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THE DESERT SONG.—The Chelmsford Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society are presenting the well-known Musical Play, "The Desert Song," at the Regent Theatre next week. It is one of the most popular and tuneful plays produced. The Society have taken on a show which goes rather beyond the usual run of amateur productions, but with the talent at their command a first-class representation is assured. The cast includes the Misses Dorothy Cox, Audrey Parrett, Odette Clark, Vera Stock, José Hadler, Phyllis Rowe, Messrs. Leonard Pease, Fred Munnion, Reginald Bowler, Richard Wood, Reginald Brown, Cecil Bocking, Jan Frewer, Jim Welham, Douglas Catt, T. D. Harper. There are twelve dancing girls, a ladies' chorus of French girls and soldiers' wives, soldiers of the French Legion, members of Red Shadow's Band, etc. The Producer is again Miss Madge Macklin, who has had much to do with the high rank the Society has attained. The Orchestra is under the direction of Mr. Bert Sharpe.

NATIONALISATION—At a meeting