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Great Sheffield Choir Evokes the Enthusiasm Of Brilliant Audience

Dr. Coward's Remarkable Chorus Gives Toronto a Splendid Performance Indicative of the Excellence of English Oratorio.

Another link of empire was soldered last night at Massey Hall when Dr. Henry Coward's Sheffield Choir from the motherland of oratorio and glee music gave an example of the traditional English school of choral music before one of the largest and most fashionable audiences ever assembled in Toronto's great music hall.

A highly appreciative audience, too, to judge by the applause and the encores recognized and unrecogized. It was fitting that Handel was given precedence on the program. Canon Cody might have included among his religious empire-welding influences the great choruses and solos of the immortal "Messiah," and a Toronto audience could not fail to acknowledge its heart beat warmer to Britain as it stood up and joined in the mighty praise that brought old King George to his feet. Appreciative listeners like Dr. Vogt himself and Dr. Torrington were there to hear the welcome visitors. Connoisseurs like Byron Walker sat in careful judgment in the balcony. Society spread itself all over the building, and unable to find seats stood around the walls and crowded the doors.

The boxes were occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. E. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Justice Lyttelton and Miss Lyttelton, London, England; Dr. Albert Ham, and Mr. Coward's party. The Massey box was draped. Many attended from out of town, like Hon. Adam and Mrs. Beck from London, and all who went wished to go again to-night.

The applause was magnificent, and perhaps only failed in appreciation of Miss Lomax's rendering of "He Was Despised," the most artistic number on the program. Both she and Miss Breaux were encored for later terms and received bouquets. Dr. Ham conducted his own coronation ode, and Frank Welman his own orchestra in Mendelssohn's "Ruy Blas."

The orchestra was particularly fine in Handel's "Prophet of Wagner's Great music—the Pastoral Symphony. Robert Charlesworth had a splendid time spent in the arctic regions, and William Peacock took his place in "Why Do the Nations." Henry Breaux, a brother of Walter Barty in his sweet-voiced numbers, had two recalls in "Thou Shalt Break Them." Everybody was making comparisons with the Mendelssohn Choir, but it is juster to the visitors to judge them on their merits for careful, conscientious staging after the tradition of the English school of oratorio. Probably England could not send a better choir to Canada, and this is a splendid thing for the president of the choir, W. S. Skelton, eldest son of Sir Charles Skelton, ex-mayor of Sheffield, to congratulate his choristers upon. And Toronto may be proud to have been an appreciative musical public which draws such visitors to the city, and enables Dr. Vogt to meet such friendly rivalry without concern.

An Analysis of the Program.

By Dr. J. D. Logan.

The greatest choir in the world, easily sustained its right to that title last night in Massey Hall, and drew the breath of the masses in place the Sheffield Choir on the pinnacle of achievement.

The program last night was divided into two general parts. The first part embraced the important choruses, recitatives and arias of Handel's "Messiah," the second part was devoted to lighter forms in the way of a glee, a part song, and some popular vocal solos, but also included Dr. Albert Ham's "Coronation Ode" (choral) and Bach's "Sanctus."

In the very opening chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord," the Sheffield Choir revealed all its astonishing perfections. The bass and the tenor sang with robustness, but with beautiful resonance and sonority. And all of the sections brought forth an admirable quality of solid but sensitive tone. The choir led off with what is essential in all good choral singing, namely, precise, clear, bold attack of a decided masculine character. The balance of tone was maintained almost and the climax was really superb. The choir is to be signalized for two qualities which are absent from the great majority of choral bodies in America, namely, for the clear enunciation of the text and for right declamation. Every word was so uttered that the audience readily heard and understood the text, and the declamation of different parts of the text which called for mere differences in verbal utterance was done to a nicety.

Perhaps, this singular perfection on the part of the Sheffield Choir was revealed in the chorus, "For into Us a Child is Born." Wonderful Name Shall be Called. Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God." When the choir reached the words wonderful, counselor, they displayed the appreciation of the value of declamation.

COULD'NT WED, SHOTS GIRL, AND SELF

Chester Johnson of Hamilton Sends Five Bullets Into Rose Quimet and Then Kills Self.

HAMILTON, Ont., Nov. 5.—(Special.)—A double tragedy was enacted this evening at 130 Rebecca-street, the home of Mrs. Camille. It is believed that it will turn out to be a murder and suicide.

The police know very little about the affair, which occurred about 9.30. The first word the police got was when a man came around to say that there had been a shooting in a house on Rebecca-street.

He was so excited the police could get little information out of him, and they spent an hour in locating the place.

They found Chester Johnson, a young Hamilton man, about 25 years of age, unconscious from bullet wounds, and a girl who was known as Rose, suffering from five or six bullet wounds. They were hurried off to the City Hospital.

The doctors said there was no hope of Johnson's recovery, and that he had, but a short time to live. There appeared to be some chance of saving the girl's life, and she was promptly placed on the operating table.

Because they couldn't wed, the police believe that Johnson was employed at a rolling mill and Mrs. Camille says he came to her home this afternoon engaged a room, returning this evening with a pretty girl, Rose Quimet.

They had hardly been in the room an hour before Mrs. Camille heard five or six shots in quick succession. She rushed to the room to find the door locked. She broke it open, and found a revolver clutched in each hand. He was unconscious, but the girl, who she had five bullet wounds, was fully conscious. She said Johnson had shot her because he could not marry her.

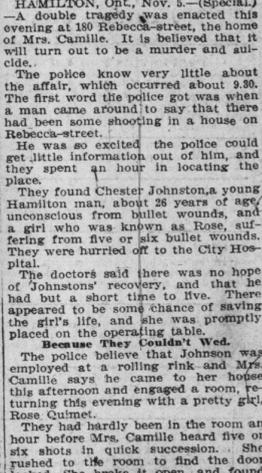
She was shot on the head, on both breasts, and had two wounds on one side. She was lying on the bed. She is described as a very pretty girl about 20 years of age.

The girl was positively identified as Rose Quimet, 14 Windsor-street, and Johnson is said to be a brother-in-law of Manager Thomas of the Alexandria Roller Ring.

"Could Die Together." A note was found written by him, saying that as they could not wed together they would die together. Her parents objected to the match. The girl is a Jewess.

DISCOURAGING.

Blamed if 'taint enough to drive a man from the stage. This is the third time they've dropped the curtain on me.



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AGENT CHARGED AS INTEREST ON LOANS

Defence of Marine Department Official at Quebec—Foreman Gagne Has Been Suspended by Telegram.

QUEBEC, Nov. 5.—(Special.)—Senator Choquette at today's sitting of Judge Cassels and court of enquiry into affairs of marine department offered to admit that in the case of many dealers summoned as witnesses here, Mr. Gregory charged 5 per cent. interest on loans made to parties awaiting payment of their accounts by the department.

Judge Cassels said: "Mr. Senator, are you prepared to argue before me that it is right for the agent of the department who orders supplies to charge a dealer furnishing such supplies?"

Senator Choquette said he was simply prepared to admit that advances were made to those awaiting payment of their accounts, and charges were made for the use of the money.

W. R. Blanton, ex-mayor, explained his transactions with the department, which amounted to about \$3000 a year. He had no fixed prices, but always tried to get as much as he could within the degree of fairness and squareness. He paid Gregory commission for cashing drafts and did so because he needed the money. The goods were sold to the department on the usual basis. He never got cheques or money direct from the department in Gregory's time.

ACCOUNTANTS HONORED

Scottish Experts Given Reception by Local Associations.

Harry Lloyd Price of Manchester, Eng., and Arthur E. Green of London, Eng., president and vice-president of the Institute of Accountants of England, were the guests of honor at a pleasant reception given at McConkey's last night by different Canadian accountant associations. They are recognized as being the best of their craft and a great many prominent members of associations here were anxious to meet them. The guests, with several other gentlemen from Scotland and Wales, came to attend the great accountant convention held in Atlantic City.

Mr. Price was accompanied by his wife and daughter and Mr. Green by his wife. The ladies receiving were: Mrs. Sumner Scott, Hamilton; Mrs. Henry Barber, Mrs. George Edwards, Mrs. W. H. Cross, Mrs. G. U. Stiff and Mrs. H. Wigson, all of Toronto.

TRADES COUNCIL

Four Members of City Council Will Be Opposed.

Not a single dissenting voice was heard when the Trades Council, in a sarcastic address, exhorted the delegates of the Toronto District Council to support the Trades Council vote and influence against Controller Spence, Aids, Bredin, Adams and Lytle because of the stand those gentlemen took when the question arose as to the rate of pay to be given the unemployed who will be given work by the city during the cold dark days of the coming winter.

The council also endorsed the action of the fire and light committee of the city council for having advocated an increased scale for the firemen.

A letter from S. M. Wicketts to President Kennedy, asking that the council get down to work on the question of having evening lectures for workmen started at the university, was read.

Delegate Watt of the Tailors' Union announced that John E. Lennan, representative at the A. F. of L. convention in Denver and also treasurer of the Federation, had written expressing the opinion that the next meeting of the body would be held in Toronto.

Another Suggestion. Mr. Lemieux of the firm of Samson & Filion, hardware dealers, produced books and papers showing that in 1905 the firm's accounts against the department amounted to \$21,100. On account of this \$17,000 was advanced by Mr. Gregory, on which 5 per cent. was paid and \$1250 was received by cheques from Ottawa. There was no explanation as to the balance of the claim. In 1906 the claim of the firm was \$24,025, against which drafts were received for \$20,750, on which 5 per cent. was paid. In 1907 drafts were received for \$27,000, on which 5 per cent. was paid, the accounts of the year were only \$28,022. Perhaps the payments included arrears.

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TRIFLING AFFAIR DEVELOPS A CRISIS

Relations Between France and Germany Suddenly Strained Over Casablanca Incident.

BERLIN, Nov. 5.—The relations between France and Germany are again disturbed thru Germany's seeking from the French Government the release of the German who deserted from the foreign legion at Casablanca, and additional satisfaction for an alleged assault made upon a subordinate official of the German consulate at that place.

The French foreign office wishes to submit the matter to arbitration, and M. Jules Cambon, the French ambassador at Berlin, is endeavoring to reach an agreement with the German foreign office to this end, but so far without success.

Several of last evening's papers took up the subject and declared that it is upon his right. The German Government made serious representations to France early in October with reference to this affair, which was prior to the controversy which arose from the publication of the emperor's interview, but the raising of the controversy in the newspapers yesterday is regarded by some of Chancellor von Bismarck's critics as a device to divert public attention from the emperor and the chancellor to a foreign quarrel.

The viewpoint of Germany was explained officially by the foreign office this morning.

"All we demand," said an official of the foreign office, "is a similar expression of regret from France for the violence against the German consular officials at Casablanca. Unless this is forthcoming there would be no object in conducting further negotiations."

"Concerning the other points of the difference we are prepared to arbitrate."

German Press Belligerent. BERLIN, Nov. 5.—The German newspapers, which hitherto have been almost silent upon the recent phases of the Casablanca incident, have suddenly placed this question in the position of first importance. The controversy is treated as being extremely significant word as involving the national honor.

Public feeling is appealed to by various influential journals in the provinces, as well as by those in Berlin.

The summoning of the foreign affairs sub-committee of the Bundestag, the federal council, which is in rare occurrence, is required under the constitution, the government communication regarding the state of negotiations between France and Germany is considered to indicate that the present situation is serious.

The Koenigsberg, Allgemeine Zeitung, using the principal national Liberal organ in the eastern provinces, publishes a semi-official note as follows:

BANKERS GUILTY, FACE LONG TERMS.

Morse and Curtis Are Committed to Tombs for Misapplying Bank Funds.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Charles W. Morse, until a year ago a dominant figure in the world of finance, with millions of dollars at his control, and Alfred H. Curtis, former president of the National Bank of North America, were found guilty to-night in the criminal branch of the United States Circuit Court on charges of misapplication of funds and falsifying the books of the bank.

There was also the additional charge of conspiracy against the prisoners, but the jury acquitted the men on this count.

Within five minutes of the time the jury had rendered the verdict, Judge Hough had refused to entertain a motion for bail and had committed the two bankers to the Tombs Prison.

Judge Hough said that he would hear any motions the lawyers for the prisoners desire to make at 10.30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The federal statutes provide a minimum penalty of five years' imprisonment for falsifying the books of a bank and a penalty of two years' imprisonment for misapplication of funds. No alternative but imprisonment is provided for conviction on the charge of falsifying the books of a bank. The maximum penalty on this charge is ten years' imprisonment.

The jury recommended clemency for Curtis.

The scene in the courtroom was a dramatic one. Morse and Curtis had remained in the courtroom nearly the entire day awaiting the verdict. They stood while the foreman was reading the verdict and their wives sat near them, leaning forward in tense attitudes to catch every word.

A stifled sob of relief escaped Mrs. Curtis as she heard the recommendation for mercy for her husband. Curtis took the verdict like a stoic, but Morse was unable to conceal the disappointment he felt, while his wife showed no sign of emotion. She kept her eyes on her husband.

While the jury was deliberating, after having been out more than twenty-four hours, the monotony of the long wait was broken by Morse's attack upon a newspaper photographer who was attempting to make a snapshot of him. Morse was leaving the courtroom with two ladies when the photographer met him at the door with his camera trained upon the group. At the sight Morse sprang at the photographer, seized his camera and smashed it. In the scuffle which ensued the photographer received a blow in the face, blackening one of his eyes.

There was a momentary hush in the courtroom after the verdict had been read. This was broken by a buzz of excited conversation in the court room, and a few minutes later the lawyers for the defendants were making the customary motions for a new trial, for bail and for permission to make an appeal.

There had been wide interest in the joint trials of Charles W. Morse and Alfred H. Curtis on charges growing out of the failure of the National Bank of North America. It was brought out in the testimony that Mr. Morse had made large loans from the bank thru the agency of Curtis, and that President Curtis had enabled him to do so. The money thus obtained was used to finance the Morse ice pools and steamship operations, which later failed.

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