

BERNHARDT PLAYS TO 2000 CONVICTS

Drama Ending With Paroles for Prisoners Wins Cheers at San Quentin.

RUEF WRITES TESTIMONIAL

For an Hour, Says Convicted Political Boss, "Your Great Art Has Made Us Free"—Convicts Act as "Supers."

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Feb. 22.—For their Washington's birthday holiday, the prisoners of San Quentin were entertained by one of the world's greatest dramatic artists. On a rough stage cornered by the French noble and French players presented her son's tabloid play, "One Christmas Night."

Two thousand prisoners, including a score of women and five men under sentence of death, watched the performance. The high walls checked a chill wind from the bay and brilliant sunshine warmed the huge audience. Although the play was in an alien tongue, the prisoners followed eagerly the moving story of the gay young vivandiere who saved the French noble and his wife and child from the revolutionists.

Play Ends "Just Right."

Just before the curtain rose, the prison orchestra struck up "The Marseillaise." Instantly the prisoners rose and uncovered their heads. When the actress appeared they applauded enthusiastically, and at the conclusion of the play they waved their hands and brilliant sunshine warmed the huge audience. Although the play was in an alien tongue, the prisoners followed eagerly the moving story of the gay young vivandiere who saved the French noble and his wife and child from the revolutionists.

An impressive scene followed the play-acting. A tall, gray-haired prisoner, a Frenchman, stepped from the wings and bowed to the actress. He then read, in French, a testimonial from the prison inmates, written by Abe Ruef, the political boss convicted by the San Francisco graft prosecution.

Stone Walls Made to Fade.

"Today, for an hour," the old Frenchman read, "these stone walls have faded away. For an hour your great art has made us free. Our hearts have been touched by the woman, the actress and the play. We extend to you our grateful thanks."

Mme. Bernhardt smiled graciously on the old man and his fellows. When she left the stage she carried with her the testimonial.

Several prisoners took the parts of "supers" in the performance and their appearance as soldiers caused much delight among the audience. Among the 100 or more visitors who witnessed the play were Warden Johnston, of Folsom prison, and members of the State Prison Board.

Mme. Bernhardt nearly missed reaching the prison. When her automobile reached the ferry building, she found 10 others ahead of her. Only four cars are allowed on any one boat and the drivers of none would yield a place in line. All pleaded important business.

Twenty dollars in cash finally wrought what the power of a great name or the plea of an humane mission could not accomplish, and one driver made way.

DOUBLE TRACK BRIDGE DUE

Span Across Ohio River Will Cost Roads \$4,500,000.

PADUCAH, Ky., Feb. 22.—Official announcement was made here today of a plan to construct immediately at a cost of \$4,500,000 a double-track bridge across the Ohio River, between Metropolis, Ill., and Paducah, Ky., to serve the principal railroads of the Mississippi Valley in handling the increase in tonnage expected on account of the Panama Canal's completion.

The roads uniting in the construction of the bridge are the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Chicago & Eastern Illinois, Big Four, Illinois Central and Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis joint terminals, and the bridge shops and other plants, will bring the total cost of construction to \$7,000,000.

FUNERAL PLANS REVEALED

First Bishop of Kansas City Asks Simple Service.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 22.—An epitaph in Latin and instructions for funeral and burial were found today among papers left by Bishop John Joseph Hogan, of the Catholic Diocese of Western Missouri, who died here yesterday. It was the bishop's wish that no flowers be used at the funeral and that the funeral be not "conducted through throngs of mourners, but rather through the least frequented streets of the city." The suggested epitaph, translated, read:

"Herein are buried the ashes of John Joseph Hogan, first bishop of Kansas City. Born in the year 1829.—Pray for him."

GERMANY DEMANDS AGES

Actors and Actresses Pray Government to Give Relief.

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—Actors and actresses in Germany have been placed in the awkward dilemma of being compelled to give their ages under the new imperial insurance act and they petitioned the Federal Council today through the German Stage Society to release them by amending the measure.

The players pray for a change, but permit them to guard the dates of their birth as a professional secret.

"They declare that 'it is not a mere question of vanity, but one of 'bread and butter' especially for the women, many of whom obtain engagements because their talent is combined with a youthful appearance."

NORDICA'S STEPCHILD WED

Singer Good Husband Is Worth of Good Wife He Has Won.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—Mme. Nordica received word today that her stepdaughter, Dorothy Young, had been married secretly yesterday to J. Lewis Atwell, a comic opera comedian, at Greenwich, Conn.

"I hope he's a nice young man, because he certainly got a charming and capable girl for his wife," said Madame Nordica. "I don't know who he is and

Tomorrow

This bank opens in its larger and better equipped banking-room at Park and Morrison streets. The public is cordially invited to inspect the new quarters. Check Accounts, Savings Accounts, Collections, Foreign and Domestic Exchange, Escrows, Trusts, Bond Issues.

COMMERCE TRUST & SAVINGS BANK

(Formerly Merchants Savings & Trust Company)
Park and Morrison Streets.
W. H. Fear, President.
Lee A. Johnson, Vice-President.
O. C. Bortzmeier, Cashier.
Walter H. Brown, Assistant Cashier.

TAFT REFUSES PARDONS

RENSON AND HYDE'S ONLY COURSE NOW IS WILSON.

"California Lumber Kings" Convicted of Fraudulent Operations, May Have to Serve Sentence.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 22.—President Taft has declined to grant pardons to Benson and Hyde, California "lumber kings," who were convicted in Federal Courts of this city several years ago of fraudulent operations in Oregon and California school lands.

The defendants based their application for pardon on various grounds, among other things asserting that through their operations the Federal Government lost nothing; that instead of being tried in California or Oregon courts, in whose jurisdiction the alleged offenses were committed, they were brought to Washington for trial and obliged to bring their witnesses 3000 miles, by reason of which fact they spent over \$400,000 defending themselves and on that account being sufficiently punished.

After carefully considering the record and appeal, President Taft decided that was not an instance where he would be justified in interfering, and the sentence imposed by the court will be carried out unless further consideration can be secured at the hands of President Wilson.

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GRIP & COLDS

Aching bones, pains and soreness in the head, back or chest, Influenza, Sneezing, Sniffling—Catarrh, Cold in the head, Cough, Sore Throat, General Prostration and Fever—this is the Grip—

If you will take "Seventy-seven" at the first feeling of lassitude, you will escape—

If you wait till your bones begin to ache, it may take longer to break up.

It pays to keep "Seventy-seven" handy, it is a small vial of pleasant pellets, fits the vest pocket. At your Druggist, 25c, or mailed.

Humphrey's Homeo. Medicine Co., 136 William St., New York.—Advertisement.

Advice to Those Who Have Lung Trouble

Tuberculosis is said to be curable by simply living in the open air and taking an abundance of fresh eggs and milk. Do all you possibly can to add to strength and increase weight; eat wholesome, nourishing food and breathe the cleanest and purest air, and then, if health and strength do not return, add the tonic and beneficial effects of Eckman's Alternative. Read what it did in this case:

"405 E. 5th St., Wilmington, Del. 'Gentlemen—In January, 1908, I was taken with hemorrhages of the lungs. My physician, one of the leading practitioners, said that it was lung trouble. I took eggs and milk in quantities, but I got very weak. The doctors said I would not gain in weight as long as I stayed in the store, but I kept on working and prayed each day that I might get well. I believe my prayers were answered, for Mr. C. A. Lippincott, my employer (Lippincott & Co., Department store, 306-314 Market street, Wilmington, Del.) had learned of a remedy called Eckman's Alternative that had done great good, and upon his recommendation I began taking it at once. This was about June, 1908. I continued faithfully, using no other remedy, and finally noticed the clearing of the lungs. I firmly believe Eckman's Alternative saved my life. I sent my bottle later to the State Board of Health to be examined for tuberculosis bacilli, and none were found. My mother died from consumption when I was about 2 years old.

"I make this statement so that others may learn of the wonderful merit of Eckman's Alternative. I regard my recovery as being miraculous."
JAS. SQUIRE,
(Owns affidavit)
Eckman's Alternative is effective in bronchitis, asthma, hay fever, throat and lung troubles and in upholding the system. Does not contain poisonous opiates or habit-forming drugs. For sale by the Owl Drug Co., and other leading druggists. Call for booklet telling of recoveries and write to Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia, Pa., for additional evidence.

Portland's First Department Store to Inaugurate a Real Eight-Hour Working Day; the First to Establish a Half Holiday on Thursdays During the Months of July and August, and First to Grant Their Employees a Full Week's Vacation With Full Pay, and a Full Hour for Lunch the Year Round—Store Opens at 8:30 A. M., Closes 5:30 P. M.

Children's Cotton Hose, 20c Grade on Sale, Pair 16c

Good durable Cotton Hose for boys and girls, both medium and heavy weight, made with reinforced heel and toe. All sizes 5 to 10. Wayne Knit and American Beauty Hose, the kind sold regularly at 20c pair, priced for this sale at 16c

Pac. Phone Marshall 5080, Home A 2112



Women's Lisle Hose, Best 35c Grade, 25c a Pair

A splendid wearing line of Women's Lisle Hose, mercerized to look like silk, made with double sole and linen heel and toe, and double garter top. All sizes, 8½ to 10. They are full seamless and are regularly sold at 35c pair, sale price 25c

Every Section of This Great Store Is Crowded With New Spring Merchandise

Every Transaction Must Give Lasting Satisfaction

Because a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, we strive to make every transaction here yield permanent, as well as temporary, satisfaction. If we fail to do it, we weaken some link in the chain that holds confidence between the customer and the store. And that is fatal to our growth. You can buy, try and have money back for the asking here. We would rather lose a sale than a friend. Half the profit and all the pleasure of doing business lies in satisfying the customer—ALL THE TIME.

The purchases that have been made for the new season are rapidly arriving, and already one may gather, from an inspection of the attractive displays of new merchandise in the various sections, a comprehensive and authoritative knowledge of the trend that fashion is to take in Spring apparel and accessories. A few values from the many shown at this store are presented here for the purpose of showing which way the "wind of economy blows." Let this be YOUR store

And See What Splendid Savings Are Possible

A Great Exposition of Fashionable Woolen Dress Goods

The Spring dressmaking season is on in earnest and women everywhere are eagerly seeking information about the new fashions. Our Dress Goods and Silk Sections are veritable storehouses of accurate enlightenment, rightly illustrated object lessons on what is newest and most desirable. You will find here hosts of exquisite and really exclusive materials—things that cannot be obtained in other Portland stores. All excel in the beauty and charm of their colorings and designs anything we have ever shown before. Come, make your selections while assortments are at their best.

JUST ARRIVED—A BEAUTIFUL LINE OF FANCY SILKS

Two toned Jacquards, New Brocades, New Peau de Cygnes, Swiss Taffetas, etc., all undervalued at, the yard 98c

The most popular weaves and colorings for Spring are here in an unlimited showing. You have choice from pretty Two-Toned Jacquard Fancies, rich new Brocades, neat Pin, Hairline and Pekin Stripes in Peau de Cygnes, Swiss Taffetas, Paillette de Soie and Charmeuse Finished Satins, in widths from 24 to 27 inches. All are beautiful new Silks perfect in weave and finish and considerably undervalued for this sale at, the yard.... 98c

Cheney Bros.' New Shower-Proof Foulards, yard 79c

Foulards are again in great favor and we have collected a wonderful assortment of Cheney Bros.' Shower-Proof Silks. They come in all wanted colors in pretty, small designs. They are absolutely spotless and are full 23 inches wide; this season's price will be, yard... 79c

Priestley's New Fabric for Spring is a rich, cleverly woven silk and mohair material, called Scintilla. It is a dust-resisting fabric of brilliant finish that makes up beautifully. Comes full 45 inches wide and in the best colors. On special sale \$1.50

All-Wool Dress Goods—An unlimited assortment to choose from. Particularly attractive are the new pin, hairline and shadow striped styles, the new diagonals and shepherd checks. These come from 42 to 46 inches wide and are in the most popular new Spring colorings. \$1.00 Strictly all wool. Yard... \$1.00

Genuine Imported Fancy Tub Silks 85c

By placing large orders, months ago, direct with the manufacturers, we are enabled to offer better than usual values in Tub Silks, the favorite fabric for Summer wear. These come full 32 inches wide and are shown in pretty striped styles in most all colors. Buy now and take advantage of this low price, yd. 85c

New Silk Poplins at 75¢ a Yard

36 inches wide. Think of it! Do you realize the advantage of this width? These Fine Silk Poplins are firmly woven and come with a fine soft finish that will retain its luster. It is a fabric that will not slip or pull and one that is very durable, shown here in the most desirable plain colors and priced this sale yd. 75c

New Novelty Fabrics—All new Spring styles in the best weaves—Homespuns, Novelty Worsteds, New Corded Novelties, Neat Mixtures, Novelty Serges, Wide-Wale Diagonals, etc. An endless assortment in 50 to 56-in, widths, \$1.50 to \$2 yard

The New Spring Styles in Women's Suits



At \$12.50, \$15, \$17.50 to \$25 Come and See the New Spring Suits. Here you'll find a greater showing than ever before so early in the season. Beautiful creations direct from the makers who set styles and fashions. They come in navy serges, poplin and novelty worsteds in plain colors; also some neat hairline stripes and Bedford cords. There's a large line of tan and gray mixtures, too. All sizes in these stunning garments at prices to suit everyone.

Children's Coats in New Spring Styles at \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.50 to \$8.50

Just received a most wonderful line of Children's New Spring Coats—the prettiest we have ever yet shown. They come in black peau de soie, bengaline and some beautiful mixtures; also black and white check and navy serges. There's a large line of Washable Coats, in the latest materials.

Silk Petticoats, Values to \$5.00, Special \$2.98

You must be sure and see this beautiful line of New Silk Petticoats. They come in all the latest combination colors, as well as the latest in plain colors including cerise, shamrock, etc. Handsome garments well made and finely finished. Values to \$5.00, specially priced at only \$2.98

Women's Shoes Reduced

Late styles in Patents, Tans, Gunmetal and Kid. Reg. \$3 and \$3.50 vaules, tomorrow \$2.45

The Low Shoe season is almost upon us and we have still some wonderful offers in Women's Patents, Tans, Gunmetals and Kid Shoes. We are going to dispose of them at ridiculously low prices. They come in short vamp, low and high heel, button and blucher styles and selling regularly at \$3.00 to \$3.50. Priced tomorrow at only \$2.45

Little Girls' Gunmetal and Patent Tipped Button Shoes, \$1.60 values 99c

Little Men's Double Cap Satin Calf Shoes in sizes 8½ to 13, special at 99c

Curtains--Spring Lines

At Prices You'll Be Pleased to Pay

With Spring come the thoughts of housecleaning and a great many housekeepers will find themselves in need of New Curtains. We request your inspection of our new line, knowing full well that you cannot equal these values elsewhere.

\$1.50 Pair—At this price we are showing an unusually fine line Cream, White and Arabian Serim and Net Curtains, full 36 inches wide and 2½ yards long. A large variety of styles with lace edge, lace inserting and hemstitched borders.

\$2.00 Pair—Another very fine line of White, Cream and Arabian Net Curtains, full 36 inches wide and 2½ yards long. They come in a large variety of styles with lace edge and inserting. All new goods and exceptional values at this price.

\$2.50 Pair—In this lot you will find Serim, Bobbinet and Madras Lace Curtains in white, cream and Arabian. They come from 36 to 50 inches wide and 2½ and 3 yards long. The best values we have ever offered at this price.

\$3.50 Pair—Extremely Fine Curtains in white and ecru Marquette Serim, Marie Antoinette and Voile Serim with Filet inserting. They come in widths from 38 to 42 inches and are full 2½ yards long. The kind that will please any housekeeper.

EXTRA—250 Pairs Best \$1.25 Lace Curtains, Pair 90¢ Only a limited number of pairs to sell at this price—about 250—so don't delay your coming. Both White and Arabian Scotch Lace Curtains, shown in a large variety of neat new patterns. They come full 45 inches wide and 3 yards long.

New Printed Serim 40 inches wide, plain centers with pretty borders, the yard 35c

Come See the New Embroideries

If you want Embroideries of quality in designs that are "different," come here and see what we have to offer you. We know you will be pleased with our showing and here are some examples of the wonderful values we are offering in this line:

sale Extraordinary—45-Inch Full-Length Dress Embroidery, shown in exquisite patterns embroidered on batiste, swiss and voile. Regular values to \$6.00, specially priced at, the yard \$1.98

This is just the opportunity for which you have been waiting. Tomorrow we place on sale beautiful 45-inch full-length Dress Embroidery at such a ridiculously low price that all may profit. Never yet have we shown such handsome pieces as these. Exquisite patterns.

Wonderful Showing Baby Flouncing

In either the ruffle, scallop or hemmed edge. Best grades to \$1.25, special at, yard 48c

Buy at this sale tomorrow and save nearly half. You have choice of about 1500 yards Handsome Baby Flouncing, shown in neat patterns with ruffle, scallop or hemmed edge. Full 27-inch Flouncing embroidered on extra fine, sheer swiss or batiste and regular values to \$1.25 a yard, specially priced for this sale 48c

Shadow Lace, best grade to 65 cents 25c

An extra special offering of Shadow Edges and Bands, four to ten inches wide. They come in cream, ecru or white and sell regularly to 65c yard, special at 25c

Coat Sets, values to \$1.75, at only 98c

Handsome Lace Coat Sets that are neat, stylish and serviceable. Over 100 choice patterns to select from. Come in ecru or white and reg-ular values to \$1.75, spl. set. 98c