

BRILLIANT OPERA PRESENTED HERE

Second Night of May Festival Notable in the Club's History.

HEARD IN SOUTH FOR FIRST TIME

Work of Great French Composer Is Enthusiastically Received. Children's Chorus Feature of Concert in Afternoon—Program for To-Day.

PROGRAM FOR TO-DAY

AFTERNOON. Symphony Concert by Boston Festival Orchestra, directed by Emil Mellenhauer. Solists, Miss Maud Powell, violinist.

NIGHT. Wagner Concert—Mrs. Grace Bonner Williams, soprano; Miss Florence Mulford, mezzo-soprano; Herr Alois Burguller, tenor; Mr. Julian Walker, bass; Mr. Henri G. Scott, bass. Wednesday Club Chorus; Boston Festival Orchestra.

With a splendid production of Saint-Saens's little-known, but none the less important, opera, "Samson and Delilah," and a brilliant audience, which, if anything, eclipsed that of the opening night, the Wednesday Club brought the second day of its fourteenth May Festival to a notable close that promises much for the remaining concerts, and that will of itself distinguish this year's program as one of the chief events in all the musical history of Richmond.

In more ways than one the second day of the festival proved itself worthy of a lasting place in the memory of those who composed the two great audiences that filled the Academy of Music. In the afternoon the Children's Chorus, always popular, and deservedly so, added new laurels to its record, and under the skilful direction of Mr. Walter C. Mercer, proved itself more than equal to the work assigned to it.

At night the magnificent opera of the great French composer was presented in the South for the first time, and the brilliant manner in which it was handled made the event one of signal importance. What might have been lacking on the opening night was abundantly supplied here. The artists did exceptionally well, and with a thorough appreciation of the dramatic powers of the work, for which it is noted, often aroused the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm. The choral work was highly creditable to Dr. R. H. Peters, conductor of the Wednesday Club, and the orchestra was so notable as to attract general comment.

Work of Artists. The opera is one of the best examples of the modern French school, and possesses an added interest from the fact that its composer has but recently made a triumphant tour of this country. Last night's performance was the first given in this section. Though intended to be sung with costumes and stage settings it is equally well adapted to the concert platform. It is remarkable for its dramatic power, its brilliant arias for tenor, baritone and soprano, and its superb orchestral effects. The principal parts were sung by Mme. Mulford, mezzo-soprano; Mr. E. de Gogorz, baritone; Mr. Dan Beddoe, tenor, and Mr. Julian Walker, bass.

Mme. Mulford made her bow to a Richmond audience and scored an emphatic triumph. She disclosed an unusually sweet mezzo-soprano of much power and feeling, with the added qualities of personal charm. In the scenes with Samson she sang with the utmost ease to the passionate climaxes, and rendered the more subdued portions with equal effectiveness. The familiar aria "My Heart Opens Wide to Thy Voice," frequently heard in concert, was received with a tremendous outburst of applause.

Dr. Beddoe's singing was much better compared with the meagre opportunity he had Thursday evening, and though the role was a long and arduous one his voice showed no signs of fatigue at the end. Mr. Walker had practically no chance to demonstrate his ability in the small role of Abimelech, not appearing at all except in the first act.

The club was at its best. The admirable chorus work was frequently applauded to the echo. The orchestra furnished one of the chief features of the opera and taxed the powers of Mr. Mellenhauer's musicians to the utmost. That they splendidly measured up to the opportunity all are agreed. The music descriptive of the storm and Oriental prelude in the third act were superbly rendered.

Dr. Peters deserves the highest congratulations for the masterly manner in which he conducted both chorus and orchestra.

NO OCCASION FOR STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT

Mr. Roosevelt Says He Will Not Reiterate Declaration as to the Third Term.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The statement was authoritatively made to-day that the President, at present, had no intention of reiterating his declaration made on election night in November, 1904, that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for or accept another nomination. Reports of this character have been current recently and have been brought to the President's attention, but from what he has told those close to him he has no such idea in his mind, feeling that there is no necessity for such a reiteration on his part.

The Washington Star printed the following last evening: "From an authority pretty close to the White House it is stated that the President proposes, at an appropriate time before long, to reiterate his declaration of election night, 1904, that under no circumstances would he again be a candidate for President, and would not accept a nomination. The President dislikes to do this, inasmuch as he thinks the country should take him at his word, but he is informed that everywhere people hesitate to form a choice for the Republican nomination, because they have an idea that he can be induced to accept another nomination. It is for the purpose of setting at rest this doubt that the President proposes as soon as the occasion is considered fitting, to reiterate his declaration from him will put a stop to further use of his name."

SERIOUS RIOTS BY HINDU MOBS

Anti-European Feeling Due to the Influence of Agitators.

ALLAHABAD, BRITISH INDIA, May 3.—Serious anti-European riots have occurred at Rawalpindi, Punjab. A Hindu mob burned two bungalows, pillaged the mission churches, looted the post-office, burned a garage and all the motor cars in it, destroyed the plant of a power house, and smashed the windows of the residences of many Europeans. Armed police eventually obtained the upper hand, and now patrolled by a squadron of the Tenth Hussars.

The outbreak at Rawalpindi is attributed to the incendiary influence of well-known agitators, who have been making speeches throughout the Punjab, and who also held responsible for the recent outbreak at Lahore.

TWO KILLED IN REVOLVER DUEL

Negro Shot Railroad Agent, Who Returned Fire, and Both Expired.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 3.—At Woodstock to-day Frank Richardson, a negro, shot and mortally wounded J. E. Sullivan, agent of the Alabama Great Southern Railroad, and in turn was shot and instantly killed by Sullivan. Sullivan was brought here to a hospital, and died four hours later. Richardson was preparing to ship some household goods to Columbus, Miss., and a rate had been quoted to him. He claimed that the rate was excessive, and that he had previously had a lower rate. The lie was passed, and the negro showed fight, when Sullivan stepped into his office to get his gun. As he returned he shot Sullivan in the abdomen, whereupon Sullivan began shooting, killing the negro at the second shot.

GUATEMALA IS MAKING AMENDS

Apologizes to Mexico for Saying It Was Harboring an Assassin.

MEXICO CITY, May 3.—Guatemala has apologized to the Mexican government for insinuating that the Mexican legation at Guatemala City was harboring the men who are suspected of attempting to assassinate President Cabrera, of Guatemala, last Monday morning.

DR. WATSON SICK AND CANNOT COME

Famous Scotch Author and Minister Unable to Visit Richmond Next Week.

Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore, president of Union Theological Seminary, has received a letter from Rev. Dr. John Watson ("Ian MacLaren"), stating that he has had a sudden and dangerous illness at Mr. Pleasant, Ill., and is forbidden to lecture for the next three weeks. Therefore he will not be able to speak before the graduating class of the Seminary on Wednesday, May 8th. The address to the class will be delivered by Rev. Dr. A. T. Graham, of Davidson College, N. C.

WITNESS DECLARES CHISOLM'S INSANE

Lieut.-Gov. Gray, of Alabama, Testifies in Behalf of Prisoner

CITY PHYSICIANS TOOK SAME VIEW

Believe That Paying Teller of Birmingham Bank, Who Embezzled \$100,000, Was of Unsound Mind—Wanted, to Corner World's Cotton Market.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 3.—The third day of the trial in the Federal court of Alexander R. Chisolm, former paying-teller of the First National Bank, charged with having embezzled \$100,000 of the bank's funds, which he is alleged to have lost in cotton speculation, opened with Dr. Charles Whelan on the witness stand. Dr. Whelan was formerly city physician of Birmingham. He described his first meeting with Chisolm in jail, when the defendant began to talk of cotton speculation. He had concluded the defendant was a delusionist, and gave it as his opinion that Chisolm was insane, provided he was sincere in his protest of an inability to speculate successfully in cotton.

Lieutenant-Governor Henry B. Gray testified to being a stockholder in the First National Bank and said he noticed a very perceptible change in the defendant some time prior to his arrest. He thought Chisolm was overworked and had too much responsibility for a young man. An objection to the question as to whether or not Chisolm, in the opinion of the witness, was insane was sustained, but later the government waived objection, and Lieutenant-Governor Gray said:

"Based on what afterwards transpired, I think the defendant was mentally unbalanced." The court ruled the answer out as not being in direct response to the question.

John Baird, a bank clerk and friend, went with Chisolm on his vacation last summer. Chisolm had declared, Baird said, that he was going to make a "killing" when they reached New York.

MORSE STEAMERS FOR THE LINE TO NORFOLK

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOSTON, May 3.—The Morse interests intend to place the new turbine steamships Harvard and Yale on the route to Norfolk, and the latter is regarded as likely to buy the Old Dominion Line, and if they cannot secure it, they will run competing steamships, cutting the running time down to twelve hours.

Telephone Men Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—Nearly all operators of the Pacific States Telegraph and Telephone Company struck to-day for increased wages. Bookkeepers and other employees of the company are acting as operators pending the engagement of non-union girls.

GUATEMALA WILL NOT HONOR REQUISITION

CITY OF MEXICO, May 3.—To-morrow El Diario will say: "We have been officially advised that Guatemala will refuse Mexico's request for the extradition of General Jose Lima, charged with complicity in the assassination of General Manuel L. Barrillas, while the latter was under the protection of the Mexican government. Upon receipt of this advice, Mexico will raise her representative and the United States will do likewise."

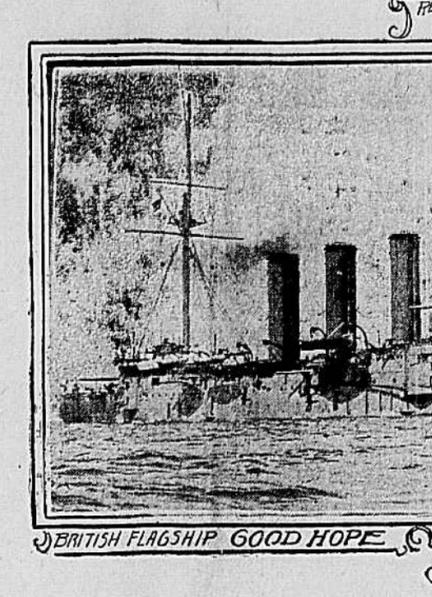
TOWN AT MERCY OF RAGING FOREST FIRES

BELLEVILLE, WASH., May 3.—The town of Maple Falls, situated in the northwest part of Whatcom county, is surrounded by forest fires, and the fire is before telephone and telegraph wires were down a frantic call for help was made. A special train, with fire-fighting apparatus, left here to-day for the scene. Maple Falls has a population of 800.

PICKED UP CREW OF EVERETT WEBSTER

ROUEN, FRANCE, May 3.—The French tank bark Quevilly, Captain Ladonne, from Philadelphia, April 13th, arrived here to-day, having on board the crew of the American schooner Everett Webster, which was burned at sea. The men were rescued by the Quevilly. The Everett Webster, Captain Maxwell, left Wilmington, N. C., March 29th, for Philadelphia.

FAMOUS ENGLISH SHIPS IN STRANGE CONTRAST



BRITISH FLAGSHIP GOOD HOPE COMING OF THE SETTLERS

TWENTY PERISH AS GREAT DAM BREAKS

Forty Mexicans Engulfed Under Enormous Weight of Masonry. THE MAIN WALL WAS WEAK Gave Way Without an Instant's Warning and Caught Men Unawares.

SAN ANTONIO, MEX., May 3.—A special from Chihuahua, Mex., says: "Without an instant's warning, the great walls of the Chihuahua dam gave way yesterday, engulfing nearly forty men under the enormous weight of masonry and water, between fifteen and twenty of whom are dead, thirteen injured and other unaccounted for. Some of the injured will die. The disaster is only the last of a large number of victims in this State, and mostly in the neighborhood of Chihuahua.

The authorities are making a thorough investigation into the present catastrophe and will severely punish those upon whom they place the blame. "According to the version of the affair which was received here, the men were working on a foundation close to the foot of the main ramparts of the dam which had already been constructed. The main wall was weak and gave way under the water pressure. The dam was being put in for irrigation and stock-watering purposes and was a large enterprise. The loss will be heavy. All the victims are Mexicans."

NEW YORK STRIKE DELAYS SHIPPING

Five Thousand Longshoremen Refuse to Work at Present Wages. NEW YORK, May 3.—The strike of longshoremen engaged in loading and unloading steamers along the Manhattan and Brooklyn water fronts assumed more serious proportions to-day, about 5,000 men now being on strike. Thus far only two of the trans-Atlantic passenger liners, the American and the Republic, had been seriously affected, but work has been practically suspended on a score or more of the tramp freight steamers, which arriving from all over the world discharge their cargoes at the docks in Brooklyn. Fears are entertained that a big tie-up of shipping may result.

SNOW-STORMS IN MAY.

All Records Broken in Chicago, and Cold Is Bitter. CHICAGO, Ill., May 3.—All records for snowfalls in Chicago during the month of May were broken to-day, and only since 1875 has the temperature fallen so low on an equal date. Early in the afternoon snow began falling, and by 7 o'clock eight-tenths of an inch had fallen. During the evening the temperature dropped to thirty-four degrees, the lowest in Chicago for thirty-two years in May, with one exception.

BAPTIZE LADIES BY BIG BONFIRE

Having Professed Conversion, They Insisted on Immersion at 10 P. M. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, VA., May 3.—Following a revival sermon at Whitesburg, this country, last night, Misses Carrie Whitacre and Margie Carpenter professed conversion and insisted upon the ordinance of baptism being administered at once, although it was 10 o'clock. In the light of a huge bonfire which was hastily built on the bank of a nearby stream, the young ladies waded waist-deep into the creek and were immersed by the minister while the congregation stood on the banks and sang hymns.

EXPLOSION WRECKS CANTON'S CITY WALL

Twenty-One Bodies Have Already Been Recovered from the Ruins. HUNDREDS WERE INJURED Section of Wall Two Hundred Feet Long Thrown Down, but Pagoda Escapes.

HONG KONG, May 3.—Great destruction of life and property was caused at Canton yesterday eve by the explosion of a gunpowder magazine. Twenty-one bodies already have been recovered from the ruins. Hundreds of persons were injured. Fifteen buildings were razed to the ground, and over a hundred were seriously wrecked. A section, two hundred feet long, of the massive city wall was thrown down. The historical nine-storied pagoda, dating from the beginning of the Middle Ages, is situated in the western part of what is known as the old city. The foreigners reside in the Shamen suburb, founded in 1659 on an artificial island on the Foman side of the river. The population of Canton is estimated at 900,000.

SANTO DOMINGO TREATY.

Ratified by Congress of the Republic Yesterday. SANTO DOMINGO, REPUBLIC OF SANTO DOMINGO, May 3.—The new treaty between the United States and Santo Domingo, intended to replace the treaty which has been pending before the United States Senate for the last two years, was ratified by the Dominican Congress to-day.

ARTIST IS PREPARING FLAG FOR RICHMOND

Mayor McCarthy is much interested in the matter of providing a city flag, which shall be emblematic of the city, and he has given much work to the subject. He has secured the services of a widely known artist, and is having a design made according to his ideas and those of others with whom he has conferred. The Mayor has not yet made public the description of the flag, but will probably do so as soon as the artist completes his work.

FOUND OLD VOLUME OF SHAKESPEARE'S WORKS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LOUISVILLE, KY., May 3.—In the old William A. Burwell homestead, at Bedford City, Va., Ben Labree, of this city, has unearthed one of the rare folio editions of Shakespeare, dated 1685. Burwell was secretary to Thomas Jefferson, and the volume, which was seeking papers relating to Jefferson. Mrs. Rosa Burwell Todd, of Owensboro, Ky., granddaughter of William A. Burwell, will recover the volume for the library.

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Flagship Connecticut, of the American Fleet, Will Be the Scene of Much Gaiety This Afternoon—Army and Navy Ball To-Night.



PRESIDENT WOULD NOT ACCEPT WATCH

Given Him as Evidence That Trust Existed in the United States. SOLD MORE CHEAPLY ABROAD Independents Say Dealers Favor Foreigners in the Matter of Price.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—Charles A. Keene, of New York, president of the Independent Watch Dealers' Association, had a conference with Assistant Attorney-General Purdy, of the Department of Justice, concerning an investigation which the department is making into the methods of the so-called watch trust. Mr. Keene presented to Mr. Purdy, he said, afterward to newspaper men, considerable evidence concerning the operations of the alleged watch trust. While he declined to enter into particulars respecting the conference, it is known he advised that American-made watches could be purchased in various European countries for much less than they could be bought in this country, and that the alleged watch trust schemes to force sign dealers at a much lower price than they quoted to American dealers. He exhibited American watches which he had purchased abroad for less than he could buy them in this country.

Are Rushing Work.

To-day has been the most successful at the exposition since the opening, for the crowd has been large and the weather far more agreeable than ordinary. One drawback, however, in getting affairs within the gates, are the lack and expense of labor. Many men are loafing rather than work, and those who are willing to work demand exorbitant wages. An exhibitor said to-day that he had offered as high as \$12 a day for bricklayers, but had been unable to secure a single one.

MYRIADS OF LIGHTS AT EXPOSITION

Entire Grounds Lighted So That Newspapers May Be Read at Midnight. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION GROUNDS, VA., May 3.—After many tribulations the lights are on, and the entire grounds are no less than 1,200 lights, which make it appear as though in a blaze.

SHOT WIFE AND THEN TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

NEW YORK, May 3.—Thinking that he had killed his wife, at whom he had fired a shot, inflicting a slight wound, John Wagner rushed from his home in Ridgewood, L. I., early to-day and sent a bullet to his head. He died instantly. Mrs. Wagner will recover. The shooting was the result of a quarrel.

Florida Favors Bryan.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 3.—The Senate to-day passed a resolution endorsing W. J. Bryan for the Democratic nomination for the presidency.

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The occasion was a brilliant one in every sense of the word, for the Englishmen were most hospitable. The decorations on the masts were beautiful, and the people present were thoroughly in accord with the moment. As early as 3 o'clock yachts, tugs and launches began to swarm around the Good Hope, landing the invited guests at the starboard gangway, which was covered with sailcloth, while its sides were draped with the flags of all nations. Admiral and Mrs. Neville received, assisted by the officers of the British fleet.

The dance cards were decorated with the American and English flags crossed, and the two hands in attendance played American as well as English airs. There were present, besides the English and American officers, those from the German, Austrian and Argentine war-ships at anchor in Hampton Roads, and the wealthy of color of the various uniforms was gorgeous. After the reception most of the guests visited Old Point, where a dance was held to-night in honor of the foreign officers.

Also See the Races. Mrs. Swanson, accompanied by Lieutenant Coates, Lieutenant Bagby and Colonel Baber, steamed to the Good Hope on board the State yacht. A number of Norfolk and Old Point society women were also present. During the reception the fleet races were held, resulting in two wins for the English and two wins for America. In the latter race, the Illinois crew were handily leading all the way from the very start. No less than thirteen crews entered, and the event was the prettiest and most exciting of the day.

The jacks on the various war-ships lined the sides, and cheered again and again as the race-boats came swiftly up between the two lines of fighting machines.

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Mr. Dixon, chief of electricity, is responsible for the statement that there are more than 100 miles of electric light wires within the grounds, which means that the wires would stretch from Richmond to the exposition and on to Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Big Electric Display.

On May 15th the navy will make a magnificent electric display. Each warship will be outlined with lights, and in addition the various vessels will launch