

'Oiseau Bleu' Is Given Premiere at Metropolitan

Author of Opera's Text Is Present; Composer Conducts First Performance, Attended by Big Throng

Memorable Occasion Here May Be Temporary Substitute for "Hansel and Gretel." Long Off Program

By H. E. Krehbiel Two fairy operas, which to delight children and adults blessed with the capacity to enjoy the fancies and emotions of childhood, have been lost of recent years to the repertory of the Metropolitan Opera House.

"Hansel and Gretel" seemed to have come to stay. Its story and its music brought joy to the hearts and a two-fold pleasure to the ears of those whose appreciation of them was doubled by seeing the happiness which it brought to the little folk. It had to be sacrificed to the Moloch of War.

As to details in the performance, we have no disposition to inquire curiously. We have no disposition to inquire curiously. We have no disposition to inquire curiously.

and appear in their perfect form in the song which Tyltyl sings in the first scene of the last act. The first appears also in augmentation in the form of a vocalized under the farewell speech of Light.

Debussy could have written such music; some other composer might. When Herr Humperdinck wrote music for "Hansel and Gretel" it was for a home play, designed for his children.

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Maeterlinck and Their Dance Hostess



Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt jr. (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Maeterlinck, the guests of honor at the "Blue Bird" ball, sponsored by Mrs. Vanderbilt and held at the Waldorf-Astoria last Friday.

breathes a serene melody in the Garden of Happiness, which awakens (purely by suggestion, not because of likeness) to Gluck's music in the Elysian field of his "Orfeo," and there is an occasional flavor of French song in some of the melodies, all of which fall pleasantly into the ear, though they lack dramatic eloquence, as well as distinction.

Leaders of Society Among Boxholders Boxholders at the premiere of Maurice Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird" given at the Metropolitan Opera House last night, were:

Premier To Be Absent When Canadian Parliament Convenes OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 28.—Sir Robert Borden is expected to leave here not later than the middle of January for an indefinite leave of absence, it was learned today.

Congressmen Visit Panama PANAMA, Dec. 27.—A party of twenty-three American Congressmen, with members of their families, their secretaries and friends, arrived here this morning.

A Beer Bottle House A house built of beer bottles was once an interesting feature of Tono, pahn, Sey. It was on account of the local scarcity of timber that a miner conceived the idea of building himself a dwelling from a huge stock of beer bottles.

Archaeologists to Meet at Pittsburgh Instead of Toronto Joint Sessions With Philologists Will Bring Together Noted Savants in Talks and General Discussions

Archaeologists from New York and other cities will gather at Pittsburgh Monday for the three-day annual meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America.

You are invited to make reservation now for the New Year's Eve Supper and Dance at Hotel Pennsylvania. The management suggests—and urges—a reservation at once, because there will undoubtedly be a flood of requests a little later, and the earlier-comers have, naturally, an advantage.

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Jerseyites Called to Plan War on Radicals Gov. Runyon Asks Business and Civic Leaders to Map Out Campaign

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 27.—A call has been issued by Governor Runyon for a conference at the State House on January 7 to devise means for combating destructive radicalism in New Jersey.

Children Hear Orchestra Damrosch Gives Special Holiday Concert for Youngsters Many children stopped playing with their Christmas toys yesterday morning long enough to attend the concert by the New York Symphony Society at Aeolian Hall.

Recital by Miss Rothwell Soprano Heard in Songs at Aeolian Hall Elizabeth Rothwell, soprano, who is the wife of Walter Rothwell, leader of the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra, appeared in song recital yesterday afternoon at Aeolian Hall.

Pennell Talks on Etching at Metropolitan To-day Exhibition of War Portraits To Be Opened by Cummings at Touchstone Gallery

Another exhibition of war drawings is announced. Mr. Joseph Cummings (Chicago) will open it at the Touchstone gallery to-morrow, showing the portraits of American soldiers which he made at the front in France.

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K. of C. Head Wants Europe to Furnish Accounting to U. S.

W. J. Mulligan Says Stories of Dire Need Are Exaggerated; "Do More Work and Less Talk" Is Advice

An accounting of everything given to the European countries by the United States should be demanded by this country, and statements of those nations should be advised to do more work and less talking, in the opinion of William J. Mulligan, chairman of the Knights of Columbus Committee on War Activities, who recently returned to New York after completing the organization's work with the A. E. F. in occupied Germany.

Wants "Charity" to End "Europe will take all we have to give, and certainly we should give something. But we should ask for an accounting of everything we give and insist that the statesmen of Europe get down to business if they want to continue receiving our help.

Radical Congress Opens GENEVA, Dec. 27.—The International Congress of Socialists and Communist students began its sessions here yesterday. About thirty English, German, Swiss, Jugo-Slav, Austrian and American delegates were in attendance.

Governor's Nephew Weds Smith and Staff Attend Marriage of John Glyn

Miss Mercedes McGuire, of the Hotel Spencer Arms, was married yesterday morning to John Glyn, of Brooklyn, a nephew of Governor Smith, in the Church of the Assumption, Cranbury Street, Brooklyn.

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