

MUMM PROTESTS HE DID NOT STRIKE

Parisian Declares Woman Became Furious at Warning That They Must Part.

FAMILY HAD INTERFERED

"Mrs. Barnes" Only Separated From Husband, Not Divorced, So That Marriage, Says Young Man, Was an Impossibility.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The efforts of the police to find either "Mrs. Mary Barnes" or her servants, the only real witnesses of the shooting Thursday night of Walter Mumm, a well-known sportsman, have been fruitless, and the affair remains more or less a mystery. Mumm was shot while in the woman's home.

Mumm Family Interfered. "I was fond of Mrs. Barnes," said Mumm to the magistrate, "but I think she was fonder of me. My family made me understand, however, that the situation between us could not continue. Mrs. Barnes was separated from her husband, not divorced, and accordingly could not be my wife."

ELECTRICAL MEN TO MEET

Business Sessions Tomorrow Will Be Followed by Trip Wednesday.

The first annual convention of the Oregon Electrical Contractors' Association will begin its session at the Moose Hall in the Royal building today at 10 A. M., with about 75 delegates from all parts of the state in attendance.

The business sessions will continue for two days. Papers on subjects of interest to electrical contractors will be read tomorrow and the election of officers will be held Wednesday.

Tomorrow night the delegates will be entertained at a dinner party. Wednesday morning the entire association will visit the power plant of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company at Casadero, returning to Portland later to complete the business session, and the annual banquet will be held Wednesday night.

The annual meeting of the "Rejuvenated Order of the Sons of Jove," which has in its membership electrical engineers and contractors, will be held Thursday and the majority of the delegates to the convention will remain and take part in these festivities.

Officers of the State Association of Electrical Contractors are: President, J. H. Ralston, of Albany; vice-president, W. O. Fouch, of Portland; secretary, J. E. Kilkenny, of St. Johns; and treasurer, J. R. Tomlinson, of Portland.

LUNCHEON TO BE NOVEL

Rotary Club Members Will Wear Advertising Costumes.

Members of the Rotary Club, when they assemble for the regular weekly luncheon at the Commercial Club tomorrow, will be expected to wear something symbolic of the business they are pursuing. Four prizes being offered by prominent club members for the best offerings in this line of advertising.

A prize for the best advertisement is offered by Robinson & Company; F. T. Rogers will reward the exhibitor of the most unique advertisement; Phil Cross, of the Progressive Business Men's Club, mayer will attend to the award for the cleverest idea and M. G. Winstock, manager of the Peoples Theater, has announced that to the producer of the most elaborate display he will tender the privilege of inviting the club members and women to the Peoples Theater.

Judges of the displays will be A. G. Clark, president of the Portland Ad Club; J. E. Weirlein, of the Transportation Club; and Eugene Brookings, of the Progressive Business Men's Club. F. W. Reed will be the first speaker, with an address on "Abdominal Breathing, or a Study in Pants"; R. C. Holman will describe the manufacture of blank books and paper ruling and Rev. J. H. Ford will talk on "The Methods of a Modern Church."

SWISS RECOMMEND STRIEF

Consul Bigger It Is Understood Is to Resign February 1.

More than 100 Swiss residents of Portland and Oregon met at the Swiss Hall Sunday and went on record as recommending Albrecht Strief as the next Consul to represent the Swiss of the Pacific Northwest. Rev. Theodore Schildknecht presided at the meeting. This is the second meeting which the Swiss have held in an effort to name a successor to A. C. Bigger, the present Consul, who, it is understood, will resign from the office February 1.

Mr. Strief is a well-known business man, although now retired. He has passed the greater part of his life in Oregon and knows the needs of his people. Yesterday he was elected unanimously as the man the Swiss of this country will ask to have named as their representative.

During the nominations Rev. Mr. Schildknecht asked that of deference to the present Consul someone should present his case, but no one spoke.

Better Poultry Planned. Assurance to the market that the eggs it is getting are perfectly fresh will be attempted by the recently organized poultry club at Orenco by shipping the eggs into the city with the date on which they were laid clearly stamped on their shells. This method of assuring fresh eggs and an effort to secure better prices for poultry

products by co-operative marketing, are the two cardinal ideas of the Orenco organization, besides its plans to improve the quality of the poultry through competitive exhibits. An egg that sold for \$2.25 is listed among the interesting features in the early history of the organization. A local poultry show was held at Orenco the week before the big show in Portland, and after its close, the expenses for the entire exhibition were paid by auctioning off the eggs that had been laid. The \$2.25 egg was laid by a Brown Leghorn that had won three prizes.

AT THE THEATERS

"THE COMMANDING OFFICER."

A Play of American Military Life in Four Acts, by Theodore Bart Sayre. Presented at the Baker Theater.

Cast. Colonel Richard Archer..... John H. Sumner Major Abernethy..... William Lloyd Lieutenant Waring..... Robert Wayne Lieutenant Billings..... Baker Moore Dr. O'Connell..... Francis Murray Brent Lindsay..... William Bernard Sheriff Baker..... R. E. Fleming Royal Carroll..... Alice Fleming Mrs. Archer..... Elizabeth Ross Mrs. Bingham..... Helen Strickland Gwendolyn Bingham..... Alice Patek Mary..... Mary Edgett

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

MILITARY play, with no bullets and no smell of powder, but with all the excitement and stirring adventure incident to life at an army post. Near a mining camp is "The Commanding Officer," which began its week at the Baker yesterday.

In the story it tells, and the atmosphere it gives out, the play is highly reminiscent of "The Deserters," the splendid bill in which this company opened the season last Fall.

Just why stock patrons enjoy to the fullest degree all military plays is a psychological problem that is constantly bobbing up for solution. Whether or not it is the uniforms and suggestion of rigid discipline and the pep it gives into the lives of the heroic men near heroic, or whether it is that melodrama, love, murder, misunderstandings and clearing-up of mysteries which inevitably go into the making of such plays, constitutes the claim for attention, must be decided by audiences alone. Suffice to say, Manager Baker invariably strikes 12 when he selects for interpretation any play like his present bill.

It is strongly dramatic, its climax is built up steadily and comes with a punch. The situations are many and worked out naturally, and the whole thing grips. The story concerns the indiscretion of the wife of Major Archer. In the absence of her husband she flirta, perhaps innocently enough, since tradition says all flirtations in plays are innocent. It happens he has left her after a quarrel, and her flirtations with a certain Lindsay, is prompted by pique. The unfortunate part of it is that Lindsay has been a suitor of her's and is a worthless sort of cad who magnifies her actions.

Another cad, Waring, takes a snapshot picture of Mrs. Archer and Lindsay, and later offers to sell it to Lindsay for \$2000. The picture is of Lindsay attempting to kiss Mrs. Archer. She is fearful of consequences and plans to go to Lindsay's quarters at night to get the picture. She disguises as a man in an officer's uniform—but fails to locate the house and returns home. In the meantime the two men have quarreled and Lindsay is killed. Mrs. Archer takes a heavy dose of Carrot, the governess of her little niece. Floyd is in love with one of Archer's officers, Lieutenant Hammond. He is accused of the murder because he cannot prove where he was on the night of the crime. As a matter of fact he had been following and protecting Mrs. Archer at the wish of Floyd. Waring finds this out and to prove an alibi declares he spent the hours from 1 till 3 in Floyd's room. Three people have seen Mrs. Archer's shadow in officer's uniform on Floyd's blind and for that reason the evidence is damning and believed.

Floyd is forced into silence to protect Mrs. Archer, but when she hears that Lindsay's miners have gathered to lynch Hammond she tells the truth. Alice Fleming has a mental role this week—one that calls for as much exhibition of thought as of physical strength. Robert Connors has another Robert Connors role. He is just himself, handsome, distinguished in his portrayal—clear of voice and plays with directness of purpose and a love of his work that is highly apparent. John R. Sumner was given an ovation upon his entrance. His introductory lines "I'm glad to be home again" seemed peculiarly appropriate. Elizabeth Ross has an almost leading role this week as Mrs. Archer—a role she plays with characteristic straight roles—that of the meddlesome I-am-holler-than-thou Mrs. Bingham, and plays it with comedy effect. Mary Edgett has a heavy thinking role as a pert maid, but what she is allowed in lines she makes up in personal charm and is a real picture as a typical doctor.

"The Commanding Officer" is handsomely staged, and the military appointments add style and charm. It will be at the Baker all week with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday.

SAILORS BURY OLD CRONY

Lives Risked That Pledge to Scatter Ashes on Sea Be Observed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—With the seas pounding a requiem on the bar, seven old cronies of Peter Johnson carried out their mate's last wish and today gave his ashes to the gale. They risked their lives to do it, for the little launch Monk, carrying the caskets in oilskins, one of whom clamped an urn, had to churn its way through an onslaught of angry swells.

It was a sea into which larger craft dared not venture, and time and again it seemed only a marvel that brought the Monk out of the hollow of the waves. It was a stiff fight to the "potato patch" where the ashes were scattered, and a harder return.

Peter Johnson ran a water-front place, where sea-faring men met and

REBELS ARE MOVING ON

MEXICAN SCENES CHANGE, BUT EFFECT UNDIMINISHED.

Doubtful Success of Blanquet in Suppressing Uprising Recognized in Capital.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—Leaving behind the ruins of burned villages and the wrecked properties of hacienda owners, the rebels appear to be moving out of the state of Mexico into the states of Puebla and Morelos, particularly Morelos.

In line with their tactics, they are declining the issue in General Blanquet's campaign in the State of Mexico even before it is fairly under way. This doubtful success of General Blanquet in riding the State of Mexico of the insurgents is recognized in the capital as merely changing the field of operations. A series of small fights characterized the last week, in which the Federals for the most part have been victorious because the rebels invariably retired.

The rebel campaign of destruction is unabated, however, while the government troops are continuing the war of extermination and the bodies of rebels and those supposed to be in sympathy with them are hanging from trees.

In the states of Morelos, Puebla and Guerrero, railway communications are interrupted and stories of trains being fired upon are received almost daily. Two trains were in collision yesterday near Cuautla as the result of such attacks. A passenger train under military escort was attacked by the commander of the escort ordered the train stopped and deployed his men in anticipation of an engagement.

A freight train following the passenger was attacked by another band. The engineer opened the throttle and ran for safety. A collision resulted, in which seven persons were killed and a large number injured.

From the middle states, Michoacan, Guanajuato, Jalisco, Zacatecas and Durango, government officials are sending optimistic reports, but raiding and fighting continues. Cheche Campos, one of the most prominent rebel leaders of Durango and Zacatecas, who was reported in an official message as having been killed, is alive. He is said to have gone as far south as Jalisco.

A development last week which is causing some anxiety is the mysterious disappearance of a large number of laborers employed on haciendas south of the Capital. It is taken for granted they have joined the rebellion. The greatest cause for anxiety is the financial question. It is no secret that the nation needs money badly. The 20,000,000 pesos loan authorized many weeks ago has not been floated.

If a special session of Congress is held it is not improbable that a few of the promised reforms will be enacted, but the popular opinion is that money and soldiers would be more effective than reform.

HUNT FILMS ARE SHOWN

LARGE AUDIENCE AT HELGIG HEARS LECTURE.

Photographer From Tree Near Water Hole Gets Picture of Vast Array of Animals in Africa.

Never has the true mission of the motion-picture, the educational and informative side of the art, been brought home so forcibly as in the exhibition of the Rainey African hunt pictures, which began a nine-night and eight-day presentation at the Helgig Sunday night.

These pictures are the acme of perfection in wild beast photography of Africa, their haunts and thrilling episodes of the hunt, into form of entertainment that is within the reach of all. The pictures are marvels of art, and are so close in view, with an opportunity for study of habits and life in their natural element. Albert Andrus, who has not only a pleasing personality, but a keen sense of humor, and exercises it often, explains every picture in minute detail; in fact the entertainment becomes a personally conducted African hunt with Mr. Andrus as guide.

The marvelous delineation in film form showing the wild animals at a water hole has without question never been equaled in the motion-picture world. With no knowledge that a human being is near, the jungle beasts, large and small, singly and by droves,

come down to the water hole to quench their thirst. The water places are from 60 to 80 miles apart on the great plains, and the animals, aware in their wild shrewdness that water is necessary to life, make their thirst in what is manifestly an established armistice. The camera man in a tree "down the wind" was able to secure a wonderful gathering—an almost incredible scene.

With the starting point at Nairobi, the same point from which Colonel Roosevelt's party began its hunt, the Helgig audience—and by the way, it was an audience that packed the place, overflowed into the boxes and sat on extra chairs—was taken along as a member of Mr. Rainey's party.

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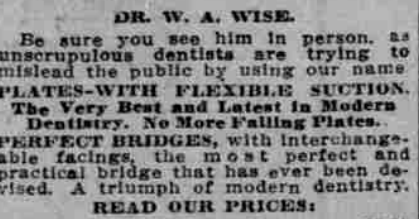
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