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OPERA-HOUSE OWNERS INSIST "SALOME" SHALL BE SHELVED

Protest to Conried that the Music Drama Is Objectionable and Detrimental to Their Interests.

Looks As If Old Box-Holders Were Lined Up Against New---What Secretary Dodd Says.

Propped up in bed on pillows, Herr Heinrich Conried, although ill of inflammation of the nerves and fairly palpitating with Teutonic excitement, is holding a conference this afternoon with some of his millionaire associates in the Metropolitan Opera Company—a conference the upshot of which will possible mean the extinction of Richard Strauss's sensational music drama "Salome" from the local stage.

The hurried gathering in Herr Conried's house at No. 65 West Seventy-first street followed close upon the heels of a protest which the Metropolitan Opera and Realty Company, owners of the opera-house, had made a little earlier in the day. The protest was embodied in the following letter which Frank N. Dodd, secretary of the directors of the realty company, delivered personally to the Herr Direcktor:

Heinrich Conried, Esq.:

Dear Sir—The directors of the Metropolitan Opera-House and Real Estate Company consider that the performance of "Salome" is objectionable and detrimental to the best interests of the Metropolitan Opera-House. They therefore protest against any repetition of this opera.

(Signed) By order

FRANK N. DODD, Secretary.

Summoned to Conried's Bedside.

Almost instantly Herr Conried had the telephone which is alongside his bed fairly humping itself. He got in touch with all the members of the Conried Metropolitan Opera Company who were in town and asked them to be at his home at 5 o'clock. Among those whom he expected to be present were James Henry Smith, Clarence Mackay, Robert Goelet, Otto Kahn, Henry R. Winthrop, of the Equitable; Harry Payne Whitney, George Gould, Elliot Gregory, Charles Gunther and Rawlings Cottinet.

These men, fellow-directors with Conried in the opera company, were already on record as favoring the production of "Salome," and it seemed probable that they would not recede from their position and vote to annul the three remaining performances, the first one having been given last Tuesday.

Big Men on the Other Side.

Men of equal or greater prominence are aligned, however, on the side of the protestants. Among the men who own stock in the Realty company and who

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DOCTOR VICTIM OF STRANGE SHOOTING; HACK DRIVER HELD

Charles W. Townsend, Staten Island Physician, Shot Down In His Own Home By a Mysterious Intruder At 3 A. M.

Moses Silverman, a hack driver employed by a livery stable in New Brighton, was arrested this afternoon by Inspector Schmittberger on suspicion that he was the mysterious man who mortally wounded Dr. Charles Wilmot Townsend at 3.30 A. M. to-day in his home at No. 5 Westervelt ave., Tot.

The shooting of Dr. Townsend, who is one of the leading physicians of Staten Island, has developed into a mystery as deep as that surrounding the killing of Charles L. Spier, financial secretary to Henry H. Rogers, the Standard Oil Magnate, one night last April.

Spier was shot to death in his house, which is only a stone's throw from that of Dr. Townsend. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict that Spier had committed suicide, but the police have always maintained he was the victim of an enemy.

Has a Handsome Wife.

Silverman stoutly denies that he knows anything about the shooting of Dr. Townsend. But the police are under the impression that he has had a grudge against the physician. They say that Dr. Townsend has been treating Mrs. Silverman, who is young and beautiful, for several months.

The prisoner was taken to the Smith Infirmary by the detectives and ushered into the room occupied by the wounded man. In a moment of semi-consciousness Dr. Townsend said Silverman looked somewhat like the man who had shot him, but he did not care to make the identification positive. Mrs. Townsend said the prisoner was distinctly like the man she had seen at the side of their bed and thought the scarf he wore around his neck might have been what she took for a handkerchief which the mysterious man wore as a mask for the lower part of his face.

Dr. Townsend at first stoutly maintained to the police and Coroner Cahill, of the Borough of Richmond, that the two mortal wounds had been inflicted by a burglar, who shot him as he started to get out of bed. But he finally admitted at the Smith Infirmary, where he was taken in a motor cab shortly after the tragedy, that the shooting had not been done by a burglar, but by a man of his acquaintance.

"I know perfectly well who shot me," Dr. Townsend told Inspector Schmittberger and Coroner Cahill, "but I shall not tell you his name. I don't want this man arrested. It would serve no good purpose. There is no need of sacrificing still another life."

Immediately after making this amazing statement Dr. Townsend lapsed into unconsciousness, from which the

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LADY NAVARRE BEATS OUT LONG SHOT BY NECK

Dargin the Favorite Runs Unplaced in Third at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Lady Carol (7 to 2 and 6 to 5) 1, Happy Jack II., (8 to 1 for pace) 2, Dapple Gold 3.

SECOND RACE—E. M. Fry (7 to 5 and 1 to 2) 1, Montbert (4 to 1 for place) 2, Ida May.

THIRD RACE—Lady Navarre (12 to 1, and 5 to 1) 1, Grace George (8 to 1 for place) 2, Blackburn 3.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 26.—The Merchants' Handicap was the usual Saturday offering at the Fair Grounds to-day, and it showed a fairly matched field, with Juggler carrying top weight of 119 pounds and Mortiboy the lightweight, 22 pounds. The others were sandwiched in at weights that promised a cracking good race.

The other races were interesting, with mudders sprinkled through them so as to insure a contest in every race. Class was lacking, as usual, in the case of mudders, the best horses going in the stake event.

FIRST RACE—Three quarters of a mile. Starters, weights and jockeys.

	Str.	Pl.
Lady Carol, 99, Garner	7-2	9-5
Happy Jack II, 107, Lloyd	20	8
Dapple Gold, 103, Aubuchon	6	2
Jerry C., 106, J. Johnson	6	2
Chieftain, 105, W. McIntyre	8	3
Goldbearer, 96, Van Dusen	30	10
Nervator, 107, Troxler	12	4
Ossineke, 94, F. Burton	30	10
St. Noel, 100, Gargel	4½	8-5
Beautempo, 101, Johansen	20	8
Major Carpenter, 105, Seder	20	8
Veribest, 94, Goldstein	20	4
Maggie Mackey, 96, Pickens	30	10

Time—1.17.

Ossenike went to the front at the start and made the running, followed by Dapple Gold and Happy Jack II. In the stretch Dapple Gold took the lead, but was outgamed in the run home by Lady Carol, who won by a length from Happy Jack II., who beat Dapple Gold a half length.

SECOND RACE—One-half mile. Starters, weights and jockeys.

	Str.	Pl.
E. M. Fry, 115, Seder	7-5	1-2
Montbert, 104, R. Lowe	10	4
Ida May, 104, Lloyd	12	5
Poem, 108, Wishard	15	6
Fireide, 110, Van Dusen	30	10
Blue Lee, 115, Troxler	9-2	8-5
Lee Crest, 115, Aubuchon	9-2	8-5
Convenient, 108, Englander	30	10
Lulu B., 108, Taylor	30	10
Rebel Queen, 112, J. Martin	9-2	8-5

E. M. Fry raced to the front at the start, made all the running and won easily by a length from Montbert, who was second all the way, just lasting long enough to beat Ida May a neck for the place.

THIRD RACE—Five and a half furlongs. Starters, weights and jockeys.

	Str.	Pl.
Lady Navarre, 112, J. Martin	12	5
Grace George, 90, Bilac	20	8
Blackburn, 95, Truman	20	6
Tudor, 98, Englander	7-2	6-5
Dargin, 110, Seder	1	2-5
Earlies, 93, R. Lowe	30	10
Lucullus, 110, Young	30	10
Ensley, 107, Lloyd	20	8
Echo Dale, 113, Pohanka	30	10
Expect to See, 98, Garner	6	2

Blackburn made the running to the stretch, followed by Ensley and Lady of Navarre. In the stretch the latter closed strong and won by a neck from Grace George, who beat Blackburn a neck for the place.

Time, .49 2-5.

Study of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw in Court by C. Allan Gilbert

MIX-UP OVER RECORD OF THAW JUROR HARNEY

Did Not Serve in Pekarz Case as Reported, but Was on Jury Which Acquitted Sass—Beale Here as Thaw Witness.

COMES TO NEW YORK TO AID FRIEND IN HOUR OF NEED.

Stories of Differences Between Evelyn Nesbit Thaw and Husband's Family and Lawyers Over May McKenzie Are Denied.

The story that Henry C. Harney, the fifth juror chosen to try Harry Thaw for the murder of Stanford White, had served in a jury which found a man guilty of murder in the first degree—a case where the defence was insanity—turns out to be false.

It is true Mr. Harney was one of the twelve jurymen who tried Augustus F. Sass for the alleged murder of Lena Wolff. The trial took place in General Sessions before Judge Warren W. Foster, in May of 1900. Sass was prosecuted by Assistant District-Attorney John F. McIntyre. Fred House, who has just been made a Magistrate, defended him. Sass was acquitted. This was the only capital case in which Juror No. 5 of the Thaw case has ever had a hand, although he has served in other criminal cases.

Thaw, whose trial will be resumed Monday, spent most of to-day reading newspaper accounts of yesterday's proceedings. He was up early and ate a hearty breakfast.

THAW'S CALLERS TO-DAY.

His first visitor was A. Russell Peabody, of his legal staff. After Mr. Peabody came his wife. She was in conversation with him when Mrs. William Thaw, the prisoner's mother, and his half-brother, Josiah Thaw, arrived. The older woman and her son left in twenty minutes, going away in a cab. Five minutes behind them Evelyn Nesbit Thaw came down stairs and departed on the Subway. It was the first time she had ever made the trip except in a hansom or coach. The fact that she did not go away in her mother-in-law's company was regarded as significant, in view of the stories of a widening breach between Thaw's women folk.

There was a wild report to-day that Josiah Thaw had booked passage for two persons on one of the Hamburg-American liners, sailing immediately, taking the state-rooms in the name of Mrs. William Thaw. It was said the Countess of Yarmouth, growing disgusted with certain phases of her brother's trial, meant to abandon him and go home to England. The story turned out to be untrue.

ALIENISTS IN CONFERENCE.

All the alienists for the State in the trial and several of the more important witnesses called by the prosecution, had a conference with District-Attorney Jerome to-day at his office. Among the number were Howard Nesbit, the brother of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, and his inseparable companion, "Jack" Harnett, Stanford White's secretary. To one of Mr. Jerome's assistants young Nesbit delivered himself of the folowing reflection:

"I think my sister is making a great mistake in having that Miss May McKenzie with her in the court. May McKenzie is simply 'conning' Evelyn to death."

It was rumored that on Monday, when the trial is taken up, May McKenzie will not be present.

Truxton Beale, important witness for Thaw, is in New York, to appear when wanted and tell all he knows about the incidents that led up to the shooting on Madison Square Roof Garden.

Next to Thaw's wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, Beale is regarded as the strongest witness for the defense. His appearance in New York for the express purpose of testifying for his friend was not known to the prosecution until to-day. The belief has been general that Beale was keeping out of the jurisdiction of the District-Attorney because he felt that what he knew of the killing would go against Thaw if told to a jury.

There was a report to-day that Delphin M. Delmas, the silver-tongued orator and criminal lawyer, who has come all the way from San Francisco to aid in the defense of Thaw, is preparing to withdraw from the case unless May McKenzie, the actress friend of Evelyn Thaw, is kept out of the court-room. This story, however, is strongly denied.

Although Mr. Hartridge, one of the counsel for Thaw, denies that the presence of the dancer has caused a breach between Evelyn Thaw and Thaw's mother, Mrs. William Thaw, and his sister, Mrs. George Carnegie, there is no mistaking the fact that friction does exist and that May McKenzie is the cause of the trouble.

Mr. Delmas is stopping at the Yale Club. Talking with with friends on the case a few evenings ago he expressed himself as opposed to the dancer's constant attendance upon Evelyn Thaw and he declared, it is said, that either she would have to be barred from the conspicuous place she has assumed or else he would bar himself from the trial.

A. Russell Peabody was the first of Thaw's lawyers to call at the Tombs to-day. As he came away a reporter for The Evening World asked him about the alleged hostile attitude of Delmar.

"It's rot, pure and simple," said Mr. Peabody, "I doubt if Mr. Delmas has ever noticed the presence of Miss McKenzie in the court. He is not interested in her, but in the case of his client. Miss McKenzie is Mrs. Evelyn Thaw's friend, and if she chooses to bring her with her, it is not a matter that concerns Mr. Delmas, I am sure."

Miss McKenzie Her "Best Friend."

"Miss McKenzie," continued Mr. Peabody, "was only one of the best friends Mrs. Harry Thaw ever had. She took care of Mrs. Thaw last summer as tenderly as a sister when the young wife was suffering agony greater than that borne by any woman in New York. She has been devotion itself ever since. Is it to be expected that now Mrs. Harry Thaw would cast her friend aside just for the sake of appearances?

"Nor is there any more truth in the

NEW BATTLE-SHIP CONNECTICUT HAS BAD RENT IN HULL

Seriously Damaged When She Ran Ashore, Is Latest Report.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Jan. 26.—According to the information obtainable here, which, however, cannot be verified, the damage sustained by the new battle-ship Connecticut when she ran on a reef recently while entering the harbor of Culebra Island, consisted of an indenture, forward, fifty feet long.

It is also said that 7,000 feet of lumber and thirty barrels of cement were used to stop the battle-ship's leaks.

A Court in Inquiry is investigating the accident, the responsibility for which is not known. The officers of the Connecticut refuse to discuss the matter.

CATHOLICS TO HOLD GREAT MASS-MEETING.

Will Gather at Hippodrome To-Morrow to Protest at French Spoilation of Church.

In all the Catholic churches of the Greater City there will be read to-morrow a note from Archbishop Farley inviting all Catholics to attend the big public meeting at the Hippodrome to-morrow night to protest against French spoliation.

Admission will be free and no tickets will be required. The clergy are invited to occupy seats on the platform.

Former Justice O'Brien will preside, and the principal addresses will be by John C. Agar, former Corporation Counsel John J. Delany, former Justice James Fitzgerald and Archbishop Farley.

Sunday World Wants Work Monday Morning Wonders.

HIGGINS STEADILY APPROACHING DEATH;

(Special to The Evening World.)

OLEAN, N. Y., Jan. 26.—With remarkable tenacity former Gov. Frank W. Higgins hangs to life, but the end is not far off. The slight improvement of the past few days has disappeared, and it is only a restless night, "mostly to retain nourishment" of any kind makes the final outcome of the sick man's case a certainty. The former Governor is but half conscious.

"The ex-Governor is weaker to-day than he has been at any time since the beginning of his illness," said Dr. Hibbard to The Evening World correspondent. "I do not believe there will be another rally."

ST. PAUL DUE TO-MORROW.

SIASCONSET, Mass., Jan. 26.—The American liner St. Paul, from Southampton and Cherbourg for New York, was in communication by wireless when ninety miles east of the Nantucket Lightship at 9 A. M. to-day. The vessel will probably dock about 8.30 A. M. Sunday.

DRYDEN WOULD PLEAD BEFORE LEGISLATORS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Senator Dryden, of New Jersey, to-day addressed a letter to the Republican leaders and members of the Legislature who refused to abide by the caucus action requesting that a meeting be arranged at Trenton at which he may appear to state his claims and to answer any questions which the members my wish to have answered.

The Senator's reasons for asking a hearing are "because I understand that certain Republican members feel that they cannot vote for me and comply with the wishes of their constituents. I believe that the opposition is based upon a misapprehension of my record as a Senator and my position upon public matters."

OFFICER WHO ROUSED ROOSEVELT'S IRE RESIGNS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The resignation of Paymaster George M. Lukesh, United States Navy, has been accepted by the President. This officer was court-martialed about a year ago and the inadequacy of the sentence in his case led the President to make representatioin to Congress in a special message urging that he be clothed with authority to dismiss an officer without trial in such cases.