

OPERA SINGER CREATES SENSATION IN DARK MAKEUP

Claudia Muzio, a youthful Italian prima donna, created a sensation at the Metropolitan Opera House Saturday evening in "Aida," Verdi's classic, by darkening her skin to accomplish the complete impersonation of the Ethiopian princess-slave.

The New York Morning Telegraph published Miss Muzio's picture in her dusky makeup, making the following comment:

"Claudia Muzio, the youthful Italian prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera Company, made her American debut last night in the name part of Verdi's Aida, singing with exalted inspiration, acting the tragic role with all of the magnificent mimic art which she first disclosed in Tosca, and looking the part of the Ethiopian princess-slave to a degree that no other great prima donna has dared to look it.

"Musically and dramatically, it was a sensational and yet perfectly legitimate performance of the part, more legitimate, indeed, than most of its accepted predecessors, and this for the reason that Miss Muzio yielded all of the vanities of personal pulchritude to the big idea of looking the part. Its acting requirements are well within her splendid endowments as an emotional actress, and her warm, tender, and—at times—incredibly powerful soprano voice are more than sufficient for the arias accredited to Aida."

MOTHER MEMORIES

I was looking in the attic for the children's winter clothes,
For their overcoats and mittens, and their little woolen hose,
When, moved by tender memories of one for years at rest,
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When I, a child, was shielded from wintry wind and snow;
And, taking out the treasure I prized above them all,
I laid my head a moment on a brown plaid shawl.

Then I understood the recompense that's coming from above,
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South Side Notes

(Mrs. Lulu Thornton, Correspondent)

The Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church will hold its second quarterly meeting Sunday, February 18th, at 3 p. m. Everybody is invited and all members are urged and looked for, as we are preparing to have everything ready for our new pastor, who will be with us Sunday, February 25th, and will preach both morning and evening.

Mr. H. Brown, of 2629 Jefferson St., died suddenly Saturday night of acute indigestion. His funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from St. John's A. M. E. Church. Rev. W. T. Osborne officiated. Jones and Chiles had charge of the funeral.

Miss Myrtle Gray, of 1211 Missouri avenue, was quietly married January 22 to Mr. Iris Steward. She left last week for Minneapolis, Minn., where they will make their home.

Miss Beatrice Steward left Thursday night for St. Louis, Mo. Miss Steward goes to take a position as teacher in the public schools. We wish for her much success in her work. Prior to her leaving Mrs. J. D. Thornton entertained a few of Miss Steward's young friends Tuesday evening. The evening was spent with music and games. Being near St. Valentine's day the heart scheme was used in decorating and for souvenirs.

Mrs. Ernest Wiggins is sick at her home, 5310 South 27th St. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Chinn and son, Cecil, of Sioux City, Iowa, spent this week in our city visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Nathaniel Mitchell of 6619, has been on the sick list for about a fortnight. The Bethel Baptist Mission circle met Thursday afternoon, February 15th, with Mrs. Thomas Edwards. The Woman's Clellen's Club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Gray Tuesday, February 12th.

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