## SONG BIRDS KNOW ABOUT OSCULATION

**Jap Nightingale Thinks Kissing is Great Stuff, Because She Missed It at Home.**

**SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY**

Taxis and hotel omnibuses in front of the Fontenelle at noon Tuesday emptied out quantities of dark, handsome gentlemen wearing fur-collared overcoats, soft collars and carrying canes.

These are the outward signs of opera singers, for these were members of the Boston National Grand Opera company, now singing at the Boyd theater.

Bell boys had trouble in lugging their baggage in, for, besides the cane he carried, each tenor and basso seemed to have three or four other "sticks" sticking out from his baggage.

But the ladies of grand opera! Ah, it is of the ladies that we must write. The reporter was introduced to Mme Miura, the dainty little Japanese woman who sings the leading part in "Iris."

Did you know that the Japanese have rosy cheeks? Mme. Miura's complexion is a beautiful peachy complexion. She extended a dainty little gloved hand while in the other arm she held a fancy oriental box of some sort.

Mme. Miura told about having made her debut in England, singing with Patti before the king and queen.

**Patti Kissed Her.**

"And at the end of the performance Patti came over and keess me on the cheek," said Miura, smiling and pointing to the exact spot on her right cheek. "Eet was my first keess," she finished with a sigh.

"And how did you like it?" asked the bold reporter.

"Ah, eet was delight. Ah, so good to be keess. In Japan we do not keess."

This was plenty from Miura and the reporter was next presented to Mme. Luisa Villani, a large, dark, black-eyed, vivacious Italian woman with a hearty laugh and very vigorous gestures. She sings the leading part in "Tosca."

Madame mentioned her husband, who has been at the front in Italy for six months in a hospital. He is a doctor.

Somehow, the talk drifted again to kisses. The reporter said he was waiting for Maggie Teyte to ask her whether she was still using the soul kiss that made her famous here last year, a very long soul kiss.

"Ah," said Mme. Villani, "that soul kiss I invented. Rather the author invented it, but I intairpret it fairst in Italy."

"And how long did you make it?" asked this bold reporter.

**Anyway, Not Long Enough.**

Madame's eyes danced; she shook her black bobbed hair and gestured pugilistically:

"Eet was long enough to—how you say?"

"Satisfy?" supplied the reporter.

"Yes, to satisfy the audience. Of course," she said, "we do not really keess. Our lips are veree close, but there is not what would be called a keess. Of course, sometimes a tenor will get a little fresh, but that happens but once."

And so ended the interview with the dashing madame. Maggie Teyte had not yet arrived at the hotel. She was walking up from the station. But, as the reporter intended to ask her about kisses, too, he thought he had enough on the subject for one day.

### E. E. Thomas Orders Kugel To Close Disorderly House

"When I notified you that I desired this place closed up, I meant it. You will not be able to sidestep your responsibility in this one particular instance. If you do not close it up now, I will file charges against you before the governor of the state and ask for your removal from office," Elmer E. Thomas wrote to City Commissioner Kugel.

Mr. Thomas referred to 1121 Douglas street. He advised the superintendent of police that on last Wednesday "there were five girls in the place," and that the house is disreputable.

The morals squad this week arrested the woman who runs the place and two other women who will have a hearing in police court Thursday morning.

Superintendent Kugel wrote Chief Dunn a letter in which he directed that the morals squad visit this place frequently.

Mr. Thomas will be summoned to offer any evidence he may have against this house, Mr. Kugel added.

### Railway Association Heads Convene at Washington

A meeting of officers of the American Railway association, an organization of employes of the railroads of the country, has been called to be held in Washington the last of this week. There will be a conference of these officials and afterward they will confer with the officers of the National Council for Defense.

At the two Washington meetings Omaha will be represented by J. L. Harrington, local freight agent for the Burlington, and who is also president of the American Railway association. Mr. Harrington left for Washington Monday night.

At the Washington meeting Mr. Harrington will inform the National Council for Defense that the railroad employes of the United States, as an organization and as individuals, are squarely behind the government in everything that is done in a military way.

### Marine Corps Attracts Patriotic Young Men

Recruiting in the United States marine corps has been stimulated by the latest war news, along with that of other branches of military service. Sergeant Carpenter, in charge of the marine recruiting station at 1312 Douglas street, has had more applicants and enlistments since more men were authorized for the marines, than during the entire month previous to the enlarged authorization. Dr. John A. Tamisiea is examining surgeon for the marines.

## All Hail! Pure Food Week!


## "Join the Navy," Says Badge Girls Wear to Boost for Uncle Sam

Thirty-five young Omaha women have joined the Girls' Preparedness and Recruiting club, which Miss Louise Fillmore and her friends started to organize after offering their services to the navy as clerks for land duty.

Wednesday evening the girls will visit the National Guard armory, to learn how they can help in the preparedness of that branch of the service. They plan to boost recruiting in all branches of the service. Blue ribbons, inscribed, "Join the Navy," are now being worn by the girls.

"We have the greatest of respect for all soldiers, sailors, guardsmen and other young men who serve the nation," said Miss Fillmore. She is temporary head of the new club and lives at 4422 Pierce street.

### Clerical Jobs Open With New Federal Bank

The directors of the federal land bank of Omaha are holding a meeting this afternoon at the office on the twelfth floor of the Woodmen of the World building. Some details of arrangements are being taken up, and being disposed of in the hope that the bank may be put into shape to begin making loans within a few weeks. Some further clerical appointments are expected to come out of this meeting.

### Tiny Tar Attracts Eyes In Navy Recruiting Work

In full uniform of a sailor lad, Louis Lefebvre, 6-year-old stepson of Chief Quartermaster John Brady, attracted much attention at navy recruiting headquarters in the Paxton block Tuesday afternoon.



## PLANS FOR SPEEDING TROOP MOVEMENTS

**Railroads Have Schedules Arranged to Hasten Trains to Any Point in Country.**

**THROUGH ROUTES LINED UP**

Less than thirty days ago officials of the railroads of the central west were asked to furnish data on the equipment they could assemble for the movement of troops, empedementia and army supplies in the event they should be called upon to act on short notice. This information has been compiled and forwarded to the National Council for Defense, but nothing relative to it is given out here.

It is known, however, that if the railroads should be called upon for a hurry-up movement of men or government freight to any distant point the shipments would go forward and to destination with a speed that would be surprising. For instance, if a train or a dozen of them should be ordered from Omaha to some point on the Atlantic coast they could be loaded and enroute within a few hours. And after starting there would be no delays, for the plans have been worked out to such an extent that trains would be operated in the same manner as if they were going the entire distance over one system.

At no place between the starting and disembarking points would there be any delays. Engines and crews would be on hand at transfer points and the entire movement for the entire distance would be made on schedules that have been worked out and which are in the possession of the operating departments of all roads that could possibly be interested.

### Labor Scarce, Police Court Becomes Employment Agency

Labor is so scarce in Omaha now that the police court was converted into a labor exchange for a while Tuesday morning. A local contractor was in court offering jobs at $2.50 a day to men charged with vagrancy. The court released three men on condition that they accept the proffered jobs.