. This reverses the findings of the probate court and cuts the children out of the bequest.

Judge Baxter has decided the will case instituted by Mary Shelby, daughter of Joseph Creighton, deceased, holding that at the time when she died Mr. Creighton was not in his right mind.

In the suit of the Omaha National bank against J. J. and Rosa Bliss, the Klippar-Koch Dry Goods company has filed a motion of intervention, asking that the mortgage from Bliss to his wife and for \$2,000 with Mrs. Bliss as parties be set aside, on consideration, and is made merely for the purpose of hindering in the collection of debts from the Bliss.

Judge Baxter has decided in the fight for the possession of Mamie Gladwin the father has the prior right to the body of the little one, a child of the Bliss family.

Last week while the child was attending school in the north part of the city the mother, Amanda Leach, took the girl away and secured her for a few days. Soon after that the father, James Gladwin, secured habeas corpus papers, and aided by the sheriff, took Mamie back to his own home. Ten days later the mother returned to the city and the child was divorced, Mamie being given into the custody of the father, with whom she has since remained. Both parties have requested that the custody of this girl be the bone of contention.

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