

Mrs. Richards.

PADEREWEKI.

When the curtain is raised on Henry W. Savage's magnificent production of Widow," the present musical sensation of Europe, at the Grand tonight and to-morrow matinee and even-ing, the playgoers of Hamilton will opportunity of witnessing a light opera that makes a musical epoch in ompositions of its class. Never in the history of music has a production caushistory of music has a production caused such a furore throughout Europe. In Franz Lehar, the composer, another genius has been found who can tickle cong—Mrs. Richards. Song—Mrs. Campbell. Song—Mrs. Blatherwick. the fancy of the musical student and at "The Sleep Walking Scene," from Mac-the same time write music whose lan." the same time write music whose languorous melodies haunt the man who loesn't know the difference between a

guorous melodies haunt the man who doesn't know the difference between a major chord and a spool of cotton.

The story of the piece deals with Prince Danilo, of Marsovia, who is suffering from the effects of an unfortunate love affair, and who in trying to forget it has plunged into the dissipation of Paris. Some few years earlier he had set his heart upon Sonia, a farmer's daughter, but his uncle, the King of Marsovia, refused his royal approval to a match between the blue-blooded heir apparent and a little country girl; so Danilo was hustled off to serve as an attache at the Marsovian Legation in Paris.

Meanwhile the broken-hearted Sonia found solace in marriage with a banker, the richest man in Marsovia, who died shortly after the wedding, leaving her millions. She closes her Marsovian castle and hurries to Paris, where she becomes a merry widow, professing to care no more for the prince or for love at all. She treats with contempt the offers of marriage, which pour upon her wherever she goes. Paris and the gay life her money can buy attract her, and it is there, in the midst of her merry-making, that she meets her old lover for the first time since the death of her husband. The Prince on that ocasion is not in the best form. He has been spending days and sichts to call the prince on that ocasion is not in the best form. He has been spending days and sichts to call the product and the gay and sichts to call the product and the prince on that ocasion is not in the best form. He has been spending days and sichts to call the product and th

Still the Prince retains self-control, and, believing she is fooling him, says good evening to the Merry Widow and leaves her as disconsolate as ever. A sub-plot, which is intertwined with the main story, concerns Natalie, the wife of Baron Popolf, the Marsocian Ambassador at Paris. She is carrying on an intrigue with the Viscomte de Jolidon. The Baron has perfect trust in his wife, but he sees a man and woman entering and closing a pavilion, and, believing they are lovers, he looks through the key-hole and sees his wife and the Viscomte and sees his wife and the viscom they are lovers, he looks through the key-hole and sees his wife and the Viscomte kissing. He is not, however, absolutely sure of the identity of the woman, as it is dark, and Sonia, in order to madden the Prince, takes Natalie's place by getting into the pavilion through a secret door, and comes out on the arm of the Viscomte. The Prince now loses al self-control, and, after abusing Sonia yashes off the stage saving. now loses al self-control, and, after nous-ing Sonia, rushes off the stage, saying that he has done with her forever. Af-ter his retreat the curtain descends on a song of triumph by Sonia, who feels that at last she is quite sure of the

that at last she is quite sure of the Prince's love.

The scene of the third act is laid in Maxim's famous restaurant in Paris, where frivolities and artificial gayety abound from midnight until dawn.

"FLORODORA" AT THE GRAND.

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The return engagement to the Grand next Thursday of the Imperial Opera Company, which made such a hit here in 'San Toy" last month, should attract many theatregoers, as by special arrangements with Mr. George Edwardes, of the Gaiety Theatre Company, London, they will present "Florodora." In addition to the many old favorites, who are again headed by Agnes Cain Brown, will be seen Mr. Herbert Salinger and Miss Florence Burdette, and a splendid performance may be anticipated. The seat sale will commence to-morrow, and seat sale will commence to-morrow, and the prices will be 25 cents to \$1.

ACTOR'S SUICIDE New York, Feb. 12.—Charles J. War-ner, the English actor, who became well known in this country five years ago in a play called "Drink," committed suicide to-day in his apartments in the Hotel Seymour. Mr. Warner, according to his close friends, had been insane for some time.

time.

He was seen about the lobby of the hotel this morning by Manager Jenkins, who saw him go to his room about 11 o'clock. Shortly after Mr. Warner sent for a bell-boy and had him bring him some heavy wrapping twine to the room. That was the last seen of him until his body was fo fad.

The late Chas, Warner was the father of Mr. H. B. Warner, leading man with Miss Eleanor Robson for the past three years, and of Grace Warner, widow of that promising Canadian actor, the late

AT THE SAVOY.

Miss Lasche, who has become the idolof Savoy playgoers, has been advised by her physician to take a rest. No her physician to take a rest. No loubt capacity business will be the rule for the remaining performances this

BRIGHT "GOLDEN BUTTERFLY." Probably the warmest welcome ever given an operatic star in this city was tendered Miss Grace Van Studdiford at he Grand last night, in "The Golden Butterfly." The theatre was packed from Butterfly" The theatre was packed from pit to dome, the audience being one of the most fashiomable of the city. And it was not a critical audience, but it was discriminative, and was generous in its applause. Miss Van Studdiford received the lion's share, however, but at least three of the principa's must have felt they were in the house of friends. While "The Golden Butterfly" is far from being a top notch comic opera, it is pleasing and gives the star ample opportunity to display her magnificent voice—and figure, and fetching ways.

The music is by De Koven and listens like the music of that famous composer—it is not all new. The dialogue, by a Mr. Smith, is decidedly original and clever in spots.

The plot, as is generally the rule with some operas, is very flimsy. A music

some operas, is very flimsy. A music student wrote an opera and sent it the director of the opera house, Baron Von Affenkoff, for his approval. It the greatest of all pinnies, while at meney can buy attract her, and it is there, in the midst of her merry making, the height of his fame. The present to the height of his fame. The present to the height of his fame. The present to the height of his fame, the height of his fame. The present to the height of his fame, the height of his fame. The present to the height of his fame, the height of his fame. The present to the height of his fame, the height of his fame is the height of his fame. The present to the height of his fame is the height of his distribution of his distribution. The note of his the height of his fame is the height of his distribution of his height of his heigh

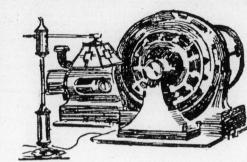
LENA ABARBANETT As Sonia in "The Merr y Widow" at the Grand.

Friday, Feb. 12th, 1909



Saturday Will Be the Last Day of the Great

Home Industrial Exposition



Don't miss the last day Come in the morning if possible

Our Home Industrial Exposition has given people a most liberal and valuable insight into the vast manufacturing resources of this progressive city.

It has proved an object lesson to all. A practical educa

It has proved an object lesson to all. A practical education for child and adult along the lines that will make them proudly "Stand up for Hamilton" at every opportunity.

From all sides come words of thanks, encouragement and endorsement of our help in placing Industrial Hamilton in its

true light to Hamilton people.

To-morrow this great Exposition will be brought to a close. Don't miss seeing it. Come in the morning if you can. We anticipate the biggest day of the entire Exposition.

Children's Gloves Saturday 12 1/2 c. Pair

Children's Wool Gloves, in red, navy, black and white, worth regularly 20e pair, on sale Saturday at ... 12½c And Children's Wool Gloves, in scartet, navy, black, brown and cardinal, fancy stitched backs, worth regularly 35e pair, Saturday ... 25e

Long Wool Mitts Saturday 29c Pair

And Women's Wool Gloves, with

stitched backs, worth regularly 50c pair, Saturday . . Toilet Paper

And other specials at the Toilet Goods Section for Saturday. 100 rolls of Montrose Toilet Paper, good quality, perforated, regularly 9e roll, on sale Saturday at 4 rolls for Thymol Tooth Paste, regularly 15

4 Rolls for 29c

Roger & Gallett's Rice Powder, ine, smooth powder, in flesh and white, special for Saturday 20c pkg. Face Chamois, extra fine qualit

Millinery Clearance

The remainder of our Trimmed Coled Flops clearing Saturday at ... \$1.98 and \$2.50

Advance Spring Showing of

Saturday Shoe Sale

Prices are greatly lowered but the qualities are up to the best standard. Every pair is built for good mid-winter ser-

vice and they are comfortable as well as up-to-date. Four lots—as follows:

Laced and Blucher Cut Boots, with Laced and Blucher Cut Boots, with

low heels, extensive soles and back extension soles and low heels Worth regularly \$2.00 pair. On sale

larly \$2.00 pair, Saturday ... \$1.00

FOR YOUTHS—Box Calf Blucher
Cut Laced Boots, with double soles and back straps. Sizes 11 and 12 only. Worth regularly \$1.05 pair.
On sale Saturday at ... \$1.19

FOR BIG GIRLS-Dongola Kid

Women's Tailored Costumes

A first peep into the fashions for spring, 1909, may be in the Tailored Suit Section to-morrow.

Noteworthy are the exceedingly low prices at which we have marked them at the outset of the season.

The woman who feels a little shabby in a winter suit will ome this opportunity for selecting a smart spring costume a little earlier than usual

Come and see these to-morrow. A couple of representative lines are here described.

Suits at \$15.00

Smart Suits for women and misses, in plain and shadow stripes an checked suitings, navy and green; coats are made semi-fitting, beautiful y tailored, trimmed with stitching and buttons, some with braid or satin stylish gore flared skirts, trimmed with buttons. \$15.00

Suits at \$20.00

Saturday Specials in the Staples

2,000 yards of English Long Cloth,

2.000 yards of English Long Cloth, fully yard wide, fine even round thread, soft finish, ready for the needle. Saturday 10 yards for \$1.00 as and 36 inch Flannelette in pink, blue and grey, light and dark shades; heavy, soft and fleecy for underwear, night robes, or comforter lining. Worth regularly 12½ yard, on Saturday 10 yards for \$1.00 as a specific comparison.

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Beautiful English Seersucker, in shades of light blue, pink, brown and may, absolutely fast color; very dainty. Choice at 15e yard Scotch Ginghams and Chambrays in dainty stripes checks, and broken dainty stripes, checks and brok plaid effects. Choice of these at

15c yard
Freel, crisp Organdie Muslins, in
flowered patterns, with over-cord effects, in shades of Nile, pink, grey,
helio and blue. Choice at 12½c yard 15c yard New Mercerised Vestings, in smart ... 15c yard

Saturday **Grocery Specials**

1 can of Peas, 1 can of Tomatoes, can of Corn. Saturday 3 for . . 25c Maple Leaf Syrup, Diamond Brand,

Wire Toasters

Wire Toasters and Broilers, worth egularly Sc each, Saturday . . . 5c

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Ethel Whitehead, Mrs. Blatherwick, Frank Wright, Jack Lyne and Lorimer Rason. Some novel parlor games wer introduced and refreshments were served

OPENING DISPLAY.

Wash Goods For Suits and Dresses and Fashionable New Laces to Trim Them.

The Thomas C. Watkins store is making a wonderful display of beautiful new wash dress goods and suitings, and the fashionable new laces to trim them with. No one with a sense of beauty will fail to be delighted with this showing of the season's most exclusive novelties as wn in the fashion shops of Paris London and New York for the coming spring and summer. See them to-more

In addition to these new things now

In addition to these new things now making their appearance in every section of the store, The Right House announces in their advertisement in this paper a great series of tremendous reduction sales for to-morrow.

One offer, which came in too late for the advertisement, and which is worthy of more than passing mention, is a lot of 20 beautiful dress hats, which were trimmed to sell as an extra special value at \$7.00 each. These handsome and becoming hats will be sold to-morrow at \$3.50 each. Lucky, indeed, is the woman who gets one. who gets one.

The Wrong Way. (Toronto News.)

There were 100,000 persons who at-empted suicide yesterday in Toronto— ill women. They got off the cars the

The people who sueer at us would probably be very much surprised to know what we think of them.

FOR BRANTFORD

Likely to Make a Five-Year Contract With Company.

Stole Three Miles of Copper Wire

Trouble in the Hospital - Veteran Firemen Annoved.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Brantford, Feb. 12.-General Manager Hawkins, of the Cataract Power Com-

the civic representatives succeeded yes-terday in getting their way on the hospital board, which is conducted by a board of five governors, two of which are appointed under the bequest of the late John H. Stratford. Ald. Montgo-mery was elected chairman, and a new regime in hospital affairs is expected. There has been considerable dissatisfac-tion in the city over the manner in which the hospital has been conducted, and the aldermen yesterday asserted and the aldermen yesterday asserted their right to run things. WILL WITHDRAW.

tion to his hand. The operation was successful, a large sliver having been removed from the member, which was imbedded in the cords.

"Alice in Wonderland," an amateur production, was presented under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. to a large crowd last evening.

Charles Dorum, International Secretars of the Y. M. C. A. was in con-Charles Dorum International Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was in conference with the committees of the lo

BARTON W.M.S.

Presentation to Retiring Cradle Roll Superintendent.

The regular meeting of the W. M. S. of Barton Street Methodist Church was of Mrs. Cal. Davis.

First Methodist Church Ladies' Aid Society gave an at-home, last evening at the residence of Mrs. Cal. Davis, 22 Ontario avenue, for the people of the congregation, who turned out in large enough numbers to fill the house. Mrs. (Dr.) Day Smith, President of the Society, assisted the hostess in receiving the guests, and a very enjoyable musical programme was contributed by Miss Rhoda Evans, Miss Ethel Tallman, Miss Ethel Tallman, Miss Ethel Whitehead, Mrs. Blatherwick BIG THEFT.

pany, was in conference last evening with the Power and Light Committee, behind closed doors. A. T. Duncan, local manager, and City Solicitor Henderson at five-year term will be put through by the Council on Monday evening. The aldermen held out for a price of \$47.59 for civic light on the following ladies outlined different parts of the subject for study this month is "The Crosby Girls' Home." The following ladies outlined different parts of the subject Mrs. Ed. Moore, Mrs. Cahaw, rMs. Veale, Mrs. Faulk-nor and Mrs. E. Taylor. Special interest was given to this meeting by the fact that one of the most active organizations in connection and the home of Mrs. Henry Ban-well, Lottridge street, yesterday afternoon. This is one of the most active organizations in connection with this church. There were forty members present Mrs. He. G. Livingston, President, occupied the chair. The subject for study this month is "The Crosby Girls' Home." The following ladies outlined different parts of the subject: Mrs. Ed. Moore, Mrs. Cahaw, rMs. Veale, Mrs. Faulk-nor and Mrs. E. Taylor. Special interest was given to this meeting by the fact that one of the most active organizations in connection and return to her former hough visit is understood that the countries of the most active organizations in connection and the home of Mrs. Henry Ban-well, Lottridge street, yeaterday afternoon. This is one of the most active organizations in connection and the most active organizations in connection and the home of Mrs. Henry Ban-well, Lottridg held at the home of Mrs. Henry Bancents per kilowatt.

BIG THEFT.

David and Frank Lefler, two local men, pleaded guilty at this police court yesterday to the theft of three miles of copper bond wire from the Grand Valley. Radial road, between Eirantford and Paris. They admitted tearing it up from between the rails where it was in use, and selling it later. Manager Kellet stated that it cost the company \$200 per menth extra for power until the wire was replaced. Magistrate Livingston remanded the men for sentence. William and Thomas Sears are also under arrest for the theft of a quantity of brass from the Waterous Foundry.

A HOSPITAL ROW.

For the first time in twenty years the civic representatives succeeded yesterday in getting their way on the hospital board, which is conducted by a board of five governors two of which

MIXED PAINT

Subject of Address at the Hardware Convention.

The final business meeting of the Retail Hardware and Stovedealers' Association was held yesterday afternoon. This WILL WITHDRAW.

The Veteran Firemen have sent a resolution to the City Council asking for an explanation of the conduct of the janitor who recently shut the Veterans out of the City Council chamber and refused to have the place properly heated. In view of past services at fire fighting and willingness to turn out and help at local fires, the Council granted the free use of the chamber for the Veterans fortnightly meetings. Unless Janitor George Smith is censured the Veterans say they will withdraw their offer to volunteer at any conflagration that might occur.

GENERAL NOTES.

the delegates last evening. Those who remained over until this morning, were taken by special car to the blast furnace for an inspection of the plant.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

Conference Between Von Buelow and Sir C. Hardinge Satisfactory.

Berlin. Feb. 11.-Intense curiosity is being displayed by the German people concerning Sir Charles Hardinge's con erence with Chancellor Von Buelow last night. The authorities, however, maintain the strictest reticence, except to state that every subject was touched upon in which the policy of both nations is interested, and that the result of the discussion was recently as a fulfore to the hother than the stricted of the discussion was recently as the first terms. discussion was most satisfactory to both sides. It is understood that before the departure of King Edward, Sir Charles will have a further conference with the

with this Chancellor.

embers pre- The indisposition of the King, who was suffering to-day from a mild at-tack of bronchial catarrh, is so slight that he was able to carry out the greater part of the pre-arranged programmithout inconvenience. Accompan the Queen and the Emperor and Empre His Majesty paid a lengthy visit to the Emperor Frederick Museum. The royal party afterwards dined with the Crown ice, after which they attended a erformance of Sardanapalus at

GAMBLING EVIL.

Toronto Chief of Police Makes Some Recommendations.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—Chief Grasset, has resented his annual report on the police department to the Mayor. The chief akes the following reference to gam-

Gambling in the form of betting continues, in spite of raids and the police efforts to stop it. "Suppression will not be possible," says the chief, "till the bookmakers and the betting public can be more effectually reached and dealt with. Professional tipsters might be prohibited with advantage from tising their selections, either by circular or in the papers."

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With reference to liquor prosecutions the chief reports that the enforcement of the law has been rendered increasingly effective, and the illicit liquor trade is subject to close surveillance.

Theatres and picture shows have been under watchful supervision, and there has been a distinct improvement in the advertising matter displayed and the plays produced. "It might be well," the chief suggests, "if children under, say, sixteen years of age were excluded from all theatres, unless accompanied by their parents or guardians."

REFUSED LEAVE TO APPEAL.

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Sergeant-Major Oxtaby, of the Dufferin Rifles, has undergone an opera-

