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HAS HIGH PRAISE FOR SHAW

Miss Annie Russell Declares Eccentric Author Is Really a Courteous Gentleman.

Miss Annie Russell of the New theater, standing against a background of artistic objects, in the beautiful rooms of the Women's Cosmopolitan club, told the members of the club that Bernard Shaw really wasn't the least bit of a bear.

"When I was going to rehearse in his play, 'Major Barbara,' which was produced abroad," she said, "I simply had stage fright at the thought of encountering his sharp tongue. I knew how author-managers could torture the actor. I remember one who, when I remarked that I was afraid the horse and wagon he introduced in one scene would crowd the stage, said to me, sneeringly: 'There seems to be room here for Jerboams.'

"But I had no cause to fear Mr. Shaw. All through the rehearsals he was the most charming and courteous of men. I shall always remember his kindly, humorous eyes and his pleasant voice.

"He allowed the actor freedom of interpretation. I have a letter in which he said to me: 'Fifty different actors will have 50 different ways of interpreting the same part.'"

Miss Russell told many stories of Mr. Shaw's generosity. "The messengers," she said, "wanted to take off a play by some young fellow which wasn't a success, and they called it 'Major Barbara.' But Mr. Shaw said: 'Oh, it's a shame to take off the young chap's play. How much will you lend by keeping it on?'

"About $100," he was told.

"Let me write you a check for that amount," he said, 'and keep the play on.'"—New York Tribune.

As Asinine Impressionist.

An extraordinary hoax has been perpetrated at the expense of the Exhibition of the Salon des Independants, says the London Daily Mail. Among the works on view at this exhibition, which was solemnly inaugurated by M. Dujardin-Beaumetz, the under secretary of fine arts, is one entered in the catalogue as "The Setting Sun," by J. R. Boronali.

According to a sworn statement the painting was executed in the well known cabaret of the Lapin Agile at Montmartre in the following manner: A square of canvas was placed on a chair and brush was tied to the end of a donkey's tail. The animal was then smeared alternately with blue, green, yellow and red paint, and the animal, its tail held by the artist, was backed up to the canvas.

As the original turned about, switching its tail from side to side, a realistic horror resulted. When it was judged to be sufficiently hideous "The Setting Sun" was framed and signed. The authors of the hoax have issued a manifesto in favor of a "new school of painting, that of "excessivism."

Neither Knew.

A governor of a large town in Japan, attending an evening party with some companions at a friend's house, was unable to find his carriage after the party and had to walk home alone. Losing his way in the narrow, winding streets, he applied to a policeman to direct him. To his surprise the man was unable to tell him, as he was a stranger in the town.

"Then show me the way to the governor's residence," said the governor.

"I do not know where that is," the policeman answered.

"What!" exclaimed the gentleman, "you do not know where the governor lives! I shall report you tomorrow. I am the governor."

"Well," retorted the policeman, "if you do not know where you live yourself, how can you expect me to know?"

Longest Bridge.

Great Britain has the longest cantilever bridge in the world, in the great Forth bridge across the Firth of Forth, Scotland. This bridge has two cantilever spans of 1,710 feet. It was begun in 1883 and completed in 1890. The total length of the five spans of the Queensferry cantilever bridge is 3,724.5 feet. On December 28, 1879, the Tay bridge, Scotland, was partly destroyed by a gale while an express train was passing over it. The train disappeared into the water; a gap of about 3,000 feet was made and 80 lives were lost.

Clung to Ancient Custom.

Although notice had been given "that the Chinese emperor has declared that the moon was not to be saved like a mouse in the mouth of the Heavenly Dog," proclamations came as usual and the traditional ritual for the saving of the moon was observed in all the yamens. The populace does not bother itself about this practice, which is purely an official observance.

Deserved Reproof.

Wife (sobbing)—I lost a lot of money at bridge this week.

Husband (sternly)—How often do you want me to forbid you to drop this gambling? With you paying out this money, where would we be if I hadn't won at the last poker game?

His Specialty.

"Do you think Smith will make good that in his journey?"

"Smith will make good time anywhere. He is an experienced clockmaker."

MAKE THE ENTIRE WORLD CHRISTIAN

Rallying Cry of Great Laymen's Mission Congress.

BIG MEN MEET IN CHICAGO

Culmination of Most Remarkable Religious Campaign in Which All Protestant Churches of America Are United.

Chicago.—Leaving their business affairs to consider the evangelization of the world in this generation, 4,500 men gathered at Chicago May 3, to attend the Laymen's National Missionary congress. They represented every Protestant church in America. Among them were men of national and international prominence. Former Vice-President Fairbanks attended as a representative of the Methodist Episcopal church. Several governors were present. United States Senators Dolliver of Iowa and Beveridge of Indiana and former Senator Teller of Colorado were present at the first session. A number of former governors of states were registered. Among these were former Governor Hadley of Missouri, former Governor Yates of Illinois, and former Governor Hanley of Indiana. Soldiers, sailors, business men, professional men and ministers were in attendance. The congress closed on Friday.

Close of Remarkable Campaign.

This convention marked the close of a remarkable religious campaign. During the winter and spring, missionary conventions were held under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in 75 of the leading cities of the country. The campaign began at Buffalo on October 16. The gathering at Chicago was the climax of the series of conventions.

J. Campbell White.

A national missionary policy was adopted. This policy will be sent to the World's missionary conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, on June 14, where it is expected to exert a profound influence. The delegates were apportioned amongst the various denominational bodies of America in accordance with their membership and gifts to missions. The Methodist Episcopal church led with 600 delegates. The Presbyterian church was second with 450 men. The North, the Baptists with 400 and a score of men, while the Southern Baptist convention sent 200 men. The Southern Methodist church was represented by 255 men. The Protestant Episcopal church sent 210 delegates. Most of the other churches had proportionate representation.

The three sessions were held in the auditorium. The congress opened with the singing of "Crown Him Lord of All." Robert Ewing Speer, and John Anderson, Episcopal bishop of Chicago, made the opening addresses. He spoke on the "Will of Christ for the World," dwelling upon the need of church unity. Bishop W. F. Mc-Dowell, of the Methodist Episcopal church, made the second address. The first evening was devoted to talks by J. Campbell White, general secretary of the Laymen's Missionary movement, and J. A. MacDonald, editor of the Toronto Globe.

Notable List of Speakers.

Among the speakers on the program were Prince T. H. Yus of Koren; J. A. MacDonald, editor of the Toronto Globe; Robert E. Speer, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions; William J. Schieffelin, president of the Citizens' union of New York; Alfred E. Marling of New York; Morrow Williams, chairman of the New York state board of charities, and Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., president of the Union Theological seminary.

Other speakers were: Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, Methodist Episcopal church, Washington, D. C.; Bishop Frank W. Gunsaulus, Chicago; Bishop Luther B. Wilson, Methodist Episcopal church, New York; Bishop Charles Scadding, Methodist Episcopal church, Toronto, Ont.; Bishop Thomas Nicholson, Methodist Episcopal church, Detroit, Mich.; Bishop Frederick D. Leonard, Methodist Episcopal church, Buffalo, N. Y.; Bishop Joseph F. Berry, Methodist Episcopal church, Des Moines, Ia.; Bishop Matthew S. Hughes, Methodist Episcopal church, Portland, Ore.; Bishop Frederick J. McConnell, Methodist Episcopal church, Los Angeles, Cal.; Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, Methodist Episcopal church, Detroit, Mich.; Bishop Charles W. Burns, Methodist Episcopal church, Minneapolis, Minn.; Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, Methodist Episcopal church, Omaha, Neb.; Bishop Adna W. Leonard, Methodist Episcopal church, Cincinnati, O.; Bishop Earl Cranston, Methodist Episcopal church, Washington, D. C.; Bishop Charles H. Fowler, Methodist Episcopal church, Atlanta, Ga.; Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield, Methodist Episcopal church, Washington, D. C.; Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Methodist Episcopal church, Pittsburg, Pa.; Bishop Frank M. Bristol, Methodist Episcopal church, Seattle, Wash.; Bishop Henry W. Warren, Methodist Episcopal church, Denver, Col.; Bishop Wilbur F. Anderson, Methodist Episcopal church, Helena, Mont.; Bishop Ernest G. Richardson, Methodist Episcopal church, Portland, Ore.;