

MISS HEMPEL STARS IN DONIZETTI OPERA

She Decorates "La Fille du Regiment" With Shimmering Floriture.

SCOTTI IS DELIGHTFUL

Character of Sergeant Sulpizio Is Well Suited to Barytone.

Donizetti's opera "La Fille du Regiment" was brought forward at the Metropolitan Opera House this evening to the apparent satisfaction of a Monday evening assembly.

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And then, of course, there is the beating of the drum. Here there is a soprano who has opportunity to rival the folioli tano in her instrumental obligation in "Fraglioli. Quite appropriate the soprano is called upon to play a small, or perhaps not a bass, drum. Miss Hempel is a fair drummer, but she is a better singer. She was sufficiently strenuous to convince the audience the light hearted character of Marie, who was, however, Marie, since the opera was given in Italian.

Miss Hempel decorated the music with what the Italian call fioritura until it shimmered throughout its length. She even introduced Froch's everlastingly variations in the third act in order to put more twinkle in the starchy firmament.

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QUITS CONGRESS FOR ARMY.

Representative Johnson of South Dakota Enlists as Private.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Representative Royal C. Johnson of Aberdeen, S. D., enlisted today as a private in the Regular Army and was assigned to Camp Meade. He has not resigned his seat in the House.

OLD PLAYS SEEN AGAIN.

Popular Drama Brought Before the Footlights Last Night.

KLAW & ERLANGER REPLY TO SHUBERTS

Statement Explains Working of All Booking and Pooling Arrangements.

Replying to Lee and J. J. Shubert, who in a statement on Sunday announced the severance of all booking and pooling arrangements with Klaw & Erlanger and assigned as a reason the failure by Klaw & Erlanger to perform half yearly as provided in the pooling contract, Klaw & Erlanger issued a statement of their side of the case yesterday.

"Almost before the ink was dry upon the original statement," Klaw & Erlanger runs, "Messrs. Shubert began evading and violating their agreement. The initiative for the break came from managers in Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and elsewhere, who complained that the Shuberts were constantly violating the stipulations of the agreement."

"The letter which appeared in the newspapers yesterday purporting to be a call upon us for a settlement was not written until Saturday, or several days after we began suit against them. It was addressed to the law firm of Allen, which they mention we suggest that they put identification tags on some of them so that they may be known in case of a list of associates of ours in various enterprises. As far as the lineup which they mention, we are quite content with the names of Messrs. Shubert, David Belasco, George C. Tyler, Alf Hayman, Flo Ziegfeld, Cohan and Harris, Charles B. Dillingham and others, to stand against their forces as managers and producers."

As to a statement by the Shuberts that they have now accomplished one of their most cherished aims, namely, to secure the right to book and pool independently, Klaw & Erlanger make answer that: "We have never discovered any humor in the Shuberts, but if they had any they would have made no reference to the fact that this is the culmination of their fight through the use of special agents to independent producers, so that they can book free from oppression." Klaw & Erlanger make answer that: "We have never discovered any humor in the Shuberts, but if they had any they would have made no reference to the fact that this is the culmination of their fight through the use of special agents to independent producers, so that they can book free from oppression."

FOUR TEACHERS "ARRAIGNED."

They Submit Written Statements on Their Loyalty.

Four public school teachers whose attitude toward the war had been reported to the Board of Education as insufficiently American were called before a special meeting of the board last night and given an opportunity to make their position clear.

ELECTION MURDER VENUE EXHAUSTED

Only Eight Jurors Chosen for Trial of New York Gunmen in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Another chapter today in the story of the Fifth Ward election murder was the trial of the man who was charged with the shooting of the late Mayor's son, William J. Harrison, on September 18, 1916.

POWDER OFFICIALS ON TRIAL

Charged With Manslaughter as Result of Explosion in Plant.

Charged with responsibility for the death of Ruth Rogers, an operative in the Wetzel & Street Manufacturing Company's powder plant in Jersey City, were today on trial in Federal Court Judge George E. Conner.

NEW AMSTERDAM LEAVES.

Quits Halifax Under Safe Conduct From Germany.

STRANDED RECRUITS TO SHOW GRAITUDE

Tablet to Be Presented to New Rochelle To-day—Big Parade Planned.

ALSO AID K. OF C. FUND

Government to Allow 40 Cents a Day for Housing and Feeding Men.

Thousands of men in Uncle Sam's army who feel that they cannot express in words their gratitude for the magnificent manner in which they have been housed and fed by the residents of New Rochelle to-day will present to the town a bronze tablet commemorating the occasion.

Three days have passed since New Rochelle was inundated by more than 5,000 recruits scheduled to go to Fort Monmouth, but who found that the accommodations in the town were generally supposed to exist only in the trenches. The Government had been unable to help them, and they had been left to their own devices. In return for what New Rochelle had done they decided they must do something.

No to-day there will be a big parade in the town. The parade will start in the afternoon at the headquarters of the recruits, the New Rochelle committee appointed by the residents to look after the recruits. The parade will start in the afternoon at the headquarters of the recruits, the New Rochelle committee appointed by the residents to look after the recruits.

The soldiers' gift of gratitude will be formally received by the Rev. Harry M. Beatty, pastor of St. John's Methodist Church, who is chairman of the committee. When erected it will be permanently placed in the New Rochelle public square.

Already in a smaller way the men have shown their appreciation of the hospitality extended to them. Those who are stationed at the headquarters of the recruits in St. John's church have presented to its pastor a big silk American flag, while another national emblem has been given to the M. C. A. by the soldiers that came under the association's care.

The Government sent word yesterday through Col. H. R. Kingsbury in command at Fort Monmouth, that it would allow the men who are housed in New Rochelle to the extent of 40 cents a day for each man. As it is estimated that the cost of housing and feeding the men will amount to about \$50,000, the Government's share will be \$20,000. This will leave \$30,000 to be paid by the town of New Rochelle, but it will be given cheerfully.

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FIFTY PROFESSORS QUIT YALE FOR WAR

Professors Active in Nearly Every Branch of Military Work.

OTHERS GIVE PART TIME

In Addition 1,400 Undergraduates Have Enlisted in Government Service.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 17.—After several weeks work in classification Yale University made public to-day a list of the Yale professors engaged in war service in the United States and abroad. More than fifty members of the faculty have been granted leave of absence or have tendered their resignation in order to give their entire services to the nation.

The fields of activity represented range from majorships in the army to research work in the laboratories. In addition 1,400 undergraduates have enlisted in some branch of the Government service. Among the members of the faculty in active service are the following: Prof. Samuel E. Barnes of the Sheffield Scientific School is Major of Engineers, Officers' Reserve Corps; Prof. Hiram Bingham of the Graduate School is Major in the aviation section of the Signal Corps and is in charge of the Signal Corps camps for aviators; Prof. Joseph Marshall of the Yale Medical School is Major in charge of Base Hospital No. 39 (Yale Mobile Hospital Unit), which has been in Europe several months; Dr. James Gorman Greenway of the department of university health is Major in the Reserve Medical Corps and in charge of the medical side of a large cantonment hospital; Prof. Austin Morris Harmon of the Naval Reserve.

WAR TRUCK TRAIN ON A 55 MILE RUN

Caravan of 30 Packard Motors Reaches Cleveland From Norwalk, Ohio.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17.—The train of Packard war trucks made a fifty-five mile run today, leaving Norwalk in Cleveland at 6 o'clock. The caravan of thirty trucks ploughed through numerous snowbanks, but found the roads in good condition.

The trucks rolled into Cleveland well bunched and were given a warm welcome by the thousands who lined the walks to witness the unusual sight. It was the warmest day the train experienced since their departure from Detroit to Cleveland. The seventy-five-ton trucks are proving themselves to be a most successful type of transport for the army.

In a statement made in Washington today Brigadier General Quackenbush, chief of the War Relocation Administration, explained the plans for using the new trucks in the transport of military supplies, basing his statement on the trial trip which is now on its way from Detroit to an Atlantic port. The trucks will be used to transport military supplies from the interior to the coast under their own power of the 30,000 war trucks the army has under the operation of the War Relocation Administration. The new plan will therefore reduce 15,000 forty-ton freight cars and will also permit the transportation of 15,000 tons of military supplies to the coast from the interior storage depots. The actual number of freight cars which the plan will reduce is 17,250 forty-ton cars.

STAMP SALES REVEALED.

It is almost as easy by Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps as it is to buy coal from a strange coal dealer. Many workers in the vicinity of Park Row find that it does not take after the depression in the market during the first two years of the war.

EUROPE TAKES SECOND PLACE.

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BOY, 16, ON TRIAL FOR 1ST DEGREE MURDER

Timothy Monihan Accused of Killing Baseball Rival.

SITTING at the prisoner's table in the Criminal Court a brown haired, undersized boy of 16 years yesterday watched proceedings in the arraignment of a jury which is to pass judgment on the charge against him of murder in the first degree. The boy is Timothy Monihan of 1954 Third avenue, who until the 21st of last June was captain of a baseball team and leader of an upper East Side gang of youngsters, all of whom were "bad boys" but none of whom were considered any worse than other boys of their neighborhood.

On the Sunday preceding June 21 there was a baseball game at which Monihan and his rival, Henry Ayres, were the stars. Ayres also was 16 and lived at 1932 Third avenue. According to the agreement of the game, Ayres was to receive the ball and \$4 in cash and the stakeholder was to make the award at the end of the fifth inning. It is said he failed to make satisfactory decision. A free for all fight ensued. Policemen effected an armistice, but not a permanent peace. For several days the two boys were exchanged in a picture theatre in the neighborhood, reported to that effect by the press. Monihan, it is charged, pulled out a revolver and fired. Ayres fell dead.

Monihan appeared at the preliminary hearing of his case in the Criminal Court yesterday. He was charged with the murder of Henry Ayres, a 16-year-old boy, on June 21, 1917. The prosecution declared the murder was deliberate and premeditated and Coroner's Physician Leback testified that he saw the body after a three hours' search, said Dr. Leback, he had been unable to locate the bullet.

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U. S. NOW SUPREME IN WORLD FINANCES

Gains Made Since War Started Are Expected to Continue.

NEW AVENUES OF TRADE

One-third of Entire Visible Gold Supply Now Held Here.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—America's ascendancy to financial supremacy in the world in the brief space of three years gives every promise of continuing after peace comes, according to the annual report of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

"It is probable that the demand by European countries," the report says, "especially Russia, France and Belgium, for building material, machinery, railway equipment and other construction and reconstruction material will be larger than during the war. Much of our new business in South and Central America, Africa and the Far East, as well as in the Orient, is expected to be permanent, especially in view of our increased purchases of raw materials and foodstuffs from these countries."

Since 1914 the flow of gold has been steadily toward the United States in payment for this country's goods, until one-third of the world's visible supply of gold is held here. Net imports of gold have amounted in three years to \$1,115,000,000 and in addition millions of dollars' worth of American securities held abroad have been exchanged for gold in change for merchandise. Millions have been invested in foreign securities and Government loans and the United States has made loans to the allied Governments amounting to \$2,250,000,000 of the close of the fiscal year 1917.

Three years ago the suggestion that the United States would be the creditor nation received scant respect either here or abroad," the report says. "Now speculation is turning on our future rank among creditor nations. It is the nation's greatest year in foreign trade, due almost entirely to higher prices and not to larger quantities."

HIGH PRICES ARE GENERAL.

"That higher prices are not confined to the United States, but are general throughout the world is proved by the increases in the prices of imported articles," says the report. "Exports in 1917 were valued at the unprecedented sum of \$6,294,000,000, and imports were \$5,276,000,000. The growth in sales of completed manufactures, \$2,944,000,000. The tendency to increase imports of raw materials and foodstuffs, but tremendous increases were made in commerce with Latin America, the Far East and remote parts of the world which formerly were customers of Europe. Europe's trade with the United States is being maintained in an effort to relieve congestion in the use of motor trucks. The plans have been announced by the War Relocation Administration and the highway transport committee of the Council of National Defense.

Among the members of the faculty in active service are the following: Prof. Samuel E. Barnes of the Sheffield Scientific School is Major of Engineers, Officers' Reserve Corps; Prof. Hiram Bingham of the Graduate School is Major in the aviation section of the Signal Corps and is in charge of the Signal Corps camps for aviators; Prof. Joseph Marshall of the Yale Medical School is Major in charge of Base Hospital No. 39 (Yale Mobile Hospital Unit), which has been in Europe several months; Dr. James Gorman Greenway of the department of university health is Major in the Reserve Medical Corps and in charge of the medical side of a large cantonment hospital; Prof. Austin Morris Harmon of the Naval Reserve.

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JUNIOR PATRIOTS WILL BE PROBED

Mrs. Oliver Harriman Turns Over Certain Records for Investigation.

ACCOUNTS SCRUTINIZED

Officials of Three Other Organizations Interviewed by District Attorney's Office.

Despite the statement yesterday of Edwin T. Kilroe, Assistant District Attorney, that he was convinced the management of the Junior Patriots of America was in no wise open to suspicion, it became known last night that the accounts of this society have come under the scrutiny of the District Attorney's office.

Mrs. Oliver Harriman, acting president of the Junior Patriots, visited Mr. Kilroe yesterday afternoon and expressed a wish to assist the inquiry in any way she could. It developed that Mrs. Harriman or her counsel, Albert F. Jaekel, will be called upon to testify before the District Attorney's office. According to Mr. Swann, would complete the chain of evidence which is being formed against a Fifth avenue address and soliciting contributions to the District Attorney's office.

Asked about the American Ambulance in Russia, she replied she knew nothing, except that she had heard from the work of Miss Elsa Maxwell, who was connected with that society. Mrs. Harriman justified having solicited collectors 40 or 65 per cent on the ground that she understood these were the ordinary terms on which "charity" solicitors operated.

Mr. Kilroe also interviewed officials in three other organizations—the American Ambulance in Russia, the National Emergency Relief Fund, and the National Woman's Army. He indicated that it was not his purpose to make a general investigation of any organization or of its officials, but asserted that many persons who ought not to be concerned in such work, because of their antecedent conduct, are being recruited into the organization. The number of articles which may be asked to give an opinion, he said, is about sixty.

During the day two other officials from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the District Attorney to inquire into the affairs of the National Woman's Army. The name was added to Mr. Kilroe's list of organizations to be investigated. Mr. O'Connor, former president of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who is head of the National Emergency Relief Fund, was another person who was questioned yesterday. It is understood that Mrs. Story expressed willingness to aid the District Attorney. John Moffat, head of the National Allied Relief Committee, also was questioned for two hours by the District Attorney. It was Moffat who started the original investigation into the Army and Navy Bazaar.

O'CONNOR TO MANAGE NEW PENNA. HOTEL

Heads World's Biggest Hospitality at Record Salary.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—James P. O'Connor, manager of the Hotel Statler, Cleveland, has been appointed manager of the new Pennsylvania Hotel, which is being built on the site of the old Hotel Statler. The hotel will be the largest in the world, having 2,200 rooms, even room with a bath.

Mr. O'Connor is a native of the Hotel Statler and the Hotel Statler, which he built the Willard Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, and supervised the building and furnishing of the Statler in Cleveland. He was president of the Ohio Hotel Men's Association.

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD.

The marriage of Mrs. Dulany Howland to Ogden H. Hammond will take place this afternoon at her home, 22 West 107th street. The marriage ceremony will be witnessed by relatives only. There will be no reception.

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