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CAST OF "AIDA" OPERA IN FOUR ACTS, BY VERDI, AT THE AUDITORIUM.

Aida.....Elizabeth Amenden
Amneris.....Stella Demette
Amonasro.....Joseph Royer
Ramses.....Manuel Salazar
Ramfis.....Pietro de Biasi
King of Egypt.....Natalie Cervi
Messenger.....Lustan Rosini
Priestess.....Frances Morosini

BY JOSEPH MACQUEEN.

Froud fathers and mothers have for a long time been of the private opinion that the San Carlo opera company, with its splendid and generally grander soprano and contralto voices, than Patti ever was in her prime, and that Dicky is a greater tenor than Caruso. All such and their friends and neighbors should go to the Public Auditorium some time this week and attend the performances of grand opera by the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, the incomparable Giuseppe Galle, manager, and compare the home folks with these artists.

It's the best all-around opera company, with the best singing and acting principals, that we have had in this city for ages. By all means hear the San Carlo people. It's a red-letter opportunity both for good opera and good music.

Nearly 4000 people attended last night's performance of Verdi's spectacular opera "Aida," and the production met with every mark of warm approval that a delighted audience could bestow. "Aida" is an opera of our fathers' time, for it was first produced 16 years ago. Last night it was superbly presented, with lavish scenery and costumes, and at times the stage was fairly crowded with people.

The deep stage of the Auditorium lends itself to such a massive, ornate Egyptian opera as "Aida." Manuel Salazar, as Ramses, captain of the guard, is a tenor star of first magnitude. He has a clear, powerful, luscious tenor voice. There is just a touch of the "Caruso" quality in Salazar's voice, as used when he is in tempestuous moments, and Eastern critics have made the same remark about Caruso's tenor voice.

Salazar sings with ease. Salazar sings with nearly the same charm as does Caruso. Salazar's voice is of easy vocal emission and he sings also with the greatest ease of scientific tone placement.

In "Celeste Aida," the famous tenor star, Salazar sang it with magnetic charm, and his high B-flat was so ringing and colorful that it captured the house. In his lighter moments, in love scenes, Salazar was just as much of a consummate artist in mezzo, or half voice.

Elizabeth Amenden, the Aida, was very much of a vocal success. Her voice is of the true prima donna order, and it has sparkling purity of vocalism. Her Aida was superbly acted, and especially in the emotional scenes.

The Amneris of Stella Demette, mezzo soprano, was splendid in every vocal and dramatic detail. Miss Demette's voice is of sweet, even, agreeable quality.

Ramses Rich and Thunderous. Pietro de Biasi, as the high priest, was commanding and imposing. His basso voice is deep, rich, and thunderous, especially in its pipe-organ tones.

Joseph Royer, baritone, as Amonasro, has a heroic, manly figure. His voice is of velvety, operatic quality. Natalie Cervi, as the king, has another of those powerful bass voices, which he uses with fine skill.

Carlo Rosini, as conductor, was much of a success. He is quiet but effective in method, and rarely uses an orchestral score, conducting from memory. The orchestra is first-class and plays with a musical sweep that carries all before it.

Many curtain recalls were given. Tonight, "Cavalleria" and "Pagliacci."

OPERA COMPANY BEST YET
Both Singing and Acting of "Aida" Make Deep Impression.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.
There is nothing lovelier in the annals of grand opera than the aria of "Celeste Aida" as it was sung last night by Manuel Salazar. The haunting loveliness of his smooth, beautiful voice lingers long after we have dismissed and agreed upon to an individual that the San Carlo Company is the best—a-b-e-c-o-u-n-t-a-b-l-y the best—singing organization that has come to step in our midst for many a season. The memory of Salazar's glory voice singing "Celeste Aida" lingers with us after we have dismissed, too, the admirable evenness of the entire performance, the flawless mise en scene and the sincerity and emotional depth with which the "big orchestra" discoursed Verdi's passionate and picturesque music.

Many crimes have been perpetrated upon Portland's music-loving public in the name of grand opera. We are an easy-going lot and prone to forgive.

ness, willing to tempt fate always once again in the hopes of hearing something really worth while. Our patience has been amply rewarded, and the few times we have been given the correct limitation rather than the simon-pure article, or have dressed up like plush mules to sit in the dress circle and hear a press-agented star and a mediocre chorus, or a mediocre star and a good chorus have been completely forgotten. They are of a yesterday. The slais is clean, the score wiped off. Last night the San Carlo company made up to us for any wrongs suffered at the hands, or rather shall we say the voices, of other less splendid musical organizations. Part of this is due to its perfectly balanced cast, the gorgeousness and opulence of its scenic presentation, but a greater part of it is due to the actual beauty of individual voices and unusual histrionic artistry among the principals. So often, if an artist can sing, he or she is a poor dramatic figure, and if he or she can act, God hasn't given them a voice to back up the dramatics. The artists in the San Carlo company can sing, and so can the chorus, and it does.

Salazar had finished his aria "Celeste Aida." It was fully five minutes before he was permitted to go on with the scene and unusual histrionic artistry, the production was sensational. Scenically it was elaborate and one splendid picture following another, appealing to artistic ideals in color harmony and perfection of detail. The Egyptian costumes, too, is magnificent and of flawless color and quite authentic. Elizabeth Amenden, a youthful and magnetic prima donna, appeared in the name part of Aida, singing with exalted inspiration, acting the tragic role with fine mimicry and looking the part of the Ethiopian slave to a splendid degree. Amneris proved an artistic performance musically and dramatically in the keeping of Stella Demette. It is a role fitted with strenuousity and a demand for a rugged passion which is well within Miss Demette's artistic reach. Not only does Salazar sing beautifully, but he appeals dramatically in the role of Ramses. Natalie Cervi as the Egyptian king, Joseph Royer as Amonasro, Aida's father, and Pietro de Biasi as Ramfis, the high priest, completed a cast powerful in its sublimated perfection of the beautifully reflective Verdi tragedy.

SURVEY IS SUGGESTED

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ABOVE THE DALLIES MAY BE NOTED.

Drake C. O'Reilly Urges Preparation for Revival in Up-River Trade, Which Is Expected.

Definite action by municipal bodies toward ascertaining traffic conditions in the territory that can be served by water above the Dailies, leading to the Snake River and Upper Columbia River regions, is regarded possible. The first step was taken yesterday by Drake C. O'Reilly when he suggested that a systematic survey be made under the direction of the Port of Portland Commission and possibly the Commission of Public Docks, since the latter is regarded as the bodies most vitally concerned. The rearranged railroad programme anticipated, as a consequence of the Government's revised policy regarding the various systems, is admittedly the forerunner of a general revival of the upper river trade. If the railroads leading from the interior are to be freed of congestion and traffic burdens in the territory served by water, the facilities are available. To prepare for that, Mr. O'Reilly's aim is to get the word of the situation to his colleagues of the Port of Portland Commission yesterday, drawing attention to the fact that anything was to be attempted on the upper river the first thing to be required was a comprehensive idea of freight to be handled in both directions, also the facilities in the way of vessel docks, etc. That only is to be found through a traffic survey, he said. He thought it was properly within the fact that the board of directors to take the lead, and estimated that the territory could be covered at a cost of about \$5000. If a traffic man were supplied, he thought the Commission of Public Docks might detail a competent engineer to survey with reference to location of wheat wharves to which products might be hauled from the interior, and estimate the probable cost of such improvements.

He said if the survey material were not used in connection with the steamboat traffic it would be valuable in conjunction with future waterway work.

2 MILLION BANANAS AS GIFT
Extra Cargo of Ripe Fruit Offered to Poor People of Maryland.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—Two million ripe bananas were offered by the United Fruit Company tonight to the Food Administration of Maryland for distribution among the poor. A telegram from the officers of the company here to Herbert Hoover, National Food Administrator, said that the steamship Vikar had arrived at Baltimore with 18,000 bunches of the fruit, which, owing to the fact that the vessel was held up a week by ice in Chesapeake Bay, had become unsaleable through regular channels.

The company requested that Mr. Hoover notify the Maryland Food Administrator in order that prompt steps could be taken to distribute the fruit to the best advantage.

FRENCH REPULSE RAIDERS
Germans Active With Artillery on Front Near Verdun.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—Heavy artillery fire took place during last night near Bezonvaux and Chertreaux, northeast of Verdun, the War Office announced today.

A German raid on French trenches north of Hill 304 and the opposite bank of the Meuse was repulsed.

American Steamer Goes Ashore.
A CANADIAN ATLANTIC PORT, Jan. 7.—The American steamer Angouleme was reported by wireless to be ashore off Scotary Island, on the Nova Scotia coast, and pounding to pieces on the rocks. The message stated that the crew had been rescued by a tugboat and a steamer.

Chinese Steamers Collide.
SHANGHAI, Jan. 7.—The China Merchants' Navigation Company's steamer Poochi was sunk in collision Saturday with the Japanese steamer Hsin-Chang in the lower Yangtze-Kiang. It is estimated that 100 lives were lost. The Poochi registered 1049 tons gross.

Babbitt to Command Brigade.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Brigadier-General E. B. Babbitt, assistant to the Chief of Ordnance, has been selected to command a brigade of artillery in one of the new regular divisions. It was learned today. His successor has not been named.

INCOME TAX WILL TAP 25,000 PURSES

Time Arrives for Residents of Oregon to File Their Returns.

PROMPT RESPONSE URGED

Large Proportion of Persons in State Affected by This War Levy Are Those Whose Exemption Will Be \$1000.

Few unmarried men, whose earnings and income from all sources for the year 1917 exceeded \$1000 and who are not obliged to support dependent relatives, will escape from the payment of a war-income tax of 2 per cent on their income in excess of \$1000.

It is estimated by Milton A. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue, that 25,000 men, without dependent relatives to support, will make up a large proportion of the 25,000 individuals in this state who are considered liable to the payment of this war tax to the Government.

For instance, take the unmarried man whose wages and income from all sources aggregated \$1500 in 1917. His only claim to exemption from the total of his income include interest on indebtedness, taxes on property, depreciation in buildings and contributions to religious and charitable organizations.

Under the law he will be permitted to deduct from his total income the aggregate of these several items, together with the statutory exemption of \$1000, which he is allowed for living expenses. On the difference he must pay a tax of 2 per cent to the Government.

Many unmarried men are not in a position to claim any of the exemptions enumerated above, save the general exemption of \$1000. Few of them in these days of prosperity and good wages are not earning in excess of \$1000 annually.

The young man, as an example, who is earning, or did last year, a salary of \$125 a month, or \$1500 a year, and is not purchasing property, or has no installment plan, does not own property of his own on account of which he might deduct taxes paid or interest on indebtedness, will be liable to pay to the Government a tax of 2 per cent on the difference between his \$1500 salary and the \$1000 general exemption.

Charity Deductions Allowed.
This tax at 2 per cent amounts to \$10 and that represents the contribution he must make to the Government under the war income tax.

Every individual is allowed under the law to deduct from his income all contributions to religious or charitable organizations to an amount not exceeding 15 per cent of his net income. In other words, the man whose income aggregated \$1500 could claim a deduction of \$225 on this account, provided, of course, that he actually subscribed that sum in the aggregate for the purposes indicated.

Charitable contributions, as interpreted by the Revenue Service, include the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and kindred drives, as well as yearly contributions to the support of one's church.

MEN SOBER, SAYS ADMIRAL
Denial Made to Tale of Minister That Soldiers and Tars Drink.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Much indignation has been caused among American Army and Navy officials and other Americans in London because of reports circulated in the United States that American soldiers and sailors in Europe were drinking to excess. The indignation has been intensified by a charge made in his sermon at the City Temple Sunday by the Rev. Joseph Bay Newton, of Iowa, of drunkenness among American soldiers in England. "When I see American boys staggering in the street drunk, I hate London," was one of the utterances of Dr. Newton.

Vice-Admiral William S. Sims, commander of the American naval forces, and Colonel S. H. L. Slocum, military attaché at the American Embassy in London, today declared that the charges of drunkenness were false, and that they also were a reflection on the American forces, as well as an insult to Great Britain. Admiral Sims said there never was a time in American history when there was so little drunkenness among the American fighting forces.

QUICK TREATMENT IS AIM
American Wounded Will Be Handled in New and Better Manner.

(By the Associated Press.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan. 6.—Plans for the care of American soldiers include a radical departure from former methods of treating the wounded. An announcement made today by Surgeon-General Bradley says that a method has been formulated assuring each case continuous treatment from the dressing station to the fighting line through many hands to the base hospital.

This co-ordination has been worked out by Dr. J. M. T. Finney, of Johns Hopkins University, who has been appointed director of the surgery section. The sick chart nowadays resembles the weather record, going up when it is warm and snowing and going down when it is clear and cold. It is claimed that the many cases due to pneumonia or influenza are caused largely by the crowding in barracks and incursions of newly landed men. While the sick rate of seasoned troops is slightly more than 2 per cent, that of those newly landed is just under 5 per cent.

FREEWATER BOY IS GASSED
E. W. Brand Mentioned in List of Canadian Casualties.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 7.—The following American names appear in tonight's casualty list:
Gassed—L. W. Brand, Freewater, Or.
Ill—H. A. Mundy, Soda Springs, Idaho.

Army Orders.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—These Army orders were issued today at headquarters of the Western Department here:
A general court-martial to meet at Fort Rosecrans, Cal., is appointed to consist of these officers:
Major B. H. L. Williams, Captain S. W. Sperry, W. J. Engstrom, R. E. Jones, Alfred H. Ryan, Alfred O. Ramsey, First Lieutenant John F. Ackley and George W. Fisher and Second Lieutenant D. E.

Tibbets, Paul Kingston, A. O. Dorre, P. A. Lange and A. B. Planted.
A general court-martial is appointed to consist of these officers:
Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Dichtmann, Captain M. P. Vestal and T. A. Oberlander, First Lieutenant R. D. Horton, N. C. Johnson, W. Strassmeyer, A. P. Elton and R. W. Clifford and Second Lieutenant A. R. Jesky, H. A. Deak, R. R. Tourtellot, Hays Matson, G. B. Haddock and H. C. Warte, all of these being attached to the Sixty-third Infantry.
Lieutenant-Colonel William R. Davis, assistant to the department surgeon, will proceed to Vancouver Barracks, Wash., and Fort Stevens, Oregon, for the purpose of making an inspection of the Medical Department and the sanitary conditions at these posts.
Major George E. Callender, Medical Corps, will proceed to Camp Fremont, Palo Alto, Cal. and report for duty as director of field hospitals, sanitary train, Eighth Division, at that camp.
First Lieutenant Charles E. Berry, Coast Artillery, Fort Marston, Ore., will proceed to Los Angeles, Cal., reporting to the intelligence office, Los Angeles district, for duty, relieving First Lieutenant Henry M. Ward.
Second Lieutenant Alexander Adair, Twelfth Infantry, President of California, is detailed at these headquarters for temporary duty in the office of the department inspector of an urgent military nature.

WIFE FIGHTS FOR MONEY

MRS. JAMES F. CALLAHAN CONTESTS HUSBAND'S DIVORCE SUIT.

Millionaire's Unwelcome Consort Alleges Conspiracy to Prevent Securing Just Share of Estate.

SPOKANE, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Alleging a conspiracy with its threads stretching from Wallace, Idaho, to Honolulu, to Los Angeles, Spokane, through the Yellowstone National Park and to the towns of Missoula and Stevensville, Mont., Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Callahan, of Wallace, has begun action in the divorce suit brought against her by the millionaire mine owner, James F. Callahan, to secure additional suit money and attorney's fees to defend herself from what she alleges to be an effort to prevent her from securing a just proportion of the estate.

The papers, which were served at Wallace and filed at Coeur d'Alene yesterday, include an answer to the amended and supplementary complaint and cross-complaint of the plaintiff, a lengthy affidavit by Mrs. Callahan and an affidavit by Carlton Fox, of counsel for Mrs. Callahan.

In a former hearing Mrs. Callahan was allowed \$500 a month alimony, \$5000 preliminary attorney's fees and \$1000 preliminary suit money. It is now set forth that the attorneys have expended more than \$1000 in preparation of the defense.

The motion in this action asks for an order for additional preliminary attorney's fees of \$17,000 and for additional suit money of \$29,000.

"Mr. Callahan has represented to me," Mrs. Callahan says, "that he is worth more than \$3,000,000 and less than \$4,000,000 and that his income is more than \$1000 a day." She alleges that she believes he is worth more than \$4,000,000, and that his income is in excess of \$2500 a day.

PORT MUST PAY FOR KEEL
Suit for Salvage Won, but Damage to Schooner Billings Is Offset.

The Port of Portland came out second best financially as a result of two opinions rendered yesterday by United States Judge Bean in suits brought both by the Port and the schooner George E. Billings, involving the towing of the schooner into port by the Onocenta, owned by the Port of Portland, in response to a distress signal flashed by the disabled schooner.

In the suit for salvage brought by the Port of Portland, an award of \$322 was made, with the understanding that \$100 of that amount be distributed among the members of the crew of the Onocenta in proportion to their wages. The court also awarded to the schooner \$2740 damages and \$1600 demurrage for the loss of a portion of

the Billings' keel, caused by striking a shoal outside the Columbia River channel while in tow of the Onocenta.

CAMPS WILL OPEN JAN. 15
Candidates for Army Commissions Urged to Apply Promptly.

Haste must be made by any men of Oregon who, attracted by the announcements made only last week, wish to be enrolled in one of the officers' training camps intended to fit men for appointments to the Officers' Reserve Training Corps. It is the intention of Army officials to open these camps on January 15.

Six of the training camps are to be held in Linda Vista, Cal.; Waco and

Fort Worth, Texas; Anniston, Ala.; Augusta, Ga., and Spartanburg, S. C.

To be admitted it is necessary that the applicant be over 23 years old and under 47 years and eight months old, and have had experience as a former National Guard officer or be on an Army retired list.

Wilson Approves Speech.
LONDON, Jan. 8.—Premier Lloyd George, according to the Daily Mail, has received a most cordial telegram from President Wilson and the American Government congratulating the Premier on the speech he made Saturday expressing Great Britain's war aims.

Dairy Rancher Injured.
Sarvo Polch, a dairyman whose ranch is on Government Island, in Guild's

Lake, sustained a fractured rib last night when, in driving his wagon on the west approach of Broadway bridge, he ran into an electric light post and upset his vehicle. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where he recovered sufficiently to return to his home.

MONTANA MAN APPOINTED
J. B. Densmore to Be Director of Employment in Labor Department.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—J. B. Densmore, of Montana, today was appointed director of employment for the Department of Labor.

A large extension of the department's employment service is in progress as a war measure.

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10c Jergen's Peroxide Toilet Soap, 3 for \$25c
10c Jergen's Old-Fashion Buttermilk Soap, 3 for \$25c
10c Kirk's Rose Geranium Soap, 3 for \$25c
10c Stern's Verbena Bath Soap, 3 for \$25c
10c Maxine Elliott Complexion Soap, 3 for \$25c
10c Creme Oil Soap, 3 for \$25c
10c Kirk's Genuine Olive Oil Castile Soap, 3 for \$25c
10c Jergen's Rose Glycerine Soap, 3 for \$25c
10c Almond Oil Bath Soap, 3 for \$25c
10c Lavender Bath Soap, 3 for \$25c
10c Prize Baby Soap, 3 for \$25c
25c Cuticura Soap \$1.8c
25c Woodbury's Facial Soap \$2.2c
10c Jergen's Honeysuckle Soap, 3 for \$25c
10c Kirk's Sandalwood Soap, 3 for \$25c
10c Imperial Peroxide Soap, 3 for \$25c
Jergen's Almond Cocoa Oil Soap, 3 for \$30c

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