### "Retreat of the Huns at the Battle of Arras"; British Official Pictures of the Great War



SOME OF THE BIG FIELD GUNS USED BY THE BRITISH IN THEIR DRIVE AGAINST THE GERMANS

By HENRIETTA M. REES.

CCORDING to the New Music Review, the London Times in its editorials has upon several recent occasions taken opportunity to say something worth while about the English language. In one

article concerning operas we come upon the following: "We admire French, but the Frenchman loves it. And if some day we come to love English, instead of shuffling it off the tongue as if we were ashamed of it, we may be able to write a libretto, too, instead of thinking a libretto not worth writing, and to sing it so as to tell an audience something they did not know-that English is as noble speech as the heart of man has yet devised." In another article, "The Singing of English," it says that the place to begin the establishment of a standard of pronunciation is in the church, where words are most often heard and used publicly. "We do not as a nation articulate clearly or breathe properly. We apologize for these bad habits by attributing them to our reticent and undemonstrative nature; we could with more truth ascribe them to laziness and indecision." Commenting upon this the New Music Review continues: "Yet English singers heard here in oratorio and concert have been warmly praised for their articulation, pronunciation, and held up as shining examples for their American co-workers in the vocal vineyard. Even the humbler singing visitors in musical comedy have shone in comparison with those of our native brand. Take the average musical comedy performed by an American company. How often are the words of the 'lyrics' and the choruses intelligible? Perhaps it is better that they should be chewed and mumbled, if the hearer wishes to preserve his sanity.'

The fact that our language is so much more unintelligible and poorly pronounced is probably largely due to the tremendous number of immifrom foreign countries who have come to us yearly. With poor English equipment they corrupt our everyday speech, and often, through their weaknesses of pronunciation, their foreign ancestry can be identi-fied all their lives. This made our ears indifferent to many of the niceties of our language. Inadequate teaching of pronunciation by those who are authorized to teach it, coupled with the "laziness" in articulation and enunciation prevalent not only in everyday speech, but even in public speaking and singing, make up the principal factors of its abuse. Since the present war the immigrants have ceased to come to such an extent as to make any appreciable impression upon the language and if all the educated people would conserve their time and breath by speaking so distinctly that there would never be any need for repetitions, a great advance could be made in the general stand-

but it is hardly to be expected that even the educated classes will pronounce well when those who desire to earn a living by means of pronouncing are so often found wanting. And it is a sad fact that there are but few among even one's best educated friends whose pronunciation is really a delight. A man will realize the necessity for the upkeep of his clothes or his automobile, not only as reflecting on his station, but also because he knows both will serve their purposes better, yet he will allow the words which clothe his thoughts and which are his vehicle of speech to become sadly in need of care and attention. He uses them far more than either, and by them is he most definitely identified.

There is a great chance for singers at the present moment. Would it not be a patriotic hit for the student to spend a little more time upon the pronunciation of his country's language, for the teacher to demand more thought and care upon how the words are used, for the church singer, the recitalist, and others to give out, not only the beauty of the musical sound, but the beauty of the clearly enunciated, well pronounced words, so that all the listeners might hear and feel the difference, and, unconsciously or consciously, improve their own pronunciation.

The following from the Musical Courier explains how a great musician won the medal of honor on the

Italian front:
One of the most celebrated Italian musicians, the most celebrated conductor of orchestra, happened to be at the front just before the taking of Monte Santo (the culminating point in the great Italian offensive which is being carried out at present) organizing some concerts to be given to the soldiers. When he heard that the mountain had been conquered he asked and obtained permission to ascend to the top of it. He arrived up there in the evening. The enemy kept up a continuous and furious fire. By a permission to ascend to the top of it. He arrived up there in the evening. The enemy kept up a continuous and furious free. By a atrange chance, while making his way among the rocks at the summit of the mountain the celebrated maestro ran into a band of soldier musicians, who, with their instruments were awaiting, sheltered as best they were able, orders to betake themselves off to some leas dangerous spot. The appearance of the great maestro in that place had the same effect for the musicians as the appearance of a great general would have had for his chosen troops. They crowded round him, giving vant to their delight in a thousand expressions. The maestro immediately took professional command of them—instinctively. On the summit of Monte Santo, which was being furiously bombarded the while, on a beautiful mooniit night, commenced the most extraordinary concent the world has known. The Royal march, the hymn to Garabaldi, the hymn to Mameli, energetically directed by the famous maestro, succeeded one another to the accompaniment of explosions, crashing of boulders, cries of the wounded, etc. From the victorious solders. The enemy retreating, directed shouts of rage and fury against the triumphant music, which seemed to

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H'S STUDIES



Harry Bravitoff

laugh and deride them. Furiously raged the battle, farther and farther down the mountain side the Austrians were compelled to retreat, keeping up a running fire and all the while, on the top of the mountain, the strange concert continued.

The maestro who thus carried his art into the thick of battle and who received one of the highest rewards of the Italian army, a reward only awarded for valor was Arture a reward only awarded for valor, was Arturo Toscanini.

Musical Notes.

Thirty-seven teachers already have enolled in the public school music classes which Johanna Anderson organized last week. The advanced sight singing class will meet Thursday evening at 7:15. This class is open to anyone interested in music who knows the Mr. Alexander Saslavsky, violinist, assisted elements of music. Miss Anderson will have by Miss Corinne Paulson, planist, and Mrs. charge of the chorus at the Commercial High Marie Haller Burstein, soprano. Mr. Sas-

The music department of the Omaha Woman's club gave an enjoyable program Thursday afternoon, when the West Sisters String quartet, composed of Misses Madge, Vivian, Eloise and Belle West and Miss Florence Rhoades, soprano, furnished the program. A quartet by Haydn and a group of miscellaneous numbers were presented by the He spent the summer with his parents in string quartet and two groups of songs by Omaha, having returned because of the reg-

The monthly public performance classes of pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Berryman were begun at the studio Saturday, October 6, by the beginners, followed last Saturday by the advanced players and to be continued on the third Saturday of each month by the but for the past nine years engaged in musi-

nan will give two piano numbers at each recital. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to parents and friends and those

especially interested. The following subtle announcement, a travesty upon many of the musical an-nouncements of the day, was sent out when this clever pianist returned and reopened his studio for the sesson:

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Mr. James Edward Carnal, bass, was heard in a very successful song recital at Fremont, Neb., in the first Methodist church on Tuesday evening, October 9. Mr. Carnal was assisted by Miss Nora Neal, pianist and accompanist.

Mrs. Mabelle Crawford Welpton, Miss Corinne Paulson and Mr. Robert Cuscaden gave a program before the Nebraska Bankers' association on Wednesday evening, October 10, at the Hotel Fontenelle. Mrs. Welpton and Mr. Cuscaden each furnished two groups and Miss Paulson played the Liszt Tarantelle, "Venice and Naples." Mr. Martin Bush and Miss Grace Slabaugh were the ac-

A concert for the library fund at the Swedish Lutheran church, Oakland, Neb., was given Thursday evening, October 4, by lavsky and Miss Paulson played two Grieg and one by Dvorak, besides each contributing other solos to the program.

Mr. Harry Braviroff who studied plane with E. M. Jones for eight years, left last Monday for New York to resume his study with Arthur Newstead, the renowned English pianist, whom he studied with the last year. istration in the army and while here re-sumed his study under E. M. Jones. When in New York last year he earned a summer scholarship at the art institute, where he will specialize in theory pedagogy and piano.

Mr. Robert Cusenden, formerly of Omaha intermediate players. Mr. and Mrs. Berry- cal work in the east, has returned to Omaha

and reopened a studio in the Baldrige at the Orpheum theater. A number block and will devote his time to teaching the violin, orchestral work and kindred

Miss Loretta De Lone, harpist, is planning to make an eastern concert tour about the first of November.

Mr. Albert Haberstro, basso cantante, sang before the Nebraska Bankers' convention last Thursday evening.

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of motion picture photographers were wounded and several were killed while taking films to be kept as records for the British war office.

It is not the latest fighting in detail and photographically perfect, Flanders that will be shown at the they show the wanton destruction Orpheum, but rather the first sweep-I done by the fleeing Germans for no still pounding away on the western many has done to crush France and sizes the risks run by the photog- the above result. Manager Calvert front, and the methods used to obtain Belgium, and what the allies have raphers. This scene shows a huge is proud of his new quarters, which

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