

Amusements

POLLS

The idol of the American stage, Ethel Barrymore is to appear on the Poll screen tomorrow. Seldom has this charming actress been seen in this city and her appearance now is doubly interesting to theatre-goers because of the vehicle of her entrance. "The Lifted Veil" which will be shown in its five immense acts. This picture which involves society and a love tragedy will be featured on the Poll screen today and for the remainder of the week, although Hearst-Pathe news release will have its attractive enhancement because of the extra effort of the cameramen to take accurate pictures of the naval and army movements of the Liberty forces.

On the vaudeville program the most interesting novel act in fact vaudeville's greatest dancing act comes to this city. Tango Shoes, always new, always fresh and always filled with activity will be quite the rage among dancers after they have witnessed the company perform.

Mabel Cameron and Alan Devitt in the screaming sketch "The Groom Forgot" are a special attraction at Poll's and come with a company of three to play this new act which has been written especially for their talent. Greely & Drake, known as "The Two Black Laughs" will add to the hilarity of the Poll week-end with wells, Norworth & Nelson, introducing to Bridgeport their great imitation of a "Rathskellar," and the Pierre Sisters in comedy novelty.

With the well stars that adorn this offering the Bridgeport theatre-going public, seating capacity in the big house will undoubtedly be at a premium and the early showgoer will not be disappointed.

PLAZA

Today ushers in another brilliant combination of vaudeville and photo plays at the Plaza and the new program will be presented three times daily during the rest of the week. Appearing at the head of the vaudeville list are Howard and Fields in that tuneful, shoulder swaying musical novelty, "The Rag Time Dining Car." Vaudeville patrons ever ready to give the new and original a warm welcome will find in this act something that has hitherto been overlooked by act originators. The act is so well filled with catchy music, and the brightest most up to the minute sort of comedy talk that it has been proving a whirlwind success during a long string of big vaudeville engagements. Holding the position of honor among the Plaza screen productions for the balance of the week is a stirring drama entitled "Soldiers of Chance," a Greater Vitaphone production featuring Ewart Overton, Miriam Fouché, Julia Swayne Gordon and a strong supporting company. Here is a story of South America with its action and scenes set in the mystic enchantment of the tropics. It is a drama of financial intrigue and a brave man's fight for love. "Soldiers of Chance" is in every way a modern picture with a lovable hero and heroine who are, through the workings of fate, propelled into the midst of a South American revolution. The picture is one of stirring action and compelling force throughout the five faultlessly produced acts that compose the strong screen story. Prominent among the vaudeville acts is Kitty Flynn, known as "The Girl From Brighton." Down at that particular portion of New York's seashore this clever singing comedienne has long been a ruling favorite, a position gained by her vivacious manner, exceptional cleverness and charming personality. Rice and Francis, a clear comedian and a pretty girl, deliver a particularly fetching combination of singing and comedy patter. Olive Green & Co. form one of the strongest singing and dancing trios in vaudeville and they are positively sure of reentering a decided hit with their songs who attend the Plaza. The ninth episode of "The Fatal Ring" with Pearl White and the popular cast, occupies an added feature position. "The Fatal Ring" is proving one of the most exciting, gripping and thoroughly interesting serial pictures that has ever been produced. Each episode proves a strong magnet of attraction.

LYRIC

Theodore Burt Sayre's gripping military play "The Commanding Officer" which established new records for runs when produced on Broadway, will be the offering of the New Lyric stock company in its fourth week in this city. The piece was procured only after a good deal of persuasion on the part of the Poll management, because Mr. Sayre was unwilling to place it in the hands of a stock company until he was satisfied that it would receive the interpretation and excellent acting that it deserves. Manager Arvine, however, quickly settled the matter. He had the noted playwright as his guest here Monday evening, and Mr. Sayre, after seeing the work of the actors and actresses, in "Broadway and Buttermilk" immediately gave his consent. He had the highest praise for the playing of Miss Warda Howarth and Dudley Ayers, leading woman and man respectively, and in addition put himself on record as declaring that the minor parts in "The Commanding Officer," which aren't really minor parts at all, would be well taken care of by the rest of the New Lyric cast. "Broadway and Buttermilk," released for the first time for stock, will continue as the attraction during the remainder of the week, and Miss Howard's now celebrated buttermilk, will be dispensed to patrons during the acts in the lobby. There will be a re-aquainted matinee Friday afternoon at which Miss Edith Spencer and Arthur Buchanan, two of the most popular members of the company, will be the stars. There will be a special souvenir matinee next Monday. George Greeley, juvenile, who has been obtained from the Frohman company as one of the highest priced men in his line, will soon make his debut before the new Lyric patrons.

The British casualties for week ended Sept. 15, total 4,890 men and officers. Boston has begun her two weeks of wheatless days, suggested by the Food Administration.

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SUFFRAGIST OFFICERS CONSENT TO CO-OPERATE WITH ORGANIZATIONS; WON'T WITHDRAW RESIGNATIONS

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Sept. 20.—At the meeting of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage association executive committee held yesterday afternoon at suffrage headquarters, Mrs. Thomas M. Hepburn, president of the association and Mrs. M. Toscan Bennett, treasurer, tendered their resignations, which were accepted.

They will fill out their terms, however, because Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton, who was elected to the presidency, said she would be unable to take the job because of work she is doing at Washington. The request that Mrs. Hepburn stay in office temporarily was accompanied by one to Mrs. Bennett. Mrs. Hepburn's letter of resignation follows:

"The time has come when I can no longer continue to be president of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage association and I herewith send you my resignation.

"During the past seven years we have worked together and I have come to have a very deep personal affection for the members of the board. It is a great grief to me to realize that if I am to follow my honest convictions and sever my official relations with you.

"In the early days of our association we were entirely independent and could adopt any policy that we pleased. It was the promotion of suffrage but today this has all changed. The National American Woman Suffrage association, of which our association is a member dictates its policy and determines all of our essential concerns. I am on protest against this attitude on the part of the national association. I believe that they cannot do otherwise. Today national work is of first importance. Women now vote in 19 states the shortest way to secure suffrage for all the women of the United States is for suffragists to concentrate on the federal amendment in order to ensure a uniform policy within its own organization. The question before us is therefore whether or not we believe in the policies of the national association.

"I have reluctantly come to feel that the policy of the national association in their work for the federal amendment is futile, academic, and out of date. After the last national convention, held in Atlantic City, I felt pretty hopeless about the ability of the national association to lead us to victory. The president of the association made a very fine speech called "The Crisis" in which she said that we must change from academic to political methods, but every practical effort made at the convention to secure the adoption of any constructive political policy on the part of the national was frowned upon. This summer the national has lined up with the Anti-Suffragists in their condemnation of the suffrage work which the Woman's party is doing at Washington in spite of the fact that this is the most practical work which has been done this summer toward securing the passage of the federal amendment. This carrying attitude on the part of the national association, taken in connection with their own unwillingness or inability to adopt any adequate political policy has made me realize that I cannot consistently serve as president of a state branch of the national association, notwithstanding my devotion to the Connecticut Woman Suffrage association.

"The National Woman Suffrage association is not the only national association working for woman suffrage. The Woman's party, a younger and more vigorous body, is devoting all its energies to securing the passage of the federal amendment. While the national association ignores the women's vote in the west as a lever toward securing the passage of the amendment the Woman's party asks them to vote against the party that has refused to pass the amendment. I think that the Woman's party is right and the national is wrong. In fact, the policy of organizing the western women's vote to push through the federal amendment would seem to be the A B C of political methods in any practical attempt to secure the national enfranchisement of women.

"Today, more than ever, the importance of woman suffrage is thrust into high relief. England, Russia and Canada have given women the vote since the war began. With their men gone it is imperative for the women left at home, the only representatives of their families, to have a voice in the government. Both industrial and political women in war time have to go to the work of the men who have gone to the front. Our government should pass the federal amendment at once to protect themselves and their families, but we know that the government will not do this unless those most interested insist upon it.

"We have gone to war for democracy and yet millions of women in our country are denied the right to vote. Simply mentioning this fact in suffrage journals and to suffrage audiences is futile. We must say it in such a way that all the world will hear and that is what the pickets of the Woman's Party have done at Washington. My sympathies are all with them. I admire their honesty, their self-forgetfulness, and their practical wisdom. In my opinion it is through such women as these that we shall secure the suffrage in Connecticut by federal amendment. In the future I shall support the Woman's party."

association is affiliated is so great and is based upon such fundamental matters of principle as to make it possible for me to continue longer in my present official position.

"At the risk of being misunderstood, misinterpreted, yes, even misrepresented, as others of my faith have been, I wish to endeavor to set before you the reasons for that faith. I feel that our long association in a common cause makes this incumbent upon me now when our ways seem to lie apart.

"For years we have worked for the advancement and fulfillment of the reality of democracy. We have all felt that this must of necessity precede any true and lasting betterment of the conditions of our worthy people, for it has seemed to us that so long as one-half of those people have no share in the control of the government under which they live, democracy was a hollow mockery and human betterment dependent upon the grace of those who thought their own thoughts and perhaps thought them well but whose thoughts were not our thoughts.

"In increasing numbers each year the men and women of our state and of our country have been brought to believe in the value of the possible contribution to the political life and in the justice of her being allowed to participate therein. I assume that all of us have felt that this value and this justice were matters of firm and abiding conviction. To me they were as deep and as real as any part of my life as any other matters of spiritual faith were. To me they seemed of at least as great a practical and immediate importance for realization as any other subjects for which my creed urged me to labor.

"My position today seems the logical inevitable one based upon my continuing faith. To me the day of the reality of democracy seems as much worth working for as ever. The coming of this calamitous war and our entry into it seem rather to increase not to diminish the importance of that work. The necessity for women's participation in government seems greater, more immediate. If the welfare of our country and of our people required that women be represented in the solution of peace problems, it requires it still more in the solution of war and after-war problems.

"Believing as I do, no course appears honorable to me except the one I have adopted. Believing as I do it is basically impossible for me to continue my official connection with a group whose connection with the national American Woman Suffrage association seems to require me to deny the faith that is in me. Believing as I do, I feel spiritually bound to reserve to myself the right to express freely by speech and action my fundamental convictions. What other work I may feel called upon to perform, I cannot forsake a task which lies so close to my heart, nor abandon to the vituperative epithets of foe and fair-weather friend the women whose convictions seem to be as my own.

"The Washington pickets seem to me to embody the spiritual principle which has been responsible for every great advance in civilization. They and their associates have clung to this faith in spite of every obstacle and hindrance, legal and illegal, which could be raised against them. And now to crown their sacrifice they are being accused of the very crime their inability to commit which they are doing for their doing what they are doing. Pro-German traitors, disloyal are but a few of the names which have been applied to them even by suffragists. Calumny is heaped upon them by the men who are unable to see that it is this very work which the country which compels them to suffer. That the day of the realization of democracy may soon dawn, not only in Europe but here at home as well they have fought and will continue to fight, even as their men will soon be fighting. These women have not the time nor the will to explain. Their acts must speak for them with those who can see and understand. They have given generously, freely, not alone in the line of pure suffrage work, but in such other ways as well. Those who impugn their motives must do so from ignorance or malice, they cannot or will not understand, and I cannot bring myself to add to their burden even by my silence."

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OUR NEWTOWN NEWS LETTER

(Special to The Farmer.)

Newtown, Sept. 20.—Those who were called and who left town today to report at headquarters in Fairfield for duty are Harry Bradley, Phillips Morris, Israel Goldstein, Charles Hurd, James Lynch, William Conger and Bert Cary.

A meeting will be held in interest of the Woman's Committee of the National Council of Defense at Miss Susan B. Scudder's home, on Main street, at 3 p. m. Friday. About 73 of their own organizations will be represented at this meeting by delegates.

The Girls' Friendly society will hold an afternoon picnic at the Tieman orchard in Mount Pleasant Friday, at 3:30 o'clock.

New recitation seats have been installed at the High school.

STEPNEY

The marriage of Miss Carolyn Osborne to Roy Turner occurred in New York city Monday afternoon, Sept. 17. The bride was tastefully attired in a handsome traveling gown with hat to match and carried a bouquet. She was attended by her sister, Grace Jennings Osborne. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal couple left for a honeymoon trip, the destination being a secret. Miss Osborne's engagement was announced in August for October. But owing to the fact that the groom received notice to report in New York where he was drawn in the selective draft, the wedding date was made earlier.

Miss Josephine Briscoe has been ill for a few days under the care of Dr. George Smith. John Jurco has moved the large evaporator shed which he recently purchased to his land on the main road. The Misses Irma Nichols and Blanche Gilbert have left to attend school at Holyoke. George Clingan has returned from a trip to New York city. Mrs. Minnie Isevisky and children of Long Hill have spent several days with friends here. Dr. George Smith has entertained his brother from Hartford. Mrs. Eugene Blakeman and Mrs. Maud Gould of California, Mo., have visited at the home of W. B. Hawley. Mrs. Emily D. Leavenworth has visited friends in Shelton this week. Edwin Loucey is attending the Lower school.

WEEK END TRIPS TO PORT JEFFERSON

The week-end trips to Port Jefferson, N. Y., on the Steamer Park City Saturdays and Sundays are greatly enjoyed by those who desire a pleasant and invigorating sail on Long Island Sound. The steamer leaves the wharf at the foot of Fairfield avenue at 11:30 a. m., arriving in Port Jefferson at 1 o'clock, and the return trip being made at 2 o'clock, arriving in Bridgeport at 3:30. At this season of the year, midday is the most enjoyable time to be on the water.

Talk Of Sports

The world is so full of a number of things, But it's getting unhealthy for princes and kings. And food speculators and fellows like that. They ought to be canned,—like this year's straw hat.

Zake Lohman, the Rochester twirler, formerly of the New York Giants, is proving to John McGraw that sometimes even the best managers make mistakes and send away good material. Zake pitched excellent ball for the Rochester club.

The Phillies are going to lose another veteran when Cactus Cravath, the great slug artist, retires at the end of the season. He is only one of a number of veterans who are practically through with the national game in the major leagues. Cravath is 35 years old. He began playing as a professional with the Los Angeles club in 1903, and remained there until 1908, when the Boston Red Sox purchased him. He played with the White Sox and Washingtons in 1909 and then went to Minneapolis for two seasons. He joined the Phillies in 1912. His record of 24 home runs was made during the campaign of 1915. This is the record in the National league since 1900.

Chief Bender, according to rumor, is working under a contract that calls

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