

Some Things You Want to Know

Turbulent Central America—Politics in Nicaragua

In the revolutionary year in Nicaragua, of which General Juan Estrada is the fighting head, the opinion prevails that Dr. Madris, the new president of the republic, is a benchmark of the late executive, Zelaya. This idea is based upon the fact that about five years ago Dr. Madris, who up to that time had been one of Zelaya's most caustic critics, accepted office at the latter's hands and since then has kept discreetly silent regarding the policies of his benefactor.

Dr. Madris gets his title from the fact that he studied law in Guatemala and received from its ancient university the highest scholastic title in his gift. He is a man now past 50 years of age, of middle height and with regular, attractive features. As an orator he is admired throughout Central America, where every man possesses the gift of tongues in a more or less conspicuous degree.

At that time Zelaya's activity in granting monopolistic franchises was already beginning to excite opposition. Madris expressed himself unfavorably to the president's dangerous policy and eventually took still more advanced ground when Zelaya began to arrest and imprison his political enemies. Other Nicaraguan journalists joined him, acting independently and contributing to papers other than those for which Madris wrote.

Madris, however, was much more severe. His extensive properties were confiscated. His father and brothers were arrested, savagely whipped and then expelled from the country. The Selvas were brutally treated, no doubt, but not much more so than the rest of the 1,000 exiles whose property was confiscated by Zelaya when they were banished. It is said that the total number of Nicaraguans exiled during Zelaya's sixteen years of power in Costa Rica is most of whom found refuge in Costa Rica.

Madris, exiled from the country, lived at different times in Salvador, Guatemala and Costa Rica. In all these places he practiced his profession and continued his agitation against Zelaya, publishing some of the bitterest philippic ever directed against the dictator's head. It can be readily understood what consternation his defection, apparent or real, whichever it may have been, caused in the ranks of the exiles. When this happened the treaty was under consideration in Washington which led to the construction of the international court at Cartago.

Later came the announcement that Madris would be Nicaragua's representative on the court. After what had already happened nobody was much surprised that Madris accepted the place. He was subsequently elected president of the court. That the court has not done much since Zelaya—and ever more amazing, that he had accepted.

The resignation of Zelaya from the presidency of Nicaragua removes from Central American politics one of the most picturesque personalities that has ever figured therein. The man who brought about the dictator's unwilling retirement in Juan Estrada, general and sometime governor of Bluefields. For years Zelaya had no abler or more devoted follower than Estrada. But when the latter was sent to the east coast, six or seven years ago as governor of the department, or state, of which Bluefields is the chief town, their paths began to diverge.

Finally, there is the Zelayista party. It is composed of men who supported the deposed dictator. One of the ablest of these is Jose Dolores Gomez. Gomez has filled a course of important offices under Zelaya. A descendant of one of the old conservative families of Nicaragua, he ranks very high as a lawyer, and has done much for his country. His adherence to Zelaya is attributed by many to his desire to succeed him as the president, an ambition which is now most unlikely to be gratified.

Others, however, are of the opinion that the outlook makes one very optimistic. The announcement on the Schumann-Heink programs to the effect that Dr. Wuelner is to make his appearance here, was greeted with a feeling amounting almost to exultation by those who are fond of music.

Dr. Wuelner has been so very much in demand in the east, and his price has been so prohibitive therefore to the west, that his coming was despaired of. But by persistent work, a date has been slipped in, on the way to the coast, and so Dr. Wuelner will actually sing in Omaha on the 15th of January (this month). Miss Evelyn Hopper is to be sincerely congratulated and she will have an untold support.

Who is Dr. Wuelner? Well, the papers and magazines have been so full of his work that it seems unnecessary to say. And yet, there may be a few who have not chanced to read of the man.

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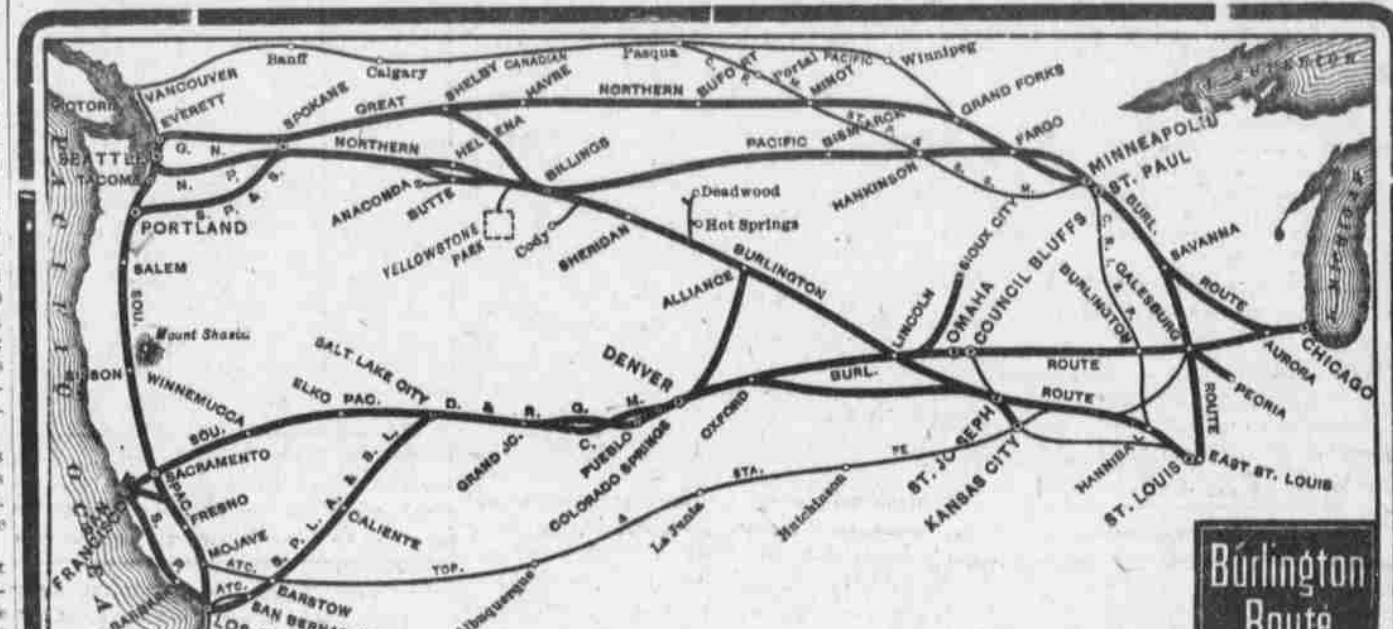
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Three Little Wise Men

Being a Story for Epiphany of the Experience of an Omaha Teacher and Three Boys Who Were Backward in Their Studies—The Prima Donna, the Concert Program, the Opera and the Aria

LITTLE Epiphany story. Epiphany means "an appearance." And the church festival of the Epiphany is held the 6th of January, or Twelfth-Night after Christmas. They used to have great times on Twelfth-Night. Shakespeare chose it for the title of one of his well known plays—"Twelfth-Night or What You Will."

But it is of Epiphany we would speak. This festival of Epiphany is held in celebration of the visit of the wise men to the infant, the Christ-child. And they came with gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. And the reason it is called the Epiphany was because of the appearance of the Star which directed them to the place where the young Child lay.

Now there is in Omaha a certain school where boys and girls are wont to meet, and where a certain teacher (who is a choir singer) was accustomed to go every day, and teach the children those things which belong to their welfare in mind and spirit.

are not compatible. There has been the frequent statement that the great prima donna personage does things at a song recital which an amateur would not be allowed to do with impunity. The audience applauds because it is the prima donna, and unconsciously takes the incorrect position that whatever the prima donna does is necessarily right, or else the prima donna would not do it.

That is not the question just now, however. The evolution of the prima donna recital is the thing to be considered. We can all remember when the prima donna started forth on her annual tour of conquest and glory, and with a program which was performed almost entirely to the grand "arias" or operatic solos for which she was famous. Arias, or big solos, from the famous operas, usually Italian, were the offerings presented, and then "Home Sweet Home" or "Annie Laurie" or "The Old Folks at Home" was thrown in, gratis, and the singer went home wild with delight and entranced with the ringing of the prima donna.

Such a program would not do nowadays. It would not attract an audience, nor would it satisfy an audience if it had attracted one. Now we have the mixed program. The prima donna sings German songs, and that, in some of the big things which are connected with the roles or parts in which she appears. Then she sings some German numbers, a French item or two, and some offering in the English language. It will only be a matter of time until the people will demand still more of the song form, and the aria will be retired.

is not this remarkable? And yet it is real singing, or rather real interpreting. No one should miss an opportunity to hear this wonder-singer. And be sure to get the songs which he will sing as soon as you can secure the program, and have some good German friend translate them for you; get some other good friend to play the music for you. (That is, if you cannot do it yourself.) This will be the price you will have to pay to get the fullest enjoyment out of the evening. The ticket of admission will admit you to the recital hall, but the other will admit you to the realm of German Lied.

Flour Bleaching Cases on Docket Special Term of Federal Court Called for February 15 to Settle Famous Affair. The famous flour bleaching cases are to be tried in the federal court at Council Bluffs at a special term of court beginning February 15. The announcement has been made by Judge Smith B. McPherson. The jury originally drawn to try the Mabray case in December will serve at this special term.

HOPES TO CLEAR DOBBINS Attorney for Mabray Steerer Says His Man Will Escape on Appeal. That John R. Dobbins, convicted of larceny in acting as a steerer for a Mabray race in which T. W. Bailey, a banker lost \$20,000, will be eventually acquitted on appeal is the opinion of Edward Mulick of Davenport, Ia., one of the principal attorneys for J. C. Mabray. Mr. Mulick is in Omaha in connection with the affairs of the Mabray prosecution.

"JAY" DRIVER LAW NOT DEAD

City Attorney Astonished at Bungling Attempt to Repeal. order therefore issued "applying to ordinance 9029, regulating the use of the streets for driving." The resolution also contained this language: "It is intended by this resolution to repeal said ordinance. The mayor is also requested to comply with said resolution, as the same is a hardship on the people of Omaha."

DAVIS RESOLUTION INEFFECTUAL

History of Ordinance Fixing Road Rules for Drivers in Omaha Shows a Councilman Was First Taken in for Violation. When their attention was called to the fact that the "rules of the road" ordinance, supposed to be in effect in Omaha, was "repealed" by a resolution introduced by Councilman Davis in 1907, both City Attorney Burnham and his assistant, John A. Rice, laughed.

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Cudahy Will Erect Finest Pork Plant

Plans Four New Fireproof Structures as Additions to South Omaha System. Plans are under way for the Cudahy Packing company of South Omaha by which that firm expects greatly to increase the size of its plant. This will be done by building four new large fireproof buildings at an expenditure of large amount of money.

RUB IT IN ON PETER LOCH

To take a man's saloon license away from him and then throw a bucket of cold water in his face is certainly rubbing it in some. That's what Pete Loch thought as he sat at the ringside in the Auditorium Friday night at the Jeffries-Gotch carnival. The lady who was doing the hazing, juggling and the water swinging probably didn't know—or maybe she did—that Loch had just had his saloon license revoked by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

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