

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Many Familiar Faces Absent at First Night of Opera—Display of Gowns and Jewels Not So Lavish as Heretofore

TO BE or not to be—opera—whether it were better to put away all things of this sort and go in only for the serious duties of life at this time or to retain the gaiety which are coming many vicissitudes which are coming...

SPAKING of women, and, indeed, one can hardly speak of the most part "non est" except when represented by navy blue and gold braid or khaki. The boxholder list looks virtually the same, for the Van Rensselaers, the Drexels, the Stotesburys, the Mitchells, the Harrisons, the Earles, the McKees and the Van Rensselaers had a family party...

Another unusual headpiece, a fan-shaped ornament of black tulle, was worn by Mrs. G. Hamilton Colket, who has taken a box this season. With her was the William Drayton Granges. Mrs. John Frederick Lewis had on a shimmering gown of turquoise blue satin with a large Dresden figure in brocade.

CONSPICUOUS among the younger women whose husbands, instead of forming the usual attractive black-and-white background for their wives' gowns, are now off somewhere in khaki, were Mrs. Craig Biddle, who was with her husband's aunt, Mrs. George W. Childs Drexel, in the latter's box, and Mrs. Harry Wain Harrison.

Quite one of the sweetest "debs" of a non-to-kiapp season for these bits was Elise Klapp, whose parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur Paddock Klapp, entertained in their box for her and her cousin, Gladys Williams. The two girls made a charming contrast, the former in rose pink chiffon and satin-trimmed with silver lace, just one of those fluffy little debutante frocks, and Gladys in a soft blue satin and chiffon. They later went to the Bellevue for supper and dancing.

AMONG other regular operators of I saw Mrs. Donner, who was a vision in royal purple velvet; Mrs. Randal Morgan, Mrs. Howell, with her daughters, Mrs. Aertsen, Mrs. Rowland and Miss Josephine Howell; the Stewart Wurts, the Struthers Ellises, Mrs. Harrison Smith, who had a boxful of navy people with her; the Eli Kirk Prices, the Henry S. Groves, the Fales Bakers, Mrs. Bochman and her daughter, Jean Bochman; the Sam Woodwards, the Riddles, the Kearnsy Mitchells, the Sydney Emlen Hutchings and Mrs. Clyde, in whose box was Mrs. Charles Edward Ingersoll.

HAVE you ever done some foolish little thing just on the spur of the moment and then been, oh, ever and ever so sorry that you did it? Well, it's more than likely you have, and if so, perhaps you won't laugh quite so gaily at our two young friends. You see, it happened thus: They were walking down the street just as joyfully as could be, for weren't they on their way to see two girls—one of them a perfect peach and the other a friend of hers whom they hadn't met as yet? Naturally they were having a beautiful time picturing to themselves what the other girl would be like, and one moment she had curly brown hair, with one adorable little wisp that always insisted on blowing across her cheek, and the next they would see that it must be red. As for her nose, they had an awful argument over that; but her eyes they positively could not see at this moment down an unexcuse-

THINK THIS OVER



If we had kultur in America.

Social Activities

Mrs. W. W. Arnett, of 2116 Pine street, Philadelphia, has been interested in raising funds for woolen supplies for the Pennsylvania Hospital Unit. Her daughter, Miss Eleanora Arnett, on Friday gave a chain of luncheons or parties. Twelve guests were invited and each gave twenty-five cents or more. Of these twelve, eight will give parties of eight, of these eight four will entertain a party of four until the series is finished.

"AIDA" AND NATIONAL AIR OPEN THE OPERA

Huge Audience Attends Metropolitan's Opening Bill, Which Includes "Star Spangled Banner"

The fortunes of grand opera in wartime will be as favorable here as they have been abroad, if the stimulating record of last evening's inaugural season at the Metropolitan is sustained. "Aida," the first of the sixteen bills of lyric drama which Philadelphia is to have this year, drew an immense audience. Evidence is fast forthcoming throughout the country that music in tragic days is a spiritual necessity. Symphony concerts and opera have suffered less diminution of patronage than any other form of entertainment. The ticket taxes—and they take on a financial dignity when a \$5 scale of prices is involved—are ungrudgingly paid.

It had been expected, of course, that social would rather than night presentation. Renewal of all the season subscriptions for boxes was previously announced. The general public's opinion on the value of opera at this time could not, however, be emphatically retested until impresario Gatti-Casazza had rung up his curtain.

His appeal was sympathetically and effectively made. Time cannot state "Aida," its spectacular, dramatic and musical features are undeniably interesting so long as the merit of the interpretation keeps pace with them. This was eloquently the case last evening. In addition the spirit of the day was thrillingly recalled by a patriotic specialty program also with art and beauty in a way to turn Dr. Karl Muck's pedantic words to dust.

Following the final notes of Radames's triumph, the curtain rose again and revealed alleged Egyptians and Ethiopians raising the many-colored flags of civilization's allies. All were represented as completely as in America and the complete line-up of all the liberty-loving European nations. Thus was the Metropolitan's great stage set for a truly colossal production, the "Star Spangled Banner" by principals and chorus, the scene hand, Egyptian horns and Gennaro Papi's orchestra. The effect was superb.

Martinielli, Matzenauer, Muzio, Amato, Mardone, Ruyssdael, lifted their lusty and exquisitely trained voices. Key's stately verses had some queer pronouncements, but of the eloquence of the spirit there could be no doubt. To note Pavaque Amato was particularly profitable. Not in the most vivid portrait in his distinguished footlight gallery he has ever appeared more strikingly sincere. His every word was incisively intelligible. The auditors responded with tremendous tributes of enthusiasm and then settled down for further enjoyment of an excellent performance of the best-liked opera of inspired Verdi. This great name alone has public significance. When Italy a half century ago battled with the Austrian yoke against which she heroically struggles today a nationalistic strain was derived from the composer's nomenclature in the "E," "F," "D," "I" of his surname were interpreted to stand for "Vittorio Emanuele, Re d'Italia" (Vittorio Emanuele, King of Italy). The pulse-inching significance holds true at this moment.

WEDDING THIS EVENING AT 6:30

Miss Marian Buchanan Will Marry Mr. Norman Ball in Second Presbyterian Church

The marriage of Miss Marian R. Buchanan, daughter of Mr. George H. Buchanan, of Govtbrook, and Mr. J. Norman Ball, of Wayne, will be solemnized at 6:30 o'clock this evening in the Second Presbyterian church. Twenty-first and Walnut streets. The Rev. J. A. McCann, D. D., pastor of the West Walnut Street Presbyterian church, will perform the ceremony.

The bride will be given in marriage by her father, and will wear a handsome gown of brocade velvet and chiffon cloth, with a court train of chiffon velvet. Her long tulle veil will be held in place with a coronet of limerick lace, and she will carry a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Elizabeth P. Buchanan, sister of the bride, will be the maid of honor, and will wear a gown of amethyst velvet and georgette crepe, with a tulle hat to match, edged with silver, and trimmed with small bunches of french flowers. She will carry a bouquet of Ward roses and violets.

The bridesmaids, Miss Helen E. Ross, Miss Mary Sprout, Miss Marie R. Cunningham and Mrs. Eugene L. Summa, of Haddonfield, will wear frocks of peach-colored georgette crepe and satin, and amethyst tulle hats with velvet crowns, trimmed with small bunches of sunset roses and violets.

Miss Edith A. Treat and Miss Ann M. Treat, nieces of the bridegroom, will be the little flower girls and will wear white frocks with peach-colored smoking and ribbons, and large white silk bonnets. They will carry bouquets of Ward roses and violets.

Mr. Ball will have his brother, Mr. Harold A. Ball, as best man. His ushers will be Mr. William J. Collins, Jr., Mr. Edward Murphy, Mr. George W. B. Fletcher, Mr. Benjamin Mosser, Mr. Herbert Treat and Mr. J. Lawson Weatherly.

After an extended wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Ball will be at home at 4226 Chestnut street.

PRENZLAU-WAGNER

Among today's interesting weddings is that of Miss Emily Elizabeth Wagner, of 2957 North Smedley street, and Mr. Harry M. Prenzlau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin A. Prenzlau, of 2114 West Erie avenue, which will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Lutheran church, Twenty-second street above Columbia avenue. The Rev. Paul Young, pastor, will perform the ceremony. Mr. Harry Wagner, the bride's brother, will give her in marriage. She will be attired in a gown of shimmering white satin trimmed with the new white silk braid, and a hat of white georgette crepe, with a crown of white and pink roses and lilies of the valley will be carried. Attending the bride will be her sister, Miss Esther Wagner, who will wear a frock of blue crepe and tulle, and a hat of blue tulle. Her arm bouquet will contain pink rosebuds.

Mr. Joseph Robert Gerding will be the best man, and the ushers will be Mr. Monroe Heyman and Mr. George S. Gatz, Jr. The church will be decorated with white and golden chrysanthemums and tropical plants. Mr. Prenzlau and his bride will spend the honeymoon in Atlantic City, and will receive at their new home, 3955 North Smedley street, after January 1.

ENTERTAINMENT IN LAWNSDALE

Supper and Dance This Evening for Benefit of Church of Presentation

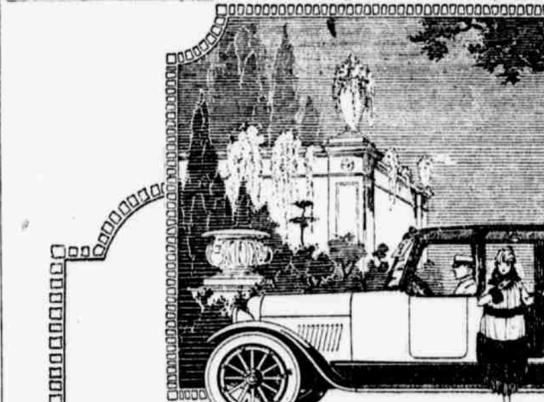
Mr. and Mrs. J. Roop, of Rising Sun avenue, will give a supper and dance at their home tomorrow evening for the benefit of the Church of the Presentation, B. V. M., of Coltsman.

LUNCHEON AND CARD PARTY FRIDAY

Class Reunion Held—Birthday of American Soldier in France Celebrated by Friends at Home. Dedication Services of North Phila. Church

AMONG this week's entertainments will be the luncheon, followed by cards, to be given by Mrs. Charles A. White at her home, 1855 North Park avenue, on Friday. Her guests will include Mrs. Isaac Detweiler, Mrs. Richard Oellers, Mrs. William Hodson, Mrs. William F. Brown, Mrs. Howard McQuill, Mrs. George E. Spote, Mrs. Fred Weber, Mrs. B. Frank Baule, Mrs. Nellie Midden, Mrs. Edwin Wolfe, Mrs. Arthur H. Blackburne, Mrs. Henry McCloy and Mrs. Mabel Kister.

The members of the class of 1897 of the Girls' Normal School held their annual reunion on Saturday afternoon at the Hotel Marlborough. Mrs. May Sheppard Ewe, the retiring president, presided. Miss Agnes Reifelder directed the program of music and Mrs. William Leizer gave an interesting history of the work of the many noted women of the class. A pleasant innovation of the customary speeches was the praise and applause given to the mothers of one child and continuing through the increasing numbers until the mother of eight stated that her eldest, a boy of seventeen, had enlisted in the navy. One member acknowledged being a grandmother. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Mrs. George H. Wolensmith, president; Miss Mary C. Abernathy, vice president; Mrs. Edwin Kolb, secretary and treasurer. The latter was Miss Lulu A. Clark, who became a bride last June. Mrs. Wolensmith is a noted speaker on suffrage for women throughout Pennsylvania and has just resigned from the chairmanship of the suffrage party in the Twenty-third Legislative



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NAVAL RESERVE HAS SHORT LEAVE

Member of Coast Defense Corps Spends Few Days in Edgewater Park, N. J.

EDGEWATER PARK—Mr. Edward Collins, 3d, who is connected with the naval coast defense, is spending a few days at his home on Park lane.

Mrs. H. S. Crosswell and Miss Marion H. Crosswell will remain at their home, the Hazel Croft, until the Christmas holidays, and will then leave for Augusta, Ga., where they will spend several months.

Miss Mary Nedich, who is attending Miss Miller's School at Ardmore, Pa., spent this weekend at her home, the Shadow Pines, with her mother, Mrs. S. A. Nedich.

Miss Mary Clarkson, of Philadelphia, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. P. S. Clarkson, at her home, Spruce Acre, over the weekend.

Lieutenant Charles E. Brand and Mrs. Brand, who are stationed at the navy yard, were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Thacher.

Mrs. Edward Fater has returned to her home in Harrisburg, Pa., after a month's stay at the Shadow Pines as the guest of Mrs. Samuel A. Nedich.

Major T. M. Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin will close their home, 1400 Hall-on-the-Delaware, on next Wednesday, and will spend the winter at the Hotel Dennis, Atlantic City.

Miss Gladys Donald will leave today for a fortnight stay with friends in New York. Mr. Tyler G. Donald, of Scotia Park, belongs to Society Hill, N. C., for a six-week stay.

Mrs. H. N. McCutcheon and Miss McCutcheon have closed their home, the Hotel Croft-on-the-Delaware, and have taken apartments for the winter at the Lenox, Thirtieth and Walnut streets, Philadelphia.

Miss Elsie Collins is entertaining Miss Grace Underwood at West Philadelphia, for a few days at her home on Park lane.

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WHAT'S DOING TO NIGHT

Lecture by Monsignor J. F. Chidwick, chaplain of ill-fated battleship Maine. Catholic High School for Girls, Nineteenth and Wood streets. Free to men in uniform and their guests.

Girl law students of U. of P. to participate in mock trial. Room 285, City Hall.

Meeting of Southeast Improvement Association. Duane's Hall, Passyunk avenue and Moore street.

Meeting of County Medical Society. Twenty-second and Ludlow streets.

Amateur theatricals by Transfiguration Dramatic Society. Transfiguration Hall, Fifty-fifth street and Cedar avenue.

Eighty-second meeting of Society of Arts and Letters. New Century Drawing Room.

Protestant Episcopal Provincial Synod, St. James's Church and Holy Trinity parish house. Free.

Annual meeting, Pennsylvania Conference on Social Welfare, in conjunction with Pennsylvania Division American Red Cross and Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety, City Club. Members.

National Academy of Sciences, Engineering Building, University of Pennsylvania, Free.

Address, "Go to Live at the Front," Lieutenant Harold MacQuarrie, Raquet Club, 8:30 o'clock. Members.

Lecture, "Industrial Alcohol," Dr. M. C. Wilkner, Franklin Institute. Free.

Lecture, "Austria-Hungary," by J. H. Raymond, Central Y. M. C. A. Admission charge.

Organ recital, by Joseph Bonnet, St. James's Church. Twenty-second and Walnut streets. Admission charge.

Athletic smoker, under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, Crockett's Hall, Fox Chase. Free to soldiers and sailors.

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