

"PARSIFAL," A PLAY OF WONDROUS STRENGTH



The story of how Parsifal was crowned of God and man is a fascinating one, accompanied as it is by its wonderful pageantry and its scenic and costume environment. Then there is the symbolic atmosphere—that touch of medieval tradition, of paganism and magic, which gives to it that rich glow and color so oriental in character. Its incidental music is completely in keeping with the richness and poetic beauty of its theme.



Wagner has striven throughout the stage festival play of "Parsifal" to be absolutely true to the spirit and prevailing religious belief of the age that produced the Grail legends. He has outwardly conformed to the dominant religious dogmas of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries so faithfully that had this work been produced during that period its orthodoxy would hardly have been questioned, even if the audience had missed its deeper lessons and true significance.

More Than Great Art. "Parsifal" is far more than a great art piece. Below the surface, the form, the drama, and superstition, which the great majority of intelligent Christians have long since outgrown, are found the fundamental religious and ethical lessons which are as eternal as life itself.

Parsifal is a life from self-absorption to selflessness, from negative good, or guilelessness, to the prosaic virtue which can come only with knowledge and triumph over multitudinous temptations which beset the pathway of life. Here too, we see indifference to the sufferings, needs and yearnings of others give place to that intense concern for the happiness, peace and welfare of the most hopeless and despairing ones, which found its supreme expression in the life of the great Nazarene.

our remedy against the kings? "The English answer, so far as 'Kill him,' the Russian answer, so far as 'Kill him,' the Portuguese answer, so far as 'Kill him,' the Roman answer, glorified to the utmost of his power by our greatest poet, is 'Kill him.'"

PRINCE FIGHTS MAD CHAUFFEUR

Driver Attempts to Wreck Flying Automobile and Loses His Life.

Bukharest, Feb. 11.—Prince Zika, a Roumanian millionaire, yesterday had a fight for life with his chauffeur, who had fallen madly in love with the princess. The chauffeur, an Italian named Harver, yesterday entered the room of the princess, and passionately declared his love for her, asking her to fly with him from Bukharest. The princess ordered him to quit the service of the prince, to whom she would otherwise relate what had occurred.

NO REST FOR FORGER'S BONES

Man Who Was Hanged Twice Will Be Buried Three Times.

London, Feb. 15.—William Booth, the notorious banknote forger, who paid the penalty of his crime at Stafford in August, 1812, had the distinction of being hanged twice. He is about to achieve further fame by being thrice hanged.

SIMPLE GOWNS AT ED'S COURT

English King's Reforms to Be Reflected in Dress of Women.

London, Feb. 15.—King Edward's reforms in the direction of simplicity and good taste in court life will be reflected in the gowns worn by society women at court during the coming season. There is to be reaction from bejeweled ostentation back to artistic refinement in the gowns.

DARING MEN BREAK THROUGH JAIL WALL

Escape From Prison With Aid of a Bar Torn From the Folding Bed.

Milan, Feb. 11.—A remarkably daring escape has been made from the prison at Busto-Arsizio. The prison is situated in the municipal building which include also the law courts. In a large room were six prisoners, two of whom, on awaking yesterday morning, were surprised to see their companions, one of whom was the chief of a noted band of robbers.

AMERICAN LORD WANTS HIS TITLE

Claims Never Questioned, but Yankee Asks King to Have His Dignity Established.

London, Feb. 11.—Albert Kirby Fairfax, who has been described as the only American bearing an English title, has taken steps definitely to establish his right to the title of Lord Fairfax. King Edward has referred to the house of lords the petition of Albert Kirby Fairfax claiming to be Lord Fairfax in the peerage of Scotland, that his majesty will cause his right to the title and dignity of Lord Fairfax to be declared and established.

CLEVER ACTORS ROB BISHOP OF ODESSA

Disguised as Governor of Province They Easily Pass the Guards.

Odessa, Feb. 11.—Some 10 days ago the bishop of Kamenetz-Podolsk received a letter from the "Podolans Committee of Anarchist-Communists" demanding the payment of a "tribute" of 20,000 roubles.

SPANISH WORKMEN FORCED TO EMIGRATE

Government Wastes Millions but Fails to Provide Employment.

Madrid, Feb. 14.—Deputy Calzada said in the chamber that 400,000 Spaniards are gaining their bread in Argentina, which was denied them in Spain; that it is necessary to colonize Spain, which has abundant elements of existence; that the country must put the future and well being of the country before political conveniences.

ENGLAND NOT IMMUNE FROM KING-SLAYERS

London, Feb. 15.—Bernard Shaw, writing about the appalling frequency of political assassinations, and after reviewing those since the murder of Czar Alexander of Russia, and referring to the death of Charles I, says:

"Let us try to bring the question home to England. For 200 years our monarchs have run no risks. Our kings have accepted a liberal position so completely that we have forgotten it."

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