

NATURE LOVERS FIGHT TO HALT 'GRAB' OF FALLS

Power Company's Project Would Down Kentucky Scenic Spot.

By Times Special
proxin, Ky., Nov. 13.—This section of southwestern Kentucky is going to the federal power commission to prevent destruction of the falls, twenty miles from here.

A hearing will be held before the commission in Washington next month on the application of the Cumberland Hydro-Electric Power Company for a permit to build a dam above the falls. The company is part of the Insull interests.

Citizens, civic organizations and newspapers are aroused over this threat to dry up a sixty-seven-foot waterfall which has the Cumberland mountains as its setting, and has a larger volume of water than the Yosemite falls in California.

Du Pont Offers Help

Senator Coleman Du Pont of Delaware has offered to buy 2,200 acres of land including and surrounding the falls and turn it over to his native state to be converted into a state park.

That is what the majority of the people in this region want done with the falls, but the power company already has exercised its option on the land and has applied for a permit to build the dam, which would divert the flow of water in the Cumberland river at a point about a mile above the dam and turn it into a tunnel leading to turbines and a power house below the falls.

The company has on its side Governor Elmer Sampson. The Cumberland Falls Preservation Association, leading the fight, charges that the Governor has done an about face since his gubernatorial campaign.

Movement Combated

The national conference on state parks, headed by Stephen T. Mather, director of national parks, is aiding the conservationists, with letters asking everyone to "write or wire, or to take any other steps that you may think best individually to help in saving this magnificent scenery, this one untouched waterfall, from destruction."

Governor Sampson's argument is that the proposed power development will mean new taxes to the state and the two counties in which the falls and adjoining land are located, and will bring new industries into the region.

To this the conservationists reply: The total tax revenue would be about \$30,000 annually, while the revenue from the tourist trade which would follow the creation of a state park, would be greater.

LEGISLATOR ONLY 25

Ft. Wayne Attorney Believed Nation's Youngest Lawmaker.

By Times Special
Ft. WAYNE, Ind., Nov. 13.—A Everett Bloom, 25, a local lawyer, is believed qualified as the nation's youngest lawmaker. He was elected to the lower house of the Indiana legislature in Tuesday's election.

The "baby lawmaker," a Republican, is a graduate of Indiana university, where he received his LL.D. degree in 1927.

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HO-FANG IS NOT AS EVIL AS HIS NAME

New Mystery Play at English's Has the Prize Quality of Being a Comedy as Well as a Real Thriller.

BY JOHN T. HAWKINS

If you miss the opportunity of making Ho-Fang one of your best remembered friends this week, you will forever regret it when you hear others tell of meeting this extraordinary oriental.

Ho-Fang is the Chinese servant of George Winsford, around whom much of the plot centers in "The Silent House." Played by Harold De Becker, this Oriental man servant takes on all the attributes of the perfect servant we read about so often in books. Cunning, fearless and loyal to the point of death, you will love Ho-Fang before the final curtain settles and ends the mystery of Dr. Chan Fu and his henchmen.

George Winsford's uncle meets an unfortunate death and leaves all his property to his nephew. Along with the money and other things are the "Silent House" and a fortune in United States government bonds that have been hidden.

The last day of redemption for the bonds is only four days away when young Winsford arrives on the scene and a mad hunt is started.

But the villain enters upon the plans of the young heir in the person of Dr. Chan Fu, played by Howard Lang, almost succeeds in sending the nephew along the same route as the uncle.

This play is better than any mystery play that we have seen during the last two or three years. It is full of a rich blend of comedy along with the mystery that will hold you in your seat thoroughly forgetful of everything, but the scene passing in front of you. Other mystery plays have had comedy wove into them, and successfully, but this one is distinctly different.

We have the quiet, unassuming humor of the Oriental instead of the slapstick methods so long used as relief in the orthodox mystery play. Simplicity is Ho-Fang's great bid for the affection you will feel for him. When Winsford tells Ho-Fang that there is not enough money in the estate to keep both the butler and the faithful Oriental, Ho-Fang proposes the simple solution that comes so clearly and quickly to his mind, he pulls out a long knife and starts for the butler, his method being to put the butler past all need of care and worry about his weekly pay. You'll see the reason for this later on in the story.

The love interest in the story has been held down, as it rightfully should be, but is still strong enough to make you anxious about the one feminine figure in the plot. The part of T'mala, Dorothy Graw, is most excellently done. She has some screaming to do that must be done exactly right. If she should scream just the wrong way it would be a farce. But you will agree that there's nothing funny about T'mala's shrieks of terror.

Philip Barty, Gerald Oliver Smith, is a part that offers comedy relief along a more familiar line. He is one of those stage Englishmen who is forever hunting a whisky and soda and dropping his monocle. But Barty will find favor in your eyes along with the rest. He is fresh and at all times interestingly humorous.

Among the lesser characters in the play are Senor Leon Peroda, played by Louis Tanno; Hwang, Dr. Chan Fu's deaf and dumb servant, played by Waldo H. Sanford; Jacob Herrington, the family soldier, played by Arthur Bowyer, and Benson the butler, played by

Charles McNaughton. They are all excellently cast.

So we'll end up by repeating what we have tried to say all along. See "The Silent House" and enjoy the confidence of Ho-Fang.

At English's all week.

LOOKING OVER NEW BURLESQUE SHOW

"Moulin Rouge Girls," the new burlesque show at the Mutual this week, may not be so strong on comedy, it makes up for this apparent lack by plenty of good looking and arm dancing female members of the cast.

It is very well aged and combed and the music is of course the kind that will move the feet. In our opinion a slight mistake has been made in making a scene or two a little too sobby, but this is quickly forgotten when the girls come out and go through their paces.

Included in the cast are Benny Moore, Bell Miller, Gus Flagg, Nan Lee, Billy Berning and Abe Gore. At the Mutual. (By Observer.)

SPEAKING OF A VERY CLEVER ACT

It was my duty on several occasions in this department to tell you about Chase and LaTour, having the services of Charlotte LaTour in a little human travesty upon love, called "Around the Corner."

This act at this time might be called as much a variety institution as "Johnny's New Car" and it might set the long distance record of "The Pest House" if it keeps on long enough. The little plot shows you a rich guy all dressed up in evening clothes. He is waiting for a society dame with money and the rich idea of marriage. On the other side of the wall, just around the corner, is a day laborer waiting for his "skirt." Both girls arrive and the problems of the two couples are just the same, but expressed in different language. The rich girl will not marry her stylish lover because he has lost his finance in speculation and the guy who gets paid by the hour loses his "skirt" because he had been bounced from his job. Here is a clever little sketch and one that has met the test of time on the vaudeville stage. But it still gets the laughs. That is the test of this sketch at this time. It is well acted.

Charlotte LaTour has no trouble in scoring with their songs. They know audience contact and they have the material. Donia and Pollard have what might be called a "wop" comedy act. The Kemmey's have a posing and balancing act.

Jackie Shannon and Celia Brothers have a dance offering in which the chap who plays the piano walks away with the act. Gen. Ed LaVine opens the show. Was late and late this act.

The movie feature is Belle Bennett in "The Power of Silence." Now at the Lyric. (By Walter D. Hickman.)

Indianapolis Little Theatre tonight opens its season at the Playhouse with "The Queen's Husband."

Other theaters today offer: "Revenge" at Loew's Palace; "Fazil" at the Apollo; "The Matting Call" at the Indiana; "The Wedding March" at the Circle, and "Circus Days" at the Colonial.

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Verdict of the Stage

ENGLISH'S—"The Silent House" is a rippin' good melodramatic mystery with a character in Ho-Fang that is new and decidedly entertaining.

LYRIC—Chase and LaTour, by presenting "Around the Corner" for some time, have made this act a variety institution.

MUTUAL—"Moulin Rouge Girls" is a well balanced burlesque show with plenty of girls, dances and snappy music.

KOKOMO BANK CRASH ACCUSED WINS ACQUITTAL

Frank S. Owens Freed in Case Which Involved State Officials.

By United Press

FRANKFORT, Ind., Nov. 13.—Frank S. Owens, former president of the defunct American Trust Company, Kokomo, has been acquitted in Clinton circuit court here on charges of embezzlement.

The charge against Owens was based on the allied taking of funds from depositors when he knew the bank was to be closed.

Indictments against Luther Symons, state banking commissioner; Thomas D. Barr, deputy commissioner, and Ora Davies, former state treasurer, were quashed. They were indicted with Owens.

The charge against Davies was quashed because the statute of limitations had run, and those against Symons and Barr, because it was held they were not liable for error in the performance of their duties.

Indictments against William H. Arnold, a former president of the bank; his son, L. B. Arnold, and a brother, Tom Arnold, were retired. Authorities have failed in their attempts to extradite W. H. Arnold from Florida.

The program was so arranged that it built up in the first part to the delightful fun that Strauss had in his "Till Eulenspiegel's Mysterious Pranks." This was a marvelous climax to the first part following Beethoven's Overture to "Coriolanus" with his soothing melody and then followed by Bruch's "Fantasia on Scottish Airs" for violin and orchestra.

In the Bruch "Fantasia" we had Scilione Guidi, a member of the orchestra, as violin soloist. To many the work of the soloist as well as the work of the orchestra in the magnificent creation of Scottish airs was the feature of the program.

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that it's haunting beauty easily made it a favorite.

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The handling of this symphony proved to me that Mengelberg was conducting his most brilliant Indianapolis concert. It is a gigantic symphony because of its many moods of despair.

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Mengelberg Directs His Most Brilliant Concert

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

Am sure that when the history of music is written in Indianapolis that Monday night's concert of the Philharmonic orchestra will be recorded as the most brilliant that William Mengelberg has directed up to this time.

Mengelberg seems to be secure in his position today as the most commanding of the conductors and that his orchestra takes first place in this country.

It seemed to me last night at this opening orchestral concert under the direction of Ona B. Talbot that both the conductor and the orchestra were more sure of themselves than ever before.

Mengelberg always gives me the impression of being the center from which every interpretative mood of the composer is brought to life. Although the conductor is the center of it all, his musicians give one the impression that it is a labor of love.

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DE PAUW-BRITISH TILT

Co-Eds Will Debate With Touring Team at Greencastle Tonight.

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Nov. 13.—Three De Pauw university co-eds will debate tonight against a team of British young women, the first to tour the United States. De Pauw will take the negative side of the proposition, "Resolved, that democratic governments must depend upon an appeal to prejudice rather than reason."

The visiting debaters will be Miss Leonora Lockhart, Nancy Samuel and Margery Sharp. De Pauw's team is composed of Miss Lillian Dale, Everton; Helen Stokes, Boston, Mass., and Helen Ranton, Rensselaer.

SLATED FOR CABINET

Hoosier Talked for Post as Hoover Advisor.

Ernest I. Lewis, former Indianapolis newspaperman and now an interstate commerce commissioner, may be offered a seat in the cabinet of Herbert Hoover.

The Hoosier has been a close personal friend of the President-elect for a number of years, it is said, and his friends consider it likely that Hoover will offer him a cabinet birth.

Lewis, former public service commission member, is said to be a political friend of James P. Goodrich, Indiana utility man and former governor.

Lewis, who was here for the election, laughed over the idea of accepting the reported cabinet appointment as he is to become chairman of the commerce commission next year through rotation, friends stated. Both posts pay \$12,000 a year.

Lewis was a son-in-law of the late John N. Carey. Fred G. Apel and Morris Haines are brother-in-law.

VANDERBILTS PLAN DIVING EXPEDITION

Round-the-World Cruise to Start on Nov. 16.

By United Press

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 13.—W. K. Vanderbilt and a party of scientists, will leave Miami Nov. 16 in his 213-foot ocean-going yacht "Ara" for a round-the-world cruise, during which deep sea diving expeditions will be made.

Vanderbilt will be accompanied by Mrs. Vanderbilt, his brother, Robert Vanderbilt of Boston; John P. Greer of New York; P. Merillion of Paris and New York and Balschi the artist.

The proposed itinerary will carry them to Pana, Hawaii, Borneo, India and up into Indo-China. Vanderbilt maintains a museum of sea life at Northport, L. I., which contains more than 2,000 specimens. Many of these were brought back from last year's expedition to the Galapagos Islands in the Sargasso sea.

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