

STRANGEST PLAY OF THE AGE. THE ACCLAMATION OF EUROPE GOES WILD AT GREAT PERFORMANCE.

FOREMOST PEOPLE OF CULTURE IN EUROPE GO WILD AT GREAT PERFORMANCE.

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A. GULTRY, MME. LEBARGY, GALLIPAUX AND COQUELIN LAUDED MOST.—REPEATED CALLS FALL TO BRING AUTHOR BEFORE THE CURTAIN.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Before a remarkable audience comprising all the elite of the literary, artistic and dramatic worlds of Paris as well as of those capitals, Edmond Rostand's "Chanticleer," the most remarkable play of the age, was given in a dress rehearsal last night at the Porte St. Martin Theater.

As an artistic success nothing could have been greater than the exhibition given by the author and his collaborators. It was a triumph of the French dramatic art, and the author's skill in the use of the French language is easily equalled and by many thought to have been surpassed.

No Human Beings in Cast.

Absolutely unique is "Chanticleer," or in English, "Chanticleer." No human character appears upon the stage. All the parts are taken by fowls, birds or animals. As the cast characters are necessarily as large as the actors who take the parts, everything else on the stage is on a corresponding scale.

The brilliancy of the first act, which was preceded by a charming program delivered by Jean Coquelin, preparing the audience for the atmosphere of the piece, fairly set the theater mad with enthusiasm, but the second and third acts, which were somewhat tedious, were less favorably received.

Author Does Not Appear.

In the last act, however, enthusiasm was revived to the boiling point. There were five calls after the curtain fell, but M. Rostand himself did not appear. M. Gultry, who took the part of "Chanticleer," or the Cock, stepped before the curtain and simply expressed his thanks.

The piece was wonderfully staged and the plot thrilling. A. Gultry, Mme. Simone LeBargy, the hen pheasant, Gallipaoux, the blackbird, and Coquelin, the dog, carried off the honors.

The secret of the many delays incident to the presentation of the play is now explained by the changes made at the end of the play. The hen pheasant after vainly trying to persuade Chanticleer, who has boasted that the sun awaits his summons to rise and whom she has enticed to the forest, to prolong the night 24 hours in the night, betrays him, and he returns to the barnyard to his faithful hens.

The critics generally consider that the brilliancy of the whole performance, even "Cyrano," if that is possible, but the article note struck is so high that they doubt whether the play will be a popular success after curiosity has worn off.

It is rumored that M. Rostand himself will play the part of Chanticleer at the benefit to be given for the flood sufferers.

Chanticleer, the hero (Gultry) is filled with illusions about his place in the world. He imagines he is master of the sun; that the sun rises at the end of night because Chanticleer has awakened and crowed; that he dispels the illusion in the heart of Chanticleer alone.

The first act opens with the sun rising on a barnyard. A mountainous measure pile is on one side of the stage. A fence, which seems immense, though it is in proportion, separates the yard from a road beyond, which is a forest background. To the right a wooden shed, forgotten by the farmer's wife, is of the size it would appear in the chicken, and a chair completes the scene. Chanticleer, which alone are seen, being eight yards high.

In the center of the stage with his companions of the barnyard grouped around him, Chanticleer holds the sun, whose first rays give the scene, in a hymn full of the poet's lyric and melodious phrases. The sun, who is the blackbird (Gallipaoux), jealous of the cock, and breaking into his noble sentiments with jibes and puns after the manner of Cyrano.

The dog (Jean Coquelin) is the droll moralizer of the piece. Chanticleer falls in love with a beautiful hen pheasant (Simone) who is wooed by a singing cock.

The second act is the scene of the piece, showing the spider branches of a blasted pine in the heart of a forest, the human birds perched in the branches. The god calls the roll of the birds of the night, each as his name is called, answering and opening two luminous eyes, which shine in the semi-obscure of the stage, green, yellow or blood red. These birds declaim the hymn of the night and afterward conspire together to rid themselves of their arch enemy, Chanticleer. With him gone, they believe, the sunlight will be forever quenched, and they will be masters forevermore.

In the third act Chanticleer learns of the conspiracy of the night birds and sets a duel with his false friend, the gamecock, killing him, despite his steel gait and redoubtable archery.

This is the beginning of the end for Chanticleer. The treachery of his friends poisons his optimism. The hen pheasant, the prize of the combat, offers the consolation of her love in a fine outburst and then draws his head under her wing and bids him "sleep."

When the fourth and last act opens Chanticleer, wooed by love, has slept so long that the sun has risen without him.

"And I have not crowded," he said. "The dream of his life, all his belief in his wonderful power, crumbles. So he was not the ruler of the sun. All the tenderness of the hen pheasant cannot bring back the lost illusion. His hens did not know the birds of the night, still believe in him. He has his followers and his enemies as before. The sun still rises, when he, Chanticleer, crows. If the dog doubts, he is silent. But the iron that has entered his soul is the death of the glorious Chanticleer.

Rostand in an interview explains the history of his conception of "Chanticleer."

"In 1901," said he, "while taking a walk in the outskirts of Cambes, I was passing a humble farm, when I suddenly stopped before the barnyard. It was just an ordinary barnyard containing the usual pigeon loft, three or four chickens, many geese, and within the animals, hens, ducks, guinea fowl, geese, turkeys, a cat asleep, a dog wandering about in brief, a common spectacle.

"I watched with interest, when suddenly, in walked the cock. He entered proudly, boldly, like a ruler, with the dash in his eye and a certain rhythmic movement of the head that produced the irresistible impression of a hero. He ad-

vanced like a king among his subjects. I saw in this spectacle a play."

DEAD WOMAN LIVED HERE. Mrs. Myer Infatuated With Haynie, Says Portland Man.

It developed in Portland yesterday that Mrs. Egedra H. Myer became acquainted with J. Haynie in 1906. Haynie was employed as a passenger brakeman on the Southern Pacific running out of El Paso. The acquaintance became an infatuation on the part of Mrs. Myer, and was the cause of a divorce obtained by Jacob Myer, her husband.

In the summer of 1908 Haynie came north in search of employment and was soon followed by Mrs. Myer. On her arrival here she went to the Saranac rooming-house on Sixth street, operated by old friends of El Paso days. Mr. H. Young and wife, Mrs. Myer started a search for Haynie through private detectives and finally located him at Tacoma. She went North and joined Haynie, who was employed by the passenger service of the Northern Pacific.

The next heard from Mrs. Myer was in May, 1909, when she removed to Vancouver, Wash., and established a residence. Mrs. Myer engaged Walter G. Lynch, Portland, as her lawyer, to bring suit against Haynie in the Washington courts. The woman claimed \$10,000. The suit was brought to trial, and Mrs. Myer lost the decision because it was ascertained that Haynie had a wife and five children at Stamps, Ariz., and that Mrs. Myer knew the facts at the time she contracted her relations with Haynie.

Mrs. Myer then went to Seattle and conducted a rooming-house during the A.-Y.-P. Exposition. She returned to Portland on January 29 and again went to the Saranac for rooms. Interviewed as to the happenings after the arrival of Mrs. Myer, Mr. Young said last night:

"Mrs. Myer came here one week ago last Saturday and remained until Wednesday, February 2, when she left on a hunt for Haynie. On Tuesday she wrote her will and called Mrs. Young and myself to her room to witness the document. It left all her property to her former husband at El Paso. The property of value was listed as jewelry, mining stocks and jewelry, and the valuation was fixed at \$4000.

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"I had heard her talk about Haynie, but will not state what she said. That is for her attorney to give out. I will not say whether she did or did not make threats against his life. I looked upon it as a family matter that I should not mix up with, and so long as she did not start anything around my house I was willing to keep out of it.

"Mrs. Myer was chasing after Haynie for a year and a half and you can use your own judgment as to whether she was infatuated with him or not. I met her in El Paso, where Mr. and Mrs. Myer ran a rooming-house. Myer is a mighty fine man and is engaged in the cattle and mining business down there.

"The woman was trying to have her husband and about six months ago she asked her to return to him. She spoke as if she might do it, and I wanted to encourage her in that if possible. "When Mrs. Myer came here about a year and a half ago she had \$1000 in cash and a mortgage for \$500, which she intended to convert into cash. She spent all of that sum in following Haynie. She was expecting a check to reach here today for \$500, which she had reason to believe it came.

"She was a very determined woman, smart and well educated. After she learned the truth about Haynie she let any of us know where he was, and in that way headed off any attempt that he might have been inclined to make to advise him that Mrs. Myer was going to see him. Haynie lost his position on the railroad through his relations with Mrs. Myer, and he had come to a grading camp to work until the affair blew over. I have one of her trunks at this hotel, together with some other effects belonging to her. She has another trunk at Vancouver."

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INSURGENTS LOSE ONE IN EVERY SIX

Reports of Government Victory at Santo Tomas Still Received.

ZELAYA'S HEADSMAN DEAD

General Vasquez, Still Pursuing Fleeing Rebels, Attributes Success to Well-Executed Ambush. Canards Are Alleged.

MANAGUA, Feb. 7.—Reports of a government victory at Santo Tomas continue to be received here. According to official dispatches from General Vasquez, every sixth man among the insurgents was killed or wounded.

Among those in the casualty list on the government side are Captain Parrilla, killed, and Colonel Miguel and Captain Navarro wounded. Navarro formerly was governor of Managua.

General Vasquez in his advices says he is still pursuing the enemy. He attributed the victory to a well-executed ambush.

The report that Nicaragua and Honduras are preparing a revolution against the government of Guatemala is declared here to be an insurgent invention, doubtless to discredit the Madrid government.

SIOUX IMMIGRATION FEARED

Madrid Gives Plans of Chief Little Bison Temporary Setback.

BOSTON, Feb. 7.—Because President

Madrid is preparing a revolution against

the plan of Chief Little Bison

to prevent the entry of the In-

dians into Nicaragua. The chief then

reached Costa Rica, accompanied by

Mr. Little Bison, a white woman,

and his family, who were

on their way to the United States

to settle in the West.

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trouble worse by their con-

spiring effects. This prescription not only

relieves quickly, but it cures any cough

that is curable. Get one-half ounce

fluid wild cherry bark, one ounce

compound essence, one ounce

ounces syrup white pine compound.

Mix in a bottle. Take for acute cough

or bronchitis twenty drops every half

hour for four hours. Then one-half to

one teaspoonful three or four times

daily. Give children less according to

age. A few hours' treatment will cure

and heal the throat and lungs of all

but consumptive. Cut this out and

give it to some friend who may need

to be saved from an early death by

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Special Sale of Men's Overcoats and Cravenettes

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The nearness of Spring lends aggressiveness to our efforts to clean up this Winter stock. We'd a good deal rather give you the benefit of our extremely low prices now than to carry these goods through until next Fall; we're willing to allow you something on the price—a good generous slice of it—to pay you for doing the carrying over.

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TARIFF DEFENSE, EXCUSE

TWO INQUIRIES INTO COST OF LIVING LIKELY.

Politics at Bottom of Anxiety of Congress to Determine Cause of Exorbitant Prices.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Whether the Senate and House will conduct rival investigations into the cause of the high cost of living is a question that concerns Republican political leaders more deeply than any other problem now before Congress.

If both bodies conduct such an examination, the leaders fear that different resolutions may be reached.

Such different reports on the eve of the Congressional elections will prove embarrassing to the Republican majority.

Nevertheless, Republicans of the Senate apparently are determined to make such an inquiry and to conduct it with the most dispatch, regardless of the views of the House leaders.

The Lodge resolution reported from the Senate committee has been amended so to provide for a committee of seven Senators and it probably will be reported tomorrow from the committee on contingent expenses. That the object of the investigation is political is generally admitted.

Especially, it seems, do the Republicans want to refute charges that the tariff is responsible for the increase. They will try to show that there is a wide difference between wholesale and retail prices, and that the tariff is not responsible for these differences.

It is reported that President Taft desires the effect of the tariff upon necessities of life to be determined by the most dispassionate body that can be assembled.

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CORPORATION BILL DUE

TAFT'S MEASURE MAY SEE CONGRESS TODAY.

Final Draft Differs Materially From Original and Represents Months of Study by Cabinet.