

The War of the Queens of Opera

Oscar Hammerstein.

THE war of the roses was as nothing to the wars the queens of opera sometimes have. The prima donnas who are adored from before the footlights by thousands of devotees of the musical art, as a rule, extremely jealous of their professional prerogatives.



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Mlle. Jeanne Gerville-Reaché as Delilah.

It has been so from the beginning of things in the world of music, so Mary Garden was only following precedents when she started hostilities because Impresario Oscar Hammerstein proposed to put Mlle. Lina Cavalieri on at the Manhattan Opera House in the role of Thais, which Mary Garden claims to have created. It was bad enough for Mr. Hammerstein to have a war with a woman on his hands; but, to make matters worse, he chanced about the same time to offend some newspaper men, who took it upon themselves to square accounts with the opera manager in the way that men sometimes adopted in times gone by before courts were instituted for redress of grievances and enrichment of lawyers. Mr. Hammerstein and his sons fared somewhat more badly at the hands of the aggrieved knights of the quill than the manager of song-stresses and tenors and basses is accustomed to do when he has any difficulty with those who help him to educate the public along musical lines and incidentally enable him to make a few honest dollars. In the slight collision he had with the fair Miss Garden over the role of Thais the war did not last but a few days and was closed by a treaty of peace in which the prima donna testified that her esteem and af-



MISS MARY GARDEN AS THAIS.

fection for her manager had been in nowise diminished by the episode. The warfare began when Miss Garden learned that Mr. Hammerstein had arranged for a performance by Lina Cavalieri of Miss Garden's pet role of Thais, and she at once expressed her sentiments in the matter by remarking: "I know that Mr. Hammerstein has announced that Mlle. Cavalieri will sing as Thais. She will, will she? She may, but I wonder if he would rather have Cavalieri's Thais than my Salome, for instance."

"While I am an American woman, it is distinctly understood that I am the only woman presenting the new school of French art and opera in this country. Cavalieri is an Italian and in this case an interloper, and I resent her appearance in 'Thais.'"

These sentiments were expressed in a sufficiently forcible manner in a note Miss Garden sent shortly afterward to Mr. Hammerstein, in which she tendered her resignation from the operatic forces of the Manhattan. The idea of losing Miss Garden just at the time when he was playing her up as Salome was especially distasteful to Mr. Hammerstein, for if there is anything the theater-going public is crazy over just now it is the daughter of Herodias and her dance. No wonder that

the impresario got out an olive branch, a very large and leafy one, and sent it to Miss Garden at automobile speed.

Mlle. Cavalieri claims that it was no slight to Miss Garden for Mr. Hammerstein to cast her in the role of Thais and that the American prima donna has no right to a monopoly of the part. Mlle. Cavalieri says that she created the role of Thais in Italy and sang it with great success in Paris. She is considered one of the most beautiful women on the operatic stage and were there to be a competition to decide who is the most popular operatic star would doubtless run Miss Garden a close race. But the hint about Salome was effective with Mr. Hammerstein, and he was not long in reaching a decision to make peace with the fascinating American.

Another war that Impresario Hammerstein has had on his hands lately was with Mlle. Jeanne Gerville-Reaché, who has been very much the vogue in operatic and musical coteries this winter. Being a singer, and a Frenchwoman at that, Mlle. Gerville-Reaché has the artistic temperament highly developed, which is equivalent to saying that her temper is easily excited. In connection with launching his Philadelphia operatic enterprise Mr. Hammerstein had occasion to refer in a publication of the Quaker City to his experiences with musical artists, who, he said, were the bane of his existence. Of Mlle. Gerville-Reaché he was quoted as saying:

"Many stars seldom think ahead, and the result is they have many heartaches which they might avoid. Last season, for instance, I brought over Mlle. Gerville-Reaché, whom I discovered singing in a Paris cafe. I gave her a five year contract. She had a magnificent voice and only needed an opportunity to show it."

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"Meester Hammerstein knows that I never sang in a cafe in Paris. He knows me, my family. My father was governor of French colonies, my uncle a senator. I have sung at the Opera Comique, Covent Garden, London, and at the Monnaie, in Brussels. I cannot believe that M. Hammerstein could have written that about me. Some one else must have written—some enemy, oh, oui. Opera singers have to bear much, but this is what you call—the leemet. I sang at a charity when M. Hammerstein heard me."

"Twenty-eight times I sang Delilah in 'Samson and Delilah' at Brussels with Dalmores. I have the great success there—here, too. Meester Hammerstein say so; every one say so. And now he or some one say that I sang in a cafe in Paris. Incomprehensible."

There is one queen of the opera who has not figured in any musical war lately, Marcella Sembrich; but, alas, she has decided to retire from the stage. Nor is her farewell to be of the "Patti" variety. Her final appearance as a member of the Metropolitan Opera company will go down in the history of music in America as an event long and tenderly to be remembered, for Mlle. Sembrich combines in her person artistic excellence and unimpeachable integrity, and her voice has not yet begun to show signs of wear. It is a quarter of a century ago that the Austrian soprano took one of Mme. Patti's roles during this great singer's temporary illness, and the public was delighted to find that another mistress of song had been discovered. The lovers of good music regret her passing, but agree that she is wise to retire before her reputation as an artist has met with the slightest blemish.



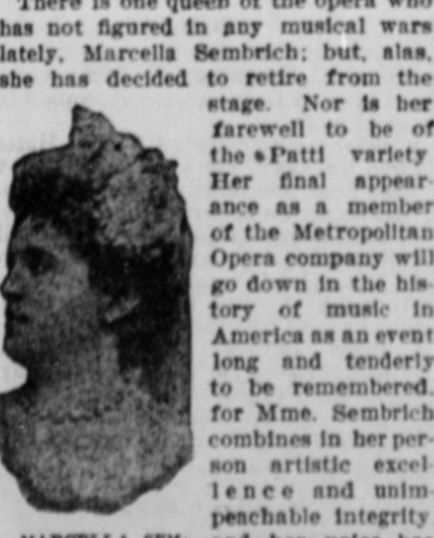
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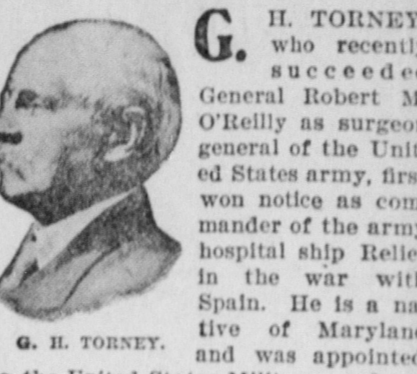
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NOTED MEN IN THE NEWS.



G. H. TORNEY. who recently succeeded General Robert M. O'Reilly as surgeon general of the United States army, first won notice as commander of the army hospital ship Relief in the war with Spain. He is a native of Maryland and was appointed to the United States Military academy from this commonwealth. He became an assistant surgeon in 1875 and in 1880 was made captain and assistant surgeon. In 1894 he was promoted to the rank of major and made a surgeon. He reached the grade of lieutenant colonel in 1903. He is one of the foremost authorities in the United States on surgery and was one of the first to recognize the practical value of the X ray in this science. When in charge of the Relief he installed X ray apparatus for the treatment of wounded and sick soldiers of the contest with Spain.

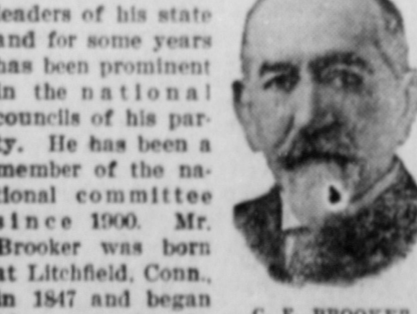
Colonel Robert M. Thompson, who has been much talked of for secretary of the navy in President Elect Taft's cabinet, is a financier and a naval expert. He was born in Corsica, Jefferson county, Pa., in 1849 and is a son



COLONEL THOMPSON'S HOUSEBOAT, THE EVERGLADES.

of Judge John J. Y. Thompson. He graduated from the United States naval academy in 1868 and in 1869 was promoted to be ensign. He reached the grade of master in 1871, when he resigned and entered the Harvard Law school, from which he was graduated in 1874. He was admitted to the bar in 1872, however, having pursued his studies at home before going to Harvard. He practiced in Boston and for several years was a member of the Boston common council. Later he became a resident of New Jersey, was a colonel on the staff of the governor of New Jersey and for some years has been identified with mining interests. He has been president of the Naval Academy Alumni Association of New York and is a member of the Navy Athletic association. He donated the Thompson cup played for annually in contests between the football elevens of the Naval academy and the West Point Military academy. He has written much on subjects pertaining to the navy. Colonel Thompson recently played golf with Judge Taft on the links near Augusta. He has a houseboat, called the Everglades, and has been fishing in it lately for tarpon with John Hays Hammond off the coast of Florida.

Charles F. Brooker, who is talked of as successor to Frank H. Hitchcock in the chairmanship of the Republican national committee, is a manufacturer of Ansonia, Conn. He is looked upon as one of the financial and industrial leaders of his state and for some years has been prominent in the national councils of his party. He has been a member of the national committee since 1900. Mr. Brooker was born at Litchfield, Conn., in 1847 and began his career in the manufacturing business in Ansonia in 1864. He has served in the legislature and was a member of the Connecticut commission to the Chicago World's fair.



C. F. BROOKER.

A new cook was engaged not long ago at the residence of Mr. Loeb, secretary to the president. The change was brought about by the fact that the grocer with whom the family dealt turned in an unusually large butter bill. "When the bill was presented to Mrs. Loeb," said the secretary, "she was startled at the amount of butter we were alleged to have used during the last month. She showed it to me, and I decided that the grocer had us charged up with enough butter to grease the street in front of our house from one end to the other. I advised an investigation, and Mrs. Loeb made a trip to the grocer's to look into the matter. After a little pumping she learned that our cook, who did the ordering, had not always bought butter every time 'butter' was down on the list. She also

learned that a certain brand of whiskey he sold brought just the same amount a half pint that the best brand of butter fetched a pound. That explained things so satisfactorily that we sent New York in short order for more cook."

Each Bud Blossoms But Once. Each bud blossoms but once, and each flower has but its minute of perfect beauty. So in the garden of the soul each feeling has, as it were, its flowering moment, its one and only second of expansive grace and royal radiance. Each star passes but once in the night through the meridian over our heads and glitters there but for an instant. So in the heaven of the mind each thought touches its zenith but once, and in that moment all its brilliancy and all its sovereign greatness culminate.—Henri Frederic Amiel.

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Notice is hereby given that the following account will be presented to the Court for confirmation on Wednesday, February 24, 1909, unless exceptions be filed thereto on or before the second day of the term, the same will be confirmed to wit:

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OLIN A. JAMISON, N. B. Spangler, Atty. Bellefonte, Pa. Spring Mills, Pa.

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Whereas the Honorable Ellis L. Orvis, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the 49th Judicial District, consisting of the county of Centre, having issued his precept bearing date the 18th of December, 1908, to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas, Orphans' Court, Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, in Bellefonte, for the county of Centre, and to commence on the

FOURTH MONDAY OF FEBRUARY, 1909, being the 22nd day of February, 1909, and in compliance therewith I, W. E. HURLEY, Sheriff, do hereby certify that the same have been given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, and Constables of the said county of Centre, that they be then and there in their proper persons, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the 22nd, with their records, inquiries, examinations, and their own remembrances, to do those things which to their office pertains to be done, and those who are bound in recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Centre county, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand at Bellefonte, the 25th day of January, 1909, in the year of our Lord 1909, and the one hundredth and thirty-second year of the Independence of the United States.

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