

NORDICA STRICKEN AS ABOUT TO SING

Paralysis Overcomes Great
Prima Donna of Grand
Opera Stage.

CONDITION IS CRITICAL

Gadski Rushed on Special Train to
Boston From New York to Fill
Engagement of Soprano
Noted for Love Affairs.

BOSTON, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Madame Lillian Nordica, the famous American soprano who rose from the obscure town of Farmington, Maine, to be one of the greatest prima donnas of the grand opera stage, was stricken with paralysis as she was about to go on the stage here tonight.

Madame Nordica did not appear and Madame Gadski was rushed from New York on a special train to take her place. It was announced that Madame Nordica's condition may be serious.

Divorce Created Sensation.
Madame Nordica, who attracted world-wide attention in 1905 by obtaining an absolute divorce from her second husband, Zoltan Doeme, and subsequently marrying the New York banker, George W. Young, is one of the best-known singers in grand opera. She began her singing in a church choir in her home town.

She studied in Italy and made her debut at Brescia, in the role of Violetta in Verdi's "La Traviata." After that engagement followed engagements as Marguerite in "Faust" and Alice in Meyerbeer's "Robert le Diable." Then she went with the Italian opera at St. Petersburg. After appearing in London and scoring a tremendous success, Madame Nordica came to America in 1887.

First Husband Lost in Accident.
In the early '80s the singer experienced her first romance. She married Frederick A. Gower, who, in 1885, started on a balloon journey in France and was never afterwards heard from. Ten years later Madame Nordica married Zoltan Doeme, a Hungarian tenor, whom she met during her musical engagements.

Herr Doeme was a cavalry officer as well as a tenor and was very popular at the Hungarian court. The singer married him in 1897, after the vast Gower estate had been settled. They were apparently happy, but all at once, when the rumor that Gower still lived persisted, came the news that the prima donna had filed suit for divorce in New York against her singer-soldier husband.

The divorce action caused a sensation in musical circles, Doeme coming to this country and several times fainting publicly at the feet of the singer.

LOWELL GOES TO SALEM

Senatorial Candidate to File Nominating Petitions Soon.

Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator, was in Portland Sunday on his way to Salem, where he will be the principal speaker tonight at a Lincoln day banquet given by the Republicans of Marion County. Returning from Salem tomorrow, Judge Lowell will go to Forest Grove, where he is scheduled for an address Wednesday night.

"In the next week or ten days I shall gather in my nominating petitions from the different counties and arrange them for filing in the Secretary of State's office," said Judge Lowell at the Multnomah Hotel last night. "Sufficient signatures have been obtained to these petitions to place my name on the ballot in the primary nominating election. Just as soon as I have filed these petitions at Salem I expect to come to Portland and remain for some time looking after my Senatorial candidacy."

76,000,000 PERSONS RIDE

Seattle Electric Company Shows
Business Done in Year.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—With the Public Service Commission for the year ending September 30, 1911, has been filed the annual report of the Seattle Electric Company, and it shows that the streetcar system in that city carried more than 76,000,000 people in the 12 months.

Of this number 71,450,000 paid fares amounting to \$3,425,380, or at an average of 4.5 cents a ride, showing that few people take advantage of the saving to be made by buying tickets in books and that the number of school children using half fares is comparatively small.

WOMAN AVIATOR TUMBLES

Mrs. Julia Clark, Curtiss Pupil,
Falls 60 Feet—Injuries Slight.

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Julia Clark, of Chicago, a pupil of the Curtiss aviation school, lost control of her machine this afternoon when it was caught in a gust of wind and overturned.

She fell 20 feet to the ground. The machine was badly wrecked and Mrs. Clark was painfully injured. She will recover, and says she will not abandon her determination to learn to fly.

HUSBAND SEES WIFE BURN

Man Unable to Aid Woman Trapped
in Flaming House.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 12.—Trapped in a burning 8-room cottage today, Mrs. Annie Runge, aged 45 years, was burned to death while her husband, aged 56, unable to help her, stood outside and watched her die.

The fire started from the explosion of a lamp.

Entire Family Poisoned.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 12.—Mystery surrounds the death of two children of John Lewis, who were taken sick yesterday after eating a breakfast of salmon and milk. The entire family of seven was made ill.

The coroner and the police are investigating.

FAMOUS GRAND OPERA SINGER WHO WAS TAKEN ILL SUDDENLY IN BOSTON.



LILLIAN NORDICA.

TAFT LETTER READ

Paymaster-General Witness in
Major Ray Inquiry.

FREQUENT SHIFTS EYED

House Committee Seeks Information
on Alleged Influence of President
in Endeavoring to Avert
Scandal in Army.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Paymaster-General Whipple, of the Army, appeared today before the House committee investigating expenditures in the War Department, in connection with the inquiry into the alleged influence of President Taft in the case of Major Ray, an Army paymaster, in securing frequent changes of station and immunity from trouble.

Paymaster-General Whipple testified that Major Ray had established a record of changes in station. In 13 years he had been successively stationed at 13 points, whereas the average assignment of a paymaster at any station is between three and four years. Chairman Helm asked General Whipple if any of the assignments had been made at the direction of President Taft.

"Yes," he answered. "In 1909 the President asked that Major Ray be sent to Atlanta, and in November, 1911, that he be sent to New York."

"At whose request was it that Major Ray was sent to Chicago from Atlanta, rather than to New York?"

"I got orders from the chief of staff's office to make the change to Chicago. The chief of staff said that Mrs. Ray was ill and a surgical operation was to be performed in Chicago. General Carr said this change was made at the request of the White House."

One of the letters of President Taft to Paymaster-General Whipple, in connection with the case and made public today, follows:

"Dear General Whipple—I have read the letter of Paymaster Ray, which you have shown me before. In times past I had had a personal interest in the welfare of Major Ray. I have no religious objection to his taking the same disciplinary action in respect to him as in the case of any of your subordinates."

"It seems to me that it would be wise to send General Garlington or a trusted assistant to inspect Ray's accounts and those of his clerk, as well as the charges he makes, as if the charges turned out to be as—states, to separate— from Ray at once."

"While Ray's conduct, if—charges are true, could subject him to the severest condemnation, there seems from—'s language and telegram to be such a condemnation by him and his wife that it would be well to avert the demoralizing scandal for the Army involved in the court-martial proceedings, which would place a stigma on— and from which they could never recover. From Ray could be told that his supervisors knew his fault and have provided against it, and in the interest of his victims and the Army it was deemed best not to present it to the board on the condition that he avoid such conduct in the future."

Scandal Not Wanted.

"These suggestions are on the assumption that—'s charges are true and that General Garlington knows them to be so. I don't favor court-martial proceedings in such cases where there is condemnation in order to prevent scandal. The Army suffers, the parties suffer and only the prudent readers of such trials receive any advantage. The discipline involved does not outweigh in its benefit for the Army the injuries to the prestige of the Army and the demoralization it causes."

"You can show this letter to General Garlington and General Oliver, but I would prefer that it do not go on our official files. The course I suggest is the one it seems to me is best under the circumstances."

"Major Ray did me some service of a political character some years ago at the instance of my brother, and he is disposed to assume much, too much, on that score. I wish him treated as any other officer in the service, and I would make the same suggestion as to any officer in a similar case. Sincerely yours, WILLIAM H. TAFT."

COUNCIL CONDEMNS MAYOR

Oregon City's Executive Action Is
Declared Unpatriotic.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Accusers of Patrolmen Green

and Frost are expected to present charges that the officers "napped" while on duty, at a special meeting of the City Council tomorrow night.

Following the stormy meeting of the Council Saturday night, P. F. Toose, chairman of the committee on health and police, said that he would file no written charges against the patrolmen unless a written charge was also made against Chief of Police Shaw and Night Policeman Cooke.

The wrangle between Mayor Dimick and the members of the Council over the position of Chief of Police Saturday resulted in the Council adopting a resolution condemning the Mayor's action in insisting upon Charles E. Burns acting as Chief of Police. The Council has refused to confirm Burns' appointment, favoring the retention of E. L. Shaw.

The resolution adopted by the Council declares the Mayor's action as "unwise, unpatriotic and against the good order and best interests of the city." Mayor Dimick's appointment of Burns to the office of Chief for the third time against the wishes of the Council are described as "disrespectful" to that body, and "in utter disregard of the wishes of a large majority of the people of this city."

The Council in its resolution advises the Mayor to place the question in the hands of the voters for determination, if he is in doubt as to public sentiment.

12 STUDENTS DROPPED

TOP RECORDS ARE EARNED BY
ONLY SEVEN STUDENTS.

Louis Bond, Clad in Knee Trousers,
Registers for Entrance With
Record of "All-A."

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Twelve students, all men, have been suspended from the university for one semester as a result of their low scholarship standing in the semester just closed.

These men failed to make above 70 per cent in the nine semester studies required by the university ruling.

The number of "dunkers" is no larger than usual, the statement is made that the average scale of class marks is lower than usual. Straight "A" (100 per cent) records were earned by only seven students in the entire university.

The most unusual of all the new registrations received today was filed by Louis Bond, a 15-year-old lad, clad in knickerbockers, who entered the university with an "All-A" term report from Eugene High School. It is believed that Bond is the youngest freshman and the first knickerbockered entrant. Found in the uplifting of human rights. Private property was established as an instrumentality in the progress of civilization and the uplifting of man.

LILLIAN DENIES PARTING

Miss Russell Says She'll Wed Moore
Even if He Isn't Wealthy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—In spite of reports to the contrary, Lillian Russell is to have another husband, and, as was conceded some weeks ago by both parties in the case, he is Alexander P. Moore, of Pittsburgh. Miss Russell said so today in refutation of the rumor that she and Moore had parted because Moore couldn't guarantee an income of \$60,000 a year.

"I don't know how those reports got started," said Miss Russell. "It is too foolish to deny."

"You haven't objected to Mr. Moore's income?"

"Certainly not."

"And you expect to be married in the Spring, just as you planned?"

"Unless one of us dies in the meantime."

CANDY MYSTERY UNSOLVED

Man and Woman Already Dead but
Ball Player Will Recover.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—Police are trying today to solve the mystery of the deaths of Simon O'Malley and Bonnie Reedy, which occurred Saturday night from poisoned candy left at the door of O'Malley's home.

Louis Spencer, a semi-professional baseball player, who also ate some of the candy, still is in the hospital. He will recover.

MRS. SINCLAIR AND HARRY KEMP

Novelist's Former Wife Tires
of Life With Tramp Poet
and Uncertain Meals.

HARRY KEMP IS MISSING

Little Bungalow in New Jersey Now
Deserted and Woman Exponent
of "Free Love" Replenishes
Self at Paternal Larder.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Meta Sinclair, one-time wife of Upton Sinclair, the novelist, and Harry Kemp are no longer in a little bungalow on the Manasquan River near West Point Pleasant, N. J. Mrs. Sinclair is with her father and mother in their apartments at 174 West Eighty-seventh street, writing a book, and Kemp has departed and left no address, it is said.

All that William M. Fuller, Mrs. Sinclair's father, would commit himself last night was this: "My daughter is with her father and mother. She is writing a book. The episode is over."

Novelist Sinclair is said to be on his way to Europe with their 10-year-old son, David, who will go to school in Germany. Sinclair is expected back in the Spring.

Dietary Existence Uncertain.
Essential monogamy may be irksome, but better a life with an essential monogamist like Upton Sinclair, whose writings have a market value that secures three square meals daily, than an uncertain dietary existence with a long-haired tramp poet like Harry Kemp.

And herein lies the answer to Mrs. Meta Sinclair's return to "Popeye" and "Mommie" Sinclair's comfortable apartments at 174 West Eighty-seventh street, and Kemp's departure for parts unknown. It is a sad blow to all those esthetic ones who looked upon Mrs. Sinclair's practical demonstration of the "free love" theory as a great boost for the cult.

For the last week or so Mrs. Sinclair has been replenishing her wasted material self at the well-stocked paternal larder. When seen at the apartment today Mrs. Sinclair gazed sadly upon her interviewer. She appeared peaked and thin. One might say, as she had an un-Kemp appearance.

Mrs. Sinclair Won't Talk.
"Why have you and Kemp separated?" was asked.

"I must positively decline to discuss my affairs for publication," said Mrs. Sinclair, pensively. "It is really none of anyone else's business, you know. To put it quite plainly, I am sick of the publicity and notoriety that has come to me through my endeavor to live my own life as I saw fit, and must decline to add further to my embarrassment."

TAFT SPEAKS ON LINCOLN

(Continued From First Page.)

forgetful of the fact that in Lincoln's life the men and the party were so closely united in aim and accomplishment that the history of the one is the history of the other. The truth is that the history of the last 50 years, with one or two exceptions, has been the history of the Republican party.

"With the effort to make the selection of candidates, the enactment of legislation and the decision of courts depend upon the momentary passions of a people necessarily influenced by the news of the day and the issues presented, and without the opportunity to them for time and study and that deliberation that gives security and common sense to the government of the people, such extremists would hurry us into a condition which could find no parallel except in the French revolution or in the bubbling anarchy that once characterized the South American republics."

"Neurotics" Are Scored.
"Such extremists are not progressives—they are political neurotics who have lost the sense of proportion, that clear and candid consideration of their own weakness as a whole, and that clear perception of the necessity for checks upon party popular action which made our people the greatest self-governing people that the world ever knew."

"It has been said, and it is a common platform, that it is well to prefer the man above the dollar, as if the preservation of property right had some other purpose than the satisfaction of the uplifting of human rights. Private property was established as an instrumentality in the progress of civilization and the uplifting of man."

Abuses Are Diminishing.
"We have permitted the establishment of corporations and the acquisition of power through the corrupting use of money in politics, so as at times to give to a few dangerous control in legislation and government, but during the last 10 years much progress against such abuses has been made in this regard. Statutes have been passed, notably the anti-trust statute and the interstate commerce law, and its amendments, to restrain a misuse of power."

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Inquiries from up the lake failed to locate the automobile.

LAKE AUTOISTS MISSING
Two Trying to Cross Superior Ice
Are Not Heard From.

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of the privileges conferred by charter.

"We have an army of mobile troops not less than one to 1000 of our population, and now it is proposed by our Democratic friends in Congress to reduce that army by eliminating one-third of our cavalry. They would cut out some of the best cavalry in the world, five regiments of which are needed for a nucleus of a larger army should we ever be suddenly called into war. For the same reason they propose to depart from the time-honored practice of adding to our Navy each year by battleships by cutting them off altogether this year."

Curtailments Held Mistake.
"In considering our many responsibilities in different parts of the world, I think this is a great mistake. Certainly the diminution in the additions to the fleet ought not to be contemplated until the Panama Canal is completed. In other words our Democratic friends are doing the very thing that they are always reputed to do; they are doing the right thing at the wrong time."

"With unflinching accuracy, they have selected as their policy that which is least defensible under existing conditions."

"I have said this much to show that the Republican party since its beginning more than 50 years ago always has been a progressive party, and it always has recognized its responsibility by action."

Party's Record Seen.
"We have a record in the last 10 years, and especially in the last three years, of responding to popular needs by legislation specifically adapted to afford the proper remedies, so why should we not be sure of winning a vote of confidence from the people?"

"We know what we propose to do, so we offer a definite programme; show definite results and we believe these results are what the people wish. We do not hesitate to ask for their support."

"It is because of my confidence that the Republican party can point to definite deeds already accomplished, to laws already on the statute books, and being enforced, and carried to a useful purpose and proposed statutes with a clear description of the terms and effects of these statutes, that I confidently rely upon an ultimate verdict by the people in favor of the old Republican party, the party of Lincoln and Grant, the most progressive party in the history of this country or any other country."

SNEED JEWELS SEIZED

FEDERAL CUSTOMS OFFICERS
HOLD \$52,000 GEMS.

A. G. Boyce, Jr., Whose Father Is
Alleged to Have Been Killed by
Woman's Husband, Sent Stones.

CROOKSTON, Minn., Feb. 12.—Jewels valued at \$52,000, shipped by express by A. G. Boyce, Jr., to Mrs. Lena Sneed, wife of J. B. Sneed, the wealthy Amarillo Tex., banker, on trial at Fort Worth, Tex., for the murder of Captain A. G. Boyce, Sr., have been seized by the customs office at St. Vincent, Minn., on the Canadian border.

The gems are being held, it is declared, because a document, which, it is said, would complete the evidence that the jewels were purchased and owned in the United States, is lacking.

PORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 12.—At the trial of John Bean Sneed, charged with the murder of Captain A. G. Boyce, the prosecution introduced the diamonds of William H. Atwell, the United States District Attorney, who acted as Sneed's attorney before the killing of Boyce.

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More Good News Concerning the Half Price Sale of Undermuslins

—Yesterday was the first day of the wonderful Half Price Sale of dainty white undermuslins—and is positively the best underwear bargain event offered this season—Today, the second day, we will continue this wonder event with just as many and just as good reductions. Do not miss this sale; if you have any doubts just come in the store and see for yourself how very cheaply you can secure the finest of dainty undergarments.

—Every garment in the sale is **JUST HALF THE REGULAR PRICE.**

Combination Suits Half Price

—Corset cover and open drawer combinations in the newest cut. A splendid assortment of many styles. The corset covers are daintily trimmed in the new Valenciennes and heavy laces, also fine embroideries, ribbons and beading. The drawers show the new skirt style finished with lace or embroidery edging. These suits are all finished at the waist with beadings and ribbons. These suits are made of a fine longcloth and some of flaxon.

\$1.50 Combination Suits	75c
\$2.00 Combination Suits	\$1.00
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\$2.75 Combination Suits	\$1.38
\$3.00 Combination Suits	\$1.50
\$4.00 Combination Suits	\$2.00

Princess Slips Half Price

—Princess slips of fine longcloth cut with circular necks and some with yokes of dainty lace and insertions, medallions, ribbons and beading. Also trimming of embroidery. These slips are modeled in the latest styles and come with or without the under-ruffle.

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\$2.75 Princess Slips	\$1.38
\$3.00 Princess Slips	\$1.50
\$4.00 Princess Slips	\$2.00
\$9.00 Princess Slips	\$4.50

Night Gowns at Half Price

—Night gowns of fine longcloth, nainsook and mull. These gowns are mostly in the slip-on styles with circular and square necks. They are embroidery trimmed or have dainty lace insertions, beadings and ribbons. Some plain styles and some made with high necks.

—The sleeves come in three styles, flowing, puff or elbow effect.

75c Night Gowns	38c	\$1.50 Night Gowns	75c
\$1.10 Night Gowns	.55c	\$2.00 Night Gowns	\$1.00
\$1.25 Night Gowns	.63c	\$3.00 Night Gowns	\$1.50

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