

MISS HEMPEL IN HER MATCHLESS SINGING HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

House Packed to the Doors Greeted the Famous Warbler, Who Was Never in Better Form for Singing.

PEOPLE HERE FROM ALL NEARBY TOWNS

Miss Hempel and Party Charmed With Their Reception Here—Will Come to Concord Again.

From the first note with its clear bell-like quality, Frieda Hempel held her audience spellbound in her concert at the high school auditorium last night and gave Concord the thrill of a lifetime by her matchless singing, her wonderful stage presence and her beauty.

A full house greeted Frieda when she made her appearance on the stage. Not only were there large numbers of Concord people present but there were people from Salisbury, China Grove, Landis, Kannapolis, Charlotte, Lexington, Winston-Salem, Monroe, High Point and other places too numerous to mention.

Her first number, "Deh vien non tardar," was hardly up to the standard of her program. It had a rather monotonous theme and contained nothing to display the beauties of the singer's voice.

It rather seemed to be a number in which she found the range of her voice. However, in the second piece, Miss Hempel reached out and brought her entire audience to her feet.

"Oh Had I Jubal's Lyre," seemed especially suited to her voice and its mellow notes reverberated through the hall, holding the listeners enthralled.

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DEFICIT NOT McLEAN'S BUSINESS UNTIL JULY

Will Have Nothing to Say About It Until New Fiscal Year Begins—Up to the Legislature.

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Governor McLean will not take on the nine and a half million dollar deficit until it becomes a part of his administration and it will not become his until July 1, 1925.

CHAPLIN AND YOUNG WIFE ARRANGING TO DIVIDE FINANCES?

Los Angeles Times Says a Financial Settlement by the Couple Is Being Arranged by Attorneys.

JUST WHAT IT ALL MEANS UNKNOWN

"No Connection Between the Negotiations and Any Contemplated Action for Divorce or Separation."

(By the Associated Press) Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 31.—Attorneys are negotiating a financial settlement between Charles Spencer Chaplin, motion picture comedian, and the 16-year-old bride he married in Mexico last November, says the Los Angeles Times today.

The fact that Mrs. Chaplin, former Lita Grey, leading woman for the comedian, had joined members of her family in consulting attorneys became known, according to the Times, upon the arrival here a week ago of Edwin McMurray, San Francisco attorney and uncle of the bride.

McMurray today is quoted by the Times as admitting that financial negotiations are in progress, though declaring that "there is no connection between these negotiations and any contemplated action for separation or divorce."

Geo. Beebe, who looked after the legal interests of Mrs. Chaplin's grand-parents for many years, is the other attorney who has represented the bride and her family in negotiations to date, says the Times, adding that several conferences already have been held with Chaplin's lawyers.

Chaplin himself has avoided interviews ever since his return from Empalme, Mexico, with his bride, and efforts to contact him relative to the reported financial settlement negotiations have met with no success.

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THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at a Decline of 2 to 4 Points Under Little Selling—May 4 to 23.93.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Jan. 31.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 2 to 4 points under a little selling for local and southern account and in sympathy with rather disappointing Liverpool cables.

May sold off to 23.93 and July to 24.18 on the call, but offerings were readily absorbed by covering and some trade buying, promoted by reports of continued firmness in the southern spot market, more favorable reports from the cotton goods trade, and expectations of heavy exports over the week-end.

The opening prices were: March 23.62; May 23.93; July 24.18; Oct. 24.100; December 24.04.

Closed Steady. New York, Jan. 31.—Cotton futures closed steady at a net advance of 5 to 14 points. March 23.77-80; May 24.10-12; July 24.32-33; October 24.07-08; December 24.12-17.

Miss Hempel Is Delighted With Visit to This City

Says She Can Sing "Home, Sweet Home" With More Feeling Since Charming Visit to This City.

(By Miles H. Wolff.) Frieda Hempel, famous prima donna, who gave her concert here Friday night, is delighted with Concord and with the South. "The Southern people are so hospitable, so nice and so friendly. I love to sing to them and to be with them. If I ever settle down anywhere, it will be in the South."

Miss Hempel has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wagoner at their home on Depot street. She seems to be perfectly at home and has none of the haughty mannerisms with which prima donnas are usually credited. She was just a simple woman with very charming manners—a woman with more than average intelligence, however.

She is delighted with the Wagoner home. "The bed was divine, the most comfortable I have slept in in ages and there was none of the terrible noise which keeps you awake in the city. Everything has just been lovely. I know," she added, "that I shall be able to sing 'Home Sweet Home' better than ever before since I have stayed in this wonderful home."

Miss Hempel loves to read. She does not like silly, trashy novels but prefers more serious works. Her favorite book is "Every Man a King." Then too, she is quite fond of Coue. He has been, says Miss Hempel, such a help to her and she enjoys his books vastly. On some days when she is feeling particularly blue and lonesome, one of these books will drive out all the care and leave her feeling so peaceful.

"I can't understand why it is that people are frightened any time to approach a prima donna," said Miss Hempel, changing the conversation suddenly from books to herself. "So often I meet a person who is so nice but who is afraid to come up and talk to me before. In England especially, when I come anywhere near, everybody starts saying with wide open eyes, 'There goes the great prima donna' when really I don't feel that way."

"Now last night for instance, I would have sung much more if the audience had not been afraid to call me back at the last!" Continuing in the same vein, Miss Hempel showed herself to be quite a philosopher, saying, "Just because God has given me a lovely voice, that is no reason why I should be different from everybody else. Now is it?"

Miss Hempel is naturally interested in animals and in particular does she love dogs. She told of finding a poor animal in the Pennsylvania station in New York which she took home and kept. Her husband, she said, was furious because there was no place to keep it in the apartment. She and her two maids took the dog and washed it and now it is out at the farm which belongs to her husband "where it has a nice, happy home."

Miss Helen Patterson, sister of Mrs. C. B. Wagoner, sang several negro spirituals to Miss Hempel and immediately Miss Hempel was anxious to learn them. So Miss Patterson went to Mrs. Wagoner's and taught them to Miss Hempel. "We must keep learning," said Miss Hempel, "and I am going to learn some of these negro songs to add to my repertoire. And you," she said, addressing Miss Patterson, "must come to see me in New York and sing them with me some more."

Miss Hempel's memory is remarkable. She says she never forgets a face. Persons who had only met her yesterday were amazed at the concert last night when she spoke to them. "I will remember each of you ten years from now if I should see you," said Miss Hempel to several of her callers.

When asked as to whether she would come to Concord again, Miss Hempel replied: "That all depends—" and gave a shrug of her shoulders. She continued by saying that she hoped that she would, at any rate.

The very costly chinchilla coat, reputed to be worth \$30,000, was not brought along on this tour. It is almost too expensive a coat to be given the rough treatment which it would have were it taken on the trip which she makes. Next time, she said, she would bring it and show it to the ladies of Concord.

POSTAL PAY INCREASE BILL MAY NOT WIN

Much Opposition to Measure in House, Leaders of Two Parties Opposing It.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 31.—The postal pay and rate increase bill passed last Friday by the Senate, today appeared to face a closed door in the House.

RAIL TRAFFIC FELT BLIZZARD IN PARTS OF NEW YORK STATE

Trains From West Arriving Nearly a Day Late—Vessels Held Up for Passengers Delayed on Trains.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Jan. 31.—Blatant crack trains from the west, delayed by heavy snows upstate, were arriving here today nearly a day late.

To await forty passengers from Chicago, the steamship Laconia, due to sail for a Mediterranean voyage at 1 a. m. today, was held at her pier until 3:45 a. m.

She sailed with all but four of her scheduled passengers. Three persons from Cleveland and one from Chicago did not appear. The last passenger to embark was F. W. Robinson, of Buffalo, who came on the Detroit. It arrived here early this morning, more than fifteen hours late.

The Wolverine pulled into New York at 2:35 this morning, 16 hours late. While New England and upstate New York were seriously affected by snow, the greatest trouble in New York City was ice in the lower Hudson which hampered ferry service to New Jersey.

Upstate steam main roads and electric railway services were getting back on schedule after the most serious interruption a year.

New York, Jan. 30.—Manhattan island was blocked today, both by land and sea. Transportation officials said it was New York's worst traffic jam in 35 years.

Blizzardlike storms throughout New England and northern New York piled roads high with snows and floods in the south held mainline trains bound for the city far behind their schedules. On the water, a freak wind that developed a velocity of 60 miles an hour churned against Manhattan shores in sufficient number and force to disorganize traffic in the north and east rivers and in Long Island Sound.

In strange contrast to weather conditions reported in immediately adjacent communities, the city itself enjoyed a day of brilliant sunshine.

All important trains, including such crack specials as the 20th Century Limited of the New York Central Lines, and the Broadway Limited of the Pennsylvania, were behind their schedules.

Railroad officials had not estimated tonight the sums that must be paid patrons of the de luxe trains which guarantee return of extra fares to all ticket holders in event the trains are late as they were today. It was estimated, however, that the aggregate would run into many thousands of dollars.

DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC IN ALASKA CONTINUES

There Have Been Five Deaths and 22 Reported During the Epidemic in Nome.

(By the Associated Press.) Nome, Alaska, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—Five persons have died with diphtheria, twenty-two cases have been reported, thirty persons are suspected of having the disease and fifty others have come in contact with diphtheria patients, during the epidemic raging here, it was announced today.

Leonard Sepella, Alaskan dog race who left Kaltag, 220 miles west of Ruby at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was expected to arrive this afternoon with 300-000 units of antitoxin sent by Dr. J. B. Beeson, of Anchorage, 275 miles south of Nenana, where the relay race started.

Dance in Australia to Pittsburgh: Music New York, Jan. 31.—Australians in the remote bush danced after dinner last night to radio music that came to them from Pittsburgh, a distance of about 11,000 miles.

BILLY'S BOY



Paul Sunday youngest son of William A. (Billy) Sunday, evangelist, has graduated from the Warsaw (Ind.) High School and before entering college, will take a trip around the world. He is said to be as good a football player as his dad was a baseball player.

NORTH CAROLINIAN IS MARRIED TO NEGRO

Henry Faison Wants Marriage Annulled, Saying Woman Got Him Drunk.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—Henry W. Faison, former soldier, and a son of a former member of the House from North Carolina, asked the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia today to annul his marriage to Annie Nelson, 37 years old, a negro, a cook in a house where he boarded.

Faison said that for six months the woman had procured for him large quantities of intoxicating liquors, and for a week prior to the marriage had persuaded him to drink about a quart a day. He became overcome January 16, he said, lost his faculties, and recovered three days later to find himself in the woman's home where she exhibited a marriage certificate and declared she was his wife.

The claim also was made that the woman obtained the marriage license representing Faison as colored. Faison since has been placed in a hospital by the Veterans' Bureau.

FORBES AND THOMPSON WILL APPEAL THEIR CASES

Appeal Guilty in Chicago Conspiracy Friday Night of Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—Chas. R. Forbes, former director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, and John D. Thompson, wealthy St. Louis and Chicago contractor, were found guilty last night of conspiracy to defraud the government in contracts for soldiers' hospitals. The jury took twelve ballots and deliberated five hours.

Defense counsel at once moved for a new trial and indicated that the case would be taken, if necessary, to the U. S. Supreme Court. Hearing on the motion was set for February 4, and sentence was reserved pending its disposal.

The maximum penalty is two years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine or either.

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FIVE KILLED, FOUR INJURED WHEN FIRE BURNED APARTMENT

More Than One Hundred Persons in Building at the Time of the Fire and Two Are Still Missing.

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, Jan. 31.—Five persons were killed and four injured when fire destroyed a four-story, sixteen-apartment building at 59th and Blackstone Avenue early this morning. Two others of the approximately one hundred in the structure were missing.

WOMEN KILLED AFTER JUMPING

A Score of Fire Companies Could Not Check Blaze as Building Had Been Erected Many Years Ago.

The identified dead are: Anthony Hardie, 24, and his 22-year-old wife, Olive, Loretta Byor, 16, Doris Hardie, 19 months old daughter of the Hardies, and Miss Doris Jones. Mrs. Elizabeth Byor, mother of Loretta, is still missing.

The body of a woman could be seen in the debris, and was believed to be that of Mrs. Elizabeth Pryor, mother of Loretta.

The women were killed when they leaped from third story windows. The building was old, dating from the Worlds Fair days, and was consumed quickly despite efforts of more than a score of fire companies summoned by extra and special alarms. The occupants had no time to dress for the below freezing temperature.

University of Chicago students from nearby fraternity houses aided in rescue and relief work, as did guests of the adjoining Del Prado Hotel. Many of the apartment house residents were saved by leaps into fire nets, while others crawled to safety over planks thrust into their windows from the hotel.

DAUGHTERY COMMENTS ON MEANS AND FORBES VERDICTS

Says They Should Be Lesson to Persons Who Think They Have Full With the Public Officials.

(By the Associated Press) Columbus, O., Jan. 31.—The conviction of Gaston B. Means in New York and Charles R. Forbes in Chicago should be a beneficial lesson to a great many people including those who think they have a pull with officials in the public service, former Attorney General Henry M. Daugherty declared today in commenting upon the verdict in the Means and Forbes cases.

The former attorney general said that inasmuch as he directed both of these prosecutions he thought it improper to make an extensive comment.

The public should beware of the man who pretends great parity and a peculiar appeal to the masses. "If the lesson is obscure, people in the future will read with great discrimination, believe less of what they hear, and do some thinking themselves. The bitter attacks are made upon men who are doing their duty, but the real reason for the attacks is never assigned. Watch the outcome when a man being pinched puts up a plea that will be framed by the government at Washington in sound and impenetrable to wind and storm and falsehood."

BAD CHECK BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Revenue Act is Introduced in Form of Big Book—To Investigate Representative Turner.

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Merchants association of North Carolina got its "bad check" bill through the lower house today without debate and welcomed Representative Sam J. Turner, hunted and smitten member from Mitchell, with a resolution to investigate him.

The house session received as one of its eleven new bills the proposed revenue act which was presented in a big book which few members had the heart to peruse today. The house session likewise immortalized itself by voting again to raise its pay through another referendum in North Carolina.

Cross-Word and Radio Makes Big Light Bills. Chicago, Jan. 31.—Increasing electric light bills confronted any householders this week.

If members of the family are cross word puzzles fans, don't blame the Electric Light Company. That answer the company makes to persons who complain of seemingly undue increase in cost of lights. If there is a radio bug or two in the family as well, the answer is plain. Longer hours with lights going result from puzzle fans huddled in various nooks with individual lights radio recharge also help to swell the bills, the company reports.

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