

LEHAR MAY COME HERE WITH A NEW OPERETTA

Klaw & Erlanger Plan to Bring
Viennese Composer's Latest
Success to New York.

"IDEAL WIFE" ITS TITLE

Marc Klaw Back from Europe
with American Rights to
Favorite Musical Pro-
ductions in Vienna.

Not content with acquiring the American rights to the favorite operettas of the Continental season, Marc Klaw, of Klaw & Erlanger, announced as he stepped from the Mauretania yesterday after a month's stay abroad that he had made an offer to bring one entire production to this country next season from Berlin, and that he had entered into negotiations with the manager of the National Theatre in Budapest to import his company and equipment the following year. The main object of Mr. Klaw's trip was to keep an appointment with Franz Lehar, composer of "The Merry Widow," "The Count of Luxembourg" and "Gypsy Love."

"During my stay in Vienna," said Mr. Klaw, "I heard the score of Lehar's latest operetta, 'The Ideal Wife,' which will shortly be produced there, and obtained it for Klaw & Erlanger. It is really a farce set to music, and tells the story of a husband and wife who were beginning to tire of each other. She proposes to go away for awhile, but comes back soon after, impersonating her own sister, and by an apparent change in manner, taste and dress, wins her husband back again. In 'The Ideal Wife' Lehar seems to have come back to the lighter popular melodies which characterized 'The Merry Widow,' and it ought to prove a great success."

A Chinese Operetta.

"I also secured while in Vienna 'The Envious Butterfly' and 'The Circassian Beauty,' two new operettas. The 'Envious Butterfly' is by Lindau and Gracichstaedt—composer of 'The Rose Maid'—a Chinese operetta in the time of the present republic. The principal characters are four ambassadors and their wives, a Chinese girl, Nadine, and a young student, who has been educated in America. The plot deals with a railroad concession which the Austrians want to get from the republic. The comedy is evolved from the cross situations of the Austrian flirting with Nadine, and the Austrian's wife flirting with the student. The student and Nadine are the principal lovers of the play, and in the end marry."

"The Circassian Beauty" is by Willner and Steffan. Steffan is a new man, writing after the style of Sullivan. The plot deals with an artist and his brother, who is his factotum, and a Circassian. The first scene opens apparently in the Circassian hills, but the scene turns out to be the Munich Exposition, where a band of Circassians have had a side show. The artist is attracted to the Circassian girl and wants to paint her. She falls in love with him. The artist feels that he is only attracted by her physical charms. The brother in the mean time has been attracted to another girl. This second girl, dazzled by the fame of the artist, thinks she loves him, and asks him to marry her. The artist allows himself to become engaged to her. In the third act the situation is cleared."

The production which Mr. Klaw wanted to import into New York was "The Little King," composed by Kallman, who wrote the music for "The Gay Hussars." He made an offer to Manager Karczag, of the Theater an der Wien, where it is playing in Berlin, to bring the organization to this country for a two-months' stay next spring to be divided between the New Amsterdam Theatre, and Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia. Lehar will come with the company, if the plan goes through. Mr. Klaw said, since most of his successes have been produced at that theatre.

Reincarnation of Eve.

In Budapest Mr. Klaw saw "The Tragedy of Man," written fifty years ago by Madaeh, a Hungarian poet. The story deals with the reincarnation of Adam, Eve and Lucifer, Miss Ercel Paulay presenting the various phases of Eve's character to great effect. Mr. Klaw added that Miss Paulay spoke English well and that he expected to introduce her to American audiences in the near future. In this city he also saw a performance of "The Legend of the Wolf," by Molnar, author of "The Devil," on which Klaw & Erlanger hold an option. Mr. Klaw continued: "In Berlin I engaged for Klaw & Erlanger for a term of years the services of Miss Elise Alder, who is a great Continental favorite. She will be seen in some of our musical comedies during the season of 1914. She will have the principal role in 'The Envious Butterfly' when that opera is produced there next October. This young woman could not speak a word of English last January. She speaks quite well now, is chic, has a good voice, is learning the American and English style of dancing and ought to be successful here."

"The Dancing Mistress" at the Adelphi, was the only play of interest to Americans that I saw during my brief visit in London."

UNION LEAGUE TO REVIEW 7TH

Club Accepts Regiment's Invitation
to Take Part in Armory Ceremony.
Colonel Daniel Appleton, of the 7th Regiment, has arranged for an unusual review in the armory for Monday night, when the Union League Club will be the guests of the regiment, and will review the command, headed by Samuel W. Fairchild, the club's president. Mr. Fairchild was at one time a private in the Seventh.

In addition to the members of the Union League Club, Colonel Appleton will invite the heads of many of New York's prominent business houses and companies to be present. By Monday the new barracks in the drill hall, which will have a seating capacity for 3,500 persons, will be completed.

Governor Sulzer has accepted a review of the regiment for some time in April.

HUDSPETH TAKES NEW OFFICE.

Pierre P. Garven, for the last five years Prosecutor of Hudson County, N. J., at noon yesterday was succeeded by Robert A. Hudspeth, who requested Assistant Prosecutors George T. Vickers and James W. McCarthy to remain in office "for the present." Mr. Garven was presented by the members of his staff with a solid silver case of seven pieces.

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Advance Styles have been received in Women's Afternoon and Evening Gowns, Tailor-made Suits, Three-piece Costumes, Coats, Wraps, Blouses, Millinery and Parasols for the coming Spring season.

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Combination Garments	at \$1.00, \$1.50, 1.95, 2.75 & 3.25
Corset Covers	at 58c., 90c., \$1.10, 1.25 & 1.50
Chemises	at 95c., \$1.25, 1.45, 1.75 & 2.00
Drawers	at 45c., 75c., 95c. & 1.35
Petticoats	at \$1.25, 1.90, 2.85 & 3.50
Princess Slips	at \$2.50 & 3.90
Also Net and Embroidered Under-blouses	at 3.90

WAR PERSONNEL NEEDED

Officers Plead for Its Development in Times of Peace.

NAME, "AUXILIARY MARINE"

Captain Marsh Says Cost of One Battleship Would Spread It Over Country.

"Our great need in these times of peace is the steady development of the personnel of the navy and the army, for in war it is the personnel element that counts. The government has appropriated millions for coaling stations, battleships and forts, but it has not appropriated much to advance the personnel."

It was Captain C. C. Marsh, U. S. N., in charge of the naval militia branch of the service at Washington, who was speaking. His hearers were officers of the army and navy and others assembled yesterday at the luncheon of the New York Commandery of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish War, held at the Machinery Club, No. 50 Church street. The speaker was replying to a paper read by the guest of the day, Captain Ira Harris, entitled "An Auxiliary Naval Force Necessary." Major Frank Keck, U. S. N., presided.

Continuing, Captain Marsh said, in part: "We only ask a small distribution of the funds. The cost of one battleship—\$10,000,000—could be made wonderfully useful by scattering it over the country in developing the personnel. Napoleon said 75 per cent of success in battle is the human element, and Farragut, writing from Mobile, said: 'I wish to state that the world is wholly wrong in depending on this or that type of ship or gun. Three times out of four the battles are won by the men who fight them.'"

Captain Ira Harris said, in part: "You officers who went to the front in 1898 know that the officers and men of the army and navy should work together now as they did in war time. Help us to get some efficient marine force organized. Suppose war with Mexico was declared to-morrow. The battleships would be ready, but how about the coilers and the transports? We should require 150 coilers of 8,000 tons each and 65 seagoing steamships as transports to move 20,000 troops. We need well qualified officers to man them? We need well qualified officers to man 80 merchant vessels, American officers holding licenses from our government, added to a body of inland watermen to protect our home ports. There

should be a board established consisting of two navy, two army officers, one civilian and one officer who is a skilled engineer. Our naval reserve should be organized without regard to that of any other nation."

Speaking of a name for the new organization, Captain Harris suggested "auxiliary marine" as appropriate. He referred to a circular recently sent by the Acting Secretary of the Navy to the officers and men of the merchant marine, which said in part:

"This increase in personnel will be required instantly on the outbreak of hostilities and will go (a) to the manning of the reserve fleet, which each year will gain in size and power; (b) to completing to a war basis the complements of the ships of the active fleet, and (c) to commissioning an enormous fleet of auxiliaries."

As the naval militia is organized to serve with the regular navy, as its officers have the same ranks as those of the navy and have been with them on practice cruises, it would appear wise that the second of the above mentioned duties should be assigned to the naval militia alone. The duty of manning the vessels of the reserve fleet and the auxiliary ships would then rest wholly on the enrolled officers and men of the merchant marine.

Assuming that the naval militia will be used to complete the complements of the vessels of the active fleet, there will remain these five classes of merchant marine officers to be enrolled in the auxiliary marine for war purposes: The officers of our ocean and coastwise steamships, the civilian officers of government vessels, the officers of the steamships of the Great Lakes, the officers of river and harbor vessels and American yacht officers.

The other speakers included Captain Robert P. Forshe, commander of the state naval militia; Colonel E. E. Hardin, U. S. A.; Colonel Hull, U. S. A., and Commander Albert C. Moritz, U. S. N. Others present included Count De Lafayette, Colonel Orin B. Mitcham, U. S. A.; Lieutenant Colonel John J. Byrne, U. S. V.; Colonel D. M. Stewart, late of the British army; Captain Robert J. Daly, U. S. V.; Captain Harrison Kerrick, U. S. A.; Captain John T. Hilton, U. S. V.; Commander W. E. Day, U. S. N., and Captain Clarence A. Carr, U. S. N.

EAST SIDE LANDMARK TO STAY.

There was much rejoicing among the children of the lower East Side when it was announced yesterday that the "House with the White Door," operated by the Gospel Settlement, at No. 211 Clinton street, will be kept up as it has been in the last fifteen years. "A Kindly Old Lady" out West," who refused to reveal her identity, has enabled the trustees to purchase the property.

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DINNER FOR JUDGE MILLER

Alton B. Parker Host of Gathering at Metropolitan Club.

Judge Nathan L. Miller, who was recently designated by the Governor to service in the Court of Appeals, was entertained at dinner last night at the Metropolitan Club, by Alton B. Parker, a former chief judge of that court. Both the guest of honor and the host are from Cortland County, and down to this time the only sons of the county who have been members of the Court of Appeals.

The invited guests included all the justices of the two Appellate divisions of the Supreme Court, of this city—in both of which Judge Miller served for several years—a goodly number of the members of the New York City bar, as well as several leaders of the bar of Cortland.

HARVARD LAW MEN TO DINE.

The Harvard Law School Association, of New York City, will hold its fourth annual dinner at the Harvard Club next Saturday evening. The speakers will include Justice Holmes, of the United States Supreme Court; Dean Ezra R. Thayer, of the Harvard Law School; John L. Cadwalader and Harold Otis. Among the other guests will be Judge Gray, of the Court of Appeals; Presiding Justice Ingraham, of the Appellate Division; Justice Swayze, of the New Jersey Supreme Court; Justice Pendleton, of the Supreme Court; Judge Mack, of the Commerce Court; Judge Hand, of the United States District Court, and C. A. Severance, Peter J. Olney, president of the association, will preside.

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THE MOURNING DEPARTMENT will offer at a Special Sale to-morrow (Monday), February 10th,

Women's Mourning Dresses and Tailor-made Suits

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MOURNING DRESSES	at \$30.00 & 38.00
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Women's Blouses at special prices, as follows:

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CREAM LACE BLOUSES, with vestee of pink net, trimmed with fancy buttons	at \$9.50
LINGERIE BLOUSES	at \$2.00 & 2.75

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White Washable Habutai, 27 ins. wide, regular price \$2.00 per yard, at 1.10
White Washable Habutai, 36 ins. wide, regular price \$1.00 per yard, at 58c.
White and Ivory Taffeta, 19 ins. wide, regular price 85c. per yard, at 48c.

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per pair \$1.50		LISLE THREAD HOSE,	
		per half dozen pairs	\$1.65

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is showing an interesting assortment of the TRIMMINGS and GARNITURES in demand for Spring wear. Included are Bandings and matching Collar and Cuff Sets in the new Bulgarian, Persian and Oriental designs, introducing striking color effects; also Evening Garnitures, Bandings and Ornamental Motifs in gold, silver, jet, rhinestones and the popular evening shades.

For to-morrow (Monday) the following Sale has been prepared, offering exceptionally good values:

EVENING GARNITURES in silver, crystal or jet each, \$4.50 & 5.75