

TALES TOLD OF STRAUSS

"Salome's" Composer Known as a Keen Man of Business.

HOW HE WON OVER KAISER WILHELM

Demanded High Royalties and Many of Them—A Domestic Man and Obsessed to His Wife—His Life in Berlin.

Richard Strauss, the most talked of musician of the day, is noted for his business sense. He is now trying to introduce here, as he has in Europe, the requirement of paying a royalty for every use of his songs that is sung in public.

He receives a royalty of course for all his symphonic works and he wants to arrange matters in such a way that he will be able to collect from every manager or singer the sum of \$5 or more for the privilege of performing one of his songs. He has done this in Germany and he demanded a royalty from the Boston Symphony orchestra when he was engaged for \$30 to conduct the annual concert for the benefit of the orchestra's pension fund.

Naturally he will be able to introduce the royalty rule with his new songs only. Since those already published are free to anybody who can buy a copy. He must content himself with the ordinary royalty on these.

One of the stories told about the composer emphasizes this characteristic. He had been to Dresden to attend a rehearsal of "Salome" and on his return to Berlin was met by his son. The little boy ran up to greet his father at the station.

"Papa," he cried, "did you get your honorarium for conducting the rehearsal?" "Now, my boy," he said, stooping to kiss his brow, "now I know you are a true son of mine."

His wife sings the new ones. The new songs of the composer are always sung in German cities and were returning to Berlin. Strauss was reading the criticisms of his music and grew more and more contented in expression as he read the praises of his music.

On the other side of the coupe sat Mrs. Strauss, also reading the criticisms, but unable to restrain herself to the praise of her husband's music while she was harshly dealt with for the way in which she had performed it. Finally she could stand it no longer and, crumpling up the paper, threw it across the coupe at her husband.

"Richard," she said in a tone that left no question of her deep indignation, "the next time you give a concert you can sing your own trash!"

make the two short works seven times as costly as the Puccini opera. Another excellent result of that arrangement would be to arouse some interest in "Feuermoth," which is all but forgotten in Germany—a taste which many persons predict will overtake "Salome" in a few years.

It may be for that reason that the composer is so particular as to the manner of the opera's performance in Berlin. Leo Black, who was called to Berlin after Dr. Meck came to the Boston Symphony orchestra, conducted the work usually in Berlin. One night the composer complained that he took some of the tempo too slowly. Black wanted to dispute the point with him.

"Who wrote 'Salome,' you or I?" asked the composer. "You did," answered the conductor promptly. "But I thank God!"

Conquering the Kaiser. When the production of "Salome" was first suggested to the Intendant of the Royal Opera in Berlin he would have none of it. "Feuermoth" had aroused the indignation of the emperor and had not won success with the public sufficient to compensate for her displeasure.

The composer determined that the Royal Opera house should take his opera. So he composed two military marches. Through his influence as conductor of the Royal Opera house he managed to have himself invited to court. The emperor wanted to hear the new military compositions. Strauss stepped to the piano to play them.

"Would your majesty permit that I remove my coat?" the pianist asked. His majesty gave permission, and the emperor set to work to play the music as well as he could. He put so much effort into it that the emperor was delighted.

It was not long after that musical session that "Salome" was pronounced fit for production at the Royal Prussian theater. The composer lives in Charlottenburg, and his life is as quiet as the "Sinfonia Domestica" indicates. He is a man of very abstemious habits and drinks only a glass or two of beer every day. Wine he takes only at formal dinners. Three or four cigarettes give him all the tobacco he needs.

His summers are spent in Margarethen, in the Bavarian Tyrol. He does much of his work there, although he devotes nearly every evening when he does not conduct at the opera to composition at home, beginning usually at 7 and continuing until midnight.

He carries a miniature score always with him and composes with a pencil. It is not necessary for him to revise the work, which is finished when he puts his ideas on paper. He frequently sits surrounded by his family and friends, especially in the summer, and composes while they are about him. His passion is skating, which he plays in his hours of diversion. He has often confessed that he is writing for money and hopes as soon as possible to write an opera which will enable him to travel and compose without being disturbed by his routine duties as conductor.

followed by miscellaneous dancing, after which refreshments were served. The ball was handsomely decorated in national colors and guests and flowers adorned the altar and various official stations.

Grand Army of the Republic. George A. Crook post and its auxiliary, the Women's Relief corps, gave a Washington's birthday ball at Magnolia hall, Twenty-fourth and Ames avenue, Friday evening. Mrs. Perry Hough, president of the corps, presided. The ball was crowded. An interesting program was rendered. Many of the women appeared in old-time costumes. Addresses on the character of Washington and Lincoln were made by several comrades.

Royal Archers. Baright's hall was thronged with masqueraders Tuesday evening, when Phoenix lodge held its open meeting. Wise prizes were awarded. Another ball of similar character is expected on March 1.

Fraternity Union of America. Monday evening, Feb. 25, will hold its regular meeting at the University club. All present members will please be present. The secretary's report for January shows that Phoenix lodge has a membership of 113 in good standing.

Knights of Pythias. Nebraska lodge No. 1 will give a card party and dance for its members and friends at Myrtle hall Monday evening, Monday evening, March 4, work in the first degree will be conferred on a class of five. All members are expected to be present.

Order of Scottish Clans. Clap Gordon No. 62 met in regular session Tuesday evening in Continental block. Applications were received and much business transacted. Following which a program of song and sentiment prevailed. Three contributing to the social hour were: Adolphus, I. G. Swartz, Thomas Johnston, E. G. Watson, John French, A. Gray, James Cameron, W. W. McDougall and James C. Lindsay.

Tribe of Ben Hur. Mecca court No. 33 initiated eight new members at its last meeting. A request is made that all members attend the court's drill team be present at the next meeting to talk over matters of the new uniforms. Omaha court No. 23 held a very quiet meeting last Monday owing to the death of Brother L. E. Lucas. Mrs. Denton spoke at some length on the good of the order.

Knights and Ladies of Security. Magic City council held a brief session Monday night to consider propositions for membership and then the "mysterious" charge and entertained the large number in various degrees. The entire arrangement of the "mysterious ten" met with general approval. Another "mysterious ten" will talk their ingenuity for the next evening.

Royal Arcanum. Overland council held its meeting Tuesday evening and initiated nine candidates. A new application for membership and decided upon plans for a specialty arranged entertainment at its next meeting on March 5.

NEW FRENCH REVENUE LAW

Provision of Act to Raise Federal Budget by Taxing Income.

DRASTIC PLANS FOR MAKING COLLECTIONS

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The new system of taxation based on income from all sources, which the French government has proposed to Parliament, is estimated to produce \$18,000,000 against \$13,000,000 under the old system. Most of the taxes to be imposed have been levied in France for 100 years and under the restoration, the second empire, the second and the third republics. These antiquated taxes, with the revenue produced under each head, were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Tax Category and Revenue Amount. Categories include Direct taxes on realty, personal property, window and door taxes, license, four per cent tax on income from French securities, foreign securities, stamp and other dues on transfer, and proposed income tax system.

Drastic Plans for Collection. The inquisitorial powers for the discovery of concealed revenue are extensive and will greatly complicate the work of the banks and other credit establishments. The banks must keep records of all transactions in bonds, stocks and bills of exchange for the inspection of treasury agents and must deduct the tax when due from all accounts, stock dividends, etc., attaching certificates showing that the tax has been paid.

Heavier Tax on Foreign Stocks. Moreover, both foreign government and foreign private securities are subjected to slightly heavier burdens than French stocks and French stocks, undoubtedly with the idea of inducing French investors to keep their funds at home. The tax on the income of "rentier" securities stands at 10 per cent, exclusive of the initial stamp tax of 2 per cent on the face value (the lieu of the old abatement duty), with a corresponding increase if the stocks or bonds placed on the French market sell above par.

FIREMEN PRAISE THE COUNT. Veterans Pass Resolutions in Memory of John A. Creighton, an Old Comrade.

The Veteran Firemen's association has adopted the following testimonial dedicated to the late Count Creighton: The Veteran Firemen's association of the city of Omaha, looking back with an experience deep sorrow because of the death of our beloved associate and brother, John A. Creighton, with a feeling of loss a companionship that was delightful and a friendship that was beneficial and creative power, constantly exerted for the benefit of the community in which he lived, were by his noble character and created beneficence that shall perpetuate his name while Omaha shall exist.

REMOVAL OF LABOR TEMPLE. Temporary Quarters for Officers in Patterson Block and Union Square.

LABOR TEMPLE. Labor Temple will be vacated March 1, preparatory to the demolition of the building at Fifth and Douglas streets and making way for the erection of the new Union Pacific headquarters. The secretaries of Central Labor Union and the Labor Temple association will have their desks in the rooms in the Patterson block, Seventeenth and Farnam streets, formerly occupied by the Royal Knights club.

Three lines! What can you do with three lines? Give the long one a twist like this-- Bring the two short ones together-- like this-- Put all these together, like this-- And you have made dollars out of three lines. What is the easiest way to make dollars out of three lines? If you have a business to sell, put a three line want ad. under our Business Chance Classification, like this: Lower your house rent by renting a spare room through a three line ad, like this: Exchange your land for city property or engage in a business to your liking with the aid of a three line ad under our "Barter and Exchange" column, like this: Competent help means dollars to you—The Bee is a market for that kind. A three line ad puts you in touch with the best, like the following: There's money in poultry, and The Bee can find you buyers through the "Poultry and Eggs" classification. Try an ad like this: To sell your horse, buggy or wagon, use an ad under "Horses and Vehicles," like this: A three line want ad One time 10c Three times 25c Seven times 45c Every drug store is a Bee want-ad branch office, or Phone Douglas 238, if you cannot call at THE BEE OFFICE 17th and Farnam—"The want ad corner" Within everybody's reach—reaches everybody.

ECHOES OF THE ANTE-ROOM

Masquerade Balls and Washington's Birthday Parties Features of the Week.

The masquerade ball given Friday night in Patterson hall by Alpha Grays No. 2 Woodmen Circle, is pronounced by that lodge the most successful affair of the kind since ever given in Omaha. The evening was a success in every respect.

Ladies of the Grand Army. Garfield circle No. 11 gave a Washington birthday party at the home of Mrs. J. W. Woodmen Circle, at 1019 North 24th street, last evening. The party was a success in every respect.

Woodmen of the World. Wednesday evening Seymour camp No. 11 held one of the most impressive meetings of the year. The clerks of the state were honored guests. Sovereign Commander J. A. Root, founder of all Woodmen, delivered the principal address of the evening.

ARBUCKLE'S COFFEE. "For over thirty years," writes a gentleman in Los Angeles, "I have used Arbuckle's Coffee. Many times my family has tried other coffee only to come back to our old reliable, unchangeable Arbuckle's. No other coffee has this uniform never failing aroma, I care not at what price. I have often wished I could tell you this." Many other people have the same opinion. Arbuckle's was the first roasted packaged coffee, and it has since led all the other packages bearing its name. Don't take it either the look or the price indicate its quality. No matter where you buy Arbuckle's ARBUCKLE or what you pay for it, it's the same old reliable Arbuckle's ARBUCKLE Coffee. If your grocer will not supply, write to ARBUCKLE BROS., New York City.