

DANGERS WAIT AS STAR FIGHTS WRIT

Judgment of Robert Shiverick, Former Omahan, Halts Pavlova's Part on Program.

GOODLY SUM FOR CHARITY

Only Portion of Proceeds that Went to Pavlova Involved in the Legal Complications of Attachment.

While the magnificent company titled the Auditorium Wednesday waited in expectancy for the performance of Mile. Anna Pavlova, which formed the curtain-raiser of the Omaha Rotary club's charity benefit ball, the manager of the famed Russian danseuse was in the box office fighting an attachment which was served after the first act after 10 o'clock.

Charmingly gowned women, elegantly coiffed, maids and matrons alike, with their escorts, on the quiet view of expectancy for the event in store, discussed the beauties of the ballet, discussed them again, looked about at their neighbors, began to chat with them, admired the decorations of the immense hall, and then began to wonder.

Crowd is Patient. For an hour after 8 o'clock the crowd contented itself and there was much speculation. Confused lost their charm. Best creations of mediators failed as themes for talk, and the wait began to be irksome, when the curtain at last went up.

The cause of the delay in the opening of the show was the late arrival of the company from Kansas City, as the Missouri Pacific train did not reach Omaha until 6:30.

International Complication. The firmness that lies in the hand of the law when it is applied, however inopportune, coupled with Mile. Pavlova's determination not to disappoint the big company of patrons of charity, was the cause of the hitch and the means of its ending.

An international incident delayed the performance. Because Robert Shiverick, former Omahan, while witnessing a Pavlova performance in Toronto two years ago, received a blow upon his head from a sword that slipped from the hands of the star's dancing partner, he got a \$5,000 judgment against the danseuse in Canada and levied on the proceeds of the charity ball here to collect it.

Some Russian Used. The box office of the Auditorium was an animated place before the curtain rose for the second act.

Max Hirsch, manager of the Pavlova company, contended the judgment was obtained against a Pavlova corporation in existence two years ago. The Pavlova production this year is an entirely different concern, in no way responsible for old obligations, he said. It was upon this point that the dispute rested, and after a two-hour discussion the \$5,000 was finally placed in neutral hands pending a legal settlement.

The \$2,500 attachment will in no way affect the money intended for charity, as it only covers the share of the Pavlova company.

Thousand in Grand March. All this so delayed the scheduled program of the evening that it was but a few minutes before midnight when the Pavlova program was over.

Not discouraged by the delay, however, more than 1,000 magnificently gowned women and men remained to take part in the grand march, and danced after that into the early hours.

There was nothing to worry about, for automobiles by the hundred waited on the outside, and the weather was not too uncomfortable.

Proceeds Generous. Those in charge of the ball said after midnight that it was utterly impossible to say what the net proceeds for charity would be. The tickets will not be checked up until some time today. The most conservative of those attempting to estimate it, however, believed that the gross receipts were over \$4,000, and that the net to go to charity would be well up to \$1,500 or \$2,000.

Pavlova's company gave a wonderful exhibition of the limitless possibilities of the physical being, in feats of agility and charming grace of motion. The program was a long one, and everyone remarked of the adequate money's worth received.

Danese Offers Aid. Pavlova herself was a "good fellow." She offered to do anything that would help raise money for charity. She suggested that the first dance with her be auctioned off for charity. But owing to the lateness of the hour when the concert was over these offers were refused with thanks, and the ball proceeded without this feature.

Governor John H. Morehead, with Mrs. Morehead, occupied a box. With them was Harry Moorhead, Douglas county election commissioner. The entire city commission was represented at the ball.

France Extends Moratorium for the Fourth Time

PARIS, Dec. 17.—For the fourth time since the beginning of the war, the financial settlements have been postponed. The moratorium, applying to all negotiable securities dated before September 4 and maturing before March 2, 1915, has been extended for two months.

Business now appears to be better than at any time since the war began. This applies both to production and to trade. More certain is circulation. Gold, which had been in hiding, is occasionally given in change now, and when depositors go to their banks they are once more asked whether they will take some of the proceeds of their checks in gold. Country postoffices are paying out gold in change to some extent. One of them gave an American automobile 499 francs in gold in changing a 1,000-franc note. The 5-franc silver piece, which for a time disappeared and was replaced by paper, is again appearing freely.

The financial authorities believe that vast sums of gold are still being hoarded, mostly in small amounts. It is a common sight to see peasants at country postoffices purchasing bonds with gold coin.

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Record Area Sown to Winter Wheat; South Increases Acreage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Influenced by the prospective heavy demand for grain by the warring countries of Europe, American farmers this fall have sown a record area to winter wheat, which the Department of Agriculture today estimated at 41,263,000 acres.

That is an increase of 1,122,000 acres over the area sown last fall and on which the record crop of 24,900,000 bushels of winter wheat was harvested this year. The area sown is 5,250,000 acres more than was harvested this year.

The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 82.2 per cent of a normal. That is almost 10 per cent lower than it was last year at this time and 2 per cent below the ten-year average condition on December 1.

A feature of the planting of winter wheat this year is the great increase in acreage in the southern states, where farmers are devoting more land to the crop, decreasing their acreage for cotton. South Carolina's acreage has been increased 200 per cent, compared with the 1913 planting; Alabama, 185 per cent; Mississippi, 125 per cent; Georgia, 115 per cent; North Carolina, 75 per cent; Arkansas, 41 per cent; Texas, Tennessee and Oklahoma, 20 per cent, and Virginia, 40 per cent.

In the great growing states the increases in acreage range from 5 to 15 per cent, except in the greatest of winter wheat states, Kansas, where a 2 per cent decrease in acreage is shown. The increases are: Ohio and Nebraska, 5 per cent; Indiana, 12 per cent; Illinois, 15 per cent; Missouri, 10 per cent; and Washington, 10 per cent.

Owing to the poor condition of winter wheat on December 1, Department of Agriculture's estimate today, based on condition figures of production next year, is only 20,000,000 bushels, although the area sown this fall, 41,263,000 acres, is the greatest ever planted in the United States.

Rye was sown this fall on 2,881,000 acres, an increase of 78,000 acres over the revised estimated area sown last fall.

The condition of rye on December 1 was 92.5 per cent of a normal, against 85.5 per cent last year, 80.5 in 1912 and 82 the ten-year average.

The acreage and condition on December 1 of winter wheat by principal states follow:

Table with 3 columns: State, Acres, Condition. Includes New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado.

HYMENEAL

Classen-Sorensen. Miss Margaret Sorensen and John Classen of Filley, Neb., were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge at his residence Wednesday evening. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. K. Skow.

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BLISS TALKS WITH MAYTORENA AGENT

Villa Chieftain Expected to Avoid Further Firing Across Border Into United States.

EXECUTIONS ARE STOPPED

Provisional President Gutierrez Issues Decree to Prevent Further Shooting of Political Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Brigadier General Bliss, commanding the troops on the Mexican border, reported to the War department today that he conferred at Naco yesterday with General Ramirez, military secretary of General Maytorena, the Villa commander of the Mexican forces besieging General Hill's Carranza troops.

Ramirez was told by General Bliss what was expected of the Maytorena forces in shaping their operations against the Carranza forces so as to avoid danger to life and property on the American side of the line, and he undertook to communicate the representations to Maytorena.

The War department has not made public the details of General Bliss' report, but Secretary Garrison declared it disclosed that the conference was harmonious and that General Bliss did not make threats as to what he would do if his warnings were unheeded. No mention was made of any further casualties on

the Arizona side of the line yesterday, which is regarded as an encouraging sign. Will Rearrange Forces. Officials here are expecting that the orders of Provisional President Gutierrez to Maytorena to rearrange his forces if necessary to stop the fire into Arizona will bear fruit before all the American troops and batteries ordered to Naco get into their positions. In official quarters here no predictions are being made as to the course the United States will pursue, but it is generally understood that after Brigadier General Scott, chief of staff of the army, arrives at Naco Saturday and conducts his negotiations with both sides of the Mexican factions further firing into American territory can have but one result. Legal authorities here say if the United States troops were to shell the Mexicans out of their positions such an act would be repelling an invasion and not an attack upon Mexico.

Orders Executions Stopped. Special Agent Canova, reporting to the State department today from Mexico City, said Provisional President Gutierrez had not only issued a decree stopping political executions, but had promised to punish any officials responsible for unwarranted executions so far. Canova reported that a great number had diminished.

Consul Canada at Vera Cruz, reporting a conversation with General Carranza, said that the constitutionalist had nothing to add to his previous assurances that he had ordered his troops at Naco to control their fire against falling in Arizona. The Mexican minister of war also has assured Consul Hillman that the recent wholesale executions were without sanction of the authorities.

From Manzanillo it was reported that after their evacuation of Guadalajara the Carranza garrison retreated in the direction of Colima, 30 miles to the southward. General Villa was reported yesterday in Aptaco. Special Agent Carothers, now on his way to Juarez from Mexico City, reports all quiet from the northern border to the capital.

Witnesses Say Union Miners Paid for Guns Sent to Canon City

CANON CITY, Col., Dec. 17.—The state today introduced evidence in the trial of seven strikers, charged with the murder of William King, intended to show that rifles, revolvers and ammunition were shipped into this country shortly before the attack on the Chandler mine, last April, in which King was killed.

Witnesses testified that arms were purchased in Pueblo, Canon City, Florence and Westcliffe on orders from the Florence local of the United Mine Workers of America. Testimony was introduced which the prosecution claimed showed that the arms were delivered at Rockyvale and paid for with checks signed by David Robb, a union officer, and one of the defendants in the present trial. The arms, according to the theory of the state, were concealed at Rockyvale and later used in the attack on the Chandler mine.

TWO MILLION BUSHELS OF WHEAT LEAVE NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—Wheat cargoes estimated at 1,000,000 bushels were aboard seven steamers here today ready to sail for Europe. Yesterday's shipment of nearly 800,000 bushels broke all records for the year.

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