

## Many Plays Make Bid for Favor

Seventeen Attractions Are Produced on Broadway.

BY DIXIE HINES

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—When seventeen new plays are produced on Broadway in one week it can no longer be called "play," but is work, and mighty hard work, too. That is the record for this season, and so far as statistics are available, is a record for all time. Eleven of these plays were produced in one night, and if the reviews were placed end on end they would be tiresome.

Some of the plays seem to have achieved success. "Bless You, Sister" is one, and so is "Behold the Bridegroom." "Paris Bound" is another and "Show Boat" and "The White Eagle" are among the successful musical plays.

Other plays produced were "Venus" which was a flop in the language of the theater. "Celebrity" supposed to have more or less to do with the life of Gene Tunney, is a fair success. "Paradise" failed, and "It Is to Laugh" was moderately successful. "L'Aiglon," in revival, was pleasantly received, and "Excess Baggage" proved to be an amusing farce. "Mongolia" is a colorful melodrama, but received with reservations by the press, while "The Royal Family" won a substantial success. "The Prisoner" is a gloomy and unpalatable morsel, and "Lovely Lady" has possibilities. "Castie" was produced the week before, and although Joe Weber, the manager, gave it a sumptuous setting, and engaged a cast of exceptional merit, the Cosmo Hamilton adaptation of his own novel was unimpressive. It is a story of racial intermarriage, Christian with Jew. It has been done far better before, and came to a finish about 11 o'clock with an unimpressed audience.

"Sisters" was produced last week. It is by John Willard and tells the story of three sisters. One is married to a good natured but perpetually idle husband, reduced to poverty. Another is a lady of leisure, the mistress of a rich and married man. The younger sister is emerging from college, and the married sister seeks to guide her to an alliance that will give her wealth at least.

Better money without marriage, she says, than marriage without money, a theory opposed by the sister who has tried it. When the time comes for the young sister to decide, the playwright settles it by a theatrical trick and we are no better off than when we started.

Roberta Arnold, Isabel Elsom and Irene Purcell are the sisters, and Miss Arnould leaves us unsatisfied. She becomes highly monotonous in her standardized tones, and covers more grounds than any pedestrian of the stage.

"Restless Women," by Sidney Stone, is a simple little comedy drama from a popular mould. A middle aged wife seeks divorce from her husband that she may play around with a young convert. She has a daughter and the daughter meets the young man, and if you want to know the rest of the story, which you probably have already guessed, it is that the daughter takes the young man away from mother, and mother realizes she has made a fool of herself and the divorce thing is off. There are amusing scenes afield, and the acting is pleasant and satisfactory, particularly Mary Young, Madeline Grey, Leila Frost, Elsie Ritz and Wilfred Lucas.

LADY ASTOR LAUDS SEX

Claims Pioneers Made Success Because of Women.

London, Jan. 7.—Columbus did not settle in America because he did not have his wife with him, according to Lady Astor.

The more she sees of men, the more her ladyship believes in women, she told her audience at the annual dinner of the Three Towns Association.

"Those pioneers we have heard about would not have stayed a week in other countries if their wives had not been with them," she said.

CITY BANKER HONORED

H. T. Hottel Named to Education Group of National Board.

Appointment of Henley T. Hottel, real estate department manager for the Washington Bank and Trust Company, as a member of the educational committee of the National Association of Real Estate Boards was announced today. Henry G. Zander, national president, made the appointment.

DOES WESTERN FEATURE  
Ken Maynard is doing "The Canyon of Adventure," an early California story.

MOTION PICTURES

First Run Features  
**ISIS**  
Opposite Terminal Station  
Sun.—Mon.—Tues.—Wed.

**TOM TYLER and his PALS**  
The DESERT PIRATE  
Action—Love—Romance—Color  
And Little  
FRANKIE DARRO!  
—Also—  
The Eighth Episode  
"THE ISLE OF SUNKEN GOLD"  
"The Battle of the Canoes"  
and  
Krazy Kat Caroon

## Some of the Big Actors in 'King of Kings'



"King of Kings," a movie that is being highly praised, opens a week's engagement tonight at English's. Left, Joseph Striker as John the Beloved; inset, Rudolph Schildkraut as Calaphas, and, right, Clayton Packard as Bartholomew.

### FIRE AT FORT FATAL

Soldier Dies of Burns Received in Barracks Blaze.

Because the old wartime barracks at Ft. Benjamin Harrison are like a tinder-box, Supply Sergeant Charles W. Rehfeld, Battery B, Third Field Artillery, died of burns and was buried today at Cincinnati, Ohio, it was revealed by officers.

In an effort to keep warm in the shacklike structure, Rehfeld built a fire Monday night before he retired. The stove became overheated and soon his billet was burning like so much straw. Rehfeld staggered from the place, but died next day at the Fort Hospital.

No one else was injured.

Rehfeld was serving his second enlistment.

Services were conducted at the Service Club Friday afternoon by Chaplain Samuel J. Miller of the post. Today he was buried under military escort at Cincinnati. There were no relatives.

### SUPPORTS MELLON IN TAX CUT DELAY MOVE

Couzens Says Measure Should Not Pass Before March.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Secretary Mellon found an unexpected ally today in his plan to have Congress defer enactment of the tax reduction bill until March 15.

Senator James Couzens of Michigan, who has often criticized Mellon severely, endorsed Mellon's suggestion that the Senate postpone passage of the measure.

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