

# WORK INTRUDES ON VACATIONS FOR FAMED VOCALISTS

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MILAN, Italy (AP)—When Italian stars of the Metropolitan Opera in New York return to their native land for the summer, they don't spend all their time in play.

Signor Giulio Gatti-Casazza himself, general manager, is sweating away while he listens hopefully to equally hopeful aspirants for a role in his productions.

To be sure, the maestro has been able to spend a little time in his home town of Ferrara, and take a brief cure at the famous watering place of Salsomaggiore.

But aside from a few secret, furtive trips into France, Germany and Austria, in order to listen glitiously and stealthily to new performances or promising artists, he has stayed pretty close all summer long, to the shade of the mighty Milan cathedral and the cool and dark recesses of the "gallerie" surrounding it.

"I do not follow any kind of sport," he told The Associated Press, "and my only exercises is to take some walks. Do you think, my dear sir, that a life so little interesting deserves to be told to the readers that are so anxious for novelties, brilliant and sensational things? I myself don't think so."

So the correspondent turned to other members of Gatti-Casazza's famous company, and found they were combining a considerable amount of work with their play.

Take, for example, that deft, delicate diva, Leonora Corona. To see her disporting herself on the beach at Rimini, alternating swimming with sun-baths, one would surmise that there was no other thought under her dark locks than drinking in all the salt sea air from the Adriatic.

Yet Signorina Corona, right up to the end of July, was putting in three hard, conscientious hours a day on three very difficult roles that she will interpret at the Metropolitan this coming season.

In August she started out to fulfill engagements at a number of special performances in Italy.

Another Metropolitan star who refuses to make his vacation too "to call play and to work" is the tenor Beniamino Gigli. After a strenuous eight months operation and concert work in the United States, he came back to the "old country," but almost immediately set forth to give a series of recitals in Austria, Hungary, Germany and Switzerland.

That little job done, he plunged forth into the mineral bath at Azzano, near Naples. There, he claims, did a great amount of good to his tired nerves, and he succeeded in walking off a considerable amount of avoirdupois.

There followed a brief three weeks of play at his villa in Portofranco, near the Adriatic, with his family, where he went in for hunting, horseback riding, and motoring. And then he planned to wind up his summer with 10 more recitals in Central Europe.

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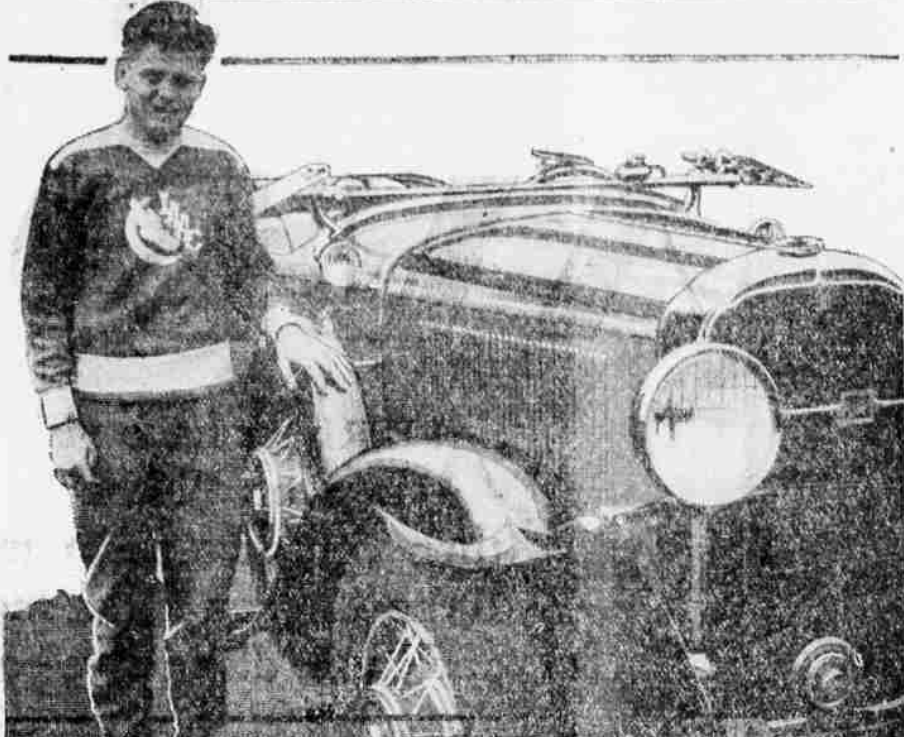
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## The Third City of India

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 4.—From Madras, India, where winds have so often wreaked havoc, comes word of the floods brought on by the monsoon rains in southern India.

"Madras with its highest point but twenty-two feet above the sea, is one of the world's flattest cities," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic Society. "It lies on the Bay of Bengal on the southeast coast of India. The site of the city and the surrounding countryside are so flat that ships entering the harbor cannot see further than the first of the city's buildings.

"The harbor of Madras is too shallow for seagoing vessels to get ashore. Passengers and cargo are transported ashore in small boats, made of long planks bound together by coconuts, fiber, or on culamian rafts. The rise and fall of the tide off this part of the coast is only between three and four feet daily.

"Numerous parks intensify the impression of space in the city. In the 116 acres which form the Peoples Park are eleven artificial lakes, an athletic ground, a large zoo, numerous excellent tennis courts and a bandstand. Rare trees, shrubs and plants beautify the twenty-two acres of the Horticultural Gardens.

"A visitor to Madras gets the impression that the Madras, both native and Anglo-Indian, are ardent exponents of higher education. There is a State university, many professional and art colleges, and the Madras Christian College with its numerous buildings is one of the largest colleges in India. Pachappa college was founded about a hundred years ago when higher education was unknown in Madras. Its founder was a far-seeing and benevolent Hindu. Madras has a fine red sandstone building presented to the city by a famous American philanthropist.

"About a tenth of Madras' half million population is Christian. Hindus form the largest part with

year. These figures include passenger cars and trucks sold in the United States. Dealers of Canada and overseas by the Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Marquette, Oakland, Viking, Buick, LaSalle and Cadillac manufacturing division of General Motors.

Niccolo Untermyer, an Italian shepherd boy, grew tired of an eagle's depredations upon his lambs. He tethered a lamb beside a bush for a decoy and slew the bird with a club.

British inventions reached their highest mark in 1925 when the patent office received 28,557 applications. Particular activity was shown in connection with loud speakers, speaking films and electrical appliances were patented for picture telegraphy and television.

Rubens established a \$10,000 fund for dry law enforcement. Now \$10,000 of it has been spent, but the state has collected \$12,000 in fines.

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