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NEW STAR MAY DAWN IN OPERA FIRMAMENT

Chicago, Jan. 17—A demure little wisp of a miss is Rose Marie Brancato who will make her debut in grand opera tonight.

A last minute refusal by Marion Talley to agree to terms for a second appearance here gave her fellow townsman her chance and the 21-year-old coloratura soprano confessed she was elated. And despite her evident shyness, youth, and the slightness which accentuates it she weighs only 112 pounds—the young singer asserted she was not frightened by the prospect of facing 3,500 patrons in the ornate civic opera auditorium. The house is sold out for the performance the management said.

"I have been singing since I was seven years old," she said at the first press conference she ever accorded, "and as a child I once sang before about two thousand persons in Kansas City. At Rochester, N. Y. where I was with the local opera company, they had quite large audiences, too. I am not a bit frightened and I expect to eat my three regulation meals today. One needs strength.

"But I have one regret about tonight. I had hoped my family would not know about my coming here and that it would be a surprise to them. Now it has been in the papers and they will be so excited. That's not good."

She referred to her widowed mother and brother at Kansas City. She was born in the Missouri City, the youngest child of seven in an Italian-American family.

Falcons Defeat Devon Tigers

The winless Devon Tigers maintained their seasonable record last night, when they lost to the Fredericton Falcons by the score of 3 to 2. It was, however, necessary to play ten minutes' overtime, the first overtime game of the season. The game featured several minor scuffles.

If we must know how a country will prosper with one man acting as the whole works Mussolini might as well show us as anyone. No matter how successful one-man government is anywhere on earth, it won't last. It's contrary to human nature.

A PLAN TO ABSORB THE PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY MET WITH LITTLE SYMPATHY

Ottawa, Jan. 18—British Columbia's it would require considerable study suggested that the Canadian National government-owned, absorbed the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and the request for a neconomic commission to inquire into the treatment accorded that province as compared with that of the others in the Dominion, were quietly turned down at today's session of the Dominion-Provincial conference.

The third item placed upon the agenda at the request of Premier T. D. conference today and was kept busy the greeting old friends and political opponents. He sat in at both morning and afternoon sessions. Tonight Prime Minister Bennett entertained the delegates at dinner and the conference was resumed immediately after.

It was the expectation that there would be no difficulty in bringing the conference to a close tomorrow night, as previously arranged. Tomorrow reports will be received from the committees and an attempt made to crystallize the two days of debate into useful resolutions to guide future activities.

Report Awaited

Unemployment relief and financial problems received only short attention today pending the report of the Brownlee committee of provincial premiers.

A suggestion from Hon. Angus L. Macdonald, premier of Nova Scotia, that a commission be appointed with Dominion and provincial representation, to study the question of re-allocation of taxation sources to enable the provinces to increase their revenue, received considerable attention. This question was discussed in some measure at the conference a year ago, but no conclusions reached.

"No matter what avenue we explore in taking up the agenda items we always bring up against that stone-wall—financial stringency," said one provincial premier on leaving the conference tonight. Of the resolutions to be adopted tomorrow, at the closing session, the one disposing of the agenda item—"financing the provinces"—is most keenly anticipated.

Cause of Refusal

Hesitancy on the part of the Dominion government to add to the already enormous obligations assumed in assisting the provinces, prompted the prime minister and his spokesmen in their refusal to accede to the British Columbia requests.

The Pacific Great Eastern case was placed before the conference in a masterly manner by Premier Pattullo but met with little sympathy. To take this additional responsibility while the Canadian National remains one of the government's greatest problems was held to be out of the question.

With regard to the other British Columbia request, an economic commission, Mr. Bennett held that any claims which may exist can be taken up with the Dominion government and that until this means of satisfaction has been exhausted the expense of a Royal Commission was not justified.

Marketing Board

Discussion earlier in the day dealt with the proposed marketing board, a subject placed on the agenda by Premier Brownlee of Alberta. Mr. Brownlee had already made a strong impression upon the conference by his interpretation of Prairie Province conditions at last night's meeting. "It was the most masterly presentation of the case for the Prairies I have ever heard," one Dominion government delegate said today.

The reply of the spokesman for the federal government, Hon. Robert Weir, minister of agriculture, contained no definite promise but carried the implication that legislation now in the stage of study for the forthcoming session of the Dominion Parliament, would satisfy the desires of those who advocate a marketing board.

Committees Meet

Shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon the conference proper gave way to a dividing up into committee sessions. Under the chairmanship of Hon. C. H. Cahan, secretary of state, a committee composed of provincial attorneys-general, retired to another room to deal with the model bill enacting uniform legislation for company incorporations. The Brownlee committee on unemployment relief and provincial finances also sat.

Although there were some rumors today that the proposed uniform companies act for all provinces and the Dominion would be turned down, information available tonight was that

INTERESTING LOTTERY CASE TRIED HERE

Preliminary hearing in the case of Frank H. Griffiths, Devon man, charged with using the mails for sending lottery tickets, began in the police court here this morning with Magistrate Walter Limerick, presiding. Griffiths has chosen trial by jury.

Canadian postal authorities are preparing the charge and information was laid by Constable L. P. Ryder of Fredericton, R. C. M. P. detachment.

Four Witnesses

Witnesses called this morning were Miss Martina McManus, assistant mistress of South Devon; Frank Shannon, principal postal clerk in charge of the enquiry section in the Saint John office of the district postal service superintendent; William J. Carten, clerk of the Barker House Hotel; and Gerald Hudson, former employee of the hotel, now working at the Sunbury County unemployment undertaking.

The Testimony

Miss McManus told of her connection with certain letters dated May 3, Nov. 22, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8, 1933 that were intercepted at the Devon post office and sent to the St. John enquiry office. Shannon gave testimony about handling some letters bearing on the case. These he had received from Devon. He had communicated with Ottawa officials about the matter.

William Carten denied that Griffiths had used the hotel for any habitual purpose. He told of receiving mail addressed to Griffiths and some letters addressed to H. V. McKinnon, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Campbell, which Griffiths had called for. Cross-examined, he said it was "practically a daily occurrence" for people to ask at the desk for letters addressed to others. He admitted obtaining occasional lottery tickets for himself from the accused. Gerald Hudson also testified that Griffiths had asked for letters at the desk addressed to H. V. McKinnon.

Letters As Evidence

Several letters were admitted as evidence in the case by the Magistrate. Among these was one dated April 30, 1933, sent by Griffiths to the district superintendent at Saint John. At the conclusion of Hudson's testimony court was adjourned until 2:30 this afternoon, when several other witnesses are to be heard.

P. J. Hughes, K. C., is defending Griffiths and Leo F. Cain is acting for the informant. The case is attracting wide attention and is probably the first of its kind to be tried in Fredericton.

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St. Andrew's Pastor Urges Life of Spirit

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wishes for her service in the foreign field. As the names of members deceased during the past year were read the congregation stood for a moment in silence and Dr. Ross offered prayer. The names of the deceased are: Robert Gay, Miss Bessie McLaughlin, Mrs. Letitia Rosborough, J. Walter McFarlane, Henry Anderson, Miss Annie Campbell, Mrs. Peter M. McDonald, Mrs. John Harvey.

The report of the trustee was presented by Dr. A. Pierce Crockett and Major John Scott, treasurer of the church, submitted his statements for the year showing all obligations promptly met and a credit balance on hand. Other reports were presented as follows: Budget; Benevolent and Session funds by Mr. E. A. MacKay; Sunday School by W. M. Clark; Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. S. S. Miller and Mrs. John Scott; Women's Guild by Mrs. J. B. Crocker; Junior Guild by Miss Mary Adams and Miss Margaret Howie; Young People's Society, Miss Isabel Ferguson; Saint Andrew's church Memorial Fund, Mrs. George W. Hodge; Men's Club, Major J. S. Scott; Junior Mission Band, Miss Rhoda Wilson; the choir, Miss Jessie Clark; Canadian Girls in Training, by Miss Barbara Nolan.

These reports indicated that every organization had been operative throughout the year and that each one had closed the year with a credit balance. The following board of trustees was elected for 1934: Dr. A. P. Crockett, Major J. S. Scott, J. M. Pringle, Messrs. W. M. Thurrott, Will. D. MacKay, G. W. Hodge, J. B. McNair, C. W. Hall, H. C. Moore, B. M. Love, Dr. F. L. Miller, and A. McF. Limerick. Gratitude and optimism characterized this annual meeting throughout and it was declared to be one of the best in the long and honoured history of the congregation which extends over more than a hundred years.

SPRING FOOTBALL

Annapolis, Maryland, Jan. 18—Naval Academy will start its spring practice, March 15, under Edgar (Rip) Miller, coach and the work will continue for a period of about two months. A special effort will be made to train the players of last year's plebe team who indicate usefulness of varsity men.

REMAINS BROUGHT HERE

The remains of the late Alice D. Leard, wife of Herman Leard, of Newcastle, formerly of Marysville, who died at that place yesterday, will arrive in Marysville tomorrow at 1:45 o'clock. The body will be taken to the Methodist burial ground on Sunday for interment.

Mrs. Mary Colby, who had been confined to her home in Charlotte Street through illness, is now showing satisfactory improvement friends will be glad to learn.

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