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OPERA PEOPLE LEAVE

Noted Grand Opera Singers Lose Personal Effects, But Escape With Their Lives

MANY WERE GIVE FRIGHT

Caruso, Sembrich, Campanari and Other Noted Singers Were at Palace Hotel When Earthquake Occurred—Interesting Accounts Given of Their Experiences.

Oakland, Cal., April 21.—The members of the Metropolitan Opera Company, of New York, all victims of the great disaster, are leaving for the east. A number of principals, including Mme. Sembrich, Sig. Caruso, Campanari, Dippe, Conductor Hertz and Bars, started at 11 o'clock yesterday morning on the Southern Pacific overland train via Ogden and Chicago. The greater part of the company, including the chorus and musicians, will travel by a special train via New Orleans. With this party are Scott, Miss Walker, Mme. Rappold, Plancon, Reiss, Press Representative Meltzer and Conductor Franks. Conductor Vigna left Thursday night and some of the principals now named are traveling apart from the company. All the splendid scenery, stage fittings, costumes and musical instruments were lost in the disaster which destroyed the Grand Opera House, where their season had just opened to splendid audiences. No one of the company was injured, but nearly all of them lost their personal effects. Mme. Sembrich placed the loss by the destruction of all their elegant costumes at \$20,000. She was fortunate enough to save her valuable pearls. The total loss to the organization may reach \$150,000.

For the past two days the singers and musicians have been living with friends or camping out in the parks and on the hillsides of San Francisco. Some were quartered at the Chutes. When they were seen by an Associated Press representative in their special cars the operatic stars gave an interesting account of their experiences.

On the morning of the earthquake the members of the party were distributed among the different hotels, most of them being at the Palace, St. Francis, and at The Oakes. Caruso, Scott, Miss Walker, Miss Abbott and Miss Jacobini and other principals were at the Palace, Plancon and Dippe and Mme. Sembrich were at the St. Francis and the musicians and choruses at the Oakes. Mme. Eames, Miss Fremstad and several others were at private hotels or residences. The sudden shock brought all out of their bed rooms in all kinds of attire. The women were in their night dresses, the men in pajamas, none pausing to dress, all convinced that their last hour had come. Ten minutes later Caruso was seen seated on his valise in the middle of the street. Many of the others had rushed to open squares or other places of supposed safety. Even then it was difficult to avoid the debris and crumbling walls.

Few Saved Anything. A few minutes time and presence of mind to pack up some necessary articles before the outbreak of fires in all directions barred them from returning to their rooms, but very few saved anything except what they had stood in. Several of those stopping at The Oakes were awakened by plaster from the ceiling falling on their beds and had barely time to flee for their lives. One singer was seen standing in the street barefooted and clad only in his underwear, but clutching a favorite violin which he had carried with him in his night. The first impulse of many was to rush for their trains, which, however, happened to be across the bay. Rossi, a favorite basso, the almost in tears, was heard trying his voice at a corner near the Palace hotel. Gradually calm was restored and taking a lesson from the coolness of the Californians, the artists began to regard their plight as less serious than it might have been.

Nearly all suffered more or less from the sudden cutting off of the food supply, a rush was made for the nearest grocery stores and baskets were quickly filled with provisions and whatever wine could be secured before the closing of the liquor establishments. The next day many were reduced to a diet of bread, chocolate and sardines. As an indication of the optimism of Mr. Gorlitz, general manager of the company, it may be stated that until the Grand opera house was actually reached by the flames he had hoped to give the proposed matinee performance of "The Marriage of Figaro." He and a few others thought the playhouse was fireproof and not ten minutes before the building went up in smoke, some of the musicians were dissuaded from trying to save their instruments.

Among the Artists. Mr. Alfred Hertz, the well known Wagnerian conductor, was one of those quartered at the Chutes. He was given a place to sleep near the zoo. He said today:

"To my dying day I will never forget my experience. I was awakened by the roaring of lions. I knew not that I was in a jungle or den of wild beasts."

Mr. Campanari, the baritone, resembled an emigrant when he boarded the overland train. He carried his kit in a gay colored blanket on his shoulder, but was in good spirits.

"It is such a change," was all he said. Another one of the party wore the flowing burnus of an Arab chief and all wore more or less picturesque costumes. It was at this period that a charming contralto had been compelled to don some very necessary articles of attire, which had originally been designated for a gentleman.

Beatrice Sacchi, a professor at Mantua and the holder of a doctor's degree, is the first woman to vote in Italy. There is no law in Italy to prevent a woman from voting, and Miss Sacchi discovered this and went to the polls and voted.

Grip Quickly Knocked Out. "Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of a grippe with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Eggleston, of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a double dose of Chamberlain's Kidney and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grippe. Sold by all druggists.

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CHINATOWN LAID BARE

Secrets of the Underground City Revealed by the Earthquake and Fire

SUBWAYS HUNDRED FEET DEEP

Mongolian Section Swept Clean, Revealing the Opium Dens While Frenzied Yellow Men Fleo for Safety—Many Caught Like Rats in a Trap Far Beneath Surface.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 21.—"Strange is the scene where San Francisco's Chinatown stood," says W. W. Overton, who reached Los Angeles today, being among the refugees.

"No heap of smoking ruins marks the site of the wadded warrens where the slant-eyed men of the orient dwell in thousands. The place is pitted with deep holes and seared with dark passages, from whose depths come smoke wreaths. All the wood has gone and the winds are streaking the ashes.

"Men, white men, never knew the depth of Chinatown's underground city," says Mr. Overton. "They often talked of these subterranean passages, and many of them had gone beneath the street levels, two and three stories. But now that Chinatown has been unmasked, for the destroyed buildings were only a mask, men from the hillside have looked on where its inner secrets lay. In places they can see passages 100 feet deep.

"The fire swept this Mongolian section clean. It left no shred of the painted wooden fabric. It ate down to the bare ground and this lies stark, for the breezes have taken away the light ashes. Joss houses and mission schools, grocery stores and opium dens, gambling halls and theaters—all of them went. The buildings blazed up like tissue paper lanterns used when the guttering candles touched their sides.

AMERICANS IN LONDON ACT.

Affecting Scenes Are Witnessed at Mass Meeting.

London, April 21.—Ambassador Reid with E. C. Van Duser, chairman of the American society supporting him presided last evening at a meeting of 505 Americans in the Hotel Cecil, called by the American society for the purpose of aiding the California earthquake sufferers.

Many ladies who were present wore mourning. The scene was most affecting, many of those present being in tears. Mr. Reid appealed to all Americans to aid the sufferers.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1885. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal). Notary Public.

REVIEW OF THE SPORTS

Ottumwa Directors Say Franchise Will Be Sold Unless Funds Are Forthcoming

WILL OTTUMWA DROP OUT?

Annual State Golf Tournament in Des Moines Promises to be Largely Attended—Mason City Rearranges Racing Card—Forest City Cuts Its Pursues to \$300—Other Sports Gossip.

Is the Ottumwa association for the want of funds, about ready to throw up its baseball hands and back out of the Iowa State League? Such would seem to be the meaning of the signed statement issued to the people of Ottumwa by its baseball directors. This statement says that unless \$1,000 is forthcoming soon the franchise will be surrendered. The statement, which is self-explanatory, is as follows:

"The board of directors and officers of the Ottumwa Baseball Association desire to say to you, that we were elected in a meeting to take the management of the club for the season of 1906. For the past two years the old management has backed the enterprise and paid all bills, and at this meeting they turned the matter over to the association refusing to have anything to do with the club, any more. The Street Car Company has been trying to get enough subscriptions from the fans to carry the club successfully thru this season, and while some people have subscribed and been liberal and put their names down cheerfully, a good many have treated us like we were working a graft. When at the same time the officers and directors are in this thing solely for the love of good, clean sport, and don't expect to make nor can they make a dollar out of the enterprise.

"We find that it costs money to run a baseball club. In the first place we will say we had to put up \$200 for the guarantee fund with the president of the league. We had to advance transportation for the players amounting to over \$100. We will have to board the players from April 15 to May 8, which will take \$200 more. \$200 around must be paid. We also have to have new uniforms, new baseballs, bats and things numerous which go with a baseball club. The salary limit is cut down to \$1,100, which is a good deal less than last year, and as we expect to be as economical as possible by mist a little more money, we can give you a good club for the season.

"We have secured in Mr. Niles, the manager, a clean, nice man and a first class ball player and manager. If we have a success this season, and we have all reason to expect, we will be in better shape next year than this. "Now we wish to say this to you and it is final, if we do not have subscribers in our hands for \$1,000 in addition to what we have begged, we will sell the franchise to the subscribers who turn the money to us. We have not put their money up. We have not nor will we get down on our knees and beg for any more money. Now can we neglect our business to do it. It is now up to you to say what we will do."

Interest among the golf players of the state is being aroused, and is centering in the annual state tournament to be held this summer in Des Moines, on the Wawaynee Golf Club's course, and it is expected that the entries will exceed in number those made for any previous similar tournament. This city will furnish contestants. Ottumwa's club has just actively begun its season by purchasing for \$9,000 the land on which its course has been laid out.

A new national bowling association was organized at a meeting in Brooklyn yesterday, with the following cities represented: New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Brunswick, Wilmington, Trenton, New Brunswick, Newark and Paterson, N. J. Frank M. Cline, former president of the New York Bowling association, was chosen president; J. E. Hardenbergh, New York first vice-president; G. S. Livingston, Washington, second vice-president; P. C. Palmer, Newark, secretary, and E. E. Dungan, Philadelphia, treasurer.

The board of managers of the Minnesota State Fair have decided to reschedule the race card for the final day of the September meeting. As it now stands, the program for Sept. 8 includes the 2:02 pace, purse \$2,000; 2:28 pace, \$1,000; 2:10 trot, \$1,000, and a five furlong heat race by runners, \$200, and a mile and a furlong race, \$250. There are enough horses eligible to the 2:02 pace to make a race at Hamline, and the other classes should fill as well. Entries for the foregoing harness races close July 2, as with other events carded.

Mason City, in the Greater Cedar Valley Circuit, has discarded the original program and closing date for certain purses and made a new deal. There are now four \$500 purses and six \$100 purses, which is a total of \$1,200. The same circuit, makes a cut in purses, offering \$300 each for 2:10, 2:17, 2:25 and 2:35 trotters; 2:08, 2:18, 2:25 and 2:35 pacers, entries closing July 10.

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