

CARUSO BECAME AN ARTIST 'TWIXT LATHER AND TALCUM

Court Barber to King of Song Cherishes Sketches Made Here.
Great Singer Was Not "Hard Man to Shave" When in Phila.

Enrico Caruso, who could sweep a world off its feet with his song, was, at the same time, humanly speaking, not a hard man to shave.

The mourning of Joseph Pessano, 801 South Fifty-seventh street, for his countryman differs in quality from that of most of this city. For years Pessano was court barber to the king of song whenever he came to Philadelphia.

On nights music lovers of Philadelphia were paying five, ten or fifteen dollars apiece to peer at the world-famous tenor through opera glasses, it was Pessano's privilege to stand three inches away from him adjusting his steaming towels and wiping his face.

Sometimes Caruso hummed softly as he was shaved.

Recalls "Good Old Days"
Pessano is the man who confides that it took from thirty minutes to three-quarters of an hour to remove the beard of the singer. Whether he lingered over his task he does not say.

"Back in those days," muses Mr. Pessano, who is at present proprietor of a hotel barber shop and of a chain of shops in various cities, "I was just a barber at my chair. But Caruso always was the democrat. He was never a fussy customer—always pleasant and joking."

"He used to joke with me about my Italian, and tell me I ought to go

back to Italy and learn how to speak Italian."

"Of course, when he came into the hotel barber shop every one recognized him, and no matter how crowded things were, they'd try to make room for him. Then one of us would say, 'Well, how are you today?'"

"How am I? He would answer in Italian, 'well, if I was sick I wouldn't be here, would I? I'd be home in bed!'"

Pessano is the fortunate possessor of two of the famous Caruso sketches. Like most of his drawings, they were made in a few minutes' time.

"A Drawing While You Wait"
"I was in the midst of shaving him," Pessano relates, "when it was necessary for me to go to the other side of the room to get a lotion jug. Before I knew it Caruso was sitting upright in his chair with his pencil and paper in hand making a picture of me."

"Twice Caruso tried his genius on his friend Pessano. One of the sketches of the court barber is dated 1909, the other 1912.

The world-famous tenor, Pessano confides, was not fastidious. Occasionally he would have a facial massage, but most time it was just a shave. It didn't concern him much whether he got all the "fluff" with the deal or not. The fact that he was going to receive \$2000 that night for singing for an hour never made him fussy about the state of his talcum powder.

Caruso's illness, the famous surgeon said:

"I, with my brother Giuseppe, visited Caruso professionally on July 28 at Sorrento. After a careful examination we both agreed that the present and past suffering of the great tenor was derived from a subrenal abscess, probably in the left kidney."

"We immediately decided that Caruso should be taken to Rome and submitted to an X-ray examination in order to complete our diagnosis, and also a guide for the treatment which was to have been executed immediately after. At that time Caruso's condition was relatively good. This was emphasized by the fact that he laughed and joked with us, explaining by operatic motions how he sang."

"So strong was he then that he stood before us and made a motion of singing in the act of reaching high notes in the midst of a dramatic setting."

Told of New York Mishap
"Then he said loosely: 'When I was about to reach a high note during a performance in America something caught me in the throat. I put my hand to my mouth in an effort to regain myself when out spurted a mouthful of blood!'"

"Caruso laughed as he demonstrated this condition to us."

"His chief thought was that of returning his own and being able to return to the stage and sing again. This was his greatest anxiety. He chattered and talked apparently at ease, comfortably exhibiting in that robust physique his ideas with gestures and smiles. Therefore, our opinion warranted his coming to Rome, where the operation could be performed under conditions where hospital appliances were more complete and modern to handle his case."

Knew of Abscess
Returning to the subject of Caruso's illness in America, Dr. Bastianelli said that the grave condition of Caruso's illness at that time "absorbed the entire attention of the doctors, who could not occupy themselves with anything else than to attend to it, but we know with certainty that Dr. Erdmann, one of the American physicians who attended Caruso, realized the existence of the subrenal abscess."

"The American doctors showed the greatest professional skill and technique in the operation they performed. Their work commands the greatest admiration and respect increasing the deserved fame which American doctors enjoy throughout the world."

As a parting word, the famous Italian surgeon said to the correspondent:

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"Caruso's Barber"



Sketch drawn by Enrico Caruso of his barber while being shaved while on one of his visits here to sing.

American doctors, say it as coming from me."

His brother, Giuseppe, is known as Italy's greatest physician. Both specialists married American women. Dr. Raffaele Bastianelli's wife is Miss Lucille Loomis, of Oil City, Pa., and Dr. Giuseppe Bastianelli's wife was Miss Marion Hawke, of Philadelphia.

Two Judges Clash Over Support Case

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For August 12, but has not indicated whether he intends to supplant Judge McNichol in the Domestic Relations Court that day to hear the case in person.

Greek Has Two Wives
Mrs. May's marital difficulties became public when Judge McNichol granted the support order last January.

It was revealed that May's name originally was George Koutzombos, a native of Athens, and is a leader in the Greek colony here. It became known also that May had another wife, a native of Athens also, who bought him a dot of \$15,000, which he invested in the restaurant business.

At the time the support order was issued the original Mrs. May was said to be living in Germantown. The young woman who sought the support order told the Court that she had worked as cashier in May's restaurant, and had known him as a single man. He had wooed and married her. The ceremony was performed regularly in Brooklyn, June 22, 1918. Mrs. May had her wedding certificate and believed herself May's legal wife.

She told Judge McNichol that she and her husband had separated before the second child was born. For a year after the marriage she said the Greek restaurant keeper had lavished money on her. She declared he told her his income had ranged from \$25,000 to \$20,000 a year in the last few years. He bought two rings, the wife said, one at a cost of \$10,000. The first year of their marriage, she said, May spent \$20,000 on a home.

May refused on the witness stand, getting on his counsel's advice, to say whether he was married when he molested Mrs. May's wife. Judge McNichol therefore accepted Mrs. May as the legal wife and issued the order of \$500 a month.

May denied that he was wealthy as his young bride had said. According to Mrs. May his first wife is the owner of the restaurant company and he holds but one share of stock and receives a wage of \$40 a week.

Expect Japanese to Be Conciliatory

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The East as to satisfy her critics among the Anglo-Saxon nations; to convince them regarding her intentions as to the Far East and to work in harmony with them.

There is little doubt that Japan is deeply concerned over the situation in which she is left by this country's new vigor in asserting the open-door policy in the Orient and by the failure of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. She will not come to the Washington conference in any arrogant mood. On the contrary, she will be conciliatory, seeking to meet America's demands as far as possible, while, if possible, saving her own face.

If the American position should be as generous to Japan as one member of the Administration intimates that it will be, if it should concede that the Japanese islands were too small for her rapidly growing population and that she must have room to expand on the continent of Asia, probably in Manchuria, Japan would probably be greatly relieved.

Under Misconception
Japan misconceives the American attitude toward herself and is prepared to find it distinctly unfriendly to her-

self. She looks with a certain anxiety at the American State Department, the permanent department, not Mr. Hughes, and fears that it has a distinctly anti-Japanese attitude. The advisers of the Department of the Far East from Under-Secretary Fletcher down, are all men trained in China, and having a strong pro-Chinese point of view. The Japanese probably exaggerate the importance of this circumstance. They exaggerate the importance of every circumstance pointing toward an aggressive policy on the part of this country toward herself.

"The danger of the conference failing to bring about satisfactory permanent relations between this country and Japan lies in the difficulty each country has in understanding the other's point of view and the imputing by each to the other of more unfriendly motives than either entertains." The Administration generally holds the view that Japan is entitled to expand upon the continent of Asia and if Japan could be brought to realize that the United States has the friendly view of her future, most of the difficulties of the conference would quickly disappear.

As a result of the conference Japan stands to lose most of the fruits her policy in the East gained her in the last war, just as she lost under Occidental pressure most of her gains from the war with China, and as again under similar pressure she was deprived of much that might have been hers as a

consequence of her victory over Russia. If this time the nations of the West under the lead of the United States should take the view that she was entitled to expand on the continent, this, in the opinion of many well-informed persons, would do more to give peace and stability to the East than any other thing that could be done. Japan, with territory to develop and industrial opportunities in Manchuria, would, according to this view, abandon her militarism, which would have gained its real end.

AMERICANS VISIT POPE

Bishop Tinen, of Denver, Presents Thirty Pilgrims

Rome, Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—Monsignor J. Henry Tinen, Bishop of Denver, Colorado, was received in audience by Pope Benedict yesterday, presenting a report of his diocese which the pontiff found to be most satisfactory. Later Bishop Tinen introduced the Pope to a group of thirty American pilgrims, to whom Pope Benedict delivered a short address, which was translated by Monsignor Charles A. O'Hara, rector of the American College here.

The pontiff said he greatly appreciated the visit of the Americans, especially because of the difficulties of travel at present, and the oppressive heat. He imparted the apostolic benediction at the close of his talk.

REPORT CHARLES "IN AGAIN"

Ci-devant Emperor Said to Be Seeking Hungarian Crown

Geneva, Aug. 4.—Unconfirmed reports still persist that ex-Emperor Charles of Austria has left Hertenstein secretly and now is in Hungary awaiting an opportunity to launch a coup d'etat.

It is said that Captain Werkmann, private secretary to Charles, and several of the former monarch's servants already have left for Budapest. It is stated in unusually well-informed circles that Charles will make an attempt to regain his throne this month, in spite of the warnings of the Allies.

RAID 35 CIGARETTE STORES

70 Policemen Make Rounds of Topeka to Enforce Law

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 4.—City and county officials yesterday united in raiding about thirty-five Topeka stores where it was suspected cigarettes had been sold in violation of the State Anti-Cigarette Law. Officials announced that the cigarettes found in business houses would be confiscated and the proprietors arrested.

CANDY PRICES CUT A THIRD

Large N. Y. Chain Store Also Lowers Wages of Employees

New York, Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—A reduction of 33-1/3 per cent in candy prices was announced yesterday by one of the largest chain store candy firms in the city (George W. Loft, Inc.). This cut follows closely after that of another large retail firm (Miller Candy Co.), the president of which announced that his firm, along with several others in the candy business, had been making 300 per cent profit.

TYPHOID CASES INCREASE

45 Are Suffering in Shamokin Rural Dairy Quarantined

Shamokin, Pa., Aug. 3.—Typhoid fever continues to increase here, with a total of forty-five cases reported thus far. Five visiting nurses have been employed to assist in caring for the patients. A strict quarantine has been placed on the rural dairy, which is the suspected source of the disease. Two employees of the plant are down with the fever.

Choir of 400 Sings at Caruso Funeral

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of the dead man, and the hall was transformed by them into a lower of exquisite beauty."

Titta Russo, the Italian baritone, who has in recent years achieved fame in America, arrived during the day and hastened to the hotel. He was an intimate friend of Caruso and insisted upon helping to transfer the body to the temporary chapel.

After today's ceremony the body will be taken to the cemetery and placed in the family vault. The Mayor and Prefect of Naples will speak in behalf of the city and Government respectively, and it is probable that the American Consul will deliver a brief address in behalf of the American Government and the City of New York, which Caruso called his second home.

Naples is in truth a city of mourning, and from all parts of Italy have come expressions of grief, many of them of a tender nature, because of late years Caruso had, by the mastery of his art and his kindness of heart, found his way into the warm affections of the people. Therefore, of the thousands who passed his hither yesterday, there was none whose personal grief was not apparent.

Brother Heartbroken
Grief over the death of Caruso apparently dealt a harder blow to his brother, Giovanni, than to almost any other member of the family. Giovanni, who was very close to his brother, and who managed the business affairs of the singer's various estates, remained with the body of his beloved brother almost constantly.

At intervals his grief struck him so poignantly that he broke into fits of crying and now and then knelt close by the body, sometimes crying out in the hope that by some miracle life might be restored.

The little daughter, Gloria, was taken in to the body of her father yesterday. She only knew that something dreadful had happened, as her father could not speak to her. Mrs. Caruso is bearing her sorrow with fortitude.

CARUSO'S SURGEONS LAUD U. S. SPECIALISTS

Rome, Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—The American doctors who attended Enrico Caruso in New York during his critical illness last winter did "all that was humanly possible under the conditions of the patient; they could not do more."

This opinion was given to the Associated Press today by Dr. Raffaele Bastianelli, reputed to be the greatest surgeon in Italy, who with his brother, Giuseppe, attended the famous singer when he suffered the relapse last week which led to his death.

Regarding Caruso's illness in America, Dr. Bastianelli said "it was undoubtedly a patriotic emergency, which immediately put the patient in such a grave condition that it must be considered a miracle that the American doctors succeeded in saving his life."

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