

Mary Garden to Quit as Director of Chicago Opera

Will Resign at End of Present Season, But Will Continue With Company as Artist.

New York, Feb. 21.—(By A. P.)—Mary Garden intends to resign her position as director of the Chicago Opera company at the close of the current season if some one can be found to take her place, but she expects to continue with the company as an artist.

\$250,000 Offer. The diva had received a \$250,000 offer from a New York manager for a concert tour, and she had many other interests which she had found impossible to carry out, he said.

Her secretary said that if Mr. In-sull insisted that the impresaria was needed and must remain at the head of Chicago organization she would do so, but that she felt it more worth while to quit.

Not Enough Rest. Last year the demands of the position cut her vacation to six weeks, and that is not enough rest for an artist, Mr. Potter said.

No Surprise. Chicago, Feb. 21.—(By A. P.)—Samuel Insull, president of the Chicago Civic Opera association, which has charge of the Chicago Opera company, declared he was not surprised when informed today that Mary Garden planned to resign as director.

Miss Garden's announcement of her coming resignation was not entirely unexpected to Chicago opera circles generally, for there had been many rumors of it, although none of them seemed to have any real basis.

The Chicago company underwent a tempestuous season under her guidance. She shocked the opera world with an announcement that she intended to put jazz in the Chicago opera, but explained the statement by saying that she merely meant to make opera attractive to the average person and to do away with the idea that opera was for the rich only.

Brilliant Season. Her plans gave Chicago its most brilliant opera season, but just before the company went to New York for the 1922 season there, it became known unofficially that the deficit for the year might run as high as \$800,000—the greatest deficit ever incurred.

This deficit will be met by Harold F. McCormick and Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, who five years ago agreed to finance the company until May, 1922. It also became known that the McCormicks had spent around \$3,000,000 in making up the company's deficits during the five years.

U. S. Death Rate Drops to 1,306 Per 100,000

Washington, Feb. 21.—The death rate in the United States decreased to 1,306 per 100,000 population in 1920 from 1,496 per 100,000 in 1919, according to figures announced today by the census bureau.

The rate of the group above 75 years of age decreased from 14,360 to 13,490 per 100,000, approximately 6 per cent.

The decrease in all adult groups was attributed largely to the reduced rates from tuberculosis, typhoid fever and Bright's disease. The rate for tuberculosis showed a decrease in the 10-year period from 160 to 114 per 100,000 for typhoid fever, 24 to eight per 100,000, and Bright's disease and acute nephritis, 99 to 89.

Women's Feet Are Growing Larger, Shoe Dealers Say. Chicago, Feb. 20.—Along with the habit of wearing one-piece men's bathing suits and the "right" to smoke, miliary has "enjoyed" a growth in her feet. It isn't a case of "looking bigger," but her feet are quite a bit larger in reality than a few years past.

Overproduction Causes Cotton Factory to Close. Mexico City.—The Etla Cotton factory, one of the largest in Mexico, has closed down because of overproduction. For the last three months the wholesale houses have purchased very little native cotton goods because the demand for them has been slight.

England Breathless as Wedding Day of Princess Mary Approaches



Princess Mary

Viscountess Lascelles

London, Feb. 21.—(By A. P.)—Plans for the wedding of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles are nearing completion.

Early frequenters of London's streets will see some morning this week empty carriages, escorted by cavalry, in rehearsal of the procession from the palace to Westminster Abbey.

There will be two processions February 28. Queen Mary and Queen Mother Alexandra will form the first, the king following shortly afterward with the bride and an escort.

The route through the Mall, Whitehall and Parliament street will not be decorated throughout, but there will be two triumphal arches, and near the abbey the roadway will be adorned with festoons of flowers, supported by pillars with intermediate ornamental devices bearing portraits of the bride and bridegroom.

The hat in which the bride will start her honeymoon is of "mole and larkspur blue georgette," the mole to match her moleskin wrap, and the blue georgette to match her dress.

The marriage knot will be tied by the archbishop of Canterbury, the archbishop of York, the bishop of London, the bishop of Oxford, the dean of Westminster and Canon Lascelles, the bridegroom's uncle.

A new flag—the Abbey flag—will be flown from one of the abbey's towers on the morning of the wedding. It embodies historical symbols from the time of Edward the Confessor.

The "Brighter London society," composed of business and theatrical men, aims to make the week of the wedding "Brighter London week."

In social, court and diplomatic circles, such a round of dances and dinners and receptions has been planned as London has not seen since the coronation.

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Hotels and restaurants are arranging gala dinners and dances. Clubs and various societies will have house warmings and homecomings. The railroads are running special excursions from all parts of the kingdom and giving special service from the channel ports for the benefit of continental visitors.

A suggestion for making the wedding day a bank holiday has been negotiated, but in the city's offices and shops it is expected that sudden developments of influenza and other timely excuses will be numerous.

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Society Women Run Hotel for Day

New York Leaders Take Over Biltmore for Benefit of Society for Prevention of Tuberculosis—Matrons Serve as Waitresses.

New York, Feb. 21.—A thousand debutantes and former debutantes took charge of the Hotel Biltmore yesterday and ran it on a most happy and expansive style for the benefit of the Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Girls and matrons whose names fill pages of the social register served as waitresses and room clerks and presided over cigar counters, news stands and tea tables. About the only things they did not operate were the elevators, the kitchen and the vacuum cleaners.

They soon educated all of the guests into the spirit of the day. Newspapers sold at \$1 and more and dinner tips ranged as high as \$75. Pretty girls posed as bell hops and many a man had himself paged just to hear how sweet his name could sound. The lobby was filled with "debs" selling all manner of articles.

Guests were persuaded they need things they never had bought before and probably never will again. Unless a man had a flower in his lapel, a book or magazine in his hands and his pocket stuffed with smokes and programs for the day and toys to take home to the kiddies, he felt almost half undressed.

Those who bought programs found that there were so many things going on in the hotel that it was almost impossible to see them all. One floor housed a circus, a bazaar was on the next, tea dances further up and a bridge tournament still higher. The winner of the tournament was given a box for a performance at the Metropolitan opera house.

A style show with popular "flapper" and "debs" as models attracted hundreds with lognettes and without, and others went to the roof in the afternoon to see a comedy played by society girls and their gentlemen friends.

Orchestras seemed to be all over the hotel and where there was music there was dancing. At dinner Broadway actors and show girls came in for a cabaret performance and others flocked over for the merry midnight frolic that made the after theater supper parties the gayest of the year. These ended at 3 in the morning and then the business of running the hotel was given back to the regular employees.

Pittsburgh, Pa., whose life he had saved in a railroad accident in East St. Louis, Ill., 21 years ago.

Land in Africa. Jackson, Miss., Feb. 21.—The Mississippi senate by a vote of 20 to 3 passed a resolution requesting President Harding and congress to take up with the allies of the west of the matter of securing land in Africa on which to colonize the American negro.

Pneumonia in New York. New York, Feb. 20.—Deaths in this city from pneumonia and influenza, which totaled 73 Saturday, reached 132 today, according to Health Commissioner Cowland. The number of cases of pneumonia in a comparatively short time, 132 Saturday, and 122 of influenza as compared with 151.

Mexican Revolt. Mexico City, Feb. 21.—(By A. P.)—Latest reports from the state of Michoacan indicate that disturbances there are directed against governor Francisco Mugica rather than against the central government, and that progress is being made in stabilizing the situation by federal forces.

Wholesale Prices in January Show Decline. Washington, Feb. 21.—Wholesale prices on the average approached slightly nearer the 1913 level in January, according to information made public today by the bureau of labor statistics of the department of labor. The bureau's weighted index number, based on 1913 as the base, declined 1.4 per cent in January, and 1.7 per cent in February.

Iowa Woman Leaves Taft Legacy of \$5,000

Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 21.—Yale university and Chief Justice Taft are beneficiaries in the will of Mrs. T. G. Henderson, formerly Mrs. Edgar H. Stone, which was probated today.

The largest bequest is to Col. Frederick Johnson of Fort Leavenworth, who was left \$50,000. He was an adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Stone. George W. Wright of Des Moines, Ia., was given \$20,000.

Chief Justice Taft and Mrs. Henderson's first husband, E. H. Stone, were classmates at Yale.

Ohio Man Wants Congress to Oust U. S. Judge Landis

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Harding was urged by ex-Congressman B. F. Welty of Ohio, yesterday not to accept Federal Judge Landis' resignation in order that congress might go ahead with the impeachment proceedings instituted by Welty last year.

The president, who received Judge Landis' brief letter of resignation yesterday, is expected to accept it soon, although no official announcement has come from the White House on the subject.

The Illinois senators, Mr. McCormick and Mr. McKinley, have as yet had nothing to say about a successor to Judge Landis.

America to Take Firm Stand for Nation's Rights

Harding and Hughes Will Demand Equal Opportunity for Americans in All Parts of World.

By GRAFTON WILCOX.

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Harding and Secretary Hughes are preparing to make a determined stand for the doctrine of equal opportunity for Americans all over the world, particularly in the oil fields of the near east. There discrimination against American enterprise is declared to exist.

Secretary Hughes announced this determination in notes to Great Britain and The Netherlands some months before the arms conference was called. The Washington conference caused temporary abandonment of these activities, which are now to be renewed.

Not only in Mesopotamia, where the United States has been standing for its rights under the mandate accorded to Great Britain, but also in Persia, the Balkans and the Turkish empire, the United States purposes to insist upon Americans being accorded the same rights and privileges as are enjoyed by citizens of the allied countries.

Harvey on Lookout. Ambassador George Harvey, representative of President Harding on the supreme council, it is learned, is under instructions to watch every development at the forthcoming conference of allied premiers in Paris.

When the question of modifying the Sevres treaty is taken up, the American State department will be kept informed of each move in ample time. Every effort will be made to secure the annulment of present provisions of the treaty which permit widespread discrimination against Americans and to prevent new clauses being inserted which would have similar results.

Pressure Brought to Bear. Vigorous pressure has been brought to bear upon the American government during the past two months by Americans in the near east. The American commission in Constantinople has forwarded to Washington numerous protests from American firms. These protests in variously charge that all allied nationals, with the open or tacit encouragement of their governments, are conspiring to exclude Americans from the work of developing the Balkans, Persia, the Turkish empire, Palestine and Mesopotamia.

The most vigorous of the protests recently received is that of the American Chamber of Commerce for the Levant, which reached here today. It says in part:

"The American Chamber of Commerce for the Levant has observed with grave anxiety and deep concern the encroachments which are being made upon American commercial interests in the near east, caused by entire absence of consideration for American interests evidenced by the principal allied powers in their relations with the various states."

One Man Dead, Five Blinded by Drinking Poison Liqueur

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 21.—Robert Sherman of Knights Landing died at the county hospital last night, five men are lying in the institution without their sight and several other men are partially paralyzed, as a result of drinking poisonous liqueur, it was stated by Dr. E. S. Louizeaux, superintendent of the hospital.

The liqueur, it is said by city officials, is sold lawfully, although its poisonous nature is known generally. Appeals to druggists in Sacramento, where the liqueur was sold, have been futile, it was said by city officials, who planned to draft an ordinance prohibiting the sale.

Record Price for Rum Sold

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—What was termed the highest price ever paid for rum was paid today for a case of Dutch gin imported by a federal prohibition agent yesterday when they entered the Holland hotel on Ellis street. Whiskey, wine and cordials estimated at approximately \$15,000 were seized and George Martinez, proprietor of the hotel, was arrested, charged with violation of the Volstead act.

Greenwich Village Falling Down From Baby Earthquakes

New York, Feb. 21.—Greenwich Village is falling down. The villagers complain that speeding motor trucks produce miniature earthquakes which are making their walls more Bohemian than is necessary. Charles Brady, city superintendent of buildings, says that the village, one of the oldest sections of Manhattan, is abused, and that it is positively dangerous to permit existing conditions to continue.

Landlords complain that heavy trucks speed fast over the streets that the resultant vibrations cause walls to crack, heating plants to break, pictures to fall from their hooks and water pipes to resemble futurist art.

Certainly the police department should see to it that the speed of these trucks is regulated, says Superintendent Brady. "If this continues we may have a calamity such as a building collapsing one of these days."

Dry Chiefs Fight Shy of Windsor

Pow-Wow Changed Because City Held Unsafe for Pussfoot.

Detroit, Feb. 21.—Because Windsor, Ont., was regarded unsafe for William E. "Pussfoot" Johnson and other prohibition workers, "dry" leaders of Canada and the United States decided here the international conference on prohibition and alcoholism, scheduled for next October, should be held in Washington. Disasters threatened when Johnson attempted to deliver a prohibition address at Windsor last year caused the decision.

Arrangements for the conference, at which anti-liquor workers from all over the world are expected are in the hands of Benjamin Sprague of Toronto and E. H. Cherrington of Columbus, who with Johnson, are officers of the world alliance against alcoholism.

Windsor, Toronto, Columbus and Washington sought the conference. When the Windsor spokesman extended the city's invitation he was asked if he could give assurance of a peaceful meeting. In view of the demonstration that greeted Johnson on his previous visit however, he said, he could not do so. Windsor was then chosen.

League to Proceed With Arms Reduction Program

Paris, Feb. 21.—The disarmament commission of the league of nations decided yesterday it was unqualified to prepare a general treaty for the reduction of limitation on armaments, as requested by the last meeting of the assembly of the league. The commission decided, however, to proceed with the elaboration of a general plan of reduction of armaments.

M. Viviani delivered a short address in which he briefly summarized the work of the Washington conference and pointed out how the results obtained there might be supplemented by the league of nations.

Paterson, N. J., to Safeguard Female's Right to Wear Hosiery

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 21.—To safeguard the right to wear hosiery, a traveling salesman prepared to close the local board of education to compel local high school authorities to permit his daughter to attend classes in the objectionable apparel.

Big Midwinter Meet Planned

Second Annual Community Conference to Gather at Ames This Week.

Ames, Ia., Feb. 21.—The second annual midwinter community conference will be held here under the auspices of the Iowa Chamber of Commerce and Iowa State college, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The conference will be conducted for all community clubs and chambers of commerce in Iowa. State officials, college presidents, jurists, leading bankers and agriculturists, representatives of state and national organizations are expected to be present, as well as Iowa commercial organization secretaries, officers and directors and other community workers from the four corners of the state.

The meetings will be held in Agricultural hall, at Iowa State college. Speakers will include: C. W. Hunt, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau

Detroit Man Sentenced to Death for Texas Murder

Alpine, Tex., Feb. 21.—Harvey Hughes of Detroit yesterday was sentenced to hang following his conviction on a charge of murdering C. H. Rogers of Austin, Tex. Hughes had been slain shortly after Rogers had been slain. Suspicion was directed toward him when it developed that Rogers had taken Hughes, who was without funds, into a restaurant and purchased him a meal. Rogers, in paying for the meal, secured change for \$20, this latter being found in the possession of Hughes. Rogers was shot in the back.

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