

THE CRONES LETTERS THE WORK OF CRANKS

Police Not Deterred in Search for Poisoner—Churches Guarded

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Crankers and malicious jokers are making futile efforts in the use of letters to interfere with their efforts to apprehend Jean Crones, the anarchist woman who tried to poison a man of more than 200 Catholics at a dinner in honor of Archbishop Mundelein in Chicago.

All communications receive the most careful consideration, but two that came yesterday, according to the police, are palpable frauds.

The first, addressed to the "chief of police of New York city," and marked "urgent," was scribbled in pencil on a small dispatch card from the Western Union Telegraph Company and was posted at the Grand Central Station. The blank is thought to have been prepared at the station. The letter was folded and, without stamp or envelope, was dropped into the mail box.

When sorting the mail a postoffice clerk saw the letter and on advice of the supervisor it was sent to police headquarters, where it was turned over to Inspector John J. Cray. "Of course, I read a handwriting example," he said, "but after a careful perusal of the note, and after comparing it with known to be genuine letters from Crones, I am convinced that it is spurious. In my opinion that neither of the two received today was written or intended by Crones."

"I am sorry," wrote the author of the note posted at the Grand Central Station, "to leave the good city of New York just for my safety sake. I like to think that you're reading this and are detecting looking for me, and no one can find me. I was in Grand Central Station this night at 28 past 11, thanks for your kindness."

JEAN CRONES.

Another letter sent from Washington to a New York newspaper was turned over to Inspector Cray, and the latter decided it was the creation of a crank. It was rambling in composition and ended upon the writer's desire "to lead people a merry chase and eventually get them all to hell."

In keeping with their policy to place a special guard upon churches, especially those of the Roman Catholic denomination, the police placed men around the scenes during the forenoon and in the evening. A special detail was assigned to St. Patrick's Cathedral and to the home of Cardinal Farley.

Mariage Licenses Issued in Elckton

ELCKTON, Md., Feb. 21.—Marriage licenses issued in Elckton today were for: Arthur H. Herold, Toledo, Del., and Anna C. Hoyle, Philadelphia; Percy McHarry D. Budd, Jr., Wilmington, Del., and Annie Price, Elckton, Md.; Andrew Tupper and Florence Foster, Philadelphia; William Lake and Julia Playford, Philadelphia; George Miller and Mary E. Miller, New York; Charles F. Sperle and Mabel Kautzner, Read Park; Harry T. Cooper and Kathryn Rose, South Westerville, N. J.; Charles S. Shinn and Rose Kelly, Bristol, Pa.; Walter L. Owen and Mabel S. Morrow, Philadelphia, Pa.

Colgate to Be Honored at Dinner

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 21.—A dinner in honor of State Senator Austin Austen will be held by the employees of Colgate & Co. here on May 8. Senator Colgate is being boosted enthusiastically for Governor by the men in the employ of the company.

200 MEN EAGER TO BE SERFS FOR WIDOW AND WORK ON FARM



Salary Would Be Only \$25 a Month—Duties Without End, but Generally Useful Stipulation Is Real Attraction to Horny-Handed Sons of Toil

Working for a widow on a farm near North Wales, Pa., seems to have an attraction for nearly 200 bachelors who answered her advertisement for a hired man.

They want the job, and her, too. They all proposed except one, who wrote that he had no time to take the job he'll have to go to church with the family. He'd rather feed the pigs an extra portion that day or sew on buttons while the rest are singing hymns, he said.

But all the others seem enthusiastic to marry the widow, whose name no one knows save the widow herself and Magistrate Kirkpatrick, who placed her advertisement in his paper. The men do not seem dismayed at the duties which they

will be required to perform. These duties include working on the farm, feeding the pigs, milking three cows, "tending" to two horses, taking care of the brooder and incubator, operating the gasoline engine, driving the daughter to school and bringing her home in the afternoon and making his generally useful "all for \$25 a month."

But maybe that "generally useful" clause has something to do with the eagerness of the bachelors. If the widow happens to get a good-looking hired man, the neighbors expect to hear of something unheard of as a corporation lawyer marrying his stenographer or a chauffeur eloping with the chauffeur.

Theatrical Baedeker

LYRIC—"The Only Girl," a musical comedy, by Victor Herbert and Henry Blossom, founded in last play of a few seasons ago, "Our Wives."

ADELPHI—"The Two Virtues," with E. H. Sothern, by Alfred Sudermann, which Mr. Sothern takes it easy over a stage "literary man."

GUTHRIE—"Twins Beds," with Ray Fox, a Maylo, which deals with the comic adventures of two people who mistake other people's husbands for their own.

FOURTH—"Around the Map," with Eddie Alder and William Morris, good music and singing, Urban's specialty.

BROAD—"Pollyanna," with Patricia Collinge, Effie Shannon and Herbert Kellcey. The "glad game" with sentimental thoroughness.

WALNUT—"A Pair of Sisies," a farce sputtering with pills and poles. First time at popular prices.

PHOTOPAYS

CHESTNUT STREET OPERA HOUSE—"On Your Marks," the first play of a new season, scenes during the German offensive against France.

STUDIO—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," with Charlotte Walker and Theodore Bikel, and "The Drifts," with Marguerite Clark.

ARCADIA—All week, "Song of the Hills," a Triangle-Karo Bee production directed by Thomas Ince. It tells a delightful little tale of the "lad" game with sentimental thoroughness.

PARK—"All week, "Poor Little Peppina," with Mary Pickford, the most diversified part yet shown by "Little Mary."

VAUDEVILLE

KEITH'S—Ruth St. Denis, Ruth Rose, J. C.

Nugent, in "The Meal Round"; Big City Four, Stan Stanley Trio, the Miniature Restaurant, Miss Gitta Birch and sister; Meredith and "Snootie."

GRAND—"The Midnight Rollers," Robert Fulger, William Wilson, in "The Politician," with Eddie Alder and William Morris, Town; Robinson and McNamee, and Simeon.

COLONIAL—Harry Gerard in "The Luck of the Pot," the Alexander Kidd, Diamond and Grant, Mary Gray, "Pisces"; Holmes and Cawelti, and the Creations.

GLOBE—"Passing Revue of 1916," Ye Olde Hickville Four, Edmund Glimmer, Stone and Morris, and Bert and Ward, Grannie and Grandpa, and Singing, Urban's specialty.

CROSS RIVER—First girls' "Cafeteria" show, Charles A. Lester, in "CA Night Doctor"; Eddie Alder, and Simeon and Louise.

NIAGARA—The Thrville Brothers and their seal, Korn and Korn, in "Ten Imperial."

Korn, Miller and Lyles and Hilda Schnee.

STOCK

KNICKERBOCKER—Under "Cover," the successful melodrama of last season, presented by the Knickerbocker Players.

AMERICAN—"The Woman He Loved," a play by Herbert Bachoford, a First Philadelphia presentation, in "Audrey."

MARIE GRAY—Blanche Sweet in "The Sowers."

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Billie Burke Has New Role Not Unlike Maude Adams' Babbie

By the Photoplay Editor

STORY—A Triangle-Ray-Bee film in seven parts, directed by Thomas Ince. Released Monday and playing all week at the Arcadia.

No part that Maude Adams ever played, even Peter Pan, could quite equal her delightful self as Babbie in "The Little Minister." This charming, unconventional, but perfectly proper young lady was about one-quarter Babbie and three-quarters Maude Adams.

Now we get another character to dictate in much the same way; and Miss Adams, as silent partner, is still going to get in on it. In "Peggy," the new Triangle-Ray-Bee film, playing all this week at the Arcadia, the title role is a young lady that is about one-third the author's age, something like Billie Burke and one-third reminiscences and remembrances of Maude Adams' Babbie.

"Peggy" is wholly charming, and Billie Burke is Peggy.

Why worry about the story of "Peggy"? Go and see it. It is amusing and absorbing.

Billie Burke appears to better advantage in pictures than on the stage, for the affected mannerisms of her voice are not heard, while her peculiar little quick, birdlike movements are far funnier when there is nothing to distract the attention. In "Peggy" the young girl, who stays from the narrow path of right, gives another of his beautifully sympathetic characterizations of difficult roles. His work in "Peggy" is quite as good as it was in "The Coward." What higher praise can be given?

It is the direction and photography of the picture, the subtleties and whole fine art of the production that is most remarkable. It is better than ever before.

The leaders are placed in a frame just large enough to hold them, while surrounding them are very clever drawings on the order of those on the cover of "Vogue"—bits of landscape in outline, people in shaded grays, and the ocean in blue washes.

The whole picture is taken in a studio which reminds one of the peculiar mystic atmosphere of the paintings of Corot. "Peggy" is the most artistic piece of work yet produced by the Triangle-Ray-Bee.

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nick of time. For as Harry De Vere remarked afterward when mentioned to him that the picture was to be shown at the Arcadia all week, "I am going to come to the Arcadia all week."

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