

EVERY theatre in town turned people away last night. The crowds in front of the box offices resembled good-natured mobs, and the audiences were so imbued with the holiday spirit that they were more than usually enthusiastic. Everything "went big" on every stage in town, and the comedians didn't have to overwork to get a laugh. Expansive smiles adorned the faces of all the house managers, and the tones in which they said "welcome to the fleet" were those of satisfaction.

At the Grand, the tuneful San Franciscans presented "Wang," the comic opera always associated with DeWolf Hopper.

Robert Lett appeared in the Hopper part to advantage and gave a laughable impersonation of the man with an elephant on his hands. Following as closely as possible Mr. Hopper's ways and means Mr. Lett also recited "Casey at the Bat."

As the heir apparent to the throne of Siam, little Daphne Pollard made a hit twenty times as big as she is. In boy's clothes such as Della Fox used to wear with much style, and with a short, curly wig, Daphne Pollard was a smart little trick. The audience couldn't get enough of her, nor of the old song, "A shady nook, a babbling brook." Teddy Webb, done up in black cork, made the most of the being the keeper of the elephant, which was an acceptable member of the cast. Like Webb the other principals of the company—Anna Leichter, Eugene Wiener and Georgia Campbell, had parts of lesser importance. Amy Leicester, as "Widow Primousse," was excellent in a good character part, and J. Russell Powell, a Seattle man well known in the amateur field, made his professional debut with the San Franciscans in the part of "Colonel Fracasse" which he filled in an entirely satisfactory manner. Mr. Russell has a rich voice, which would be a valuable permanent acquisition to the company and is, besides, an actor of ability. "Wang"

Amusements Tonight

MOORE THEATRE—Vaudeville.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—The San Francisco Opera Company in "Wang."

LOIS THEATRE—T. Daniel Frawley and the Pantages Players in "Soldiers of Fortune."

SEATTLE THEATRE—Burgess-Bunting Company in "The Shadow Behind the Throne."

COLISEUM—Vaudeville.

PANTAGES—Vaudeville.

STAR—Vaudeville.

will be given all week, with the following cast:

Wang.....	Robert Lett
Col. Robert Fracasse.....	J. Russell Powell
Pepat.....	Teddy Webb
Lieut. Jean Bouchier.....	Eugene Wiener
Papinta.....	Frank Bertrand
Chow Sury.....	Fred Snook
Mataya.....	Daphne Pollard
La Veuve Primousse.....	Amy Leicester
Marie.....	Anna Leichter
Gillette.....	Georgia Campbell
	M. McV. S.

"Soldiers of Fortune" at The Lois.

There is lots of talk about United States warships and "Uncle Sam" and "blowing you out of the water" and other patriotic things like that in "Sol-