

VILLANI THRILLS AS FLORIA TOSCA

Boston Opera Opens Short Stay With Puccini's Setting of Tragic Tale.

MUSIC SUITS THE STORY

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The much-anticipated return of the Boston Opera company came to realization at the Boyd theater Tuesday evening when a production of "La Tosca," by Puccini, which thrilled the most hardened music lovers by its intense realism, was presented by this excellent company, opening a two-day engagement. It was the first time "La Tosca" with music by this greatest of living Italian composers has ever been given in Omaha, and more fame was added to his laurels as a result. It will be a long time before those present last evening will forget the powerful impression made by this production. Some of the most dramatic moments we have ever felt in any operatic performance were brought about by Conductor Moranzoni and the principals of the cast. The libretto with its terrible plot of murder and tragedy, is wedded to music which depicts in vivid contrasts the emotional experiences of the various characters. Written after the manner of other modern operas, without set arias or recitatives, both are to be found in more or less modified form throughout the score.

Villani Impressive as Tosca. Luisa Villani, as Tosca, played the role with splendid effect. Her voice is a powerful and dramatic soprano, with ringing high tones, and she proved herself not only a singer, but an actress of more than ordinary ability. Her "Vissi D'arte" was most effectively interpreted and in the second and third acts she rose to dramatic heights that were full of conviction.

Zenatello, remembered from last year for his remarkable voice and dramatic ability, made a Cavardossi that stood out in clear relief in his intense moments and who was consistently strong in all of his work. His solo in the first act won hearty applause. George Bahlanoff as the polished and unprincipled Scarpia, portrayed the character most convincingly and with Luisa Villani, made the second act one of the strongest pieces of dramatic operatic action we have yet seen.

Cast and Chorus Good.

Other members of the cast were suitably cast for the different characters, and made up an ensemble worthy of this first class opera company. Some opera companies excel in stars, some in ensemble, but the Boston Opera excel in both stars and ensemble, their people can not only sing, but they can act also and the orchestra was a constant joy and delight.

Orchestra Has Star Part.

The orchestra played a star part throughout the opera, accompanying the principals with taste and refinement, bringing out the high lights and contrasts with which the score abounds, and in the tremendous tragedy of the second act, building climax upon climax, with overpowering effect. At the opening of the third act the brief passage for muted strings preceding the dawn was beautiful and effective, with the shepherd song in the distance, and the quiet character of the music in the act before. The most interesting effects are gained in this opera by the choral music and chimes used in connection with the dialogue. The audience last night was highly enthusiastic and recalled the principals again and again after each act, and gave to Conductor Moranzoni the heartiest greeting at his every appearance.

Bills for Today.

At a matinee this afternoon "Iris," new to Omaha, by Mascagni, will be sung, with Tamaki Miura in the name part and Tavio Kittay in the tenor role. In the evening "La Boheme," with Maggie Teyte in the role of Mimì, will be sung.

Capt. Hobson and Sam Small To Speak in Omaha Sunday

Omaha will hear about the national anti-saloon movement Sunday in the Auditorium and in the various churches. Under the auspices of the National league some of the leading speakers of the country against rum will be here.

Captain Richard Pearson Hobson will speak at the Auditorium at 3 in the afternoon. Those who will occupy pulpits in some Omaha churches both morning and evening are J. G. Wooley, Sam Small, Dr. Geisel, Dr. Henry of Westerville, O., and H. E. Swan of Oklahoma City.

Glass of Salts Cleans Kidneys

If your Back is aching or Bladder bothers, drink lots of water and eat less meat.

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salt which removes the body's urinous waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 500 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Faj Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days and your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer is a source of irritation thus ending bladder weakness. Faj Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink, which everyone should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean and active. Try it, also keep up the water drinking, and so doubt you will wonder what became of your kidney trouble and backache.—Advertisement.

Rail Union Heads Sharply Scored By Kruttschnitt

Washington, March 28.—Railroad brotherhood officials were criticized today before the Newlands joint committee by Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific board. In renewing the railroad strike controversy he said the brotherhood heads took an "arrogant attitude" and evidenced "absolute contempt of the public, of the president, congress and the supreme court."

"Anyone with contempt for the law and the courts and his fellow citizens," said Mr. Kruttschnitt, "should be taught respect by some regulatory authority. We cannot get good service from men who have no respect for the laws."

Alleged German Rush Into Mexico Is Largely Fiction

Washington, March 28.—Official reports from the Southern department made public today say reports that many Germans have crossed into Mexico since diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany were broken off are without foundation. The record of the immigration authorities and of the army intelligence service along the border show that only three Germans have passed into Mexico since February 3 in the Brownsville district and seventy-eight in the Laredo region, thirty-four of the latter having returned to the United States.

"Press reports have stated recently that many Germans are crossing into Mexico. Reports from our intelligence officers, which include the records of the immigration officials at various points, do not confirm these reports. Since February 3 there have been but three crossings in the Brownsville district and seventy-eight in the Laredo district and none at other points. In the Laredo district thirty-four of those who crossed have returned to the United States. "El Paso reports show many crossings back and forth, but only those of residents in the usual transaction of business."

Boston Opera Company Star Was Pupil Under Bernstein

Mabel Reigelman, one of the stars with the Boston National Grand opera company at the Boyd theater, received a call Tuesday from Nathan Bernstein, local insurance man. The latter was once a teacher in the high school at Trinidad, Colo., and the opera star studied under him there. He paid a visit to her and her mother, Mrs. Meyer Reigelman, at their hotel, soon after the company reached Omaha for their present engagement. With the songbird's father, Mr. Bernstein founded the Trinidad Athletic club. After her high school days the singer became one of Gadsdick's favorite pupils. She sings tonight at the Boyd.

Beggar Refused Jitney and He Takes Swing at Old Man

A beggar who just can't stand being turned down for the alms he solicits is John Nysaps, who gave his address as 221 North Twentieth street. At Thirteenth and Douglas streets Tuesday evening he approached an old man and asked him for a jitney. When the man refused Nysaps swung. The old man ducked and the blow hit Paul McQuillan, DuBuque, Ia., squarely on the jaw, knocking him against an iron pole. McQuillan received a bad scalp laceration. He was attended by Police Surgeon Nigro.

Taft Says U. S. in War Can Bring It to End in a Year

Little Rock, Ark., March 27.—"Within the next ten days war doubtless will be declared by the United States or Germany," said William H. Taft, former president of the United States, in an address here tonight before the Arkansas branch of the League to Enforce Peace. Mr. Taft predicted that with the United States aiding the entente allies the war would end in a year.

Resurrection of the Spirit



Preach Wholesale Massacre Of Russ Intelligent Classes

Motor Car Speeds Through Petrograd Dropping Placards Calling for General Slaughter.

FEAR COUNTER REVOLUTION

Petrograd, March 27 (Via London March 28).—The work of agitators, whose efforts are designed to hinder the successful accomplishment of the revolution is becoming apparent with the subsidence of activity on the part of the military which forced the supporters of the old regime to keep in hiding during the early days of the upheaval.

The indications of such work in Petrograd, which are indefinite in form, are confused with the possible designs of a horde of criminal prisoners who were released from the jails with political offenders. One definite instance has been recorded, however. Yesterday a motor car speeding along the streets scattered proclamations calling on the people to undertake wholesale massacre of the intelligent classes.

On other occasions during the night about without lights. Their occupants are said to have fired on the militia. The militia is thoroughly alive to the danger of such counter manifestations, and the commandant has issued strict orders for vigilance.

Creditors Throw Packing Company Into Bankruptcy

Involuntary bankruptcy proceedings have been started in federal court by creditors of the Union Packing company. Debts of the company are listed at almost \$10,000, while assets on which the creditors can realize anything are given at less than \$4,000, although the total including exempted and worthless assets runs above \$13,000.

Woodrough and Gurley Talk Patriotism to Concord Club

London, March 27.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company via Copenhagen reports the arrest of prominent Russian military officers, General Schiewan, who suppressed the revolution in 1905; General Siegel, who was military commander of Kharkov fortress, and General Mrososovsky.

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Dutch Steamships In British Ports Are Confiscated

Washington, March 28.—Dutch steamships in British ports were reported here today to have been confiscated by the British government.

The information reached here from a grain house which sold the Dutch government the grain aboard many of the vessels. It could not be confirmed at The Netherlands legation.

About forty Dutch ships now are in ports belonging to Great Britain and a fleet of fifteen grain-carrying vessels is understood to be on its way from a Holland port to the United States. Many of the Dutch ships now in British ports have been detained for from six to eight weeks.

The British government for some time has been insisting that a certain percentage of Dutch merchant tonnage carry cargoes to British destinations and the Dutch government has refused.

Federal Bank Circulates Information About Loans

"How to Organize a National Farm Loan Association" is the title of a pamphlet or folder just issued by the Federal Land bank of Omaha. Along with other important information, the folder summarizes the requirements for a loan as follows:

The applicant must be the owner or the prospective owner of farm land offered as security for the loan. Loans will be made on first mortgages only, running to the Federal Land bank of Omaha.

The applicant must be "an actual farmer," engaged in the cultivation of the land, or about to engage in the cultivation of the same.

The applicant must be a member of a national farm loan association, composed of ten or more borrowers, or prospective borrowers.

The land offered for security, will be appraised upon the basis of its agricultural value. The Federal Land bank is authorized to loan a maximum amount of 50 per cent of the appraised value of the land, plus an additional amount of 20 per cent of the value of the improvements upon the land.

The money borrowed must be applied to certain definite uses in connection with the purchase of the land, releasing of any incumbrances previously upon the property, or other purposes, all of which must be stated in the application for a loan.

Loans may be made for the purchase of live stock, for buildings or other necessary improvements, as well as for purchase of the land or release of previously existing incumbrances.

The smallest amount of loan which may be made is \$100. The largest amount of loan which may be made is \$10,000.

Arlington Man Brings Son and Nephew to Enlist

Although past the maximum age limit for navy enlistment, Ernest Wager of Arlington, Neb., "did his bit for Uncle Sam" Tuesday by bringing his son, Vernon, 19, and his nephew, Lawrence Brown, 18, to Omaha to join the navy. 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. Tamisita is examining surgeon for the marines.

Carranza Sends Million Dollars in Gold Into Texas

Corpus Christi, Tex., March 27.—Two Mexicans, who declined to give their names, have reached a port on the Texas gulf coast with \$1,000,000 in gold. It was reliably stated, however, they were representatives of General Carranza and were carrying the gold to some interior Texas city. No statement was obtained as to the purpose of bringing the gold. The men arrived on an American oil steamer, the crew of which would not discuss conditions in the Tampico oil fields other than to say that preparations were being made to defend oil interests against "dangerous" certain Germans are said to be planning.

Mann Sees Little Hope For Coalition in House

Washington, March 28.—Hopes for a nonpartisan organization of the house of representatives at the special session next week was virtually abandoned today by Representative Mann, republican leader in the last house and proponent of the plan.

After a conference with Speaker Clark, Democratic Leader Kitchen and Chairman Fitzgerald of the appropriations committee, Mr. Mann said he saw little hope for coalition.

"I still stand where I stood originally," he said, "but I think two tickets will be put in the field. I am willing to be the republican candidate for speaker if the republicans want me to run, and I think I shall be the candidate if one is named."

Don't Let Soap Spoil Your Hair

When you wash your hair, be careful what you use. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain musifed coconut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.—Advertisement.

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