

JAPANESE DRAMA
GAMING AS RIS

Tamaki Miura Ideally Plays
Role of Trusting, Sweet
Girl Sold as Slave.

STAR CHOSEN BY AUTHOR

Portrayal of Emotion of Tortured
Heart of Woman Fascinates Her
Audience, While Her Voice
Casts Enchantment.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

We get away from the beaten path
of tradition and the conventional with
something of a wrench. We do so love
her to the established and the inevitable,
whether it is of opinions or operas.

Once in a while, however, something
unusual happens and one of the latest
occasions was the appearance of
Tamaki Miura, the dainty little Japanese
prima donna in the role of Iris in
the opera "Iris" at the Grand Opera
house at the Eleventh-Street Playhouse.

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stunning beauty who has captured the
primo donna from the land of
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Pietro Mascagni, the composer
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PORTLAND FOLK FLOCK TO
GRAND OPERA PERFORMANCE

Mascagni's "Iris" Proves Interesting—Maggie Teyte Will Not Sing and
Miss Mabel Riegelman Scores Decidedly as Marguerite in "Faust."

BY JOSEPH MACQUEEN.

AFTER three highly creditable performances of "Aida," "Iris" and "Faust" and giving us a music treat that will live long and pleasantly in one's memory, the Grand Opera of the Boston National Grand Opera Company passed last night into history.

The Eleventh-Street Playhouse was crowded nearly to capacity for the final performance of the Grand Opera. The star aggregation was evident last night notwithstanding the downstairs audience. The first night was comparatively small.

Portland at the eleventh hour proved itself just as much of a grand opera town as ever.

Money May Be Lost. Of course, representatives of the opera company won't say what their financial profits are, if any. But looking at the great cost of producing these operas, comparing the Monday night and the afternoon attendance, the opera folks this trip stand to lose money.

The Mascagni opera, "Iris" (pronounced by the Italians "E-ri-s"), is interesting and a novelty—and that is the only reason it is being presented in Portland previously, and its music is little known in this city. Educated musicians are agreed that Mascagni did his best in the opera, and that he seems to have stopped in creative work there. It is though in the larger, more serious centers of music creation that Mascagni has not been well trained and grounded in his music construction. He is said to depend on hurriedly planned heavy notes and high notes.

He takes the defensive on the ground that he stands for the symphonic, non-Italian music. It is interesting to learn that Max Rabinoof has said that he regarded "Iris" in many essentials as his most unusual production.

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PAR GEORGE HE'D
FOR INVESTIGATION

Furniture Dealer Must Explain
Part in Alleged Fraud
in Chattel Deal.

OWN TESTIMONY IS USED

Prominent Business Man Interrupted by Court While on Witness Stand and Remanded to Custody Under \$500 Bonds.

Phil Gevurts, president of the Hotel Investment Company and a well known furniture dealer, was interrupted by Circuit Judge Tucker while testifying in a replevin action yesterday, and remanded to the custody of the bailiff of the court until he could furnish \$500 bonds to assure his appearance before the Multnomah County grand jury for an investigation of his part in an alleged fraud, as admitted by him on the witness stand yesterday.

Through the action of Mr. Gevurts and Eugene Blazier, proprietor of the Kennel Club, seven-mile roadhouse, Mrs. Anna P. Lane has been defrauded of \$500. It is alleged. Though Judge Tucker was unaware of it at the time of the trial, Mr. Blazier has been under grand jury investigation at the present time in connection with this fraud.

Taking of Furniture Recited. The action before Judge Tucker yesterday was one of replevin to secure for C. W. Pallett furniture on which John C. Lane and Mrs. Blazier held a worthless bill of sale. The title of Mr. Pallett under a first mortgage was granted by the court and the property was returned to him.

The furniture in question was turned over to Mr. Pallett last May as security for a loan to Mr. Blazier, as a result of which the latter had been arrested in connection with the fraud.

On the witness stand yesterday Mr. Gevurts said that he and Mr. Blazier secured the keys to the storehouse where the furniture was held on the pretext that the room needed painting and "snaked it out"—in the words of the witness—to the Kennel Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane were in the employ of Mr. Blazier at the Kennel Club. Mr. Blazier desired to borrow \$500. Mrs. Lane is said, telegraphed East for her savings, amounting to \$500, and paid this money to Mr. Blazier, as a loan. For it, as security, Mr. and Mrs. Lane received a bill of sale for the furniture.

The next act in the little drama of business was when Mr. Pallett decided to foreclose his mortgage and take the furniture. He had the property removed from the storehouse without his knowledge and that it had been taken by Mr. Blazier and Mrs. Lane.

There he was informed that the furniture had been taken by Mr. Blazier and Mrs. Lane. The replevin action against the Lanes followed and came to trial in Judge Tucker's court yesterday.

Case Sent to Grand Jury. Mr. Gevurts, on the stand, admitted that Mr. Pallett knew nothing about the transfer of the property or the re-sale.

"Have you any justification for your action in this matter, the 'snaking out' of the furniture?" Judge Tucker asked the witness.

"I'm afraid not," was the reply of Mr. Gevurts.

"This poor woman has lost her money through no fault of her own, and this procedure should not go unpunished," Mr. Pallett said.

After the jury returned its verdict in favor of Mr. Pallett, Judge Tucker ordered the case sent to the grand jury for investigation.

BEAR CASE AFFIRMED
PAY FOR CARGO ONLY OF SHIP
SUNK IN COLLISION AWARDED.

Supreme Court Interprets Old "Pennsylvania Rule" Regarding Violation of Navigation Customs.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Interpretation of the old "Pennsylvania rule" of seaward collision law by the Supreme Court today decided that vessels are liable for violation of navigation rules happening prior to a collision, and not its certain proximate cause.

Decrees were entered holding the owners of the Norwegian freighter Selja to be entitled to damages for cargo only from the San Francisco and Portland Steamship company, whose passenger liner Beaver rammed and sank the Selja off San Francisco in 1915.

Although the excessive speed of the Beaver in a heavy fog was held the proximate cause of the Selja's loss, the court dismissed the claim for \$180,000 loss of the vessel because the Selja did not stop immediately on hearing the Beaver's fog horn, although she afterward stopped and was actually backing when struck.

FALL ON CURB BREAKS LEG
Robert Gilbert, 56, Found by Police and Taken to Hospital.

Robert Gilbert, 56, sustained a broken leg at Fourth and Market streets last night, and told Patrolmen Morris and Tully, who found him trying to walk on the injured limb, that he had been injured in falling from the curb.

The police questioned him closely as to the nature of the accident, but he was unable to shake his story. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital by the Ambulance Service Company. Gilbert has been lodging in the Foster Hotel.

Bride, 18, Weds Youth, 19.
SILVERTON, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Ralph D. Adams, 19 years of age, and Miss Anna Storlie, 18, were married last evening at the home of the former's parents in this city. Mr. Adams is a son of Ed R. Adams, assistant cashier in Coolidge & McClaine's Bank.

Yakima School Children Thrifty.
NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—Bank savings of the grade school pupils in North Yakima total between \$1,000 and \$14,000, according to the monthly report of City Superintendent Davis to the School Board last night.

Third Quality for Annapolis.
ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 6.—It was announced at the Naval Academy today that 101 candidates for admission to midshipmen qualified in the mental tests out of 300 candidates.

Alleged Murderer Pleads Not Guilty.
SEATTLE, Wash., March 6.—S. A. Hewitt, charged with the murder of Edward Alden Beale, Mrs. L. W. Therkelsen, Mrs. W. J. Hofmann, the Misses Felling, Mrs. Paul E. Froehlich, Judge and Mrs. W. D. Fenton, Mrs. Charles T. Whitney. One of the two parties was given in honor of Mrs. Nelson Phillips, of Seattle, with Mrs. C. H. Webber as hostess. Other guests were Mrs. J. C. Collinson, Mrs. J. M. Yates, Mrs. Robert Bain, Jr., and Mrs. M. Kohler, of San Diego. Another box

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MONEY-SAVING OPPORTUNITY

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GOAL SEIZED BY BAKER

MEASURES TO RELIEVE SHORTAGE
IN FUEL ARE TAKEN.

Mayor Appeals to Railroad Company for Aid—As Yet no Actual Suffering Has Occurred.

BAKER, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—So acute has the coal shortage in Baker become that Mayor Palmer today appealed to the railway for company coal with which to supply a large number of residents who have no fuel and who cannot obtain any from the dealers.

Accordingly, M. H. Dougherty, local agent for the O-W. R. & N. Company, has been placed in the city today.

This is being done out in small quantities under the supervision of the city officials, and if it does not suffice to prevent an absolute famine another car will be seized.

A rail car, however, is afforded by word from the dealers, who say that together they have seven cars en route to Baker, and several of these are long overdue. It is said that the city cannot obtain one car a day, so it will be necessary to draw upon the railway company for relief each day during the shortage.

Mayor Palmer said that he had heard of no actual suffering caused by the scarcity of fuel, but that as many residences are out of fuel, it is imperative that immediate relief has become imperative.

The mills have been taxed to capacity to satisfy the demand for wood in the absence of coal and many orders have been refused.

Officials say that the car situation is becoming more promising and with the opening up of freight traffic it is expected that coal will become less scarce. Yesterday 10 cars were placed in the local mill yards. More are expected.

Official War Reports

PARIS, March 6.—The fighting in the region of Courieres Wood and Douaumont, northwest of Verdun, continued last night. The Germans made an attempt to drive the French from the trenches the latter recaptured yesterday. The War Office announced today that this effort failed. The statement reads:

"On the right bank of the Meuse the fighting continued north of Courieres Wood. The Germans unsuccessfully attempted to clear us from the new elements of trenches reconquered by us yesterday. Artillery fighting continued in the region north of Douaumont. Two surprise attacks delivered by us, one south of Lassigny, the other in the sector of Ammerzwiler, allowed us to take some prisoners. Elsewhere the night was calm."

"Aviation—It is confirmed that one of our pilots brought down a German aviator on March 4 in the region of Ornes. A group of British naval aviators bombed railroad stations at Brebach, southeast of Saarbrueck, and destroyed the military establishments at Trierburg, near Metz. Another bomber bombed the factory at Kehl, near Strassburg. On the night of March 5-6 one of our squadrons dropped 130 kilobombs on the aviation field on the Oise."

"Tonight's supplementary report said: 'Between the Oise and the Aves our shattered German organizations northwest of Moulins-Toutvent and demolished casemates and shelters north of Autrechamps. On the night of March 4-5 one of our machines dropped projectiles on the railroad station at military establishments at Trierburg, near Metz. Another bomber bombed the factory at Kehl, near Strassburg. On the night of March 5-6 one of our squadrons dropped 130 kilobombs on the aviation field on the Oise.'

"On the right bank of the Meuse violent artillery actions took place along the entire front of Les Chabrettes-Geisvieux. There was no infantry action. The cannoneers were intermittent on the rest of the front."

"Belgian communication: 'Our artillery successfully bombed enemy organizations in the region of Het-sas. A spirited struggle with bombs occurred in the direction of Steenstraete.'"

GERMANS ON WESTERN FRONT.
BERLIN, March 6.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The German lines east of Bouchavesnes, north of Peronne, on the Somme front, were attacked last night by the British after violent artillery preparation. The attack was repulsed, army headquarters announced today, and other British attempts frustrated by the German fire.

Austrian.
BERLIN, March 6, via wireless to Sayville, N. Y., March 6.—Following is today's official report of the Austro-Hungarian campaign: "On the coastal front artillery and mine throwers were more active on ac-

ARMED SEATTLE TRIO WAITS FOR
VICTIM AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Orientals Are Seen When Supposed
Target Comes to Get Permit to
Carry Pistol for Defense.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 6.—While Louis James, a Christian Chinaman, who was fired upon in the street yesterday by two Chinese gunmen, was in Sheriff Stringer's office today seeking a permit to carry a pistol, three Chinese were noticed in the doorway of the office, evidently keeping Louis James under observation. Deputy Sheriff arrested them, and found that each was armed with a large pistol.

They were Harry T. Ah Just and Ah Sney. Louis James says the Hip Sing tong is after him.

The peace bonds of \$300 each under which the seven Chinese who arrived in Portland from San Francisco were put, on the suspicion that they were long gunners, were dissolved by Presiding Judge Gantenben yesterday when they showed that the men were not indicated by actions or talk that they intended violence to anyone. They were sternly warned, however, by the court. They are Harry T. Ah Just and Ah Sney. Louis James says the Hip Sing tong is after him.

ROAD SUPPLIES ORDERED
Materials for Lewis County Improvements Cost More.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—Today the Lewis County Commissioners let the contract for cement, sand and gravel for the coming season's road work. A contract for 6000 barrels of cement was awarded to the Washington Portland Cement Company, of Centralia, at \$1.70. The 1916 price was \$1.56.

Contract for sand and gravel Company, of Tacoma, won the contract for 5000 cubic yards of material, and the Twin City Sand & Gravel Company, of Centralia, for 2000 cubic yards.

Tailor's Auto Injures Boy.
Gordon Cook, 10 years old, who lives at 783 East Salmon street, jumped from the rear end of a truck on which he was riding last night just in time to fall in front of an automobile driven by D. F. Corwall, a tailor at the Y. M. C. A. Cook sustained a fractured ankle and was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital.

SEASIDE CONDEMNNS LANE.
SEASIDE, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Resolutions pledging support to the President and condemning the action of Governor Lane were adopted by a large audience at a meeting of the Civic Improvement Club tonight.

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