

DRAMA LEAGUE DOING GOOD WORK FOR THE SCHOOLS

Apropos of the recent presentation of Swedish folk games by the Roosevelt school, our local center considers it very important and pertinent at this time to call especial attention to the very efficient and educational work which the Drama league centers are doing all over the country in school dramatics and pageantry. Realizing as it does the great value of dramatic interpretation in the child's mental and physical development, the Drama League considers this work the most potent and far-reaching factor in its educational and cultural propaganda.

The following is an extract taken from the report made by the chairman of the pageant committee to the annual convention of the National Drama League. It bears upon the five possibilities of the many phases of this work, and outlines the various ways in which it can be taken up in conjunction with school curriculums:

"I would create Drama Centers creating a demand for the festival in school life, as at present it has no place in the average school curriculum. The cry is that the school curriculum is too full to give a place to play activities. The demand can be created by enlightening the public. Through festivals and pageants many children can find an opportunity for self expression which will be of inestimable value in later life. If every boy and girl were sufficiently familiar with the history of his city, state and country, to take part in making it live again through pageantry; if he were so familiar with folk music, folk lore, folk dance and folk games, that the expressing of these art forms would be a joy, then there would be less work for detention homes and juvenile courts. This objective method of teaching history, literature, classics, music and art would so fit children for social service work that the giving of a community historical pageant would be a comparative ease. Children would be fitted to co-operate with the grown people. Sixteen years ago municipal playgrounds seemed as unattainable as today does this changed curriculum for the schools of America."

It will readily be seen that the work is of a very practical and adaptable nature to school courses and aims. The educational department of our local center, through a specially appointed committee for its introduction in our public schools, should find a fertile field, and hopes for good results in the near future.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY WANTS OUR EXPERT

(Grants Pass Courier.)

A. C. Allen, the recently appointed member of the state horticultural commission from this district, was in the city today from Medford, and met with the fruit growers of this vicinity at the Commercial club rooms. About fifty of the local horticulturists were in attendance at the meeting, which was characterized by harmony and good feeling. The main issue for discussion was the proposed appointment by the county court, acting with the extension department of the agricultural college, of a farm adviser, and a resolution was adopted unanimously indorsing such action. A second resolution, also adopted by unanimous vote, was in favor of the retention of J. F. Burke as county fruit inspector. The meeting was presided over by H. Wood.

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The Third Degree at Page.

The Third Degree by Charles Klein, the author of the Lion and The Mouse, as a photoplay will be shown at the Page Sunday, matinee and evening. The Third Degree has even excited this. It is in five parts and with a very strong cast. The management were disappointed in this booking, as they were only able to secure this wonderful picture for one day.

COUNCIL PUTS CHARTER TO VOTE JANUARY ELECTION

At its special meeting last night, the city council submitted the new charter to the voters at the regular municipal election to be held January 12th.

If any one word can characterize the work on the charter both in the original drafting committee, the full commission of 21 and in its consideration by the members of the council, it is thoroughness. Not a section or phrase in the charter escaped a careful review.

Most of last night's session was devoted to the election provisions, which come in for warm words of praise. It was pointed out that Australia, which had led the world in election methods and from whom we had obtained our "Australian ballot" now in use, had long ago changed to the improved method adopted for this new charter.

The best of feeling prevailed and the spirit of an earnest desire to make any possible improvement, controlled the proceedings. A large number of citizens were present and joined freely in the discussions. Colonel Sargent in voting for the charter, said, "I have gone over this work word for word, twice and have suggested conceivable improvement. I wanted my vote here to mean that I knew absolutely every provision of the charter and that I could recommend it to the people. I am happy to be able to conscientiously and enthusiastically vote for it."

Nominations for three councilmen and a mayor will be made for the coming election just as though the charter was not up for adoption. The hold-over and newly elected councilmen will be members of the new board with the newly elected mayor, as the seventh member and president thereof. As such president, he will be the chief executive of the city.

MEDIATORS NOT TO VISIT COLORADO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Seth Low, chairman of the Colorado conciliation commission, announced today after a conference between the commission and the secretary of labor, Mr. Wilson, that the commission would not go to Colorado at present. Mr. Low said:

"For the moment there seems to be no reason why we should go to Colorado. We will confer from time to time and will be guided by circumstances as to our policy. The commission has arranged to have its headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce building, No. 63 Liberty street, New York.

GERMAN SPY SHIPPED IN TRUNK TAKEN PRISONER

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A vigilant customs officer at Gravesend made a sensational capture today of a German army officer, whom he extracted from hiding in a huge trunk that was about to be shipped from Gravesend to Rotterdam.

This trunk was going forward as ordinary merchandise on board the steamer Batavier. The customs officer became suspicious and gave orders that the padlocks on the trunk be chiseled off. This was done and when the lid was removed his suspicions were justified. A man later identified as a German officer, was lifted out of the box. He was promptly removed to the Gravesend police station. Bedding, food and water were found in the trunk and it was evident that the man was prepared for a long stay.

It is believed that this officer made his escape from one of the internment camps in England and it is evident that he must have had accomplices in his effort to leave the country hidden in the trunk. It is supposed that he was endeavoring to convey information to Germany.

OHIO STRIKE BROKEN MEN GO TO WORK

BELAIR, Ohio, Dec. 12.—The deadlock between miners and operators in the Eastern Ohio coal fields, which has existed since last April when the miners struck for increased wages, was broken today with the announcement that 2,000 men at the Fairpoint mine would return to work Monday under the Pittsburgh scale.

The West Wheeling mine also will resume on Monday but on a profit sharing basis. It was said that fully 16,000 miners were still out, but that if the co-operative plan of the West Wheeling mine proves satisfactory other companies will adopt it.

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TURKISH FLEET BOMBARDS BATUN HUNDRED KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 12, 12:25 p. m.—A dispatch received here from Constantinople by way of Berlin says a Turkish fleet yesterday bombarded the environs of Batun, the Russian seaport on the eastern coast of the Black sea. One hundred Russians were killed and a number were wounded by the fire.


Since the engagement between Russian and Turkish warships in which the former cruiser Goeben, principal

unit of the Turkish naval forces, was damaged, there has been little activity on the Black sea, and today's dispatches give no intimation of the capture of the Turkish vessels which made the attack, or of the whereabouts of the Russian warships.

ARIZONA ALIEN ACT BARRED FROM FORTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The war department has refused to permit the Arizona anti-alien law to be applied to the military reservations and forts in Arizona. The decision is based upon the fact that the state conferred exclusive jurisdiction over the reservation to the United States government.

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