

'LA BOHEME' AND CARUSO PACK THE OPERA HOUSE

Mme. Frances Alda Heard for First Time This Season in Role of Mimi.

SOCIETY OUT IN FORCE

Excellent Representation of Puccini's Work by Familiar Cast.

Puccini's 'La Boheme' was heard again at the Metropolitan Opera House last evening. The house was sold out and the standing room was crowded to such an extent that the ushers had anxious eyes on the policemen.

The special feature of the performance was the reappearance of Mme. Frances Alda, who had not sung previously in the course of the season.

Mme. Alda's singing of the music of Mimi had the charms of natural beauty of voice and of simplicity of style.

Those in the audience. Mrs. George B. Ford, who wore black and gold brocade.

There were also in the audience Mr. and Mrs. William J. Schieffelin, Miss Schieffelin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Bacon, Mrs. Louis T. H. Bacon, Mrs. Joseph Earle Stevens, Mrs. Henry A. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Townsend, the Misses Townsend, Ronald Burdette, and Miss Theodore Freilinghuysen.

There were also in the audience Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cowdin, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth Wickes, Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel B. Potter, Julius Noyes and T. Chesley Richardson, Jr.

SCHOLA CANTORUM'S MATINEE.

Long Programme of New Music Heard With Much Pleasure.

The Schola Cantorum of New York gave a matinee of new music yesterday afternoon at Aeolian Hall.

There were also in the audience Mr. and Mrs. William J. Schieffelin, Miss Schieffelin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Bacon, Mrs. Louis T. H. Bacon, Mrs. Joseph Earle Stevens, Mrs. Henry A. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Townsend, the Misses Townsend, Ronald Burdette, and Miss Theodore Freilinghuysen.

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RUSSIAN GRAND OPERA SOON.

Comstock and Gest Plan to Produce It Here With Ballets.

New York is to have a six weeks season of Russian grand opera, according to the announcement made yesterday by Theodore Kosloff, who came here a few days ago from Paris to confer with Comstock & Gest, under whose management the operas will be given.

Opera and ballet are to be given jointly, precisely as is done at the Theatre Chatelet, Paris.

The repertoire selected by the producers will include works by Rubinstein, Mousorgsky, Rimsky-Korsakov and Glinka. Eight grand operas have already been selected.

The productions, according to Mr. Kosloff, both for the operas and the ballets, are to be brought intact from Russia and will represent a new school of art. Costumes, scenery and properties will be the work of younger artists of the impressionist school.

ARCANUM WILL FIGHT ASSESSMENT RULING

Officers Plan to Carry Green Case to United States Supreme Court.

The Court of Appeals yesterday decided that the Royal Arcanum had not acted legally in raising the insurance assessment levied against Samuel Green, a Brooklyn lawyer, of 190 McDonough street.

The Supreme Council of the organization feels the decision against them is so serious that it may take the fight into the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Green joined the order in 1883 and the rate given him under his contract called for the payment of \$181 a month.

Mr. Green began his suit in February, 1910, and won before Justice Kelly of the Supreme Court.

The Court of Appeals decided that the by-laws of a benevolent organization cannot be changed so as to increase the assessment rate of its old members.

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YALE WELCOMES IDEA OF TAFT AS KENT LECTURER

President Hadley Admits Conference, but Says Matter Is Pending.

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President Was Pleased at Suggestion of Professorship, It Is Said.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 11.—The report that President Taft would probably become Kent professor of law at Yale after March 4 caused much comment on the Yale campus to-day.

The sentiment of the university was clearly one of hearty hope that Mr. Taft would come to Yale.

A story that Dean Henry Wade Rogers of the Yale law school might enter President-elect Wilson's cabinet was recalled in this connection.

That the possibility of inducing President Taft to come to Yale was talked over at the meeting of Yale Corporation about a week ago is practically admitted by some who know whether it was or not.

While President Taft at this meeting gave no direct hint that the proposition to accept the professorship was agreeable to him, it was observed that he didn't turn it down.

From President Hadley's office this statement was issued to-day: "President Hadley denied the report that President Taft had accepted the Kent professorship of law at Yale.

There is also the possibility, already hinted at, that President Taft may be called upon four years from now to accept again the nomination for the Presidency.

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Mr. Midlidge was arrested here this afternoon charged with the embezzlement of \$13,775 in Jersey City.

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B. R. T. COMPLAINS OF DELAY.

Col. Williams Says Public Service Board Meant New Subways.

Col. Timothy S. Williams, president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, sent a letter yesterday to Thomas F. Clark, who presided at a meeting of the Real Estate Exchange Allied Civic Boards and the Real Estate Exchange, complaining of delays in subway negotiations.

It is not likely that the President would formally accept an offer from Yale until after he has retired from the White House.

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Henry van Dyke's 'The Unknown Quantity' advertisement. Includes text: 'The Ideal Xmas Gift Book', 'New and Finest Work of Prose', 'It has all the beauty of a gift book and the worth of a piece of literature.'—Boston Transcript.

MODISTES' NEW SCHEME OF SMUGGLING BARED

Federal Grand Jury Indicts Mrs. Amelia Haldorn as Participant.

CANADIAN BORDER USED

Well Dressed Women Brought In Fine Gowns as Part of Wardrobes.

A huge smuggling conspiracy in which a number of high class modistes and dressmakers throughout the country are alleged to have participated has been uncovered by special agents of the Treasury Department.

On the strength of the discoveries made by these officials during almost a year of investigation the Federal Grand Jury yesterday returned an indictment against Mrs. Amelia Haldorn, alias Antonette Haldorn, alias Mme. H. Haldorn, alias Mrs. A. Hubert.

Inquiry into the conspiracy was started by the Federal Grand Jury in New York City in the fall of 1911.

It is said on good authority that the Haldorn indictment is the first of a number to be handed down in the near future against the representatives of fashionable modistes.

According to the Federal authorities the new method of evading customs duties was developed shortly after the exposures in the sleeper trunk cases.

It is alleged that the participants in the conspiracy employed as agents women of fine appearance and obvious good breeding, many of whom occupy good positions in society.

These agents returned from their trips abroad by way of Canada and were easily able to convince the customs officials that the exquisite gowns they brought were part of an elaborate wardrobe.

Mrs. Haldorn, who surrendered herself to the Federal authorities yesterday, was handsomely gowned and decked with jewelry. She was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields and held in \$2,000 for examination.

Sale of Oriental Rugs

The Anderson Galleries

Opinions of the Press.

One hundred and seven Rugs and Oriental Carpets forming half of the Collection of Mr. W. D. Ellwanger of Rochester, N. Y., author of the book, 'The Oriental Rug,' will be sold at auction on the afternoon and evening of Friday, December 13th, at the Anderson Galleries, Madison Avenue at Fortieth Street.

For many years he has been a leading authority on Oriental Rugs. He is now preparing a new book to be entitled 'Fifty Perfect Rugs.' He guarantees every Rug in the Sale.—Boston Transcript.

Mr. Ellwanger is well known to lovers of these weaves. Twenty-five years in gathering the Rugs, which he has kept in his Rochester home.—New York Press.

Mr. Ellwanger's private Collection is one of the most famous in the country. The public sales at the Anderson Galleries are notable events in the Art World on both sides of the Atlantic. The facilities and the high standing of the management in all dealing make the Anderson Galleries headquarters for connoisseurs.—Rochester Post Express.

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