## NORELLI TELLS OF NARROW ESCAPE

Longing for Home and Family Causes Prima Donna to Forego Liege Visit.

MID-WEST TOUR PLANNED

Portland Declared Favorite City on Pacific Coast-Mention of Berlin Brings Reproach as to Its Low Moral Tone.

BY JOSEPH M. QUENTIN. When the war-scarred city of Liegs. Belgium, was stormed by the German army under the command of General von Emmich, it was just by a fortunate circumstance that Madame Jennie Norelli, the famous Swedish prima donna soprano and opera queen, was not among the killed or injured in that place.

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The lucky chance that she is safely at home in America today, far from war's alarms, is because Madame Norelli, instead of accepting an urgent invitation to pass the Summer with a woman friend, whose husband was—or maybe is—the proprietor of a gun factory at Liege, hurried from Germany to see her husband and family, whose present home is in Tacoma, Wash.

Madame Norelli arrived at the Hotel Portland last Friday, and was in a chatty mood when I called on her.

"Now don't expect me to tell you about my actual experiences in that dreadful war in Europe," said Madame, shaking a warning finger at me, "I haven't been in any battles, but I just escaped being shut up at Liege, Belgium. A woman friend of mine, whose husband is a big gun manufacturer in that place, invited me to spend a few weeks with her this Summer. But I wrote that I couldn't accept the invitation, as I wished to hurry to America to see my family. I was in Berlin at the time. I thank God that I escaped that battle. If I had been in Liege at that time I might have escaped with the stream of fugitives, but it would have been largely a matter of chance.

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"This last season I have sung in concert tours in England, Sweden and Germany. I sang in Halle, Munich, Leipsic and Hamburg. I had one offer to sing at the Royal Opera-House, Dresden, in September, and prepared a repertoire in German of 15 operas to be in readiness for this engagement, but I got—what do you call it?—homesick for my family in this country, and I took a train for Hamburg to sail on the Vaterland, but the train did not arrive in time, and I was compelled to sail on a much slower steamer, the Graf Waldersee, of the Hamburg-American line.

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"Mutterings of war already had passed over Europe, shortly after the Austrian heir apparent had been killed. Austria and Servia were at war, and Germany and Russia were mobilizing. I am not certain of the date on which our steamer salled from Hamburg, but we had only been about two days on the ocean, when the wireless brought the news that war had broken out between Germany and the other European It is pointed out that a great army powers."

PARIS. Sept. 12.—The military critics, especially the critics of the Journal des de Bats, although appreciating fully the German reverse all along the line from Paris to Verdun and applauding the splendid feat of arms of the French and British troops, caution the public against a too rapid assumption that the invaders are beating a disorderly retreat.

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Ocean Voyage Uneventful.

"Then, I suppose, there was plenty of excitement on board?"
"No, indeed," replied Norelli. "The captain did not alter his course, the lights of our ship were not darkened and we did not talk in whispers. We were not even chased by a warship. I visited friends in New York and elsewhere. I was so pleased, especially to meet my daughter at Tacoma."
"What are your plans for the future?"
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I have just been engaged by Harry "I have just been engaged by Harry Culbertson, the Chicago manager, to give a tour of concerts through the Middle West cities next month. I expect to remain in Portland about three weeks yet, seeing my friends. Do yau know, I hurdly recognize the Portland I left when I sang here two years ago? There are so many big buildings here now. But Portland is my favorite city on the Pacific Coast. The big buildings bewilder me, but do you know what spot in Portland is really enshrined in my heart? The little church around the corner, the First Unitarian Church, Broadway and Yamhill streets, the only church in Portland where I was a choir singer.

Berlin Declared Dissipated.

"But this war, this dreadful war!" repeated Norelli. "I will lose, I fear, many friends in it. I know 25 German officers, 10 French and eight British—and they are all fighting each other. I hope the war will purify life in Germany, especially Berlin. I think of Berlin, with all its arts and sciences, as a dissipated city. Some women visitors from America, when they first go to Berlin, have to pinch themselves to awaken their consciousness that they are respectable. If American mothers who send their daughters, alone, to Berlin to receive a musical education, knew what I know about the temptations and the mad galety of Berlin—well, they would think twice."

"Did you see anything so very dreadful in Berlin; for instance—?"
Norell arose, deliberately, like a dignified swan, and floated out of the room, talking about the weather.

"Not for wild horses!" she said, severely. Berlin Declared Dissipated.

### WAR SHATTERS ROMANCE

German Girl Betrothed to Pendleton Man Cannot Come for Wedding.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The war in Europe has broken at least one romance in this city.

Nick Noel, a young member of the fire department, was on the point of getting his swestheart over from Luxemburg, Germany, but her brothers and father have been ordered to the front. The girl's name is Gretchen Mulier, and her parents have been running a wineshop for many years. Now Gretchen and her mother have to remain behind to run the little place.

Everything was arranged for the wedding on the girl's arrival, but instead of the girl, there came a sorry little letter saying that one brother had been killed and two other brothers, with their father, were in the war, and the wedding would have to be post-poned until after the war.

### SLANG CAUSES ARREST

American Recipient of Demand for "30 Beans" Jailed.

NEW YORK. Sept. 12.—The Italian steamship Ancona arrived here today from Naples with 465 passengers, of whom 134 were Americans. Among the passengers were Dr. Alexander Becker, an American, who said he was arrested and put in jall in Germany as a spy after the authorities intercepted a cable message he had received

written in American slang. Some of the passengers coming from Syria said the attitude of the Turks was alarm-

The message which caused the imprisonment of Dr. Alexander Becker, who is an instructor at the manual training high school in Brooklyn, was "Kale all gone; wire 30 beans at once." The telegram was sent from Vienna, Italy, by Dr. Becker's colleague, Professor Edouard Sangiovanni.

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When the German censor at Markirch, in Alsace, intercepted this message, the strange words evidently sroused his suspicions. "Kale" looked somewhat like "Kehl," a town in Baden, on the Rhine, and "beans" bore some resemblance to "bombs." Apparently the censor concluded that Dr. Becker was implicated in a plot to blow up the big bridge at Kehl. He was kept in a cell for 30 hours. Then he was given 12 hours to leave Germany, and fled to Switzerland.

Three weeks later, when Dr. Becker met Professor Sangiovanni in Naples, the latter explained that as soon as the war broke out, the bank in Sienna, where he had deposited all his funds, closed. He had friends in the telegraph office and did not wish them to know of his predicament, so when he appealed to Dr. Becker for funds he used American slang.

## **BRITON WARNS AMERICA**

SPECTATOR ARGUES GERMANY MAY STRIKE IF PRESSED.

Trade Boycott Predicted, With Orders to United States to Join or Abide

GERMAN ARMY'S RETREAT IS NOT DISORDERLY.

Owing to Enormous Numbers, Military Men View Tenton in Light of Counter Offensive Any Time.

retreat.

It is pointed out that a great army such as the Germans pushed into France still possesses considerable power of resisting pursuers, even after such a reverse, and that owing to its enormous numbers it may assume a counter offensive at any moment.

Discussing the rumons of a general

#### WAR CAUSE TO BE TAUGHT Oxford Lecturers Will Tell English

Public Reasons for Strife. LONDON, Sept. 2 .- Oxford University

LONDON, Sept. 2.—Oxford University has announced an extensive plan for teaching the causes of the present war through popular lectures to be offered in courses throughout England.

The regular history lecturers of the university will be utilized for this work. All the universities of England will carry on their school work as usual this year.

Complexion perfection-Santiseptic Lotion

Tonight at 7:45 at the Big Tent 13th and Morrison

The Spirit World

Evangelist St. John FREE

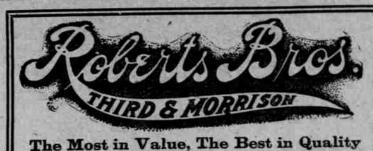
#### Owes His Life to This Lung Remedy

Pacific Phone Mars. 5080, Home A 2112-All the Latest and Best Styles in the Ladies' Home Journal Patterns at 10c and 15c Each-They Are Seam-Allowing Patterns That Are Guaranteed Not to Waste Materials and to Insure a Perfect-Fitting Garment-The Fall Style Book Is Here-All Mail Orders Promptly and Carefully Filled

#### Wool Finish Suitings at 25¢ Yard

Fall weight, wool finish Suitings, shown in plain colors, plaids and checks and in many coloringsa fabric especially desirable for school dresses.

Our Store Opens Daily at 8:30 A. M. Saturday At 9 A. M.



Our Store Closes Daily at 5:30 P. M. Saturday At 6 P. M. Dress Ginghams, 121/2¢ An extensive variety of the new dark patterns in the best standard quality Dress Ginghams - many desirable patterns for children's school garments.

## Here's An Extended List of Timely Offerings Introducing Our

Monday Will Be VISITING NURSES' DAY At Home

Membership Cards will be on sale at the booth in our store from 10 A. M. until 5 P. M.

MRS. THOMAS ROBERTS Will Be in Attendance

And will be pleased to meet all those who wish to ecome members of this worthy association. All funds raised will go directly into the work of assisting the needy sick. Yearly Membership Cards will be offered at \$3, \$5 and \$10.

Greatest September Sale

We launch our annual September sale with a determination that this store shall reach out still further in usefulness and broaden in helpfulness by giving greater values and better service. With confidence we look forward to the making of many new friendships, and friendships mean growth. Fair dealing with the customer is no new thing here. This is our Greatest September Sale.

You Will Find Economies Seldom Possible So Early in the Season

## Women's Fall Weight Wool Underwear



Both Vests and Pants, in all sizes; perfect-fitting \$1 garments, special for this sale ......

We are daily receiving new installments of Fall and Winter-Weight Knit Underwear for women and children; de-

pendable quality garments that have been made and finished in a most perfect manner. In order to induce your early inspection we offer these special price inducements. Women's Fine Gray Wool Underwear in elastic rib and correct Fall weight. Both vests and pants in all sizes;

well-fitting, well-finished garments made to 79c sell regularly at \$1, this sale only at ......

Misses' Fleeced Cotton Union Suits In high-neck, long-sleeve styles in ankle length. Best regular 75c grade, special at . . Parents will find this to be a very opportune time to supply the children's needs in Fall-Weight Knit Underwear. Take this offering for example: Misses

Fine Bleached Cotton Union Suits, well fleeced and perfect fitting. All sizes in high-neck, long-sleeve styles, in ankle length. Regular 75c garments, this sale only at ..... Boys' and Girls' School Stockings

Medium-weight Maco Cotton Hose, with spliced linen heel and toe; regular 35c grade. 19c Mothers will surely appreciate this sale of Children's High-Grade Stockings. There is not only a price saving, but there will be no time lost later on in darning holes, for they are made of fine maco cotton and with spliced linen heel and toe. They come in one by one rib and in medium weight, suitable for both boys and girls. They are the best 35c Stockings, priced this sale at .....

Women's 85c Black Silk Hose, Special, a Pair, 59¢ A special underpriced purchase and sale of 200 dozen pairs of Women's Pure Silk Hose in black only. They are full-fashioned Stockings, made with lisle garter top and lisle heel and toe. All sizes. 59c Regular 85c grade, priced to close at ......

# Goods Dress

Bewitching fabrics fairly priced! Would you feast your eyes on the most Beautiful gathering of Dress Fabrics that have come from the mills in many seasons? Then spend half an hour at these sections tomorrow; it is well worth your time, no matter whether you buy or not, and we will be pleased to show you them in any event.

Roman Striped and Scotch Plaid Silks, Priced From \$1 to \$2 a Yard Hundreds of yards in beautiful color combinations. The popular Roman Stripes and Scotch Plaid Silks of perfect weave and finish. They come from 24 to 36 inches wide and are the finest qualities that we have ever been able to

offer at \$1.00 to \$2.00 a yard. Chine at \$1.50 a Yard

A matchless Silk value; a sale of 40inch Brocaded Crepe de Chine of perfect weave and finish. Comes in all wanted shades for both street and evening garments. - It is a soft, durable Silk that makes up beautifully, underpriced at \$1.50 a yard.

Rich Colorings in Trimming Silks at \$1:00 to \$2.50 Yard

A comprehensive line, including all the new weaves and colorings. Taffetas Messalines Poplins, Ottoman terns and colorings to suit every taste. \$1.00 up to \$2.50 a yard.

Plain and Brocaded Silk Crepe de | Exquisite Colorings in Fancy Silks at \$1.50 to \$2.00 Yard

The new yard-wide Swiss Taffetas in both light and dark grounds with the popular new pompadour and floral over-designs; also yard-wide plain colored Taffetas in shades to match for making the new combination gowns. Our two leading lines are \$1.50 and \$2.00 a yard.

New Black and White Striped Silks at \$1.00 to \$2.00 Yard

Poplins, Messalines and Satin-Faced Silks full 36 inches wide, shown in the Cords, Moires, Bengalines, etc. Pat- best weights and in all size black and white stripes. One of the new season's 20 to 36-inch widths at all prices from most fashionable fabrics, shown here at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2 a yard.

Extremely High-Grade 54-Inch Imported and Domestic Novelties, Both Plaids and Stripes, in the Best Colorings, at \$1.50 to \$2.00 a Yard

No better qualities; no better values are to be found anywhere than we are showing at the above prices. They are strictly pure wool fabrics full 54 inches wide, shown in the most popular color combinations in stripes and plaid novelties. Weights and weaves to suit every purpose. Through advantageous purchasing we are enabled to sell these fine fabrics at \$1.50 and \$2 a yard.

## New Arrivals -- The Best Styles in Women's Fall and Winter-Weight Shoes

Styles for street and evening wear. Qualities sold in exclusive shoe stores at \$3.50 to \$4.00, priced for this sale at, the pair .... \$3.00 Up-to-the-minute, brand-new footwear of the most de-

pendable qualities; shape-retaining, perfect-fitting Shoes, shown here in all sizes and widths. The most fashionable styles for street and evening wear, including those with cloth top, patent vamp, narrow receding toe and kidney heel, as well as the more conservative styles in patent, kid and dull leathers; also patent and gunmetal "Baby Doll" Boots with short broad toe, low heel and cloth top and fine kid Shoes with hand-turned soles. All these come in button or lace styles and represent the best of workmanship and materials. Qualities sold in exclusive shoe stores at \$3.50 to \$4.00 a pair, are priced \$3.00 here for this sale at .....

Children's Dependable School Shoes Boys' Double-Soled School Shoes, sizes 9 to 131/2, at ... \$1.75 Boys' Double Soled School Shoes, sizes 1 to  $5\frac{1}{2}$ , at . . \$1.98 Boys' Oil Grain Logger Shoes in sizes 99 to  $13\frac{1}{2}$ , at . . \$2.48 Boys' Oil Grain Logger Shoes in sizes 1 to 51/2, at ...

Children's and Misses' Heavy Soled Box Calf and Gunmetal Shoes in button styles, guaranteed all solid leather and well stitched throughout—underpriced Sizes 81/2 to 11, priced at ..... \$1.49 | Sizes 111/2 to 2, priced at ..... \$1.75 Complete New Lines in Fall-Weight

## Wash Cottons

Standard Qualities at Moderate Prices

Pleasing new patterns in an unlimited variety of weaves and colorings-standard widths and qualities at moderately low prices. We invite your immediate inspection while stocks are at their best.

New Viyella Flannels at 75¢ a Yard

A splendid wearing wash fabric of Fall weight-one that will not shrink or fade. Comes in pretty stripe and plaid styles-a fabric especially desirable for

UNDERWEAR SPECIALS

Standard Fleece and Utica Cotton Ribbed Shirts and Winsted Mills Wool Shirts and Drawers in gray and buff at.....\$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75 The North-Fur and Four Star Wool Shirts and Drawers at.....\$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75 Cooper's Fine Worsted Ribbed Shirts and Drawers Glastenbury Natural Gray Australian Wool Shirts and Drawers at ......\$1.50 B. & L. Textile Fine Wool Ribbed Shirts and Drawers at ......\$1.75 and \$2.00 Union Suits in perfect-fitting styles and the best fabrics for Fall and Winter-such well-known makes as Vassar, Winsted, Norfolk, New Brunswick, Wright's, North Star, B. & L. Textile, Atlas, Rich-

mond, etc. All sizes and all prices-\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50