

Famous Strauss Collection Now In Library Of Congress

The following article from the Jewish daily, "Forward", published in New York has been translated for The Franklin Press by Mrs. Jack Sanders, of Franklin, a native of Northern Rumania. The article is not only interesting for its news value, but is timely in recording one of the tragic incidents that has marked Nazi domination in Austria—Ed.

Recently there was reported in the New York papers a piece of news out of Vienna, Austria. It was the announcement by the Nazi government of Vienna that all the valuable property of Johann Strauss II had been confiscated, as well as the royalty rights of his works, and that these would from now on, be considered the property of the state.

Johann Strauss, II, known all over the world as the "Waltz King", was the son of the famous composer, Johann Strauss. He died in 1899 leaving his fortune to his step-daughter, Alice Mizner Strauss, and the income of the royalties from his music to his widow, whose maiden name was Adele Fleisch, of Jewish parentage. Her first husband was also a Strauss, although not kin of the Strauss musicians. He was a banker, and his nationality is not known. After his wife's death some years ago, the daughter also inherited the royalties from his works, which to this day sell in the thousands of copies.

Fortune From Royalties

The wife, Adele Fleisch Strauss, had amassed a great fortune from these royalties at the time of her death. During her last years she had collected from everywhere everything that had any relation to her great husband's life and work. She used to say that she wanted to leave all this great collection to the city of Vienna, to establish a museum to the memory of her husband.

The daughter, Alice, who is now 64 years old, knew what would become of the beautiful art treasure in Vienna after the tragic "Anschluss" (alliance) with Nazi Germany, and felt that perhaps she should not fulfill her Jewish mother's wish by relinquishing this great collection of music and antiques to the city of Vienna and the Nazis. She applied to the Nazi government to be recognized as an Aryan, but they denied her. Then she began to look around for a home for this unusual treasure. The collection contains 1,700 masterpieces, some of historical, as well as mu-

seal value. The entire evolution of the 19th century can be traced from some of the titles of these musical sheets. The development of many technical inventions, mechanical devices for the convenience of everyday life, the steam engine, the railroad, the political aspirations of the people of the last century—all these have inspired the names of many of the "polkas", "quadrilles", "marches" and "waltzes" of the "Waltz King".

Library Acquires Treasure

Our own Library of Congress—which really means our government—was able to acquire this musical treasure to add to its magnificent collection just before the tragic annexation of Austria.

When the Nazis discovered that this collection had been sent out of the country, their entire hate manifested itself towards this Jewish step-daughter of Johann Strauss. They confiscated all her fortune and rights to royalties that were still in her possession.

It was Dr. Harold Spiwack, head of the musical department of the Library of Congress, a Jew, who knew of the collection and who recommended the purchase. The library had already acquired works of Johann Strauss, the elder, and Edward and Josef Strauss, brothers of the "Waltz King".

In his report to the library administration, Dr. Spiwack called attention to the historical as well as musical value of this collection, and to the fact that many of the compositions have American and English themes, and are seldom heard in this country.

The Columbia Broadcasting Company is giving a series of concerts using many of these compositions, played by the Columbia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Howard Barlow. Thus, many music lovers are now enjoying this music.

Electric Lights Must Be Properly Located

Electricity is a blessing to farm people when properly used, but bright lights improperly located and shaded can cause as much damage to eyesight as the dim lighting of the oil lamps, says D. E. Jones, rural electrification specialist of the State college extension service. It is especially important that proper lighting be had for reading, sewing, and other activities that require close seeing, he said.

One of the chief enemies of good lighting is glare. It injures the eye,

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increases fatigue, affects the nervous system, distracts attention, and lowers speed at which the eye operates; the specialist declared.

He lists four types of glare most prevalent in homes: (1) Direct glare which comes from unshaded or insufficiently shaded lamps which shine directly in the eyes. The common practice of using bare lamps is bad. Light from a bare lamp is never an aid to vision, as well as being ugly.

(2) Reflected glare occurs when an undiffused light falls on a bright and glossy surface and is reflected into the eyes. The reaction is identical with that of direct glare.

(3) Glare by contrast, which is caused by high intensity against dark backgrounds.

(4) Glare by volume. An unshaded electric lamp is too bril-

liant to look at comfortably. All light fixtures and portable lamps should be well shaded to eliminate glare and shadows. Lamps of sufficient wattage should be used so that there is enough light for one to see clearly without eye strain. "According to its use, electric lighting may be helpful or harmful," Jones emphasized.

MOLASSES

By adding another pan to his equipment, H. P. Nicholson of the Little River section in Transylvania county could produce about 150 gallons of molasses daily.

BEEF CATTLE

After nine Hereford beef cattle were brought into Harnett county three weeks ago for demonstration purposes, a large number of farmers have indicated a serious interest in beef cattle production.

Motorists Must Dim Lights, Says the Law

The last legislature made it mandatory for motorists to dim their lights when approaching another vehicle.

It seems that motorists would practice this as a courtesy, and not have to wait for a law to force them into it. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," should be every motorist's slogan.

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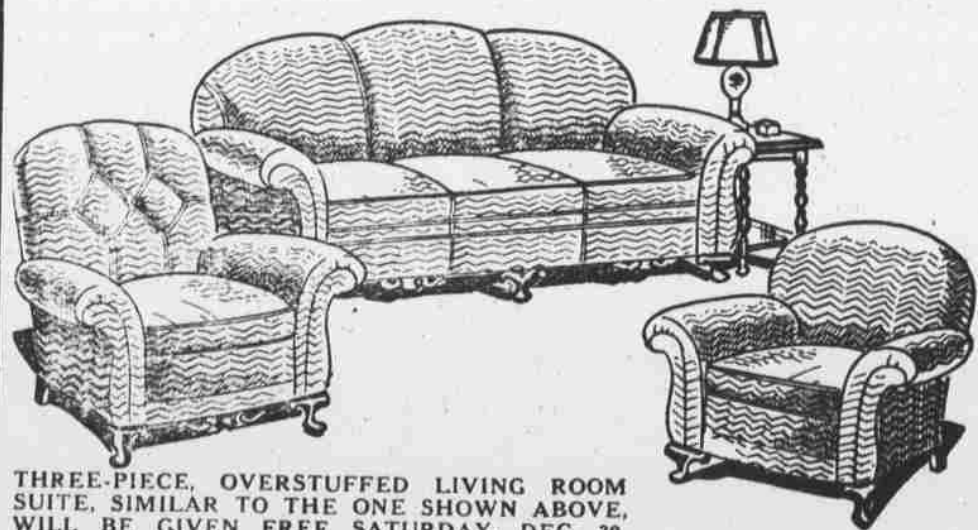
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