

THEATRICAL

Today the third great bill of the week goes on at the Victoria, presenting the American Girls Company in a rousing musical comedy production entitled "Two Jolly Tourists," a comedy with scenes laid in a gay summer resort near Paris, France. It stars those inimitable comedy headliners, Earl and Root, in the best roles they have yet played; Lillian Ziegler and Mme. Fee Choo Choo, and all the rest of the aggregation in big roles.

Special scenery for this bill is the most appropriate and beautiful yet seen at the Victoria and the costumes are the niftiest ever presented here. This is another show with all big new song hits, the selections including "Pray for the Lights to Go Out," the great Broadway hit, a successor to the famous con shout song, "Ballin' the Jack." This, as presented by Ray Lewis and chorus, will literally bring down the house. Another novelty song hit is "Walking the Dog," the great dancing hit of the 1916 "Follies," presented by Scottie Freidel and chorus.

Pauline Glenmar will present her most famous dance, a "Spanish Dance Specialty," which is the very best dance in her repertoire, with beautiful costume. "Honolulu Blues," by Miss Elsie Ziegler and chorus, is another catchy number that will be well received, while Lillian Zeigler will present "My Own Iona," a beautiful new ballad, supported by the chorus. That famous "Zig Zag Trio," com-

posed of Lewis, Root and Freidel, will also present a great new specialty.

NOW FOR CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

"The greatest and most unique comedy ever released" was the spontaneous verdict of the big critics when they had seen the first presentation of Charlie Chaplin's latest comedy scream, "One A. M.," just recently released by Mutual, and which will be presented, first run, at the Grand tomorrow.

"One A. M." depicts the adventures of Charlie in the home of a bachelor friend, to which he has gone after a big night at the club. There, Charlie is all alone, and that he keeps the house in an uproar for a full half hour, with no one else on the scene, is the greatest novelty ever seen on the screen. Charlie is in that rare and exotic state of mind and body known to science as "the stew," and variously otherwise termed "piffled," "pickled," "hard-boiled," or "osified," and those who are familiar with this glorified condition offer every assurance that Charlie is historically correct in his actions.

He has all manner of trouble with the chauffeur over a heavy charge and after numerous disastrous attempts to get out of the taxi, he discovers he has left the key to the house in another pocket and climbs up into the house through a window, upsetting a bowl of goldfish.

A series of grotesque falls follow each other, and the many great sit-

VIGILANTLY TO GUARD THE BIG GOOD ROAD FUND

Elaborate Plans to Prevent it Going Into Improper Channels.

THERE SHALL BE NO LAX METHODS

Government Determined to See That Roads Are Built Well and Where Needed.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Elaborate plans to prevent the diversion into improper channels of any part of the \$75,000,000 which the Federal government is to spend in cooperation with States on good roads within the Logan Waller Page, director of the Office of Public Power and Rural Engineering which will supervise the work.

The government is determined, officials say, that there shall be no repetition of the lax methods and waste which have characterized the building of roads in many sections and that a dollar's worth of roadbed shall be constructed for every dollar spent. Further, the Public Roads office is preparing to see to it that the roads for which the government money is spent are places where the traffic demand is the heaviest and not where politicians or others desire them.

The plans designed to prevent abuses are covered largely in rules and regulations promulgated by Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture, under authority conferred by the Federal Aid Road Act. The rules, which outline the methods by which the Federal government shall aid the States in the construction of highways, provide that detailed information in reference to the proposed construction and maintenance shall be furnished to the Secretary of Agriculture before any agreements are made.

When the plans of a State for road building, accompanied by a request for Federal aid are received, they will be fully investigated by government agents, and if acceptable the State will receive from the government its apportionment of the appropriation made for the purpose. Under the terms of the act the Federal government pays the bill for one-half the cost and the State pays the other half. More than a score of States already have indicated their intention to ask for Federal aid and two, California and Connecticut, have filed formal applications.

Project statements made to the department, according to the rules and regulations, are required to contain "all information necessary to enable the secretary to ascertain (a) whether the project conforms to the

requirements, every one of which is new, will keep you in an uproar for a full half hour.

MARGUERITE CLARK TOMORROW
It is very easy for those who have seen Marguerite Clark on the screen in her previous Famous Players productions to imagine her teasing her indulgent grandmother, ordering her small brother around the house, keeping a whole family agog by her impudent refusal to stay home, finally running away from home with her diminutive brother, and commanding a freight train in order to reach the city where she intends to search for a position.

These are some of the things which she does in the Famous Players-Paramount adaptation of Eleanor Hallowell Abbott's celebrated story and book, "Molly Make-Believe," in which she is to star at the Royal tomorrow, in a return date by request.

"Molly Make-Believe" created a sensation when it first appeared in one of the big National magazines and has ever since been one of the most popular gift-books at all times of the year. Those who have read the story will appreciate at once that Marguerite Clark is ideally suited to play the role of the delightful little Molly.

requirements of the act; (b) whether adequate funds, or their equivalent, are or will be available by or on behalf of the State for construction; (c) what purpose the project will serve and how it correlates with other highway work of the State; (d) the administrative control and responsibility for the project; (e) the practicability and economy of the project from an engineering and construction standpoint; (f) the adequacy of the plans and provisions for proper maintenance of roads; and (g) the approximate amount of Federal aid desired.

With each statement there must be submitted for the approval of the secretary copies of the forms of contract, together with all documents referred to therein and the contractor's bond.

Each project statement also must be accompanied by a sketch map showing the location of the proposed project and the main contiguous transportation features, and suitable samples of material must be submitted whenever requested. Where any part of the cost of a project is to be furnished by subdivisions of a State, certified copies of resolutions or orders respecting the funds must be submitted.

Rights of way and damages to adjoining property have to be paid for by the States, and the Federal government will not pay any part of the expense of making surveys, plans, specifications or estimates prior to the beginning of construction.

The regulations require, too, that no part of the Federal money be paid until it has been shown to the satisfaction of the secretary that adequate means were employed prior to the beginning of the construction to insure economical and practical expenditure. Prior to the acceptance of any bid, sufficient opportunity must be given the Office of Public Roads to have a representative present if it so desires.

If a contract should be awarded to any other than the lowest responsible bidder, the government will not pay more than its pro rata of the lowest bid, unless it can be satisfactorily shown that it was advantageous to the work to accept the higher bid. Copies of all contracts must be certified by the respective state highway departments and furnished the Office of Public Roads, and specifications and plans must be made a part of all contracts.

Unless otherwise specified in writing by the Secretary of Agriculture, materials for construction, prior to use, must be tested for conformity with specifications.

Certified vouchers showing the amounts expended upon any project and the amount claimed to be due from the Federal government must be submitted upon the completion of the work, or, if the Secretary of Agriculture has determined to make payments as construction progresses, at intervals of not less than one month.

The Office of Public Roads will, as far as is practicable, endeavor to have the roads of one State connect with those of another. The effort will be to have the roads continuous in the States, and patches here and patches there will not be constructed out of any of the Federal money unless they should be in localities where the traffic is heavy and the demand great. For instance, in some cases plans for roads branching out from market or industrial centers to thickly populated sections would be acceptable to the government regardless of whether they connect with other market or industrial centers.

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State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover,
August 9th, 1916.

In the matter of the administration of the estate of Mary E. Bryan, deceased.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
The undersigned, having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mary E. Bryan, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina,

is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned at Wilmington, North Carolina, at the office of the American Bank and Trust Co., on or before the 9th day of August, 1917, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons who are indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

The day and year above written.
AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,
Administrator of Mary E. Bryan, deceased.
By Nelson Calder, Vice President.
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GERMAN DRAMA PRESENTED AT COURT

Coburg, Germany, Oct. 6.—In celebration of the 100th birthday of the famous German poet and author, Gustav Freytag, his drama, "Graf Wol-demar" was presented at the court theatre, with his son, Prof. Dr. Freytag of Munich, in the title role. It was Prof. Freytag's debut upon the stage. The performance was witnessed by the Duke and Duchess of Coburg as well as by the leading actors of the theatres at Cassel, Wiesbaden and Meiningen.

TURKISH CHILDREN SCHOOLING IN GERMANY

Constantinople, Oct. 6.—Some two hundred Turkish children have left for Germany to secure a German education in the higher institutions of that country. The majority of the male pupils have expressed a desire to specialize in engineering, medicine, chemistry, journalism and diplomacy. A number of prospective merchants are included in the list.

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