**HAMMERSTEIN, NOTED IMPRESARIO, IS DEAD** 

**Theatrical Genius Who Started** L'fe as Cigarmaker, Ex-

pires at 72

## BUILT METROPOLITAN HERE

New York, Aug. 2 .- Oscar Hammer stein, who began his career as a cigar maker and became the most talked o grand opera impresario, theatrical producer and theatre builder in the world, died last night at 7:35 o'clock in the Lenox Hill Hospital. The end came after he had been un-

The end came after he had been un-conscious since last Tuesday afternoon, although there was a period of a few hours on Wednesday when he regained consciousness sufficiently to recognize members of his family. At his heldside when he died were his wife, who had stayed in the same room with him for more than twenty four hours hours. more than twenty-four hours, hoping there would be a return of consciousness before he died, and his son and daughter. Arthur and Stella. Other relatives were sent for and reached the hospital soon after the end.

Mrs. Mary Emma Swift, was his seeond wife. The first was divorced in 1912 and died soon afterward. Mr. Hammerstein had suffered from

last few months this much sight side it cated by other aliments. His right side it was paralyzed some time ago, and last made his condition became so serious

Born in Berlin in 1847, Oscar Hammerstein emigrated to America in 1863. After reaching this country, his creative genius was given full play.

His achievements include the construction of a kitchen sink of his own machine and some forty odd other me not the building of an usern places in this country and in Europe.

Oscar for more than a score of years delphin in 1920." did opera house which he caused to be Broad and Poplar streets, and as soon

Music lovers in this city and in east- through.

## Local Triumph and Eclipse

During the Hammerstein regime. the "glory that was the Academy's," at Broad and Locust streets, was transferred to the new house, and predictions that the musical an! social elements of



OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN

wherein he had shone brilliantly, was made on April 27, 1910, the purchaser tion of opera stars was: being the Metropolitan, and the sum diabetes for many years and during the baid for the structure, the scenery, conlast few months this had been compli- tracts, with singers, artists and others, cated by other aliments. His right side being given at the time as \$2,100,000.

In Mr. Stotesbury's Hands

that his physicions ordered him sent to a hospital for treatment. When he ed into the hands of Edward T. Stotes-sank unconscious last Tuesday his bury of this city, who became a diphysicians felt that he could not te rector of the Metropolitan under the Mr. Hammerstein's body was taken terms of the sale. Mr. Stotesbury had been a financial backer of Mr. Hamto the Campbell undertaking parlor, been a financial backer of Mr. Ham-1970 Broadway, where it will de in merstein during the latter's incum-state until Monday. The funeral will be beney and since the passing of Ham-on necount of Oscar's defense of Mary ties. heid Monday afternoon from the Camp-bell funeral church, and interment will be in Woodlawn Cenetery. through the veteran impresario's cease-

> HISN ZARAT. Under the conditions of sale to the Metropolitan, Mr. Hammerstein agreed to abandon grand opera for a term of

Len years Planned to Re-Enter Field Here design, the invention of a cigar-muking. This period will have elapsed next - year, and last December Mr. Hammerchanical devices, the intricacies of the stein made this announcement from newspaper business, the writing of New York over the long distance tele-"I am coming back into grand phone: opera, and I am coming back to Phila-

and opera house which he caused to be Broad and Fourier streets, and is solut in 1908, stands as a local monument to Metropolitan Opera Company expired. In 1908, stands as a local monument to Metropolitan Opera Company expired. In 1908, stands as a local monument to Metropolitan Opera Company expired. In soundless chergy, and is only one property at Broad and Fourier stein had negative for a property at Broad and Poplar streets, but the project, back-in New York, in London and elsewhere, ed by a group of financiers, fell Manhattan to hear her side was sloten from the sheas on the docks. The losses, it is estimated, will can be able was singing to a marticularly poor house Mr. Hammer-stein walked up to a group of reporters in the solution on his face and the inevitable eigar. Music losses is the stand road area, where the greater part of the looting rounded the Jewish quarter and began

ern Pennsylvania will not soon forget Up to about ten years ago Mr. Hamancy of the Broad street structure. even throughout the United States were great kindness to me and I should ap-which he called the "Philadelphia Opera more familiar to the average person preciate it very much." House," in compliment, as he grace- than he. He was always we'll if not fully explained, to the civic spirit which fashily dressed, he rarely walked dressed, he carely walked flashily encouraged his enterprise. For the first abroad that he did not ware a silk hat. formances at his opera house always time in its history Philadelphin heard and it was his custom to promenade at on an ordinary kitchen chair placed always with a big cigar which he had for him in the font entrance, and there

Figured in Many Lawsuits

frankly. "And, what is more, I meant New York he had only two dollars in word of them. Can't a man write his pocket.

I wanted to and I did. was fortunate," Mr. Hammer love letters? I am a man of temperament and im-pulse, and my letters probably make it picturesque life. "that immigration laws My family knows I have been were not in force then, for if they had evident. interested in Miss Lee's career. Be- been I should not have been allowed to sides a man in the theatrical business land. I lived in a boarding house in is allowed more liberties than his busi- Greenwich street and worked as cigar ness brethren. His business demands maker's apprentice in a Pearl street

tobacco shop, earning \$2 a week." Although he made and lost millions Shortly afterward the sult was withhis personal expenses were modest.

drawn. "I'm a curious man," he once said Other picturesque court actions in other pictures que contra involving to a friend. I nye only for tonical which he figured were those involving row. I don't drink, I have never played contracts with Mary Garden, Zenatello, a game of cards in my life. When I Constantino, Felicia, Lyne, Tetrazzit." find I have no money in my pocket and Marguerite Sylva. In 1911, Mrs. go to the box office and draw three dol Malvina Hammerstein obtained an inlars, and it lasts me so long that i teriocutory decree of divorce from the really makes me feel ashamed of my The papers were not made mpresario But I have made and lost a lo self. public. She died a year later.

of money. I couldn't possibly tell you how many fortunes I have amassed in 1918, that he had reached an unalter-Hammerstein's rules for success the last thirty-five years.'

and Rioting

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that way you can rise. You will never be abused for failure, but you will be Mr. Hammerstein's widew, formerly delphia Opera House, his contracts with abused for succeeding; so don't be artists and all other assets in the field afraid to sound your own trumper. Hammerstein's recipe for the produc-

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Hummerstein had his own way of describing opera singers. Once, after a period of unusual irritation, he said :

Zenatello, the talented Italian tenor, a have gained only a handful of recruits, liteness. Austria was consulted by 000 members, two votes for 500,000 and thus involved the responsibility of Flow. loafer. Likewise, are all sopranos, as indicated by this morning's roll call, telephone regarding the proposed members, three votes for 1,000,000 contraitos and bassos, of all nations. Looting and rioting throughout the appeal. regardless of age, sex, or previous con- night was reported in Liverpool and

the lord mayor of the city appealed denburg telegraphed to Vice Chancellor When Campanini resigned as director early today to the military authori- von Payer stating that if Prince Max The latter dispatched six lorry of Baden should form a government vote. merstein has been earned in maintain- Garden in her revolt against Cavalieri loads of troops from Crosby, all fully he would agree to the appeal for peace Mr. Gompers, sprance test in maintain. American delegation, accepted armed and belmeted, while special con- being delayed until the next morning, In making contracts with artists, I stables were also called out. The loot - On the same day General Groener re-

always allow 10 per cent off for insanity. A story characteristic of Mr. Hammerstein's remarks is that one about

body there to hear her sing. She drew thoughtfully and sorrowfully as he which occurred during the night, when

in his mouth

Would any of you gentlemen here." during Mr. Hammerstein's brief ten- as any other man in this city, and few marrying Madame X? It would be a

## Gave Favorites Twenty-five Cents

Mr. Hammerstein, during the per always with a big eight which he had for him in the front entrance, and there made himself tilted in a corner or his he was from the beginning to the end

His accent, even after many years in

eventibling that went on and not hest-tating to tell the artist afterward what that the musical and social elements of the beat of excitement—and he got  $\Delta x$ . Two or three of the singers were his entropy of the singers were his entrop ancient traditions, were disproved by dropped into a combination of German the 'e's constituous artists. To there are a quarter at every per the swift and decided popularity of and English that was always amusing. and English that was always amusing. formener

mous, building the Harlem Opera

NERVE, SAYS GROENER Teutons Refuse Offices, Leader **Declaring Meeting Appears** to Despise Them Urged Peace October 1, Fearing German Line Would Break

at Any Moment

LUDENDORFF LOST HIS

who has been elected president of the FACTS TOLD IN WHITE BOOK International Trade Union Federation, vas proposed for the office by Samuel

## By the Associated Press

Berlin, Aug. 2 .- The former German emperor's statement on October 27. able determination to sue for a separate peace within 24 hours and to de-

of the many interesting revelations of receiving thirty votes to nineteen for AS MORE POLICE QUIT The book, which contains official vice presidency or any other office, as

cuments relating to the negotiations he said the meeting appeared to despise "Don't depreciate yourself, always think yourself as smart as the other fellow. "Make yourself felt, it is only in nounced in the preface, because the second vice president,

Mr. Gompers declared people wish to know the truth. Pence proposals were hastened by Americans might accept office in the the efforts of the government tended to-London, Aug. 2.--(By A, P.)-Some the fact that General Ludendorff lost new organization when the South Amerlooting was reported in the east end of his nerve, according to General Groe- ican membership becomes better organ-

London during the night, owing to the In September, 1918, according to the In September, 1918, according to the absence of policemen on strike. Six hundred and fifty-two policemen how are reported to be out at Liver-

sion of a direct appeal to the United in a compromise, adopted by a vote of tod of unusual irritation, he suid: Mary Garden, the distinguished the government officials. The ranks should be designated as the center of The compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of The compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the compromise provided that each should be designated as the center of the country should have one vote for 250,-

500,000 members above the first mil-

On October 1 Field Marshal von Hinlion. Countries having less than 250, 000 members would be entitled to one Gompers, speaking for the

Gompers, president of the American

Federation of Labor. Appleton was

later

the Dutch Labor Federation.

Mr. proposition, subject to the approval of the unions he represented. He said he for volunteers to help guard the city, The Liverpool authorities followed the

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"We all have our pasts, Mrs. Harvard; some of them are made by ourselves, some have been manufactured for us by others. \* \* \* I have my past, and-it is not all pleasant. You have your past, and, although you did not make it yourself, and are not responsible for it, it is



Chancellor Renner Confers on but must have a fleet assuring her pavel **Political Coalition Scheme** 

Amsterdam, Aug. 2.--(By A. P.)to Halt Bolshevism W. A. Appleton, of Great Britain,

FRANCE TO REGAIN TONNAGE mer Premier Viviani, who presided, called upon the commission to vote on the treaty. Deputy Louis Marin, who

By the Associated Press later voted against acceptance of the treaty, proposed four motions against Paris, Aug. 2 .- Dr. Karl Renner,

it. One was rejected, the others postchosen by thirty-one votes as against the German-Austrian chancellor, and poned for discussion, and the vote eighteen for President Oudegeest, of Herr Frantz, the Austrian conserva- taken. tive leader, have conferred at St. Ger-Frank L. Polk, American assistant

Leon Jouhaux, the French labor main, with a view to establishing bemand an immediate armistice, is one leader, was chosen first vice president, tween the parties of the Left and the Conservatives and Liberals a coalition intended to check bolshevism, the Petit group of French newspaper men here Legien declined to accept the second Parisien says it learns from reliable that the United States Senate commit-

The peace committee of the Cham- its report on the German treaty by the her of Deputies, which, by a vote of middle of August and the Senate would 34 to 1, yesterday recommended to the not take more than two weeks to ratiratified, before balloting, heard George Admiral Kolchak, head of the Omsk

Levgues, minister of marine, say that all-Russian Government, will be given moral and even material aid by the ward the recovery of the entire tonnage United States, Mr. Polk said, and addee lost by the French during the war and that bolshevism was not to be feared also the tonnage which the government in his country.

Must Pay for Sinking

Unfortunately, M. Leygues said, part

the guarantee disappeared at Scapa gerated importance. He declined to Flow, but the sinking of the German discuss the Shantung question or the fleet was a violation of the armistice sinking of the German fleet at Scapa

Germany, which might be called upon

to answer with what ships remained,

After recalling the magnificent role

played by the French navy during the

war and, especially in the Mediter-

ranean, the minister said France could

not rival England or the United States,

The commission unanimously recog-

nized that the pence treaty meant the

disappearance of the German fleet. For-

**Polk Predicts Ratification** 

secretary of state and head of the

United States delegation here, told a

tee on foreign affairs would complete

Mr. Polk expressed little fear of the

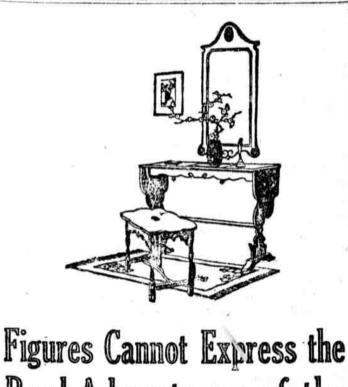
outcome of any friction with Merico

and said that the race disorders in

American cities were given an exag-

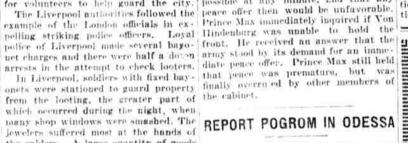
position.

or by the delivery of naval material.



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During the day the strike spread to nights. Birkenhead, on the Mersey, opposite Liverpool, strike patrols bringing out mand, it is said, carried out the mas-numbers of men. The shops of jew- succe. The Jews of Ukraine and Bess-

elers, pawnbrokers and other merchants arabia have proclaimed a mourning pe-| riod of fourteen days. there are being looted.

the grand opern star who in former years had been popular at the Metropolitan and who had been engaged by him for his Manhattan. But she failed atterly to make an impression on the Manhattan audiences, and brought no-

large salary and Mr. Hammerstein used to scrutinize the ticket rack and it is in this role that he is most familiar to Philadelphians. The huiding he proposed to produce drew, and thought of the promises she lewelers suffered most at the hands of familiar to Philadelphians. The splen- opera in the building he crected at had made to bring thousands of ad- the raiders. A large quantity of goods

mirers to the Manhattan to hear her also was stolen from the sheds on the Polish Troops Said to Have Run

seasons of grand opera provided merstein was probably as well known he said blandly. "do me the favor of

of every performance, noting carefully

house was known quite as generally as by its official title. This notwithstand-ing its projector's modest denial of desire to have the base denial of desire to have the house called by his and he always was able to hold his own, building career, which made him fa particularly in lingual bactles. own name.

Few men have been sued oftener or House. For three years he lost on this vember night in 1908, addressed a great audience, including the wealth and fash-merstein. He made millions, and he projected the Murray Hill Theatre, but ion of Philadelphia, in his magnificent lost millions, but always he had to disposed of it at a profit before it was temple of art, his voice vibrated with back his up the fortune that kept com-He built the Manhattan Theatre,

mouth.

the pride he felt in his achievement here. His promises to give Philadelphia Of all the litigation in which the en-there is a pride he had a joint share grand opera of the highest type were terprising impresario was involved, the Bial's, in which he had a joint share. admirably fulfilled. Never before had most entertaining for the public was withdrawing from this concern, he

this city had anything approaching in sumptuousness the Hammerstein pre-sentations of the most famous works of the suit for \$100,000 is breach. The sentation of the most famous works of the sentations of the most famous works of the sentation of the sentation of the most famous works of the sentation of the most famous works of the sentation of the sentation of the most famous works of the sentations of the most famous works of the sentations of the most famous works of the sentations of the sentations of the most famous works of the sentations of the most famous works of the sentations of the sent entations of the most famous works of "Texas Pattl," for \$100,000 to broken broken be world's great composers.
"Music," Mr. Hammerstein said, to "My adored Bruce," "Dearest, dear-test Bruce," "Boosie Ede," and signed "Your Oscar." While the suit was always my fondest wish to give opera still pending, Hammerstein gave an still pending, Hammerstein gave an elared a bankrupt by a New York court. the world's great composers.

"was always my one grand possion.

of a highly actistic character at prices still pending, Hammerstein gave an clared a bankrupt by a New York court, which the general public states of the prices interview in which he admitted writing which the general public can afford. If the letters, I could establish a permanent home for

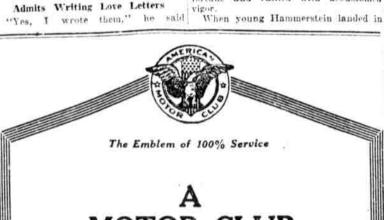
fortune and rallied with accustomed Admits Writing Love Letters

popular opera, running the whole year round, I would feel that I was a real philanthropist. Opera for the people does not mean continued repetitions of 'Rigoletto' or other operas of the familiar repertoire. The public will appreciate new things if they are good. 1 do not intend to follow the conventional methods. I am looking every where for talent and novelties. I have in mind many things not yet done in America."

Artists of unsurpassed celebrity appeared nightly at the Philadelphia Opera House. The roster of the Hammerstein "songbirds" became familiar by their frequent appearance here, and some of the modern operas had their premier under Impresario Hammerstein at Broad and Poplar streets.

The expense of these productions was enormous, and, despite the generous patronage of the Philadelphia public, Mr. Hammerstein, in 1910, retired from his arduous competition with the Metro-politan Opera Company, in which he ad been engaged here and in his Manhattan Opera House in New York. Announcement of the sale of his Phila-





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