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Geraldine Farrar To Become a Star in Motion Picture Dramas.

There is peculiar interest for Washington in the announcement that has just been made that Geraldine Farrar, the grand opera star, has signed a contract with the Jesse L. Lasky Company to appear in motion pictures.

Miss Farrar is the first grand opera star of the first magnitude who has entered the motion picture field in the first place, and she is practically a Washington girl.

The great soprano is not a native of the District, but she came here as a miss in her early teens and received the rudiments of her musical education here before she went to Europe to be finished as one of the greatest singers America has produced.

It was just after the close of the war with Spain that Washingtonians were given their first opportunity to see the great soprano as a singer. She was still a young girl in frocks above her shoulders—this being before the style of that sort of frock was bereft of its age limit. She appeared at the Belasco Theater on that occasion in a song recital—the last she gave in this country before going to Europe.

Miss Farrar is entering upon the career of a motion picture actress as a vacation, it is understood, during the present summer season. Just what she is to do she does not yet know herself. It is probable, however, that the idea for film opera is being revived, the story and the orchestra representing the music of the action as it appears on the screen—will be attempted with the diva in the big operatic roles.

Negotiations have been in progress between Miss Farrar and motion picture magnates practically throughout the grand opera season just concluded and were consummated the day after Miss Farrar's farewell for the season at the Metropolitan, when thousands of admirers cheered her for more than an hour and refused to leave the auditorium until, breaking all the rules of that institution, she made a special announcement that she would return to the Metropolitan next season.

Miss Farrar will leave for California while in New York will make the trip from here to the Pacific coast in a special car, which has been arranged for by the Lasky company.

Miss Farrar will be accompanied by her mother and father, Morris Gest, her manager, and Mrs. Morris Gest, the daughter of David Belasco, who also helped to bring about the contract between the star and the Lasky company.

PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS

By GARDNER MACK.



GERALDINE FARRAR.

The grand opera star, who started in Washington, and has just signed a contract to appear in motion pictures

"MOVIE" MEN KNEW WAR WAS COMING

Murray Films Show That Preparations Were Made For Conflict Three Years Ago.

SISTER OF SUICIDE TAKES BODY HOME

John F. Lewis, Who Shot Self Dead in Franklin Park, Was Victim of Facial Paralysis.

How well the motion picture men were informed three years ago that war was bound to come is illustrated by the pictures taken by Charles Murray (Kine-macolor films), being shown at the Belasco this week. Many have wondered how, in war times, such a collection of pictures dealing with the details of the military equipment and organization, could be obtained. They couldn't, some of them. These are the ones which were obtained after great pains and effort before the war began.

The body of John F. Lewis, sixty years old, who ended his life last night in Franklin Park, by shooting himself through the head, will be taken to his home, in Lynwood, Va. John Lewis Smith, of 1739 S. street northwest, a relative, with whom Mr. Lewis had been stopping while in Washington, said today that the latter had been suffering from facial paralysis, and that this was the probable cause for his act.

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AS TO PURITY OF SUGAR. Q. Am. very much interested in your food department in Thursday's paper. To settle a discussion will you kindly state whether loaf sugar sold in bulk is the purest sugar that can be had, and that it is purer than the candies usually eaten by children? MRS. C. M. B. A. There is no question that loaf sugar as usually sold is of extremely high purity. There is no reason for supposing that it is the purest sugar that can be obtained for the granulated type of the same high purity is easily procurable. It is true, however, that it is much purer than any of the cheap, low grade candies usually eaten by children. A high grade candy made by a reputable manufacturer may be exactly as pure as the loaf sugar.

AVOID THIS FORMULA. Q. Is it harmful to use as a preservative half teaspoon salicylic acid to one quart of green string beans, combined with sugar and salt to taste? Is the enclosed quantity of preservative compound, to two quarts of sweet corn cut off the cob, harmful? MRS. A. W. D. A. Salicylic acid has a use in the treatment of perspiring feet and rheumatism but has no rightful place in any food product. This preservative compound consists of boracic acid and benzoate of sodium, and should not be used under any circumstances in foods. Borax is a forbidden preservative, although there is no law to prevent a housewife from

Fruit Cross-Breeding Is Subject of Lecture Secretary and Mrs. Lane will be present at a concert of the Home Club (Chorus in Memorial Continental Hall May 28. Invitations will be extended to other members of the Cabinet and their ladies. The concert will include seven chorus numbers with solos by Mrs. F. O. Robbins, soprano, of New Haven, and Richard Orleberg, cellist, of this city. The Home Club singers have been trained by Prof. Otto Torney Simon, who will direct the concert.

Citizens to See Scouts. A demonstration of Boy Scout activities will be given tomorrow evening by Troops 22 and 23, before a meeting of the Park View Citizens' Association in the hall of the Whitney Avenue Christian Church, Park road and Georgia avenue. Scoutmaster F. J. Hommes, Troop 22, and J. D. Cushman, Troop 23, will direct the exhibition.

R. R. Revenues Same. Interstate Commerce Commission returns today from 156 railroads showed the same net revenues per mile as in 1914—\$296. Total net revenues were \$69,799,105, against \$69,253,533, the difference being due to increased mileage.

Young Hebrews to Dance. The Young Women's Hebrew Association will begin a series of weekly entertainments and dances at its club house, 1330 Tenth street northwest, Sunday night. Miss Sadie Wolf will be in charge of the program.

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TODAY'S BEST FILMS By GARDNER MACK.

Thea Hara in "The Clemenceau Case," from the novel by Alexander Dumas (Fox Film Co.), Grandall's, Ninth and E streets. Julius Steger in "The Fifth Commandment," the Savoy, Fourteenth and Irving streets. Robert Anderson in "The Girl I Left Behind Me," the Ellic, Fourteenth street near Rhode Island avenue. S. Miller Kent in "The Cowboy and the Lady," from the play by Clyde Fitch (Metro Pictures), the Olympia, 1431 New street. Jack Premier and Viola Smith in "Lorna Doon," from the novel by R. D. Blackmore (Biograph), the Bevere, Georgia avenue and Park road. Helen Leslie and Frank Lloyd in "Nature's Triumph" (Laemmle), the Alhambra, 510 Seventh street. Elizabeth Berridge in "The Disillusionment of Jane" (Broncho), the Empire, 816 H street. Frances Bushman in "The Accounting" (Essanay), the Masonic Auditorium, Thirteenth street and New York avenue. Louis Blanche and Arthur Johnson in "Who Violates the Law?" (Lubin), the Leader, Ninth between E and F streets. "Should a Woman Divorce?" the Garden, 423 Ninth street. "Cabiria," by Gabriel d'Annunzio (Itala), the Strand, Ninth and D streets. "A Home in New York" (Mittenthal Film Co.), the Lafayette, E between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets.

Jovians of P. E. P. Co. Entertain at Luncheon The Jovians of the Potomac Electric Power Company entertained at luncheon at the Ebbitt yesterday. J. E. Barron and J. Joseph, of New York, were guests. A. L. Tait was chairman of the committee in charge. Among the guests were John O. McLaughlin, T. J. Fisher, J. R. Galloway, E. S. Marlow, T. B. Patterson, W. L. Clark, L. E. Schloss, W. H. Gibson, C. H. Gurney, C. O. Reid, W. E. Daley, H. H. Maynard, J. E. Taylor, G. F. Maguire, H. A. Brooks, M. Marsh, W. H. Krefe, J. Q. Reese, L. L. Hayes, C. P. Hill, and T. L. Townsend.

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