## 'The Woman' at Columbia Is a Gripping Drama Marvellous Belasco Stage Craft Is Secondary

## AUDIENCE IS THRILLED BY TENSE STORY

Production Clever Actors Is Well Worth Seeing

By WALTER ANTHONY

David Belasco has never staged play from "The Rose of the Rancho" "The Easiest Way" that wasn't a good story. "The Woman" at the Columbia is a good story. It was written by William C. de Mille, but it was garnished with "Amen corners," in historic hotels wherein the elevators rose and fell just as though there were pas-sengers riding to the third floor, and it was trimmed with realism until the auditor almost felt that he owed money to the Hotel Keswick, in Washington,

GRIPPING DRAMA

When the third act came the elaborateness of the Belasco appointments were justified in a real gripping drama. The elevators were forgotten, the switchboard with its real telephone girl on the first floor of the hotel was ignored, and a situation of inherent dramatic value was revealed. The audience forgot that it was a Belasco production and began to think that the folk on the stage were essential when they listened to the little telephone girl defend the wife of Robertson from New York,

The only time that Belasco's marvelous stage craft is impressive is when you forget it. That happened in the third act of "The Woman" last night at the Columbia, when Belasco's better genius developed a tragic impor-

HELLO GIRL STANCH

The little telephone girl, to whom I have made previous reference, had re-fused to make a telephonic connection for designing politicians. She knew, in the second act, that the honor of a married woman was at stake. Her sweetheart's father was bent on getting the truth about her married friend's relations with Matthew Standish, who opposed all of the sweetheart-father's posed all of the sweetheart-father's schemes. As much as \$10,000 was of-fered to the sweetheart, who, as I have said, was the telephone operator in the Hotel Keswick, but she would not tell. It was true, of course, that the wife of Representative Robertson from New Representative Robertson from New York had been guilty with the now insurgent leader, but the telephone operator would not admit it. She knew, but she kept the secret inviolate for two acts, up to the third, and then the lady admitted it herself.

WELL DRAWN SCENE The scene of the confession was wor

derfully well drawn. The telephone girl was on the point of going to jail because she had refused to connect the designing politicians with impossible newspapers when the former wanted to give to the latter the scandalous story of the Honorable Matthew Standish. Perhaps a well regulated newspaper man might resent the idea that any newspaper would not refuse to print a story that would discredit a woman in behalf of a political scheme, nor rise in wrath at the notion that the "Asso-ciated Press was holding the wires open for 'the lady's name,'" but the occu-pants of seats at the Columbia last night seemed to think that the scheme of the play might easily be worked out

THE WOMAN IN THE CASE However, after the first act was over,

the brave little central girl measured wits with the Hon. Mark Robertson, the Hon. Jim Blake and other old line statesmen, and then, after refusing for the hundredth time to tell the name of the woman who was registered at a hotel five years before, the woman herself entered the room and saved the telephone girl from going to jail be-cause she had refused in the second act to divulge the secret of a telephone call. The said lady was—who do you think? She was the wife of the Hon. Mark Robertson, who was trying to defeat the Hon. Matthew Standish by digging up the ancient scandal Matthew and her grace-the present wife of Mark-had been in-

volved five years before.

At the conclusion of the plot the brave little telephone girl and the son of the arch grafter are united. The said little central girl has done her best to protect the marital happiness of Mrs. Mark Robertson. Mr. Mark Robertson has found out from his spouse that she has been guilty with the Hon. Matthew Standish, his present opponent in politics and aban-doned the search for the name of the

representative from Illinois and Hugh Dillman, as his ardent son, in love with the telephone girl, were realistic figures in Belasco's realistic production. ("The Easiest Way." at the Alcazar theater, will be reviewed by Walter Anthony in tomorrow's Call.)

LAD STRUCK BY AUTO; CAR FENDER SAVES LIFE

Burlingame Boy Has Remark- BURR McINTOSH IS able Escape From Death

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

BURLINGAME, Oct. 14.—Struck by a seven passenger automobile and thrown in front of an interurban street car, Bernard Towle, the 16 year

street car, Eernard Towle, the 16 year old son of Frederick Towle, an expert accountant of 604 Bayswater avenue, was taken to his home seriously injured this morning.

Towle was riding a bicycle along San Mateo drive when at Burlingame avenue he was struck by the automobile of W. E. Robinson, a San Francisco merchant, and thrown in the path of a passing San Mateo car. His life of a passing San Mateo car. His life was saved by the fender.

The injured boy suffered from severe



Marjorie Wood, who plays Wanda Kelly in "The Woman," and a scene in the drama.

## Autos, Flowers---All Is Ready for the Big Matinee Then, Too, There'll Be Candy for the Girl Critics

#### What Would You Do if You Were in Wanda Kelly's Place, and Why?

There remain but the finishing touches to complete all arrangements for The Call's big theater party to-morrow afternoon, at which the 50 expert telephone operators will be entertained at the matinee at the

"The Woman" will be the play, and it is the first exploitation of the complexities and trials in the life of the telephone girl on a big switchboard. The telephone girls of San Francisco will be asked, many of them, to answer the question as to what they would have done had they been in Wanda Kelly's place, and why. The answers to this query will be published in The Call on Thursday morning and will be an interesting addition to the criticisms of the play that has caused so much comment throughout the country.

The theater party is to be an affair of importance. Automobiles—big, smart, open cars and limousines will be supplied by the San Francisco branch of the

Oakand Motor company to carry the guests from the meeting place in the city hall to the theater.

The Pig'n Whistle shop will send boxes of its most delicious sweets, all the wonderful chocolates and the like for which it has become noted, and these will fill in the intervals between acts most suitably.

Pelicano, Rossi & Co. think that it will be a nicer

day for all the girls if they have some flowers to wear. It adds to the gayety of any occasion if one feels just a bit "dressed up" beyond ordinary everyday gatherings. So dainty corsage bouquets—perhaps violets, maybe baby roses, or even—but why guess? Tomorrow will tell the tale of what they really will be—are to be presented to each guest.

And think who are to be the chaperons! No one of less importance than the Mayor and Mrs. Rolph. Every one will meet them before the matinee and there will be some delightful moments of conversation before it is time to go to the theater.

Altogether, it will be a unique experience and one which will be long remembered by the participants. At the theater there will be decorations to welcome the party and then will begin the real business of the Telephone girls will see their daily work reproduced with all the proper accessories supplied by that wizard of stage craft, Belasco. The switchboard, connected with the telephone system of the city, will be manipulated with an air of verisimilitude by Wanda Kelly, the stage telephone girl, and the test to which she will be put by the leaders of the "machine" in politics, is such as might confront any operator at any

doned the search for the name of the lady who registered with the said Hon. Standish at a given hotel five years ago. Mark forgives Grace and the curtain falls on an universal peace—domestic and political.

Marjorie Wood assumes the role of the central girl with so much realism that one wishes she were on the line when you call. James Seeley as the when you call. James Seeley as the representative from Illinois and Hugh will be selected for duty on the grand

William Tenrtelotte, William J. Murray,
George O. Bacon, Adolph Blaich, Charles Vandenbos, W. W. Talbot, Charles Jellinek, H. Gellfus, Charles J. Hatch, A. Jenevein, J. E. Hill,
Thomas Stott, Chase Littlejohn, Kenneth Mcbeed, J. J. Fahey, J. J. Hahlr, W. J. Goldkuhl,
W. W. Casey, E. O'Neill, Phil-Fahy, J. L. Kent,
William Tenrtelotte, William J. Murray,
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SEVERELY SHAKEN UP

Burr McIntosh, former magazine publisher, newspaperman and actor, was severely shaken up late last night, was severely shaken up late last night, when he fell 20 feet down an elevator shaft at his studio in Powell street between Post and Sutter streets. Mc-Intosh walked into the shaft in the darkness, the door of the shaft having accidently been left open. He was rescued from the bottom of the place by Thurlow Bergen, of the Alcazar stock company, and was taken to the St. Francis hotel, where doctors were summoned to attend him. McIntosh, who is a heavy man, suffered from the shaking up he received in the fall more than from bruises.

Pacific Electric railway, the great miles of track, was made yesterday by State Railroad Commissioner Max Thelen, at a hearing of the company's application for permission to issue \$5,-285,000 of refunding bonds.

Paul Shoup, president of the line, was on the stand during the inquisition, but his inability to appraise the properties of the corporation definitely left the whole matter still a mystery when the hearing concluded.

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"Well, Mr. Shoup," Thelen said after the interrogatory, "this being a refunding issue requested, we will not go further into the matter. But I might tell you now that if your company ever comes before us with a proposition to issue more bonds, you will have to be considerably better prepared as to the situation and as to what was said and done at the time of consolidation than you are today."

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JURY WILL CONVENE

ISpecial Dispatch to The Call
PEDWOOD CITY, Oct. 14.—The new San Mateo county grand jury will be considered, ters of importance will be considered, ters of importance will be considered, and it is understood District Attorney and catered from the fall more than from bruises.

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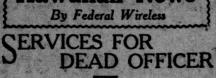
tered Shoup. "We have an office in New York and that is part of their business, "Well, I hope the bond buyers got

more information than we have," The-

to uncover the inner financing of the were satisfied or they wouldn't have

Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

I have had several ladies come to me and a I am willing to recommend it to all who su at information I will be glad to give it."



struction of Gardens and Courts at Harbor View

FOR EXPOSITION

Director M. H. de Young Returns After Year's Work Abroad in Regard to Fair

At its meeting this morning the uildings and grounds committee of the Panama-Pacific international exposition will advertise for bids for the grading for the foundation of the machinery building and for the construction of the court of honor and of the festival court. The director of works will also be instructed to advertise for teams and their equipment, scrapers, wagons, plows and other necessary implements to be used in the construction of all the gardens and courts on the Harbor View site. It is expected that within 10 days there will be 400 head of stock on the grounds with their necessary

on the grounds with their necessary equipment.

At 10 o'clock this morning the committee on buildings and grounds will receive bids for the construction of sewers in the concessions district and in the south gardens, and also for the construction of a road through Fort Mason to the transport docks. This road is to be paved with asphalt, and 90 days are allowed for its completion.

The committee will also advertise fo bids for the construction of a sewer system in the foreign pavilion section. This contract, together with the two other contracts, will complete the sewering of the southerly portion of the

other contracts, will complete the sewering of the southerly portion of the grounds.

M. H. de Young, one of the vice presidents of the exposition and chairman of the committee on concessions and admissions of the exposition, returned to this city yesterday, after a year's absence abroad. During his lengthy stay he visited the orient, India and the principal cities of Europe. Immediately upon his arrival he visited the exposition building and participated in a meeting of the committee of which he is chairman. He was cordially greted by President Moore and the other directors of the exposition and expressed his pleasure at being once more in harness and ready to assist his fellow directors in the important work of building the 1915 universal exposition. A coincidence was De Young's return on the anniversary of the ground breaking for the exposition a year ago. He participated in those ceremonies and a few days later left for the orient. The interviews he gave while abroad did much to exploit the exposition. Wherever he went he gave out information about the greatness of the coming world's fair.

MAN KILLS 3 PERSONS

MISSION CITY, B. C., Oct. 14.—Willliam Jasper and his wife, both Indians, and "Scotty" McNeill, A white man, are dead, and William McLaughlin, a white man and the alleged murderer of the trio, himself wounded, is at large in the woods armed with a rife with which he is alleged to have committed the murders at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Nicomen, in the Fraser valley, 15 miles east of Mission.

The first intimation of the tragedy was given about dark last night, when Mrs. McLaughlin, wife of the alleged murderer and daughter of Jasper, drove into Deroche on a wagon bearing the dead bodies of Jasper and his wife and McNeill. The girl told a graphic story of the quartet having been ambushed on the road by McLaughlin, who is said to have started shooting without parley.

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Nearly a dozen armed constables are surrounding the densely timbered piece of bush in which the murderer is concealed, the arrest being hourly expected.

LAD NEAR DEATH FROM SELF-INFLICTED SHOT

Redwood City Boy Accidentally Wounded While Hunting [Special Dispatch to The Call]

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REDWOOD CITY, Oct. 14.—Donald Laskey, the 10 year old son of Howard J. Laskey, a lumber man of Pescadero shot himself accidentally with a rifle while hunting this morning, and is dying in Hulings hospital.

The lad was drawing the muzzle toward him when it discharged and the bullet entered the right side. He was brought by his father and mother in an automobile to the hospital, where an X-ray examination revealed the bullet passed through the stomach, lodging in the left side of the back.

The condition of the boy is so critical an operation has been impossible, and the physicians believe death will come before morning.

POLICEMAN UNCOVERS WHOLESALE GRAFT

Policeman Gus Mogan uncovered evidence of wholesale graft Sunday, when he arrested John Cigale, a scavenger for dumping refuse into the bay near the foot of Hyde street. Cigale was indignant over his arrest and told Mogan to the priving the privi can that he paid 75 cents for the privi

"All our bonds have been purchased by the Southern Pacific company."
Shoup said in return, "and I guess they were satisfied or they wouldn't have taken them."
The application was taken under advisement.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR C. ENNLLE—A warrant for the arrest of Christ Ennile on a charge of passing a worthless \$25 check was issued by Police Judge Shortall yesterday on the complaint of Patrick O'Neill, '1813 Fifteenth street.

#### HOT FLASHES.

Women in middle age often complain of hot flashes. They are at that stage of life when their delicate organism needs a tonic and helping-hand which only Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription can give them. Many women suffer needlessly from girlhood to womanhood and from motherhood to old age—with backache, dizziness or headache. A woman often becomes sleepless, nervous, "brokendown," irritable and feels tired from morning to night. When pains and aches rack the womanly system at frequent intervals, ask your neighbor about

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Hawaiian News

By Federal Wireless
HONOLULU, H. T., Oct. 13.—The
funeral of Major John Wholley, comandant at Fort Schafter, who dropped dead there yesterday, will be held here Tuesday afternoon. The body will be sent to San Francisco accompanied by the widow and son. In the bay city the party will be joined by Miss Wholley and the hody taken to Washington for burial in Arlington cemetery.

## 200 SOLDIERS GO OVERBOARD

By Federal Wireless
HONOLULU, Oct. 13. — United States army transport Logan arrived in port today crowded to the rails. More than 70 omcers and casuals left the transport here to join their regiments or act as umpires or officers at the maneuvers soon to take place on Oahu. Nearly 200 soldiers jumped overboard a short time after the transport tied up at the dock, some with more or less of their clothes on. They made the slip into a swimming hole with the hausers as life lines.

**DUMOR STIRS** IN ISLAND LAWYER

By Federal Wireless HONOLULU, Oct. 13. — Attorney B. Lightfoot, whose engageent to Mrs. C. Moore Haskins of San Francisco was recently reported from that city, denies the story after first trying to keep it out of the papers.

**AUTO LICENSES ARE** ISSUED FOR STATE

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 14 .- The follow ing are the automobile registrations to October 14, 1912: 84761—C. Cotella, care Studel Oakland; Studebaker. 84762—Mrs, M. Heinz, care Stude Oakland; Studebaker. 84763—T. R. Fortin, foot of Fl Oakland; Ford. 84764—T. E. Caldecott, 2998 Berkeley; Oakland.

S4764—T. E. Caldecott, 2998 Adeline street, Berkeley; Oakland. 84765—C. Trought, 90 Mission street, Santa Cruz; Buick. 84766—H. G. Angevine, Northrup and Park streets, San Jose; Oakland. 84768—Ed Davies, 227 Main street, Sallnas; Tour-ies. ist. 84769—John Springer, R. F. D. No. 1, box 303, Petaluma: Ford. 84770—Robert Kimble, Hanford, Kings county; Stutz.

84771—W. J. Moore, 434 Union street, Napa; Bulck.
84772—Riley Monroe, 407 Ellis street, Santa Rosa; Ford.
84773—Joseph J. Kennedy, Woodland avenue, Chico; Ford.
84774—Alonzo F. Brooks, 1030 Monterey street, San Luls Obispo; Studebaker.
84775—Anita L. Marriens, 1361 California street, San Francisco; Oakland.
84776—Walter Jay, Ontario; Ford.
84777—J. C. Trefrey, 803 E street, Porterville; Detroiler A.
84778—F. H. Floto, Grand Central hotel, Fresno; Stoddard-Dayton.
84779—H. W. Regan, Burlingame; Overland.
84780—I. A. Morgan, El Centro; Maxwell.
84781—Thomas P. Smith, 179 Fifth street, Coalinga; Rec.

**YOUNG MEN ORGANIZE** TO EMULATE STRAUS

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 14.—"In memory of the late Isador Straus and of the splendid life he led and to hold up to the young men of Israel an example of perfect man, one to be emulated in character and example," several orthodox Jewish men here have formed the "Isador Straus Talmud Thora." The association is formed for studying the thora. The headquarters are in the Temple Tefares Israel. L. Kemp, known as "the father of the Hebrews of Kansas City," is president.

# OF KNIFE WOUNDS

Alleged Assailant Held in Mys= terious Tragedy in Apartment House

Suspect Says Mrs. Ziance Tried to Kill Herself Because of Jealousy

With two deep knife wounds in her right breast, which she says were inflicted by Homer W. Keggler, in the apartment occupied by the couple at 1365 Eddy street, Mrs. Annie Ziance, a pretty Italian woman, is at the point of death in the central emergency hos-pital. Keggler is locked up on a charge ralls. More than 70 officers and casuals of murderous assault with a deadly

weapon.

The stabbing took place at \$ o'clock last night and accounts of the affair differ. Keggler says the woman, whom he met in Russia several years ago, tried to kill herself because she helieved he was untrue to her. He said he had received a letter from another woman in the evening mail couched in he had received a letter from another woman in the evening mail couched in endearing terms, which Mrs. Ziance read. While he was reading a paper, he says, he heard her scream in an adjoining room and rushing to her ald, he found her on the floor with two wounds in her breast, a long knife beside her. The police are skeptical concerning his version

Pale and weak from loss of blood Mrs. Ziance from her probable death bed told the police that Keggler had beaten her with a chair until she fell to the floor and that he then procured a knife and stabbed her twice. Marks on her body appear to bear out her story.

SOLDIER UNDER ARREST—James F. McVey, a soldier at the Presidio, was arrested yes terday by Detectives Esola and MacPhee and charged with passing bogus checks in Tacoma.

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