

PRISON DRAMA INNOVATION IS HUGE SUCCESS

**Sing Sing Sings' Popularity
Spreads to Other Institutions.**

OSSINING, N. Y., May 2.—The Mutual Welfare League of Sing Sing prison has turned its attention to the drama.

Recently a dramatic and vaudeville show was given in the prison auditorium, under the auspices of the Welfare league players, for which tickets were sold to the public, and the profits will be used to defray the expenses of league activities.

The league's success was so encouraging that officials of the league plan to give, with the co-operation of prison administration officials, at least one play a month.

The public, however, only occasionally will be permitted to view these performances.

Under the administration of Miss Lewis E. Lawes, the new warden, who assumed his duties at Sing Sing early this year, the Welfare league, established by Thomas Mott Osborne, has regained much of its former power.

The league, according to its officials, is organized for the purpose of training the men at Sing Sing in the doctrine of self-government.

It is governed by its own elected representatives, who are responsible to the warden for the discipline of the institution, and to their fellow prisoners for such regulation of the privileges granted as will work out to the best interest of all concerned.

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LIEUT. HENRY ROGET.

Accompanied by his dog Follette, Lieut. Henry Roget has flown 19,000 hours and thus broken the French record for hours of flight. The record comprises eight years of flying experience for dog and man. During the war they were shot down three times. Lieut. Roget was first aviator to fly across the Mediterranean and back again without stopping.

The Right Thing at the Right Time

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NEGRO'S 2 TRIALS COST COUNTY \$692

Statement by Shelby Clerk Itemizes Court Expenses.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., May 22.—Marion county owes Shelby county \$692.45, the cost of two trials of the Upshaw Northington, an Indianapolis negro, who was tried here on a charge of killing Wade Hill, an Indianapolis police sergeant.

At the first trial of the case, which was brought before the Indiana circuit court on a change of venue, the jury disagreed.

The second trial resulted in Northington being found guilty and receiving a sentence of life imprisonment.

RICHMOND—Earlham college will give degrees to seventy at its commencement exercises Wednesday, June 9.

BLOOMINGTON—The largest class in the 100 years history of Indiana university—476 men and women—will receive degrees during the week beginning May 29.

SOUTH BEND—William Ponorek, window cleaner, escaped with a dislocated hip in a fall from a second story to the sidewalk.

HUNTINGTON—Fred Winkelman, 38, was killed when he stepped in front of a slow moving switch engine. Another locomotive made it impossible to hear its approach.

GARY—When a motor truck in which he was riding was driven in front of a passenger train Smith Bryant, 17, was killed. Alonso Williams, the driver, suffered perhaps fatal injuries.

ANDERSON—Alvin J. Castetter, a paper hanger, and his son, Richard, 10, were injured when a Big Four train struck an automobile in which they were riding.

EVANSVILLE—Floyd Lantass, 4-year-old son of Walter Lantass, farmer, living near here, was drowned today when he fell in a well at the Lantass home.

NEW RICHMOND—Officials of the Corn Exchange bank have the laugh on gamblers who cut a hole through a brick wall to rob the vault. The hole, the place was broken some time ago, and a sign had been hung on the door inside: "This door is not locked." The veggs were frightened away this time before they completed their task of hammering into the vault which did not contain any valuables.

**Kraft Shows Fine
Voice in Concert**

Arthur Kraft, who will be the tenor soloist in the Indianapolis centennial, to be given in June by the community chorus in connection with the Indianapolis centennial, appeared in the concert of the Athenaeum male chorus last night.

Mr. Kraft sang three groups of varied atmosphere.

His voice possesses a soft lyrical quality which, combined with a clear enunciation and sympathetic interpretation, is decidedly pleasing.

The chorus under the direction of Alexander Ernestinoff gave their numbers with usual ease and effectiveness.

Mrs. Frank Edenhardt, at the piano, gave splendid support.

CONFERENCE AGAIN POSTPONED.

PARIS, May 22.—The proposed financial conference of the league of nations to be held in Brussels has been postponed until early in July, it was announced today.

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LIFE STORY TOLD BY MRS. CROKER

**Testifies Cherokee Indians
Called Her Father 'Lion.'**

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., May 22.—Bula Edmundson Croker, wife of the former leader of Tammany, will sit in circuit court today the story of her life.

Her story included a review of the life of the Cherokee Indians and that of the Edmundson family for four generations.

With it was a story how Indians gave to her grandfather the name Kalunchi, meaning "the Lion," because of his size, weight and voice, and also her story of the courtship that led to her marriage with Richard Croker in 1914.

For the first time the testimonies of both Mr. and Mrs. Croker related to Glencairn and other property in Ireland.

Both testified an agreement has been entered into under which at the death of the couple Glencairn is to go to the Irish Sisters of Charity and \$250,000 in stocks and bonds now held in Ireland are to be used as a maintenance fund.

Each has made a will for the benefit of the survivors.

Title to Glencairn is in Mrs. Croker's name, the property having been deeded to her when Croker disagreed with his son Richard.

This testimony was intended to discredit the claim that Mrs. Croker wedded her husband into giving the property to her.

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