

METROPOLITAN OPERA BESET BY TROUBLES AS DEFICIT THREATENS END TO ITS GLORY

Company Is Faced By Real Estate Loss If It Disbands

By Noel Thornton
NEW YORK (AP)—The majestic golden horseshoe of the Metropolitan Opera company is tottering as that organization finds itself indeed "between the devil and the deep blue sea."

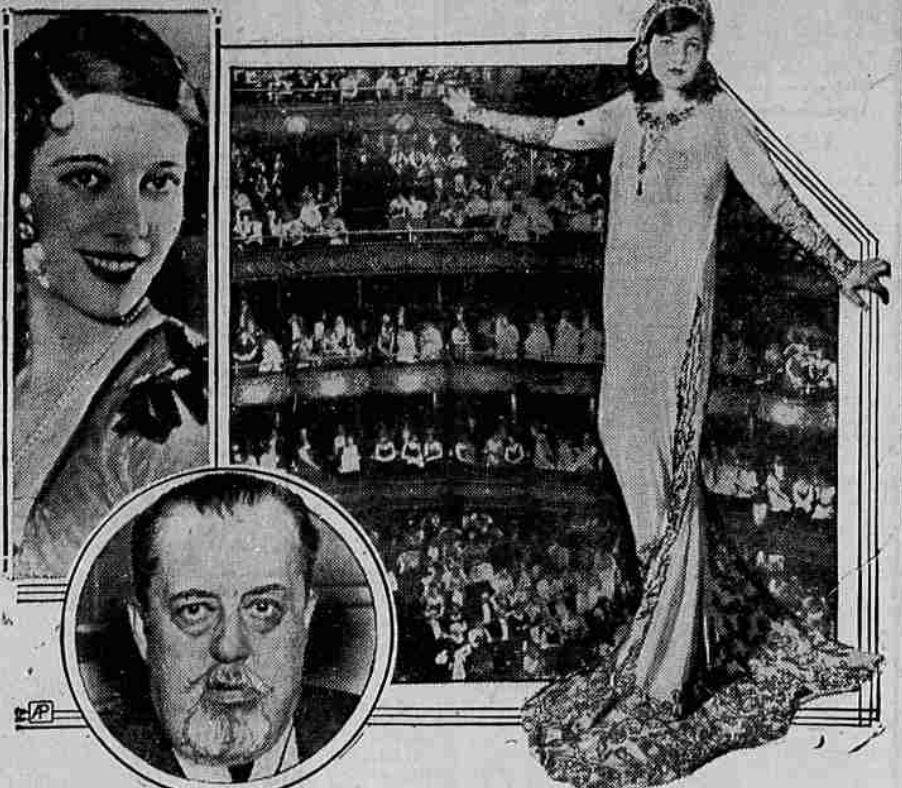
If Giulio Gatti-Casazza proceeds next year with the 50th season of grand opera in New York, a \$550,000 deficit must first be removed and enough extra capital collected to guarantee 155 performances, each of which costs from \$12,000 to \$15,000. If it is decided to disband the company, not only will it mean the ending of Gatti-Casazza's 25 years of successful reign, but there will be an additional tremendous loss in real estate.

The ancient opera house, hallowed by glorious traditions, has about outworn its use. The location ordinarily is an extremely valuable one, but at present the property would bring far below its real value.

Faces Opposition
The realization that it is in dire financial straits comes at an embarrassing time for the Met, for this ruling company is about to meet the first opposition it has encountered since its historic battles with Oscar Hammerstein's Manhattan Opera company from 1908 to 1910.

An opera house is being erected in the Rockefeller Center on Fifth avenue, and undoubtedly there will be assembled a new company to tenant it. The Rockefeller have never been enthusiastic patrons of opera, but they are determined to bring this classic entertainment to the masses in their new theater.

Otto H. Kahn, who has succeeded



Because of a \$550,000 deficit this year, the Metropolitan Opera lacks funds to assure another season of grand opera in New York and faces the possibility of having to disband. The golden horseshoe of the Metropolitan is shown in the background. Giulio Gatti-Casazza (left below) has managed the opera for a quarter century. Rosa Ponselle (right) and Lily Pons (left) are among the stars of the present company.

as chairman of the Met board by Paul Cravath, attempted to persuade the Met to construct a new home farther uptown several years ago, but "the old guard" stood pat on its determination to continue in its old ways in its old home. The suggestion that the Met move into the Rockefeller center also was rejected.

Owned By Wealthy Families

The Met really is owned by 35 of New York's most famous families. Their fortunes could guarantee the continuation of the company, but it is said that all do not desire to carry the burden.

Losses in some personal fortunes have brought about a withdrawal of support. Until this season, the general public had little opportunity to attend opera because of the difficulty of getting seats. When they did become available, they didn't have the money.

Directors made an effort to popularize opera, even to broadcasting several performances. Stars and employees accepted a 10 per cent cut in salaries, but these moves did little to encourage the box office.

Programs Criticized

There has been some criticism, too, of the programs this winter. Critics have complained that the Met "hasn't kept up with the times," and they point out that Lily Pons is the only outstanding singer introduced in recent seasons.

The mainstays of the company continue to be Rosa Ponselle, Maria Jeritza, Edward Marshall, Lawrence Tibbett and Scotti.

Although reticent directors have found no solution for their problem, only two paths seem to offer themselves. One is to discover a new "angel" who is willing to take over most of the financial burden.

The other is to turn the company over to the Rockefeller's opera house, and abandon their present site.

SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS

ALBANY, Ore., Mar. 20 (AP)—G. E. Pinner, superintendent of schools here for eight years, Tuesday submitted his resignation, to be effective at the end of the present term. His successor has not been selected.

The Albany school board has decided to cut teachers' salaries ten per cent below what was paid this year.

HARVARD NAMES TANK CAPTAIN

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Robert D. Fallon, of Swampscott, Mass., has been elected captain of the Harvard swimming team for the season of 1932-33. He is a junior.

'FLYING BIKE' IS TESTED

BY GERMAN GLIDER PILOT

BERLIN (AP)—A "flying bicycle" appeared here recently and made several "air jumps."

The sail-plane pilot, Hans Richter, attached two wings to his bicycle. By hand-peddaling he managed to lift himself and fly 60 yards.

The wings measure 20 feet between tips. The constructor admitted that his "bicycle glider" needs steering devices.

OKLAHOMA SETS RECORD

FOR ACREAGE TERRACED

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP)—Oklahoma farm news service reported from erosion through terracing set a new high mark of 211,000 acres during 1931, figures tabulated at Oklahoma A. & M. college reveal.

More men and boys also engaged in the work and more drags were built than in any previous year.

COLD OR HOT CEMENT

NO DIFFERENCE IN ROAD

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (AP)—Hot or cold cement, it's all the same when it comes to paving highways, a test by the state highway department has disclosed.

The department paved a test road near Gary, Ind., using hot cement in one section and cold cement in another. The section was near cement mills where the cement could be delivered hot from the plant.

The highway commission reported to the national technical society for testing materials that no difference could be found in the paved sections.

Protein Lost in Boiling

When peeled potatoes are placed at once in boiling water 8 per cent of the protein matter and 19 per cent of the mineral matter present are extracted by the water.

NEW ARMAMENT IS ISSUED TO

BRITISH ROAD PATROL

LONDON (AP)—British police authorities have discarded some of their traditional disarmament theories and have given loaded revolvers to a few of the police.

Increased use of guns by criminals in the British Isles caused this departure from reliance on the majesty of the law, as personified in patrolmen, hitherto the sole method of handling lawbreakers.

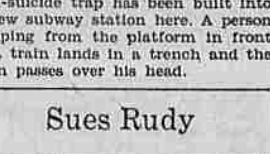
Henceforth a loaded revolver is to be carried in every car of a force charged with patrolling a considerable stretch of the main London-Brighton highway.

There have been many cases of housebreaking in the district, and the gang responsible is believed to be composed of criminals who would not hesitate to shoot.

FOIL SUBWAY SUICIDES

COCKFOSTER, England (AP)—An anti-suicide trap has been built into a new subway station here. A person jumping from the platform in front of a train lands in a trench and the train passes over his head.

Sues Rudy



One million dollars is the sum that Roberta Hudson McKay, above, thinks Rudy Vallee should pay her for alleged piracy of her song, "Vagabond Lover." In a suit filed at Cleveland, Ohio, she charged he transformed the song into the popular "I'm Just a Vagabond Lover."

Negotiating With Kidnapers?



Rear Admiral Guy Burrage (above), retired, and two other prominent residents of Norfolk, Va., are acting as intermediaries between Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and a man who says he has the flier's kidnapped son. The baby was said to be held aboard a boat on Chesapeake bay, pending payment of \$50,000 ransom.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, under and by virtue of a writ of execution in foreclosure duly and regularly issued by the clerk of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Wallawa county, dated the 28th day of March, 1932, in that certain suit brought in said court wherein Bowman-Hicks Lumber Company, a corporation, is plaintiff and B. M. Corrigall is defendant, wherein judgment and decree was entered in favor of plaintiff and against defendant upon plaintiff's first cause of suit for the sum of \$37,670.98, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 10th day of January, 1931, until paid, plus the sum of \$2500.00 attorneys' fees, which said judgment and decree provides that said sums of money constitute a valid lien against the real property within Union county hereinafter first described, superior to any claim of said defendant, and further provides that said property be sold to satisfy said judgment and decree.

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to said execution, I will on Friday the 25th day of April, 1932, at the front door of the Union county court house in the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described property, situated in the county of Union, state of Oregon, and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

In Township Two (2), North, Range Forty (40), East; Section Two (2): South half of Lots 1 and 2) Southwest quarter of Northeast quarter (13)) 83.76
Section Thirteen (13): Northeast quarter of Northeast quarter) 40.

TOTAL 123.76

excepting the timber now standing, growing or being or which may hereafter stand, grow or be upon the following described land:

In Township Two (2), North, Range Forty (40), East; Section Two (2): Southwest quarter of Northeast quarter) 40.
Section Thirteen (13): Northeast quarter of Northeast quarter) 40.

TOTAL 80.

or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment and decree upon plaintiff's first cause of suit as above set forth.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that by virtue of said writ of execution based upon said decree wherein plaintiff has judgment against defendant for the sum of \$47,674.22, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 10th day of January, 1931, until paid, plus the sum of \$500.00 attorneys' fees, which judgment and decree provides that said sums of money constitute a valid lien against the real property within Union county, first hereinafter described, superior to any claim of said defendant, and further provides that said property be sold to satisfy said judgment and decree.

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to said execution, I will on Friday, April 29, 1932, at the front door of the Union county court house in the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described property, situated in the county of Union, state of Oregon, and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

In Township Two (2), North, Range Forty (40), East; Section Thirteen (13): Northwest quarter of Northeast quarter) 40.
South half of Northeast quarter) 40.
excepting the timber now standing, growing or being or which may here-

after stand, grow or to be upon the above described lands, which timber has been reserved by said Bowman-Hicks Lumber Company, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment and decree upon plaintiff's second cause of suit above set forth, together with the costs which have accrued or may accrue under and by virtue of said execution.

Dated at La Grande, Union county, Oregon, this 30th day of March, 1932. JESSE BRESHEARS, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.

ROBERT S. EAKIN, West-Jacobson Building, La Grande, Oregon, Attorney for Plaintiff. March 31, April 7-14-21.

MANLEY M. ARANT
Accountant and auditor, income tax advisor, G. R. Apt. 303. Ph. 208 W. 3-10-1 m.

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Office of Comptroller of the Currency Washington, D. C., March 7, 1932.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of La Grande" in the city of La Grande in the County of Union and State of Oregon has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking;

Now therefore I, J. W. Pole, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of La Grande" in the City of La Grande in the County of Union and State of Oregon is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this seventh day of March, 1932.

J. W. POLE, Comptroller of the Currency. 3-24-60 t

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of MOTIER ELLEDGE, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of Motier Elledge, deceased, has filed in the county court of the state of Oregon for Union county, final estate, and that Monday the 11th day of April, 1932, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court room in the court house of said county, has been fixed by the said court as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and the settlement thereof.

MIRIAM ELLEDGE, Administratrix of the Estate of Motier Elledge, Deceased. E. R. RINGO, Attorney for Administratrix. Mar. 10-17-24-31.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of FRED SMITH, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Fred Smith, deceased, has

filed in the County court of the state of Oregon for Union county, his final account as administrator of said estate, and that Monday, the 18th day of April, 1932 at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court room in the court house of said county, has been fixed by the said court as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and the settlement thereof.

PEARL IVERSON, Administratrix of the Estate of Fred Smith, Deceased. E. R. RINGO, Attorney for Administratrix. Mar. 17, 24, 31 and April 7.

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C. A. SMITH, Administrator of the Estate of Fred Smith, Deceased. E. R. RINGO, Attorney for Administrator. Mar. 10-17-24-31.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of Louis IVERSON, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of Louis Iverson, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County, her final account as administratrix of said estate, and that Monday, the 18th day of April, 1932 at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court room in the court house of said county, has been fixed by the said court as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and the settlement thereof.

PEARL IVERSON, Administratrix of the Estate of Louis Iverson, Deceased. E. R. RINGO, Attorney for Administratrix. Mar. 17, 24, 31 and April 7.

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