

GIGANTIC DEAL IS CLOSED WITH OPERATIC WRITERS

Berlin, March 11.—A gigantic deal which gives a group of New York theatrical men the world rights for 10 years for all central European states and literary productions and which brings to America the world's greatest operetta composers—Oscar Straus, Lehár, Fall, Gilbert and Kollo—as well as the German theatrical wizard, Reinhardt, has just been closed here.

The negotiators for the New York group are Ben Blumenthal, president of the Export and Import Film company, New York, and Samuel Rachman, a German citizen who was active in New York during the war as a theatrical promoter. Blumenthal is about to return to America, carrying in his pocket contracts which will transplant the home of the operetta from Central Europe—Vienna, Berlin and Budapest—to New York, and which gives that city monopoly control of all German, Austrian and Hungarian music, dramatic libretto and literature, with exclusive rights of reproduction for all English speaking countries.

EUROPEAN NOTABLES
A list of notable men and women in the Central European theatrical world, headed by Professor Reinhardt, has signed up at princely salaries and royalties, to go to New York, where they are not only to produce and direct in person their already completed works, but everything they will create within the next decade.

Reinhardt, it is announced, has contracted to produce four plays and three films. It is predicted he will open in America next Christmas day with a super-miracle play. Among other works he will produce "Danton," the premiere of which was a sensational success here at the "Grosses Schauspielhaus," the monster playhouse, last winter. The third scene of this drama is described as the most ambitious piece of stage work ever attempted by Reinhardt.

THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED
Among the composers signed up to go to New York for direct personal production of their operettas are:

Oscar Straus of "Chocolate Soldier" and "Dream Waltz" fame.
Franz Lehár, king of the Viennese operetta composers, who is known in Vienna as "The Master" and who composed "The Merry Widow," "Alone at Last," "Gypsy Love" and many other works of world wide fame.

Jean Gilbert, composer of "The Girl in the Taxi" and "The Queen of the Movies."
Leo Fall, who composed "The Dollar Princess."

Walter Kollo, of "Maytime" fame.
Franz Lehár, it is understood, has contracted to direct personally in New Masura, "The Yellow Ticket" and York his new operettas "The Blue Frangula."

Oscar Straus is to produce his new operetta, "The Last Waltz," the premiere of which here two weeks ago, with Fritz Masary in the leading part, was pronounced the biggest success of the season. He has also signed up, it is said, to try his hand at operettas and reviews with American atmosphere and settings.

Jean Gilbert is to produce his latest work, "The Woman in Ermine," which has been playing to crowded houses here for the last six months.
Leo Fall has contracted to produce his "Rose of Stamboul" in New York.
Several of the composers will take their families with them, apparently intending to make their future home in America.

Even Ex-Kaiser's Frying Pans Bear The Imperial Arms

By Leopold Aeltrino
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
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Amsterdam, March 11.—The former Kaiser has refrained for several weeks from visiting his future residence, the Huis de Doorn. The last time he was there he was accompanied by the ex-empress, and this was on the day when the second allied note regarding his extradition was delivered to the Dutch government. Nevertheless, the renovation of the old manor is being pushed diligently. The whole house has been painted white. Provision has been made for a garden, on one side of which will be planted holly and fir trees.
Meanwhile the installation of furniture goes on steadily. Furniture vans arrive daily from Amsterdam, with porcelain dinner services, kitchen utensils and other articles. Everything, including even the pans, is decorated with the imperial arms of the Hohenzollerns.

HUNGARIAN SENTIMENT STRONG FOR MONARCHY, DECLARES VON HORTHY

By Karl H. Von Wiegand
Berlin, March 11.—In a signed message following his resignation as virtual regent of Hungary, Admiral von Horthy declares the overwhelming majority of Hungarian people demand a monarchy which adds that England, Italy and Japan, being themselves monarchists, cannot consistently object to other nations selecting the monarchical system. The admiral expresses hope that America will bring the victors and the vanquished together so as to insure world peace.

"Restoration of the monarchy," says the message, "may please some and displease others of the neighboring states. Hungary must reestablish the old monarchy before law and order can be permanently restored. The national assembly elections have manifested the will of the Hungarian people in that direction. The Hungarian people are of an excitable temperament which is not suited to the republican system. They can accomplish wonders when they have a strong leadership, which is possible only in a monarchy."

"As for the question of the future king, various candidates have been put forward but the government will not approach that question for the present. The peace which the allies wish to impose on us is unthinkable. It robs Hungary of every means of existence. We will not sign such a peace except by compulsion, for we know we cannot fulfill it."

The allies attitude, Von Horthy declares, is compelling Hungary to seek economic rapprochement with Germany.

Touring Expense of Prince of Wales Is Cut to the Bone

London, March 11.—The expense account of the Prince of Wales for his recent visit to the United States and Canada, just published, shows the tour cost only \$36,000. The treasury had granted \$125,000 for the journey. The prince paid the balance to his father's banking account.
The statement discloses that the prince paid no hotel bills for himself but had to meet the cost of accommodation for a dozen officers and other members of his suite. Tips, personal purchases and gifts, ranging from walking sticks to jeweled bracelets, amounted to \$10,000.

Sufficient potassium salts have been discovered in deep salt wells in China to promise a new source of potash.

LUDENDORFF WILL BACK HINDENBURG FOR PRESIDENCY

By Frank Mason
Berlin, March 11.—(L. N. S.)—General Ludendorff has come out in support of the presidential candidacy of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, who is being boomed by the nationalists.

General Ludendorff, who was chief of staff to Hindenburg during the war, is quoted as saying that "the field marshal is the best incumbent since the Germans have no monarch."

A campaign rivaling the hottest political fight the United States has ever known is in prospect before the presidential election is held next fall.

The leaders of the democratic party at a special meeting decided to oppose the candidacy of Hindenburg, and if the rank and file of the party keeps in line it will probably mean Hindenburg's defeat, as the supporters of the veteran's candidacy were relying upon the votes of the democrats and conservatives to elect him.

"It seems certain now that Hindenburg will accept the nomination of the nationalist party," it was declared today by George Goethel, floor leader of the democratic party in the national assembly. "General Ludendorff has already declared at a public meeting that Hindenburg is the best man for the place under the circumstances. This demonstrates that, from the beginning, Hindenburg's candidacy has been promoted by the militarists and the monarchists."

Soviet Agent Found Plenty to Keep His Talents "Occupied"

By Gordon Stiles
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
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Amsterdam, Holland, March 11.—Some of the secret doings of M. Litvinoff, the Bolshevik emissary to the prisoners of war conference in Copenhagen, have been reported to me from a reliable source. It seems that Nikolai Lenin's representative found plenty to do when he was not in session with James O'Grady, the British member of parliament who has returned to England after arranging for the repatriation of British prisoners in Russia.
According to my information M. Litvinoff has been selling through Danish and other agents various securities alleged to have been taken by the Reds from the Moscow and Petrograd banks. These are said to include large blocks of a Chinese loan.
It is stated that huge sums of money have been realized by the Bolshevik government, which cannot use its own paper currency outside of soviet Russia.

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