

Rostrand, Noted French Poet, Is Dead in Paris

Capital Was Expecting Odes of Playwright to Mark Triumph of Allied Cause

Author of "Chantecler"

Wife, Sons and Other Relatives at His Bedside at Time of Author's Death

PARIS, Dec. 2.—Edmond Rostrand, the poet and playwright, died this afternoon. He had been ill from Monday.

When M. Rostrand passed away Mme. Rostrand, his sons and several other relatives were at his bedside.

Commenting on the death of the playwright, "Le Temps" says his loss will be grievously felt by France and her allies, as he was "worthy to celebrate in odes triumphal right and magnificent victory."

Edmond Rostrand was one of France's greatest modern dramatists and poets.

His public work in Europe and America was known primarily through his "Chantecler," "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "L'Aiglon." The latter two plays won him a seat in the French Academy in 1907, when he was only thirty-three years old.

Rostrand's health broke down soon after the production of "L'Aiglon" and he was ordered by his physicians to leave the country, where in the village of Giverny he obtained his material for his "Chantecler" while watching the fowl of the village.

"Chantecler" had a great success both in Paris and New York, where it was produced by Charles Frohman in 1911, a year after its production in Paris.

The selling of the creation of "Chantecler," Rostrand said: "I had gone for a walk just before the play was produced. I had occasion to go to a farm house, and while I waited in the yard my eye was attracted by a blackbird hopping about in a cage. A cock entered. Noting the bird's attitude of the blackbird, I said to myself, 'This is certainly speaking fun at the cock. Does the cock see it? If so, what does he think about it?' That was the origin of 'Chantecler,' a comedy among the animals."

Throughout the war Rostrand's verses and utterances contributed to the courage and perseverance of the French nation.

John Charles Thomas Heard For First Time in Concert

John Charles Thomas, a baritone well known in the world of light opera, made his first incursion into a serious field yesterday afternoon at Aeolian Hall.

Obituary Mrs. William T. Helmuth Dead in Her 81st Year

At One Time Was President of State Federation of Women's Clubs

Mrs. William T. Helmuth, a veteran suffragist and past president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, died on Saturday at her home, 225 West Eighty-sixth Street, in the eighty-first year of her age.

After forty years of untiring activity in the cause of suffrage, Mrs. Helmuth cast her first vote last Election Day. She was the guest of honor at the Convention of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, held early last month at the Hotel Astor.

Mrs. Helmuth was also president of the Society of New York State Women. In 1900 she went to the Paris Exposition, heading the "personally conducted" tour of the women's clubs of this state.

MRS. E. S. VANDERLYN PORT CHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Esther Spaulding Vanderlyn, the oldest inhabitant of this place, died to-day at the age of ninety-two.

EDWARD FITZGERALD Edward Fitzgerald, a former battalion chief, who retired from the fire department seven years ago after forty-four years' service, died Saturday at his home, 100 West 100th Street.

MELVIN BROWN Melvin Brown, prominent for years as a lawyer, also in musical circles, died yesterday at his home, 215 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn.

CAPTAIN GEORGE POTTER PLAINFIELD, Conn., Dec. 2.—Captain George Potter, veteran of the Civil War and one of the heroes of the capture of Mobile Bay, died here to-day in his eighty-fifth year.

BISHOP J. B. FUNSTEN BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 2.—Right Rev. James Bowen Funsten, first Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Idaho, died suddenly at his home here early to-day.

Mrs. Maude R. McVickar Is Married to Major Strong

News was received in New York yesterday of the marriage of Mrs. Maude Robbins McVickar, widow of Harry Whitney McVickar, to Major Theron B. Strong, Artillery Corps, U. S. A., which took place in the Holy Trinity Church in the Holy Trinity, Paris.

Social Leaders Attend Bagby 'Musical Morning'

Major Bissell Is Dead as Result Of Blood Poison

Was Prominent Surgeon in This City and Authority on Use of Radium Before Becoming Army Officer

Major Joseph Bidleman Bissell, celebrated radiologist, a man whose work, since he gave up private practice to serve his country in the Medical Corps, has been the means of saving unnumbered lives, died yesterday at his home, 46 West Fifty-fifth Street.

Major Bissell, who was fifty-nine years old, was a native of Lakeville, Conn., educated at Amenia Seminary and at Yale, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Dr. Bissell was called to attend to a patient in light-hearted march rhythms, the setting of an English morris dance for two pianofortes made by Mr. Grainger and played by him and Corporal Leopold.

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Drama "Betty at Bay" Is Seen at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre

By Heywood Brown

Many happy endings are bare faced, but that which has been supplied for "Betty at Bay" is so extensively naked that you could see its backbone if it had one.

"Le Propete" Repeated, With Caruso and Homer in Cast

"Le Propete" was repeated last night at the Metropolitan before the usual large audience. The cast included Mr. Caruso, Mrs. Homer, Miss Muzio, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Schlegel, Mr. Mardones and Mr. Rothier.

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Mme. Van Doren Not At Best in Ibsen

Offering in French

Ibsen in French was the piquant sensation provided by the Theatre du Vieux Colombier last evening. "Rosmersholm" was the play with the versatile Mme. Van Doren as Rebecca West.

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George D. Smith Buys Many Choice Volumes

In Jones Collection

There was keen rivalry among collectors of rare books at the Anderson Galleries yesterday, when the first half of the Herschel V. Jones Library was put up at auction.

George D. Smith, who has paid several record prices in the past, again secured many choice volumes, paying the highest price of the afternoon session—\$6,000 for the presentation copy of "The City of God" by Saint Augustine.

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