

UNION LEAGUE HITS BACK AT CRITICS

Members Good-Naturedly Deny Club Is Official Welcomer of Foreign Celebrities

ENTERTAINMENT IS AIM

A good-natured defense of the use of the Union League for the unofficial entertainment of distinguished foreign visitors was made today by league members in reply to criticisms made by the Philadelphia Women's Democratic Club.

The Democratic women protested last night against the use of the impressive clubhouse at Broad and Sansom streets in welcome extended to eminent visitors. The recent visit of Marshal Foch was cited as a case in point.

"A Republican club is no place to entertain official guests of the city," said Mrs. John D. Samuels, who presented the resolution of protest, which will be forwarded to Mayor Moore and the City Council.

"Why foreigners leave Philadelphia with their minds in a state of confusion as to whether the Union League or Independence Hall is the cradle of our liberty," Mrs. Samuels stated.

Mrs. Busch, a former vice president of the Union League, said: "If a stranger of importance is entertained at the League, it is entertained by a group of League active citizens and a clear distinction is made between that entertainment and the official reception."

Mr. Busch said the League is the largest and best organized local body of representative men and as a result has unusual facilities for the entertainment of visitors of importance. It has always confined itself politically to strictly national matters, he added, and has taken no part in State or municipal politics.

Mr. Busch asserted that Marshal Foch was not given a reception at the Union League. The clubhouse simply was used as a point where the eminent soldier of France changed hosts, Mayor Moore turning him over to Governor Sproul.

Marshal Foch inspected the Lincoln Room on the second floor of the clubhouse and viewed the Lincoln statue. He also looked at portraits of Lincoln and Grant and showed great interest, Mr. Busch stated.



ROBERT RILEY
Head of the combined musical clubs of the University of Pennsylvania. These organizations, with the Cornell clubs, will give a concert to-night at the Bellevue-Straford

appeared for a number of years at Willow Grove when Mr. Herbert and his orchestra are there.

The audience was an enormous one and it received the chorus with the enthusiasm which its public appearance always arouses. The chorus in its turn showed that it appreciated the cordiality of the audience, and it has seldom done better work than it did last evening. Dr. Tily conducted, and both choral numbers were from the works of Mr. Herbert. "When Love Awakes" from "Eileen" and the "Italian Street Song" from "Naughty Marietta." The chorus has sung these tuneful and dainty numbers before. May Ebbey Hoiz, soprano, was the soloist, and sang with her usual beauty of voice and high artistic conception.

STRAWBRIDGE CHORUS SINGS AT STANLEY

Unique Compliment Paid to Victor Herbert, the Guest Conductor

The Strawbridge & Clothier Chorus appeared at the Stanley Theatre last evening and sang at both concerts, out of compliment to Victor Herbert, who is there for the remainder of the week as guest conductor. For many years there has been a warm friendship between the leader of the Strawbridge & Clothier Chorus, Dr. Herbert J. Tily, as well as members of the chorus itself, and Mr. Herbert and the chorus have

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A mother's sobbing plea released a young sailor who was about to be held for court today by Magistrate Oswald on a charge of drugging and robbing an acquaintance.

Despite the fact that the complainant was willing to forgo his statements at a previous hearing and refused to make positive identification of the men he had arrested, Magistrate Oswald felt that there was sufficient evidence to hold the young man, until he was moved by his weeping mother.

On November 12 Arthur Fisher, 1727 South Yewdall street, went to a dance-hall at Thirty-ninth and Market streets, where he met Edward Scott, a sailor

on the United States steamship Relief, and Maurice Stambly, 2122 Canac street. Fisher alleged that after the dance they went to Stambly's home, where they had much to drink. When he had the two young men arrested the next day he charged that they had dooped his liquor and robbed him of a \$50 ring, \$47 in cash, and given him a severe beating. He positively identified Scott and Stambly as the men involved.

Today Fisher was not so certain of the identity of the two men. Moved, perhaps, by the spectacle of Scott's mother, who wept bitterly throughout the hearing, he stated that he had been reimbursed for what he had lost, and refused to identify the men. S. L. Janeway, chaplain on Scott's ship, pleaded hard for the boy, spoke of an excellent record for four years in the navy, and expressed his doubt that Scott would have been mixed up in such a case.

Magistrate Oswald was obdurate, however, until Mrs. Scott came to the bar of the court. She was weeping so bitterly that she could not make herself heard. Finally the magistrate told her that he did not believe that any one really wanted the boys to go to court and discharged them both.

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she is a close follower of the late Teresa Carreno, although at times she sacrifices delicacy to this end. Last evening she appeared to much better advantage in bravura music than in that which demanded poetry of interpretation, and this was apparent in certain sections of the Schumann Carnival. Her Bach

was unusually clear in detail and she also gave fine performances of the Saint-Saens toccata and the Tausig arrangement of the Marche Militaire. Strangely enough, her program included nothing by Liszt, the composer of all others whose music it would seem she could play the best of all.

STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER STORE CLOSED TO-MORROW



THANKSGIVING DAY in America—for more than half a century an annual festival appointed by proclamation of the President, the Governors of the states and the Mayors of our cities—was first celebrated by the Plymouth Colony in 1621; so to-morrow will be the three hundredth anniversary of the original public Thanksgiving Day. The manner of observance of the day has undergone little or no change—a day of feasting and social gathering as well as of reverent thanksgiving.

The nation is called upon to pause in contemplation of the many blessings bestowed upon us, and this year we have indeed much to be thankful for. We are living in a land of plenty; and we are rising slowly but surely out of the disturbing conditions following a great war. Crops have been bountiful, business is on a firmer footing, and the number of unemployed is decreasing.

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