

Circus Trainer With Her Pet



Miss Bobby Cornet, one of the Walter L. Main elephant trainers, with one of her several gigantic pets.

In the wee small hours of the day, Charleston was invaded by a world of strange peoples, roaring lions, chattering monkeys, scampering clowns, mountainous elephants, tooting calliopes, blaring bands, vending venders and the colossus of tented entertainments, Walter L. Main and his big three-ring circus.

The vicinity of King and Simmons streets in the early morning presented a sight that is quite unusual and throngs of men, women and children gathered about the tracks of the Southern railroad to watch the unloading of the circus trains. The first section arrived shortly after 4 a. m., and the second section bearing the sleeping cars, elephants and performers pulled into the yards about an hour later.

With the first faint rays of daylight the circus workmen began the work of unloading the cargo of world's wonders and in short time the first section was devoid of its contents and the second section pulled into place. Red wagons filled with properties and equipment rumbled thru the streets enroute to the circus grounds on Meeting street and canvas covered dens of wild animals trailed along in processional order, the hollow rumbling of the circus wagons in many instances awakening the populace in the vicinity of the circus grounds and along the route that the wagons were being hauled to the canvas city's site.

Better than Ever

Walter L. Main Circus now on its 47th annual tour brings to Charleston this season a newer, a bigger, and more pretentious circus than perhaps the public have thought possible of assemblage beneath one single title, and old timers in the city recall the last visit of this big show, some twenty-two years ago, remarking about the calibre of the performance given at that period. The Walter L. Main Circus has grown, and in keeping with the advance of civilization and commercial ideas the circus management has fallen into line, and each season has endeavored to present a more novel and entertaining offering, this season providing a circus program that is the acme of circus achievements.

The circus performance savors of all the ingredients of the circus world, there being herds of elephants, trained horses, acrobats, trapeze artists, dainty, petite and graceful lady and gentlemen bare-back riders, troupes of dogs, ponies and monkeys, and of course, a circus would not be complete without the circus clown, and Walter L. Main has assembled some 40 odd funmakers, grotesque and laugh provokers, the cream of clownland, headed by the incomparable dean of clowns, Harry La Pearl.

In the three rings for two hours we find the dazzling bewildering, swiftly moving panorama of circus talent, acts that have never before been seen beneath a circus tent and brought to this country this season under exclusive appearance contract with this show. Feature after feature comprise the offering and not one single individual or collective number is not up to the standard or requirement of the circus management.

In the big triple sized menagerie we find animals from every clime, from the forest regions of darkest Africa to the frigid regions of the Arctic, and in the side shows and annex department we find freaks of nature that have been gathered from every corner of the universe by the representatives of this massive aggregation, unbelievable freaks and the strangest of people.

Street Parade

The circus street parade was given as advertised, the circus management making every effort to provide this feature of the program in spite of the delayed arrival of the second section of the circus trains. There were blaring bands, beautiful allegorical floats, tooting calliopes, mounted escorts and open and closed dens of rare and wild animals, and as it traversed the principle streets about noon hour, the sidewalks were lined with people who watched with eagerness and interest this display. The parade was creditable to the efforts and endeavors of the circus management and represented an outlay of a small fortune for gold leaf and wardrobe.

The doors to the circus open at 7 p. m. with performance starting at 8 p. m., while for one hour prior to the starting of the circus program Prof. Griffin's Circus Concert Band will render a program of musical numbers of both classical and popular selections.

The Walter L. Main Circus is a clean, high class and most entertaining organization, its program containing numerous features that are outstanding and worthy of special mention, yet in justice to the circus as we find it we must say that every artist, every performer, every attache and executive of the big show were refined, cultured and high class personages, and that Walter L. Main Circus will be long remembered in Charleston for the performance it has given, for the caliber of the organization as a whole and will be welcomed back in future years. We hope Walter L. Main will not remain away as long in the future as he has in the past and that when he comes into our territory in future seasons he will not overlook Charleston in his routings.

Czecho-Slovakia May Have Serious Problem to Handle

Vienna, Sept. 10.—The Czecho-Slovak government probably will have to cope with a serious political situation in the near future, according to reports reaching Vienna from Prague.

Several weeks ago, General Rudolph Gaida, leader of the Fascist movement which has been under way in Czecho-Slovakia for several months, was removed from his position as chief of the Czech army general staff, for alleged espionage on behalf of Russia against France. His removal rendered the Fascist movement dormant.

On Monday, President Masaryk gave an interview to the newspaper Prager Tagblatt, denouncing the fascists as a pathological society, consisting of the drags and refuse of the state, and calling them manufacturers of political fairy tales. The president also declared that the German minorities in Czechoslovakia have a duty, as well as a right, to participate in the Czecho-Slovak government.

This double barreled shot has caused the Czech bourgeois as well as the fascists to rise in anger. With the exception of the socialist newspapers, the Czech press began a bitter attack on the president, with the result that the authorities confiscated the editions.

Simultaneously with the press attack, the agrarians, largest parliamentary party, issued a manifesto warning supporters to be alert for possible serious developments in the near future.

At a public meeting in Prosnitz, General Gaida, who wore the full uniform, was hailed as fascist chief, and as a man who soon would be restored to his position. Political observers are watching developments with the greatest interest and some apprehension.

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Plan To Widen Streets.

Spartanburg, Sept. 10. (AP)—Plans are under way for the widening of North Church and East Main streets, two of Spartanburg's most important thoroughfares. Petitions are being circulated among property holders, and it is said that the response to the movement has been excellent.

Colleton County Schools Opening For New Session

Walterboro, Sept. 10.—The schools over the county are beginning to open for their fall term. Some started Monday of this week and others will begin next Monday. Quite a few changes have been made in the teaching forces of these schools, and several schools have consolidated, and are no longer being taught.

Smoaks consolidated high school had its opening exercises last Friday morning but decided on a week's further delay so that the pupils might be used to assist in picking cotton for another week. The term will begin next Monday morning. Supt. Ralph Durham is superintendent of this school, Mrs. Aurelia Dennis, Miss Galdys Smith, Miss Grace Miley, Branchville, music; Mrs. E. S. Plowden, grammar school; Mr. Vernon Sauls, Mrs. F. J. Berry, Mrs. J. M. Hiers, Mrs. F. W. Campbell, Miss Gertrude Campbell.

The Lodge high school began Monday morning of this week with Supt. W. E. Willis, in charge. Other members of the faculty are Prof. W. O. Goodwin, Miss Letha Ulmer, Mrs. W. E. Willis, Miss Louise Cone.

The Hendersonville graded school will begin its fall term next Monday. Prof. B. W. Hunt again heads the faculty of this school, and he will be assisted by the following teachers all of whom taught at Hendersonville last year: Mrs. Ida Lee Speights, Miss Kathleen Barton, Walhalla; Miss Mildred Byess, Monteith, Ga.; Miss Mary Brown, Milner, Ga.

The Ruffin high school, with Prof. R. G. Padgett, at its head, began its fall term Monday. The assistant teachers are Messrs. Walter Black, Albert Kinard, Mrs. E. E. Williams, Miss Rebo Carter, Miss Capye Appleby.

The Islandton graded school enrolled pupils on the 8th preparatory to beginning school work in earnest Monday. The teachers of this school will be Mrs. N. C. Polk, Miss Ena Mae Crosby, Miss Ruth Crosby.

The Stokes graded school will begin Monday with Prof. Percy W. Garris as principal, Mrs. John A. Saunders and Mrs. Lalla B. Strickland, assistants.

The exact date for the Cannady's school has not yet been announced.