

## INTERESTING LETTER FROM LITTLE OLD NEW YORK

New York, June 6.—The first spell of warm weather has sent many families to the country. The blue bluffs have been going up all week at the town houses in the fashionable residential districts. Already the town has become very desolate socially, the activities of the few remaining members of society being confined to the smart hotels, where informal dinner parties precede an evening at the roof gardens.

The fashionable summer resorts are not anticipating a banner season this year. The proprietor of a large and well known resort hotel on the New England coast who was in town the other day to engage his help for the season spoke rather dismally of the outlook for the summer business. He said that up to the first of May he had received fewer than four hundred requests for the reserve of accommodations at his hotel during the season. In good years, he stated, the number of such requests frequently exceeded one thousand. Proprietors of many other summer hotels and beach attractions have been heard recently to speak of the outlook in terms of deep pessimism.

The big managers are not at all sorry that "Finis" has been written to the theatrical season of 1913-14. It was rather a barren season artistically and at the same time far from satisfactory from the viewpoint of the box office. The failures outnumbered the successes about ten to one. The producers and managers seemed unable to get next to what the public wanted. In the early part of the season the New York playgoers were offered as tempting a Shakespearian menu as was ever served in this city. But the public evidently didn't want Shakespeare and his plays were taken out. Musical comedy, which has been the most successful line of attraction for several years, fell flat this season. Here and there a comedy, a drama or a musical show managed to do a paying business, but as previously stated the failures were many and the successes few. Scores of head-line actors and actresses who were playing in the legitimate last fall wound up

### A WONDERFUL CURE AN ABSCESS BY Burdock Blood Bitters.

Mr. A. W. Dryden, Amherst, N.S., writes:—"I am going to tell you what Burdock Blood Bitters has done for me. My son 'Vance,' when only nine months old, got an abscess on his cheek bone. I took him to a doctor in St. John, N.B., and he lanced it, and told me it would get well in a few days, and wanted me to keep it squeezed out. It did not seem to get any better, so my wife took him back. The doctor told her to take him home and it would soon get better. It would gather and break, and it went on that way until he was over four years old.

"He lost four pieces of bone out of where it was lanced, and two pieces came from his mouth; he has lost all of his cheek bone, and his eye was drawn down. I took him to doctors in St. John, Moncton, and Amherst, and all wanted me to let him go under an operation. He was so small I told them that if he was going to die he might as well die as he was as to go there and be all cut to pieces, so I declined to have the operation done. I told them I was going to try Burdock Blood Bitters, as I had heard my mother talk so much about it. I got a bottle, and when it was about half gone noticed it was doing good, and before many days the sore stopped running, and healed up, and the abscess has never broken out again. This happened nearly six years ago, so you can see I have great faith in Burdock Blood Bitters, and I can say with all my heart that it is the best blood medicine in the world."

the season by doing two-a-day in vaudeville.

The most notable success of the theatrical season in many respects was that of J. Hartley Manner's comedy, "Peg o' My Heart," with Laurette Taylor in the stellar role. This play was the opening attraction at John Cort's new playhouse in West Forty-eighth street on the night of December 20, 1912. With the exception of Good Fridays and Sundays the play was presented every day during the period from its opening date until last Saturday night. The run of seventy-six consecutive weeks was not the longest in the records of the American stage but it was by far the longest that has been scored in New York in many years. But Laurette Taylor's achievement of playing 604 consecutive times the title role in the Manners comedy is a record that has never before been equalled. The nearest approach to it in this country was Maude Adams' 229 times as Lady Babbie in "The Little Minister" at the Empire and Garrick Theatres during the season of 1898-99.

The second annual International Moving Picture Trades Exposition will be held in the Grand Central Palace next week under the joint auspices of the International Moving Picture Exhibitors' Association and the Independent Exhibitors of America. The arrangements provide for a series of novel attractions and entertainments to acquaint the patrons and owners of moving picture theatres with the progress made in the business during the past year. Primarily a motion picture attraction, it will feature a special studio in which will be shown the rehearsing, playing taking and developing of a playlet and then the finished picture on a screen will be run. The play will be enacted by well known players now engaged in moving picture companies in this country, including John Bunny, Mary Pickford, Alice Joyce, Crane Wilbur, Earle Williams, Pearl White and Lillian Walker. Three score of moving picture companies and enterprises closely allied with the motion picture business will have exhibits at the show. In connection with the exposition there will be a convention of owners and managers of moving picture houses in all parts of the United States and Canada.

The conviction of Madeline Ferola on a charge of first degree murder, was something of a surprise to those connected with the district attorney's office, where the theory has long prevailed that it is impossible to get a jury of twelve men in the County of New York to send anything wearing a petticoat to the electric chair. No matter how clear the case or convincing the evidence, or perfect the chain of proof, it has heretofore been found useless to expect a verdict of murder in the first degree against a woman in this county. And what is true of New York County is true of almost every other in the state as shown by the results of trials of women charged with murder. In the twenty-two years, since the electric chair was substituted for the hangman's noose as the legal method for taking the life of a convicted murderer, only two women have died in the state of New York at the hands of the law. Yet in that period scores have been tried for murder—in numerous cases the facts of the killing being admitted. The first electrocution of a woman took place in Sing Sing on March 31, 1899. The victim of the death chair was Mrs. Martha Place of Brooklyn, who killed her young step-daughter in a brutal manner, and later, the same day, tried

## BLOW OF STORSTAD TON-MILES 160,000

Many people in discussing the wrecking of the Empress of Ireland have marveled that a ship of the size of the collier Storstad could inflict a fatal blow to the giant passenger liner. From a scientific standpoint the answer is a simple one, even if the gruesome proof had not already been furnished by fact.

The momentum of the collier, concentrated upon a few square yards of plate on the hull of the Empress is what first broke through the steel hull, after which the sharp prow of the Storstad performed the simple process of shearing the side of the Empress away.

The collier was a vessel of 6,000 tons. In addition she was carrying a coal cargo of 10,000 tons and reports have stated that she was traveling from ten to twelve miles an hour when she hit the Empress. Even taking the lesser velocity that provides a mass of 16,000 tons with a hitting power of ten miles per hour. Momentum is the product for mass and velocity. In other words, the momentum of the collier became 160,000 ton miles. If a person wants to make it more definite the momentum was 1,689,680,000,000 foot-pounds.

### FORCE BEHIND 16,000 TONS.

Eliminating the technical expression 160,000 ton-miles of momentum, the same meaning may be expressed in the statement that the blow striking at the rate of ten miles per hour had a force behind it equal to the weight of the collier and its load, or 16,000 tons all concentrated upon the small surface of the Empress steel hull which would be touched in the first impact of the sharp steel-pointed nose of the Storstad.

This would practically mean that the full force of the blow crashed upon a few square yards of steel hull. In consideration of that immense weight, it is side of the gigantic Empress crushed in like an egg-shell and that the sharp nose of the collier was able to shear a sliver of steel plates from her side large enough to sink her in fourteen minutes.

### LIKE HUGE PILE DRIVER.

Another way in which this might be expressed is to imagine a huge pile driver with a height coming in contact with a wedge. The weight falling at the rate of forty feet per second would have to be 76,000 tons, in order to produce the same force which the wedge-shaped bow of the Storstad produced upon the Empress of Ireland.

Some allowance, of course would have to be made because the ship would be buoyant, but this is an approximate estimate of the weight.

### FALLING WRIGHT OF 185 TONS

Again the momentum with which the Storstad hit the Empress was almost as much as a weight of 185 tons of steel falling to earth, 250 feet, or 43 feet higher than the C. P. R. Building.

Then again the hitting power would be equal to that of a train of 240 freight cars of average size travelling at the rate of twenty miles an hour.

to butcher her husband with an axe. The second electrocution of a woman was that of Mrs. Mary Farmer, who was put to death in Auburn prison ten years after the first electrocution. Mrs. Farmer was convicted of murdering Mrs. Sarah Brennan, her intimate friend and neighbor, in order to gain possession of her property. Mrs. Brennan was hacked to pieces with a hatchet and her body stuffed in a trunk.

## BIG SURPRISE TO MANY IN FREDERICTON

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## JOHN BURKE'S TRIAL BEGINS MONDAY

New York, June 6.—John Burke, whom Col. George Goethals chairman of the Panama Canal Commission, suspended as head of the commissary department of the Panama Canal zone is scheduled to be placed on trial in the United States court here Monday on indictments charging him with accepting gratuities from dealers in supplies at Panama. The charges against Burke attracted much attention at the time, as it was thought possible they might lead to the exposure of an extensive system of graft among the officials of the canal zone. An official investigation, however, failed to bring to light anything to support this supposition.

Information that charges of irregularity in Burke's conduct as manager of the commissary department were being investigated by the government was made public last December. On February 9 Col. Goethals suspended Burke from his position on alleged evidence furnished by secret service officers concerning the bank accounts and property said to be in possession of the commissary manager. It was said at the time that Burke had \$75,000 on deposit in his own name in banks in Colon and in his home city of Indianapolis, in addition to property amounting to \$50,000 in various parts of the United States and Canada. Though denying that he had ever been guilty of any misconduct in office Burke is said to have failed to have satisfactorily explained his possession of so much wealth, when given an opportunity to do so by Col. Goethals.

Three merchants in the canal zone who are alleged to have given Burke commissions in connection with the purchase of supplies were indicted with him. According to a statement issued by the authorities the government has suffered no loss through Burke's alleged acceptance of commissions.

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