

PORTLAND BEATER FOR 'BUTTERFLY'

Most Notable Season of Grand Opera City Has Enjoyed Is at an End.

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$14,000

Three Splendid Sopranos and Talented Actresses Heard in Name Part—Crowded House at Each of the Four Performances.

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE. The most brilliant grand opera season in Portland's history ended last night with Rena Vivienne in the role of "Madam Butterfly."

The general effect of the four performances given by Mr. Savage's magnificent company was uplifting. The influence of really great music exalts all men and the dulcified world of the time being at least, most know some of the divine ecstasy which makes the humblest a demi-god.

The Portland intelligence is higher and its soul softer because Puccini's masterly music has told its inspiring story of human weakness and suffering and sacrifice. It was saddest but chastening, and whether one heard it from a box or the topmost seat in the gallery, he listened almost reverentially because a master was working his tone-miracles.

Three Great Sopranos Heard in "Butterfly"

THE three "Butterflies" whom Henry Savage has brought to Portland with the great Puccini opera were accorded the homage due three great sopranos. Three voices of distinctly different qualities, three actresses with

absolutely different characteristics and conceptions of the role, three beauties of noticeably different type, yet three entirely satisfactory Butterflies. When Mr. Puccini selected the Szamoy and Vivienne voices he realized what beauty they could lend his marvelous composition. When Mr. Savage engaged Easton from Covent Garden he also knew what the voice could do in the part—and what the actress could also make of it.

Perhaps—only perhaps—the Szamoy voice ranks first, the Vivienne and Easton voices second, but no student of them is to be criticized. Easton carries off the palm for the perfect interpretation of the role from the dramatic standpoint, and proved by long odds the most sympathetic Butterfly—and mother—while Vivienne's pretty face, gloriously clear voice and great dramatic climax in the death scene elevated her to great heights. Szamoy was artistic and deliciously coquettish in the love scene, but Parisian rather than Japanese.

So, can we not say that we have had three magnificent Butterflies? And can it not be added that Portland is most appreciative of the three rarely heard beauties of the opera world? It is not surprising that the clear bell tones of Vivienne's, the delicate lyric qualities of Easton's, all so fascinating and so delightful to the ear.

Mr. Siroch sang at the matinee yesterday, and Mr. MacLennan at the evening performance, and both were in excellent condition. Siroch's startling and powerful tenor rang through the house like a flute, and at the climax of his love duet his high C brought a regular "Whoa West" whoop of approval from an enthusiastic spectator in the gallery. Whoever he may be, Joseph Sheehan, tenor, would like to meet him personally, for he declares that if Mr. Siroch's voice were to be transplanted into the heart of MacLennan, the latter would be a great improvement on the present Mr. MacLennan.

In bidding the Savage Opera Company bon voyage, I feel that it would be a gross lack of appreciation if credit were not given the corps of assistants who have so much to do with the success of the greatest of all American operatic companies. They are: Managers, Ralph Edmunds; advance representatives, James S. Hutton, Henri Grossart; J. Saunders Gordon, Steve O'Grady; assistants, R. W. Farland; stage manager, Frank Ranney; assistant stage manager, Charles Scribner; musical director, Walter H. Bothwell; concert master, Piero Marino; stage carpenter, Harry Batt; electrician, Edward Denning; assistant electrician, Charles Walker; master of properties, Daniel J. McAnuff; wardrobe mistress, Mrs. Cora Materno; master of transportation, Edward Clancy.

Portland Pays \$20,000 for Season of Opera

"MADAM BUTTERFLY" has come and gone, and the four performances cost the people of Portland at least \$20,000. Of this sum \$14,000 was paid for tickets, and at the lowest estimate the remaining \$6,000 was spent for after-theater dinners, flowers, carriages and the other expenses that go with a grand opera expense list.

At first glance this \$20,000 seems like an exorbitant price to pay for entertainment, but when it is remembered that Henry W. Savage's "Madam Butterfly" Company is composed of 37 people, and while not all of them are high-salaried people, most of them are, and when it is taken into consideration what it costs to transport this big company over the country, the sum does not seem too large.

Yesterday was payday with the company and several thousand dollars of the money the Portland public paid to see the performances found its way into the pockets of the artists and the other members of the company. These 37 people lived in Portland since Thursday and a part of the money that was paid into the

theater was left at the hotels, rooming-houses and restaurants, and when the "Hallelujah" Theatre takes its percent, Mr. Savage's share of the \$14,000 is not as great as it would seem at first glance. After-theater places, florists and carriage companies shared in the remaining \$9,000.

EXCLUDE YELLOW RACES California Senate Opposes Granting Citizenship to Japanese.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 9.—The state Senate this afternoon unanimously adopted a joint resolution protesting against the naturalization of Japanese, instructing the Senate and Congressmen of this state to combat such pernicious legislation, and to work for the passage of an exclusion law, so as to include Japanese, Koreans and all other Asiatic races. The resolution is a committee substitute for one introduced by Senator Sanford.

Resolved, That we most strenuously oppose the proposition to naturalize Japanese and extend the franchise to the alien born of that race as being inimical to the welfare of the American people, and we hereby instruct our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use all honorable means to secure the passage of such a measure; and further: Resolved, That we most strenuously oppose the proposition to naturalize Japanese and extend the franchise to the alien born of that race as being inimical to the welfare of the American people, and we hereby instruct our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use every honorable means within their power to combat such pernicious legislation.

The Senate last night passed and sent to the Governor Assemblyman Coghlan's bill for the impeachment of a jury member to be discharged after a case is submitted to it. The bill provides that in felony cases where the penalty fixed by law is less than imprisonment for life the court must discharge the jury within 12 hours after it retires for deliberation. Where the punishment of death or life imprisonment is authorized by the law, the jury must be discharged after being out 24 hours.

The Assembly last night adopted the constitutional amendment by Senator Willis, which provides for the members of the Legislature at \$5000 for regular sessions, \$10 a day for extra sessions not exceeding 30 days, and limits the expenses of each route for attaches to \$500 per year.

RANGE WAR IN WYOMING Cattlemen Reported to Be Shooting Sheep by the Thousands.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., March 9.—Northern Wyoming is again threatened with a range war between cattlemen and sheepmen. Closely following the attack on the Wisner camp last week, in which 400 head of sheep were killed and the camp burned, comes the report of a greater outrage in the Owl Creek country. The Hugh Dickey sheep camp was attacked by a band of 12 masked men, supposed to be in the employ of the cattlemen. The raiders drove off the sheepherders with threats of shooting, fired the camp outfit and then began shooting sheep.

Out of a total of 900 sheep in the band, 400 have disappeared and are supposed to have all been killed, the cattlemen having marked out a deadline, and the Dickey sheep were one mile over the deadline. The war will probably spread to other camps and further trouble is likely to occur. Mixed Pistol and Shotgun Bullets. SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 9.—Samuel Wheeler, a negro who was corporal of the guard at Fort Brown upon the night of the shooting there, was on the stand today in the Penrose court-martial. He said it sounded first like pistols, then like shotguns and pistols mixed. He heard a number of bullets overhead. He told the guards to lie down and they did so. This statement contradicts Matlock's story money yesterday, who said the men did not lie down.

WILL BACK DEMAND Missouri Valley Lumbermen Want Joint Rate.

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FAMINE IS THREATENED Shipments Started in November Still Tied Up on Hill Lines—Harriman Willing to Allow Through Rate From Sound.

OMAHA, Neb., March 9.—(Special)—Missouri Valley dealers will join hands with the lumbermen of the Puget Sound country in the effort to force a joint through rate for lumber by the Hill and Harriman systems by the way of Portland. OMAHA dealers say they have commitments of lumber started as far back as November that have not yet reached OMAHA, and that a famine not only in lumber but in other grades of lumber is imminent with the building season just about to commence. It is estimated that fully \$50,000 worth of lumber is tied up in transit by the freight blockade on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern. The trouble is said to be entirely due to the desire of the Hill lines to have the whole output over the two single track lines, whereas, if a portion of the shipments were sent over the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific, it could all be handled with reasonable dispatch. The Harriman lines have always been willing to have their through rate apply under their system, the same over the Hill roads, and lumbermen here say, if this matter is carried to the Interstate Commerce Commission, there will be no difficulty in getting the rate put in.

N. P. CREATES NEW OFFICE Smith Made Engineer of Maintenance for Whole Line. ST. PAUL, Minn., March 9.—(Special)—Official announcement was made today of the creation of a new position of engineer of maintenance of way on the Northern Pacific. The title is given to W. C. Smith, former division engineer of the eastern division, who will continue to make his headquarters at St. Paul. The position is an important one, as it gives Mr. Smith charge of engineering matters on all operated lines on the system. The division engineer will report to him, instead of to Mr. Darling, chief engineer, as in the past, although Mr. Darling will continue to supervise the work. The arrangement will give Mr. Darling more authority to attend to construction matters which involve considerable work at present with the Portland & Seattle and other projects under way. Mr. Smith has been eighteen years' continuous service on the Northern Pacific and his splendid services have won him the present recognition. He was graduated 1890 from the engineering department of the University of Minnesota, and that year he was made assistant division engineer. He has been in charge of construction work in Minnesota. He held various positions until March 1, 1922, when he was appointed division engineer with headquarters at Livingston, Mont., and in December of that year he was transferred to St. Paul. Mr. C. Taylor is appointed acting division engineer in place of Mr. Smith. Mr. Taylor came a year ago to the Northern Pacific from the Florida East Coast road, being formerly division engineer of the Rock Island. The last year he has been in charge of part of the double track work on the main line from Wadena, Minn., to Valley City, N. D.

Cuts Off Los Angeles Limited. OMAHA, March 9.—Pursuant to the program made by Vice-President Mohler of the Union Pacific some time ago that the expenses of the passenger department of that road would be cut because of the 2-cent-fare law, which has just been placed in effect in this state, the famous Los Angeles Limited trains running between Chicago and Los Angeles were today announced as being annulled beginning next Monday, March 14. The Los Angeles Limited, east and west, were the fast and finest trains upon the overland system, and were the "brag" trains of the Union Pacific. The trains were inaugurated December, 1916, and were patronized by a wealthy class of through passengers only. Takes Revenge on Passengers. HOUSTON, Tex., March 9.—The Sunset Limited, of the Southern Pacific, was annulled yesterday because it was 50 minutes late, the annulment being due to the recent order of the Texas Railroad Commission requiring passenger trains to run within 20 minutes of their schedules. There was a large number of Northern and Eastern tourists aboard the train going to the Pacific Coast, and they were compelled to remain here 12 hours. Lower Livestock Rate in Iowa. DES MOINES, Iowa, March 9.—The State Board of Railway Commissioners today decided to order a general reduction in Iowa freight on fat and feeding cattle, horses, mules and sheep, amounting to about 18 per cent. The decision came as a result of action of the Iowa Corn Belt Meat Producers Company. FIX INSURANCE STANDARD California Legislature Provides Uniform Fire Insurance Law. SACRAMENTO, March 9.—After eight weeks' work by the Senate and Assembly committees on insurance laws, the State Assembly this afternoon passed and sent to the Governor the bill providing for a standard fire insurance policy in this state. All earthquake and falling building clauses are deleted, but certain forms of "riders" printed in red ink are permitted. All riders restricting and diminishing the risks of the insurer must be signed by the insured. LOOKS LIKE FINISH FIGHT (Continued from First Page.) location. Having practically tied up the lumber mills and box factories, Organizer Yarrow says the strikers will now seek to interest the employees in the sash and door factories, of which about a dozen are located here, and accomplish the closing of these plants. Several meetings have been held by the strikers at the Days street hall today, probably the most im-

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Important of which will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon when the employees of the veneer plant at St. Johns expect to organize, and formulate a demand for a general advance of wages. "We do not ask the millowners to recognize the union," said Organizer Yarrow last night. "But the laboring men of these mills are thoroughly organized and are determined to obtain better wages. We will stand together in insisting that any increase in wages be granted. Not one of the striking men will go hungry or lack for a place to sleep. In this fight we have the backing of the Industrial Workers of the World throughout the country and we will have all necessary funds with which to wage our fight. We have arranged to care for the strikers through the medium of a soup house and ample bunking accommodations. We are not only in the fight to win but will win."

PRINTERS MAY RETURN Butte Union Willing to Submit Matter to Arbitration Board. BUTTE, Mont., March 9.—The Typographical Union has submitted to the publishers of the local newspapers a proposition to return its members to work at the news scale of \$5 per day, the matter of wages to be decided by arbitration, the publishers having refused to pay more than \$3.50 per day. The publishers have the matter up for consideration, and it is probable that publication will be resumed during the coming week.

Russian Spies Coming to America. NEW YORK, March 9.—An interesting illustration of the energy and co-operation of the Russian secret police was received yesterday at the headquarters of the Jewish branch of the Russian Social

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