

MUSIC

"Tannhauser" at the Metropolitan Opera House.

THE OPERA'S VICISSITUDES.

After three performances Mr. Hammerstein announced that he had put his French production of "Tannhauser" on the shelf, being convinced that the opera was too German in spirit to prove acceptable in French. It was to have been produced in New York in a more accessible form, with the French language and the production of the Manhattan Opera House were indicative of a sincere effort to achieve artistic good. It would be interesting to inquire into the question to what extent the use of French words militated against the success of the opera. No doubt many more of Mr. Hammerstein's patrons understand German than understand French; no doubt, also, that those who understand German would prefer to hear operas which are German in subject and spirit sung in the German language; but it is much to be feared that the majority of opera-goers in New York are not likely to understand the French language, and the English people as they were the English people of Addison's day when opera was half English and half Italian, or the Hamburg public of Handel's early period, when German alternated with Italian in the same scene. Our population is composed of French elements to a very small extent, and each element is unquestionably greater at a performance given in the language native to it than in any other tongue. But on the whole it has been made plain a thousand times that the general attitude is one of indifference to anything on the personality of the people on the stage, the staging, the actor and the pictures. In fact, it is not unlike that of Boileau when he went to the Academie in Paris to hear "Atys" and requested the box-keeper to put him in a place where he could see the stage without being seen, but not quite the words, which he despised. Mme. de Staël condemned the German composers of her day because they followed the sense of the text too closely, whereas the Italians made the melody and the words conform to each other only in a general way. After Mme. de Staël a writer who was English and author of a charming and instructive book on the history of the opera, George Hagarth, put it down as his conviction that the words of an operatic air were of small importance to the composer, and the music of the air was merely an expression, he said, a sentiment, a reflection, a feeling. It is quite enough if their general import is known, and this may most frequently be gathered from the situation, aided by the character and expression of the music.

MARK TWAIN LEAVES HOME.

Returns to Bermuda, Where Ill Health Troubles Him Least.

Samuel L. Clemens, the author, sailed for Bermuda yesterday on the steamship Bermudian. He returned to this city shortly before Christmas to spend the holidays with his daughter Miss Jeanne Clemens, who died suddenly at the Clemens home in Redding a few days after her father came from the islands. Before sailing yesterday Mr. Clemens said he had planned to go to Bermuda with his wife in April, but that her death had forestalled him.

ASSISTANT FOR BISHOP GREER.

Bishop Mann, of North Dakota, Coming to New York.

The Right Rev. Cameron Mann, bishop of North Dakota, will soon remove to this city, where he will become assistant to Bishop David H. Greer, in the diocese of New York.

HOUSEKEEPER'S BIG REWARD.

Minerva, Long Island, Jan. 5.—A legacy of \$15,200 is the reward for the long and faithful service of Ida Beach Stuart, for many years housekeeper for Stephen Mott Wright, the execution of whose will has just been finished.

"BETHLEHEM" AT CARNEGIE HALL.

The miracle play, "Bethlehem" will be presented in Carnegie Hall to-day, at 2:30 p. m., under the auspices of the Christmas Play Association, which is made up of Bishop Greer, and rectors and delegates from twelve of the largest Episcopal churches in the city. The play was written by Lawrence Housman, author of "Everyman." Ben Greer is manager. The play will be acted by fifty students from the General Theological School.

ENDOWS BED IN PARIS HOSPITAL.

It was announced yesterday by the administrators of the estate of William B. Leeds that his wife had recently given to the American Hospital, of Paris, France, \$5,000, \$15,000 to be applied to the foundation and endowment of a bed, in memory of her husband, William B. Leeds, who died in that city June 22, 1899, and the remaining \$10,000 to be added to the fund for the maintenance of the hospital.

MISS HENRIETTA CROSMAN ILL.

Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Miss Henrietta Crosman was stricken with lumbago after playing here last night, and is confined to her bed at a hotel.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Free admission to the Metropolitan Museum night of the American Museum of Natural History.

Public hearing on the subject of employers' liability, Union Men's Christian Association, 215 West 42d street, 7 p. m.

Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, No. 45 Liberty street, 12:30 p. m.

Annual performance of "Bethlehem" under the auspices of the Christmas Play Association, Carnegie Hall, 2:30 p. m.

Meeting of the New York Legislative League, Waldorf-Astoria, 3 p. m.

Mrs. Gilbert E. Jones on "The Woman Suffrage Movement," 222 Madison avenue, 4 p. m.

Concert of the Metropolitan Life Club, Metropolitan Life Building, 8:15 p. m.

Free lectures of the Board of Education, 8 Egeesque avenue, "The Real Tokio," 8 p. m.

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LIFE NURSING COOK

Relative Says Explorer Will Soon Defend Himself.

Mrs. Josephine Dudley, of No. 340 East 13th street, sister of the wife of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discredited explorer, admitted yesterday that she knew Cook's whereabouts and said that he had been in mentally and physically. Other members of the family said that the newspapers had been kept from him and that he did not know the University of Copenhagen had thrown out his claims to the discovery of the North Pole. It was stated that he was in complete ignorance of the shift of public opinion against him.

METROPOLITAN'S OPERAS.

"La Bohème" will be Monday night's opera at the Metropolitan. "Tosca" will be given on Wednesday, "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Paciflca" on Thursday, "Faust" on Friday, "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" on Saturday afternoon and "Aida" on Saturday night. "Fra Diavolo" will be sung at the New Theatre on Tuesday night, and on Wednesday afternoon there will be a double bill, consisting of "Maestro di Cappella" and "Don Pasquale."

THE REV. DR. NELSON MILLARD.

Rochester, Jan. 5.—The Rev. Dr. Nelson Millard, for many years pastor of the Presbyterian church in Rochester and Syracuse, died here to-day.

ANOTHER BLOW TO DR. COOK.

Dr. Cook is with his husband, she said, referring to a report of trouble between the Cooks. "She is nursing him and day. It isn't likely if she is doing the cooking, she is not doing an action for divorce, is it? His condition is mending, and we expect he will be able to come from where he is staying in a few days and face his accusers. I do not know the form of his ailment, but I do know that he is very ill. We thought at first that he might not survive, but he could not concentrate his mind or talk for even a few minutes on any subject. It seems like a complete nervous collapse, and his constitution was not strong enough to withstand it."

MAN WHO "MIXED IT" WITH THE BEAR CALLS RESCUE "FAKE."

Seattle, Jan. 5.—A. D. Burton, an Alaskan prospector who has arrived from the north, declared to-day that the story told by Frederick A. Cook about rescuing Burton from a bear was untrue.

ROYAL MARRIAGE ALL RIGHT.

Brussels, Jan. 5.—Minister of State Beernaert has just returned to-day, stating that while the failure of the late King Leopold to issue a royal decree sanctioning the marriage of Prince Albert and Princess Elizabeth, now the King and Queen of Belgium, might have been a theoretical violation of the constitution, the marriage was long ago accepted by the country and was now incontestable on constitutional grounds.

SNOWDENS SAIL ON CEDRIC.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Snowden sailed for the Mediterranean yesterday on the White Star liner Cedric. Mrs. Snowden is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, of this city, and was married to Mr. Snowden in New York in 1892. In this city on December 30, Mr. Snowden said yesterday that he and his wife would remain abroad about ten weeks, but that their itinerary had not been arranged.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Official Record and Forecast.—Washington, Jan. 5.—The Western storm moved northward from the middle Mississippi Valley, and its center to-night was located over the lower Mississippi Valley, whence it will move northward with increasing intensity. There was heavy snow in the upper lake region, and there was precipitation in the Middle Atlantic and New England states, the Ohio Valley, Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas.

The temperature has risen decidedly in the Eastern states, the Northwest, and it has risen in the Mississippi Valley and the west Gulf states.

Steamers departing Thursday for European ports will have moderate to brisk variable winds, unsettled weather with rain or snow to the Grand Banks.

The winds along the New England coast will be moderate to variable, becoming east by Thursday night and increasing; middle Atlantic coast, moderate to variable, becoming east to northeast and increasing; south Atlantic coast, increasing southeast, shifting to north by Thursday night.

The storm that is developing over the lower Mississippi valley, the temperature remaining in the middle Mississippi valley, the temperature remaining in the middle Mississippi valley, the temperature remaining in the middle Mississippi valley.

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OBITUARY.

MONSIGNOR JOSEPH M. FLYNN.

Monistown, N. J., Jan. 5 (Special).—Monsignor Joseph M. Flynn died at the rectory of the Church of the Assumption early this morning. Yesterday noon he suffered a stroke of paralysis just after making a tour of the parochial school.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—The press of San Francisco devotes much space to the death of D. O. Mills, every newspaper printing many columns of eulogies and tributes from his old associates in pioneer days. "The Chronicle" says in the course of a long editorial:

Mr. Mills was honored by those who knew him best, and trusted even by those who knew him least. His nature was integrity, his nature was integrity. In his home, business office and in public he was the same earnest, wise, just, courteous, and man and counselor—the best type his country has produced. It will be remembered that in the early days of his life he was a pioneer, and he was a pioneer in the practical nature of his philanthropy. He believed in helping those who were in need.

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Besides being a great financier and builder, D. O. Mills was a great philanthropist. He was a man of high character and high integrity, and he was a man of high character and high integrity.

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From the Buffalo Commercial.

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A FRIEND OF HUMANITY.

From the New York Globe.

His best claim to fame and distinction is that he was among the first to perceive and to recognize in this or any other country the need for a relief fund.

ONE CLAIM TO DISTINCTION.

From the Philadelphia Press.

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