

THEATRE

LINE OF STANDARD PLAYS.

The particular attention of the theatre-going public of Wilmington is called to the forthcoming engagement of the United Southern Stock Company at the Royal Theatre for week beginning Monday, April 1.

The United Company's strongest bid for popularity in the line of plays offered, standard New York successes now produced for the first time at popular prices, all with special scenic investiture. "The Eternal Problem," a modern problem play, based on the Bible tale, will first be given. Next will be the farce, "A Full House." For 300 consecutive nights "A Full House" packed the immense Longacre Theatre, New York City, to the doors. This record, one wonderful for a comedy play, was achieved because of its clean as well as its clever qualities, written by Fred Jackson, long known and loved as a writer of short stories in popular magazines. "A Full House" attracts by its lack of suggestiveness and its buoyancy of sheer humor.

The plot deals with a reckless and wealthy young New Yorker who is about to get back a satchel of love letters he has written to an aspiring chorus girl; instead he gets the grip belonging to a notorious burglar, together with a valuable stolen necklace. In the maze of perplexities that arises the police take charge of the building with orders that no one shall leave; however, those outside may enter. One by one the characters step into the story to find themselves unable to get out, thus giving the title, "A Full House."

Patrons will find the United Company capable in laughing offerings, equal to its ability to present the more serious drama. This will be evidenced in the third play, "Under Cover," a new style melodrama without a pistol shot.

The United Company means that the stellar members of three of the Southland's stock organizations have banded together, the Mabel Paige, Peruch-Gypzens and O'Leary companies, all their principal members as well as the additional services of Messrs. Cusack, Charles W. Ritchie and several others have been secured. Seat sale opens Saturday morning of this week and for this engagement

seats may be reserved not only for the higher priced seats but for the different sections of the house, being on sale at all times for three days in advance.

A BRAND NEW SHOW.

The attraction at the Royal for all of this week is a brand new show on the circuit, one which has received the most flattering praise in their recent tour throughout Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Tennessee, and who have been put on this circuit starting last week at Raleigh, where they scored a great success and possibly broke some attendance records. "Cupid's Roundup" is the opening bill, which is a brand new piece never before seen in Wilmington. The organization carries a big repertoire of new musical comedy bills that will prove truly refreshing to Royal patrons.

Six big vaudeville specialty acts are carried with this aggregation, headed by the famous Colonial Trio in harmony singing that is something different from anything seen heretofore in singing and dancing specialties; George Adams, a singing comedy artist; the Schiffers, harmony singers who know how; Billy Berning, singing and talking comedian, and Amy Lee, a dainty comedienne, are among the big headliner specialties to be presented. Their opening bill, never before seen at the Royal, will be "Cupid's Roundup," a roaring farce with lots of singing and dancing.

FEMININE LOVELINESS.

Broadway beauty choruses will have to look to their laurels now that Mabel Normand has surrounded herself with about \$100,000 worth of loveliness. The surrounding occurs in "Dodging a Million," her new Goldwyn starring vehicle by Edgar Selwyn and A. M. Kennedy, in which she is to appear at the Grand Theatre today and tomorrow.

A series of scenes in the early part of the play occurs in a fashionable modiste shop where about 20 beautiful models are posing for customers in the latest creations of the courturier's art. The band of models is led by six professionals from the studios of a fashionable Fifth Avenue modiste; and they put all the others through their paces. One could not easily imagine how many convolutions there are in the technique of being a model. One begins—that is, for models of this season—by being tall and slender. Point two is to be languid and haughty in demeanor. Point three is to be graceful in a skinny manner. Everybody's doing it this season. Probably, the only criticism to be made of the models in "Dodging a Million" is that they are not skinny enough. They insist on being good looking and as though they eat not less than three meals a day.

Seventh Day Adventists.

San Francisco, Cal., March 25.—Delegates to the quadrennial session of the general or world conference of Seventh Day Adventists, which is to open in this city this week, have begun to arrive and many have reported



MABEL NORMAND
In Her First Goldwyn Production, "Dodging a Million," at the Grand Today and Tomorrow.

at the convention headquarters. It is expected that the conference will be one of the largest in the history of the denomination, notwithstanding the handicap of the war. All the world leaders of the denomination will attend, as well as missionaries from many foreign lands. The sessions will continue two weeks and will be devoted to the quadrennial reports of officers and committees and the consideration of plans for the future activities of the church.

Women's Industrial Conference.

Washington, D. C., March 25.—A conference of the Women in Industry chairmen of all States is to be held here tomorrow to decide on plans and policy for future work and to get in touch with the War Labor Administration.

Accused of Slaying Policeman.

Boston, Mass., March 25.—Harry A. Manster, who is described by the police as the king of "daylight flat-work-ers," was arraigned in court today for trial on an indictment charging first

degree murder. Manster, at one time a drug clerk and later a chauffeur, is alleged to have abandoned both callings to turn robber, while living at fashionable Boston hotels. The crime for which he is to stand trial was the murder of Mounted Police Officer Joseph C. Reiser, who was shot and killed when he surprised a thief, alleged to be Manster, ransacking a Back Bay apartment house.

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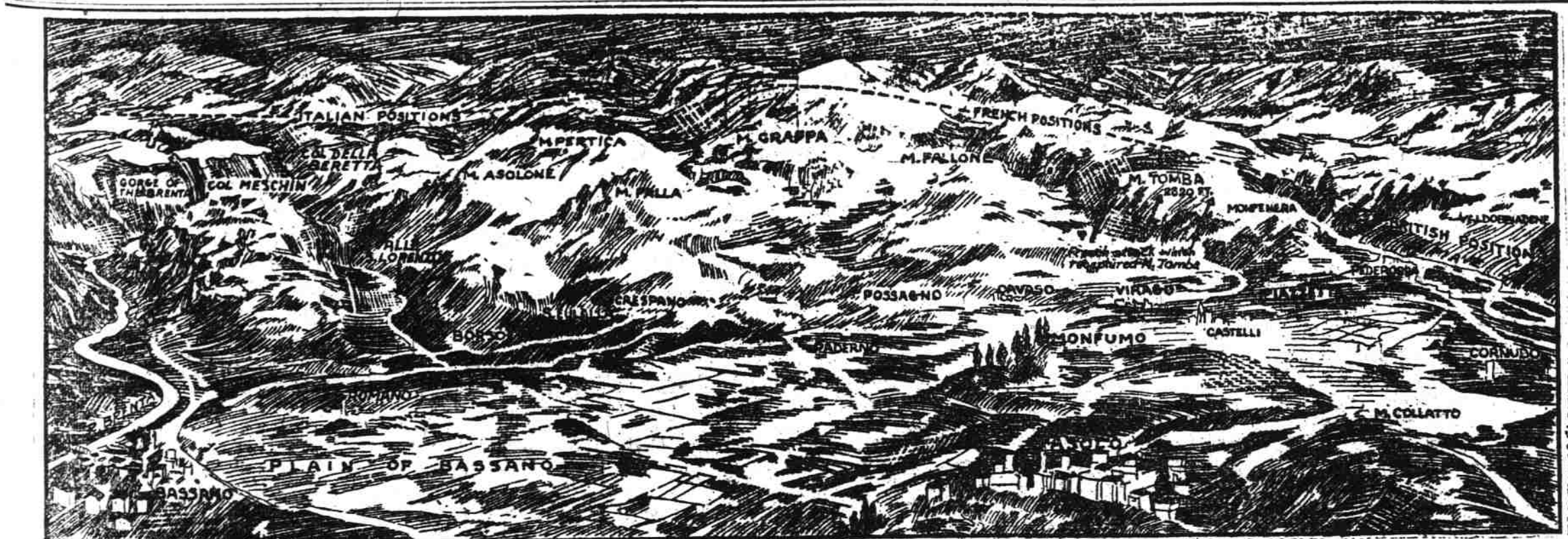
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The map, reproduced from "The Sphere," of London, affords a graphic view of the great mountain barrier between the Brenta and Piave rivers and shows how the French and British expeditionary armies are covering the flank of the Piave line, facing the invader at those vital points nearest the Venetian plains, where repeated efforts of the Austro-Germans to smash through were repelled last autumn. This front is dominated by Monte Grappa, in the central background, a stronghold which the Italians have never relinquished and which now constitutes the English and French lines.

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