# JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Date of Dance Changed-Nancy Wynne Hears of Dinner Beforehand—Italian Committee to Give "Benefizio Senza Sacrifizio"-Young Haverfordians Going to Holland

comerys have changed the date of their unce for Hope from April 5 to March 31? understand there was something to interre with the April 5 arrangements, and it was changed to a Monday instead of Saturday. The invitations making the change were received this morning. The arty is to be held at Ardrossan, the Montnorys' country home at Villanova, which wonderful place. It was built about ight or ten years ago, and the dance floors re simply great.

I hear there are quite a number of dinners in the planning before the party. The little bird told me that the Paul Millses will give a dinner for Frances, but I do not think the invites are out yet for that. The party is for Hope, who is a member of the ger school set, children around fourteen, fifteen and sixteen. I think they will have a wonderful time. Mrs. Montgomery is always a most gracious hostess.

Wasn't she lovely as Mme. Recamier in the French tableaux on Friday, the 28th February? She looked even prettier off the stage than on. And two of the Montcomery children who went with their to see their mother were thrilled with her beauty. You should have seen them; they were simply wreathed in

OF COURSE it was a Caruso night, last night and so you know that the opera house was jammed to a finish. And besides, there are few operas that are more greatly in favor than La Boheme, so as I smarked before, it was some crowd.

Mr. Stotesbury was in his box, having returned from Palm Beach. His daughter drs. Sydney Hutchinson, who looked exremely well in a blue and silver gown, did the honors as hostess, for Mrs. Stotesbury has not as yet come back. Edwina Bruner Wetherill was a guest in the stotesbury box and she certainly did look well. Edwina has such a wonderful figure and her very pale pastel green frock of procaded velvet fitted her exquisitely.

Mrs. Caruso, who has been on here for every performance in which Caruso has Sung, since her marriage was in one of the lower boxes and held quite a court between the acts. Mrs. James Starr was one of those who visited the box. It's the first time I have seen Mrs. Starr in evenning clothes for quite a while, but she certainly did look well in a black net and tulle rown. Her sister Mrs. Stewart Wurts was none of the grand tier boxes and had or gown of the most gorgeous shades of geranium rose red velvet with a bodie of

The Charlton Yarnalls had their daughor Mrs. Arthur Emlen Newbold jr and her wister-in-law Mrs. Fitz-Eugene Newbold with them in their box, the latter in a fown of gerantum velvet and Mrs. Arthur Newbold in black georgette crepe.

Lisa Norris and Mary Norris were in the Middle box. Lisa has her hair bobbed as Mrs. Caruso. Lisa had on a dainty white satin frock with a long sash and Mary had a blue gown. Mary is not yet next year. And do you know she is exmely pretty. Young Mrs. John B. Theyer 3d was in the box with her grandmother Mrs. Cassatt but did not go out to

prore enade.

Evary opera night one sees more and ore new gowns appear. It shows the war is over in so far as economy in frocks concerred, don't you think.

HEAR that the Comitate pro which & the Italian committee of the Emergency Aid, is to have a "Benefizio mza sacriffulo," or rummage sale, at the cialty shop 136 South Fifteenth during he week of March 17. It's to help the war orphans of Italy, just as the sale before it is for the fatherless children of Prance. There sooms to be a tremendous ople who are working in their interest ty that very little manney has been given by from outside countries for this pur-

The Rev. Walter Lowere, who has been there, tells about this in a letter which Benjamin Miller has. I'll give you a ther pathetic extract from \t: "It seems to me that, after all, the worst sufferers in whole great catastrophe of modern fries are the little children, and I shall ever forget the typical and general exon of wondering pain in their eyes as look at me from the little exowd of Magers who have so often gathered about

my car in so many places in Italy." II believe the wave of influenza carried way even more parents than the war stitute, and Mrs. Miller and her comdittee, who are so earnest in all their rk, are giving this sale to get as much sible for them. And the things that y sell are most interesting. I have been that the things that are most popular these sales are phonograph records, evegowns and men's dress shirts, which often go to waiters. It would be en aning, wouldn't it, to know that the man who is bringing your chicken a la King is rearing your husband's dress shirt which

HAVE you heard that the Kolffs are going back to Holland? My, but won't be younger set in Haverford miss them! by were absolutely the life of the whole at the various little affairs at the ion Club and down at Cape May each mer. Every one raves over Mrs. Kolff's soks. She is very beautiful/ with smooth, complexion, large eyes and light hair, she dresses most becomingly. Mr. iff is engaged in some exporting and im-ting business in Holland and came here his firm about five years ago. When war broke out it was decided that he ild remain here until it was over, and y are to return in the course of a week er so. They have had a house in Berkely mad for a couple of years. The Lawrence ours gave a dinner in honor of Mr. and

ARIAN has no idea of time and this is a great trial to her mother, who is fond of music and is an excellent to Marian has been sent to

. Kolff before the dance at the Merion

Saturday night.

DID you know that the Robert L. Mont- week to see just why it is that Marian can't put her feet down with the best of the music. In the "grand march" this week Marian was walking along, watching the sunshine catch the dresses of the little girls as they reached its rays and wishing she had on a pink dress instead of a white one, so that it would look pretty when she reached that place. And when the march was over and she had curtseyed good-by, Mother thanking her stars that at least she didn't have to be in time for that, she went back to Mother to talk it over. "Marian," exclaimed Mother, "you must keep the time when you march." "Why, Mother," wondered Marian, "what would NANCY WYNNE. I do with it?"

#### Social Activities

At the wedding of Miss Katharine Putnam. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Pu'nam, of 1926 Spruce street, and Mr. William D. Crane, son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Crane, of 410 Park avenue, New York, which will take place at poon on Saturday, March 29, in take place at noon on Saturday, March 29, in the Church of the Epiphany. Thirteenth street below Spruce, the bride will be attended by Miss Lois Loring Jackson as maid of honor; Mrs. George P. Monigomery, of New York, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Mariette Doolittle, Miss Lois Kellogg, of Utlea, N. Y.; Miss Mary Sanger, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Lenore McCall and Miss Margaret Supplee, this city, as bridesmalds. The ceremony will be performed by the rector of the church. Rev. David M. Steele, assisted by church, Rev. David M. Steele, assisted by Rev. Charles S. Lewis, of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, N. J., Mr. Crane's uncle, and will be followed by a breakfast for the families and a few close friends at the home of the

Captain and Mrs. W. W. Watson, Jr., of Chestnut Hill, are spending several weeks at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Major William Innes Forbes, who has been stationed at Fort Sill, Okia., has been mus-tered out of the service and returned to his

Mrs. W. W. Atterbury of Boudinot Farm, Radnor, returned from Catonsville, Md., yes-terday where she accompanied her daughter, Miss Elizabeth MacLeod, who has just re-cently recovered from influenza.

Mrs. Lisle, who' has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. James Forney, at 2221 Spruces reet, will return today to her home in Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. Paxson Deeter, of Bryn Mawr, who has been spending the winter with her father. Mr. Samuel B. Bowen in Germantown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter A. Carl,

Mr. Deeter has been mustered out of the service and they expect to occupy their Bryn Mawr house in June. Mrs. A. J. Williames announces the engage

ment of her daughter, Miss Aida Jeannette Williames to Mr. James Wallace Gillies. The wedding will take place some tifne in the

Mrs. Joseph Pennell and Mrs. Edward Robins will be at home, informally, on Safe urday at 416 South Carlisle street, when Mrs. James H. Howe will pour tea. They will have a second afternoon on Saturday, March 22, when Mrs. Spencer Trotter will pour tea. No cards have been sent out.

Mrs. J. Campbell Harris, of School lane, Mrs. J. Campbell Harris, of School lane, Germantown, is staying at the Dennis in Atlantic City. Mr. Thomas Harris Powers, who came up from the South and spent a short time in Atlantic City, has returned short time in Atlantic City, has returned to White Sulphur Springs and will remain through the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Riddle, of Glen Riddle, are spending the early spring at Paim

Mrs. S. H. Crawford, of 4033 Spruce street, has gone to Seabreeze, Fla., and is stopping at the Clarendon with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. tunter and Miss Irene Hunter, of Devor

The members of the Woman's Club, of Germantown, will give a card party this afternoon at the clubhouse, 6306 Germanatternoon at the clubhouse, 5306 Germantown avenue. The affair is in charge of Mrs. A. W. Tillinghast, of West Hortter street. Tomorrow afternoon Mr. Warwick James Price will speak for the current events section on "What is to be Done With Germany's Former Colonies?"

Miss Jane W. Platt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jane W. Platt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. W. Platt, of West Logan street, Germantown, has gone South with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sheeler and Miss Dorothy Sheeler, of Oak Lane. The party will visit the coast resorts of Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Nelms, of 1906 South Forty-fifth street, are being congratu-lated on the birth of a daughter, Jeggie Eliza-beth Nelms, on Sunday, March b.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Ida E. Houghton, daughter of Mr. William L. Houghton, a former assistant postmaster, and Mrs. Houghton, to Lieutenant Lawrence S. Adams, U. S. A., of Comden, N. J., on Saturday evening at the home of the bride's parents, 2502 Diamond street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Norman Van Pelt Levis, of the Church of the Incarnation, Broad and Jefferson streets. The bride wore her traveling suit of dark blue with a hat to match. She was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Announcement is made of the marriage with a hat to match. She was given in mar-riage by her father and was attended by her sister. Miss. Lillian Houghton. Lieu-tenant Cabnes, U. S. N., was the bridegroom's best man. Lieutenant Adams and his bride, upon their return from Atlantic City, will be at home at Fifteenth and Poplar streets.

#### WOODRUFF TALKS CHARTER

Kensington Business Men Will Hear Views on Need of Revision

Necessity for revision of the city charter will be discussed tonight by Clinton Rogers Woodruff at a meeting of the North Kensington Business Men's Association, Kensington and Indiana avenues.

"Own Your Own Home" will be the subject of an address which will be delivered by William H. Ball, who was secretary to former Governor Brumbaugh.

Plans will be made at the meeting for the reception to the boys returning from France.

Music Schopl's Annual Meeting

The Settlement Music School will hold its annual meeting thus evening at 8 o'clock in the school building at 416 Queen street. in the school building at 416 Queen street. These meetings are most unique and interesting. There will be a brief organ recital by Mr. Philip Goepp, followed by selections and several short reports. The pupils of the school will give a short recital and a reception by the officers and board of directors to all the friends and contributors of the school will close a most pleasant evening. Mrs. John Grolle is in charge of the affair.

Judge Wescott to Speak in Frankford
Attorney General John W. Wescott, of
New Jersey, who twice nominated Woodrow
Wilson for President of the United States,
will be the speaker at the regular monthly
meeting of the Fathers' Association of the
Frankford High School, which will be held
in the school auditorium tonight. Rafreshments will be second at the meeting and

## RED CROSS WAR BODY DID STUPENDOUS WORK

Men and Women Laboring for Nothing Raised More Than \$300,000,000

With the retirement recently of the war council of the American Red Cross there passed out of existence a wartime organization whose personnel and record of accomplishment have not been surpassed by any emergency body during the war.

In one year it obtained from the Anierican people more than \$100,000,000, by far the greatest sum ever contributed by any nation for a humanitarian purpose, which enabled the Red Cross to carry out to effective fulfillment the most stupendous relief program in the worldis history. n the worldla history.

The men who were largely instrumental in the brilliant successes of the two years the council was in operation left their duries with a record of patriotism and sacrifice that forms one of the most striking chapters in the nation's war achievements.

At the time the council retired the mem-bers were Henry P Davison, chairman; Cor-nelius N, Bliss, Jr., George B, Case, Ellot Wadsworth, George E, Scott and Jesse H, Jones. The original members who were ap-pointed by Pres'dent Wilson on May 10, 1917, were Mr. Davison, Chairman and May 10, 1917. pointed by Fres dent Wilson on May 19, 1917, were Mr. Davison, Charles D. Norton, Major Grayson, M. P. Murphy, Mr. Bl'ss, Mr. Wads-worth, Edward N. Hurley and former Presi-dent Tatt. John D. Ryan and Harvey I. Gibson also served on the council for limited pertods. The peacetime work of the Red Cross will

The peacetime work of the Red Cross will be carried on under the newly appointed director. Dr. L'virgston Ferrand.

During the heriod the council operated the Red Cross grew from an organization of less than 500.000 members and 562 chapters to a membership close to 20.000.000 in nearly 4000 chapters. From its headquarters in Washchapters. From its headquarters in Washington it directed the work of \$,000,000 volume

teer women workers.

The members served without compensa-tion and pa'd all of their own living expenses in Washington. They were men of large private effairs. Their energy placed the Red Cross firmly behind the government in its condition of the war and guided the activities of the countless Red Cross workers who renof the countless Red Cross workers who ren-dered such glorious service to the American soldier.

The war council was originally created by a resolution of the central committee of the Red Cross and its nersonnel appointed by the President in his capacity as president of the American Red Cross. The splendid organization evolved by the council will remain as a thirm of great value to the further work of the Red Cross. Some of the meshado main as a thirm of great value to the further work of the R-d Cross. Some of the members of the council will I kewise remain as members of the executive committee in an advisory capacity. The council was created for the period of the emergency. Its first meeting was held at rational headoustriers in Washington, when General Pershing. Secretary Boker Mr. Hoover and other officials of the government were present.

#### TWO ENTERTAINMENTS

Party in Honor of Navy Officers Who Leave for New York

A party was given last evening at the home of Miss Veronica Sloane, 1514 Ritner street in hour of Lieutenant Joseph Heaney, Medical Corps. U. S. N.; Ensign James O. Davis ! S. N. and Ensign Lucien J. Mason, U. S. N. who are leaving the naval hospital for the United States Huron in New York harbor. Among the guests were Miss Betty Collins Miss Dorothy Steerman, Miss Maria Hogan Miss Kitty Hogan, Miss Rena Small, Miss Ella Hogan Miss Anna Thugiun, Miss Anna Hae, Miss Marian Pound, Miss Grace Pound, Miss Christianna Lants, Miss Mary Splane, Miss Caberine Splane, Lieutenant E. M. Miles, U. S. N.; Howard Iverson, U. S. N.; Michael Cox, U. S. N.; Harold Fox, U. S. N.; John Finnegan, U. S. N.; Lieutenant Harold McAller, U. S. A.; Lieutenant Hernard Quigley, U. S. A., and George Miller, U. S. A., and George Miller, U. S. A., was given last evening at the Lieutenant Bernard Quigley, U. S. A., and George Miller, U. S. N.

The Ardentes Club held its third monthly reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zeussis, 511 Wharton street, on Sunday eve-Zeussis, 511 Wherton street, on Sunday evening. Mr. Maurice Cohen gave a mo-ologue and seft shoe dance. A quartet consisting of Mr. A. Neff, Mr. L. Smith, Mr. M. Drogin and Mr. J. Kravitz sang. Mr. S. Miller, Miss A. Rubin, Miss F. Strlike played Miller, Miss A. Rubin, Miss F. Strilke played the plano. Mr. Reuben Zeussis recited several poems written for the occasion. Those present were Miss L. Epstein, Miss F. Yudenfriend, Miss A. Rubin, Miss R. Coopersmith, Miss K. Goldstein, Miss M. Sherr, Miss C. Hyman, Miss M. Zeussis, Miss A. Shayer, Mr. A. Neff, Mr. M. Cohen, Mr. M. Levy, Mr. I. Heyne, Mr. R. Forman, Mr. L. Smith, Mr. R. Zeussis, Mr. J. Carlis, Mr. M. Snyder, U. S. N.; Mr. N. Wolf, Mr. I. Schwartz, Mr. C. Silovitz, Mr. S. Maller, Mr. M. Drogin, Mr. H. Kravitz, Mr. S. Dandy and Mr. H. Schmuckler.

### READY TO SAIL FOR HOME

Pennsylvania Hospital Unit at French Em barkation Port

Members of the Pennsylvania Hospital Unit No. 10 have been sent to a port of embarkation in France and are waiting transportation to America, according to news from Major Charles F. Mitchell, in command of the unit. Daily the officials of the hospital here are expecting a cablegram announcing the date of embarkation.

There are about 400 members in th Philadelphia Unit including twenty-five doc-tors, 125 nurses and about 250 enlisted men. The nurses are in charge of Margaret Dunlop. During its service the unit tached to the British army.



Photo by Photo-Crafters. MISS ROSALIE HOBAN

# MRS. D. WEBSTER BELL AND CHILDREN



Mrs. Bell lives on North Latches lane, Merion. The two children are Master James Henderson Bell and Miss Florence Henderson Bell

### THE READER'S VIEWPOINT Letters to the Editor on Topics of General Interest

When a City Is Young

To the Editor of the Even ng Inbly L. darr Sir-Under the editorial heading, "Wha Can Be Done When You Won't Do It," your paper commented last evening on the lately developed housecleaning methods of Detroit

In commending that city's wining out of its old abuses in such an incredibly short time as three years, you say. "This is what happens in a young and growing city facing the future."

Perhaps the editorial writer was not aware of the fact that Detroit is, I believ . but twenty-five (25) years younger han the city of Philadelphia, having been settled by the French under De la Motke Cad'llae in 1701. It is one of the (as things so in this country) old cities of our republic. and has a history which centers pre-revolu-tionary incidents that every American child

should know who lays claim to honor in the stock from which he comes. The prominence Detroit has attained as the center of the automobile industry is modern, and astounding to these in touch with the old days. But before that for 200 years, i existed for many different simple and beauti-

ful things, HARRISON B. WRIGHT.

Bala, Pa., March 11. [The word "young" was used to refer not to the age of the city in years, dating from the first settlement, but to the renewal of youth, which comes when a city suddenly expands and manifests a new and modern spirit.-The Editor.1

For acceptance and nublication in this column letters must be written on one side of the naser, that with tonics of general current in erest of the besides of the naser, the signed with the name and address of a confidence respected. No manufactures and confidence respected. No manufactures of the surface accommand the effect. Publication involves no independent of the sentiment expressed. No converte makes will be included, nor will religious discussions be permitted.

#### A Regular Asks for Justice

To the Editor of the Evening Public L. daer: Sir-And now came our venerable Sen-ators and Representatives with a bill recking with injustice.

The bill in question is one passed under the provision of Section 9 of the act entitled, "An Act to Authorize the President to Increase Temporarily the Military Establish-ment of the United States," and is in effect as follows: All officers and enlisted men of the military or naval forces of the United States, who have been apppointed, enlisted or inducted into the service of the United States subsequent to April 8, 1917, and on or prior to November 11, 1918, are to receive a book to November 11, 1918, are to receive a bonus of \$80 upon their honorable discharge from said service. This magnificent and benevolent act of

Congress is, no doubt, an answer to the appeal of the citizens of the United States, who have been agitating a bonus ever since war has ceased, which agitation has been a just one. But, my dear readers, did the citizens of the United States mean to utterly disregard, ignore and scorn the service of the regular who enlisted prior to April 6, 1912? Am I to understand that the regulars who were the backbone of our forces in France, the men of the Fifth and Sixth Regiments of Marines at Chatcau-Thierry, together with Marines at Chateau-Interry, together with the old-timers of the army who saved Paris, the old-timers who have done Uncle Sam's dirty work in Haiti and Santo Domingo, men who have hiked miles and miles through the burning sands of Mexico, men who have knelt beside stagnent pools of water in the Philippine Islands to moisten their parched throats, and I to understand that these men throats; am I to understand that these men are to be treated like dogs at this time when Congress is handing out congressional medals? I ask you in all squareness and all fairness is this not in direct contravention to our constitutional law, which provided that there shall be no class legislation? And you ask what causes Bolshevism!

But no; the regular of the United States service has been—is now—and always will be an object of scorn and his "congressional medal" will be \$14.50 and a horse blanket

We have billions for our poor foreign brothers and sisters, but not a cent for our own, discarded regular, who saved them from

a more hellish fate.

Is there a remedy? Yes. When the citizens of the United States wake up to the fact
that they are shipping, charges prepaid, carloads of concrete to adorn the chairs of our congressional chamber, then and not until then will our wrongs be righted. A REGULAR

#### Service and Gratuities

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I went into a well-known restaurant
for breakfast. I ordered oatmeal, boiled eggs
and toast and coffee without cream. The
waltress brought the cereal and sort of threw waltress brought the cereal and sort of threw it before me very much as we used to throw the contents of the swill pail into the trough in the pigpen, back on the farm. I giress she knew I was from the farm. Then the waitress went ever in the corner and looked the fashion plate of the Sunday paper over. I had to ask her if she would please give me a glass of water and a napkin. Then she brought the eggs with rolls instead of toast and coffse with cream. It is probably difficult to get such an intricate order straight. in the enstoner's welfare, they more than nake up in their interest in and eager use for the fortherming the Ir down't appear to interest hem in the least whether the service as merited the gratuity or not.

Now, I am not a k'eker nor a knocker. I have long are getten beyond the point of kicking. Probably most of us unfortuna'e cusses who have to live on restaurant fare and atmosph re feel that we only make monkeys of ourselves when we show any resentment; we take our medicine and let it go at that.

The point of the whole thing is this; that e public is alone to blame for the condi-ne; it has established the system of givgratuities without discrimination judament, whether they are merited or not, and the walters have been spoiled. The whole system is wrong. Walters are

The whole system is wrong. Waiters are only clerks or attendants, the same as in retail stores; in fact some caterors call them clerks. The public does not expect to give the clerk a tip when buying groceries or drygoods. The service in a part of the transaction. When we buy a meal and pay the advertised price for it, why should we be expected to subsidize the clerk for selling it to us? If we wish extra service is Philadelphia, March 9.

#### Calls It "Wilson-British" League

To the Editor of the Even ug Public L. dger: Sir-I wish to protest most emphatically Sir—I wish to protest most emphatically against the slur cast upon the men who have sacrificed their happiness and health to make the world safe for democracy, uttered by one J. Friedlander in your last Saturday's edi-tion. He, in effect, accuses the American boys of being pro English rather than proboys of being pro English rather than pro-American when he states that even some of them are in favor of the Wilsonian de-mand that we abandon the Monroe Doetrine, the Farewell Address of Washington and our traditional safeguards, to accept an aca-demic, phraseful British scheme for the en-slavement of our land, and our reduction once more to the status of a colony of His imperial Highness George V. I know from experience in France and elsewhere in the army that our men are heartily disgusted with the Wilson-British league, as it has been rightly termed. The creation of a British army officer, it grants the Imperial Government of Britain six votes to our one. It guarantees that America will conscript her citizens to suppress even justifiable up-risings against the government of his maj-ésty. In some of the regiments of the army resolutions were adonted presents. risings against the government of his maj-ésty. In some of the regiments of the army resolutions were adopted praising the action of the Senators who so patriotically stamped out this unspeakable effort to make our na-tion the pawn of the alien. The Declaration of Independence for 1919 will be read in homes of the future as being a document worthy of comparison with the Declaration of 1776. Our men. I have found, are over 55 per cent opposed to the league to main-tain armies for universal war, to give the alliance its proper name.

The time has come for our secret service The time has come for our secret service, which has been investigating Anglomaniac propaganda for over a year, to prevent any subversion of our interests to the domination of the foreigner. If it is a crime to be a pro-German, it is just as much an act of treason to be an Anglomaniac, as our army hoys term the "Britain first" advocate.

Lang live America! and down with the pro-German or pro-English (by name or "nom de piume") who dares to place America in subjection to the foreigner! America first and no other second.

ARMY OFFICER.

Philadelphia, March 10.

#### DR. EMMET LEAVES MILLION

Will of Grandnephew of Irish Patriot Is Filed

New York, March 12.-The will of Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, grandneplaw of Robert Emmet, the Irish patriot, which was filed yesterday, disposes of an estate valued at \$1,000,000. The bulk of it is divided among his three children-John Duncan Emmet, of this city; Kathleen Erin Emmet, of Oxford, England; Robert Emmet, of London, England, and his granddaughter, Miss Margaret Harris, of this city, with whom he lived. A large collection of antique and curio bjects relating to Ireland is bequeathed to objects relating to Ireland is bequeathed to his son. Robert Emmet, with the request that it be kept intact by his descendants "until such time as Ireland shall obtain total self-government."

Other bequests include books on freland to the Rev. John Cavanaugh, of Notre Bame to the Rev. John Cavanaugh, of Notre Bame University; a seal of the Confederate Treasury Department to the Confederate Museum at Richmond, Va., and a collection of books on Ireland to the American Irish Historical Society.

Lecture on River Bridge Terminals

"The Placement of the Delaware River Bridge" will be the subject of an illustrated lecture to be delivered tonight by Professor Warren P. Laird, of the department of architecture of the University of Pennsylvania, at the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, 1817 Spruce street. Professor Laird will discuss the bridge as a public utility, and the several mapouts of the problem of its placement.

## FINE PERFORMANCE OF PUCCINI'S "LA BOHEME"

Caruso and a Notable Cast Give Excellent Rendition of the Italian Masterpiece

LA BOHEME

Conductor, Gennary Part

The ages-old struggle between poverty art and love as typified by the four scenes wrenched out of Henri Murger's "Lat Vie de Boleme" and made to serve as the librette of Puccini's opera, "La Boheme," was given a realistic and consistent representation by the Metropolitan Opera Company fast eve-

As it was a Caruso night, there was standing room only, and not very much of that, The performance as a whole was well balanced rather than brilliant, if a brilliant performance of this dismal story is ever possible. The cast was a notable one, combining in about equal proportions ability to sing their parts and to act them.

Mr. Caruso, of course, was the star of the evening. He was in fine voice and sang beautifully, barring a slight tendency to "scoop" some of his higher notes, but he carried off the part both vocally and dramatically so well that this technical slip can hardly be counted. Montesanto as Marcello the second male part, sang and acted well, and the others of the Bohemians, d'Angelo as Schauhard and especially de Segurola as Colline, did their parts with equal skill. The en-semble acting of these four was exceptional, the difference between the actual gatety of the first act, when Schaunard appears with real money in his hand, and the mock hilar-ity of the last act being brought out with

artistic subtlety.

In the female parts the chief honors naturally went to Claudia Muzio as Mimi. She sang well and acted the difficult part as well as she sang it. Leonora Sparkes made a fairly good Musetta, appearing to better advantage in the womanly character of the last act than in the coquetish part demanded in the second. Vocally she was good throughout and her quarret with Marcello, which in the third act forms so strong a contrast to third act forms so strong a contrast to the love duet of Rodolfo and Mimi, was se well done as to endanger the solemnity of the latter scene. The librettists get the com-edy characters off the stage in this scene none too soon

There are few set pieces in the opera, but there is little modern music which can compare with that of "La Boheme" in its illustration of the various shades of gaiety, tend-derness and pathos and in its remarkable delineation of human emotions. In fact, the history of the opera does not show many works in which the music carries out with such complete fidelity the emotional content of the libretto.

Among the best numbers of last evening's Among the best numbers of last evening's performance were the love duet in the first act between Rodolfo and Mimi, "Mi chiamano Mimi," closing with Rodolfo's outburst, "O Soave fanciulla," the waitz of Museita in the second act, one of the chief melodies of the opera, which recurs constantly, with different harmonies, and the pathetic duet between Rodolfo and Mimi in the last act, "Sono audati? Fingeos di dormire."

#### TELLS OF PRISON REFORMS

"Human Wreckage" was the subject of a lecture by Dr. S. C. Schmucher, delivered at meeting of the Philadelphia Mothers' Club at the Art Alliance, 1823 Walnut street, yea-terday. Doctor Schmucher reviewed the con-ditions of jalls in the country, and especially. Sing Sing, in New York, before the work of rison reform became effective.



PALL MARKET STREET WM. S. HART "BREED OF NEW YORK NEW YOR

A R C A D I A PAULINE FREDERICK "PAID IN FULL" ADDED ATTRACTION—NEW COMEDY ROSCOE ARBUCKLE in "LOVE"

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