THE THEATRE A Musical Comedy

of the Great War Of the Great war Last night the American Theatre re-called itself to the days of the Deutschea Theatre with a musical comedy of the great war, almost fresh from Berlin, "Immer Feste Druff." The only Inter-mediator between Unter den Linden and Grard avenue was Rudolph Christians" admirable little company from the Irving Flace Theatre, New York. It was naive entertainment—which is a good thing for entertainment to be—and it was very good fun.

As preliminaries, a speaker before the As preliminaries, a speaker before the curtain took a swing at grape juice di-plomacy, and the German Consul gave two military bows, all amid the enthusi-asm of a small but earnestly Teutonic house. Then the curtain went up, with the assistance of in orchestra energetical-ly and ably conducted by Victor Wagner, and we assist once what one of the sume. If and ably conducted by victor wagnet, and we gazed upon what one of the come-diana described as "die Junfrau und die Jungfrau." For we were in a Swiss hotel before the war. There we found a Frenchman proving the perfidy of his race by making love to a matried woman, the wife of a German As he did It to a the wife of a German. As he did it to a really charming song. "The Eyes of a Beautiful Woman." the audience was peatitifil woman, the address was quite willing to forgive him long before he died in a Belgian akirmish-see the third act-and cleared the lady's charac-ter to the husband, who happened to be hanging round. The lady herself testified to her innocence by joining the Red

In between came a good deal of very excellent patriotism and some equally good humor. The Germans in the aud! ence supplied part of the former by not finding it necessary to advertise their inner reverence for their national anthem by standing up. A goodly quantity over-flowed from the stage in speech and song. The whole company sang of spill-ing the last drop of their blood for the Vaterland; and when they came to that magic word, the comic porter, who had just joined the army to escape his wife, maluted with impressive self-conscious-ness. The patriotism, be it said to the credit of the librettists, Hermann Haller credit of the horetists, Hermann Haller and Willi Wolf, was well mixed with fun. They rhymed "Submarine" with "Zeppeline" and served a "spring soup" to the soldiers which was described as "a la Zeppelin mit Submarine Kloesse." The comic sergeant gave another dem-onstration of Germany's perfect prepared-ness by hauling out a little French dic-tionary and beginning lessons. The music was excellent. Walter Kol-

lo's score had melody in the characteris-tic Teutonic-Viennese fashion, running from waltz through comic ragtime to military march. Only once did it descend to a barber shop chord, and the sentimentality of "Forget Me Not" accounted for that.

The performance itself ran quite as high as libretto or music, if not higher. While Margarete Christians was plquantly benustargarete Christians was piquantly sear-tiful and Cenzi Goetzer full of high spirits. Hans Unterkircher and Richard Feist put some acting as well as singing into the parts of the rival men. But the comedians were the more memoral. ... for they were thoroughly German, rich, unctuous. But how could they help it when their names were Christian Bub aid when their names were Christian Rub and Rudi Rahe and they had such amusing samples to distribute as "That's not a joke. It's from Schiller. It's Art." or "Belgian or no Belgian, what speaks French is French "

Probably the best part of the evening Probably the best part of the evening was the feeling it gave you of how Berlin and all Germany, shut in by a ring of foes, is really taking the war. This little bit, half patriotism, half joke, brought up the real Berlin as "Tipperary" brings up the real London. But it also brought up by that very touch of true, humorous humanity, a newer and keener realization that, over the water there, under the shadow of Hill No. 50, real, ordinary, average men were even then ordinary, average men were even then killing each other, to no purpose but the sowing of damnable hate.

'The Shepherd of the Hills' To close the regular season of the Wal-nut and to prepare the minds of its pa-trons for summer stock, the dramatization of Harold Bell Wright's vastly popu-



FAY COMPTON Coming to the Lyric in "Tonight's the Night."

returned to Philadelphia for a second ensugement. Naturally enough, the heroine found hersef in the customary emotional gagement. difficulties, and the shepherd stepped for ward to straighten matters out with ready insight and advice. And, of course, those who had seen and liked the play before got just about the same pleasur before got just about the same persons out of it this time. The enjoyment wasn't in the least troubled by the violent vituperations of one "highbrow" present, who said it was "talky"-probably he was practicing up for some Bernard Shaw ext year. As for the acting, the worst of it was

As for the acting, the worst of it was no worse than a piece is likely to suffer from in its second year, while Miss Laura Hill played Sammy Lane, the ward of the Matthews, with real skill and charm-

Maeterlinck's

"Old Homestead'

The antediluvians of the drama, the to see one of these pieces that have come permanent, popular classics. They have their virtues, but they are only the virtues of the commonplace, and any popular drama will supply plenty of

Now all these reflections are merely to Now all these relections are merry to introduce the fact that the theatre has at last caught a "repeater" which is both a popular play and a good one, too, "The Blue Bird." To add to the novelty of the situation it has made Maeterline's into a Broadway success, Philadelphia learned, all this for the third time last night, where the faitur allowery came back to

all this for the third time last night, when the fairy allegory came back to the Lyric for a single week's stay. Just why the popularity? Well, aside from the wisdom of the management in always keeping an efficient cast on hand and brushing up the scenery to the proper state of spectacularness there is the proper state of spectacularness there is the fact to be recorded that "The Blue Bird" tells a good story. There is also the fact that it handles real morals in a cheerful. healthy way and treats allegory as if it were the naturalest thing in the world for sugar and milk and such things to go traveling with any little boy who hap-

pens to indulge in an adventure. It is speciacle, dancing, music, story, morals and a menagerie all rolled into one, which is quite enough to account for any amount of popularity.

ITALY SENDS FINAL DEMAND TO VIENNA; **AUSTRIANS FORTIFY**

Dual Monarchy's Latest Offer of Adjustment of Trentino Frontier Lines Awakens Distrust in Rome.

ROME, April 27. Italy's final domands have been comjunicated to Vienna, accompanied by a communication from Prince von Buelow strongly recommending that Austria cede all the Trentino to the line of the river Isonzo, which in principle already has been agreed to.

Austria's latest offer is said to include besides the immediate occupation of the Trentino by Italy as far, as Brenner, a rectification of the frontier from Isonao as far as Goritz. Furthermore, Austria is ready to make Trieste an international port to grant autonomy to the Italiana at Flume and Dalmatia and to permit the defortification of Pola, the important Aus-trian naval base, as an assurance that Italy will remain dominant in the Adri-The offer is so exceedingly liberal that

it has met with a certain amount of mis-trust. It is linked, moreover, to a stipu-lation that taily shall enter a conditional renewal of the Triple Alliance, which

makes it wholly unacceptable. Italian refugees from Austria report User Austrian troops have fortified the entire frontier, even building intronchnents of concrete and cement, behind which have been placed cannon of large alibre.

Officers are said to have declared that, if hostilities are begun they will raze the villages nearest their lines from Selva (east of Lake Garda, in Italy) to Laste, Italy (20 miles to the north of Selva). Dispatches from the frontier describg conditions in the Province of Trent state that commerce and industry are paralyzed and agriculture at a standstill because of the lack of workmen, 40,000 having been called to the colors. All horses and oxen have been requisitioned.

PARIS, April 27 Colon-1 Peppino Garibaldi, who is here for a few days to conclude arrange-ment for sending the remainder of the Italian volunteers home, has given out a remarkable interview, in which he says positively that Italy will declare war upon

Austria on or before May 15. "Italy will attack Austria certainly," he said, "not later than May 15, and pos-sibly sooner. Two campaigns will be started simultaneously, one against the Austrian Tyrol, which will consist chiefly of artillery work and will probably be very slow: the other along the coast, from a point at the rear of Trieste, where classes of troops are already under

In the first line of invaders against Austria there will be \$00,000 men, against Austria's 200,000, who are now awaiting the attack. Our navy is far stronger than the Austrian, and will undoubtedly rmit the movement of troops across the Adviatic for attacks elsewhere. The en-tire campaign will be finished well before winter, and it is probable that there will be some exchange of troops between France and Italy after we begin our

help the French to push the Germans slowly back through Belgium. Adventists Meet in Wilmington WILMINGTON, Del. April 27.-Consid-erable business of Interest to the mem-bers of the church was transacted this morning at the meeting of the Chesa-peake Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, which is below

partment 8.00 ARRICK- The Little Cafe, with John E. Young, A return engagement of the musical play by Ivan Caryli and C. M. S. McLeilar about the waiter whe was a man about town 8.00

account with from the dramatization of Hat-old Bell Wrights novel. See review..., 8:13
VAUDEVILLE.
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"The Heart of Maryland," by David Belasco; film version by the Tiffany Film Company; produced at the Chestnut Street Opera House.

When announcement was made that "The Heart of Maryland" was to be filmed, the writer's heart glowed with retrospective joy, for he had seen almost all the rehearsals of the speaking com-pany in the Herald Square Theatre, New York, in the middle 96s. He had seen the output of the play rays and rent and

author of the play rave and rant and swear. He had seen him bounce Mrs. Car-ter about in a way little short of cruel. And so he hied himself to the Chestnut Street Opera House-expectant! Alas another fondest hope went glimmering Another Illusion of the days of yester-year went to wreck and smash! For, to tell the truth, Mrs. Carter is not a suc-

tell the truth, Mrs. Carter is not a suc-cess on the screen. The film version of the Belasco success is well done; it is beautifully photo-graphed; it has its thrilling moments. And it is satisfying so long as Mrs. Car-ter does not appear in heroic size on the screen. Her gestures are stiff, even ama-tersion. Her gestures are stiff, even amascreen. Her gestures are stiff, even anna-teurish. Her facial expression is a con-tortion, denoting physical rather than psychical or mental anguish. And she is 29 years too old for the part of Mary-land Calvert, the young Southern girl, who sacrifices all for her lover. Comparisons are invidious or insidious, or whatever the quotation may be. Sull, at the risk of offending, it may be spid to all cander that Edward J. Morgan.

at the risk of offending, it may be spid-in all candor that Edward J. Morgan, who played Alan in the speaking version, was better than Mr. Shay, the movie hero; that Angela McCall, daughter of the light opera impresario of another generation, was prettler and more effec-tive as Maryland's cousin than her silent nectorize.

As for Thorpe, the villain, there was no 5. J. Henley. Nor was there an Odell E. J. Henley. Williams nor the other stars with whom Belasco had surrounded Mrs. Carter. Yet, withal, it is a photoplay far above

the average, well worth seeing. Inci-dentally the temperature in the theatere was 20 degrees less than that on the street, and that is something in favor of the silent version of "The Heart."

State Convention Plans

Hundreds of exhibitors and other motion picture men are expected to attend the Pennsylvania State convention and exhibit under the auspices of the Motion Picture Exhibitors' League at Reading on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 7, 8 and 9.

Convention Manager Ben H. Zerr, who is president of the Rending local and the State body, can be seen at his desk at the headquarters daily, wading through the heavy mail. In all probability the ex-hibit room will be taxed to its capacity with various displays.

with various displays. Raiah Temple, where the convention will be held, consists of two floors. The lower one will be used for the exhibit, while the upper part will be devoted to entertainment of various kinds. The Reading local is arranging to hold a grand ball on Tuesday evening during, the exhibit. Many of the screen favorites have been invited to attend and already numerong acceptances have been received.

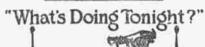
morning at the meeting of the Chesa-peake Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, which is being held here. Elder R. T. Baer, president of the conference, is presiding and a number of the leaders of the church are in at-tendance. The speakers at the opening session were Elder R. T. Baer and Pas-tor S. T. Shradel, of Rock Hill, Md, both of whom spoke on the duies of the ministry and the sacredness of the calling.



THEDA BARA The noted Fox film star, whose acting in "The Clemenceau Case" has caused a sensation among "movie" audiences.

of the jitney. Philadelphia is almost jitney overrun, and as a result it is possible for every one to ride to work each morning in some sort of an automobile for not more than 10 cents at the most. The entrance to the studio yard every morning looks like a combination of a big social function and a go-as-you-please automobile parade, for aside from the many jitneys a large number of the players arrive in their own cars. Barry O'Nell, who directs most of the feature productions, favors a big limousine; so does George W. Terwilliger, the writer and director. Lawrence McCloskey, head of the scenario department, drives his own car: Edgar Jones, John Ince and Joseph Kaufman, directors, drive their own touring cars; Arthur Johnson has a touring car, but utilizes a chauffeur; Ormi Hawley drives one of the speedlest runnbouts of them all: Lottle Briscoe also favors a runnbout; Lillie Leslie pre-

fers to be driven by a chauffeur, and zo does Ethel Clayton: Crane Wilbur, George Soule Spencer and Earl Met-calfe, all leading men, are their own chauffeurs, and Dorothy DeWolfe, Lubin's "littlest leading woman," has them all beaten. She drives in each morning in a pushmobile, as important as all out of doors, accompanied by her father, and parks her "motor" on "leading woman row," between Ormi Hawley's runabout and Ethel Clayton's touring car.



Banquet, Credit Men's Association, Manufac-urers' Club; 6 o'clock. Opera, "Tales of Hoffman," Behrens Opera Jub, Asademy of Munic; 8 o'clock. Concert, Steison Chorus, Steison Auditorium;

Concert, Steison Chorus, Steison Auditorium; S o'clock Montialy meeting Hermon Chapter, Brother-hood of Andrew and Philip, Hermon Presby-terian Church, Frankford, S o'clock, Free Annual neetung Appreniticed Library, Frond and Spring Garden streets, S o'clock, Open air suffrage meeting, Broad street and Columbia avenue. S o'clock, Y M C, A School of Music, 1421 Arch street; S o'clock, Free.



pelln began to drop bombs, but they went wide. The guns of one ship a aimed at the German Zeppelin.

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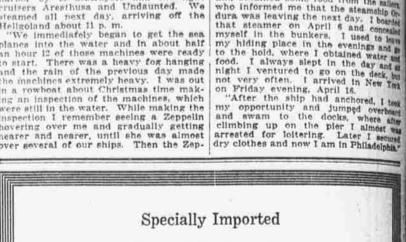
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STILL HEARS THE GUNS

the crew were sent to different naval stations." "I was informed that I was scheduled to go aboard the Riviera, which before the war was one of the cross-channel steamera belonging to the Southeastern and Chatham Raliroad Company. On De-cember I I left Harwich Harbor aboard the Riviera. We were escorted out of the harbor by 15 destroyers and the light cruisers Aresthusa and Undaunted. We steamed all next day, arriving off the Heligoland about II p. m. "We immediafely began to get the sea planes into the water and In about half an hour 12 of those machines were ready to start. There was a heavy for hanging and the rain of the previous day made the inschines extremely heavy. I was out in a rowboat about Christmas time mak-ing an inspection of the machines, which were still in the water. While making the

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Keith's The past and present in vaudeville are linked together at Keith's with James and Bonnie Thornton and Nora Bayes. Each was given a warm welcome by the audience, which showed that it was appreciative of the old and the new alike.

Miss Bayes proved as usual that she deserved the headline position. That condeserved the headline position. That con-fidential glance at the people, as though she knew each one present personally, and a number of timely songs, "put over" to make every word count, was the combination which won her more than a dozen curtains. In fact, she "stopped the show" with applause. Miss Bayes was accompanied by Donald Graniard. "Jimmy" Thornton and Bonnie had to follow Miss Bayes, and they held this

follow Miss Bayes, and they held this "hard spot," as the vaudevillians call it, and finished strong.

Bonnie, who said she was 63 years old Bonnie, who said she was to years old last night, made the audience sing "Annie Rooney," while she danced as she did years ago with her dainty parasol. Jimmy told a bunch of good stories and sang a medley of his own songs, which went just as good as they did 25 years ago.

Just as good as they did 25 years ago. Nonette, the singing violinist, is actually worth the price of admission alone. She roused the audience at the very outset of the proceedings. Beatrice Herford won the hearts of all present immediately with a personal way of telling stories as though abs were simpler tan during a as though she were sipping tea during a social chat. Her act is a treat to vaudeville.

And there was Harry Fern, of Broad and Erie avenue, who unfolded a real character coon in the sketch, "Veterana" He was creditably assisted by Charles H. Morrell, a veteran actor of many parts, who won favor here in stock many years ago; John J. Moore, Edward Grimes and Frank Armstrong. The sketch is full of laughs and won warm appreval.

Tameo Kajiyama did a number of amazing feats which proved that he could think four ways at a time. Reading amazing feats which proved that he could think four ways at a time. Reading from the Evenina Laponan, he wrote the news headings backward and upside down on a black drop. He also conversed on different subjects while he wrote with his back to the immense "blackboard." Bert Errol scored a solid hit in his Tetrazzini songs and costumes, while the Lunetts Slaters and the DeMont Trio were also well received. It's the season's bast show at Keith's.

Here and There

Here and There An abundance of music, novelities and restaining offering at the William Penn prove is a company of 16, in which the binor Hei Griels appear to great advantage builds consedy of the old homestead style shounds in the 'Chalk Line,' a character shounds in the 'Chalk Line,' a character shounds in the 'Chalk Line,' a character here a greeted Harry Lester Mason as in Garnes and Motiowan and Gordon ware also wel, worker of the arcset.

Bunny Heath renewed old acqueintance at the Minin Grind in 1815 Bong Revue.

Sharing equal honors in the act is Leona Stephens and Billy Wilson. Nearly a Stephens and Billy Wilson. Nearly a dozen singers and dancers assist in the funmaking, and the audience appreciated the combination immensely. George Brown, a transcontinental walker, ran-several miles on a machine and aroused much enthusiasm. Warm approval also greeted Porter J. White's sketch "The Visitor," Leon's Models, Gordon and Whyte and Miller and Lyle. Whyte and Miller and Lyle.

There is plenty of comedy and surprises in the Garden of Mirth, the headliner at the Cross Keys. Lively comedians and preity girls keep things on the move throughout the act, which was warmly received. Laughter greeted Clark and McCullough continuously while they explained the troubles of a brakeman. Their explanations were mingled with acrobatics, which made them big favorites with the audience. Harry Bulger, the former munical comedy star, had a budget of new things, accompanied by a style which proved that he belonged on Broadway. Ripin, a Scotch ventriloguist; the Nicol Brothers and an exceptionally good picture completed the bill.

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