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MEMBER A.B.C.

Pietro Mascagni . . .

If the father of Pietro Mascagni, who is dead in Rome, had had his way, Italy would have had, perhaps, just another lawyer, but the world never would have heard "Cavalleria Rusticana."

The elder Mascagni, a baker, was willing to make sacrifice to educate his son for a legal career but discouraged the boy's attempts to learn the rudiments of music.

Pietro had manifested an inclination toward that art from childhood, but when his father's opposition became pronounced there was danger of the son's musical career being ended abruptly until the intervention of an amiable uncle. The latter was permitted to adopt Pietro, who then pursued his musical studies diligently and unhampered.

It was in 1889, while thus engaged, that Mascagni composed his one-act opera "Cavalleria Rusticana" and entered it in a contest conducted by a music publisher.

Italy soon lost its head over "Cavalleria Rusticana" and Mascagni was hailed as the successor of Verdi—what Italy had longed for and looked for since days of that great composer.

The popularity of "Cavalleria Rusticana" immediately spread beyond the confines of Italy. Operagoers in Berlin, London and Paris demanded it. Everywhere it was presented its success was instantaneous.

Italy may have been inglorious in many ways but, through such artists as Mascagni and his works, her culture shall still go down in history.

LETTERBOX

RE-EDUCATING GERMANY

Editor,
Daily News,—

After hearing a radio address by a professor of the University of New York on the coming education of Germany, I would say that the professor has the wrong idea of re-educating Germany so as to wean her of the warring attitude upon her neighbors. The idea of putting education for Germany (or any other country for that matter) under military dictation is a terrifying one. We have had military dictation long enough. What the world wants now is peace.

My plan would be to have the military personnel pull out of Germany bag and baggage and let the German people direct their own education. Surely Germany has had enough hard experience in the last six years to convince her that she must change her system of idealogy. If Germany of the future persists in her pre-war Nazilism, her neighbors could then act after two weeks notice, driving in to arrest all leaders who would openly restore the Nazi doctrine of militarism.

Germany can still be useful to the world without such suggestions as this from young American professors who, evidently, have fallen heir to the Hitler idealogy of military dictation.

RALPH HEPPELL.

Hotel... arrivals

Prince Rupert

Paul Aivazoff, Vancouver; Mrs. R. D. Simmons, Vancouver; Miss Georgina Patterson, Miss S. McKenney, Miss Susan Dornbrierer, Prince George; Mrs. E. Singer, Massett; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hadley, Hazelton; Cpl. E. E. Head, Vancouver; J. T. Sykes, Selkirk, Man.; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Brydges, Cordele, Georgia; C. L. Welsh, Greenwich, Conn.; S. W. Barber, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bird, Allen E. Bird, Hazelton.

Popular Smithers Couple Married

SMITHERS, Aug. 6—Wilfred Watson, proprietor of the Hudson Hotel and Miss Stella McIntee, recently clerk in Eby's Hardware store were married at Wainwright, Alberta, home of the bride, on Thursday of last week. They arrived home in Smithers on this Thursday's train. On Thursday evening they were enthusiastically chirivareed by a large number of their friends who kidnapped them through town on a decorated barge drawn by a car with much honking of motor horns. The newly married couple later entertained their friends at the Hudson Hotel where they will make their home.

LAKES DISTRICT BEAUTIES HERE

Miss Omineca and Miss Tweedsmuir Park Here From Burns Lake

BURNS LAKE, Aug. 6—Miss Iris Edlund and Miss Virginia Keefe, who will represent the Lakes District at the "Miss America" beauty contest in Prince Rupert this week at the Civic Centre Carnival, left for the coast city at the end of the week. They were given an enthusiastic send-off by many well-wishing supporters. Miss Edlund, as Miss Omineca, and Miss Virginia Keefe, as Miss Tweedsmuir Park, will vie with other beauties of Prince Rupert for the title of "Miss Northern British Columbia" and a trip to Atlantic City.

The local entrants were determined only after an interesting and exacting elimination contest. A close runner-up was Miss Dorothy Scherk of East Ootsa Lake who was, apparently, favored by a large proportion of the audience at the final.

AN OLD CUSTOM

The throwing of rice at weddings, an old custom, is symbolical of the wish that the union may be fruitful.

SHOT IT OUT AT TERRACE

Bulkley Valley Pacific Coast Rangers Pay Visit for Competition

SMITHERS, Aug. 6—A team of sharp-shooters from No. 52 Company of the Pacific Coast Militia Rangers, comprising two members from each of the four detachments in this company, these being Quick, Telkwa, Smithers and Hazelton, travelled to Terrace by motor car to accept a challenge from No. 70 Company of the Rangers at Terrace to shoot it out with them on the military rifle range near that town.

The boys were headed by Capt. N. H. Kilpatrick and on Sunday morning, they went to the rifle range and met their eight opponents who were led by Capt. M. Dubeau of No. 70 Company.

The men from the interior were rather over-awed by the impressive rifle range and butts that were ready for their operations but gave an excellent account of themselves and feel that they would have carried off the honors but for the fact that two of their men got mixed up and fired one competition both on the same target which threw out their scores and left the Terrace boys leading at the final count by 10 points.

They were entertained at a very sumptuous dinner when they got back to Terrace and fraternized with their contemporaries for a time before taking the road back home.

The Smithers men were very pleased with their expedition and with the fine manner in which they were entertained while in Terrace. They are looking forward to meeting the Terrace boys again when they are "Home on the Range," or even again at Terrace on the Terrace range and feel that they can yet take the measure of the Terrace Rangers.

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