

## Choral Society Working Hard On Production of Great Opera

### Presentation Of "Esther" Will Require Cast Of 150 Characters—H. A. Brownley, President Of Society, Appeals For Co-operation

Early in November the Elizabeth City Choral Society will open the local 1921-22 musical season with the presentation of the sacred opera "Esther," by Bradbury, a production of more than usual musical merit in which will be used 150 voices, all chosen from local talent. The opera will be given at the High School auditorium as the result of the failure of negotiations between the choral society and the management of the Alkrama Theater.

There are fifteen leading characters in the opera "Esther," among whom will be Mrs. J. W. Foreman as Esther, the Queen; J. C. B. Ehringhaus as the King; H. A. Brownley as Haman, the King's private counselor, and protector of the realm; L. E. Skinner as Mordecai, the Jew; Mrs. W. C. Twiddy as Zeresh, the wife of Haman; and W. C. Sawyer as the Court Scribe. The director of the pretentious production is Frank R. Hufty, and Mrs. I. M. Meekins will be the pianist.

The entire cast of "Esther" will be completely and gorgeously costumed; scenery and stage settings will be ample and beautiful; and those who attend are promised more than two hours of real musical enjoyment. A full orchestra, all of Elizabeth City talent, will be used.

In referring to the value of the Choral Society to this city and section, H. A. Brownley, president of the organization, says: "With the proper support of the city, it will be, if it is not already, the leading musical organization of Northeastern North Carolina. With a good, clean record behind it, it bids fair to surpass with this season's productions anything that has heretofore been attempted.

"The contemplated program is worthy of a city three times the size of Elizabeth City, and the aspirations of the society are higher yet. Financially, the organization is sound and stable. To date, it has asked for no donations, and it has no intention of begging. Season tickets have been sold to some of the people, and those who have bought them will receive many times the worth of the money expended."

Speaking of the work now under way, Mr. Brownley says: "Rehearsals are now going on with gratifying results to the entire society, and the first concert is near at hand. We must not end the season with a deficit; we must make money; and we will make money if Elizabeth City will co-operate with us. But right here let me say that no one individual will profit by any gain the Choral Society may make. Those who are numbered in the personnel of the organization are patriots every one. You, Mr. Business Man, are in the Chamber of Commerce to help your town and your business. There is an element of personal gain in it for you. Your connection with the Merchants' Association is much the same, and your hearty support of both is commendable.

"But think a minute. In the Choral Society there is absolutely no possibility of personal gain. Its members are giving their time and their talents without stint or limit. Their fine productions are a moral stimulus, a liberal education, a wide advertisement for your city. The psychological effect of the contact with the best in anything is uplifting to the high and lowly alike. The rendition of the more intricate musical compositions by those who know how, is made the more interesting because a part of your own civic body is concerned in the production.

"The Choral Society is, and by right should be, the property of Elizabeth City. It is your musical representative before the world, and those faithful ones who are its members are giving to your town all of their talents, asking nothing in return. What are you doing? Some of you can sing, and yet you do not lend your talent to the support of a part of your civic life that vitally needs you. Others, thoughtlessly, perhaps, have referred to the society within the speaker's hearing as a "Singing Club," a "Woman's Club," and a "Gossip Factory," not considering the interpretation that any bystander might place upon your words.

"Your Choral Society is not any of these. Rather, it is an institution that seeks to lift its audiences from the influence of the syncopated jazz

## STATE FAIR IS IN FULL SWING

### Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, President, Makes Pleasing Introduction Of Governor At Formal Opening Tuesday

Raleigh, Oct. 19.—Graciously introduced by Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, president of the North Carolina Agricultural Society as the man whom "we all know, we all respect and we all support," Governor Cameron Morrison in a twelve-minute speech in which he called attention to the glories of North Carolina, formally opened the sixtieth annual session of the Great State Fair at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday.

Raleigh people who heard Mrs. Vanderbilt when she appeared before the Legislature last year, and those who have heard her talk since coming to Raleigh with her party this week, were again pleased with the graciousness of the charming mistress of Biltmore when she introduced the Governor to the unusually large crowd which attended the opening ceremonies.

It would have been difficult for a master rhetorician to have framed a speech more appropriate to the occasion, and impossible to have secured someone to introduce the main speaker who would have secured closer attention to the few remarks she made.

"First of all," Mrs. Vanderbilt told her audience, "I want to thank you in behalf of my party for the gracious and amazing welcome the Raleigh people have shown us since we came to Raleigh. We never can thank you enough or tell you how much and how deeply grateful we are. I also want to thank all the officials and employees of the North Carolina State Fair Association for the loyal support and co-operation which has tended to make this one of the greatest fairs ever held in North Carolina. With this hearty support the fair will soon rank as one of the best in the United States. This is my ambition for it, and my hope is that my successor can carry out my ambition for the State Fair."

"It is my opportunity today to introduce to you one of North Carolina's most distinguished sons. We all know him, we all respect him, and we all support him."

With this Mrs. Vanderbilt bowed to Governor Morrison who took the floor saying that he "appreciated the very beautiful presentation which your president has made of me. All North Carolina appreciates the great service she has rendered the State as president of the Fair Association. We have had many great statesmen in North Carolina, many men in high places who have served the State well, but I doubt if any man ever won so much of the love of the State as the president of the Fair this year."

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craze of the present day, and let them see, if but momentarily, into the unsounded depths of the greatest creations of the master minds of music."

Mr. Brownley closed his remarks with the following appeal: "You people who can sing are needed. The scheduled repertoire for the 1921-22 season is big, very big, and needs voices, especially male voices. Elizabeth City is blessed with many who have real musical talent, and here is the place and the time for you to use your talent for your city and yourself. Let us work together in such a manner as to make our city the musical center of North Carolina."

## HUNDREDS JOIN THE THRIFT ARMY

### Eagerly Taking Advantage Of Thrift Coupons To Open Savings Account And Get Liberty Bell Bank

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Hundreds of Best Citizens are expecting to take advantage of the Advance Thrift Coupon.

Any person clipping out the Advance Thrift Coupon and presenting it at the Carolina Banking & Trust Company Thursday morning with 50 cents can open a savings account of \$1. The bank will supply the additional 50 cents and a Liberty Bell savings bank to help the depositor save.

## Car And Truck Smash On Guinea Mill Road

### Heavy Fog And Smoke Kept Drivers From Seeing Each Other Until 20 Feet Apart

A head-on collision Tuesday morning between a Ford automobile driven by Wiley Upton, an employe of the Spence-Hollowell Company, of this city, and S. J. Higgins, driving a heavy road truck, occurred on the Guinea Mill road near Moyock. The accident happened in a low, swampy section, where a dense fog, combined with the smoke from a nearby woods fire, had gathered in the road.

Neither driver saw the other until they were within twenty feet of each other, and a collision was inevitable. After the smash, the truck continued to crawl up on the Ford, and Mr. Upton, though he had received a severe body blow from the steering wheel, managed to summon sufficient strength to roll out of the car and into the bushes by the side of the road. He was not seriously hurt.

The Ford roadster, which was towed to this city Wednesday morning, is apparently a complete wreck, but the road truck was practically undamaged, only the crank being broken off. Higgins, the driver, was unhurt. Both drivers state that neither was to blame, and that the accident was unavoidable.

## CAFETERIA IN YOSEMITE PARK

### Solves Problems Of Tourists And Employes And Plan Will Be Followed In Other Parks Probably

Yosemite, Cal., Oct. 19 (By The Associated Press)—A cafeteria in the Yosemite National Park, built from the big cities where tray carriers generally are found, this year apparently solved a problem of furnishing food at medium prices for tourists far from a railroad. During the last five months, approximately 250,000 meals were served at an average cost of about 48 cents each.

The cafeteria was the first ever established in any national park and it has been so successful that other parks have written for details of its operations. It is probable that the idea will be copied.

Heretofore only the National Secretary of the Department of the Interior, while here this summer, became a tray carrier at the cafeteria and declared he thought the establishment was a step in the right direction to provide good accommodations at the lowest possible prices.

Food served in the cafeteria is the same quality as that served in Yosemite's American plan resorts charging as high as \$7.50 and \$10.00 per day. The prices differ little from those in cafeterias in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The food is sold at cost, as employes of the National Park Company make up about half the cafeteria's patrons.

Scores of campers came to Yosemite this year, pitched their tents along the Merced river and took their meals at the cafeteria.

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## FACES A CRISIS IN EDUCATION

### Declares President Harding In Address Today At William And Mary—Receives Honorary Degree

Williamsburg, Va., Oct. 19. (By The Associated Press)—Declaring that the nation faces an "educational crisis" through lack of teachers and school facilities, President Harding addressed here today for support of an educational system commensurate with the nation's resources.

He said that the teaching profession must be "compensated as it deserves."

The President was speaking at the ceremony inducting Dr. J. A. C. Chandler into office as president of the college.

President Harding received an honorary degree from the college.

Yorktown, Oct. 19 (By The Associated Press)—The doctrine of enduring friendship between the United States and Great Britain was pronounced by President Harding at the ceremony commemorating the surrender of British expeditionary forces to Washington's army in 1781. The President also reviewed the nation's pledge to participate in broader affairs of the world and declared that the time has come for "essential cooperation" among the nations for betterment.

## THREE CORNERED BATTLE FOR THE STANLEY CUP

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 19 (By The Associated Press)—A three-cornered battle for the Stanley Cup, emblem of the professional hockey championship of the world, has been virtually assured, according to advice received here.

Heretofore only the National Hockey League of Eastern Canadian teams and the Pacific Coast Hockey League have fought for the cup. At a recent meeting of representatives of the two leagues, Frank Patrick, president of the Pacific coast organization, was authorized to negotiate with the Alberta Hockey League for inclusion in the series.

The first game of the series, it was decided, will be played next March 15th.

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## Bergdoll Papers Have Been Stolen

Washington, Oct. 19 (By The Associated Press)—The box containing the Bergdoll investigation papers was stolen from the office of Representative Johnson of Kentucky Monday night and found today on the fifth floor of the House office building broken. Important documents are missing and no papers relating to the Bergdoll case are left, said Johnson.

The office of Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, House office building, was entered by robbers last night and two filing cabinets were broken. Nothing of value was taken.

## ARMAMENTS NOT CAUSE OF WAR

### Enlightened Thought Of Man And Illumined Heart Of Woman Will Determine Peace Says Dr. Mesen

Honolulu, Oct. 19. (By The Associated Press)—The limitation of armaments is not a definitive step toward peace, according to Dr. Robert Brenes Mesen, of Syracuse University and former Costa Rican minister to Washington, who addressed the Press Congress of the World here today.

"It is a step toward the economic welfare of the nations, upon whose capacities of production and thriving direct and indirect taxes of every description weigh enormously, aggravated by the need of maintaining permanent armies and the incessant renovation of armaments," Dr. Mesen added.

"But war is not the outcome of any accumulation of weapons," he said, "but of misunderstanding of the territorial interests—boundary or colonial—industrial, racial or institutional interests. Paucity of armaments does not determine peace. It is a state of consciousness of the nations which engenders wars, which insulates the convenience of taking up arms, which inflates the budgets of the states. Wars, as all other events produced by man, take birth in the depths of his thought and his consciousness."

"The enlightened thought of man and the illumined heart of woman will determine the permanent peace, as their obscurity has generated numberless wars which have instilled doubt concerning the moral health of nations."

"Therefore the institutions which educate the consciousness of individuals, those that inform the thought of the people and those that rule their destinies, are directly and indirectly responsible for the state of mind of nations which flag themselves in to war or propose peace."

"Is there any institution which educates the thought of man more extensively or more powerfully than the one represented by this Press Congress of the World?"

If we truthfully aspire to eliminate war among men, let us recognize with candor that the Press Congress of the World is able to attain this high purpose.

"A memorable performance of this Press Congress of the World should be the sketching of the cardinal lines of the great human interests upon which an agreement is possible without reviving the extant wide divergencies of nationality, race or religion."

"And not less memorable should be the work of organizing sub-congresses which have in charge the setting forth, from an international viewpoint, of all those problems affecting the different groups of nations. The agreements arrived at in these sub-congresses should serve as a basis to the subsequent debates of the Press Congress of the World."

The Spanish-American section of this sub-congress should take in charge this most important function: to emphasize the spiritual unity of all peoples speaking one and the same Peninsular language, creating in a solid and substantial way the sentiment and the conviction that in the realm of art and science and all the spiritual forms of civilization all those nations are, separately, mere provinces of a vast ensemble which we must take in sight when the artistic work is created, or the scientific research is brought about, or the philosophic doctrine is expounded.

"Such a section of the sub-congress should take in charge the foundation and direction of a great newspaper destined to form and educate that Continental conscious mind, to unveil this spiritual unity of the peoples

## CALLS CHIEFS TO A CONFERENCE

### Labor Board Has New Proposal To Present In Hope Of Forestalling Railroad Strike

Chicago, Oct. 19 (By The Associated Press)—In the event of the strike the railroads will prepare "to do our utmost to move the necessities, utilizing to the fullest possible extent all man power available," Charles Markham, president of the Illinois Central, declared today addressing the American Mining Congress.

Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 19 (By The Associated Press)—National headquarters of the Railroad Yardmasters' Association of America with a membership of over 8,000 today sent notice to its members to remain at work in the event of a railroad strike.

Washington, Oct. 19 (By The Associated Press)—That the Railroad Labor Board will be given the full support of Federal authority in the endeavor to avert a strike is to be expected, it is said today in official circles.

Chicago, Oct. 19 (By The Associated Press)—The first of a series of conferences at which representatives of all factions in the railroad strike may decide upon the attitude to be taken began here today. Executives of shopmen, maintenance of way workers, telegraphers, and others started the conference. Brotherhood leaders are to hear the government's attitude through the Labor Board tomorrow. Railroad executives meet Friday in divisional groups in their own territories to consider the situation.

Cleveland, Oct. 19 (By The Associated Press)—The heads of the Big Five transportation organizations before going to Chicago met here today to discuss the Labor Board conference and strike plans.

## COST OF LIVING FALLING SLOWLY

Washington, Oct. 19 (By The Associated Press)—Bureau of Labor statistics from thirty-two cities show that the cost of living decreased 1.7 per cent from May to September 1921 and 18.1 per cent from June 1920 to last September.

### NEW CLOTHING STORE

Moses A. Glasser of Norfolk, merchant for 26 years in Norfolk and Berkeley and owner of a chain of men's clothing and furnishing stores, has leased the quarters formerly occupied by Little & Sawyer, next door to A. E. Toxey & Company, and will open a store here in the near future, opening probably about the 29th of October.

"Elizabeth City looks good to me," said Mr. Glasser to an Advance reporter Wednesday afternoon, "and I have been trying for two or three years to find an opening here."

of the continent, to represent in an integral and comprehensive manner the grandeur and transcendence of the whole ensemble.

Such a newspaper ought to be founded and edited in New York, where it is not possible to live for any length of time, with an open mind, without losing the provincial prejudices, though living always the high interests and ideals of the mother country.

"New York will have in relation with the spiritual union of Spanish American nations the same destiny that Alexandria had in relation with the intellectual unity of declining Greece and the destiny of Florence in relation with the awakening of arts and letters at the dawn of the Renaissance."