

Song Birds

Opening of the Grand Opera Season in America—Two Rival Organizations in the Field—Lina Cavalieri and Caruso—Grand Opera's Beginning in the New World



CARICATURE OF EN-CARUSO. RICO CARUSO.

GRAND opera in America never reached such high tide as it enjoys at present. Throughout the United States an increased interest in this highest form of the musical drama is noted, and the city of New York is now the world's...

Another of the famous singers new to America is Lina Cavalieri, called "the most beautiful woman in Europe." Miss Cavalieri has had a wonderful career. She is an Italian, born in Rome, and was left an orphan at sixteen. For three years she supported herself by making pantaloons in a tailor shop. While here her unusual beauty attracted the attention of an...



LINA CAVALLIERI.

army officer, a young Italian prince. There was a brief love affair. The prince's family intervened and tore the lovers apart. The girl began to sing in a music hall, where she was successful because of her beauty. She then went to Paris and sang in a cafe chantant. Determining to become a prima donna, she saved money from her pay and took a severe course of training under the best teachers. Then she reappeared in Rome and made a brilliant triumph in grand opera. She returned to France and on the operatic stage startled and delighted those who had heard her uncutivated voice and admired her beauty in the cafe chantant. The old world was at her feet. Poets and artists raved. Even Sarah Bernhardt declared her to be the most beautiful woman in Paris. King Edward of England, whose voice in these matters is potent, placed her second in all Europe, but Queen Alexandra declared her to be first in beauty. Miss Cavalieri has acquired a large fortune on the stage.

Mr. Hammerstein brings to his Manhattan Opera House a tenor new to this country, Alessandro Bonci. Like Lina Cavalieri, he was poor in his youth and had a severe struggle. His father was a laborer, and the boy...



OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN. HEINRICH CONRIED.

made his first money by singing in a church on feast days. When he was eighteen he walked to Pesaro to have his voice examined and was accepted as a pupil in the Rossini conservatory there. For twelve years he traveled with unimportant troupes. During the past five years he has sung in many European countries with distinguished success, dividing honors with Enrico Caruso as one of the greatest Italian tenors.

Caruso is a member of Heinrich Conried's Metropolitan Opera company and has appeared in New York for several seasons past. He has recently won some unenviable notoriety by reason of his arrest and trial on a charge of annoying a woman at the zoological gardens in Central park. Caruso, who is a caricatured himself of no mean ability, has been unmercifully caricatured in this connection.

NEW "BLACK POPE."

Father Wernz, General of the Society of Jesus.

One of the most remarkable religious organizations in the world is the Society of Jesus, and its members, commonly known as Jesuits, are a body of men who have always displayed wonderful zeal in behalf of the objects of their order. They are bound by their vows to render implicit obedience to their superiors; hence the general of the Jesuits, often called the "black pope," is an ecclesiastical functionary of exceptional power.

As rector of the Gregorian university of Rome the German priest, Father Francis Xavier Wernz, was unknown to the big world, and yet by virtue of an election recently held by the Jesuit order he now wields an influence second to few. In that election, held at the German college in Rome after much fasting and prayer and behind fast closed doors, the Jesuit delegates chose their general, and they found in Father Wernz the best man to command...



FATHER WERNZ.

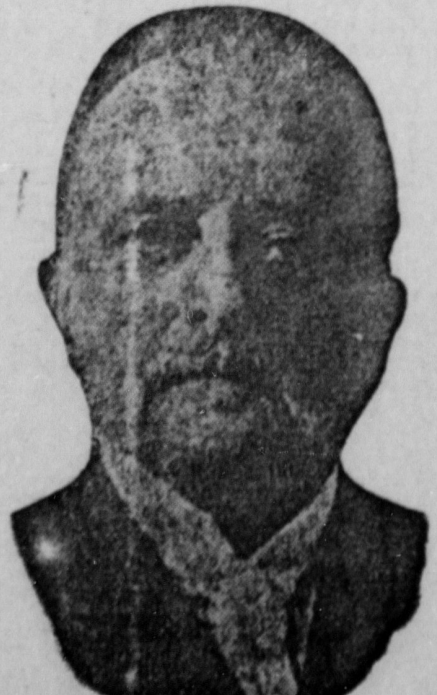
this strange army of devotees of the religious life. The new "black pope" is a profound scholar and also a polished man of the world. He is posted not only on the writings of the early fathers, but on the follies of the smart set. He speaks English without a trace of foreign accent and Italian as fluently as his native German, while French and Spanish are languages in which he is perfectly at ease. He was born at Wurttemberg sixty-four years ago and as a youngster gave little promise of one day becoming an eminent ecclesiastic. He excelled especially in physical feats. It was in those days according to a story which is told in Rome, that an old gypsy woman predicted that he would live to be a greater man than either monarch or pontiff. It may not have been due to the prophecy, but young Wernz at fifteen gave up all thoughts of becoming a hero of the fighting type and entered a Jesuit college.

Canon law is his specialty. He has published four bulky volumes on the subject. In 1883 he was appointed a professor in the Gregorian university, and two years ago he was made rector. He is adviser to the sacred congregation of extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs.

DR. ENRIQUE CORTEZ.

The New Colombian Minister to the United States.

Dr. Enrique Cortez, the new minister to the United States from the republic of Colombia, successor to Senor Mendoza, was formerly secretary of the Colombian legation at Washington. For about thirty years, however, he has lived most of the time in London, where he is recognized as a leading South American financier. He was in Bogota when Senor Reyes became president and was appointed by the latter minister of foreign affairs in his first cabinet. In this post he displayed...



DR. ENRIQUE CORTEZ.

strong friendship for the United States and was an ardent advocate of the Hay-Herran treaty, the treaty which provided for an agreement between the United States and the republic of Colombia regarding the building of the Panama canal. It was the failure of the Colombian congress to confirm this treaty which led to the revolution on the isthmus and the act of Panama in setting up as an independent government. Relations between Colombia and Panama were very much strained for a time, but Minister Cortez says that Colombians are now content to let bygones be bygones and are inclined to recognize the new republic. It is a part of his mission to negotiate a treaty between these countries.

MAYOR SCHMITZ.

San Francisco's "Labor Mayor," Who is Charged With Receiving Graft.

The city of San Francisco is greatly stirred over the charges of graft that have been made affecting leading politicians and high officials. Indictments have been found against no less a person than Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz himself. He and Abraham Ruef, known as the boss of San Francisco, are charged in the indictments with extorting protection money from Tony Bianco, proprietor of the notorious Poodle Dog restaurant, and other restaurant keepers. The French restaurants, which were all destroyed by the April conflagration, were for several years the cause of crusades by...



EUGENE E. SCHMITZ.

press and pulpit. The agitation for their suppression resulted in orders being issued depriving them of licenses, but they were permitted to open again. Mayor Schmitz was first chosen executive of San Francisco in 1901 as the candidate of the labor unions and is serving his third term. He has been known from the Atlantic to the Pacific as the "labor mayor." His mother was born in County Clare and his father, Joseph Schmitz, in Germany. The latter was one of the argonauts of '49, and the present mayor was born in the city by the Golden Gate in 1864.

The elder Schmitz had musical abilities and trained his son in the direction of a musical career, but the boy wanted to become a physician. He began the study of medicine, but his health failed, and then he took up amateur athletics. It was in this way he got the magnificent physique which makes him now an impressive figure.

He turned again to music and was a drummer and afterward a violinist in a San Francisco orchestra. He became director of the orchestra and president of the musicians' union, and, though in time he embarked in the making of gas engines and got more money from this than from drawing the bow or wielding the director's baton, he always remained prominent as a labor union man and so was chosen as the standard bearer when the labor forces put a ticket in the field against those of both the old parties in 1901. Schmitz was then called the "saddler candidate," and D. L. Delmas, the lawyer who was recently retained for the defense of Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, made a speech in which he predicted that if the labor nominee was elected he would, like Nero, fiddle while San Francisco was in flames. San Francisco was in flames some months ago. The question of whether there was any further truth in the parallel remains to be decided.

GENERAL DEDULINE.

Successor to Treppoff as Russian Chief of Police.

General Deduline, who has been appointed the successor of the late General Treppoff as Russian chief of police, has a post of danger, and few would...



GENERAL DEDULINE.

envy him its possession. The Russian police are hated by the people, and the head of the system is regarded as a tyrant. A life insurance company would not consider General Deduline a very good risk.

The Plain Girl.

The plain, quiet, apparently unattractive girl should be taught to make the most of herself, and who can teach her this so well as her mother? If your daughter is growing up too quiet and seems never to have anything to say, exert yourself to draw her out. Lead her into general conversation at every opportunity. Let her feel that her thought and opinion about different matters are of some weight and importance. Do not let her sink into that state of mind which is content to let other people take the burden of conversation while she sits by in apparently stupid silence, says Home Chat. It is a habit which will grow upon her...

and which will only become the more deeply fixed if referred to in any way. Some day her chances of a happy and useful life may be ruined by it.

Hydrogen Peroxide.

Hydrogen peroxide is usually associated with golden hair of a suspicious hue, but it really is a most useful household drug. As it is best known, it is an excellent and harmless bleach, but besides this it is an excellent disinfectant. One would hardly look for it in a mouth wash, but it is even so. A solution of one-fourth or one-fifth hydrogen peroxide makes an effective antiseptic. It is often used undiluted in open fresh wounds and, used with...

a styptic to stop the flow of blood, has proved very healing.

To Clean Glass.

Place pulverized pumice stone between the layers of a folded piece of soft muslin and stitch around the edge to prevent the powder from spilling. Wipe lamp globes or window panes with this dry cloth, and they will be clean and sparkle almost instantly. Enough powder will remain on the cloth to be used many times.

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