

GRAND REHEARSAL BY BARON FERSEN

Financial Argument of Last May Ignored.

MESSAGE IS BROUGHT

"If You Are Warned Against Unpleasant Things, You Can Overcome Them," He Says.

The baron returned to his Portland neophytes Thursday night. Who? None other than Baron Eugene Fersen, late of Moscow, Russia—

the same that terminated a local course in psychology last May by a most distressing financial argument with practical pupils. They even threatened to sue. No matter. The baron, large of heart, returned.

Lincoln high school auditorium was filled with an attentive and earnest audience. The great red curtains of the stage screened the "internationally well-known scientist," while an introducer waxed discursively. Despite the fact that Baron Fersen is of the Russian nobility, said this herald, his heart is that of a thorough-going democrat.

Versed in science, metaphysics and psychology, he waived his aristocracy and came as a message bearer, as a man.

Was Hated by Baron. For a moment—the psychological moment—the baron framed himself in the parted draperies. Then with simple dignity he strode forward, folded his arms and bent his sleek dark head in silent acknowledgment of the flutter of applause.

Naturally. Everyone grasped the point. There you are, indeed, prone in the lists with a truck horse and his armored rider prancing over your recumbent anatomy. It seemed odd that the baron should be the bearer of such a message, that a palpitant and puffed-up Portland had been forced to wait until he came to make the matter clear.

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"You would be surprised to find out," continued our metaphysician, "how much money was spent for unnecessary things, and how very little for the vital things."

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us, that she was called Mitzl Hagen, but no one outside her immediate friends could pronounce her last name and so she began leaving it off and now she is known at home and abroad as Mitzl.

She has no rivals and no equals as an entertainer in the place she made for herself in the sun. She is a captivating comedienne. She sings with exquisite tone and plays with an artistic subtlety and reveals a delicate and sympathetic sense of the drama.

Her newest vehicle, "Lady Billy," is one of the delights of several seasons and differs from "Head Over Heels" as that piece differed from "Pom Pom" and that in turn differed from "Sari." This offering is almost light opera and, as is usual in Mitzl's productions, affords her a rollicking part where she is given ample opportunity to display her rare and splendid gifts and to be constantly seen at her best.

Mitzl's public is never so interested in what the charming little comedienne is playing. Rather it goes to see Mitzl. If she came to us in the most mediocre piece in the world we still pack ourselves in to see her and come away walking on air, humming her gay little songs and vowing for long afterward her lovely little body and her impish smile.

Polk who remember Lotta say that Mitzl is like that spirited and beautiful sourette of early California

the republic of France of the Croix de Guerre. This was but one of the features of the most successful and largest inspection, muster and review of the Oregon national guard troops since the war ended. Fully 900 Portland men, militant and superbly drilled, marched past Acting Governor Riner, their commander-in-chief, and the state of Oregon's adjutant-general, Brigadier-General George A. White.

Not only did battery A, as the senior organization of the 147th regiment of field artillery, U. S. A., receive this honor from the country whose soil she defended, but the United States also paid the Oregon battery tribute.

Battle Rings Received. Five silver battle rings, denoting five major engagements overseas with the 2nd division, were pinned on the battery's battle guidon. The regimental colors were the original ones carried in France and returned to Portland by the commanding officer of the 147th regiment, to be cared for by battery A. The presentation on behalf of the French government was made by Brigadier-General Hiram U. Welch in a beautiful patriotic speech, in which he reminded Oregon of some of the services her sons had performed in war.

There were 12 separate commands on the floor of the big Multnomah county drill hall last night, and keen interest was shown by the well-filled galleries. It seemed fitting that the commanding officer at the review should be Lieutenant-Colonel Hiram U. Welch, commanding officer of the 147th infantry and of the troops in Multnomah county, for Colonel Welch served for nearly 20 years as commanding officer of battery A.

Units Are Listed. On the floor Thursday night, in addition to battery A, were companies B, E, G, H, headquarters service, howitzer and medical detachment, 152d infantry; headquarters second battalion, 152d infantry; company A, 116th infantry; company B, 116th infantry; and the quartermaster corps.

Captain Gay in Command. Battery A was commanded on the floor by Captain James S. Gay Jr., with Senior First Lieutenant William D. Jackson, Junior First Lieutenant H. W. Smith and Second Lieutenant K. D. Dufur. Battery A was first organized in 1866 and will celebrate its 57th anniversary early in February with an annual banquet, in charge of Captain Lee Clarke.

The choix de guerre was given battery A for its three-day heroic battle at Juvigne, France, where it supported a French Moroccan division in attack, and by its terrific and accurate fire so cleared the way as to assure victory.

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New York, Chicago & St. Louis Corporation to Have Capital of \$105,500,000.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Consolidation of the New York, Chicago and St. Louis (Nickel Plate), the Chicago & State Line and Lake Erie & Western, Fort Wayne, Cincinnati & Louisville, and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western (Clover Leaf), was approved here today by the board of directors of the five railroads, representing an authorized capitalization of \$105,500,000 and operating 1695 miles of track.

The directors of the roads in the consolidation, sometimes referred to as the "Van Swearingen lines," approved and executed an agreement for the unification of the five roads into a single corporation to be known as "The New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad company," and directed submission of agreement and articles of consolidation to a meeting of stockholders of the several companies.

The consolidation "will make possible economies in operation and general administration, and will result in more efficient service to the public," Mr. Colston said.

The terms of capitalization provide that the consolidated company will be authorized initially to issue \$105,500,000 of capital stock, which amount corresponds to the sum of the now authorized capital stock of the constituent companies. Of the total, \$50,000,000 of capital stock is to be authorized if it is proposed to issue immediately \$75,500,000, corresponding to the sum of stock

FATTY'S FRIEND HOOTED

LOS ANGELES MINISTERS CRY "THROW HIM OUT."

Co-operative Council Condemns Return of Comedian to Screen on Account of Young.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 28.—A mass meeting called by the Los Angeles co-operative council for better films to discuss the return of Roscoe Arbuckle, comedian, to the screen, was thrown into uproar today when Evangelist Cuddy, head of a mission, attempted to enter into the debate on the side of Arbuckle.

Interrupted by cries of "sit down!" "Throw him out!" and "fanatic!" Cuddy accused the ministers of Los Angeles of meddling in affairs outside their province when they condemned Will H. Hays, chief of the film industry, for his action in removing the ban on Arbuckle. He appealed to the churchmen to "shake themselves from the mire," and, when his hecklers grew more boisterous, asked them to listen to him "as a representative of Jesus Christ."

Upon suggestion of Rev. E. F. "Roll" Shuller, president of the ministerial union, Cuddy finally was granted three minutes in which to present his views uninterrupted, but almost unanimously adopted a resolution protesting against the return of Arbuckle as "tending to lower the standard of right living among the young of our country."

"The wide publicity given the details of the orgy in the St. Francis hotel at San Francisco," declared the resolution, "has made the name of Arbuckle synonymous with debauchery and drunkenness."

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BOY HIKERS ARE SAFE Hunt Begun for Searching Party Looking for Belated Trio. OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Word from Alfred Rowan, son of W. L. Rowan of Gladstone, one of three boys believed lost on Larch mountain, was received by Mrs. Rowan at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rowan, Welland Bradley of West Linn and George Nelson of Jennings Lodge left Tuesday for Multnomah falls. The boys encountered a storm and were unable to descend the trail, being forced to go over the mountain to Bridal Veil, where where Rowan's mother that they were safe.

The boys did not know that they had been listed as missing and now a hunt has been started for a searching party headed by Rowan's father,