

**MANY AMERICANS IN ITALY.**

**Big Exodus on Account of War Is Expected by State Department.**

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Although the effect of Italy's entrance into the European war on American citizens in that country has not yet become apparent in the state department's activities, officials expect that there will be a considerable exodus of Americans in connection with which a rush of department work may develop. The number there is large, and

many in the anticipation of the breach between Italy and Austria recently applied to the department for documents establishing their American citizenship. Most of them are art students and tourists.

**Drowned Man Identified as Barge Captain.**

The body of a man taken from the water off Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday was today identified as that of Andrew Ellingsen, sixty-two, of No. 122 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, captain of the barge Alice Conway, owned by the William J. Conway Towing Company, of No. 17 State Street.

**Uptown "Chimes Of Normandy" Good to Hear**

By Charles Darnton.

IF lack of harmony in the immediate vicinity of Normandy keeps you from going there for the summer, you may at least feel assured of a pleasant time by taking a trip to the Standard Theatre, at Broadway and Ninetieth Street, where the Van den Berg-Conger Opera Company is ringing out "The Chimes of Normandy" in a manner that makes Pianquette's rare old comic opera good to hear again.

Don't go prepared to make comparisons, for if you do you will soon find yourself lost in the enjoyment of that rich score, the golden notes of which are offered on this occasion at popular prices. That some of the singers are as popular as the prices was proved by the attitude of last night's audience. Under these cheering circumstances the members of the company, from chorus to principals, put a great deal of enthusiasm into their work and responded to encores with a generosity that gave patrons more than their money's worth.

Paul Hyde Davis is a young tenor who sings uncommonly well. With a fresh, clear, melodious voice he is a Jean who may find himself hauling in an enviable reputation in his fisherman's net before he is many years older. Then there is that old standby, Arthur Cunningham, who did such excellent work with the earlier Gilbert and Sullivan organization. As the Marquis, he sings his charming waltz song delightfully. Carrie Reynolds is a sprightly, attractive Serpolette. She has just enough deviltry to suggest an operatic Henrietta Crossman, and with all her grace and clean-cut personality she never lets you forget she is playing a peasant girl. Incidentally, she jumps off a table until you feel that an elevator can mean nothing in her apartment house life. Florence Wallace, as Germaine, sings pleasingly, but her naive manner of speech makes it difficult to take her seriously as an actress. William Blaisdell doesn't make the old miser Gaspard quite so bad as he is usually painted, possibly from a desire to save the neighborhood from the horrors of nightmare. The comedians, Fred Frear and Charles Udell, spare no one—not even Roosevelt—but they evidently are among friends. Thanks to the good voices brought to bear on the ever-welcome music, this uptown production of "The Chimes" is thoroughly enjoyable.

**ADELE BLOOD WINS DECREE.**

Mrs. Edwards Davis, known on the stage as Adele Blood, was awarded an interlocutory decree of divorce by Supreme Court Justice Page yesterday on the findings of Frederic C. Leubuscher, Davis, now an actor, was once a preacher. The co-respondent in the case was Julie Power, leading woman for Davis. She is suing her husband, Frederic Kameiton Bryant, for divorce. Bryant is also suing his wife. Davis had filed a counter suit, but by yesterday's decree he loses it.

**OBITUARY NOTES.**

Thomas P. Hunter, founder and President of the Acme Tea Company, which operates 400 stores in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, died yesterday at his home in Haverford, of heart disease. William S. Hancock, three times State Controller of New Jersey, died at Browns Mills, near Trenton, yesterday. Robert Pluym, aeroplane dealer,

hero enthusiast and writer on aviation, a dead of kidney trouble at the Wahneman Hospital, at the age of fifty years. Mrs. Matilda Gonyeau died yesterday, her one hundred and third birthday, at her home in Norwood, N. Y. Her mother died at the age of 109 years. The Rev. George W. Corrigan, rector of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Newark, and a brother of the late Archbishop Corrigan of New York, died of heart disease yesterday at his rectory. Mrs. Marietta B. Ferris, widow of J. Hanford Ferris, is dead at the age

of eighty-one years, at the home of a son, in Greenwich, Conn. Her father built one of the finest houses in the Morrisania section of the Bronx, and her mother's family, the Lents, were among the first Westchester County settlers. Mrs. Catherine C. Kerwin, widow of Gen. M. C. Kerwin, former Police Commissioner of New York, died yesterday at the age of seventy-eight years, at her home, No. 1242 Madison Avenue. Miss Esther E. Burdick, for twenty years librarian of the Jersey City Library, died yesterday. The Rev. W. M. Groton, Dean of

the Philadelphia Divinity School, and widely known as an Episcopal clergyman, died of heart failure in Philadelphia last night.

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