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INITIAL PRESENTATION OF "THE MIRACLE" IN NEW YORK

Vast Audience Witness Season's Sensational Drama at Century Theatre—Summer-side Lady Leading Member of Choir.

(Special to the Guardian)
NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Probably the most distinguished and representative audience ever gathered together in New York's theatrical history greeted the opening performance of "The Miracle" at the Century Theatre tonight.

The vast auditorium entirely transformed for the production into a perfect specimen of Gothic cathedral architecture brought gasps of astonishment from many of those who had seen the Century in its normal condition as recently as six weeks ago when it was closed to undergo the process of metamorphosis.

Twenty huge columns with bases tower sixty feet into the air ending in a vaulted ceiling with a total height of seventy-five feet and behind eleven huge wings are nine groups of vaulted chapel columns rising fifty feet. The high altar occupies the centre of the stage covers an area of 240 square feet and is 37 feet high with six enormous stained glass windows. The walls are of famous European examples reflect glorious tints of color and light over the entire scene. The reconstruction was done according to the design of Norman Bel Geddes.

These are just the outstanding results of the five months of the nine beautiful impressive and moving episodes of which were unfolded tonight before the enthralled spectators. From all points of view, scenic, musical dramatic and atmospheric "The Miracle" as staged by Professor Max Reinhardt for Morris and the greatest of American impresarios, is the most elaborate and magnificent venture ever attempted on the American stage. Lady Diana Manners daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Rutland made a wonderful Madonna. Beauty she invested the sacred role with all the simplicity, loving forgiveness, wistfulness and yielding grace with which tradition and faith surround it. In the important and exciting part of the young nun, Magdalen, Miss Rosamond Pinchock, niece of the Governor of Pennsylvania vindicated her choice by Professor Reinhardt by her remarkable delineation of the emotions impulses and phantasmagoria of a youthful and lovely sister brought up in the veneration and rare love of the Virgin, but in whom one day weakness of the flesh and the power of evil becomes manifest. It leads her, according to the medieval legend along seven years of woe and wretchedness and degradation to a final glorious redemption to a hands of the miracle-working Virgin. The cast of "The Miracle" number seven hundred people and there are scenes such as the revolution and fagitation during which the entire company



ANOTHER SIGN OF CANADIAN PROSPERITY

Mr. George A. Morrow, president of the Imperial Life, who presided at the meeting at which it was reported that last year's business was unusually large and profitable. It is merely another indication of returning prosperity, which is shown daily in the financial news.

PRICE MUST BE PAID. DECLARES C. N. R. CHIEF

(Canadian Press.)
BROCKVILLE, Ont., Jan. 15.—"If the people of Canada want reduced freight rates they can have them, but a price will have to be paid," said Sir Henry Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railways, speaking at a banquet of the Board of Trade given in his honor tonight. "If they don't want them then we can constantly increase our net earnings and the day will be not far distant when the National Railways will be no longer a burden upon the taxpayers of the Dominion. There can be no reduction made in the gross earnings of the railway if we are to increase our net receipts."

CONFESSES TO MURDER IN ST. JOHN

(Canadian Press.)
ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 15.—That Stewart Godwin, the 16-year-old mentally deficient youth, who was held for investigation since the discovery on Christmas night of the murder of Mrs. Clara White, had confessed that he struck the woman the blows on the head which caused her death, was the testimony given here tonight by Detective Patrick Biddescombe and County Constable Howard Shortt. He at the resumption of the Coroner's inquest. The deed was committed on December 17 according to the boy's story, as related by the detectives. He had gone to the house to get a picture which Mrs. Whiteside had promised to paint for him. The picture was not ready and she also told him to go away and not come back again. This angered him and he struck her with a piece of iron pipe.

GLIMPSES OF A BUSY PAST

Interesting Address By Rev. Dr. Hertz At Amherst

The following is from the Amherst News and Sentinel:—An interesting glimpse of his ministerial past was given by Rev. Dr. Hertz before the Brotherhood of Trinity Methodist Church Monday afternoon. Although Dr. Hertz has been active in the ministry for over sixty-two years, and has never yet accepted superannuation, he has always been hesitant about talking of matters of a personal nature. Yesterday, however, for a short time he unlocked the door of the past, and his audience—the largest yet which has gathered before the Brotherhood—got an illuminating glimpse of how interesting and active his ministry has been.

PARLIAMENT IS "OPENED IN STATE" BY KING GEORGE

Ceremony an Impressive One and Was in Strict Accordance With Time Honored Custom—Baldwin Likely to Fall on Reply to Speech From Throne.

(Canadian Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 15.—The much mooted question of how the Baldwin government in view of its overwhelming defeat in the recent election on the protection issue would handle the subject in the King's speech at the opening of the new parliament was settled today when the speech from the throne candidly referred to the country's rejection of tariff proposals and indicated their abandonment by the government.

Political experts see nothing but defeat for Mr. Baldwin in the forthcoming vote of confidence.

Just before noon the royal coach, a gorgeous equipage of dull gold and shining glass that rocks back and forth on its great leather thongs after the manner of old Western Canadian stage coaches, rolled behind the eight bay horses along the troop-lined route from Buckingham Palace to Westminster carrying the King and Queen robed in ermine. Their Majesties continually bowed from side to side in response to cheers of thousands.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Parliament Labor party decided today to bring up the question of confidence in the Baldwin government for decision during the debate on the reply to the speech from the throne.

(United Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 15.—Parliament was "opened in state" today by King George, and despite the political chaos in store for legislators, precedent was strictly observed and, from all outward appearances, the King might have been opening a normal five-year-term parliament under a strong government, instead of one which cannot last more than a few months.

With no party possessing a majority in the house of commons, a stable government, according to British views, is impossible, and with no possibility of an arrangement or coalition between two of the contending parties, another dissolution and general election during the spring or early summer would appear inevitable.

Nevertheless, the picturesque yeomen of the guard in scarlet and gold Tudor uniforms marched sedately from the tower to search the vaults under the house of lords for possible emulators of Guy Fawkes, just as has been done every year since that picturesque conspirator plotted to blow up King James the First, centuries ago. The yeomen found nothing, though it must be admitted that detectives from Scotland Yard performed the task before their arrival.

Through streets lined by stalwart guardsmen in full gala uniforms, and escorted by glittering squadrons of life guards, King

50 PERISH IN JAPANESE QUAKE

(Canadian Press.)
TOKYO, Jan. 15.—Fifty persons are believed to have been killed in Tokyo, Yokohama and outside districts in today's earthquake while many persons were injured. No casualties among foreigners are reported. One report stated that six hundred houses were demolished in Yokohama, about 75 miles southwest of here, suffered as great damage as it did last September. The stock market suspended operations owing to the failure of communications.

Cabinet To Consider Case of J. B. McLachlan

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—The case of James McLachlan, Cape Breton Labor leader, serving a two year sentence in Dorchester penitentiary for seditious libel will come before the federal cabinet for consideration at an early date.

Taxation Must Come Down

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—Sir Joseph Flavelle's address before the Canadian Club in Toronto, in which he advocated a 60 per cent cut in the income tax and a new system of taxation generally, coming right on the heels of Mr. E. W. Beatty's address before the Empire Club there, has attracted much attention.

There is a feeling here among taxation officials that if the United States cuts its income tax, as Secretary Mellon proposes, Canada will have to scale hers down, if for no other reason than out of self-defence. That Secretary Mellon proposes to do something worth while is evident from the fact that the total of his proposed cuts are equal to nearly five times the total amount that the Canadian Government will get through the income tax this year.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT TO MEET ON FEBRUARY 28TH

SAYS F. RINFRET MAY SUCCEED LOMER GOUIN

(Canadian Press.)
MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—Although the Montreal Le Canada, French-Canadian official organ of Liberalism in this province, in an editorial today strongly urges the claims of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux as the successor in the Federal Cabinet of Sir Lomer Gouin, this afternoon that in spite of this editorial it is hardly likely that Mr. Lemieux will be sent to accept a portfolio and re-enter active politics. On the other hand, La Patrie declares that rumors are becoming precise in political circles that the one to have the best chance of succeeding Sir Lomer and of representing the Province of Quebec in the Cabinet is Ferdinand Rinfret, editor of Le Canada and M. P. for St. James Division this city. It adds that Mr. Rinfret will be given a portfolio.

Gov't. Has Minority of Four Due to Two Bye-election Defeats.

(Canadian Press.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—Parliament will open on Thursday, February 28. Announcement of the date of the opening was made by Premier King at the close of a Cabinet meeting this evening. The date is almost a month later than that of last year, when Parliament assembled on January 31. In contrast to last year when the opening was on a Wednesday, the time-honored custom of meeting on Thursday will be observed this year. After the opening ceremonies and the delivery of the Speech from the Throne, adjournment will probably be made until the following Monday when the real business of the session will commence.

Since the Government took office two years ago—having at no time an effective majority over all parties combined—it has always received sufficient progressive and independent support to enable it to carry its measures through the House. In the coming session, unless there are unforeseen developments, the dependence of the Government on a measure of support from the left of the Speaker will be intensified.

The Government, after the Speaker was elected, first met Parliament in a technical minority of two. It finished last session with the House technically dividing exactly even. As a result of the two recent Conservative victories in Maritime Province bye-elections, it will meet Parliament in the coming session with a minority of four. Hence, much speculation as to what ways and means the Government may be inclined to adopt to secure Progressive support.

LARGEST DANCE HALL IN WORLD

(By Dominion News Service)
LONDON, Jan. 14.—The largest dance hall in the world is at Olympia, London.

The floor is 440 yards long and has a capacity for 2,000 couples. It is estimated that if the boards were placed end to end they would measure 30 miles in length.

Surrounding the floor is a luxuriously-furnished promenade, and the lighting effects are of the most modern character. By mystic carnival lanterns, when other lights are lowered, the dancing arena is in turn made to represent a mirror, a silver waterfall, and ever-changing rainbow, a fantastic jaw pattern, a snowstorm, a sunlit lawn, and moonlight at sea.

The music is provided by a specially constituted orchestra of 21 players.

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LOST—YESTERDAY BETWEEN H. Laphorn's insurance office and J. A. Farquhar's office \$10 bill (Royal Bank note). Finder kindly leave at this office. Reward.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF IN BANK CASE

The case of Jas. W. Patterson vs. the Canadian Bank of Commerce was disposed of in the Supreme Court yesterday morning when the jury returned after twenty minutes' consultation with a verdict for the plaintiff of \$1,690.74, being the total amount with interest which had been withdrawn at various times from the bank, the plaintiff alleging absolutely no knowledge of the withdrawals.

Following was the jury charge delivered by Mr. Justice Arsenault:

Gentlemen of the Jury, this is a case which need not occupy your time very much longer. So far as I am concerned, my remarks will not be very extended. You have heard the evidence; it is not complicated and you do not need very much instruction in regard to it. It is conceded that the plaintiff, Patterson, had a certain amount on deposit in the Canadian Bank of Commerce. I think it is also conceded that certain cheques were drawn on the Bank which were not signed by himself. I do not think this is disputed, and the only question that remains is one that was

P. E. I. Auxiliary Bible Society

The Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Auxiliary Bible Society takes place today in the Hertz Memorial Hall. The sessions are being held at the following hours:

MORNING: 11:00-12:00. Meeting of the Executive Committee, Pastors of Reports, etc., for Annual Meeting.

AFTERNOON: 2:00. General Meeting. Devotional Exercises. Rev. M. E. Genge, D. D.

2:15. Appointment of Committees.—Nominating, Press, Resolutions.

2:25.—Reports.—Secretary, Treasurer, President, Secretary for S. S. Work, District Secretary.

3:45.—Reports from Branches.

4:15.—Round Table Conference and Discussion, conducted by Rev. F. S. Porter, M. A., B. D., District Secretary.

EVENING:—7:30 Methodist Church.

General Public Meeting—Chairman, Hon. J. D. Stewart, Premier of P. E. I.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. W. O. Mulligan, M. A.

Report of Committees.

Addresses—Rev. E. H. Cochrane, M. A., Moncton, N. B., Rev. F. S. Porter, M. A., B. D., District Secretary.

Offering for the funds of the Bible Society.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY: Hon. President—Mr. J. D. Seaman; President—Rev. H. D. Raymond; Vice-Presidents—Rev. John Stirling, Rev. P. A. Fitzpatrick, Rev. G. E. Armstrong, Mr. J. A. Brace; Secretary—Mr. J. P. Gordon; Treasurer—Dr. H. D. Johnson; Sec'y S. S. Dept.—Miss C. M. Haslam; Audit—Mr. L. B. Miller; Reporting—Isaac Carter.

EXECUTIVE—The Officers and Rev. G. T. Spriggs; Rev. J. McKay; Rev. J. B. Dargott; Rev. J. M. Murchison; A. P. Prowse; M. R. Leard; G. L. Haslam; J. D. Jenkins.

Coal Wage Dispute Yet Far From Settlement

(Canadian Press.)
SYDNEY, Jan. 15.—The coal wage conference broke up this afternoon without settlement and delegates representing the United Mine Workers of America have retired to headquarters to consider the situation.

Although President Silby Barett said the conference had definitely failed to agree he did not say that last minute negotiations might not be resumed. The present contract expires at midnight. It is rumored that the company may put into effect a lower scale of rates as according to the decision of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in January 1922 the present contract will be non-existent after midnight and will exert no binding influence upon anybody although it might be continued in force indefinitely by mutual verbal agreement.

SYDNEY, Jan. 15.—The British Empire Steel Corporation late this afternoon posted notice of a wage cut of twenty percent in all its mines effective at midnight tonight when the present wage contract expires. This followed the collapse at noon today of wage conferences between the miners and operators which have proceeded during past few days.

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(Canadian Press.)
PARIS, Jan. 15.—The French cabinet acting today in the financial crisis caused by the fall of the franc decided to increase all taxes direct and indirect by 20 percent. It also decided to reduce the recoverable budget in 1924 to 5,900,000,000 francs which will be met by this new taxation.

More Hebrideans Coming Shortly to Canada

(Canadian Press.)
LONDON, January 15.—Arrangements have been made with the Government of Ontario for another party of emigrants numbering 300 men, prepared to work on farms in Ontario, and 50 women as domestic servants, to leave the Hebrides on April 26. The C. P. R. steamer Marloch will embark the emigrants at Stornoway, and the Ontario Government will assist them to their final destination.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

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*The Long Creek Ladies' Aid will hold a grand concert in Canoe Cove Hall on January 22nd. Sale of home-made candy. Admission 25 and 15 cents.—959-1-16-31.

*A meeting to Organize the Swiss breeders Shipping Club, will be held in Horne Bros house, on their lower farm Winslow Road, Saturday evening Jan 19th at 7.30. All from Brackley and North and South Milton please attend. Mr. Craig will address the meeting. 938-1-15-Tuefri21.

The Weather, Etc.

MY MOTHER SAID IT WAS AWFULLY CLOSE TO CHRISTMAS FOR ME TO HAVE TO BRING A PRESENT TO YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY—



TORONTO, Jan. 16.—Maritime forecast: Strong south-east wind with snow or rain.

Temperature yesterday: Max. 18, Min. 12.

High tide this evening at 6:05 and tomorrow morning at 7:35.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:44 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:37.

Full moon Monday, Jan 22nd at 8:57 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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