Louise Homer And Vernon Stiles Sing at Concerts

By Sylvester Rawling.

BOTH at our city auditoriums gave entertainment yesterday at Carnegie Hall, attended and appreciated by large audiences. Louise Homer was the soloist at the Philharmonic Society's concert in the afternoon. A radiant figure in a flowing pink frock, blue, graceful and youthful looking enough to be her own daughter, she was always by Walter Damrosch, by her husband, Sidney Homer, and by Horace Parker. All were in the Schumann-Heink delightfulness affected by modern American composers, the orchestral backing furnishing their chief attraction. Mr. Damrosch's "The Looking Glass," by Rudyard Kipling, was dry, but his "My Wife," to words by Robert Louis Stevenson, held charm. So did Mr. Homer's "Sheep and Lambs," the words by Katherine Tynan Hinkson. Mr. Homer's picturing of Tennyson's "Thy Voice Is Heard Through Rolling Drums," orchestrated by Victor Kolar, was effective, as was Dr. Parker's "The Red Cross Speaks" to words by John H. Finley. Mme. Homer sang them all in fine voice if not always with efficient enunciation. The contributions of the orchestra, under Mr. Damrosch's direction, were Rabaud's second symphony, a serenade for strings by Volkmann, with 'cello obligato by Mr. Boentgen, and Cesar Franck's "Redemption."

Vernon Stiles, in the uniform of a soldier, was soloist with the Philharmonic Society at Carnegie Hall last evening. He sang in Liszt's arrangement of the Twenty-third Psalm for tenor and orchestra with dramatic power, if with something lacking in sensuous quality of voice. He sang also the "Prize Song" from "Die Meistersinger." The orchestra, under Mr. Stransky's direction, played Mozart's "Jupiter" symphony with fine appreciation and gave a brilliant exposition of Dukas's "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." The other orchestral numbers were Mozart's "Don Giovanni" overture, Tschaikowsky's "Marche Slave" and Tschaikowsky's "Romeo and Juliet." The programme will be repeated this afternoon.

Mme. Sappelli-Aldo and Clarence Whitehill were Americans in a programme of "Aida" at the Metropolitan Opera House last night, substituted for "The Marriage of Figaro" given at the metropolitan of Florida. Both acquitted themselves with the satisfaction of a large audience. Mme. Sappelli's lovely voice and its fine tradition, and Mr. Whitehill's was especially effective as the African chief. Martinelli was a swashbuckler and dominating Radames. In the cast were Margaret Matzenauer, Hazel Harrold, Marie Mattfeldt and Andison, their various roles already accredited this season. Mr. Moranzoni conducted a fine performance.

Miss Lombardi, an Italian pianist, gave a recital at Aeolian Hall yesterday afternoon. Her programme included works by Chopin, Beethoven, Liszt and some compositions of her own. Her playing was marked principally by personal idiosyncrasies.

Frieda Hempel's gold is so persistent that the revival of Donizetti's "The Daughter of the Regiment," announced for to-morrow's matinee at the Opera House, is postponed. Instead, "La Boheme" will be sung.

BOMB WRECKS EXPRESS CAR.

Another Starts Fire on Second Northern Pacific Train.

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 7.—The explosion of an infernal machine in the express car of train No. 7 on the Northern Pacific caused the destruction of the car near Windsor, N. D., Wednesday, according to information obtained by officials investigating the affair. It was announced here to-day. It is also substantiated that a similar contrivance fired an express car on another Northern Pacific train near Bismarck two weeks earlier.

BOXING PROMOTERS HELD.

Seven of Broadway Sporting Club to Be Tried Under Old Law.

Seven members of the Broadway Sporting Club were held in $500 bail by Magistrate Esterbrook in the Butler Street Court, Brooklyn, to-day for holding boxing bouts under the so-called membership plan. Action was taken against them under the old statute against prizefighting which came back into force with the death of the Frawley law.

The men held are John Weismantel, President of the club; Andrew Niederlter, Secretary; Harry Ferris, ticket seller; John Dunn, announcer; John Haukup, referee, and two doormen. All furnished bail and their cases will come up before the Court of General Sessions, Brooklyn, in about a week.

JEFFERSON PARK ENTRIES.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 7.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Claiming; purse $400; two-year-olds; one mile—Beautiful Woburn, 106; Parrish, 104; Toulouse Lugg, 109; *Miss Agnes, 101; Gertrude C., 106; *Lady Elkoh, 106; *Cigarette, 104; *Your Butterfly, 98.

SECOND RACE—Claiming; $300; all ages; six furlongs—Dancer, 114; Hazelcot, 109; Colza, 109; *Highgate, 109; *Sister Rose, 106; Pandite, 114; Modding Miss, 106; *Baby Cal, 103; *Eclamar, 109; *Tip Duke, 104.

THIRD RACE—The Sheriff Marvin Handicap; all ages; $900; six furlongs—The Masquerader, 112; Assume, 119; Bed Time Stories, 105; Morgan, 112; Fine Ballad, 108; Cobalt Lass, 95.

FOURTH RACE—The Dixie Land Handicap; all ages; $1,000; one mile and a sixteenth—Marion Goode, 120; Woodward, 108; Libian Sands, 104; Warsaw, 109; Roses, 116; Goldcross Boy, 105; Voyons, 102.

FIFTH RACE—Claiming; purse, $500; three-year-olds and up; one mile and a sixteenth—Eddie T., 113; Bryan Boru, 110; Selectif, 110; Sepetiba, 106; J. C. Welsh, 110; Redbourn, 110; Red Cross, 107; Spectre, 104.

SIXTH RACE—Claiming; purse, $500; three-year-olds and upward; one mile—Mountain Rose, 111; Regn, 106; Philmen, 108; Turco, *113; Jocular, *105; Adalid, 111; Beldor, *113; Sapo-nara, *106; Amalgamator, 109; Jack Snipe (imp), 109.

*Five pounds apprentice allowance claimed. Weather clear; track slow.

MISS VARNEY WITH KEYES DAY OF MURDER, HE SAYS

Husband of Slain Woman Details Companionship With Accused Surrogate Witness Stand.

LEBANON, Conn., Dec. 7.—George H. Keyes looked at Mrs. Pauline Keyes, who was called as a witness for the prosecution when the trial of Miss Harriet A. Varney, the woman charged with the murder of Mrs. Keyes, was resumed. Keyes testified to the intimate companionship with Miss Varney and said they lived together as man and wife in New York, Providence and Boston for more than a year prior to his marriage to his stenographer, in August, 1916.

He took his bride West and from Chicago sent Miss Varney, who was to Providence, a postal card, by which he hoped to end their relations. The postal card said: "Check up, old pal, good luck. God bless you. Jack."

Keyes described several meetings with Miss Varney after his return East. On June 15, the day his wife was shot, Keyes testified Miss Varney called him on the telephone a few minutes after noon and about half an hour later he met her in Boston. They went to a restaurant.

WANTS MORE CARS RUN TO CHECK PNEUMONIA

Health Commissioner Emerson Takes Steps to Avoid Crowding on Transportation Lines.

For the purpose of contributing to the efforts of the Board of Health in its work of holding the spread of pneumonia in check, Commissioner of Health Emerson announced to-day that he will ask the Public Service Commission to place such restrictions upon all transportation companies as will reduce to the minimum the danger to the public from the overcrowding of cars.

He will ask that the commission direct the elevated, surface and subway companies to maintain throughout the entire day the same number of cars and trains that are now run only during the "rush" hours of the morning and late afternoon, and also that the companies be required to put on additional cars and trains in the "rush" hours until all danger is past.

Developments indicate that the week ending at noon to-morrow will show a decrease in the number of deaths from pneumonia.

"DEAD" MAN ON STAND; GETS BACK HIS ESTATE

"Ghost" Convinces Surrogate He Legal Demise Seven Years Ago Was a Mistake.

When Edward W. Hahr of No. 793 Ninth Avenue walked into the offices of Surrogate Cohalan to-day present in the room who knew him exclaimed: "It's Hahr's ghost."

The "ghost" took the stand with a heavy tread and began to talk in a deep bass voice.

For a "dead man" Edward W. Hahr showed several signs of life, and not long after he petitioned in person against his brother Charles remaining as administrator of his estate. His friends were willing to accord him the gladsome palm and remice over his "return to life."

For more than seven years Edward W. Hahr was believed to be legally dead, following such an order granted by the Surrogate on May 19 last to his brother, but he declared he has lived at his North Avenue address for more than two years and in that time never has left the county.

Brother Charles was ordered to return to Edward Hahr some policies and any other property he may have obtained from the estate of the "dead" man.

FIREBUGS SUSPECTED IN $300,000 SHIPYARD BLAZE

Iron Works in Toronto Destroyed and Ocean Freighter Is Badly Damaged.

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—Fire originating in the pattern shop of the Polson Iron Works, on the water front, early last night completely destroyed that building and a number of sheds and badly damaged an ocean freighter and a trawler. The loss is estimated at from $250,000 to $300,000, covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is a mystery.

Reconstruction will be started at once.

Strike of 8,000 Oil Workers Comes to an End.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 7.—Settlement of the oil workers' strike affecting eight thousand men in Texas and Louisiana producing fields was agreed upon to-day.

New York City Man Missing.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 7.—The casualty list contains the name of one J. D. McInnis of New York City, missing.

EXPRESS EARNINGS CUT, $4,756,000 TO $733,000

Heads of Four Companies Tell Commerce Board of Big Loss in Seven Months of 1917.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Demand for the various express companies with the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day showed that during the seven months ending July 1 the Adams, American, South-ern and Wells Fargo Companies carried on operating income of only $733,000, as compared with $4,756,000 the same period last year.

A. H. Harrison of New York, counsel for the companies, expressed willingness to submit to any reduction the commission might order on consideration of actual business conditions after the war.

A committee of State Railroad Commissioners headed by J. H. Henderson of Iowa, asked the commission for more time in which to analyze the express companies' figures, and indicated they would attack a number of items of depreciation and material costs. Other members of this committee were Thomas Cope of Minnesota, C. R. Ree of Missouri, A. E. Helm of Kansas and Hugh Lamaisters of Nebraska.

War Calls Off Famous Pittsburgh Traffic Club Dinner.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 7.—The Traffic Club of Pittsburgh, whose annual dinners for a number of years have brought together many of the leading executives of the country, to-day announced that the dinner for 1918 had been abandoned because of the war.

Railroad Firemen to Confer on Wage Demand.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 7.—General Chairmen of the various divisions of railroad firemen are to meet in Chicago within the next few days to discuss the advisability of asking increased pay, W. S. Carter, Chief of the firemen and enginemen, intimated to-day before leaving for Chicago.

Japs $30,000 for Racehorse Cudgel.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 7.—Cudgel, regarded as one of the greatest three-year-old performers in the country and a leading money winner of the year, was sold to-day for $30,000 by his owner, J. W. Schorr of Memphis, Tenn., to J. K. L. Ross, a Canadian turfman. It was announced that Cudgel would be taken to the Laurel track, near Baltimore, this week.

HYLAN EMISSARY ANNOYS ACTING MAYOR DOWLING

Latter Resents Sending of Request for Delay on Workhouse Farm Contracts.

Correction Commissioner Lewis asked the Board of Estimate to-day to approve contracts and plans for a dormitory and administration building for the Women's Workhouse Farm Colony at Hart's Island, N. Y. The estimated cost is $111,000.

Having in mind as the personal representative of Mayor-elect Hylan, Cornelius M. Sheehan asked that Commissioner Lewis's request be referred to the new Estimate Board. Acting Mayor Dowling agreed.

"I think Judge Hylan should personally communicate with the Acting Mayor instead of sending you here to make remarks from outside the rail. A man standing near Mr. Sheehan asked if the request be deferred action implied that the present Estimate Board was not competent.

"Why don't you ask Mr. Sheehan," said Borough President Connolly of Queens. "Take him over in the corner so that you won't interfere with the business of this Board."

"You can't take your orders here," put in Acting Mayor Dowling. "The Frawley boxing law has been repealed." Commissioner Lewis's request was deferred until next Friday.

MATINEE PERFORMANCES FOR RED CROSS TO-DAY

The Broadway theatres will give special matinee performances of their current attractions this afternoon for the benefit of the Red Cross. Vaudeville houses will give extra shows at 10:30 this morning. The same practice will be followed throughout the country.

William A. Brady, Manager of the Playhouse and the Forty-eighth Street Theatre, yesterday criticised the other managers for selecting a Friday afternoon. He said he "expressed himself in favor of Friday night performances in both regular theatres and vaudeville houses so the proceeds of the large evening audiences would accrue to the Red Cross, but this was not followed."

Grace George at the Playhouse and John Drew at the Forty-eighth Street Theatre will be seen in the special performances this afternoon.

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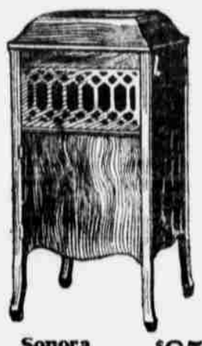

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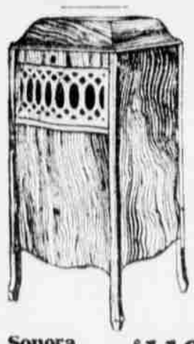

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