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PIER DELASCO IS NO MORE.

The Well-Known Canadian Basso Passes Away in Italy, Whither He Went to Spend the Winter in Quest of Health.

News has been received of the death at Sorrento, Italy, of Sig. Pier Delasco, the well-known Toronto basso and musical instructor.

Pier Delasco was a representative Canadian singer. Born on a farm near Bradford, Ont., about 35 years ago, he early developed musical ability, and when he grew to manhood his powerful voice made him much sought after in local musical circles.

After studying for some time in Canada he went to Europe, taking courses in Naples, Rome, Paris and London, and appearing in opera in all those cities with success.

His real name was Peter Robinson, and his stage name was taken from his maternal ancestor, who was of Spanish extraction and bore the name of Delasco.

As narrated by himself, his career as a student in Europe was full of difficulties, and none but a determined nature would have surmounted them; yet he always had luck with him and he was able to keep going.

His greatest triumph in London, Eng., was in 1894 when he was for a time prima basso in the Grand Opera Company, but left it before the season was over, owing, it is said, to a disagreement with the business manager.

He then opened a studio here and soon had a large clientele, among whom some have become prominent, notably Miss Margaret Houston and Mr. F.A. Mercer.

His last really heavy work in Toronto was on May 23, 1898, in the opera "The Orphan," in the Mutual-street building, in the role of the tenor.

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The Late Pier Delasco.

warmly complimented by Del Puente, who had never before met him. The marriage of Sig. Delasco to Miss Edith Brown less than two years ago, his illness, which began only a few months ago, the bumper concert tendered him by his friends this season, and his departure recently for Italy in hopes of extending his health are all fresh in the memory of musical and social Toronto.

The news of his death was unexpected, although his most intimate friends were not sanguine that he would overcome the dread destroyer, consumption, which had taken hold of him.

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TRAINMEN DINED AND DANCED

Their Eighth Annual Celebration in the Temple Building Was a Hugely Patronized Success.

LIST OF THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED

A Gaily Decorated Ballroom - A Little Late in Starting, But a Good Run Made.

The eighth annual ball and supper of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen may be termed the eighth annual success. The ballroom of Temple Building was gay with flags and decorations, and the floor was a soft sheet of wax, almost too slippery a good many thought, as they vainly put on brakes on a sharp corner. They were not up to schedule, as it was well on to 10 o'clock before a sufficient number was present to form the opening, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen Circle.

Down to nine. However, by 10 o'clock about 200 couples all armed with programs, and imbued with a gay determination to dance, formed on the floor, and it was two-step, polka, waltz, cycle, grand open reel and the old-time ragtime dances that were the order of the evening. Bayley's orchestra occupied the platform, and sent their melody wafting through the room, getting into the heels of the young men and maidens, who put on all steam and started out as if they never danced to sleep.

Among those present were: D. R. Bell, Trainmaster, Toronto Junction; J. J. Scully, A. Campbell and wife, A. Connors, Smith's; Lillian Powers, William Scott, James McCreary and sister, Edward McBride, A. McCreary and wife, Alf. Clayton, J. W. Smith, William Lee, W. A. McGovern and wife, J. J. Ward, B. Alexander, T. Carson, Owen Sound, J. H. Wilson, J. S. Stephenson and sister, Howard Ceterax, T. Grimes, Deputy Harbor, W. Carson, S. Monroe, James Eric and lady, S. Holyman, Jr. and sister, Miss Egan, Mr. and Mrs. Standers, Fred Bonington, Mrs. P. J. Scully, Miss McCreary, C. Kelly and wife, Miss B. Riley, Mrs. T. Kelly, Mrs. O'Leary, S. Carson, Miss Egan, J. Howard Ceterax, McGuire, T. Boland, Miss Large, Miss Ward, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Farron, S. Arthur, Miss Fitchison, J. Moonson, Mrs. J. H. McGillevray, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Miss O'Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, Mr. James Carroll, East Toronto, and many others.

MILLIONS IN A WOMAN'S DRESS.

The Greatest Woman Miser of the Age Dies Near Bucharest After a Lifetime in Lavasuta.

Bucharest, Dec. 28.—The recent death of the Countess Balach has revealed the remarkably strange career of one of the most miserly woman millionaires in the world. Years ago she separated from her husband, the Count Balach, who settled a vast estate upon her, the value of which was enormously increased through her thrift and speculation.

Through her miserly habits she had accumulated a fortune of nearly \$2,000,000. Despite her great wealth the Countess lived in extreme poverty, almost starving herself. She kept daily account of all her expenditures, even to the amount of one cent, and never gave a penny to any one but her own children. Her books contain the item: "Used by my God-cursed daughter, the poisonous serpent."

The Confederate Spy.

The St. Clement's Club last night did themselves proud in the production of a military drama entitled "The Confederate Spy." The story is based on an incident of the Civil War, and is told in a manner in which the different characters were portrayed as deserving of great praise.

Open to the Nevias.

The Empire Theatre proposes to set the fashion. An innovation in entertainment will take place on Saturday afternoon. The whole theatre will be thrown open to the new-borns of the city.

Heard Candidates Speak.

A very small number of the members of the Board of Aldermen met last night in the Ayres' Hall last night, and listened to campaign speeches by Ald. Thomas Davies, Dr. John Noble, Mayor Shaw, ex-Ald. Beale, F. S. Spence, J. R. Allen and James S. Boddy. The president, William A. Noble, presided, and gave a short address on the mayoralty fight.

William Laraby of Kennebec Township.

William Laraby of Kennebec Township, now in Kingston General Hospital with tropical fever, is in a bad state and it is feared he will lose both feet.

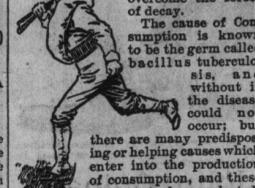
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Edward Fay, a bartender who shot a man named Rollins and a deputy U. S. Marshal in the station attached to the Royal Theatre on Kingston Street, writes to say that he has found guilty of manslaughter. He claimed self-defence.

The Mounted Police are sending a patrol to the Red Deer Country, N.W.T. Settlers report that the "Gulch" has killed cattle. The Indians are in a great state of alarm, and have not come south owing to the wild weather.

REINFORCEMENTS

Many a battle has been lost for the lack of reinforcements at the critical moment. Many a death from consumption has occurred when Shiloh's Consumption Cure would have enabled the forces to overcome the forces of decay.



The cause of Consumption is known to be the germ called bacillus tuberculosis, and without it the disease could not occur; but there are many predisposing or helping causes which enter into the production of consumption, and these must be neglected. Among the many letters received by the S. C. Wells Company, of Le Roy, N. Y., the proprietors of Shiloh's Cure, is the following from James McPherson, of Philadelphia: "I have suffered with a severe cough about thirteen years, and have tried doctors and all kinds of medicine without results. A friend recommended Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure, and used as directed, it has cured me."

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Emile Zola arrived in London yesterday. Crown Prince Gustaf of Sweden is seriously ill. Brazil has ratified an extradition-treaty with the United States. Thomas Q. Seabrooke, the actor, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. O. A. Stockton, a well-known lawyer of St. John, N.B., is dead. Mrs. Maybrick's friends are making renewed efforts to secure her release. The Theatre San Carlo, one of the largest in Europe, has just been opened at London. The Charles Hillman Ship Building Company of Philadelphia has made an assignment.

The latest Yankee trust is in shales, doors and blinds, with headquarters at Milwaukee. "Jack the Ripper" has just killed Franziska Hofer, an unfortunate woman, in Brussels.

Judge Hamilton Ward of the Supreme Court of the U. S. died at Westville, N. Y., last night. The steamer China, from the Orient, arrived at San Francisco yesterday with option valued at \$500,000.

John Henderson, a 15-year convict in the Michigan penitentiary, was discovered in an attempt to escape. At the Mines Congress held at Charleston, W. Va., it was decided to prepare for a general strike. The New York Auto-Truck Company has issued \$1,000,000 of bonds. Compressed air is the motor power. The Venetian carnival opened at Venice last night, with a brilliant representation of "Bianca and Dolci" in the huge Theatre La Fenice.

Rev. Amos Blair, a B. C. clergyman, married at Victoria last Sunday and omitted the word "obey" in the nuptial benediction. It is said that 80,000 persons in Northern Bohemia have turned from Catholicism to Protestantism because of political antagonism to the Roman Church.

The Montreal Street Railway has thrown up its agreement with the Dominion Government, and the latter's tender carries are carried free. Mrs. Saunders, who was the claimant for \$200,000 held by a bankrupt New York merchant who died intestate in America, is dead at Perth, Ont.

Ben Red Bank Mountain in Switzerland has fallen into Alrold, destroying a hotel and several houses. Only three persons were injured. The beautiful new R.C. church at Castletown, Ireland, was blown down yesterday by a terrific hurricane which swept over the island.

At Assua, yesterday Baron Falery and Count Karolya fought a duel with pistols. Baron Falery missed his mark and the Count's pistol missed fire. The 32 cutlemen who were acquitted at Montreal, N. B., in a sheep-stealing case, John Eokman, have called on the dead man's wife and presented her with \$3000.

Thomas J. Grubbs, a well-known actor, 70, fought a duel with knives at Worcester, Cal., yesterday. Grubbs' back was cut to death, and was afterwards buried.

Miss Alice Hamilton, a granddaughter of Alexander Hamilton, of New York, who was killed in an asylum. She believes she is dead. The courts are administering her \$400,000 estate.

Joseph W. Pearson, the printer, who bombarded the British Legation at Washington with brickbats, was put in the Bailment Jail, and has to resign. He was fined \$1000, and is now in the custody of the police.

Rabbi David Aronovsky and his assistant have been sent to jail in Philadelphia in default of \$1000 bail. The rabbi claimed that the chickens had been killed according to the Jewish ritual.

The funeral services of the late Senator Morrell of Vermont will be held in the State Capitol building at Montpelier, Vt., on Monday at noon. The remains will be taken to the family home at Stratford, Vt., for interment.

Senator Romero, Mexican Ambassador, at Washington, has undergone a surgical operation, and is in a critical condition. Dr. J. Lewis has been appointed chief of the Stratford Fire Department, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Chief J. G. Calder.

A Brooklyn convict named Convey, in Kingston penitentiary, sentenced in June, 1897, for two years for perjury, has been pardoned. He is 74 years old. William Laraby of Kennebec Township, now in Kingston General Hospital with tropical fever, is in a bad state and it is feared he will lose both feet.

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E. A. MACDONALD'S CAMPAIGN

Volunteer Workers for Wards 3 and 4 who are willing to act in this great campaign are requested to Attend a Meeting at the Committee Rooms, 91 Yonge Street, TO-NIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK.

E. STAGHAN COX REQUESTS THE VOTES AND SUPPORT OF THE ELECTORS OF WARD NO. 2 AS ALDERMAN FOR 1899

AMUSEMENTS. TORONTO OPERA HOUSE. CHRISTMAS WEEK. Under Sealed Orders. GRAND OPERA HOUSE. ALL THIS WEEK. COGNAN. The Royal Box. GRAND OPERA HOUSE. NEW YEAR'S WEEK. MANTELL. PRINCESS THEATRE. THE CUMINGS STOCK COMPANY. BIJOU. THEATRE. 10-STRONG VAUDEVILLE ACTS-10. St. Clement's Club Entertainment. "The Confederate Spy". MR. ATKINSON'S WATER COLOR. MR. ATKINSON'S PAINTINGS. The Newcombe Piano.

MASS MEETINGS. In the interest of JOHN SHAW AS MAYOR FOR 1899. TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY) St. Paul's Hall, Yorkville. West End Y. M. C. A. Hall, Corner Queen Street West and Dovercourt Road.

MAJORITY ELECTION. MASSEY HALL. MASS MEETING. A meeting of the Electors will be held at Massey Hall on Friday evening, the 30th of December, to hear the candidates for Mayor.

WARD NO. 3. Ex-Ald. N. L. Steiner AS ALDERMAN FOR 1899. Toronto Junction Mayoralty. Your Vote and Influence are respectfully requested for the election of JESSE C. SMITH For Mayor for 1899. Pulling January 2.

WARD NO. 3. A public meeting will be addressed by the three Mayoralty Candidates will be held to-night in Davies' Hall, 731 Yonge Street, corner Bloor & Yonge, under the auspices of the North Toronto Liberal Club, at 8 o'clock.

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THE DOMINION BANK. DIVIDEND NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that a dividend of three per cent, upon the capital stock of this institution has this day been declared for the current quarter, being at the rate of 12 per cent, per annum, and that the same will be payable at the banking house in this city on and after Wednesday, the First Day of February Next.

DOMINION TELEGRAPH COMPANY. DIVIDEND NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the guaranteed dividend at the rate of 4 per cent, upon the capital stock of the company for the quarter ending the 31st Dec., will be payable on MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1899. The Stock Transfer Books will be closed from Jan. 1 to 7, both days inclusive. By order of the Board, F. ROPER, Secretary and Treasurer, Toronto, Dec. 27, 1898.

ESTATE NOTICE. In the matter of Sophia and Thomas Vain, the estate of Catharine, general store, insolvent. Notice is hereby given that the above named parties have made an assignment of their estate to me for the benefit of their creditors under the R.S.O., 1897, Chapter 247.

MEETINGS. Notice is hereby given of the annual meeting of the Toronto Horticultural Society, which will be held at the City Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1899, at the hour of 7-30 p. m.

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