

Philadelphia, Wednesday, March 3, 1920.

GIRL, 3, RESCUES BABY FROM FIRE

Drags Her Brother to Safety as Clothes on Crib Are Ablaze. Matches Blamed

CHILDREN WERE ALONE

Three-year-old Annie Berno rescued her baby brother from a burning crib in their home at 1214 St. Bernard street at 10 o'clock this morning. She dragged the two-year-old Joseph from the flames which were rapidly enveloping the cot and then called to her mother.

The mother had gone downstairs, leaving Annie in a room on the second floor front. Annie, it is said, found some matches, and began striking them. One ignited the bed clothing of the baby, and a dense, choking smoke quickly filled the room. As the flames licked their way toward her brother, Annie, who had started to run for aid, heard his cries, and returning to his crib succeeded in getting him to the hall. She dragged him by his clothes to the hall.

The mother and neighbors extinguished the fire.

ELEVATOR VICTIM DIES

Mrs. Richmond Succumbs to Injuries Despite Blood Transfusion

Mrs. Rebecca Richmond, thirty-five years old, of 23 North Sixth street, died today in the Hahnemann Hospital as a result of injuries received when she was caught in an elevator in an office building on Thirteenth street last Friday.

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CARUSO SCORES A TRIUMPH IN "MARTHA"

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"MARTHA," Opera in three acts by von Flotow. THE CAST
LADY MARTHA..... Maria Barrientos
NANCY..... Flora Perini
JONES..... Erina Caruso
SIR TREVOR..... Adamo Didur
SIR TREVOR..... Florio Maitesta
The Sheriff..... Mario Laurenti
A Sergeant..... Vincenzo Reschiglin
Three Maids..... Lavinia Pucillo, Nazaria Malatesta and Emma Barrientos.
Conductor, Arthur Bodansky.

Flotow's opera "Martha," which was given by the Metropolitan Opera Co. at the Metropolitan last evening, is probably as rich in melodies for the tenor voice as any work ever composed, and this fact, together with the further one that Mr. Caruso is still available, doubtless had some weight in the choice of a work for one of Mr. Caruso's guaranteed appearances in Philadelphia. Outside of this, there is little reason for giving it. "Martha" is as rich in sentimental and semi-sentimental melodies as any opera in existence, but its utter lack of dramatic expression and feeling makes it sound flat in many places.

As was to be expected from the character of the music the opera resolved itself early into a "Caruso night," which grew in intensity, until in the first scene of the third act, there was an exhibition of enthusiasm which soon passed into absolute discourtesy toward

Miss Barrientos. Mr. Caruso had just finished the aria, or rather the song, "Dai cuorite tremante," which he had sung with great pathos and generally tremendous effect and the audience literally "went wild." Mr. Caruso appeared about a dozen times and acknowledged the applause in his characteristic manner, and then Mr. Bodansky attempted to go on with the opera, as Philadelphia audiences should know by this time, that Mr. Caruso will not repeat a number, although he joined Miss Barrientos in a repetition of "The Last Rose of Summer" earlier in the opera.

Miss Barrientos made a charming "Martha" in appearance, and her fragile voice was excellent in her solo work, but had scarcely enough volume in the ensembles with voices of the strength of those of Caruso, Perini and Didur. She scored a great success with "The Last Rose of Summer" and was obliged to repeat it, although it was by no means the finest piece of singing she did during the opera. Miss Perini was attractively as Nancy, both to the ear and the eye, and Mr. Didur sang an excellent Plunkett. His aria, "Che mi dira," at the opening of the third act, was his best piece of work vocally, and the part gave little opportunity for the very great dramatic talents which he possesses.

Mr. Maitesta made what was possible of the thankless part of Sir Tristan, a part which seemingly should be humorous, but which cannot be made so even by Mr. Maitesta, who has few superiors in comedy parts. The minor parts of the sheriff, the servant and the three maids were well done. Mr. Bodansky conducted and his direction seemed to be considerable uncertainty as to the tempi in many places between himself and the members of the cast.



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