

NEXT WEEK'S THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL OFFERINGS IN VARIOUS PHILADELPHIA PLAYHOUSES

BEFORE THE CURTAIN GOES UP

Sir Harry Lauder at Walnut Next Week—"Beggar's Opera" at Metropolitan—"Rain" Makes Decided Impression. Concerning the Other Shows

ALTHOUGH there are only two openings next week, in contrast to the deluge that we have just observed, it would be hard to find a greater variety of theatrical

Mosley's novelties will be the annual visit of our old friend Sir Harry Lauder, who makes his annual appearance, bringing to the Walnut Street Theatre some more of his familiar Scotch bairn and heather and haggis atmosphere, and "The Beggar's Opera," John Gay's famous old musical play which has survived since 1728, and which opens a two weeks' engagement at the Metropolitan Opera House.

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THE super-abundance of debuts unfortunately precludes extended coverage in this column of new individual performances, but the safest way out of the difficulty is to treat first those productions which most easily bid us good-bye. And that brings us to the subject of "Rain."

The sterling qualities of the Sanger-Mangham's story were the more gratifying because they came as a complete surprise. Theatrical surprises are, unfortunately, generally quite the reverse of pleasant.

All during the week John D. Williamson, who staged "Rain" and John Colton, one of the co-producers, have been putting the finishing touches on the play. The present finale of the second act is now four times as effective as it was, and a few of the long speeches which bordered on tedious have been cut. There are rumors that some of the language is to be modified, but it will be a real mistake to tamper much in this direction.

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STARS OF THE STAGE COMING HERE NEXT WEEK



"EIN HELDENLEBEN" WELL RENDERED BY ORCHESTRA

Mile, Dux Makes Splendid Impression as Soloist in Exquisite Songs

The orchestra in an interesting performance of Strauss' great tone poem "Ein Heldenleben" divided honors at yesterday afternoon's concert with Miss Claire Dux, soprano, of the Chicago Opera Company, the first soloist of the current season.

It was rather early in the season to put so difficult and involved a work as "Ein Heldenleben" on the program, notwithstanding the fact that the orchestra played it several times last season with Strauss himself, and the manner in which it was performed spoke very well for the ability of the organization to its interpretation of the score with few rehearsals.

The work is a dramatic one in plan and scope, and is composed very strictly to the program supplied in the pamphlet of Dr. Deems. But in spite of its heroic proportions and amazing strength, together with the fact that it is perhaps one of the greatest efforts of organization to its interpretation of the score with few rehearsals.

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MOVIEGRAMS OF THE WEEK

Notable Actors More Common Than Notable Action in Films.

Lionel Barrymore at Stanley "Sin Flood" at Carlton Other News

IT'S sometimes the action and sometimes the actors which distinguish a film. This has never been better exemplified than in the five photoplay openings next week.

At the Stanley one of the Barrymores triumvirates will elevate his talents to presenting our old friend Lionel Barrymore in "The Face in the Fog."

The Carlton's photoplay is of unusual interest. It is none other than Henry Bergman's drama "Syndication," which Arthur Hopkins produced in New York under the title of "The Picture," and which now appears on the screen as "The Sin Flood."

THE Aldine's attraction must be judged from an entertainment rather than an artistic standard, and as Peter B. Kyne wrote the story, it is going to be deadwood in its purpose. This "Kingsland" is the legend of the Dunes with Maxine Cooper.

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