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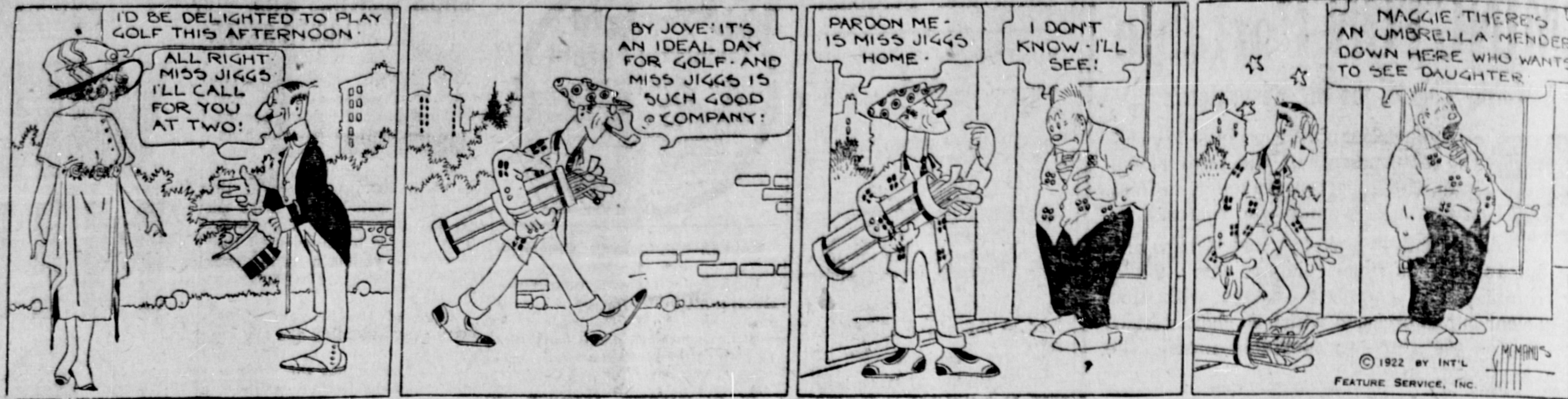
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BOY SCOUTS' CONCERT WAS FINE AFFAIR

Empress Theatre Was Packed Last Evening—Address by Archdeacon Rix.

All roads led to the Empress Theatre last night. The reason was the fact that Ye Olde Time Concert, in costume, was held in aid of the Boy Scouts. The entire house was packed and the large audience enjoyed fully the very excellent program provided, encores being the order of the evening.

Prior to the commencement of the program, Archdeacon Rix made a few fitting remarks. He said that the occasion for which the concert was held reminded him of the story of the Roman matron, who, while the ladies of the court were displaying their jewels, turned to her and asked what jewels she had. Calling to her two boys in the garden she turned to the ladies and said: "These are my jewels." The Archdeacon remarked that within 25 years from now the management of the whole world would be in the hands of the boys and girls who were the children of today. It was, therefore, the duty of every grown man and woman of today to see that those who are taking up the instruments of labor are not only made as good as themselves but a good deal better. If the young people who are to run things 25 years hence are not better than we are in principles, morals and general character, then we had failed in our duty. Any boy who tried to live up to the ten commandments of the Boy Scouts could not help but benefit. He said it was very evident that the parents of the boys of Prince Rupert were behind the movement, that the Elks were taking an active interest in the work, and that the city had made a grant of \$100 for the benefit of the work.

The Program.

The curtain then lifted on a very picturesque drawing room scene. The program was as follows:

Opening chorus, "Jingle Bells" Gorner solo, "The Last Rose of Summer," encore "Mother MacCree," by A. Ferry, accompanied by W. V. Davis on the piano.

Song, "Sweet Genevieve," by Mrs. Jarvis McLeod, accompanied by Mrs. Fraser.

Recitation, "The Lady of Shalott" by Mrs. J. C. Brady; encore, reading from "The Merchant of Venice."

Quartette, "Sweet and Low" by Mrs. Jarvis McLeod, Mrs. A. Dalby, Mrs. S. Darton and Mrs. Fraser, accompanied by Miss Kathleen Grant.

Instrumental selection, Hawaiian guitar, Bud Portman, guitar, J. Prevost. Three encores were responded to.

Song, "The Death of Nelson" by S. K. Campbell, encore "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," accompanist W. V. Davis.

Dance, "The Minuet" by Miss Winnie Thomson and Miss Lorna McLaren. This item was exceptionally well executed. Accompanist W. V. Davis.

Recitation, "Young Lochinvar" by Principal J. C. Brady.

Song, "Loves Old Sweet Song" by Mrs. Fraser, accompanied by Miss Kathleen Grant.

Chorus, "There Is a Tavern in the Town" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Principal J. C. Brady made an excellent stage manager. Members of the chorus were: W. E. Fisher, J. Currie, A. Clapperton,

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Mrs. Tupper and Miss Cummings, S. K. Campbell was in charge of musical arrangements being assisted by Mrs. J. H. McLeod, Mrs. Fraser and others. Mrs. D. Thomson and Mrs. S. Darton made the men's uniforms.

The singing of "God Save the King" at 10 o'clock brought a delightful musical evening to a close.

Ralph V. G. Lepine, George H. Munro and H. L. Campbell were members of the committee in charge. It is expected that about \$150 will have been realized when all accounting is finished. The money will be used towards the purchase of uniforms and equipment.

Members of the Boy Scouts troops were in charge of the ushering and ticket taking.

HUSBAND AND WIFE IN BRITISH LAWS

Suggestion That Law Be Annulled in Matter of Wife Coercion and Husband Consent.

LONDON, May 8.—(By Canadian Press)—One of the absurdities surviving in British law—that a married woman is presumed to be coerced by her husband when she commits certain crimes in his presence—was brought vividly before the public in the trial of the case against Captain Owen Peel a short time ago on a charge of obtaining money from turf commission agents by means of forged betting telegrams, but this is not the only survival of an ancient law which is out of harmony with the present age. In the Peel case the wife had been jointly accused with her husband, but because of the ancient law referred to, she was not placed on trial, but allowed to go free, while Captain Peel who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to prison for one year.

The law of coverture, as pointed out by Mr. Francis Balfour, president of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, in the Times, although some of its worst features were swept away by the Married Women's Property Acts, has never been abolished in its entirety. That doctrine is that a man and his wife are one person, and that the husband is that person. The wife's legal existence is incorporated and consolidated into that of her husband's.

Husband's Consent.

Only about thirty years ago the House of Lords gave a decision in what was known as the Jackson case which definitely negatived a claim that a husband had a right to imprison his wife, which was based on this doctrine. At the same time, the wife's position as her husband's property is still in practice, as, for example, when she is not allowed to decide for herself whether or not she shall submit to a surgical operation. Her husband must first give his consent.

The National Council of Women is moving to have these doctrines annulled—doctrines which the Council declares, belong to an age of servitude and serfdom.

An equally responsible partnership in marriage is demanded by the ladies of the Council. They claim that this is necessary to the building up of the highest kind of family life.

The question of the "coercion" of wives was recently raised in

the House of Lords by Lord Ulls-

water, who suggested a revision of the law. It was announced that the Lord Chancellor, Lord Birkenhead with the Attorney-General, Sir Ernest Pollock, would appoint a committee to consider the whole question of the status and responsibility of women under the law in the light of their changed standing.

COMMUNIST PLOT IN FRANCE IS ALLEGED

Highly Developed System Said to Involve Two Hundred Operatives.

PARIS, May 10.—Claiming to have discovered the existence of a highly developed espionage system, organized by communists in France for the benefit of the Russian Soviet government, the French police here made three arrests and promised numerous others within a few days.

The espionage scheme, they declare, involves 200 operatives, and has ramifications in Brest, Lorient, Toulon and also at powder factories in the centre of France and arsenals in the vicinity of Paris.

Secret Documents Stolen.

Secret documents have been stolen from the Brest arsenal, according to the police revelations, and from the largest powder factory in the centre of France and they claim to have proof that regular couriers have passed between espionage centres in France and Berlin, where documents were assembled, classified and forwarded to Moscow. Intensive Bolshevik propaganda, the police assert, also has been carried on as a side line.

One of the men arrested is the communist municipal councillor of Ivry-sur-Seine, just outside Paris, which is the site of one of the largest arsenals in France.

BANK OF MONTREAL CROP REPORT

The Bank of Montreal has just issued its first crop report for this season. The general summary of the situation in British Columbia states that a late season following on long winter with unusually heavy snow has left the ground in excellent condition. Plowing has not been completed, but seeding is general in most localities. It is too early to predict field crop prospects. Alfalfa in Ashcroft district has suffered serious damage through being winterkilled. Pasturage is good. Orchards have wintered well. Indications in Okanagan are for lighter crop than last year. Frost has damaged small fruits in Fraser Valley to some extent.

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