

THE CRITIC TALKS TO MUSIC LOVERS

Weekly Comment on Things Musical in Discriminating Philadelphia

THE reported death of Mme. Cosima Wagner at Wahnfried, the historic Bayreuth villa of her famous husband, Richard Wagner, brings to mind one of the most interesting figures of the world of music.

She was one of that interesting group of women who exerted a strong personal or musical influence upon the great composers with whom they were in close relation.

It is therefore likely that her influence on Wagner was in a great degree personal rather than musical.

The task of Mme. Wagner was more difficult in some respects than that of Mme. Schumann, an account of certain details to exert the same influence.

THE recent appearances of Alfred Cortot, the French pianist, has aroused much interest among the musicians of the city.

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WAR BOOKS STILL COMMAND ATTENTION

FOUR YEARS IN THE WHITE NORTH

D. B. MacMillan's Record of His Exploration of Regions About Greenland

"To the top of the earth" was the destination of a steamship which sailed from New York on July 2, 1912. It contained what was known as the Crocker Land Expedition.

It was the author's intention to explore the unknown regions to the north and west of Greenland and study their geology, botany, meteorology and ethnology.

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SOME EMINENT VICTORIANS

Barbusse's Short Stories

The Author of "Under Fire" Lytton Strachey Discusses Brilliantly the Lives of Four Typical Britishers

It was out of his personal experiences in the great war, fighting side by side with his comrades in arms, the French poet, that Henri Barbusse gave to the world his classic of the everyday life of the fighting man, "Under Fire."

"We Others" is a collection of forty-five short stories, or rather, story sketches of fate, love and pity, and the strange and fantastic pranks that these three things play in the lives of men and women the world over.

It was because Henri Barbusse knew the heart of his fellowmen—their emotions, their sympathies, their likes and their dislikes, their hopes and their aspirations, and their weaknesses, and also because he had mastered the art of writing, that he was able to write his extraordinary story of the great war, and it was likewise because of his understanding and sympathy for his fellowmen and women that he had been able to give us the thrilling, revealing and withal sympathetic story- sketches "We Others."

On January 15

we hope to issue that startling narrative YASHKA: MY LIFE AS PEASANT, OFFICER AND EXILE, by Maria Botchkareva.

Full of action, variety and suspense, THE BUCCANEER FARMER, by Harold Bindloss, tells of romantic adventure in the Caribbean.

And there will be an exciting mystery story of California by Gertrude Atherton entitled THE AVALANCHE, soon afterward.

Recent Books That Will Live

Our contribution to the discussion of after-the-war problems is five volumes which show Americans how the younger British thinkers stand toward reconstruction: THE WORLD OF STATES, by C. DeRose Burns.

SEE ANNOUNCEMENT DAILY IN THE PUBLIC LEDGER AND EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER PHOTOPLAY PRESENTATIONS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 30 TO JANUARY 4. Table with 7 columns (Monday to Saturday) and 20 rows of movie listings including titles like 'Alice Brady in Her Great Chance', 'The Return of Mary', 'The Callaux Case', etc.

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