

BLUE BIRD OPERA IS SUPERB SPECTACLE

Metropolitan Filled at Presentation in Music of Maeterlinck's Work.

ACTING MOST SATISFYING

Settings and Cast Leave Little to Be Desired by Great Audience.

- Metropolitan Opera House—"The Blue Bird."
Tyttyl...
Mylly...
Mother Tyt...
Father Tyt...
Grandmother Tyt...
Grandfather Tyt...
Maternal Love...
Joy of Understanding...
Light...
Father Time...
The Little Girl...
Two Little Lovers...
Minnie Egner and Helene Marsh
Joy of Being Just...
Joy of Seeing What is Beautiful...
The Fairy...
Night...
The Dove...
Mme. Berlingot...
Happiness...
The Child...
Water...
Sugar...
Fire...
Another Child...
First Child...
Second Child...
Third Child...
Fourth Child...
Fifth Child...
Conductor, Albert Wolf.

"L'Oiseau Bleu," lyric comedy in four acts and eight tableaux, the text by Maurice Maeterlinck, the music by Albert Wolf, was performed at the Metropolitan Opera House last evening for the first time on any stage.

The numerous audience watched the unfolding of the splendid panorama of life pictures with deep interest.

Unless one has been lost in the political mist or has slept in the crevices of a mountain with Rip Van Winkle he knows the tale of the blue bird.

Profound of Production.
As a prodigy of production "L'Oiseau Bleu" will add to the list of great operas.

Boris Anisfeld in the wizard whose magic wand called into existence the gorgeous scenes at costumed in the palace of night and the still more majestic gallery in the kingdom of the future.

Burden on the Orchestra.
Endless dialogue in short speeches inevitably throws the burden of exposition upon the orchestra, and once more we have the special on the stage.

Buckingham—Hegeler.
The marriage of Miss Camilla Hegeler, daughter of Mr. Julius W. and Josephine Caesar Hegeler, to Tracy Wilton Buckingham, took place yesterday in the home of the bride's parents in Danville, Ill.

nothing to say which is not better said by the text without its assistance. It is the whole movement of the dialogue and pours its sweet opiate through page after page of the poem.

The Challenging Features.
A strange procession of Dantesque marionettes wearing fantastic and in potent gestures, rubbing shoulders with dancing creatures clad in garments familiar to the ballet from time immemorial and with leaping children awkwardly balancing the capers of the adult dancer.

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MCCORMACK SINGS TO-NIGHT.
Testimonial Concert in "Hip" for Catholic Big Brothers.

AIRMAN BRINGS BRIDE HOME.
Lieut. Reece, Who Married English Woman, Arrives in Boston.

NAVAL COLONY ENTERTAINS.
Newport Looks Forward to New Year's Night Dance.

Findlay—Rich.
Mrs. Frank L. Stratton of 49 West Fifty-seventh street yesterday announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Helen Blagden Rich, to Major John Wilfred Findlay, eldest son of Sir John Findlay, K. C. M. G., and Lady Findlay of New Zealand, on December 21st at Loughborough, Essex, England.

Raynor—Passano.
Special Dispatch to The Sun.
Boston, Dec. 27.—Miss Elizabeth W. Passano, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. L. Passano of Brookline, was married this evening at 8 o'clock to Lester Seymour Raynor, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Raynor of Winchester.

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NEW OPERA NETS CHARITY \$40,000

Social Leaders Are Among 600 Wounded Sailors Will Enjoy Same Programme as Did Soldiers.

AUTHOR NOT CONSPICUOUS

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The performance began about 8 o'clock, preceded by the demonstration for Conductor Wolf, which lasted several minutes.

Blue Gowns in the Audience.
An interesting audience was assembled to hear the new opera and among the costumes in the boxes were many shades of blue in compliment to the work.

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FRIARS TO FROLIC TO-NIGHT FOR GOBS

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NOTES OF THE THEATRES

Roshanara Will Appear in Dances of Orient in Greenwich Village.

The Friars will repeat their frolic in the Lexington Theatre, which means shore leave to 600 wounded sailor boys to go up in the gallery and holler.

In order to appear in one of the acts, Jess Dandy will sacrifice the pleasure of spending Sunday strolling among the stacks at Pittsburg.

Dances From Orient.
Roshanara will give a terpsichorean demonstration in favor of the Orient with her pupils in the Greenwich Village Theatre on Sunday evening, January 4.

Will Open in Shanghai.
An American dramatic company, headed by Wanda Howard, will start the new year right for the Chinese next week by opening at an apartment in American plays in Shanghai.

GOVERNOR ATTENDS NEPHEW'S WEDDING.
John J. Glynn Marries Miss Mercedes McGuire.

EGGNOGG PARTY GIVEN.
E. Coster Wilmerding Entertains at His Home.

Parities for Children.
Special Dispatch to The Sun.
Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Colby M. Chester, Jr., of Rockridge, whose son, Colby M. Chester, 3d, was 8 years old to-day, gave a birthday party for him this afternoon which was attended by about eighty children.

Miss Harriet Lowden's Debut.
Special Dispatch to The Sun.
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Miss Harriet Lowden, a daughter of Governor and Mrs. Lowden, was presented formally to Chicago society to-day at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. George M. Pullman, 1729 Prairie avenue.

TWO RECITALS GIVE AUDITORS PLEASURE

Albert Spalding, Violinist; Mme. Rothwell, Soprano.

Two entertainments were given in the concert field yesterday afternoon. At Carnegie Hall Albert Spalding, American violinist, gave a recital.

appeared upon the platform he was applauded enthusiastically. Mr. Spalding played first "Havana" in D and then followed it by giving the Sarabande, double and bourree from Bach's sonata No. 2, in B minor, for violin alone.

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seemed deeply to interest her hearer. Her resources in voice and technique limited, she has interpretative powers are marked by the intelligence and good dramatic ability.

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The 1920 Car. What is it like? Beginning next Saturday the largest and most interesting automobile show ever known will be held in the Grand Central Palace. One or more models of practically every American made pleasure car, and hundreds of accessories, will be exhibited.