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Couple of Fiends Who Trap Them With Advertisements.

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They Secure a Little Larger Majority in Parliament and Defeat a Motion for Church Disestablishment in Wales—Gladstone is Quoted by Mr. De Cobain.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Mr. De Cobain, member of the House of Commons for East Belfast, who is charged with the commission of grossly immoral acts, and who fled the country months ago to escape the service of a warrant issued against him, has not complied with the request of the House, made on motion of Mr. Balfour February 11, that he present himself in the House on February 23.

Mr. Balfour to-day gave notice to the House of Commons that he would move that Mr. De Cobain, having fled to escape justice, be expelled from the House of Commons. John Dillon maintained that there was no evidence that Mr. De Cobain was not present. The Speaker thereupon called the name of Mr. De Cobain. There was no response.

Samuel Smith, member for Flintshire, moved the disestablishment of the church in Wales. The Welsh people, he said, could not recognize the state's religious matters. Every argument that had justified the disestablishment of the church in Ireland applied with equal force and justification to the disestablishment of the church in Wales.

Sir Edward Clarke, Solicitor General, opposed the motion of Mr. Smith, and quoted the words of Mr. Gladstone that the Church in Wales was active and energetic, and that it would be wrong to disestablish and disendow it. Sir Edward claimed that no proof had been adduced that a majority of the Welsh people were in favor of disestablishing the Church.

The motion was carried by the Church in Wales was rejected by a vote of 267 to 230.

BLACKMAILING BRITISH LORDS.

A Letter Writer Who Signed a Woman's Name Gets Himself Into Trouble.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The case of Maitland Moreland, who is described as an Oxford tutor, charged with an attempt to blackmail Lord Hothfield, was resumed to-day. The evidence developed the fact that the prisoner had engaged in systematic attempts to blackmail noblemen by writing letters purporting to have been written by a woman, Lord Chesterfield, Lord Ormatowich and others testified that he had received letters similar to those received by Lord Hothfield. The solicitor representing Earl Russell, whose wife recently unsuccessfully sued for a divorce, received a letter signed Ruth Moreland, which was received just before the Earl married Miss Scott. It read:

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LEADING FEATURES OF THE OCCASION

The Alvin Theater last night for the first reception of Tanager Commandery No. 48, Knights Templar, made a most brilliant hall room. The company playing suspended operations for one night, and gave the commandery full scope to work their will, which was done with such energy that long before evening all semblance of a theater was temporarily removed. The Hotel Schlosser, next door to the Alvin, had a connection made with it for the time being and the whole second floor reserved for supper.

For the purposes of the reception there was practically a space beginning at Penn avenue and extending to the most northerly wall of the Alvin, thus making a superb length of promenade that almost included the entire side of Sixth street to the bridge. It was managed thus: The hotel building and the theater were made one by the simple connection of a bridge thrown across the narrow alley, having its exit from the second floor of the hotel, at the bug hallway, and connecting with the theater at the side of the conservatory. The alterations were confined to the auditorium proper of the theater, where the floor of the stage was carried out about to that point dividing the circle from the parquet.

Perfection of the Arrangements. A flight of stairs brought me down to the level of the floor, and the side of the prompt balcony was surrounded by substantial railing for the safety or assurance of safety of the dancers.

No theatrical performance ever brought to the Alvin a more picturesque arranged audience. The eightseers, made up of those who had grown tired of dancing and those who didn't dance, were almost as numerous as the dancers. And they constantly mingled and interchanged. A steady stream of weary people were continually seeking seats, while an equally determined stream of eager ones were replacing them on the platform.

The lodge held one orchestra. Another sat at the back of the stage. Every pretty girl with an extra smart frock on was sure at some time or other to find her way into a box, where she sat with that blissful complaisance which surrounds a woman under scrutiny, when she knows she is prepared for observation.

Though the grand march was set for the early hour, fashionably speaking, 9:50 o'clock, that time found more than 350 forming in line. Well up in the march were the notables of the commandery, accompanied by the ladies of their households. Leading was General Gobin, the most distinguished Knight Templar present, he being the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States, with Mrs. G. C. Baer, an Alfred S. Bishop, wife of the commandery's Tanager Council, with Miss Bishop. Next came all the past eminent commanders and following them was the general body of people in attendance. Rapidly succeeding the march were the other dances, which were kept up until an early hour this morning.

KEPT IT UP UNTIL DAWN.

The dawn brought to a close an event which will be a matter of famous story in the annals of Tanager Commandery, No. 48, Knights Templar, which was given the first reception of February 23, 1922. Over the stage proper hung some festooning displaying the order's insignia, and away up gilded among the flies, in theatrical technical parlance, were the lights, set with electric lights. All that pertained to the supper was confined to the hotel, where the large dining room was thrown open, and the ordinary hold in the theater, a probable chance of being pressed into service, as it really was at a later time. The guests were at liberty to discuss the following menu:

- Oysters a l'Hotel Schlosser.
- Chicken croquettes.
- French peas.
- Bonad turkey, in jelly.
- Cold pheasant.
- Cold filet de beef.
- Roast ham.
- Roast veal.
- Cold beef tongue.
- Chicken salad.
- Potato salad.
- Celery.
- Olives.
- Salted almonds.
- Ice cream.
- Coffee.

A pretty scene on the hotel side was the sight of the interested house guests. They leaned on the bannisters and occasionally promenade past the good-naturedly near-sighted guards of the entrances to make a hurried trip to the conservatory for a view of the ball, and then return to tell their invading allies they had seen and heard.

CLEVELAND AT DETROIT.

He Shakes Hands With Thousands of Citizens, Including General Alger.

DETROIT, Feb. 23.—Mr. Cleveland's special train arrived back from Toledo at 2:45 this afternoon. Governor Johnson and staff, Acting Mayor Coots and the City Council were present to officially receive the distinguished guest. The Acting Mayor, Coots, presented Mr. Cleveland with the freedom of the city. Mr. Cleveland responded in a few sentences. Governor Winans and Mayor Coots then escorted Mr. Cleveland to Hon. Don M. Dickinson's residence. There Mr. Cleveland withdrew to his room.

LYNCHERS TO BE FERRETTED OUT.

An Arkansas Judge Takes Prompt Action.

LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 23.—At Warner, Lincoln county, this morning about 2 o'clock, a mob overpowered the jailors and lynched George Harris, who was charged with the murder of one Parks, a sewing machine agent, at Tyro last September. One night last week a negro by the name of Hancock, who had been convicted for shooting O. W. Alexander at Pine Bluff at the last session, was being conducted from the Court House to the jail, when he escaped from his guards and confederates helped him to get away. Harris' trial had been set for to-day, and it was evident the mob sought he would escape as did Hancock for one of them said: "We won't let him get away as Hancock did."

MORE ARBITRATION PROPOSED.

Minority Evangelicals Would Submit the Dispute to Outside Clergy.

ALLENSTOWN, Feb. 23.—Signatures of 441 ministers of the minority side of the Evangelical Church have been attached to a paper looking to an amicable settlement of the Church differences. Of these, 94 are members of the East Pennsylvania Conference, 126 of Central Pennsylvania, 47 of Pittsburgh, 69 of Des Moines, 26 of Oregon, 61 of Illinois, and 14 of the Platte River Conference.

THE ELECTRIC COMPANY PRESENTED.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—It is now stated that McK. Twombly will not accept the Presidency of the consolidated Edison-Thomson-Houston Electric Company, and that it is more than probable that C. A. Coffin will be elected to the office.

A Fatal Bite by a Pet Spaniel.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Henry Ketterer, 15 years of age, died here Sunday after suffering all the agonies of hydrophobia. He was bitten last August by a pet spaniel, which is believed to have been mad.

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HOSE CUT BY AN ENGINE

The Coroner Working on Another Fire Mystery in McKeesport.

Coroner McDowell held a partial inquest yesterday into the deaths of Sarah and James Lynch, children of Michael Lynch, who were suffocated in the fire which consumed their home in McKeesport Monday night. Lynch's brother-in-law, John Hester, with his wife, live in the same house, and Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Hester put the children to bed on Monday night and went to a festival. The Hester children knocked down a lighted lamp and set fire to the house.

It was at first thought all of the occupants got out of the house, but on the arrival of the fire department the Lynch children were missed and their father, who is on the department made an attempt to rescue them. He was driven back to the street, and was severely burned in his heroic effort.

After the fire was extinguished the bodies of the children were found lifeless. The testimony at the inquest showed that a passing engine on the Baltimore and Ohio road had cut the hose line, but it was argued that the children were dead before the water was shut off in this manner. To determine this clearly the inquest was adjourned until to-morrow.

THE LADIES ENJOY IT.

Grand Army of the Republic Women Make a Big Showing.

The ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are quartered at the St. Charles. Last night they held a council meeting and finished up all of the old business. About 275 delegates are in attendance.

This morning it will open its session in Union Veteran Legion Hall. The reports will show a great increase of membership, 800 ladies having been gathered in during the year. The election of officers will take place to-day sometime. The officers to fill are Department President and President of the Hawkins Home. For the first Mrs. Sallie Linhart, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Anna