

THEATRE

Theatre-going Wilmington once more is to revel in the rare delights of a great "Merry Widow" kind of musical production—gay, colorful, gloriously sung, melodious, romantic comic opera, when, on next Wednesday, at the Academy, the internationally famous impresario, Andreas Dippel, will send here the brilliant operatic organization he has assembled in support of the two celebrated stars, Arthur Albro and Finita de Soria, for an engagement of only one performance.

Indisputably this will in many ways be the most important musical event of the current theatrical season. The attraction is one of special distinction, its appeal derived from elements representative of the best genius of the combined arts of the stage. In another way of speaking "Gypsy Love," while a royal favorite of every class that attends the theatre, just as was "The Merry Widow," is a masterpiece of operatic construction no more to be compared with ordinary "musical comedy" than gold to silver. Its presentation under such auspices as in this instance, with cast and production of a world-famous impresario's own choosing, constitutes an event of much significance to those who love music and who are sufficiently informed of the operetta to know of the score's melodic riches.

"Gypsy Love" is by Franz Lehár, Austrian genius of the pulse-throbbing Magyar rhythm and the languorous Viennese waltz, who gave the world "The Merry Widow." He considers "Gypsy Love" his greatest achievement, as do many eminent critics. The opera is doubly effective because of an enthralling plot as well as treasures of harmony. The story revolves about a fascinating young gypsy troubadour and a young noblewoman who has been tempted into elopement with him by the luring gypsy melodies of his violin. The succession of events before a most satisfactory denouement saves the maiden from an unhappy fate from an intensely romantic, but betimes, most humorous narrative.

The great organization presenting "Gypsy Love" is all that could be desired, boasting a cast of many nationwide favorites of stellar rank. The distinguished young stars, Arthur Albro, who created the role he now is playing, and Finita de Soria, a beautiful young Spanish prima donna of great renown, have among their supporting principals Salvador Solte, formerly of the Aborn Opera Company, Ruth Thompson, George Williams, Le Roi Operti and Horace Rowe, all artists of special distinction. In order to do full justice to the great Lehár score the company carries its own complete orchestra. Prices will range from \$2 down to 50 cents. Tickets will go on sale at Elvington's Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Roosevelts 30 Years Wedded.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Former President and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt were the recipients of many messages of greeting from relatives and friends today on the occasion of their thirtieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Roosevelt formerly was Miss Edith Kermit Carow of this city. They were married Dec. 2, 1886, in St. George's Church, London.

Jubilee of College Paper.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 2.—A score or more of Brown University alumni who were instrumental in the establishment of the Brown Daily Herald, or who have served at one time or another as its editors, returned to their alma mater today for a reunion and dinner in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the publication. During the quarter century of its existence the Herald has not missed an issue, and Brown still enjoys the distinction it had when the paper was established—of being the smallest college in the world to issue a daily paper devoted exclusively to college news.

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THEATRICAL GOSSIP FROM GAY GOTHAM

New York, Dec. 1.—Cyril Maude concludes his engagement at the Empire tonight in "The Basker." On Monday Mrs. Bernhardt will begin a three weeks' repertoire engagement there, presenting four plays each performance. Anna Held and "Follow Me" came to the Casino last week, succeeding "Flora Beila" which has moved to the Forty-fourth street theatre. Another of the week's newcomers is Laurette Taylor, who has begun an engagement at the Globe in "The Harp of Life," one of three new plays by her husband, J. Hartley Manners. Later she will be seen in "The Wooings of Eve" and "Happiness."

Cyril Maude, who concludes his New York engagement tonight, purposes to return to the inevitable "Grumpy" and carry the play and his impersonation of the old lawyer into the smaller cities and towns that in three tours he has left unvisited. Both of the new plays in which he has appeared here this season have failed. One was a play of a Canadian village in which he had a monotonous part. His last effort, "The Basker," was an English comedy that proved exceedingly light-waisted.

Miss Billie Burke, having done her time in the movies and brought forth a little daughter, will return to the stage of the spoken word in a new comedy "Of Lower and Higher in New York Life," written by Mr. Sheldon. The ablest playwright to provide her with a piece since the days of her Canadian drama by Mr. Maugham.

The other day Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Heath, the familiar "team" of the vaudeville stage and the musical plays whom the whole American theatre knows in their perennial sketch of negro characters and humors, "The Ham Tree," celebrated the forty-second anniversary of the beginning of their partnership. Since those days in San Antonio one or the other of them has missed but two performances for which they were scheduled. They happened to be appearing at the Winter Garden on the day of the anniversary and some of their associates made much of it.

Henry E. Dixey's place as Long John Silver in the "Treasure Island" at the Punch and Judy has been taken

by Tim Murphy. William Favorshaw hopes to have his own theatre in New York within a year and a permanent company for run productions, not repertory. Edmund Breese, at the head of his own producing company is to present Carlyle Moore's "Scapagoats" on the road. Galsworthy's "The Fugitive" is to be seen in New York about the first of the year. Also a new musical comedy by Hauerbach and Friml, entitled "You're In Love," presented by Arthur Hammerstein.

For the next two weeks the Selig company announces a series of very unusual picture-play features. The first offering will be "The Brand of Cain." This feature play is presented by the famous "Ne'er-Do-Well" cast including Kathryn Williams, Wheeler Oakman, Harry Lonsdale, Sidney Smith and Frank Clark. Many of the scenes at sea were filmed en route to the Panama Canal Zone. "The Brand of Cain" will be followed by a three-reel feature entitled "Twisted Trails." An all-star cast will be presented in this piece, including dashing Tom Mix, Bessie Eytton, Eugenie Besserer, Al W. Filson and others.

William Fox's trio of releases for the next three weeks form a program of strength and merit. The outstanding features of the production are Theda Bara's re-appearance in films as the heartless love pirate in whose portrayal she still remains unrivaled Gladys Coburn's debut in the silent drama, as a member of the Fox forces, and George Walsh's acting in a tensely exciting photoplay of romance and adventure. The titles of the three productions are: "The Vixen," with Theda Bara; "The Battle of Life," with Gladys Coburn, and "The Island of Desire," with George Walsh.

Robert Warwick has begun work on a film adaptation of "The Argyle Case," the play of Harvey J. O'Higgins. Harriet Ford and William J. Burns, in which Robert Hilliard starred so successfully throughout the country a few years ago.



A PRETTY SCENE FROM THE LEHAR OPERETTA "GYPSY LOVE." Arthur Albro, as "Jozsi" and Finita de Soria as "Zorika" in the famous Lehár operetta to be seen at the Academy of Music, Wednesday night, December 9th.

GEN. W. L. LONDON HAS PASSED AWAY

Popular Man and Confederate Chieftain Dies at Home in Pittsboro.

Pittsboro, N. C., Dec. 1.—General William Lord London, a well known North Carolinian, a Confederate soldier and a scholar, died at his home here Wednesday, and the funeral services were held yesterday afternoon. Death came as a great shock, as General London until recently had enjoyed splendid health. He was seventy-nine years of age.

He was a most devoted churchman and stood high in the council of the Episcopal church. In 1864 he married Miss Caroline Haughton, who, with four sons, survive him. The sons are H. A. London, Jr., of Charlotte; Dr. John H. London, of Washington, D. C.; Frank M. London, of New York, and Arthur H. London, of Pittsboro.

William Lord London was born in Pittsboro April 3, 1838, and had always resided here and was one of the most prominent and public spirited citizens of his county. He served in the Confederate army with distinguished gallantry, having volunteered on the 15th of April, 1861, and was with Lee at Appomattox Courthouse. His commission as lieutenant in the Chatham Rifles was dated then and at the reorganization of that company in April, 1862,

he was elected its captain, in which position he served until promoted in July, 1863, to the rank of inspector-general of Daniel's brigade, and in a few months thereafter was promoted to be its adjutant-general. He won and held the entire confidence of Gen. Daniel until the death of that officer and then of General Grimes, who succeeded General Daniel. He was frequently highly complimented by both of these officers in their official reports. He was wounded three times, first when leading his company in the charge on Malvern Hill, July 1, 1862, then again at Gettysburg when in command of the sharpshooters of Daniel's brigade, and again on the 19th of September, 1864, at Winchester, he was shot entirely through the body, the bullet entering the right breast and coming out under the left shoulder. Although so desperately wounded he was back on active duty in front of Petersburg by the first of January.

When the North Carolina division of the United States Confederate Veterans was organized in 1895 he was un-

SPORT CHATTER.

Pitcher Noyes, of the Pacific Coast League, is down for a trial with the Athletics next spring. Case of Connie trying Noyes to arouse the Mackmen. Billy Miske is a sweet batter and all that, but he's going to have a hard time getting publicity so long as the Gibbons family remains in St. Paul.

Jimmy Johnston, the New York boxing impresario, is billing Tom Cowler as "the sensational English heavyweight." Barnum was only a fair fighter in the advertising league, after all. All that Coach Yost, of Michigan, will have to do next year is to develop a new football team. Johnny Maubetsch, the Wolverines of 1916, is through.

If the Millikin university football players, who are said to have won their games through prayer, will send said prayer to several big league twirlers it will be greatly appreciated.

Picking a football champion is a very simple matter. Tufts beat Harvard, Syracuse beat Tufts, Michigan beat Syracuse, Cornell beat Michigan, Harvard beat Cornell, Yale beat Harvard and Brown beat Yale.

It is claimed that Harvard's defeat by Yale was due to the gridiron being slippery from heavy frosts. Just think of having such a poor playing field as that, and after all the money that has been spent on the Yale bowl,

imously elected commander of the second brigade and had been re-elected every year since with the rank of brigadier-general. It was always his great pleasure to attend the reunions of the Confederates in his county, his State and the general reunion.

Returning hom from Appomattox with nothing but his horse he at once devoted himself to an active business as a merchant with the same energy that he had shown as a Confederate officer. He was foremost in every public enterprise for the betterment of his county and was a most liberal contributor to any effort for the improvement of his fellow-man. He was consulted and his advice asked in nearly every enterprise that was undertaken in his county. In addition to his extensive mercantile business he was president of the Bank of Pittsboro ever since its organization and was also the secretary and treasurer, and in active charge, of the J. M. Odell Manufacturing Company, whose cotton mill at Bynum had been successful to a remarkable degree.

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Even should the Cardinals release Hornsby, Snyder, Watson, Meadows and a few others to the Cubs, the Cards should still be able to hold their own in the National League. According to last season's standing the only thing that would prevent the Cards from holding their own would be for the Reds to win one more game.

Recent football scores show the Carlisle Indians were defeated by Alfred 27 to 17. L. O. the poor Indian is a dead one, gridironically speaking.

The Salt Lake City (Pacific Coast League) team looked so good to Cliff Blankenship after he had been canned as manager that he started out to raise sufficient coin to buy the outfit.

Olliephant, the Army's sensational halfback, is to play three more years on the West Point football team. "Ollie" has an excellent chance to earn a record for continuous playing on the gridiron, that will equal Cy Young's big league service.

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