

PATTI, NOVEL PRIMA DONNA, SUCCEUMS

Career of 40 Years as Singer Marked by Success.

VISIT HERE IS RECALLED

Voice at Time of Last Appearance in Portland Not as Golden as in Days of Prime.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Adelina Patti, the prima donna, died today at Craig-y-Nos castle, Penycar, South Wales. Mme. Adelina Patti reigned for 40 years as queen of singers. Her marvelous voice thrilled the greatest concertgoers of her day. The elder Dumars, the French dramatist, once said to her: "Being a man and a Christian, I love to listen to your singing; but if I were a bird I would die of envy." "She had tones so beautiful," said one eminent musical critic, "that they seemed to rush spontaneously from the very fountain-spring of vocal youth."

Talent Inherited by Singer.
Mme. Patti inherited her talent. "I am a child of the stage," she has said, "being born during an operatic season at Madrid, Spain, in 1842. My father, Salvatore Patti, a Sicilian, was a good tenor singer. My mother, a Roman, became a famous artist as Signora Barilli—the name of her first husband."

Dwindling finances sent the Patti family to New York when Adelina, whose birth-name was Adela Juana Maria Patti, was a baby. When she was seven years old, her parents suddenly became penniless. "In the emergency," the singer said, "my mother considered that I had extraordinary vocal talent, and hid upon the idea of bringing me out in concert. And so I sang and soon won bread for the family."

The child made her debut at Tripler hall, in New York, singing arias from the "Barber" in 1859. She was the juvenile prodigy of the time, and nearly ruined her voice by overwork. She appeared again at the age of 13. After a tour through the West Indies, she withdrew to prepare for a greater career.

At the age of 16 she appeared in the Academy of Music, New York, in her first opera role, "Lucia di Lammermoor." Her wonderful soprano roused the audience to the wildest enthusiasm, and her fame swept the country. At this time she was earning \$100 a week.

Conquest Is Repeated.
She repeated her conquest as Adeline in "La Sonnambula" in Covent Garden, London, in 1861. Her salary had increased to \$750 a month.

It was the beginning of a dazzling conquest of all Europe. Royalty entertained her in palaces, and the populace besieged her hotels and theaters. Men in all stations of life wooed her, but she remained true to her husband, who was a French nobleman and a man of letters. She finally capitulated at the age of 25 to Henri, marquis de Camille, a French nobleman. They separated after a few years.

Mme. Patti finally securing a divorce in 1885 to marry Signor Ernesto Nicolini, an Italian tenor.

Her first American tour began in 1881—her last in 1903. She was greeted by a magnificent ovation when she made her first appearance in Boston. In the New York academy of music, she sang the role of Lucia in the opera "Lucia di Lammermoor" in 1881. She was at the height of her career, and became the musical sensation of the winter. The following year she sang at the newly opened Metropolitan opera house. Her guaranteed salary was \$5000 a night—and it was paid. For Mme. Patti invariably refused to appear until the money was in her possession.

Box-office Star Record Held.
Mme. Patti held the record as a box-office star in operatic circles. When she appeared at a matinee concert in Mechanics hall in Boston, in 1888, she faced an audience of 18,000. She had paid \$18,000 to hear her. During a single tour through South America she received in salary and bonuses more than \$300,000. It has been estimated that she earned more than \$5,000,000 during her singing career.

She made her final professional appearance at the age of 65, in London. Her last days were passed in Wales at her beautiful castle, "Craig-y-Nos," with her third husband, Baron de Cederstrom, whom she married in 1899, a year after the death of Nicolini.

Mme. Patti is reputed to have left an estate valued at more than \$3,000,000. She was the first operatic singer in the world to be made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor. She was decorated by the czar of Russia with the order of merit, and was appointed by him as "first singer of the court." European potentates vied with each other in showering her with jewels, decorations and social distinctions.

When Madame Patti made her final "farewell" tour of America, it was under the auspices of an ex-Portland man, the late Marcus A. Mayer, who at one time was a printer on the Oregonian. While the tour was a financial success for the prima donna, it was disastrous for her impresario and it was a disappointment to the public.

Patti appeared at the armory, which afforded the largest seating capacity in the city at the time, and the large drill hall was filled to maximum capacity. The famous soprano had attained a high age and the golden notes, which had charmed the world a generation earlier, were tarnished, to speak charitably.

For a tour of 50 concerts, Madame Patti demanded \$5000 for each of her appearances. Her contract was for \$250,000. The management had to pay down in advance \$125,000 before the first concert was given. Mr. Mayer and his associates lost, it is said, \$60,000 on the enterprise.

WILSON TRIP MADE IN VAIN
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The whole treaty, reservations or no reservations.

Already there are supposed to be 22 irreconcilables who will not support the present league covenant in any form.

Johnson Amendment Pivotal.
The Johnson amendment giving the United States the same number of votes as Great Britain and her colonies has become pivotal. Both sides with the exception of Senator Johnson himself, were anxious to postpone a vote. Several of the president's friends apparently are dreading the day when they must go on record. Both sides admit that the vote may be close and either side may win by four votes. It was ascertained today that Senator Jones of Washington, whose vote with the democrats against the postponement of the Fall amendment, few days ago created such a stir,

intends supporting the Johnson amendment. Senator McNary's substitute will provide that the British Empire shall have only one vote in the league assembly on any question affecting Great Britain and her colonies and only one vote on matters affecting the United States.

More Majority Useless.
"It is not a majority that we have been seeking to win by our efforts to bring the two extremes together," said Senator McNary today. "A majority would be valueless in any final accomplishment, because the success of this treaty depends upon the vote of two-thirds of the senate."

The country need expect no important legislation until the treaty is out of the way, as the president has used the high cost of living as a compelling reason for ratification of the treaty, just as some senators are using the treaty to delay legislation which they do not approve or relish.

Senator La Follette will not permit any final action on the coal, oil and phosphate land leasing bill until the treaty is out of the way. Cold storage legislation will probably be held up in the same way.

Hold-Up May Not Help.
But holding up the cold storage bill is not likely either to help or hurt, because all of the importance of the legislation is by reason of one of its principal provisions, some members of the house say. The original purpose to pass a short limit of days or a little more time on the period in which food may be held in storage has been abandoned, and it is declared that the house now is engaged in handling consumers something that looks good but means nothing.

The limit is likely to be one year, which is about the maximum time that the hoarder would care to hold food in storage. By the end of that period he will be anxious on his own account to disgorge and get his old stock sold before the next season's supply comes into the market.

Oregon and other northwest states are soon to be thanked personally by King Albert of Belgium for their noble part in helping win the war. Just how soon the Belgian monarch will get away to the coast, neither the state department nor anyone else seems to know, but it is expected that he will get away in a few weeks and that kings will become as common in the United States as presidents.

CONSCIENCE DEBT REPAID
INJURY SELF-INFLICTED IN ATTEMPT TO EVADE DRAFT.
State of Washington Compensation Becomes Hateful to Portlander Joining Apostles.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 27.—C. L. Warner, member of the Apostolic mission at Portland, has discharged a conscience debt of \$17.50 to the state industrial insurance commission by repaying workmen's compensation allowed him to that amount for an injury he suffered at a Hoquiam sawmill in 1917.

Warner says he pulled some lumber upon his foot as he was escaping the draft, but it didn't work, and after leaving the service he became an apostle.

The state compensation he had received for the unworthy injury then became a hateful thing to him and he has been making it his business to repay the state. Now he is square, both with the state and with his conscience.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK
OF 624 Accidents in State, 591 Subject to Compensation Act.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—During the week ending September 25, 1919, inclusive, there were reported to the state industrial accident commission 624 accidents. Of this number 591 were subject to the provisions of the compensation act, 16 were from fire and corporations that have rejected the provisions of the law, and 17 were from public utility corporations not subject to the provisions of the act.

The fatalities included Walter C. Helm of Estacada, David Hodge of Bend, and A. H. Benn of Portland.

U. S. FINANCIERS OPPOSED
Roumanian Plans Petroleum Nationalization.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—The Roumanian government is considering the nationalization of all petroleum companies, according to a Geneva dispatch to the Associated Press. The dispatch says the step may be taken "in order to avoid pressure from American financiers who are seeking a monopoly in petroleum there."

Amsterdam and several other cities in Holland are reducing the working day of municipal employees from nine hours or more to eight hours.

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Order to Take Trau, In Dalmatia, Given by Paris.

SERBS PUT IN CONTROL

Disturbance in Zone Allotted to Americans for Patrol Quickly and Peaceably Quelled.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—A force of American marines from the cruiser Clympea was landed at Trau, on the lower Dalmatian coast, September 23. Without bloodshed, the Americans gained possession of the city, which previously had been occupied by a force of Italians.

Secretary Daniels' announcement said: "On September 23 a number of Italians surprised and captured Trau, a Dalmatian port in the zone assigned to the supreme council to be policed by the Americans. A small landing force from the U. S. S. Olympia succeeded in recovering the town and procuring order there without bloodshed. Serbians were persuaded by Admiral Andrews from taking action."

Orders Received From Paris.
Telegrams received from Belgrade yesterday, made public tonight by the information bureau here of the kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, give a detailed account of what occurred at Trau on September 23. One message says the Italians entered at 2 A. M. without firing a shot, seized the city administrative buildings and arrested some "notable inhabitants."

Plan Known In Advance.
"The Italian section of the population knew some days in advance what was going to happen," the message says.

Count Nino de Panfagna, described as "an Italianized citizen of Trogir (Trau)," is said to have proclaimed himself dictator and organized a "nationalist army" of Italianized citizens recruited by the distribution of money and food.

Panfagna, according to the Belgrade message, called a conference of department heads of the city and ordered the public services turned over to him, which was done after the chiefs had "protested energetically and only gave way to force." Italian soldiers occupied the streets and water front, but "showed little enthusiasm," the message says.

Rear Admiral Andrews, commanding the American naval forces in the Adriatic, in reporting the landing, said he acted on instructions from the supreme council at Paris received after he had reported that a force of Italians, apparently revolutionists, had occupied the city on the morning of September 23.

His message did not say whether the Americans still occupied the town, but press dispatches from Copenhagen and Paris have said that the Americans withdrew after turning the town over to the "nationalist" forces.

The Italians, Admiral Andrews reported, retired when the Americans landed, without offering resistance.

Trou in American Area.
It was said at the navy department that Trau was in that section of the Dalmatian coast assigned by the peace conference to the United States for patrol. The Italian government is responsible for the strip of coast line to the northward and the French for that to the south.

"As soon as our (Serbian) troops arrived," the message says, "the house of Mr. Panfagna was surrounded."

Will Be Handled Over to the Competent Authorities.
The place "took up arms and firing on the Italians began."

"About noon," it continues, "an American message from Split (Spalato) tells of the excitement there when word of the coup at Trau was received. At 2 P. M. on September 23, Serbian troops left for Trau 'covered with flowers' and amid popular enthusiasm."

Before the Serbians reached Trau, the message says, the inhabitants of Puzos, an Italian town, were being handed over to the competent authorities.

American destroyer arrived off Trau, sound of firing and learned of the coming of the Serbians troops and the arrival of the Americans they left the town at the double.

"The inhabitants captured an Italian armored car, the officer commanding the troops and three soldiers. Both the car and the prisoners were handed over to the American marines, who surrendered them to the commander of the Italian warship."

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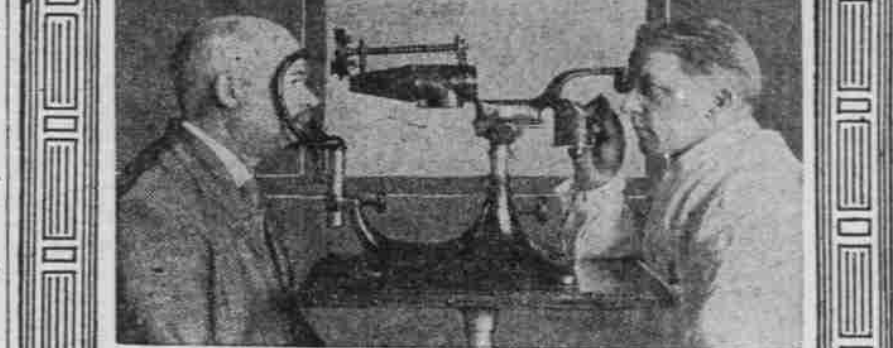
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