AMERICA NO AS PLEASING AS WHEN THEY LONGER SEA

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Points to Weakness of Merchant Marine-Shipping Seems Destined to Be Lost to Country.

Washington, Dec. 13 .- One of the most important phases of the report of the secretary of commerce and labor. Charles Nagle, in his report to the president today is his reference to the decadence of the American merchant marine. In part Secretary Nagle says: Our shipping registered for foreign trade on June 30, 1909, consisted of 1633 vessels of 887,505 gross tons, but even these modest figures are an overstatement of our resources in internacompetition. They include a er of yessels which have outlived their usefulness and others which, though registered, are engaged in trades though registered, are engaged in trades from which foreign ships are excluded. For effective competition in foreign trade any one of saveral of the great British and German steamship companies is better equipped than the the entire steam fleet in that trade under the American flag. If a change in our policy of restricting the national register to vessels built at home alone would remedy this situation, few would oppose such a change. It is significant, however, that during the past year three of our Transatlantic steamships, built recently in the United States, were transferred to the Belgian flag. At the beginning of the current fiscal year we had only four American steamships regularly engaged in European trade, only five in trade with Asia, and none with South America below the Caribbean, or with Australia or Africa. Under existing conditions the number will not increase, and may decrease. Lest year our exports and imcrease. Last year our exports and imports in round numbers amounted to \$2.726.666,660, of which only \$258,657,600, or 9.5 per cent, was carried in American ships.

Ocean Mails and Commerce.

With good reason we are building a powerful navy, and congress has been generous in its appropriations for the purpose. The argument for an adequate merchant marine is fully as strong and should appeal with equal force to men of all narties. By the common consent of civilized nations the policy of discriminating duties was abandoned long ago. The conditions of our foreign commerce render it particularly inapplicable to our own situation. At the present time foreign governments are spending annually about \$45,000,000 upon certain types of merchant steamships. The form of expenditure varies, of course, and the objects differ. In some instances the prime object is to promote regular transportation facilities, in others to provide reserve cruisers or army transports, while the creation of a body of naval reserve seamen, the encouragement of shipbuilding, and Ocean Mails and Commerce. tion of a body of naval reserve seamen, the encouragement of shipbuilding, and legular and swift carrying of ocean mails are reasons for other appropriations. Whatever the purpose, the result in each case is the same—the increase of the nation's merchant marine and merchant seamen. It is not material that in some instances the amounts are described as subsidies and in others are resembled. Nor as payments for services rendered. Nor do I deem the amounts and conditions of appropriations essential. The fact, common to all these expenditures, suffices—that each nation desires certain types of ocean steamships under its own flag on certain routes, and where they do not exist it is willing to pay enough to get them.

Creating Merchant Marine. vments for services rendered.

Greating Merchant Marine. The creation of a merchant marine money contributions from eastern foreign trade proportionate in any degree to our rank among nations must be a slow undertaking. The approach-wright, having served their terms. They ing completion of the Panama canal, as already indicated, will create some favorable conditions, but it also impressed the abligation of carry action.

Good Music and Active Chorus.

"The Land of Nod," with a cast of balanced excellence and a chorus that is a chorus returned to the Baker yesterday and was greeted by two S. R. O. audi-"The Land of Nod" is billed as a musical extravaganza, and so. it is. There are 22 musical numbers and five scenes in the two acts. The chorus is on from start to finish, and deserved special mention for its looks, dancing and singing.

Many of the same principals are i the cast this year, and those who have been recently added are up to the stand ard. The biggest hit in the piece was "The Belle of Baldhead Row," as sung by Adelaide Harland, the chorus girl Miss Harland is nothing short of \$ miniature whirlwind, and her secon song, "The Billiken Man," was another

Bessillee Merrill as the "Jack Hearts," was decidedly pleasing. She has plenty of good looks, a sweet per sonality and an unusually good voice "Garden of Roses," and "My Lady Love" were her best songs. Anna McNabb as Bonnie, the earth child, who visits the "Land of Nod," was a dainty little person who would have been much more charming in the part of she did not have such an unpleasant voice which seems assumed for the occasion.

Of the men, Nelli McNeil, as the April Fool, deserves first mention. He was funny and his two lines, "Well, that's fair enough," and "Let me make a suggestion," never failed to bring a laugh. George Fox, as the Man in the Moon, was good to look upon, and played the part with grace and ease. E. D. Coe was intended to be a scream as the Welsh Rarebit, but he fell short of the mark, and only saved himself through his musical specialties which were really good. Nelson Riley, who played the Weatherman and the Devil, had an excellent voice, and was the favorite with the audience. William Morgan as the wicked Sandman, and Lillian Boyd, as Rory Bory Alice, were there when needed, and made good.

There are several splendid novelties songs and scenic effects. There will be a bargain matinee Wednesday, with the usual matinee Saturday.

Several measures to this end are now pending in congress. While differing in important respects, they all provide for an extension of the ocean mail act of 1891. The special reasons for American ocean mail steamship lines to South America, and by way of Hawaii to Australia and to Asia, including the Philippines, have been repeatedly set forth, as have been the reasons for increasing the per mile compensation of American ocean mail steamships, under the conditions prescribed by the act of 1891, oh routes to South America, Asia and Australia.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR I. W. W. AT SPOKANE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—Elizabeth
Gurley Flynn, called the "Joan of Arc"
of the Spokane free speech movement, attracted a great crowd yesterday after-noon when she delivered an address in defense of the Industrial Workers of the World. She is out on bail, while her appeal from her three months' jail sentence for conspiracy is pending. Referring to the switchmen's strike

"Fellow workers, and not strikebreakers, have caused the practical loss of the strike. The railroads are organized but their workers are not."

Overflow meetings were held. The free speech fight will take on renewed vigor this week, with the inflow of supporters from the east, and with

are too weak from lack of food to re-sume the fight. There are 120 in the sume the fight. There are 120 in the

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FIRST WENT ON THE BOARDS "The Land of Nod" Presents "The Man of the Hour" Entertains Large Audience at Bungalow. By R. A. W. Alderman James Phelan, who is really be man of the hour in "The Man of the paying Portland his third

risit. He and his companions in entertainment unpacked their trunks at the Bungalow yesterday, and will entertain their friends there for three nights more, with a matines on Wednesday

"The Man of the Hour" pleases its audiences the same this time as it has in seasons past. It is well played, and it olds its interest. Owing to the fact, erhaps, that the portrayal of honesty f purpose and personal integrity winng a fight against the machinations of orporate greed and political corrupon always strikes a popular chord, people who go to see "The Man of he Hour" are generally moved at the icture it presents. The piece itself is nough to make a go of it, almost irrepective of the acting put back of it.

Last night, however, there was a decolstered up the interest. Arthur Maitand makes a good mayor, even though he does not thump the table like Harry He is built more after the Simon order, being at all times cool and col-But then he had a job that reaufred coolness.

T. S. Guise, as Charles Wainwright the grafting traction magnate, was cold blooded enough to be a millionaire, while John Moore looked and acted just like a eal bloodthirsty conscienceless booding ringmaster ought to look.

The favorite of the evening, however, was Felix Haney, who is, apparently, just as Irish off the stage as on, which allows him to be perfectly natural Then he may have been an alderman and have given picnics to the orphans, who knows. Anyway, whenever he wanted the audience to do anything it obediently did it, which shows that he did

H. J. Jewitt, in the few words he had to say, showed that he had fire stored away, and is capable of bringing it out when he is given an opportunity.

It is very ungallant to say it, but the eminine part of the cast does not weigh up, professionally speaking, to the standard set. Miss Madeline Winthrop. as Dallas Wainwright, brings beauty to the show, but not much animation or Miss Anna Reeder is a cute little lady, and does not really have much chance to show what she can Miss Florence Beck, as Mrs. Bennett, gets into the game with more fervor than does Miss Winthrop and wins applause by telling her boy to go through with his honesty business irrespective of what happens, but she does it in a very quiet, ladylike way, that shows no great abandonment to grief or shattered ideals.

This does not mean that the show is not a good one—it is. It is strong and compelling now, as it has been before, and it is worth taking the time to see.

SUFFRAGIST'S IDEA OF GOOD OLD TIMES

Chicago, Dec. 13 .- That draughts and nowstorms and other disturbances as well as the sunshine could come streaming at morn through the little window in the house that the poet remembered as his birthplace, was pointed out by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the national suffrage organization, in an address to the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs in illustrating an argu ment on the advantages of modern

methods. Whenever I hear a man longing for 'the good old fashioned woman,' the things that poets and songsters have dwelt on for years," said Dr. Shaw, at one part of her speech, "I think of the nouse he has just built and how anything that was not absolutely up to the latest minute in its construction drew great storms of wrath upon the mod-

ern architect. "The good old fashioned things we near about were very good for poetry and song, but not for actual living conditions.

"I do not want to give the idea that I am slurring things of old, but their importance is vastly overshadowed by the importance of things today—women, houses and all. Of course, at present woman is not appreciated and given the position that God expected her to have. It will be a thousand years before this

"A point I would like to make in this connection is the objection by some people that women are anxious to leave the fireside for commercialism. If they could arise some gray morning and see the women going to work they would know how they doted on the sweatshop. It is merely to take the place of the practical grandmother who was a pro-ducer of clothes and articles of comnerce in her own home. Only she could choose her own hours, her remuneration and surroundings. Today she cannot and never will until she grasps the bal-

DEAF MUTES UNVEIL TABLET TO LEADER

New York, Dec. 18 .- Deaf mutes of ne whole country, who have been conributing their mites toward the erecion of a tablet to their great leader and enefactor, the late Rev. Dr. Thomas Gallaudet, widely known for his work among and for deaf mutes, are pleased that the tablet is a reality. In St. Ann's Church for Deaf Mutes, in West one Hundred and Forty-eight street, the ablet, a very beautiful one, was un-

The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. John Chamberlain, a veteran worker among deaf mutes, and the Rev. J. H. Keiser. There were present also the Rev. Arthur H. Judge, rector of St. Matthew's church, of which St. Ann's is a part, and E. M. Gallaudet, L.L. D. president of the Dear Mute college in Washington, and a brother of the late The tablet was mute worker. placed on the chancel wall.

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Washington, Dec. 13 .- Adjutant General W. E. Finser of Oregon, when re-cently called on by Congressman W. H. Wiley of New Jersey, to assist in preattendance on drills and in the per-

Congressman Riley has spent much time this summer in preparing his bill. He has adopted General Finzer's recommendation as to compensation, and will push his measure this winter, if pos-sible, getting the indorsement of the General Finzer's ary meeting here. comment in part was:

Pay Insures Better Protection. "In the opinion of the majority of officers of the national guard of Oregop, the most important step that can be taken by congress is to provide some small compensation for services rendered by the officers and men of the organized militia. The training now given the national guard is almost en-tirely along the lines for providing for national defense, and the time spent for drills and other purposes amounts to considerable, for which no compensa-tion is now furnished. If the troops were paid, better attendance could be demanded, and greater protection could be given to state and United States The service rendered by the roperty. militia is the only government service that is rendered free.

Mr. Wiley's bill provides that an officer of the regular army ranking no less than Heutenant colonel shall be detailed to inspect the national guard in any state which has at least four companies of militia; for states having less, the inspection officer of an adjoining state shall perform that duty.

General Drain Assists. One of the men who assisted by counsel in the preparation of the Wiley bill was General Drain, formerly adjutant general of the state of Washington, now publishing a military pa per here, "Arms and the Man." General Drain has not yet fully indorsed the plan to push a militia bill this winter. He is chairman of the executive committee of the National Guard association, and that organization probGeneral Drain, in a measure pursuing a waiting policy, as to the wisdom of pressing for further legislation this winter, lays down this dictum as the first desideratum—that the federal government must declare, adopt and proceed to execute vigorously a military policy, must abandon its present spasmodic policies, and that only when that shall have been done will it be possible for this government to go ahead intelligently along military lines.

ably will pass on the subject in Janu-

GAS COMPANY AHEAD MORE THAN \$700,000

New York, Dec. 13.-The distribution of gas rebates to the public was practically completed with the filling of the report of Special Master John A. Shields. paring a bill for the reorganization of The report shows that \$10,110,703.09 the militia, took a stand for the pay- has been returned to consumers, out ment of compensation to the members of a total rebate fund of \$10,813,304.85. of the companies of state guards for Most of the balance of \$702,661.76 will with a decision of Jadge Lacombe.

All the rebates have not yet been paid, but the amounts thus far dis-tributed are as follows: Consolidated Gas company, \$4,384, 089.01; Standard, \$9333,117,88; New York Mutual, \$794,702.94; Central Union, \$669.818.56; New Amsterdam, \$1,102. National Guard association at its Janu- 408.88, and Northern Union, \$266,806.17. 408.88, and Northern Union, \$226,505.17.

In addition to these sums, the Consolidated also returned rebates to the amount of \$1.959,759,65, withheld from of that community are about to take consumers from March 30, 1908, to steps to incorporate the town of Aumstralia.

County Bridge Over Santiam Gives Way and Children Narrowly Escape.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal) Stayton, Or., Dec. 13.—Dragging her little brother to safety, "Bobby" Morton, the brave daugnter of R. L. Morton. after being hurled prostrate by the jar of the falling bridge, reached the abut-ment of the main county wagon bridge Sunday afternoon just as the north spar fell into the Santiam river. Three other children, June Kearns, Gladys Hill and Florence Morton, ran to the other end before the bridge crashed down.

The November rise of the river and the consequent undermining are responsible for the accident, which severed all communication. A cable and ferry, or foot bridge will probably be in-

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Bessilee Merrill as Jack of Hearts

in "The Land of Nod," at the Baker

Straw Promises Improvements.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Marshfield, Or., Dec. 13.—The erection of a \$56,060 city hall, the building

of more paved streets and making a

sewer system for the entire city of Marshfield, are some of the things which Mayor E. E. Straw, who was

elected for a third term as mayor of

the city, states that he will strive

policy if elected and in these matters

of public improvement he was indosed

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