

THEATER OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Leading Managers in New York Talk of Coming Season.

SEE MUCH VARIETY AND MERIT

Shubert Sees the Imported Drama Fading Away and the Era of American Productions Dawning.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The theatrical season will open in full blast Monday evening, and, according to well-known theatrical men, it will eclipse any of the past.

The following forecasts by well-known theatrical managers would seem to indicate that this season will be a remarkable one in point of variety and merit.

By Charles Frohman—A feature of every theatrical season seems to be a forecast of its prospects by different managers. Invariably every manager says that it is going to be a good season. That doesn't mean that it is going to be a good season or a bad one, but it means to be a theatrical manager's year, and it will be up to much the same thing to ask if it is going to be a good season as it is to speculate on the weather. The roots of the theater go just as deep into the lives of people as do the churches. Both feed upon it and in turn foster human nature. I believe in my plays and good plays, and I advise every one else to think the same about their plays. Seeing is not always believing, but believing is always seeing, in plays and theaters.

Belasco's View.
By David Belasco—The coming season will be the most momentous in theatrical history. The competition will be strong, and the feature will be the many new productions to be tried out in new playhouses. A number of questions, for a long time the bone of much bitter contention, will be decided once and forever, and it will be up to the individual manager to show his metal. He will have to declare himself as being on one side or the other. The past season has been one long list of failures. As to my probable success, I cannot speak definitely at present, but I can say this—the ever-increasing number of theaters all over the country is a very good sign, and why these plays are allowed to be produced is a puzzle to me. But nevertheless there has never been a time when the average of dramatic authorship has been so high, and I predict a most successful season, for when a play of merit is produced, the public will support it.

Imported Drama Fading.
By Lee Shubert—I consider that the day of the imported drama is fading away and that the future of genuine American effort has only dawned. It is all very well to talk of universal art, but what the public wants primarily is a national art showing people it understands and that it can appreciate. It is difficult to predict, but I do not doubt that the season will bring before the people for their approval an unprecedented variety of dramas of intense modern life, comedies of up-to-date interest and musical productions of distinct novelty. I am very optimistic as to the season's outlook. It seems to me that the new theater has given a great incentive American art by placing it side by side with the best that Europe has to offer, and I feel sure that the progressive movement will go forward by leaps and bounds in the next twelve months. Good art and good box office business go hand in hand.

DOCTORS NOW TAKE A LOOK INTO THE HUMAN STOMACH

Munch Experts Invent Machine by Which the Vital Organs Are Photographed.

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—(Special Cablegram.)—A remarkable discovery has been made in the field of medical photography by inventing a means of taking cinematographic Roentgen ray photographs of human organs in movement. Two Munich doctors, Kuestle and Bieder, in collaboration with a Munich engineer, Dr. J. Rosenthal, have now by some important improvements brought the investigation to a stage where it is available for practical use. The process has been given the name of bio-roentgenography.

One of the first organs to be examined in the course of not the movement but the human stomach. Already it has been found that a readjustment of ideas will be necessary in regard to the digestive movements of this organ.

In order to make the tissues of the stomach available for roentgen photography, which under normal circumstances they of course are not, a small quantity of electro-oxyde, a harmless chemical, is added to the food. Twelve to thirteen bio-roentgen pictures can be taken with the ingenious apparatus in twenty-two seconds, the period required for a complete digestive movement of the stomach. The pictures are taken during the treatment in breathing in order that the clearness of the photographs may not be unfavorably influenced by the movement of the lungs. It is confidently expected that diagnosis of innumerable ailments will be greatly simplified by the new discovery.

BIG FAIR IN MADISON COUNTY

Live Stock Exhibits, Good Races and Base Ball to Attract the Visitors.

MADISON, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—The Madison County Agricultural society is planning to make the twenty-ninth annual fair far excel in every respect that of any other year in the history of the association. The fair will open Tuesday, September 13, and continue four days. Already it is an assured fact that the fair will be a success as much superior to any previous year, and additional space is being provided to accommodate exhibitors.

No county in Nebraska can boast of better crops than Madison and the fair management has been successful in interesting the farmers in the produce display.

The race program promises to be a record breaker in point of entries and speed. Practically all the fast horses in northeast Nebraska have arranged to contest for the money. Wednesday, September 14, will feature the 2:30 trot and the half mile running race with \$250 and \$300 purses; Thursday the 2:15 trot and 2:30 trot and pace, with \$200 purses, also the 1/4 mile dash for \$50; Friday the 2:15 trot and pace, purse \$250, and the walk, trot and running novelty, with a handsome purse.

A feature of the program Friday will be the automobile race for a \$50 purse. Auctioneer Van Pelt of Omaha will preside as starter.

Four fast ball games have been provided. Norfolk and Tilden will play Thursday, Norfolk and Humboldt Friday, and Norfolk and Madison will also play. There will be two bands, providing plenty of music. All school children under sixteen years of age will be admitted free on Thursday, September 15.

Dr. W. P. Niles of the Bureau of Animal Industry of Washington, D. C., will speak Thursday afternoon from the amphitheater on the serum treatment for the control of hog cholera.

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Professor James Would Send Back a Spirit Message

New York Psychologists to Try and Hold Conversation with Shade of the Dead.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Following out the carefully wrought plans made by Prof. William James, the Harvard psychologist, before his death a week ago, fellow psychologists will try to hold post-mortem conversations with the shade of the dead scientist and put to the test the theory that spiritualists can actually hold communication with spirits of the dead.

It was learned today that Prof. James, before his death, completed an elaborate series of plans to find out whether he could come back to this world in spirit form and thereby demonstrate that spiritualism has some foundation.

Prof. James H. Hyslop, head of the American branch of the Psychological Society, will go to London in November and hold a series of sittings with Mrs. Leonard Piper, whom Prof. James designated as the agent through whom he would try to communicate with his friends on earth.

Members of the American society for psychical research said that not long before Prof. James' death he wrote and sealed a number of letters, the contents of which were known only to himself. These letters were placed in the vaults of the English society for psychical research with instructions that they were not to be opened until a year after the writer's death. The purpose of these posthumous letters is to put an ultimate test to the theory of spiritualism.

While Prof. James seldom committed himself upon the tenability of the spiritualist theory, nevertheless he was known to be deeply interested in it.

Prof. James' test is this: He has obligated the London medium to secure from his spirit in answer to the sense of the letters. The sittings will then be opened to ascertain the exact truth.

Census Bureau Statement Made

First Weekly Bulletin of Population of Cities Over Twenty-Five Thousand in Previous Count.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Henceforth the census bureau will publish for the benefit of the press a weekly statement giving the population of cities as shown by the recent census, confining it to places which in 1900 contained more than 25,000 people. The first of these bulletins was issued today and excluding Philadelphia and Rochester shows results in twenty-five cities of more than 100,000 each.

Commenting upon the figures presented the bulletin says: "All but seven of these cities made a greater absolute increase of population in the decade of 1900 to 1910 than in the preceding decade of 1890 to 1900. The seven exceptions comprise Buffalo, Grand Rapids, New Haven, Paterson, Pittsburg, St. Louis and Toledo. In the case of twelve cities the percentage of increase as well as the absolute increase was greater between 1900 and 1910 than between 1890 and 1900. In the aggregate the announced population of these twenty-five cities is 11,942,500. In 1900 they had an aggregate population of 8,773,482; in 1890, 5,213,883. The percentage of increase for these cities, taken in the aggregate, shows very little change in the rate of growth, the percentage from 1890 to 1900 being 32.2 and from 1900 to 1910 33.5. For the twenty-four cities exclusive of New York City the corresponding percentages of increase are 30.5 and 28.8. The total number of cities that had a population of over 100,000 at the census of 1900 was thirty-eight. The number will be considerably larger at the present census. Of the cities whose population has already been announced Atlanta, Grand Rapids, Bridgeport and Albany have passed the 100,000 limit since 1900."

Cholera Kills Half Million

Official Reports Indicate Scourge in Russia is Lessening in Violence—Bubonic Plague Feared.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 4.—Since the outbreak of the epidemic this year 133,000 cases of cholera, with 64,605 deaths, in Russia have been officially reported. The scourge, however, is lessening.

Returns to the sanitary bureau for the week ending August 27 show a total of 12,519 new cases, with 6,375 deaths. This is a marked falling off in the number of victims from the week preceding. Only in Voronezh has there been a notable increase. The figures there are 501 deaths, against 363 in the week before. The movement of the plague on Siberia is indicated.

In St. Petersburg today there were 43 new cases, 24 deaths and 44 suspected cases in the hospitals. The local figures for the present week are 47 new cases and 166 deaths, against 425 new cases and 178 deaths last week.

Leading medical authorities express their conviction that bubonic plague will reach the city soon from Odessa. A rat-killing campaign, with the use of traps and poison, has been begun by an army of 200,000 persons especially assigned for this work.

Suicide by Way of Car Window Route

Miss Louise Ella Huffman Jumps from Moving Train and Body Found Beside Track.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Louise Ella Huffman of Zanesville, O., committed suicide this morning by pushing herself through the window of a sleeping car on a fast train, between here and Pittsburg. The body was found forty-eight miles this side of Pittsburg.

Miss Huffman, who was 31 years old, was on her way to New York, where she had intended to stop off in this city and visit a friend, Miss Ethel Lamping. Miss Lamping went to the station this morning to meet the young woman. Miss Huffman was not missed until she failed to alight from the train here.

Mrs. Jacob Wilmer, Lincoln, Ill., found her way back to perfect health. She writes: "I suffered with kidney trouble and backache and my appetite was very poor at times. A few weeks ago I got Foley Kidney Pills and gave them a fair trial. They gave me great relief, so continued, till now I am again in perfect health."

ONLY BOY BABIES WANTED

Russian Women and Children Most Degraded in Europe.

ONLY THE BOYS ARE DESIRABLE

Mrs. Loreline Helen Baker Tells of Females Cleaning the Streets in Germany, Receiving Wages of Men.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—(Special Cablegram.)—"Russian women and children are the most degraded in Europe, if not in the world," said Mrs. Loreline Helen Baker of Spokane, Wash., this morning. "I say this after investigating conditions in England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, Belgium, Norway, Italy, Austria, Hungary, Holland, Sweden, Finland and Russia. Peasant girls in Russia are the prey of the Russian soldiers, and bear thousands of children who become charges on the government. The boy babies are put in good hands. They are educated and trained for the army. The girl babies are so neglected that 40 per cent of them are so retarded that 1,300 babies under three months old in the government foundling asylum in Moscow. Nearly all were suffering from some disease, and many were physical and mental cripples."

"For Russian mothers sought, weeping, to touch the hem of my dress. 'Why do they weep?' I asked. 'They wish you to intercede with God to bring them boy babies. They say that their husbands cease to love them unless they bear a male to go to war.'"

"I passed a week with Count Tolstoy and his family, where I found the great reformer full of pity and horror over the misfortunes of his countrywomen. The soldiers are privileged ruffians, who move their camps from place to place, robbing the peasants of their ploughs and everything else they chance to covet. They make no return whatever, leaving the toilers destitute."

"Finland, otherwise a happy nation, is bowed down under the oppression of czarism. Strong Finns, viewing the certain prospects of spoliation, cannot restrain their tears when discussing the subject. Only the interference of the civilized world can save Finland. If Finland goes, ultimately the whole Scandinavian peninsula will go, too. Nothing can stop the westward march of the Russians except the intervention of the great powers."

Women of Germany.
"The position of German women is improving, because the German men are becoming more enlightened. German women toil long hours at street cleaning and hod carrying, but get as good wages as men similarly employed."

"Austrian women labor at the same tasks as their German sisters, but get far lower wages. I talked with woman stone mason helpers in Vienna, who toil twelve hours a day for 30 cents American money, while men, their fellow workers, get three times as much."

"The Scandinavian countries have the finest school system of any country I visited. Mothers and fathers there sit side by side in parliament and make laws to govern themselves. I took China dolls and rubber balls to the Lapp children at North Cape and you should have seen the joy of these strange little beings. My language was Greek to them, but they seemed to understand me. The Lapps are a gentle, contented and filthy lot, with comparatively few children and few requirements. Dogs and babies share the same cot."

"Despite the terrible plight of many women and children, especially girls, the world seems to me to be growing better. The nightmare of ignorance and brutality is going slowly, but it is going. One day man will learn that he sins against himself in sinning against women. Then we shall have real progress toward a perfect race."

Claimant for the Hirsch Millions

Dead Chicago Clothier Leaves Large Fortune to Jeannette Pellatier, Whom He Recently Married.

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The relatives of Sol J. Hirsch, the Chicago millionaire clothier who committed suicide in New York, held a conference today to devise ways and means to fight the claim of Miss Jeannette Pellatier that she married him several months ago.

It was reported that the will of the self-slain man had been examined and showed that he had bequeathed a large part of his estate to the pretty artist, and the conference discussed this at length. It was denied that the will would be probated today. Meanwhile, New York detective agency was engaged on an investigation into the trip to Europe made by Miss Pellatier and Miss Margaret Gerber, with whom she lived in Chicago. It was during this trip that the girl sent back postal cards signed Mrs. Hirsch.

It was believed that the reports of the detectives in Europe to the Hirsch family on Miss Pellatier's movements would solve the mystery. The fact that she was in Europe with Miss Gerber, her friend, is believed to be significant, in that Miss Gerber was the first to announce the marriage when the news of Mr. Hirsch's suicide reached Chicago.

Senator Aldrich Leaves for Europe

Dodges a Reporter and Gets Into a Stateroom in Order to Prevent Being Interviewed.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island sailed for Europe today on the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, accompanied by his wife and his daughter, Lucy, and son, Richard.

Inasmuch as the senator occupies with Speaker Cannon the storm-center of the insurgent movement in the republican party, his departure from the scene of action on the eve of an important election furnishes occasion for comment in political circles. Efforts to see Senator Aldrich before the liner left the pier, and obtain from him some expression of opinion, were fruitless.

The senator was on deck when a reporter approached him. He dodged into his stateroom and did not come out again until the ship was well out in the river, headed down stream.

Richard Aldrich said his father was bound for Aix Les Bains, France. No information could be obtained as to the probable date of the senator's return.

Robbers Kill Paymaster and Make Big Haul

Masked Men Secure Five Thousand Dollars—Negro Driver is Also Shot in Fight.

HUDSON, S. D., Sept. 4.—Masked men sprang out of the bushes alongside a lonely lane this afternoon, held up Dent Fowler, paymaster of the Atlas Brick company, and his negro driver, shot the driver dead, wounded Fowler mortally and made off with a chest of pay envelopes containing \$5,000. George Ragdale, the driver, died instantly; half the side of his head was torn away by two .44 caliber revolver bullets. He was 39 years of age and a Russian employe. Fowler was wounded over the heart and died without ever regaining full consciousness. He was 21 years old, a son of Everett Fowler of Haverstraw, N. Y.

The robbers escaped. Saturday is pay day at the yards of the Atlas Brick company, and according to custom young Fowler called at a Newburgh bank for his pay money, sorted it out into the proper amounts, ticketed the envelopes and started to drive back to the yards, half a mile out of town. He went armed, as paymasters do, and for further protection took with him Ragdale, who was stable boss at the yards. It was raining and they rode with the buggy top up, the boot well raised in front and their heads far back in the hood. Just what happened is not known as Fowler died before he could utter more than a few unintelligible words.

AVIATOR HAS RECORD FALL

Morane Reaches Highest Point Ever Achieved and Engine Fails.

SENSATIONS OF LONG TUMBLE

Man and Machine Uninjured—Nausea and Violent Pounding in Ears Effects of Swift Drop Through Space.

DEAUVILLE, France, Sept. 4.—Leon Morane, the daring French aviator, today made a sensational monoplane flight, eclipsing his own world's record for altitude by flying to a height of 2,382 metres (8,471 feet). The previous altitude record was 2,064 feet, made by himself last Monday, at the Havre aviation meeting.

Just when the aviator reached his highest mark the motor of the machine suddenly stopped, after which the monoplane began a long and remarkable plane toward the earth. The birdman plunged downward at a tremendous rate and reached the ground, a distance of two kilometers (1.24 miles), from the aerodrome.

The large crowd that had gathered on the aviation field to witness the flight saw Morane plunging down with frightful rapidity and it was feared the aviator had met with an accident. Several automobiles were dispatched hurriedly to the place where it was expected the machine would be dashed to pieces. Morane was found dazed, but not hurt, in the seat of the undamaged monoplane, reading a barometer. He explained that he had tried, without success, to again start the motor and that the velocity of the descent caused attacks

Aviators Who Fly For Uncle Sam to Undergo a Test

Machines Are to Be Inspected and Men Are to Be Compelled to Take Examination.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—All the flights in aeroplanes and airships heretofore conducted for the government will be preceded by a careful physical examination of the aviators and a severe inspection of the mechanism of the machine.

This has been determined upon by officers of the War department in consequence of statistics on accidents to aviators. It is claimed that these accidents are due to careless inspection, or lack of inspection of the machine previous to the start, while in not a few cases, some physical trouble of the Aviator, apparently noticeable before the ascent is aggravated during the flight by the change in altitude.

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