

STRANGEST PLAY OF THE AGE BY THE ACCLAIMED

Foremost People of Culture in Europe Go Wild at Great Performance.

NO HUMAN BEINGS IN CAST

A. Guirry, Mme. Lebarry, Gallipaux and Coquelin Lauded Most—Repeated Calls Fail 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 other 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. The excellent verse is said to be up to all traditions of Rostand's art and skill. Even the beautiful version of "Cyrano de Bergerac," which was said to be ahead of all previous efforts of French dramatists, 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. Guirry, 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. Guirry, Mme. Simone, Lebarry, the hen pheasant, Gallipaux, 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 surpasses 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 (Guirry) 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. The plot dispels this illusion in the heart of Chanticleer alone.

The first act opens with the sun rising in 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. The scene, which alone are seen, being eight yards high.

In the center of the stage with his companions of the barnyard grouped around him, Chanticleer hails the sun, whose first rays gild the scene, in a hymn full of the poet's lyric grandeur. On the manner pile perches the blackbird (Gallipaux), jealous of the cock, and breaking into his noble sentiments with sibilant 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 lightning cock.

The second act is the scenic gem of the piece, showing the sprayer branches of a blasted pine in the heart of a forest, the human-birds perched in the branches. The cock 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-obscurity 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 dares 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 wondrous 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 of his brother, and he still believes 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, two chickens, many 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 disdain 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. Eledra B. 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, Dr. 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. Hays, Esq., of Portland, to represent her and began a breach of promise 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.

The fact that she was making a will excoriated her 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.

"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 hoodwink her husband and about six months ago he 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 \$800, which she offered to convert into cash. Myer spent all of that sum in following Haynie. She was expecting a check to reach her today for the sum of \$500, and I have reason to believe it came.

"She was a very determined woman, smart and well educated. After she let any of us know where he was, and in that way headed off any attempt that we 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."

Questioned as to where the property would be held, mentioned in the will, Myer left. Young referred the inquirer to Attorney Hayes.

700 SLATED FOR ARREST Men Illegally Registered Will Be Watched For In Seattle.

SEATTLE, Feb. 7.—More than 700 arrests will be made at the polls Tuesday on the charge of illegal voting if the names of those who are placed in the hands of grand jury detectives and deputy sheriffs today attempt to have a say in the selection of candidates for Mayor.

Duplicate poll books were prepared today and opposite the names of the men suspected of illegal registration was placed the word "Arrest."

Detectives in the employ of the grand jury will be stationed at the Third and Fourth precincts of the Fifth Ward, where it is charged illegal voters were colonized by William Hurley, now held at the county jail under a grand jury warrant charging illegal registration.

CANADA TO SHOW APPLES First Organization to Be Formed in British Columbia Province.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.) Within the next few days professional business men connected with the fruit industry in this province will gather here to form a board of control for the purpose of holding in Vancouver this year the first Canadian apple show.

According to present indications next season's apple crop will be unusually good and so it is planned to hold the apple show here the first week in November so that exhibitors will have the opportunity of competing also in the American National apple show to be held in Spokane later in November.

SWOPE CASE OPENS TODAY Coroner's Inquest Begins on Death of Millionaire.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 7.—Interest in the Swope case will turn tomorrow to the inquest over the body of the dead millionaire.

At 9 o'clock Monday morning Coroner Stewart will begin the inquest at the Courthouse in Independence. Undertakers and assistants who cared for the body will be examined. It is thought members of the Swope family will be called to the witness stand.

BROTHER SHOTS SISTER Spokane Girl May Die Because Usual Gun Was Loaded.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Accidentally shot in the internal organs by a .22-caliber revolver in the hands of her brother, aged 18, while playing "Sophia Young" game, is in a dying condition.

The doctors thought if they operated on her, the shock would kill her. The gun had been around the house for a long time and was thought not to be loaded.

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 Parrill, killed, and Colonel Miguel and Captain Navarro wounded. Navarro formerly was governor of Managua, and it was he who executed Zelaya's orders for shooting and torturing political prisoners.

General Vasquez was in command of the insurgents at the battle and toward the close of the fight was reinforced by Colonel Zeledon with 300 men. This prevented the insurgents from being entirely cut off.

General Vasquez in his advice 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 plans of Chief Little Blason 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 Blason Temporary Setback.

BOSTON, Feb. 7.—Because President Madrid of Nicaragua feared the expected transplanting of 500 Sioux Indians from North Dakota to the territory was a ruse to give strength to the insurgent army under General Estrada, the plans of Chief Little Blason of the Sioux tribe, have received at least a temporary setback.

Chief Little Blason who went to Nicaragua to prepare the way for the immigration of his brothers, arrived today on the steamer Esparta from Port Limon, Costa Rica, accompanied by Mrs. Little Blason, a white woman.

Little Blason said that, when he reached Costa Rica, President Madrid was suspicious of his intentions and opposed to the Costa Rican government to prevent the entry of the Indians into Nicaragua. The chief then reached here today for the purpose of being interviewed by the press.

He managed, however, to elude his watchers and slipped into Bluefields on January 27. There he had a conference with General Estrada, the Nicaraguan leader was sanguine that the war would end favorably for the insurgents within six weeks.

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, and 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 these different reports, and that he will tolerate any effort to gloss over any ill effects.

JOINT TWICE DISLOCATED

Twice Also Shipman's Shoulder Rights Itself, Unexpectedly.

W. Shipman, of 2704 1/2 Front street, walked two miles with a dislocated shoulder to police headquarters shortly before midnight last night and on reaching the door of the station bumped against the door-casing and threw the shoulder back into place. He then called for a doctor to see if the shoulder really had reset itself and Patrolman J. G. Montgomery proffered his services.

Shipman threw his arm up over his head, declared it felt as usual and then the doctor examined the shoulder. The man, when instantly the shoulder went out again and all of Montgomery's efforts to reset it failed. A little later the shoulder unexpectedly shot back into place again and Shipman departed rejoicing. The man's shoulder was thrown out of place originally in a friendly wrestling bout.

CREW OF KENTUCKY SAFE

Shipwrecked Sailors Will Land Today at Key West.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 7.—The Alamo, with the crew of the steamship Kentucky, which foundered off the Carolina coast Friday, arrived at midnight last night.



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FORTY-MILE BREEZE DRIVES PEOPLE FROM STREETS.

Buffalo Fisherman Is Found Frozen to Death in His Sled on Ice of Lake Erie.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Intense cold, driven to the bone of man and beast by a cutting wind, gripped the East last night. In New York City the mercury stood at one degree above zero at midnight, equaling the low record for the season.

40-mile gale swept New York and vicinity throughout the day and night, driving pedestrians indoors and causing great suffering to those who were exposed. Streets were practically deserted last night.

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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.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The long looked for Federal incorporation bill to embody the recommendations made in the special message by President Taft will be introduced in Congress tomorrow, probably by Senator Clark of Wyoming and Representative Parker of New Jersey, chairman, respectively, of the Senate and House committees on Judiciary.

The final draft, in outline, differs materially from the earlier drafts and represents several months of study by the President and his Cabinet.

No corporation formed under the terms of the proposed act, will be permitted to purchase, acquire or hold stock in any other corporation; nor could any corporation organized under the act or the laws of any state or foreign country for the purpose of any like business, acquire or hold the stock of a corporation formed under this act; and no such corporation would be permitted to have banking powers.

Forfeiture of character may result if any corporation organized under the act enters into any contract or combination or engages in any conspiracy against interstate or foreign trade or commerce or shall monopolize or attempt to monopolize any part thereof contrary to the Sherman act, or shall otherwise violate the laws of the United States. The characters of all corporations are made subject to alteration, suspension or repeal by Congress.

COOK IS SENTENCED TODAY

American Conductor May Get Term in Mexican Penitentiary.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 7.—A telegram from Guadalajara says that the prosecuting attorney in the case of Conductor James Cook has recommended to the judge that the prisoner be sentenced to a term in the penitentiary.

The prosecutor charges that the American was guilty of criminal negligence, if not actually implicated, in the robbery of a freight train in his charge.

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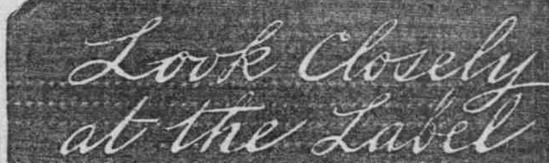
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