

THEATRE

The cast of principals to be seen in the world's greatest dancing festival, "September Morn," coming to the Academy of Music Saturday matinee and night, January 13th, includes several names which have already been distinguished in our best light operas. Ruth Wilkins, in the role of "Argentina," whose clever dancing is the talk of the season, played leading roles in "Louisiana Lou," "The Goddess of Liberty," and "The Military Maid." Maud K. Williams, playing "Mrs. Storm," is well remembered in Henry W. Savage's musical comedy, "The Prince of Pilsen," and the famous Boston opera company. William Moore, in the leading comedy role of "Rudolph Plastro," was seen in "The Red Mill," "The Heartbreakers," and for several seasons in vaudeville. Other prominent members in the cast are: J. J. Patton, James Baber, Lesha Jones, Billy Murphy and a smart chorus of stunning show girls. Prices: First ten rows, lower floor, \$1.50; balance floor, \$1.00. Balcony, 50c and 75c. Bargain matinee: Lower floor, 75c; balcony, 50c. Seats on sale tomorrow morning at Elvington's Front street pharmacy. Incent New York families. They were

THOUSANDS LEAVE DUE TO RAISE

Cancellations of Membership of Order Will Be Totaled By Officers Today.

New York, Jan. 10.—The supreme officers of the Royal Arcanum have designated today as the day for totaling the cancellations in the membership of the order, which will show for the first time the full extent of the dissatisfaction among the members over the increase in the cost of certain classes of insurance. According to the last annual reports the order numbered 240,000 members in the United States. It is known that several thousand members in New York State have resigned from the order since August 1, and it is believed the total number of resignations throughout the country will run between 60,000 and 100,000.

The advance in rates, made necessary, according to the officials by what is known as the Mobile insurance law, particularly affected what is known as term insurance. This insurance formerly provided a low rate up to the time the insured was 65 years of age, but has been more than doubled in many instances. The increase was made necessary by the Mobile insurance law, which requires all fraternal insurance companies to be made permanently solvent on the basis of approved mortality tables. All the fraternal insurance companies are put under the same restriction.

It became apparent to the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum as early as 1905 that the rates of the organization, for certain classes of insurance, were not based on sound insurance principles, and an effort was made at that time to impose a new scale of charges. This attempt was resisted by those who had taken out insurance at the original rate, and who insisted that the order was obligated by contract to carry out its side of the bargain.

When the supreme council attempted to go ahead with the new plan over these protests an action to restrain was brought in the Supreme Court of New by James Lawrence Cook, the holder of a policy. William J. Gaynor, then a Supreme Court Justice, ruled against the council on the ground that it was bound by its agreement with its policyholders. This decision was later set aside on appeal, but became the subject of additional litigation and policyholders were permitted to continue paying the old rate.

This condition continued in New York State until recently when the supreme council decided it could no longer withhold action. A storm of protest followed the announcement, hundreds who had been paying for years the rate originally agreed upon asserting they were not financially able to meet the new scale, but the council declared it was forced by necessity to adhere to its program.

The resignations then began to come in and have been increasing since. Not until the cancellations are totaled will it be known how many members will quit the order because of dissatisfaction with the new rates. Some have estimated the total as high as 100,000, but the supreme officials estimated that 60,000 will cover the withdrawals in the entire country.

FIRST TITLE CUE BOUT OF YEAR FOR TONIGHT

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 10.—The first title cue match of the new year begins in this city tonight, when Frank Taberiski, of Schenectady, and James Maturio, of Kansas City, begin a contest for the pocket billiard championship, now held by the Schenectady expert.

The match will be for 450 points and is to be played in three evening sessions of 150 points each, or in six afternoon and evening sessions of 75 points each. The winner will be called upon to play Louis Kreuter, some time next month. Other challengers for the trophy, in order of priority, are Benjamin Allen, of Kansas City; Lawrence Stoutenberg, of Buffalo, and Joseph Concannon, of Jersey City.



Some real stunning show-girls in the big dancing festival, "September Morn," coming to the Academy of Music, Saturday matinee and night, January 13th.

SPORTS

"Youth must be served" may be an old wheeze, but it certainly ran true to form in the athletic world in 1916. Never before did so many youngsters display such marked prowess in the various lines of sport and athletics. And should the youthful athletes continue to improve, the coming season is likely to witness the downfall of more than one veteran.

Of the many juvenile athletes who delivered in 1916, 12-year-old Bernard Currier, known as the roque winder, is perhaps the youngest. At the Missouri Valley championship tournament held in Kansas City last Fall, Master Currier defeated some of the best players in the country among them his grandfather, a well known expert, who taught him the game. Any kid who can beat his grandfather at the old gentleman's own game is certainly there or thereabouts.

Golf also produced a boy wonder in the person of Bobby Jones, the kid marvel from Georgia. After cleaning up the golfers of his home State Bobby entered the National tournament last year and succeeded in getting into the third round of play before he was upset by Bob Gardner, the 1915 champion. The spectacle of a 14-year-old boy wading through the old-timers in a National tournament created a full grown sensation in golfing circles. After watching the boy perform, "Chick" Evans, the champion of golf champions, uttered the biggest boast for Bobby when he declared that the young Georgian had everything.

Many baseball players have started their climb to fame and fortune at an early age, but Henry Febris, of Ripley, Ohio, is believed to be the first 17-year-old boy to be signed up by a major league club. Febris, who is to be given a trial by the Cincinnati League scouts who gave him the up and down have declared him to be a hurling wizard. In his last game of the season he struck out 19 batsmen and 'tis said he would have fanned a couple of dozen more had his catcher been able to hold his delivery.

To another 17-year-old belongs the record for a high run at pool, the run have been made recently by Louis Kreuter, of New York. Kreuter pocketed 131 balls, sweeping nine entire frames and part of the tenth. Next month the boy wonder is to engage in a contest for the National amateur pocket billiard championship.

Another young man entitled to a place among the youngsters who showed class in sports last year is Lyman Brusie, an 18-year-old driver of harness horses. Young Brusie, who is a son of Harry Brusie, the veteran driver, holds the distinction of out-driving Walter Cox, the Grand Circuit wizard, in a race at Woonsocket, R. I., last October. In the 2.23 pace Emma C was piloted by Brusie, while Cox handled Harland K. The boy's clever work against the veteran brought the crowd to its feet. It was a driving "hurry up" in the last stretch and in an eyeflash finish Brusie's mare got the verdict.

The girls likewise earned their share of laurels in athletic competition during the year just ended, and in some instances they even excelled the achievements of their youthful brothers.

Foremost among the girl athletes winning fame in 1916 was Miss Alexia Stirling of Atlanta, who now holds the women's national golf championship. That's considerable title for an 18-year-old girl, but Miss Stirling won it without a flaw and what's more, according to expert opinion, she's likely to remain champion for some time to come.

Trap shooting is ably represented among the little folk by Miss Lucille Meusel, of Green Bay, Wis. Although but 14 years old this young lady holds an average of 90 out of every 100 targets in competition.

In Thelma Darby, a 13-year-old mermaid, Indianapolis boasts of having the greatest girl swimmer in the world. In winning the 880-yard National title Miss Darby swam the course in 16 minutes, 8 3-5 seconds, or one and one-half minutes below the former American record.

EMMET-DAHLGREN WEDDING. New York, Jan. 10.—Bishop Hayes officiated at the marriage of Miss Katherine Drexel Dahlgren, daughter of Mrs. Drexel Dahlgren, and Richard Smith Emmet, which took place this afternoon at the home of the bride's mother in East Ninety-sixth street. Well-known representatives of society in Boston, Philadelphia and other cities were included among the bridal attendants and guests.



ANITA STEWART SAYS —

RESURRECTED NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

Horns, confetti, bells and all the other Happy New Year novelties have been tossed aside to the ash heap long ago, but how about the resolutions which looked so glittering and promising on January 1st? How about our vows to live better lives and make the world more beautiful because we existed? Have they, too, found rest in the rubbish heap?

You all made resolutions, I know. That's part of the game somehow, isn't it? Ever since I can remember I have made resolutions on New Year's. As a little child I made a number each year—one was not sufficient. But generally the week-end found them dead things of the dusky past.

This year, as before, I woke up on New Year's with a happy and strange feeling. I wondered for a moment what I was going to do that day that I was so happy. Then in a flash it came to me. It was New Year's, and I had prepared the most wonderful resolutions which I was, of course, going to put into practice for the first time that day.

It was a happy day—oh, so happy! And when I closed my eyes in sleep that night after Mother o' Mine had tucked me under the downy covers, I felt that I was going to be able to keep my resolutions all the year through.

The next day I was still victor. And so on for other days. Then like a bomb it happened. The day had been unusually hard and my head ached as though it would break. Although everything seemed to go wrong, and—I broke my resolution!

The moment I failed in my resolve I was sorry, and all that the purring of my motor engine seemed to say on the way home was, "You've failed!—you've failed!"

By the time dinner was over and I had nestled at mother's feet in the living room, under the glow of our reading lamp, I was so depressed that I could not smile. And in this fact my resolution lay in pieces at my feet, for I had resolved to be glad no matter what happened—to smile no matter what discouraged me.

Mother o' Mine read my thoughts and asked me if I had ever stopped to think that tomorrow was another day, and that I could begin over again 364 times during the year if necessary.

Somehow I had never really looked at New Year resolutions that way before. But the next day I started again, and if I fail I'll begin still again and again.

Will you join me in making every day New Year's, as far as resolutions go?

Oldest Prisoner at Bar.

Punxsutawney, Pa., Jan. 9.—Probably the oldest prisoner ever arraigned before any bar of justice pleaded guilty to selling liquor here. He is George Ambler and was born in Russia 103 years ago.

Ambler served fifteen years in the Crimean war. He came to this country when he was 70. Still a powerful man, he worked in the mines at Elderton for ten years, until he was caught in a cave-in. His back was broken, but his wonderful constitution pulled him through and he finally became able to get around.

For many years he has practically been a public charge, but when Jefferson county went dry he came into

a new source of livelihood. His arrest for selling liquor followed. Judge Corbet committed the aged prisoner to the County Home.

BRANDY SALE HIT.

Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 10.—The new liquor restrictions, reported some weeks ago, have already cut down the retail sales of "schnapps" (Swedish brandy) in Stockholm roundly 50 per cent, according to Dr. Bratt, head of the "System company." It is believed also that the consumption in restaurants has been materially reduced.

SOCIETY CHILDREN SKATE ON HOTEL ROOF.



POLLY SHREVE & LILLIAN EMERSON

The ice skating fad is spreading to alarming proportions in New York. All of the big hotels are adding ice-skating rinks to their many attractions, and now, instead of going to Central Park for the afternoon, the children of the wealthy, and their nurse-maids are sent to the ice rinks of the hotels for the afternoon. This picture shows two young ladies of prominent New York families. They were snapped as they appeared upon the ice at the fashionable Hotel Biltmore.

Advertisement for Valier's Dainty Flour featuring an illustration of a man baking and a flour bag. Text includes: 'He judges by flavor. A man bases his opinion of baking on its taste. Make some biscuits of Valier's Dainty Flour and hear him say, "Finest biscuits I ever ate."'

LITTLE CHANCE FOR "DRYS" IN MEXICO.

Queretaro, Mexico, Dec. 10.—There seems little possibility that a clause providing for prohibition in Mexico will be included in the new constitution, according to delegates to the constitutional congress. The advisability of prohibiting the sale of intoxicants and prohibiting gambling was considered in connection with Article 4 which declares that no person shall be hindered in following any profession, industry or labor which does not offend against the laws or society. The article, however, was reported from committee without specific mention of prohibition and passed as reported by the congress.

The delegates to the congress are confident for the most part that the body will complete its labors well within the time specified in the decree of General Carranza which provides that the new constitution must be completed by February 1. The delegates declare that although there are over one hundred and thirty articles in the draft of the new constitution, there are many to which there

is no opposition and that action on these will be speedy.

Although the call has not formally been issued it is known that the election for president probably will be called for the first Sunday in March and that the successful candidate will assume office April 1.

300 Miles to Collect \$8.

Parsons, Kan., Jan. 9.—Mack Eddy, an employe of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, in a small Texas town near Denison, arrived here recently, having traveled more than 300 miles at his own expense to collect \$8 which, he says, is due him for labor.

When the men where Eddy worked were paid off, Eddy says, he found his check was \$8 short. When the treasurer of the road told Eddy his accounts would have to be traced before he could get his money, Eddy went to the county attorney and asked whether he couldn't bring suit against the company for the wages due him and also for his railroad fare and board.

It has cost him \$15 to come here to try and collect the \$8, he said, but it wasn't the money he cared about so much as the principle of the thing.

Advertisement for the Academy of Music Saturday Matinee and Night, Jan. 13th. Features 'September Morn' with Rowland Clifford's Big Company of 50 Dancers & Singers. Includes pricing for Bargain Matinee and Night Prices.

Advertisement for the Royal Musical Walker and his 'Hav-A-Laf' Lady Minstrels. Features 'The Wife Deceivers' and other acts.

Advertisement for the Grand Musical Walker and his 'Hav-A-Laf' Lady Minstrels. Features 'The Martyrdom of Philip Strong' and other acts.

Advertisement for J. H. Rehder & Co. Special Wednesday and Thursday sale on coat suits, with prices reduced from \$10.00 to \$4.48.