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## HILL'S DEPT' STORE

### Titta Ruffo and Amelita Galli-Curci, who, as visitors with the Chicago Opera company, have had New York triumphs in past years, are among the new members of the Metropolitan company.

#### RADICAL GOVERNOR

(By Associated Press) MERIDA, Yucatan, Dec. 22.—Felipe Carrillo, leader of the radical movement in this state, has been elected governor by an overwhelming majority. His election on the socialist ticket was so assured that the Partido Liberal Constitucionalista party, the dominant group in Mexico, declined to nominate a candidate.

For the past two years Carrillo has dominated the state of Yucatan and has represented its as deputy in the national congress.

### NEW YORK FREE GOLD MARKET

(By Associated Press) MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 22.—New York is the principal free gold market, and all the world owes her money, but London still remains the world's financial center. This was the keynote of an address by O. R. Hobson, financial editor of the Manchester Guardian, at a meeting of the Manchester and District Bankers' Institute.

"Though America's loans to Europe run into thousands of millions sterling, America has not yet learned the art of foreign investment," Mr. Hobson said. "She is not able or willing to lend to foreigners at rates competing with London rates. Again, despite the remarkable success of the Federal Reserve System, New York has never yet been able to establish a proper discount market, the smooth and economic working of which has done so much to popularize the bill on London all over the world."

"Although London has lost a certain amount of business to New York; though the general drift of the world's wealth from east to west must continue to give New York far greater prominence as a financial center than she had before the war, yet London's pre-war position has not been very seriously affected, nor need it be yet awhile," the speaker went on.

Referring to the tendency among banks to amalgamate, Mr. Hobson observed that high banking authorities agreed that but for this consolidation movement, British banks would not have been able to weather the slump. The inherent soundness of the British banking system, he concluded, had stood the strain and no disaster had befallen as comparable to the collapse of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas. For the next few years, the course of British banking, he predicted, would be rather in the direction of consolidating the position already won than of entering new fields.

### GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL NOTES

The ladies of the P. E. O. have arranged a Christmas Program to be given at the hospital Christmas Eve. James H. Minnaugh, prominent lumberman of the northwest, is rapidly recovering from a very serious operation for gastric ulcers. Mrs. Chas. Bedingfield is convalescing after undergoing a major operation a few days ago. Miss Emma Hackett of Joseph returned home today, having fully recovered from a serious operation. Mrs. Letia E. Boswell, who came from New Meadows, Idaho, for a stay at this hospital, who both major operation, has so far recovered as to be able to reach the hospital. Mrs. Lucile Ferny of Weiser, Idaho, returned to her home yesterday. Mrs. Ferny was operated on about ten days ago for appendicitis. Mrs. E. F. Metcalf and young baby

of this city returned home several days ago. Mrs. Metcalf came to the hospital to be confined.

Mrs. Gilbert H. Balleentyne of Perry and Mrs. Albert Currey of this city are both convalescing.

Mrs. Louis Holscher and Mrs. Dorothy Knight, both of this city, who underwent serious operations returned home today.

J. R. Stansell of Imbler who has been in the hospital for some time suffering with paralysis of one side is improving gradually.

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### METROPOLITAN OPERA SEASON

Most Successful Year in its History: New York, the Operatic Hub of Universe.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Its light undimmed by the passing of its greatest luminary of recent years—Enrico Caruso—the Metropolitan Opera has reached the height of what its social and professional sponsors acclaim as the most successful season since the world's eyes were focused on New York as the hub of the operatic universe.

Not, officials of the opera said today, that a great gap has not been left in the ranks of the artists who have made it so famous. Caruso's place, they declared, cannot be filled in a few months, or even in a few years. But his death has served to deflect the interest of opera goers from the brilliancy of the individual singer and to widen it to embrace the opera itself and the great, though less well-known stars, who nightly are drawing multitudes to the historic Broadway auditorium. Great changes have taken place

in the opera as a social institution, they declare. The social side of the gatherings there season by season, has again taken on the aspect it wore a generation ago. Once more it is the brilliant show place it was in the 80's and 90's. Nightly, regardless of the name of the tenor or the soprano who is to sing, boxes, stalls and chairs from orchestra pit to "peanut gallery" are at a premium, and every foot of standing room in the shadowy horseshoe about the walls is solid with the mass of music lovers who would rather stand three and a half hours than miss the performance.

In a widespread reaction from the fashions of years before and during the war, the gentlemen who appear in evening dress, whether he sits in a box or any other part of the house below the gallery. And many who stand through the succession of acts parade the lobbies and doff the slightest of silk hats to acquaintances or when they go to exchange visits among the boxes filled with richly-gowned and jeweled women.

Apace with the changing custom in dress and the etiquette of the theatre, the public has mastered its post bellum aversion for German opera, manifested in 1919 by threats of violence that would cease on their presentation.

Twice this season the stately measures of Wagnerian opera have resounded in the ears of audiences that have taxed the capacity of the

house, and "Die Tote Stadt," new to American devotees of the art, was the vehicle upon which Mme. Marie Jeritta, a Viennese, took a cosmopolitan audience by storm at her debut.

A few nights later the same imposing daughter of the former emperors tore and shook into dishevelment her coronet of shining golden hair through the passionate scenes of "La Tosca"—a role long regarded as the exclusive property of the American idol, Geraldine Farrar—while an American audience dissolved into tears and interrupted the scene with an outburst of applause and "bravos" such as seldom mark the serenity of New York's blase first nighters.

As to the much heralded successor of Caruso—the operatic maestro declares they are seeking none and hope to find none. After touring Europe most of last summer, General Manager Giulio Gatti-Casazza returned with many new singers added to his company and several new operas for his repertoire. But he announced that while Caruso's place in the hearts of his admirers must remain unfilled, the roles he made famous would be sung by the great tenor's former colleagues, Audisio, Bada, Crimi, Martinelli and a half dozen others, with Pertille, a new comer from overseas.

"Time only," he declared, "and the judgment of a fickle public can determine who the eventual idol of the American opera will be."

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