

SOCIETY AT THE OPENS OF THE OPERA AT THE AUDITORIUM

Inspect and Admire the Temple Structure, Then Settle Down to Enjoy the Feast of Music

(Continued from Page One.) A new milestone in Los Angeles' metropolitan and cosmopolitan progress and greatness.

SINGERS MAKE GOOD IMPRESSION, THOUGH UNDER A HANDICAP

One would, if one might, gladly defer a criticism on the opera proper of last night, for above the fact that the time of the edges will have been rubbed down, the delayed appearances will have arrived, the chorus will—it is hoped—have been rehearsed and some of the form, the orchestra will be coming in, the which, last night, was almost utterly lacking.

But the stern necessities of the hour, and it is hoped an eager and expectant public, demand a critique, and "apologetics," for today. Therefore one must remember this and forget that, overlook here and presume there, and perforce give one's public what it has a right to expect.

Not to get down to brass tacks: The operatic opening of the Auditorium—the professional part of it—was, as a whole, quite worthy of its superb ensembles. Even admitting all the usual first night troubles and short-comings, it was the "best" musical treat Los Angeles has had in many a day. It delighted several thousands of people who know good music when they hear it; raised them to bravos once or twice and to "bravo" several times at telling points in spite of the hisses of the elect, to whom the breaking of a solo with a hand clap is dire desecration.

Yet this is not saying that the Philistines are not in large measure right. It was not a perfect production of Verdi's "Aida" that the Lambaradi company offered, and it was not a fine one; it was better than any other company has ever given here.

Only a round half dozen of M. Lambaradi's principals made their bows, and of these interest centered largely in Adaberto, the dramatic soprano, and D'Ottavi, the tenor, respectively Aida and Rhadames. Adaberto is a beautiful woman with a fine soprano voice, and her singing passages; she can sing a love song divinely and her solo work is excellent.

In D'Ottavi Los Angeles greets a tenor of parts. He has a full voice, of much volume with considerable flexibility. He is too squat to be romantic and has an odd way of pulling up his rotundity when he wishes to compass a high note that makes for laughter, but his vocal abilities dispute any tendency toward the risible.

Before the curtain went up the men and women chatted merrily, commenting on the beauties of the Auditorium and comparing it with those in other cities of the east and Europe.

GREATEST THEATER IN WEST OPENED WITH SEASON OF GRAND OPERA



THE TEMPLE AUDITORIUM

ity to act generally. Time, brief time, will cure them. Considering what was accomplished, in putting on the opera at all under the trying circumstances, the wonder is that it was done at all. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. George and Ralph P. Gage were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lippincott in box E. Roy Bradley Wheeler gave a dinner at the Alexandria and later entertained Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, Miss Marion McGilvray, Miss Maud Daggett and Robert Burdette, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Burdette entertained a party of guests in their box, among them General and Mrs. Adm. R. Chaffee, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Bridge and J. Sidney Torrance. The women were handsomely gowned, Mrs. Burdette wearing old lace over yellow silk with a handsome yellow ostrich feather in her hair.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mitchell entertained in their box Countess Wachtmeister, Mrs. M. P. Alexander, Miss Alice Lyon of Hollywood and Miss Dorothy Parry-Jones of North Wales, England. Dr. H. Gordon Bayless gave a box party for Mrs. William Bishop Tompkins and Mrs. Le Motte Holmes of Pasadena, Mr. and Mrs. Cosmo Morgan and Mrs. J. B. Ridgeway.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Harris entertained in their box Miss Teasdale and Mrs. Ida H. Hancock, and their two sons, Raymond and La Rue Harris. Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Newton entertained Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haskins and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Haskins. Mr. and Mrs. Van Nuy entertained a party of guests, including Judge and Mrs. S. C. Hubbell, Mrs. G. Rothenburg, Miss Van Nuy and Miss Hubbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jarvis Barlow and Mrs. Hugh MacNeil, Miss Marian MacNeil and Frank Brown occupied a box. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Letts and their daughters, Miss Edna and Gladys Letts, were in one of the boxes. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Harrison had as their guests Mrs. Homer Laughlin, Jr. and Miss Gwendolyn Laughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Solano gave a box party and their guests included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens of Buffalo and Miss Rutherford of Buffalo. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks M. Berry had in their box Mr. and Mrs. T. Fitzgerald and Miss Ode Chew. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Harrison was another hostess who entertained with a box party.

white lace; Miss Lynch, who was also in white lace; Mrs. J. T. Fitzgerald, who wore turquoise blue; Miss Evelyn Hamburger, who wore white lace cut decollete; Miss Belle Hamburger, who wore white lace with silver trimmings; Miss Florence Mars, who wore rosebud crepe de chine; Mrs. James C. Kays, who wore white lace, and Mrs. Samuel Wadsworth Schenk, who wore lace with touches of pink.

Others who attended the opening last night and will be seen in the auditorium during the entire season include: Thomas Foulkes, Mrs. Florence Canfield, Miss Cox, H. H. Smith, M. Agnew, Dr. John L. Kirkpatrick, Dr. L. Betz, Charles E. Heath, Mrs. Ida Hancock, E. D. Mance, E. J. Stoddard, J. E. Hanson, Dr. Withered, F. Brinsmaid, C. Wilson, Dwight Whiting, Miss R. L. Dorsey, Dr. J. S. Hall, Miss Alice Haynes, George N. Black, Miss Kate Wright, C. M. Chapin, Walter Moore, J. W. Wolf, George W. Fitch, Mrs. G. Burkholder, H. G. Hull, W. F. Ashbridge, L. M. Packard, Anna R. Harris, G. L. Chandler, S. Boderer, G. A. Meiring, W. C. Parker, K. J. Christie, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. E. C. Moore, J. W. Wolf, George W. Fitch, H. H. Sinclair, M. C. Robinson, L. L. Excoller, Mrs. Florence Canfield, Mrs. Joseph Scott, John H. Saunders, C. H. Lewis, E. M. Rhodes, R. Corti, Miss Ballou, A. M. Norton, Louis Terrill, Mrs. Farrario, Pearl Randolph, William Sutor, A. W. Reeves, Miss M. Bennett, E. K. Backus, R. H. Adams, Miss K. Stone, Miss B. Brown, Mrs. Sherritt, R. Forrester, S. V. Landt, Allen D. Butt, E. S. Shank, C. H. Fuller, H. W. Judson, W. E. Hampton, E. J. Risser, W. S. Bartlett, John E. Stearns, Homer Laughlin, J. Terrill, Mrs. E. D. Moore, M. Robinson, A. W. Sessions, Miss L. Sprulock, G. W. Stimpson, W. J. Williams, Miss B. B. Brown, Mr. A. Letts, W. S. Cranam, A. M. Banham, Edna Gearhart, Dr. E. C. Moore, J. W. Wolf, George W. Fitch, Mrs. W. W. McLeod, Miss C. H. Fuller, Dr. Leon Roth, Mrs. K. Killmer, Otis Lockhart, Gall Borden, Randolph W. Hill, Lily M. Brown, M. C. Robinson, H. G. Weyes, W. A. Thurston, G. Bartlett, Mr. Yanni, I. F. Dillman, William Thornton, C. A. G. Weymouth, Mrs. G. W. Vosburgh, G. P. Robinson, E. Davis, Miss Moore, Walter Sims, Miss F. A. Warren, H. Jones, A. A. Eckstrom, E. G. Volght, Elsie Holway, Miss Zoe McClure, Mrs. George Leighton, W. Matern, J. W. Johnson, Mrs. L. S. Macneil, Mrs. George, Thayer, Jack Low, Theodore Coleman, Dr. Milbank Johnson, Robert M. Fulton, Mrs. C. W. Eberle, A. W. Wern, J. B. Holtzclaw, A. B. Downe, Thomas Strain, R. H. Ollman, Mrs. E. W. Evans, Mrs. M. F. Felt, Andre Rouseyrol, C. Fieinan, Miss Mabel Spinner, E. C. Lyon, B. F. Hulse, W. C. H. Noble, F. W. Barton, W. E. Hampton, Mrs. Louise S. Macneil, J. E. Botcher, E. T. Cook, Mrs. A. Cairns, Mrs. Buck, J. B. Lankershim, F. W. McKinley, E. P. Bryan, Westley Clark, W. D. Mubbar, Mrs. W. G. Wharton, Mrs. C. A. Burcham, George Rice, W. L. Tard, Mrs. M. F. Felt, A. Walton, Mrs. Witmore, D. A. Hamberger, Thomas Fellows, Mrs. Edman, Dr. Tasker, Mrs. N. Potter, Thomas Haverty, H. H. Parker.

Among those who gave supper parties at the Alexandria after the performance were W. H. Hatch, L. M. West, R. W. Rowan, A. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nelson, C. O. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Sparks Barry, P. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Avery McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mitchell, S. Stevens, A. Bell and J. Quinn, F. E. Silverwood, John D. Sprickles of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Brooks of San Francisco, Fred Rowan, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Billicke and A. C. Chamberlain.

Among the beautifully gowned women noticed in the audience were Mrs. William Bishop Tompkins, who was gowned in pink red with trimmings of white lace; Mrs. Le Motte Holmes, who wore a princess gown of lavender silk; Mrs. Cosmo Morgan, who wore an elaborate white robe; Mrs. J. B. Ridgeway, who wore a gown of black lace; Mrs. C. R. Harris, who wore a dainty white gown; Miss Nina Jones, who wore a becoming costume of pink silk; Mrs. Fred Meyer, who was in white lace; Mrs. A. W. Redmond, who wore champagne colored chiffon satin; Mrs. Frank Hicks, who wore blue silk; Mrs. Fred M. George, who wore black net; Mrs. Solano, who wore blue satin; Mrs. Stevens, who wore a handsome gown of black lace; Mrs. Rutherford, who wore a white lace gown cut decollete; Mrs. Barlow, who wore white lace over pink; Mrs. MacNeil, who wore handsome black lace over white; Miss Marian MacNeil, who wore white net over pink; Mrs. T. G. Carter, who wore

building that has occasioned so much comment in theatrical circles. Their first view last night not only confirmed all that had been said, but made them believe that mere words had not expressed half its beauty. Mildred, alighted from her carriage last night, and at the sidewalk stepped beneath a wide glass-covered portico extending from the building to the street. This led to the forty-foot lobby which was lighted by green chandeliers of old bronze and rough glass. Their suffused light shone on massive green scagliola columns in imitation of Catalina marble, and a high wainscoting of the same substance extended around the wall. The woodwork was of rich mahogany. In the front part of the lobby the walls were tinted a deep orange hue, gradually shading to a burnt sienna, while the ceiling, which was blocked off and showed a Moorish figure in each block, was tinted yellow. The green cast of the bronze chandeliers showed to advantage beside the green marble and the brilliant lights glittered through the rough glass on the gold leaf which was freely used in the decorations.

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CITY HOODS UP \$36,400 CLAIM

TREASURER ASKS ATTORNEY FOR OPINION

Disputed Point is Whether Council Could Order Voting Machines to Be Paid for Out of Future Revenues

Question of liability of the city for payment for the voting machines having arisen in the city treasurer, W. B. Workman has asked City Attorney W. B. Mathews for an opinion as to the validity of the contract under which the machines were bought by the city, the demand for which, calling for \$36,400, is being held up in his office.

The point raised is whether the council has the right to make a contract for these machines, to be paid for out of the revenue of a subsequent year.

The constitution provides, with the view of preventing reckless expenditure of income, that the council shall not contract a debt for any year greater than the revenue provided by law for that year.

Attorney Mathews advised the lawmakers originally that if they awarded the contract for the machines they would have to take the chances of the action being declared unconstitutional.

The claim now is made that the debt does not mature until a subsequent year, and on this ground undoubtedly the demand will be authorized by the president of the council, since the mayor, who vetoed the original ordinance, declines to sign it.

Treasurer Workman when asked what his office would do in case the council took this action intimated that it would require an opinion from the city attorney.

The agent of the United States Voting Machine company, which furnished the machines, holds the warrant which bears the mayor's stamped signature, though who applied the stamp is not known, and has presented it for payment. Payment was declined. The count now will be called upon to put up the funds.

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ADD FINE PARK IN NINTH WARD

Commissioners Impressed by Petitions of Property Owners Who Want Reservoir Site Converted Into Recreation Grounds

ARCHITECTS HAVE MADE WONDERLAND OF THE AUDITORIUM

Not even the grandeur of scenery or the superb stage setting could detract from the interest the large audience took in the theater itself. For months the theatergoers of Los Angeles have heard of the architectural and decorative triumphs that were being achieved by C. R. Harris and his assistants, and they were anxious to see the wonderful

BYZANTINE DECORATIONS

The decorations of the theater are of the Byzantine type. Geometric squares and circles of the east were used to advantage and produced an oriental effect. Between the mezzanine floor and balcony large rosettes are placed at intervals. The lights concealed behind them sent radiance through the stucco lace work of which they were made and gave a subdued tone to the whole. It is proposed to place green globes in these rosettes later on to produce a mossy effect when such is desired.

WOULD EXTRADITE ALL DYNAMITARDS

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 8.—The Russian government, through the foreign office has opened negotiations with other countries with the view of securing the extradition of dynamitards covering fugitives of the preparation or appropriation of explosives for use in the manufacture of bombs, several governments having refused to deliver up such offenders on the ground that their offenses were political.

PROSECUTE ST. LOUIS EMBEZZLER

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The department of justice has just issued instructions to S. J. Lehman, special counsel, to begin proceedings against the persons named below, who are implicated in the recent embezzlement of \$67,500 from the sub-treasury at St. Louis.

SEEK NEWS OF MISSING AGENT

Accusation Is Also Made That Insurance Broker Wrote Policies but Failed to Turn in Premiums Collected

According to statements made Thursday night by former friends of Edward Chittenden, an insurance broker who occupied offices in the Laughlin building, several citizens of Los Angeles have been left to hold an empty sack and Chittenden is nowhere to be found.

Among the charges made are two which, if proven, would place Chittenden behind the bars, and steps are now being taken to locate the missing man.

Several responsible people claim to have cashed worthless checks for him, the banks on which they were drawn refusing to cash them for the reason that Chittenden did not have sufficient funds deposited there to meet them.

Another accusation is that Chittenden wrote several policies, collected the premiums and failed to make an accounting to the general agents of the companies which he represented. Among the companies were the following:

Physicians' company, two fire companies and the Travelers and Fidelity companies.

Chittenden is about 35 years of age, of a man of pleasing address and is said to have been regarded as an agent of more than ordinary ability. Some months ago, his friends say, the pace became too fast for him and for several weeks before his departure he paid little attention to his business affairs.

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It is not thought that the names of any one supposed to be guilty of the theft has been mentioned in the instructions.

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